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We had an attack of the gremlins at the start of the year, with results being mis-recorded or sent in late in a number of domestic events. Happily, things look to be sorted out, and the website has carried the correct picture for some weeks now. Jim Anderson brings us fully up to date here by publishing the amended cross-tables.

As a consequence of the results delays, the SCCA Grading List ran late also, but Raymond has now provided us with a combined SCCA and ICCF update.

We welcome GM Paul Motwani once again as a guest columnist, this time examining the Sokolsky or Orang-Utang opening with reference to a CC game.

The Romanian player, Zsolt Karacsony, provides the second and concluding part of his recent games selection. Our friendly international match started in January on schedule.

Bernard has supplied another excellently annotated Games Column and he also looks at all the recent ChessBase CDs (fewer releases than usual last quarter).

George brings us the most recent standings in our megamatch against ICCF, which is drawing to its conclusion - 201 games settled, and 6 void of the 258 being contested!

I did a little research on one of the Marshall Gambit variations, which concludes our articles for this issue.

Our website recently celebrated its 6th birthday, and our picture gallery continues to grow. I'm keen to get mug shots of our members past and present up there - if you can help, then email me the image, or send an original photograph which I can scan and return to you. (Yes, I know it doesn't do you justice, but think of the enjoyment it will give us!)

We distributed our Silver Jubilee badges at the end of 2003, and they seemed to be very well received. Contact Jim if you'd like to obtain one.

ICCF has now announced its individual and corporate patron schemes, and full details can be found on their website and ours. We are still selling copies of the ICCF Gold book (£14.99 inc p&p) - please contact George Pyrich using one of the methods below.

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George Livie writes:

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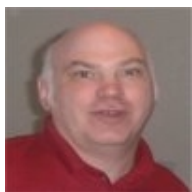
Recent 100 Club Winners

Here are the first big winners of 2004, who can be contacted after their return from the Maldives:

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2003 Results - Corrections

By Jim Anderson

We suffered an unusually high number of problems with late or mis-reported results in last year's events, with almost everybody involved in the process managing to get involved in the mayhem. The SCCA Grading List was delayed as a consequence. Below are the corrected final standings for the Quartets, both Leagues, Majors (section A), and Minors. Apologies to all players concerned, and my thanks again to Knights of the Board in Division 2 for generously allowing Brutal Realism to retain the promotion place which was erroneously given to them in the last issue!

Quartets

2003 Q211		1	2	3	4	5	Pts
1	Bird, A G E	■	½ 1	1 1	½ ½	1 ½	6
2	Cumming, D R	½ 0	■	1 1	0 0	1 ½	4
3	Lawson, J	0 0	0 0	■	0 0	1 0	1
4	Loughran, R	½ ½	1 1	1 1	■	0 0	5
5	Moir, P J	0 ½	0 ½	0 1	1 1	■	4

League Division 1

2003		Opponent	Game A	Game B	Points
A	Black Knight				7
1	Pyrich, G D	E1	½	½	1
2	May, M A	D2	½	½	1
3	Reeman, I F	C3	1	1	2
4	Hislop, A T	B4	½	½	1
5	Marshall, I H	F5	1	1	2
B	Knights of the Board				3
1	Cumming, D R	D1	0	0	0
2	Lloyd, G	C2	1	1	2
3	Armstrong, A	F3	0	0	0
4	Loughran, R	A4	½	½	1
5	Coope, D W	E5	0	0	0
C	The Exiles				1½
1	Franks, K	F1	½	1	1½
2	Ruston, A	B2	0	0	0
3	Tatam, A	A3	0	0	0
4	Heath, P	E4	0	0	0
5	Jones, G	D5	0	0	0
D	Social Stars				6½
1	Malbon, P	B1	1	1	2
2	Doye, P	A2	½	½	1
3	Price, D	E3	0	0	0
4	Lees, J	F4	½	1	1½
5	Rosser, G C	C5	1	1	2
E	Five Brave Englishmen				8
1	Chambers, D	A1	½	½	1
2	Sowden, E C	F2	½	½	1
3	Rawlings, A J	D3	1	1	2
4	Barnes, D J R	C4	1	1	2
5	Robertshaw, A	B5	1	1	2
F	Perth Correspondents				4
1	Borwell, A P	C1	½	0	½
2	Mackintosh, I	E2	½	½	1
3	Brown, Dr A C	B3	1	1	2
4	Harvey, D	D4	½	0	½
5	Mitchell, I W S	A5	0	0	0

League Division 2

2003		Oppt.	Game A	Game B	Oppt.	Game A	Game B	Pts.
A	Knights of the Board							11
1	Stevenson, F	B1	0	0	C1	0	0	0
2	Burnett, R	B2	0	½	C2	0	1	1½
3	Anderson, J	B3	1	½	C3	0	½	2
4	Morrow, J	B4	1	1	C4	1	1	4
5	Moir, P J	B5	½	1	C5	1	1	3½
B	Social Climbers							9
1	Ruston, A	A1	½	1	C1	1	1	3½
2	Pomeroy, R	A2	1	½	C2	1	0	2½
3	Richardson, D	A3	0	½	C3	0	0	½
4	Draisey, J	A4	0	0	C4	0	½	½
5	Ash, G	A5	½	0	C5	1	½	2
C	Brutal Realism							10
1	Murray, J S	A1	1	1	B1	½	0	2½
2	Thomson, A	A2	1	0	B2	0	1	2
3	Taylor, W	A3	1	½	B3	1	1	3½
4	Hand, W	A4	0	0	B4	1	½	1½
5	James, CR	A5	0	0	B5	0	½	½

Majors

2003 Section A		1	2	3	4	5	Pts
1	Armstrong, J McK	■	0 ½	0 0	0 0	1 0	2½
2	Coope, D W	1 ½	■	1 0	0 0	1 0	3½
3	Crawley, J	1 1	0 1	■	1 ½	1 1	6½
4	Grant, J	1 1	1 1	0 ½	■	1 1	6½
5	Miller, S	0 1	0 1	0 0	0 0	■	2

Minors

2003		1	2	3	4	Pts
1	Armstrong, J McK	■	1 1	0 0	1 ½	3½
2	Domnin, M	0 0	■	0 0	0 ½	½
3	Kennedy, G	1 1	1 1	■	1 1	6
4	Moir, P J	0 ½	1 ½	0 0	■	2



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Have You Won With 1.b4 Before?!

By Paul Motwani

[Editor's note: thanks to Paul for annotating this lively CC game for us, and also to both players for providing background details. The game has previously been published in the ASPCC magazine King's Korner, and in the German publication **b4**, but not with these notes.]



Walker, J - Sikes, H [A00]
ASPCC Challenges 2000CH56, 2002
[Notes by GM Paul Motwani]

Personally, I have never opened with the move 1.b4, but the following fascinating encounter between an English friend, Councillor John Walker MBE, and an American gentleman named Haskel Sikes, has given me some interest in the so-called Sokolsky or Orang-Utang opening. Let's now swing straight into the action!

1.b4 e5

[One might as well also expect to meet: 1...d5 as happened in the game Vokac-Bazant, Czech Championship, 1996. That continued: 2.Bb2 Nd7 (2...Qd6 3.a3 e5 4.Nf3 Nd7 5.e3 Be7 6.c4 c6 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Nc3 Bf6?? 9.Nb5 Qb8 (9...Qb6 10.Rc1 Rb8 11.Nc7+ Kd8 12.Nxd5 is also hopeless for Black.) 10.Rc1 Bd8 11.Rxc8 1-0 on account of: 11...Qxc8 12.Nd6+) 3.Nf3 Ngf6 4.e3 g6 5.c4 dxc4 (5...c6 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Nc3 threatening Nxd5.) 6.Bxc4 With a threat... 6...Bg7?? which Black misses! 7.Bxf7+! 1-0, in view of: 7...Kxf7 8.Ng5+ followed by 9.Ne6(+) or 9.Qb3+ depending on where the Black king moves.]

2.Bb2 f6

[If 2...Bxb4 then White is not necessarily obliged to immediately capture Black's e5 pawn. Instead, 3.f4 occurred in a game Grosch-Grabenhorst, Halberstadt, 1987, which continued: 3...exf4 4.Bxg7 Qh4+ 5.g3 fxe3 Primarily threatening g2#. 6.Bg2 gxe2+ 7.Kf1 hxe1Q+ 8.Kxg1 Qf4 9.Bxh8 f6? A misguided attempt to trap White's h8 bishop. 10.e3 Qf5 11.Qh5+ Qxh5 12.Rxh5 1-0, in view of: 12...h6 13.Bd5 Ne7 14.Bb3 leaving the f6 and h6 pawns in double trouble.]

3.e4!?

A known gambit, but still a very interesting one!

3... Bxb4

Black grabs the bait, but it's not without risk. A safer alternative would be: [3...d5]

4.Bc4 Ne7
5.Qh5+ Ng6

[5...g6 6.Qh4 has also occurred in previous practice.]

6.c3



This move surprises me, as it interrupts the power of White's fianchettoed bishop on the a1-h8 diagonal (although it's true that it soon switches to the a3-f8 diagonal). [Let's also consider: 6.f4 which brought White quick success in Katalymov-Ilivitsky, Frunze, 1979. That game continued: 6...exf4 7.a3 d5 Black plays this freeing move rather than blocking his d-pawn with 7... Bd6, and no doubt he didn't fancy 7... Be7 either, since 8.Ne2 would threaten 9.Nxf4. 8.Bxd5 c6 9.Bb3 Qa5 Basically saying to White: "Would you care for an exchange of queens?" 10.e5! To which the answer is: "No chance!" 10...Be7?? (He had to try: 10...Bc5 hoping for: 11.exf6?? Bf2+ 12.Kxf2 Qxh5) 11.Bf7+! 1-0, on account of: 11...Kf8 (11...Kxf7 12.e6+ followed by Qxa5.) 12.Bxg6]

6... Ba5
7.Ne2 Na6
8.f4

I'm delighted to see that John is also a fan of my favourite motto: "f is for forward!"

8... f5
9.h4

This prevents Black from exchanging queens by Qh4+

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9... b5

Black must do something to counter White's enormous threat of exf5.

10.Bd5 c6
11.Ba3

An astonishing idea, but it works out well! There is also definite logic behind White's move, as he stops Nc5-d3+. Furthermore, both White bishops currently prevent Black from castling, and he is denied the important defensive resource of Qe7.

11... cxd5

[If 11...b4 12.cxb4 Nxb4 13.Bxb4 Bxb4 14.Bb3 and Black is still faced with the terrible threat of exf5.]

12.exf5 Kf7
13.fxg6!

[Black would have been happy after: 13.fxg6+? hxg6 14.Qxe5 Bb7 threatening Re8 or Rxh4.]



13... b4?

This whole game is an extremely complicated battle, in which both players fight hard and calculate much. Therefore, I am somewhat reluctant to criticise any moves too readily or severely. Also, it's not at all easy to reach a definite clear final assessment in every variation. However, that's where one's intuition and experience can perform a vital role in helping to 'feel' the right moves among all the complications. In this particular instance, I 'feel' that 13... b4 is not right for Black, as it's playing on the q-side when the board is in flames on the other wing where his king is located. Personally, I might have tried: [13...Kg8 14.fxg6 hxg6 15.Qxg6 Rh6 obtaining active play, albeit a pawn down, but still alive and kicking. (15...Rxh4?! 16.Rf1)]

14.fxg6+ hxg6
15.Qf3+ Ke8

16.Qxd5 bxa3

Black decides to let his a8-rook be captured, hoping that White's queen will be out of play there and, if so, there could be time to generate a counter-attack against the uncastled White monarch.

17.Qxa8 Nc5

Threatening a nasty check on d3.

18.d4 Nb7

Now the d3 check would not trouble White's king, as it has a fresh flight square on d2.

19.g3 Qc7

[19...Bb6 20.Rf1 preventing Black from castling. 20...Qc7 21.Nxa3 followed by Nb5 should win easily for White.]

20.Qxa7 Qc6
21.Rf1 g5

Trying desperately to generate some active counterplay.

22.hxg5 Rh2
23.Nd2 Qb5

[23...Qg2 is answered simply by: 24.Qa6 (24.0-0-0 Qc6! is much less clear for White than: (24...Qxe2? 25.Qb8)); Another line is: 23...Bxc3 24.Qxa3 putting Black in double trouble at c3 and f8.]

24.Rf2 Rxf2
25.Kxf2 Qb2
26.Rh1!

The White rook abandons its q-side defensive duties and switches into attack mode on the other wing.

26... Qxa2
27.Qb8 Qxd2

[27...Kd8 28.Rh8+]

28.Qxc8+ Nd8
29.Rh8+ Kf7

[29...Ke7 30.Qc5+ is also curtains for Black.]

30.g4 1-0

One of these seemingly quiet moves, but the threat is fatal: [30.g4 Qc2 31.Qxd7+ Kg6 32.Qe8+ Nf7 33.Qe6+ Kxg5 34.Rh5# So Black resigned. What a titanic struggle that was!]



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2004 Grading List

By Raymond Baxter

March 2004 ICCF Notes

A new ICCF grading list has been published. The new grades are based on results up to 31 December 2003, and will apply to internationally graded games starting between 1 April and 30 September this year.

As well as international matches and ICCF tournaments, the following Scottish events are used in the ICCF grading: Championship, Candidates, and Division 1 of the League. 12 results are needed for an ICCF grade to be published. R Beacon and B Henderson now have published ICCF grades for the first time. A provisional grade is marked with an asterisk.

March 2004 SCCA Notes

The grading list follows the same pattern as in recent years. Two grades are shown for those players with provisional ICCF grades (i.e. grades based on less than 30 results). If you meet a player with two grades, the one that is based on the greater number of results will be used in the calculation of your SCCA grade.

The SCCA grades shown in this list take account of all results which appeared on the website by 14 March 2004. The new grades will be used for games starting in 2004. All SCCA events listed in the magazine and the website are included, except the Openings tournament. Friendly internationals are also included if the opponent's grade is known. Grades are calculated for players who have had eight or more results, provided these results were against graded players, or against ungraded players for whom it has been possible to estimate a grade.

Four members, DC Clapham, M Domnin, J Lawson and J Lees were active in 2003 but have not yet accumulated the required eight results, and therefore have no grades. A provisional grade (i.e. one based on less than 30 results) is marked with an asterisk. Life members are shown with membership numbers above 500. If your name is shown wrongly, or if you are doubtful whether your grade or the number of results is correct, please let me know by emailing: grader@scottishcca.co.uk Note that correspondence grades are often substantially higher than over-the-board grades.

Titled Players

Title	Number	Players
Grandmaster (GM)	3	Bryson, D M; Kilgour, D A; Muir, A J
Senior International Master (SIM)	4	Craig, T J; Finnie, D S; Giulian, P M; McNab, Dr C A.
International Master (IM)	9	Beecham, C R; Borwell, A P; Livie, G W G; McAlpine, K B; Pyrich, G D; Sprott, G R; Thomson, T; Watson J; Wickens, T S.
SCCA Master (SM)	26	Aird, I; Baxter, R W M; Brown, Dr A C; Gillam, S R; Lennox, C J; Milligan, B; Morrison, G; Neil, D; Norris, A J; Stewart, D J. (GM, SIM and IM title holders are also SCCA Masters)

30 Highest ICCF Grades

Grade	Name	Grade	Name
2541	Finnie, D S (SIM)	2511	Beecham, C R (IM)
2489	Kilgour, D A (GM)	2483	McNab, Dr C A (SIM)
2467	Neil, D (SM)	2435	Giulian, P M (SIM)
2403	Craig, T J (SIM)	2401	Sprott, G R (IM)
2395	Livie, G W G (IM)	2393	Brown, Dr A C (SM)
2376	Aird, I (SM)	2373	Pyrich, G D (IM)
2363	Gillam, S R (SM)	2340	Lennox, C J (SM)
2328	Mackintosh, I	2325	Stewart, D J (SM)
2323	Lloyd, G	2322	Baxter, R W M (SM)
2288	Watson, J (IM)	2253	Reeman, I F
2243	May, M A	2238	Sneddon, I
2229	Borwell, A P (IM)	2227	Findlay, J A
2225	Kilpatrick, R	2224	Jenkins, D M
2217	Goodwin, B J	2216	Montgomery, R S
2214	Edney, D	2208	Anderson, G M

Member	Name	Results	SCCA Grade	Prov	Results	ICCF Grade	Prov
004	Aird, I (SM)				58	2376	
317	Almarza-Mato, C				204	1891	
518	Anderson, G M				68	2208	
121	Anderson, J				54	1847	
244	Angus, A R	57	2085				
049	Armstrong, A				85	1901	
313	Armstrong, J M	122	1625				
	Ash, G	8	2000	*			
016	Bailey, E A	70	1995		20	2007	*
386	Ballan, Dr M				78	1832	
387	Banner, N J	9	1685	*			
015	Baxter, R W M (SM)				57	2322	
155	Beacon, R	403	2085		12	1846	*
511	Beecham, C R (IM)				240	2511	
022	Bird, A G E	156	2105				
520	Bird, Prof G H E				45	2093	
509	Borwell, A P (IM)				454	2229	
	Boyd, W J	12	1915	*			
587	Boyle, C F				115	2197	
416	Briscoe, C	9	2060	*			
215	Brown, Dr A C (SM)				92	2393	
370	Brown, D E	38	2060				
	Burnett, R	12	1955	*			
096	Campbell, A W I	86	1980		22	1826	*
038	Campbell, I S				200	1914	
108	Cassidy, J	221	1505				
	Clapham, R E	12	1525	*			
	Coffield, P J	72	1965				
585	Collins, S	23	1835	*			
173	Cook, W M				36	1988	
364	Coope, D W				247	1491	
204	Copley, J				90	1890	
527	Craig, T J (SIM)				277	2403	
332	Crawley, J S	36	1755				
519	Crichton, D	125	1965		16	1946	*
233	Crosbie, R B	179	1955				
166	Cumming, D R				180	1726	
291	Dawson, J	10	1845	*			
388	De Sousa, O W F	9	1905	*			
345	Donohoe, S	22	1895	*	12	2099	*
316	Dowell, C M	165	1785		22	1798	*
030	Dyer, M T				95	2085	
371	Edney, D	62	2240		37	2214	
403	Edwards, M B	10	1755	*			
396	Ellison, J T	17	1835	*			
284	Findlay, J A				32	2227	
340	Finnie, D S (SIM)				191	2541	
219	Ford, M P	37	1840				
410	Fordham-Hall, C M				137	2352	
414	Franks, K	8	2265	*			
	Gifford, M J	15	1715	*			
086	Gillam, S R (SM)				119	2363	
551	Giulian, P M (SIM)				438	2435	
586	Giulian, Mrs R A				45	1734	
124	Goodwin, B				34	2217	
399	Grant, J	41	1825				
299	Harkins, M G				38	2044	
556	Hartford, Mrs E A				158	1964	
063	Harvey, D				58	2060	

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406	Henderson, B	23	2085	*	18	2067	*
114	Hilton, S H				95	1544	
116	Hind, A				31	2197	
510	Hislop, A T				165	1991	
377	Holland, R	20	2005	*			
268	Hynd, W	32	1745				
515	Jack, J P E	221	1830		12	2009	*
312	James, C R	150	1685				
514	Jenkins, D M				75	2224	
322	Jessing, M	36	2110		15	2237	*
	Keen, M R	12	2130	*	20	2215	*
405	Kelly, P	10	1695	*			
408	Kennedy, G	24	1800	*			
415	Kerr, A	10	1890	*			
577	Kilgariff, A D	99	1790				
548	Kilgour, D A (GM)				244	2489	
257	Kilgour, J W	88	1695				
021	Kilpatrick, R				53	2225	
260	Knox, A	93	1520		26	1838	*
256	Lennox, C J (SM)				120	2340	
503	Livie, G W G (IM)				126	2395	
264	Lloyd, G				53	2323	
337	Loughran, R	164	1890		22	1809	*
504	Lumsden, J P L				31	1947	
261	McAinsh, T F	140	1735				
567	McCarthur, J M	50	2040				
352	McDonald, G R				66	1960	
367	MacDonald, P H	15	2045	*	28	1890	*
148	McEwan, N R				33	1923	
584	MacGregor, C A				34	1843	
391	McIntee, C				54	1807	
	McKechnie, I	10	1955	*			
394	MacKenzie, P L	38	1750				
172	Mackenzie, S G	51	1915		16	1889	*
412	McKinstry, J	12	1840	*			
532	Mackintosh, I				230	2328	
043	McMenemy, J	144	1665				
216	MacMillen, A N				138	1793	
001	McNab, Dr C A (IM)				134	2483	
502	McRoberts, D G				44	2052	
376	Malcolmson, R	102	1825				
566	Marshall, I H				213	1897	
083	Maxwell, A	71	2090		25	2081	*
591	May, M A				43	2243	
409	Miller, S	16	1700	*			
178	Milligan, B (SM)				152	1943	
590	Milne, J R	46	1665				
578	Mitchell, I W S				65	1779	
401	Moir, P J	124	1945				
333	Montgomery, R S				51	2216	
338	Morrow, J	58	1975				
380	Murphy, G A A	28	1905	*			
564	Murray, J S	56	2080		14	1929	*
234	Murray, S A	35	2125		17	2038	*
202	Neil, D (SM)				36	2467	
225	Norris, Rev A C				156	1941	
315	Petrie, A R	190	1560				
	Price, D	14	2175	*	14	2066	*
534	Proudler, V A	89	1735				

Member	Name	Results	SCCA Grade	Prov	Results	ICCF Grade	Prov
048	Pyrich, G D (IM)				567	2373	
343	Rawlinson, J	25	1840	*			
136	Reeman, I F				93	2253	
357	Robson, A C W	44	1915				
407	Ross, D W	31	2095				
	Ross, G J S	14	1865	*			
	Rosser, G C	14	1865	*	23	2015	*
398	Rough, R E	36	1430				
	Ruston, A W	10	2115	*			
356	Rutherford, J F	42	1650				
589	Salter, D	86	1950				
522	Savage, D J				54	1974	
311	Saxton, G				45	1839	
300	Simpson, R J	28	1660	*			
565	Sprott, G R (IM)				145	2401	
	Stevenson, F C	14	1845	*			
294	Stewart, D J (SM)				118	2325	
546	Stewart, Dr K W C				88	2148	
393	Stott, K	18	2180	*			
389	Swan, Ms G	10	1615	*			
574	Swystun, M A	104	2135		18	2121	*
	Tait, P	14	1610	*			
	Tait, T	24	2025	*			
	Taylor, W	17	2010	*			
336	Teunisse, Dr F	44	2050		20	1964	*
365	Thompson, B				219	1806	
168	Thomson, A C	44	1860				
	Thomson, P	8	1725	*			
579	Thomson, T (IM)				295	2181	
580	Watson, J (IM)				125	2288	
	Young, J	14	1875	*			
065	Young, S M	211	2015		23	1955	*

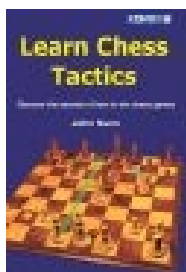
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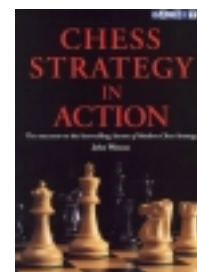
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Games from Romania

By Zsolt Karacsony

[Editor's note: readers will recall the selection of games from the young Romanian player Zsolt Karacsony we published in edition 84. Here is the remainder of the collection he kindly sent to us.]



CRF XVII Romania

Karacsony, Z (2207) - Manciu, N (2344) [E76]
CRF XVII ROM, 2001

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f4 0-0 6.Nf3 c5 7.d5 b5 8.cxb5 a6 9.a4 e6 10.Be2 axb5 11.Bxb5 exd5 12.e5 dxe5 13.fxe5 Ng4 14.Qxd5 Qxd5 15.Nxd5 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.Bh6! Bg7 18.Ne7+ Kh8 19.Bxg7+ Kxg7



20.Nxc8² Rxc8 21.Kd2 Nc6 22.Kc3 f5 23.Rhe1 Kf6 24.b3 g5 25.Bc4 Ne5 26.a5 Ra7 27.a6 Rc6 28.Bb5 Rb6 29.Ra5 h5 30.Rd1 Ke6 31.Rd8 h4 32.Rg8 g4 33.Rh8 Kd5 34.Be2 Rb4 35.Rd8+ Kc6 36.Rc8+ Kd6 37.Rcxc5 Re4 38.Rd5+ Ke6 39.Bc4 Nxc4 40.bxc4 h3 41.gxh3 gxh3 42.Rdb5 Re3+ 43.Kd4 Re4+ 44.Kc5 1-0

Talos, D (2310) - Karacsony, Z (2207) [C45]
CRF XVII ROM, 2001

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Bc5 5.Nxc6 Qf6 6.Qd2 dxc6 7.Nc3 Be6 8.Na4 Be7 9.Bd3 0-0-0 10.Qa5 Kb8 11.Be3 b6 12.Qd2 Qg6 13.f3 c5 14.b3 f5 15.e5 Nh6 16.0-0-0 c4 17.bxc4 Bxc4 18.Kb1 Bxd3 19.cxd3 Rd5 20.Bxh6 gxh6 21.f4 Rhd8 22.Qc2 Rd4 23.g3 Ba3 24.Ka1 Qe8 25.Nb2 Bxb2+ 26.Qxb2 Rxd3 27.Qc2 R3d4 28.Rxd4 Rxd4 29.Rd1 Qd7 30.Rxd4 Qxd4+ 31.Kb1 Qe4 32.Kb2 Qxc2+ 33.Kxc2 b5 34.Kc3 c6 35.Kb4 Kc7 36.Kc5 h5



37.e6? [¹ 37.h4] 37...b4!! 38.e7 Kd7 39.e8Q+ Kxe8 40.Kxc6 h4 41.gxh4 Kf7 0-1

Ciucurel, S (1922) - Karacsony, Z (2207) [E97]
CRF XVII ROM, 2001

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.b4 Nh5 10.Re1 f5 11.Ng5 Nf6 12.Bf3 c6 13.Be3 f4 14.Bc1 h6 15.Ne6 Bxe6 16.dxe6 Nc8 17.b5 Qe7N



18.bxc6 bxc6 19.c5 dxc5 20.Ba3 Nb6 21.Na4 Rfd8 22.Qc2 Nxa4 23.Qxa4 Qxe6 24.Bd1? [¹ 24.Bxc5] 24...Kh7 [24...Rd4!?] 25.Bb3 Qc8 26.Bxc5 f3 27.gxf3 Qh3 28.Bd1 Nh5 29.Be3 Rd6 30.Rc1 Rf8 31.Rxc6 Rxc6 32.Qxc6 Nf4 33.Bxf4 Rxf4 34.Qa8 h5 35.Qxa7 Rh4 36.Bc2 Qxh2+ 37.Kf1 Rf4 38.Re3 h4 0-1

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Karacsony, Z (2071) - Bowers, H (1816) [C09]
EM/J50/P124 ICCF Email, 2001

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 exd5 5.Ngf3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Be6 7.0-0 Qb6 8.Qe2 cxd4 9.Nb3 Bc5?! [¹ 9...0-0-0] 10.Rd1 0-0-0 11.Bxc6 Qxc6 12.Nfxd4 Bxd4 13.Nxd4



Qe8? [¹ 13...Qa6] 14.Bf4+- Bd7 15.Qf3 Ne7 16.Qc3+ 1-0

Lykmanov, V (2388) - Karacsony, Z (2071) [A45]
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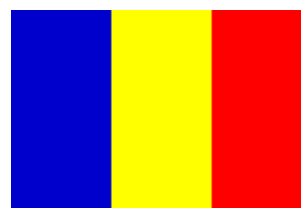
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cxd4 7.Nb3 Qb6 8.Qxd4 Nc6 9.Qxb6 axb6 10.Be3 b5
11.Nd4 Nd5 12.Bd2 b4 13.Nb5 bxc3 14.bxc3 Na7
15.Nxa7 Rxa7 16.e4 Nc7 17.a4 g6 18.Bd3 Bg7 19.Ne2 d5
20.Be3 Ra8 21.0-0 0-0 22.Bb6 dxe4 23.fxe4 Ne6 24.Bb5



Be5 [24...Ng5? 25.Bc5 Nxe4 26.Bxe7 Nxc3 27.Nxc3 Bxc3
28.Rac1±] 25.Nd4 Nc7 26.Bc4 Ne8 27.Nb5 Nd6 28.Nxd6
exd6 29.Bd4 Be6 30.Bxe6 Bxd4+ 31.cxd4 fxe6 32.Rfb1!
Rf7 33.Rb6 Ra6 34.a5 Rxb6! 35.axb6 Kg7 36.Rc1



d5! [36...e5? 37.d5! h6 38.Rc8 Rf8 39.Rc7+ Rf7 40.h3!!
(40.h4? h5! = 40.g4? g5=; 40.g3? g5 41.h4 g4=) 40...h5
(40...g5 41.h4 gxh4 42.Kh2±; 40...Kg8 41.Kh2 Kg7 42.Kg3
Kg8 43.Kg4 Kg7 44.h4!+- Kg8 45.h5 g5 46.Rxf7 Kxf7
47.Kf5+-) 41.g4!! hxg4 42.h4+-] 37.e5 h6 38.Rc8 Rf8
39.Rc7+ Rf7 40.h4 Kg8 41.Rc8+ ½-½



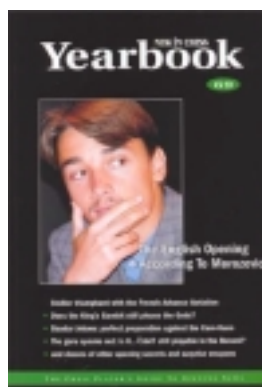
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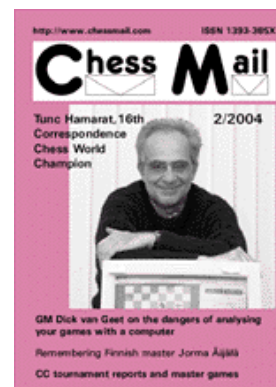
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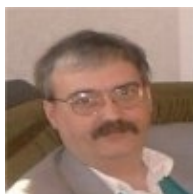
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Shredder 8 By Stephen Meyer-Kahlen



This is the latest annual update version of this program and an initial comparison of this against the previous version indicate that the programmer, Stephan Meyer-Kahlen has made some major changes. For one thing, when analysing a position, Shredder 8 seems to be much faster at getting to a deeper depth in the search tree. Greater emphasis has also been given to the safety of the King. Shredder won the Computer Chess World Championship in 2003 so it has to definitely be given serious consideration by players looking for a top class engine to play against, or help improve their play. Shredder seems to excel in the endgame stage of any chess game. One big advantage is that the program is written to work on both single and double processor systems so you don't have to think about buying two separate versions. The Chess Engine remains completely configurable by the user which allows you to tweak the program to suit your particular playing style.

The program comes with a tournaments opening book and a database with 500,000 historic and current games. You also get 1 years free access to the ChessBase PlayChess.com server where you can play yourself or test the Shredder engine against other chess engines.



Giucoco-Piano C50-C54 By Reinhold Ripperger

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 sees you into the Giucoco Piano which to this day I have never learnt to pronounce correctly but always remember it as one of the earliest opening that I was recommended to learn. The author has done a good job with this CD in producing a good means of studying the opening. There are 11 text files with 240 annotated games as well as 2 extra databases containing over 44,000 games. The training database has over 160 questions where you can test your understanding against the clock. The CD contains the ChessBase Reader so you don't have to own any other ChessBase programs to use it.

Here's a game from the CD played by Douglas Bryson.

D Bryson - M Gudyev [C50]

FIN jub25-A corr8792, 1987

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 Na5 7. Bb3 Nxb3 8.axb3 Be6 9.Na4 h6 10.Bh4 Bg4 11.Nxc5 dxc5 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Qd6 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.Qxf6 gxf6 16.Ra5 b6 17.Ra6 Kd7 18.0-0 Kc6 19.f4 Rh7 20.fxe5 fxe5 21.Rf5 Kd6 22.Rf3 Kc6 23.Kh2 h5 24.Rg3 Kd6 25.Kg1 Ke6 26.Kf2 Rh6 27.Rg5 Rf6+ 28.Kg1 Rh6 29.Ra1 a5 30.Rf1 Rah8 31. Rff5 ½-½

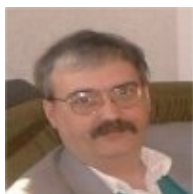
The Greatest Tournaments in The History of Chess 1851-1986 By ChessBase



You won't find games by any of our players on this CD but you will find much more to delight you. Personally I would describe it as a snapshot of chess culture.

The sometimes extensive tournament reports – mostly written by Manual Fruth – contain many interesting details, which at the same time give an insight into the history of chess. In this way, you find out that today's much discussed rules about thinking time have been undergoing a process of development: from long to shorter and shorter. And in those days there was also a struggle against short draws. Thus, for example, tournament regulations frequently mention that draws may not be agreed before move 30. The 50 tournament reports form a true treasure trove of further information.

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Games Column

by Bernard Milligan

Spring is now firmly in the air and hopefully you will now all be enjoying your games in the new season. This magazine sees a number of games from the friendly match between ICCF and the Scottish CCA. Everyone I have heard from seems to be enjoying the games in this match and hopefully doing better than I fared. Family illness and a series of family deaths at the start of the year saw me losing my first ever games, in correspondence chess, on time in this event. Still while they lasted the games were enjoyable and highlighted the benefit we get from friendly opposition through ICCF.

Anyway lets kick off with a couple of games sent in by Dave Savage.

SCCA v ICCF, 2004

White: K Muhonen

Black: D Savage

Four Knights [C47]

[Annotator D Savage]

1.e4	e5
2.Nf3	Nc6
3.Nc3	Nf6
4.d4	exd4
5.Nxd4	Bb4
6.Bc4	0-0
7.Nxc6	Bxc3+

Creating isolated doubled pawns.

8.bxc3	bxg6
9.Bg5	h6
10.h4	d5

Not 10...hxg5 as 11.hxg5 Nh7 12.Qh5 leads to mate. Black needs to free the White Bishop for Bg4 first.

11.exd5 Re8+



White has allowed his King to be checked. His alternative move 11.e5 permitted Bg4 12.f3 dxc4. White now has the choice of giving up his King side threat by retreating his Bishop, 12.Be3, or of playing 12.Be2 hxg5 13.hxg5 Nxd5, but prefers to give up his option to castle.

12.Kf1 exd5
13.Bb5

Not 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 as it frees Black's King side and if 14.Bxd5 Rd8 The move played forces the Rook cover from Black's Queen, and looks good. But,

13... Re6

and White's Bishop is becoming vulnerable on g5. eg. 14.Qd4 hxg5 15.hxg5 Ne4, or Qh5 hxg5, or 14.c4 Qd6 freeing the Knight. So

14.Bxf6	Rxf6
15.Qd2	c6
16.Bd3	c5
17.Re1	Be6

Bringing Black's 'a' Rook into play while keeping White's 'h' Rook trapped. Can I apply enough pressure in the centre with effectively an extra piece to nullify White's King side attack?

18.Be2	Qd7
19.Bf3	Rd8
20.Re5	Qd6



White has stopped me playing d5 with 20.Re5. Black's 'f' Rook is stopping g3 or g4 and Black's Bishop is stopping Rh3 so defend the 'c' pawn and attack White's Rook. Now if White plays 21.Qe2 then d5 22.cxd5 Bc5 forces Rook for Bishop exchange so

21.Qe3

This frees White's 'g' pawn, which will free the 'h' Rook. It is time to exchange Rooks.

21...	Rf5
22.Rxf5	Bxf5
23.Qe2	

I expected Qd2 to threaten the 'd' pawn. this move keeps the open file, but allows

23...	Qf4
24.g4	

Freeing the Rook at the expence of only one pawn. 24.g3 Qc1+ 25.Kg2 Qxc2 26.Qe7 Rd7 achieving the same result with a very different position.

24...	Bxc2
25.Kg2	Be4

Forcing the exchange of Bishops, as if eg. 26.Re1 Qxg4+

26.Bxe4	dxg4
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White has a major problem 1f 27.f3 Rd2 wins Queen for Rook, if 27.Rd1 Qf3+ 28.Qxf3 exf3+ wins Rook, if 27.Rf1 Rd2 wins 'g' pawn at least, if 27.Rb1 Rd2 28.Rb8+ Kh7 wins at least one pawn. White opts for

27.Re1	Rd2
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28.Qe3	Qxg4+
29.Kf1	Rd1

Forcing the exchange of Rooks.

30.Rxd1	Qxd1+
31.Kg2	Qd5
32.Kg3	

32... Qd6 forces the exchange of Queens, but Black's King is too far away to protect the pawns. Black must also beware of Queen to 8th rank check and perpetual checks.

32... f6

Now if 33.Qf4 Qe5 forces Queen exchange and g6 keeps White's King at bay while if 33.f3 or 33.f4 then exf3 and if 33.c4 Qxc4 creates passed pawns.

33.a4 a5

White has nowhere to go, while black can bring his King into the centre to force a pawn home. 0-1



SCCA v ICCF

White: D Savage
Black: K Muhonen
Semi-Slav [D45]
[Annotator D J Savage]

1.c4	c6
2.d4	d5
3.Nf3	Nf6
4.Nc3	e6
5.e3	Nbd7
6.Qc2	Bd6
7.e4	Nxe4
8.Nxe4	dx4
9.Qxe4	Nf6
10.Qc2	Bb4+
11.Bd2	Qa5



12.Bd3	Bxd2+
13.Qxd2	Qxd2+
14.Nxd2	Bd7
15.Nf3	Rd8
16.Rd1	0-0
17.0-0	Bc8
18.Rd2	h6
19.Ne5	Nd7

Not 19...Rxd4 as 20.Bh7+ Kxh7 21. Rxd4

20.Rfd1 Kh8

21.Be2	Nxe5
22.dxe5	Rxd2
23.Rxd2	f6
24.exf6	gxf6



So far a series of exchanges have produced a rather even position. White has an open file but needs to advance the King side pawns.

25.g4 h5
26.g5?

Rash. White now has a struggle to save the game. Better was h3 (or f3) to give the King space.

26... Rg8
27.Kf1 e5
28.Bxh5

Not 28.gxf6 as 28...Bh3+ 29.Ke1

28... Bh3+

if 28...Rg5 29.Rd8+

29.Ke2 Rg5
30.Rd8+ Kh7
31.Bf3 f5
32.Rd7+ Rg7

Alternatives Kg8 or Kg6 lead to a Bishop for 3 pawns exchange via 33. Rxb7 e4 34.Rxa7 exf3+ 35.Kxf3

33.Rxg7+ Kxg7
34.Bh5 Kh6
35.Be8 c5
36.Bd7



Black's 'f' pawn is pinned on his Bishop, and if 36...Bg4+ 37.f3 forces Bh3.

36... Kg5
37.f3 Kf4

Completing the temporary trapping of Black's Bishop. one possible continuation is 38...e4 39.fxe4 Kxe4 but this still leaves Black the risk of a mobile White 'h' pawn if he tries to attack. White is relieved to have regained equality. 1/2-1/2



Next we have two games provided by Jonathan Lennox. Honours were shared and I found both games very interesting, particularly the line followed in the Sicilian Najdorf in game two.

SCCA v ICCF, 2004

White: C J Lennox
Black: B Wikman
Queen's Gambit Declined [D38]
[Annotator C J Lennox]

1.Nf3	d5
2.d4	e6
3.c4	Nf6
4.Nc3	Bb4
5.cxd5	exd5
6.Bg5	Nbd7
7.Qc2	c6
8.e3	h6
9.Bh4	g5



After opening in solid style, Black suddenly switches to aggressive style, only to regret the resulting weaknesses.

10.Bg3	g4
11.Nh4	Ne4
12.Bd3	Nxg3
13.hxg3	Qg5
14.a3	Bf8

A difficult decision : Black is naturally reluctant to exchange his better Bishop, but White now enjoys the luxury of a

minority attack against an uncastled King.

15.b4 **a6**
16.Na4 **Qf6**
17.Bf5

Setting up tactical possibilities involving Bxd7 and Nf6, although Nh4 is not too happy about this development.

17... **Rg8**
18.0-0



Black has lost the option of 0-0, White abandons the h-file in favour of central action.

18... **Kd8**
19.e4 **dxе4**

19...Qxd4 can hardly be recommended.

20.Qxe4 **Qe7**
21.Qc2 **Qd6**
22.Rad1 **Kc7**
23.d5 **Ne5**



Better than either 23...Be7 24.Bh7! with the idea of Nf5.; or 23...Nf6 24.Bxc8 Rxc8 25.Nf5 Qd8 26.dxc6 Qe8 27.Rd7+!

24.Rfe1 **Qf6**
25.dxc6 **Nxc6**
26.Nc3 **Bxf5**

I anticipated 26...Be6 27.b5 axb5 28.Nxb5+ Kb8 29.Bxe6 fxe6 30.Rxe6! Qxe6 31.Rd8+ Qc8 32.Rxc8+ Kxc8 33.

Qf5+ Kd8 34.Qd5+

27.Nxf5 **0-1**

Nd5+ was perhaps more accurate, but Nh4 was impatient for action. Anyway Wikman decided there was little future in either 27...Rd8 28.Nd5+ or 27...Kb8 28.Nd5 Qd8 29.Nde7.



SCCA v ICCF, 2004

White: B Wikman
Black: C J Lennox
 Sicilian Najdorf [B96]
 [C J Lennox]

1.e4 **c5**
2.Nf3 **d6**
3.d4 **cxд4**
4.Nxd4 **Nf6**
5.Nc3 **a6**
6.Bg5 **e6**
7.f4 **Nbd7**
8.Qf3 **Qc7**
9.0-0-0 **b5**
10.Bd3 **Bb7**
11.Rhe1 **Be7**
12.Qg3 **b4**
13.Na4



This may well be a better try than the standard sacrifice 13.Nd5. Nunn's 'Complete Najdorf 6.Bg5' cites an example which turned out well for White, but also suggests an improvement for Black, so ...

13... **Rc8**
14.e5 **dxе5**
15.fxe5 **Nh5**
 My standard Knight move in this match!
16.Qg4 **Bxg5+**
17.Qxg5 **g6**
18.Kb1

This doesn't look very different from Nunn's example, which continued 18.Rd2 h6 19.Qe3, but the big idea ia

revealed next move.

18... **h6**
19.Qg4!



Instead of defending e5, White invites a Knight orgy which Black can hardly decline.

19... **Nxe5**
20.Nxe6 **Nxg4**
21.Nxc7+ **Kf8**
22.Nxa6 **Nf2**

Hoping for 23.Nxb4 Nxd1 24.Rxd1 Bxg2 but White can do better.

23.N4c5 **Nxd1**
24.Nxb7 **Nf2**
25.Nxb4 **Nxd3**
26.Nxd3



The smoke has cleared, leaving material still balanced, but look at those White pawns. I decided I should at least complete my development ...

26... **Rc7**
27.Nbc5 **Kg7**
28.b4 **Nf6**
29.Kb2 **Nd5**
30.Kb3 **Rhc8**
31.c4 **Ne7**
32.a4 **Nf5**
33.a5 **1-0**

... but this time Wikman was unimpressed by Nf5, so it was my turn to Resign.



Iain Mackintosh has provided another couple of fine wins from his International games. The second of these gave Iain his first IM Norm which must surely herald greater things to come.

EU/FSM/65-11, 2004

White: F Geider (2360)
Black: I Mackintosh (2240)
Goring Gambit [C44]
 [Notes by Iain Mackintosh]

1.e4 e5
 2.Nf3 Nc6
 3.d4

The Scotch. Expect this in international play if it says "SCO" after your name!

3... exd4
 4.c3

The Goring Gambit.

4... d5
 5.exd5 Qxd5
 6.cx4 Bg4
 7.Nc3

After the game, Frank preferred: 7.Be2 but Black gets a good game with: 7... Bb4+ 8.Nc3 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Qc4 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 Spooner-Mackintosh, CCO/15/S1, 2003, 0-1.

7... Bxf3
 8.Nxd5 Bxd1
 9.Nxc7+ Kd7
 10.Nxa8 Bh5

< 10...Bg4

11.d5 Nd4



11...Bb4+?! 12.Bd2 Bxd2+ 13.Kxd2 Nb4 14.Bb5+ Kd6 15.Rac1 Nf6 16.Nc7 Nxa2 17.Rc4 a6 18.Ba4 b5 19.Rc6+ Ke5 20.Bb3 Sax-Vogt, Budapest, 1976, 1-0.

12.Bd3 Bg6

All three games on my database with this move were Black wins!

13.Bxg6 hxg6
 14.Kd1

14.0-0 Bd6 15.h3 Ne2+ 16.Kh1 Nxc1 17.Raxc1 Nf6 18.Nb6+ axb6 19.Rc2 Rc8 20.Rd2 Rc5 21.Rfd1 Bf4 22.Rd4 Rc1 23.Rxc1 Bxc1 24.d6 Bxb2 25.Rb4 Ba3 Sougakis-Hondrogiannis, Balkan Cup, 2001, 0-1 after 51 moves.

14... Nh6
 15.Be3 Nhf5
 16.Rc1N



A novelty on my database, but not on Frank's. 16.Kd2 Bd6 17.Kd3 Nxe3 18.fxe3 Nf5 19.e4 Nh6 20.h3 Rxa8 21.Rac1 f6 22.Rc2 Nf7 23.Rhc1 Bf4 24.Rf1 g5 25.b3 Re8 26.a4 Nd6 27.Re2 Re5 28.Rf3 f5 29.exf5 Rxd5+ 30.Kc2 Nxf5 31.Kb2 Be5+ 32.Ka3 Ke6 33.Rf1 Ng3 Coleman-Westerinen, Troll Masters, 1991, 0-1.

16... Bd6

No escape for the knight.

17.Bd2

17.Nb6+ axb6 18.g4 Nxe3+ 19.fxe3 Nf3μ

17... Rxa8
 18.g4

18.Rc3 Nb5 19.Rb3 a6 20.a4 Nc7 21.Rxb7 Ne7 22.Bc3 Nexd5 23.Bxg7 Kc6μ

18... Ne7
 19.Rc3 Rc8

19...Nb5 20.Rf3 f5 21.gxf5 gxf5 22.Rg1 Rg8μ

20.Rd3 Nb5
 21.Rb3 Rc5!??N

Novel to both of us this time. After the

game, Frank quoted: 21...a6 22.a4 Nc7 23.Rxb7 Nexd5 24.Ke2 Re8+ 25.Kf3 f5 26.gxf5 gxf5 27.Rg1 Bxh2 28.Rxg7+ Kc8 29.Rb3 Ne6 30.Kg2 Nxg7 31.Kxh2 Re2 32.Rd3 Nb6 33.Be3 Nxa4 34.Ra3 f4 35.Bxf4 Re4 36.Bd2 Nxb2 37.Rxa6 Nc4 38.Be3 Nf5 39.Kg2 Rg4+ 40.Kf1 Kd7 41.Rf6 Ncxe3+ Rosell Palau, J-Destruels Moreno, V, corr, 1993, drawn.

22.a4 Nc7
 23.Rxb7 Kc8



23...Rxd5 24.Ke2 Nc6μ is also good for Black.

24.Rb3 Rc4!

Better than taking the d5-pawn immediately.

25.h3 Rxa4
 26.Ke2 Nexd5
 27.Rd3 Ra2
 28.Rb1 Kd7
 29.Kf3 Ke6
 30.b3



Frank offered a draw with this move, but I thought that Black still had many possibilities to convert the position to a win.

30... Na6

Aiming for b4 and the exchange of the White bishop. Black's bishop is a better piece than either White rook presently.

31.Rd1 Be5

32.Rc1

32.h4 f6 33.Be1 Nab4 and White has to exchange on b4.

32... Nab4
33.Bxb4 Nxb4
34.Rd8

Trying to co-ordinate the rooks and create counterplay.

34... f6
35.Rcc8 g5
36.Re8+ Kf7
37.Red8 Rb2
38.Rd7+ Ke6
39.Rxg7 a5
40.Ra7 Rxb3+
41.Ke4 Ra3
42.Rc5 Nd3



The Black pieces combine better than the rooks, particularly the knight.

43.Ra6+ Bd6
44.Rf5 Nb4
45.Raxa5 Rxh3
46.Rfb5 Rc3
47.Kd4 Rf3
48.Rf5 Nc6+
49.Ke4 Rb3
50.Ra6 Rb4+
51.Ke3 Ne7
52.Rxf6+!?

A bit of enterprise, returning the exchange and netting a pawn. However, Black keeps control.

52... Kxf6
53.Rxd6+ Ke5
54.Rd8 Nd5+
55.Kf3 Rb3+
56.Ke2 Nf4+
57.Kd2 Ke4

57...Ke4 58.Rg8 Nh3 59.Re8+ Kf4+ and the White pawns fall. 0-1



CCO/15/S1, 2004

White: I Mackintosh, I (2240)

Black: T Einarsson (2305)

Sicilian Najdorf [B90]

[Notes by Iain Mackintosh]

1.e4 c5
2.Nf3 d6
3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 a6
6.Be3 e5

A thematic Najdorf position.

7.Nde2!?



This move was very much in line with my strategy throughout this event - to find little-used lines which seemed to give good recent results for higher-graded players. 7.Nb3 is by far the most popular reply here, while; 7.Nf3 also has numerous adherents.

7... Ng4!

But my opponent seemed to have the same database! Only 2 published games with this reply, and both draws. Both 7... Be6 ; and 7...Be7 give White better prospects.

8.Nd5

8.Ng3 Nxe3 9.fxe3 Be6 10.Be2 g6 11.0-0 Be7 12.Nd5 0-0 Loeffler-Van der Veen, 1989, and drawn after 32 moves.

8... Nxe3
9.Nxe3N



Played on the basis that doubled, isolated pawns didn't seem to give White much advantage in the one remaining database game I had. 9.fxe3 Be7 10. Nec3 Nc6 11.Qd2 0-0 12.g3 Re8 Gipslis-Stangl, 1991, and drawn after 27 moves.

9...Nc6
10.Ng3 g6?!

Consistent with the Najdorf pawn structure, but the bishop on g7 didn't make much impact on the game.

11.Bc4 Bg7
12.0-0 0-0
13.c3 b5
14.Bd5

d5 is a good knight's square, but I preferred the bishop here to either b3 or e2.

14... Bb7
15.Qd3 Qc7
16.Rfd1 Rfd8
17.a4!



Beginning a series of operations to exploit White's greater control of space on the q-side.

17... b4
18.Bb3

The knight was getting impatient...

18... bxc3
19.Nd5 Qb8
20.bxc3

This didn't look too good structurally, but fortunately it was only a temporary phenomenon.

20... Qa7
21.Rab1 Rab8
22.Nf1

22.Nb6 a5 (22...Qxb6?? 23.Bxf7+) 23. Bc4± was another possibility.

22... Na5
 23.Ba2 Bc6
 24.Rb4 Be8
 25.Rdb1 Rxb4

25...Nc6 26.Rb6 Rxb6 27.Rxb6 a5 28. Bc4± maintains control.

26.cxb4

Better than recapturing with knight or rook, as it led to the creation of a passed pawn.

26... Nc6
 27.Bc4 Nd4
 28.Nfe3

28.b5 axb5 29.axb5± also looked ok.

28... Kh8?!
 29.Bxa6 Bxa4
 30.b5 Qc5?

30...Rb8 31.Rb4 Bb3 32.b6 Qa8 33.Bc4 Bxc4 34.Nxc4±

31.Rb4! Qc1+
 32.Qf1 Qxf1+

32...Ne2+? 33.Kh1 Qxf1+ 34.Nxf1 Bc2 35.b6+-

33.Kxf1 Bb3
 34.b6 Rb8



34...Bxd5 35.Nxd5 Ne6 36.Ne7 Nc5 37. Nc6+-

35.Bc4+- Bxc4+
 36.Nxc4 Nc6
 37.Ra4 Bf8
 38.Ra6 Nd8
 39.Ra7

Now White has established the proverbial rook on the 7th rank, and Black must sacrifice a piece to stop the b-pawn.

39... Kg7
 40.Na5 h5
 41.Rd7 Ra8

42.b7 Nxb7
 43.Nxb7 Ra1+
 44.Ke2 Ra2+
 45.Kd3! 1-0

45.Kd3 Rxf2 46.Nd8 Kg8 47.Ke3 Rf1 48.Ke2 Ra1 49.Nf6+ and it's hopeless for Black. The game took about a year by email, with 300+ thinking days in aggregate. As many players do, Thorgeir waited a couple of extra days until the new grading period in January before resigning. This was the last of my Olympiad games to finish, and it pushed me just over the threshold for my first IM norm.



Next we have couple of short games by Alan Borwell. The first was sent in by Iain Mackintosh. The game was played between Alan Borwell and Tryfon Gavriel who runs the ChessWorld webserver. Apparently Alan has a 100% record with 11.Bb5 in this line.

www.ChessWorld.net server game
 www.ChessWorld.net , 10.06.0003
White: alibor
Black: kingscrusher
 Sicilian Pelican [B33]
 [Annotator ChessBase/Fritz 8 (30s)]

1.e4 c5
 2.Nf3 Nc6
 3.d4 cxd4
 4.Nxd4 e5
 5.Nb5 Nf6
 6.N1c3 d6
 7.Bg5 a6
 8.Na3 b5
 9.Bxf6 gxf6
 10.Nd5 f5
 11.Bxb5



11... axb5
 12.Nxb5 Ra4
 13.b4 Qh4
 14.0-0 Rg8
 15.f4 Kd8
 16.c3 Ra6

17.Ne3N

RR 17.a4 fxe4 18.f5 Bb7 19.Ra2 e3 20. Nxe3 Qe4 21.Re1 Nxb4 22.cxb4 Bh6 23.Kh1 Bxe3 24.Qe2 Rc6 25.a5 Qxb4 26.Nxd6 Rxd6 27.Qxe3 Qd4 28.Qc1 Qd5 0-1 Shirov,A-Kasparov,G/Linares ESP 2002/The Week in Chess 383 (28)

17... Qh6
 Weaker is 17...exf4 18.Nxd6 Bd7 19. Ndx5±

18.Nc4



The pressure on the backward pawn d6 grows

18... Qg6
 19.g3 exf4
 20.Rxf4 fxe4
 21.Nbxd6 Bxd6

¹ 21...Bg4!? is worthy of consideration
 22.Nxf7+ Kc7²

22.Nxd6 1-0

22.Nxd6 Bg4 23.Qd5±



Reg Gillman Memorial 'E' In Friendship
White: J Nielsen (2288)
Black: A Borwell (2327)
 [B67]
 BFCC, 01.12.1999

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0 Bd7 9.f4 b5 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.Qe1 Qe7 13.Bd3 Bg7 14.Qg3 Rg8 15.Rhe1 Kf8 16.Qh3 b4 17.Nb1 f5 18.Nd2 fxe4 19.Nxe4 h6 20.f5 exf5 21. Qxf5 Qe5 22.Qxe5 Bxe5 23.g3 Kg7 24. Bc4 Rgd8 25.Bd5 Rac8 26.Bxc6 Rxc6 27.Nf2 Rdc8 28.Re2 a5 29.Ng4 Rc5 30. Kb1 f5 31.Ne3 Rf8 32.Nd5 h5 33.Nf4 Bxf4 34.gxf4 Rc4 35.Rf2 Rf6 36.b3 Rc5 37.Rfd2 Rc3 38.Rd5 ½-½





Experiments in the Marshall

By Iain Mackintosh

Back in edition 77, I reviewed Tim Harding's "The Total Marshall". No point having a buckshee CD and doing nothing with it, so here are a few games I've played since, based round a common theme.

Looking at the various lines which the CD surveyed in depth, I decided to follow the main analysis until move 11, and then concentrate on one of the recommended variations on the CD, 11... Bb7. The opening moves and base position are thus:

1.e4	e5
2.Nf3	Nc6
3.Bb5	a6
4.Ba4	Nf6
5.0-0	Be7
6.Re1	b5
7.Bb3	0-0
8.c3	d5

Frank Marshall's Gambit, introduced to the world in 1909 in a game against Capablanca, which sadly he lost!

9.exd5	Nxd5
10.Nxe5	Nxe5
11.Rxe5	Bb7

The main continuation is given as 11... c6, but 11... Bb7 is assessed as a solid alternative, giving the position:



**Timoshenko, A (2405) - Mackintosh, I (2220) [C89]
Champions League EM/CL/Q01, 2003- 04**

In this event, I managed to score 0/6 to start with, so this game was a welcome relief after all that punishment!

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5
7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Rxe5
Bb7**

12.Qf3

[12.d4 is the most popular try for White here, but the move played is the main alternative, attacking the Black knight three times and hoping to force c6 and the swift closure of the b7- g2 diagonal.]

12... Bd6

This tactical reply, recommended by the CD, allows Black to maintain open lines.

13.Bxd5

[13.Rxd5?! is too dangerous for White because of the pin on the queen (Harding). 13...Re8! and the complications favour Black.]

13...c6 14.Re2

[14.Rh5!? resulted in a win for White in Kudriashov-Butnorius, URS Championship, 1976, but the line is little played.]

14... cxd5

and now Black has the bishop pair and a lead in development (Harding).

15.d4 Qc7

16.g3 Rae8

17.Rxe8

[17.Nd2 is analysed by Harding et al to be stronger here.]

17... Rxe8

18.Bd2N

[18.Be3!? looks better here, with a 60% score for White, though his pieces stay rather passive. 18...b4 19.a3 a5 20.axb4 axb4 21.cxb4 Bxb4 resulted in a draw in Joecks-Bokelbrink, Oberliga Nord, 2000.]

18... a5

Here the CD analysis finished, so this was played to contest q- side space before White's pieces develop.

19.b3 Qc6

20.a4?

This gives Black an easy sequence of moves.

20... bxa4

21.Rxa4 Qb6

22.Qd1 Bc6

23.Ra1 Rb8

24.Kg2 Bd7

[24...Qxb3? 25.Qxb3 Rxb3 26.Rxa5 Rxb1 27.Ra6 Bb5 28.Rxd6 and White is back in the game.]

25.Be3 Qxb3

26.Qxb3 Rxb3

27.Nd2

First movement for the neglected knight! [27.Rxa5? Rxb1 28.Ra8+ Bf8 and this time White can't regain the piece.]

27... Ra3

[27...Rxc3? 28.Rxa5 gives too much back.]

28.Rc1 Kf8

29.c4 Bb4

30.cxd5?!

[30.Nf3 dxc4 31.Rxc4 Be6 32.Rc7 looked a better bet.]



30... **Rxe3!**
Not too difficult to spot - the bishop pair for the rook looked very tempting!

31.fxe3 **Bxd2**
32.Rc7 **Ke7**
33.e4 **Be3**
34.Rc4 **Kd6**
35.Kf3 **Bd2**
36.Rc2 **Bb4**
37.g4 **a4**

Now that hard-won space converts to the win.

38.Rc4 **Ba3**
39.Rc2 **f6**
40.h3 **g6**
41.Ra2 **Bb4**
42.Rb2 **Bc3**
43.Rb6+ **Kc7**

[43...Kc7 44.Rxf6 a3 45.Ra6 Bb4 46.e5 Kb7 and either the rook goes or the pawn queens.]

0-1

Schlogel, M (2355) - Mackintosh, I (2240) [C89]
EU/FSM/65-11, 2003-04

This game was played in a European semi-final, where there were (and are) no easy games.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Rxe5 Bb7

12.d4

The main continuation.

12... **Bf6**

This is lifted straight from Harding's recommendation.

13.Re1 **Re8!**

Again mooted by Harding et al, and justified on the basis of exchanging White's most active piece.

14.Na3

[14.Rxe8+ Qxe8 15.a4 b4 worked out ok for Black in a webserver game played by Harding.]

14... **b4**
15.Nc4 **bxc3**
16.Na5 **Rxe1+N**

[16...Rb8!= was Harding's innovation in Bennedik-Harding, IECG, 1999, drawn after: 17.Nxb7 Rxb7 18.Rxe8+ Qxe8 19.Bxd5 cxb2; 16...Bxd4 has also been tried, but no less than Jonny Hector lost after: 17.Rxe8+ Qxe8 18.Nxb7 cxb2 19.Bxb2 Bxb2 20.Bxd5 Bxa1 21.Qxa1 Qb5 22.Qd1 Hansen-Hector, Sigeman & Co, 1997, 1-0 in 41.]

17.Qxe1 **Qe8**

18.Qf1

[18.Qxe8+ Rxe8 19.Kf1 cxb2 20.Bxb2 Ba8=]

18... **Bc6**

[18...cxb2 19.Bxb2 Qc8 20.Re1±]

19.Nxc6 **Qxc6**

20.Bxd5 **Qxd5**

21.bxc3



and Black at last manages to lose the thematic pawn after the exchanges! The damage is not life-threatening however; centralisation and control of space are the compensations.

21... **c5**
22.Be3 **cxd4**
23.cxd4 **a5**
24.a4 **Rb8**
25.Rc1 **h6**
26.h3 **Rb4**
27.Rc8+ **Kh7**
28.Qd3+ **g6**
29.Rc5 **Qd6**
30.Rxa5 **Bxd4**

31.Bxd4 Rxd4
 32.Qg3 Qf6
 33.Ra7 Kg7
 34.Qe3

and here Mirco offered the draw.
 1/2-1/2

**Lehtinen, P (2356) - Mackintosh, I (2157) [C89]
 Scotland v Finland, 2003**

I've had a number of Finnish opponents in recent times,
 with the SCCA- ICCF match plus this friendly.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5
 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Rxe5
 Bb7

12.d4 Bf6
 13.Re1 Re8
 14.Rxe8+ Qxe8
 15.Bc2 c5
 16.dxc5 Rd8
 17.Qf1 Qe5N



[17...Qe7 18.a4 b4 19.c4 Nc7 20.Ra2 Bg5 21.b3 Ne6
 22.Nd2 Nf4 23.Nf3 Nh3+ 24.Kh1 Bxc1 25.Qxc1 Nxf2+
 26.Kg1 Nd3 27.Qf1 Qe3+ 28.Kh1 Nxc5 was Apicella-
 Hauchard, Clichy, 1993, drawn after 37.]

18.Na3?!

[18.a4 looks stronger.]

18... Be7
 19.Bd2 Nf6
 20.Re1 Qc7
 21.Qe2 Bxc5
 22.Nb1 Re8

[22...Qc6 23.Qf3 Qxf3 24.gxf3 Bxf3 25.Bg5 Re8 26.Rxe8+
 Nxe8= looked ok, but without much potential.]

23.Qd1

[23.Qxe8+ Nxe8 24.Rxe8+ Bf8 looked good for Black.]

23... Re5

This maintains Black's control of space.

24.Rxe5 Qxe5
 25.c4 b4

[25...bxc4 26.Bc3 Qg5 27.Qd8+ Bf8 28.g3 Qc1+ 29.Qd1
 Qxd1+ 30.Bxd1 Ne4³]

26.b3 Bd6
 27.g3 Bc5
 28.Bf4 Qe6
 29.Qd8+ Bf8
 30.Qd1 Ng4
 31.h3

This looked innocuous enough after a period of probing,
 but it allowed:



31... g5!

32.Bb8

[32.hxg4? Qh6 33.f3 gxf4 34.gxf4 Qh3-+]

32... Ne3!

A position made for tactics!

[32...Nxf2 33.Kxf2 Bc5+ 34.Kf1 Qe3 35.Qd8+ Kg7
 36.Be5+ with similar results to the game.]

33.fxe3

[33.Bxh7+ Kxh7 34.Qh5+ Bh6 35.fxe3 Qxe3-+]

33...Qxe3+

34.Kf1 Bc5

35.Qd8+ Kg7

36.Be5+™ Qxe5

37.Qd3 Be3

38.Nd2?!

[38.Qxh7+ Kf8 39.Qf5 Qxg3 40.Ke2 Bf4-+;
 38.Ke2 Bd4+ 39.Kd1 Bf2 holds out a little longer.]

38... Qxg3

39.Ke2™ Qf2+

40.Kd1 Qxd2+

The simplest way to convert.

41.Qxd2 Bxd2

42.Kxd2 h5

0-1

So, the experiments have borne some fruit so far, albeit that
 the best moves haven't always been played. I've got
 another couple of games in progress just now, with fairly
 even positions, so the label of "solid" seems to be warranted
 with this line.

If you have any material which could add to the stockpile,
 please feel free to send it in, and I'll publish a follow-up
 article sometime.




































































SCCA v ICCF Silver Jubilee Friendly Match

By George Pyrich

Bd	SCCA	W	B	B	W	ICCF	
1E	D S Finnie	0	½	1	½	T Koskela (FIN)	
2E	D S Finnie	1	½	0	½	C Flores Gutiérrez (ESP)	
3E	D S Finnie	½		½		L S Olsson (SWE)	
4E	P M Giulian	½	0	½	1	G Binder (GER)	
5E	P M Giulian	½	0	½	1	E Riccio (ITA)	
6P	Dr C A McNab	½	½	½	½	Dr A Parnas (USA)	
7P	C R Beecham					K H Johnsen (DEN)	
8E	G D Pyrich	1	½	0	½	J Mrkvicka (CZE)	
9E	G D Pyrich	½	½	½	½	W Bielecki (POL)	
10E	G D Pyrich	½	0	½	1	G Hill (USA)	
11E	G D Pyrich	½	½	½	½	S Peschardt (DEN)	
12E	T J Craig					P Hegoburu (ARG)	
13E	T J Craig	0	0	1	1	P Raivio (FIN)	
14E	T J Craig					R Aiken (USA)	
15E	Dr A C Brown	½	0	½	1	S K Kristensen (DEN)	
16E	Dr A C Brown	1	1	0	0	A Albano (USA)	
17P	C J Lennox	1	0	0	1	B Wikman (FIN)	
18P	C J Lennox	½	½	½	½	A Justesen (DEN)	
19E	C Fordham-Hall	½	½	½	½	J Bennborn (SWE)	
20E	G W G Livie	½	½	½	½	G Walker (SUI)	
21E	G W G Livie	1	0	0	1	T G Hansen (DEN)	
22P	R W M Baxter					E Osburn (USA)	
23P	R W M Baxter	½	½	½	½	D Salter (IRL)	
24P	A P Borwell	0	0	1	1	D Chambers (ENG)	
25P	A P Borwell					Dr J Canibal (CZE)	
26E	R S Montgomery		0		1	E Limayo (USA)	
27E	R S Montgomery					K Fyhn (DEN)	
28E	R S Montgomery	½	½	½	½	W B Kover (BRA)	
29E	R S Montgomery					S Maurer (CAN)	
30E	R S Montgomery					D Knol (RSA)	
31E	Dr K W C Stewart	0	0	1	1	H Lejsek (AUT)	
32E	Dr K W C Stewart	0	0	1	1	B Ivegård (SWE)	
33P	I Mackintosh	1	½	0	½	H Arppi (Y Huttunen) (FIN)	
34P	I Mackintosh	½	½	½	½	E Nylander (SWE)	
35E	G M Anderson	½	1	½	0	J Deidun (CAN)	
36P	D Edney	½	1	½	0	K Hjortsam (SWE)	
37E	D Edney	½	0	½	1	A J C Rawlings (ENG)	
38P	I F Reeman	1	½	0	½	L Laffranchise (FRA)	
39E	M A Swystun	0	0	1	1	B E Endsley (USA)	
40P	A Hind	1	1	0	0	J Heino (FIN)	
41P	D R Cumming	0	0	1	1	J L Chessing (USA)	
42P	D R Cumming	1	1	0	0	J-P Guillaume (FRA)	
43P	D R Cumming	0	0	1	1	R P Marconi (CAN)	
44P	G Lloyd					E Addis (USA)	
45P	G Lloyd					S A Jensen (DEN)	
46P	A G E Bird	1	½	0	½	K C Spangsberg (DEN)	
47E	D Ross	½	½	½	½	K R Jensen (DEN)	
48E	W M Cook	½	0	½	1	C Parisi (ITA)	
49P	Prof G H Bird	1	1	0	0	A Harju (FIN)	
50E	B Milligan	0	0	1	1	J Vrabc (SWE)	
51E	A Maxwell	1	½	0	½	R Berthelsen (NOR)	
52P	S R Gillam	v	o	i	d	K V Hansen (DEN)	
53P	S R Gillam	1	1	0	0	R Ruuhila (FIN)	
54P	D J Savage	½	1	½	0	K Muhonen (FIN)	
55E	J Anderson	0	0	1	1	E Ricciardi (ITA)	
56E	J Anderson		0		1	J R Morau (BRA)	
57E	J Anderson					R Virtanen (FIN)	
58E	J Anderson	v	o	i	d	C Carrigan (USA)	
59E	J Anderson	0	0	1	1	Mrs A Potterat (USA)	
60E	J Anderson					H A Kronje (RSA)	
61P	Mrs E A Hartford	½	0	½	1	J Keenan (IRL)	

Bd	SCCA	W	B	B	W	ICCF	
62E	A W I Campbell (S M Young)	0	½	1	½	A Thomassen (SWE)	
63P	P J Moir	v	o	i	d	F Armstrong (IRL)	
64E	J Morrow	½	0	½	1	M Dufour (CAN)	
65E	Rev A C Norris	½	½	½	½	J Piironen (FIN)	
66E	Rev A C Norris	0	0	1	1	L K Andersen (DEN)	
67E	Rev A C Norris	0	½	1	½	M Fortin (CAN)	
68E	D McKerracher	½	½	½	½	U E Monteiro (BRA)	
69E	D McKerracher					O Särkilähti (FIN)	
70P	C Dowell	0	0	1	1	W Underwood (USA)	
71E	C Dowell	0	0	1	1	O C Hansen (DEN)	
72E	A W I Campbell	½	1	½	0	W Underwood (USA)	
73E	I W S Mitchell	1	1	0	0	D E March (ENG)	
74P	A Knox	½	0	½	1	J Nykjær (DEN)	
75P	A Knox	0	0	1	1	G Windebank (IRL)	
76E	I S Campbell	1	1	0	0	D Sheehan (USA)	
77E	I S Campbell	1	1	0	0	G d S Baptista (BRA)	
78E	I S Campbell	½	0	½	1	M Lyew (USA)	
79E	C McIntee	0	0	1	1	M Lyew (USA)	
80E	G R McDonald		1		0	P Simon (DEN)	
81E	P H MacDonald	½	½	½	½	J V da Silva Jr (BRA)	
82E	I H Marshall					Dr D Abeln (SUI)	
83E	I H Marshall	0	0	1	1	P Kinnari (FIN)	
84P	J Copley	0	0	1	1	W Underwood (USA)	
85P	C Hammersley (C Almarza-Mato)	d	d	1	1	M Marchant (CAN)	
86P	C Hammersley (C Almarza-Mato)					G Marcotulli (ITA)	
87E	B Thompson	0	0	1	1	J Manninen (FIN)	
88P	B Thompson	1	1	0	0	A Krag-Jacobsen (DEN)	
89P	M P Ford		½		½	K Saarikoski (FIN)	
90E	R Loughran					H Lagergren (FIN)	
91E	R Loughran	½	0	½	1	K Hansen (DEN)	
92E	R Loughran	½	1	½	0	H Dewald (RSA)	
93E	R Loughran	0	0	1	1	C Cendrowski (USA)	
94E	R Loughran	0	½	1	½	T Rosebrock (SUI)	
95P	B Thompson	1	1	0	0	M Väisänen (FIN)	
96P	I H Marshall	1	1	0	0	R Lindberg (SWE)	
97E	J Grant	1	0	0	1	P Zapfel (AUT)	
98E	A N Macmillen	0	d	1	1	C Cendrowski (USA)	
99E	J M Armstrong	0	0	1	1	J-C Aurignac (FRA)	
100E	T A H Taylor					F Delacourt (FRA)	
101P	J P E Jack	1	1	0	0	H Nielsen (DEN)	
102P	R Malcolmson	d	d	1	1	L Mingione (ITA)	
103P	R Malcolmson	d	d	1	1	T E Hansen (DEN)	
104P	B Henderson	1	0	0	1	J Prochera (USA)	
105P	B Henderson	1	1	0	0	K Karpoff (FIN)	
106P	Mrs R A Giulian					M Radicevic (AUT)	
107E	D L Gillespie	0	0	1	1	K Hora (AUT)	
108E	T F McAinsh	1	1	0	0	R Selby (CAN)	
109E	T F McAinsh	0		1		W G Michael (USA)	
110E	W H Cormack	0	½	1	½	M-H Arppi (FIN)	
111E	A W I Campbell	0		1		W G Michael (USA)	
112E	D L Gillespie	1	1	0	0	N Caridi (ITA)	
113E	D W Coope	0	0	1	1	A Oinonen (SWE)	
114E	D W Coope	1	0	0	1	L Nyward (DEN)	
115E	D W Coope	0	0	1	1	E Thompson (CAN)	
116P	D W Coope	0	0	1	1	A Agomeri (ITA)	
117P	D W Coope		1		0	R Ekmark (FIN)	
118P	D W Coope (C Hammersley)					N Hobson (USA)	
119P	A W Ruston	1	1	0	0	S M Kristensen (DEN)	
120P	S Miller	1	1	0	0	M Engstrøm (DEN)	
121E	M Keen					E Lupiński (USA)	
122E	J Spiljard	1	1	d	d	G Cruve (FRA)	
123E	J Spiljard	0	½	1	½	P E van der Walt (RSA)	
124E	J Spiljard	1	1	0	0	Dr G S Benner (USA)	
125E	A Kerr	0	0	1	1	W Glassmire (USA)	
126E	A Kerr		0		1	J P Hansen (DEN)	
127E	A Kerr	0	0	1	1	J C Jensen (DEN)	
128P	P Dare					R Hill (USA)	
129E	J McKinsty	0	0	1	1	S Rueon (RSA)	
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General Information

Members of the Scottish CCA are eligible to play in ICCF postal and email tournaments, which cover European and World, Open (O - under 1900), Higher (H - 1900-2100) and Master (M - over 2100) classes. Entries to H or M class events for the first time require evidence of grading strength, or promotion from a lower class. O and H classes have 7 players/section, with M class having 11. It is possible to interchange between postal and email events when promotion from a class has been obtained.

New World Cup tournaments start every 2-3 years, with 11-player sections of all grading strengths, and promotion to 1/2 finals and final. Winners proceed to the Semi-Finals, and winners of these qualify for a World Cup Final. The entry fee covers all stages, and multiple entries are allowed, though Semi-Finals are restricted to 2 places per individual.

Master and GM Norm tournaments with 13-player sections are available for strong players, using airmail or email. Master entry level is fixed ICCF rating of 2300+, (2000 ladies); non-fixed ICCF 2350+ (2050 ladies); or FIDE 2350+ (2050 ladies); while medal winners (outright winners ladies) in national championships are also eligible. GM entry levels are 150 rating points higher. A player can enter only one postal and one email section per year. Section winners who do not achieve norms receive entry to a World Championship Semi-Final.

International numeric notation is the standard for postal events, while PGN is recommended for email play. Playing rules and time limits are provided for each event, and the usual postal limit is 30 days per 10 moves, with up to 30 days leave per calendar year. To speed progress, air mail stickers should be used to Europe as well as international destinations, as the postal rates are not increased as a result. Please be aware that some patience is required, as games may take up to 3 years against opponents in countries with poor mail services. Silent withdrawal is bad etiquette! International CC postcards are recommended, and can be obtained from Chess Suppliers (Scotland). The introduction of email has speeded up many events, and made it cheaper to play. Generally, you should play less email games simultaneously than postal because of the faster play.

A prerequisite for entry via the SCCA is that the player is, and continues to be, a full member of the SCCA for the duration of the tournament. We wish you great enjoyment from your overseas games, and from making new chess friendships!

Current tournament fees are shown on the ICCF Index page of the SCCA website, and all Scottish players competing in ICCF events have bookmarks from the SCCA site to the relevant ICCF cross-table for easy checking of results. The SCCA international secretary can advise on all aspects of play, how to enter, current entry fees, etc.

Thematic Tournaments

Postal Events 2004

Theme 5 - French Winckelmann-Reimer Variation, C15

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3 Bxc3 5.bxc3 dxe4 6.f3
Entries by 15 April; play starts 1 June

Theme 6 - King's Indian, E71

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.h3
Entries by 15 May; play starts 1 July

Email Events 2004

Theme 5 - Sicilian Defence - Keres Attack, B81

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.g4
Entries by 1 April; play starts 1 May.

Theme 6 - Alekhine Defence, B02 - 05

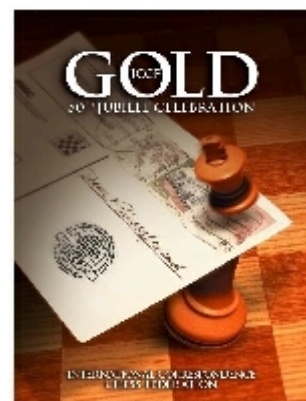
1.e4 Nf6 Entries by 1 May; play starts 1 June.

Theme 7 - Grünfeld Defence - Seville Gambit, D87

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2 Nc6 9.Be3 0-0 10.0-0 Bg4 11.f3 Na5 12.Bxf7+ Entries by 15 May; play starts 15 June.

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