

CONGRATULATIONS TO Jovanka Houska and Arne Hagesaether



The happy couple

I am pleased to report the ice wedding of Jovanka & Arne took place on Saturday 14th March at the Ice Chapel in Alta, Northern Norway. The setting was beautiful, albeit a little cold!

Lawrence Cooper, Alternate Director of International Chess



Meri Grigoryan-Lyell, Jovanka and Kanwal Bhatia

Thank you to Lawrence Cooper and Meri Grigoryan-Lyell for supplying the photographs.

Cynthia Celebrates 25 Years



At the time of the March Board Meeting in London Cynthia had completed 25 years service with BCF / ECF. She was presented with a carriage clock and flowers to mark the occasion.

Cynthia started at the BCF in 1984 when the office was in St Leonards. The Federation had moved there from Norwich in 1980 following the acquisition of the BCM. Her experience in the Civil Service gave her the credentials to be in charge of the accounts of the BCF. When Greta left the BCF about eight years ago Cynthia was appointed as Manager of the Federation. I think her greatest achievement was to find and secure a home for our Library at the University in Hastings.

She has of course worked along side numerous Directors and kept us all in place with humour and efficiency especially during the lunch breaks she never took.

Gerry Walsh, ECF President

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ECF News

Online Grading Database

A revision to the online Grading database has appeared, including important changes to junior "New Grades", which have been more extensively revised, correcting an error in the junior calculations. (Adults are minimally affected.) Junior New Grades, by and large, have increased significantly at the younger end of the age range and decreased at the upper end. One effect is a dramatic reduction in the number of negative grades (always published as 0) among children of primary school age.

Visit the Grading Database website at <http://grading.bcfservices.org.uk>

ECF Council Meeting

The April Finance Council Meeting will be held in Birmingham on the 18 April 2009.

For the attention of all event organisers

Compliance with Data Protection: The English Chess Federation (ECF) has reviewed its procedures for the publication of photographs in ECF Publications and on its Website.

ECF welcomes photographs and other material provided by organisers of chess events provided for publication but the following procedure needs to be followed:

1. The identity of the ECF Data Controller (at this time Cynthia Gurney) should be listed on all entry forms and a notice posted at the event with this same information.
2. An appropriate condition must be put on all entry forms advising that photographs will be taken at the event which may be used for publicity purposes and asking that any objection by an individual to the same being published notified to the event organisers and a notice to the same effect must be posted at the event.
3. Confirmation that these procedures have been followed must be provided with the photographs.

Cynthia Gurney

ECF Appointments and Vacancies

Congratulations to Duncan Burbidge, who has been appointed as the English Chess Federation Manager of ICT.

The English Chess Federation (ECF) is seeking to appoint a number of officers as shown below. Reasonable expenses incurred in fulfilling the duties of the post will be reimbursed. Anyone wishing to discuss these posts should contact the ECF Office (01424 775222, office@englishchess.org.uk) or the listed contact.

Director of Finance: Manages the preparation of the annual statement of Accounts of the Company and presents it on behalf of the Board, duly audited, to the Annual Meeting of Council. Oversees the records kept by the ECF Office, ensures they are accurate and adequate for accounting purposes and for the preparation of VAT and other statutory returns. Guides the work of the accounting staff in the Office. Prepares the Federation's annual budget, in liaison with the individual ECF Directors, the Board and the Finance Committee. Produces for the Board periodic management information and forecasts of income and expenditure; takes remedial action, as may be required, in consultation with the Chief Executive and the Board. Is responsible for the collection of Game Fee by the Manager of Finance and

Management Services and office staff and provides forecasts of Game Fee income. Evaluates the various risks to which the ECF is exposed and proposes to the Board the appropriate course of action, including, as appropriate, insurance. Provides general advice to the Federation on financial matters, taxation, statutory accounts and reporting requirements. Must possess, and provide evidence of, an appropriate accounting qualification.

Develops the ECF approach to membership (of all types), membership fees (including Game Fee) and benefits (including grading and representation) attaching to membership.

Manager of Congress Chess: This is a marvellous chance for the person taking this job to help define the job. Congresses are one of the three strands of chess in this country, along with County Chess and League Chess.

The successful applicant should have experience of running successful congresses and be an organiser in general good standing. The willingness to help events, offer advice and source assistance would be of prime importance.

Anyone wishing to discuss this post should contact the Director of Home Chess on director.homechess@englishchess.org.uk or 0116 260 9012.

Manager of Prisons Chess: There are more people in prison now than ever before. Chess is viewed by HMG as being an aid to resettlement of offenders and teaching many of the same values which are encouraged in our chess for schools program.

There is a need for someone to set up and co-ordinate chess in the prisons in England.

The needs and opportunities vary from establishment to establishment. Preliminary contact has been made with the Dept for Justice and the successful candidate would be expected to build on the initial contacts and with assistance from others organise teaching and support for the inmates.

Anyone wishing to discuss this post should contact the Director of Home Chess on director.homechess@englishchess.org.uk

English Chess Championships

26 – 30 January 2009



Richard Beach - English Senior Champion 2009

1st	Richard BEACH (Stockport)	4½/5
2nd	John WHEELER (Portsmouth)	4/5
3rd=	Oliver JACKSON (Cheshire)	3½/5
	Paul BYWAY (Hertford)	3½/5
	Norman HUTCHINSON (Linton)	3½/5
	Alan BARTON (Hastings)	3½/5

Grading Prizes	170-156	Alan BARTON
	155-141	Paul KENDALL & Anthony MILNES
	140-126	Peter WOOD
	125-111	Keith WALTERS
	110- 90	Caro HUNT

Round One

R.A.Beach	½	R.A.Barton	½	W.W.Peck	½	R.Gamble	½
C.Hunt	1	W.Armstrong	0	D.W.Anderton	½	A.K.Crombleholme	½
J.A.Dodgson	½	P.Collins	½	J.F.Wheeler	1	P.Roe	0
C.Pemberton	1	R.M.Sayer	0	A.F.Downham	1	C.J.Jowett	0
J.G.Cooper	0	P.Timson	1	S.Lovell	0	R.Donaghay	1
R.Bryant	0	N.Hutchinson	1	P.S.N.Kendall	1	J.K.Walters	0
O.A.Jackson	0	J.Feavours	1	M.Dean	½	J.van Gemeren	½
A.Milnes	1	J.Gibson	0	J.R.Nicolson	0	J.Anstead	1
A.N.Walker	½	K.I.Norman	½	N.Graham (filler)	1	R.S.Scowen	0
D.G.Ellison	½	P.V.Byway	½	P.Wood	½	Bye	

Round Two

R.A.Barton	1	C.Pemberton	0	P.Roe	1	W.W.Peck	0
P.Timson	½	J.F.Wheeler	½	J.Anstead	½	D.W.Anderton	½
J.van Gemeren	½	D.G.Ellison	½	W.Armstrong	1	R.M.Sayer	0
J.Gibson	½	S.Lovell	½	P.V.Byway	0	A.Milnes	1
R.Donaghay	0	R.A.Beach	1	N.Hutchinson	½	J.Feavours	½
R.Gamble	½	J.G.Cooper	½	K.Walters	1	R.S.Scowen	0
C.J.Jowett	0	J.R.Nicolson	1	K.I.Norman	1	P.S.N.Kendall	0
A.N.Walker	½	J.A.Dodgson	½	P.Collins	1	C.Hunt	0
P.Wood	½	O.A.Jackson	½	M.Dean	0	R.Bryant	1
A.K.Crombleholme	1	A.Downham	0				

Round Three

A.Milnes	0	N.Hutchinson	1	D.G.Ellison	½	P.Wood	½
R.A.Barton	1	P.Timson	0	R.Bryant	0	J.K.Walters	1
R.A.Beach	1	P.Collins	0	J.Nicolson	½	P.Roe	½
J.Feavours	0	K.I.Norman	1	P.Kendall	1	J.van Gemeren	0
J.G.Cooper	1	S.Lovell	0	C.Hunt	0	R.Donaghay	1
J.F.Wheeler	1	J.Anstead	0	O.A.Jackson	1	J.Gibson	0
R.Gamble	½	A.Crombleholme	½	W.W.Peck	0	P.V.Byway	1
D.W.Anderton	1	A.Downham	0	R.M.Sayer	0	M.Dean	1
J.A.Dodgson	½	W.Armstrong	½	R.S.Scowen	1	C.Jowett	0
C.Pemberton	0	A.N.Walker					

Round Four

N.Hutchinson	0	R.A.Beach	1	P.Wood	½	C.Pemberton	½
K.I.Norman	0	R.A.Barton	1	J.Feavours	1	M.Dean	0
A.N.Walker	½	J.F.Wheeler	½	W.Armstrong	½	J.G.Cooper	½
K.Walters	1	D.W.Anderton	0	A.Downham	1	C.Hunt	0
A.K.Crombleholme	½	A.Milnes	½	P.Collins	0	D.G.Ellison	1
R.Donaghay	½	P.S.N.Kendall	½	W.W.Peck	½	S.Lovell	½
P.Timson	½	R.Gamble	½	J.van Gemeren	0	J.Gibson	1
P.Roe	0	O.A.Jackson	1	R.S.Scowen	0	R.Bryant	1
P.V.Byway	1	J.R.Nicolson	0	C.J.Jowett	1	R.M.Sayer	0
J.Anstead	½	J.A.Dodgson	½				

Round Five

R.A.Beach	1	J.K.Walters	0	C.Pemberton	0	P.Roe	1
J.F.Wheeler	1	R.A.Barton	0	J.Anstead	0	J.Gibson	1
O.A.Jackson	1	A.N.Walker	0	P.Timson	1	J.A.Dodgson	0
A.J.Milnes	½	K.I.Norman	½	A.Downham	0	J.G.Cooper	1
D.G.Ellison	0	N.Hutchinson	1	C.Jowett	0	C.Hunt	1
R.Donaghay	0	P.V.Byway	1	J.Nicolson	½	S.Lovell	½
P.S.N.Kendall	½	A.Crombleholme	½	W.W.Peck	1	J.van Gemeren	0
R.Gamble	½	P.Wood	½	M.Dean	0	P.Collins	1
D.W.Anderton	½	W.Armstrong	½	R.M.Sayer	0	R.S.Scowen	
R.Bryant	1	J.Feavours	0				

County Championships

Latest Final Stages Draw 2008/9

Open

Prelim A	Staffordshire	Surrey
Prelim B	Yorkshire	Gtr Manchester
Quarter A	Lancashire	Prelim A
Quarter B	Suffolk	Middlesex
Quarter C	Devon	Prelim B
Quarter D	Kent	Warwickshire
Semi A	Quarter C	Quarter D
Semi B	Quarter A	Quarter B

Minor Counties

Quarter A	Norfolk	Hampshire
Quarter B	MCCU 1	Bedfordshire
Quarter C	Sussex	MCCU 2
Quarter D	Gloucester	Hertfordshire
Semi A	Quarter B	Quarter A
Semi B	Quarter D	Quarter C

U175

Quarter A	Cambridge	Yorkshire
Quarter B	MCCU 1	Middlesex
Quarter C	Lancashire	Sussex
Quarter D	Essex	MCCU 2
Semi A	Quarter C	Quarter D
Semi B	Quarter B	Quarter A

U150

Prelim A	Surrey	Nottinghamshire
Prelim B	Norfolk	Kent
Prelim C	Devon	Staffordshire
Quarter A	Cambridge	NCCU 2
Quarter B	Hertfordshire	Prelim C
Quarter C	Warwickshire	Prelim B
Quarter D	Yorkshire	Prelim A
Semi A	Quarter D	Quarter A
Semi B	Quarter B	Quarter C

U125

Prelim A	Lancashire	Worcestershire
Prelim B	Suffolk	Hertfordshire
Prelim C	Hampshire	Norfolk
Quarter A	Warwickshire	Prelim C
Quarter B	Middlesex	Prelim A
Quarter C	Kent	Nottinghamshire
Quarter D	Yorkshire	Prelim B
Semi A	Quarter C	Quarter B
Semi B	Quarter A	Quarter D

U100

Prelim A	Surrey	MCCU 3
Prelim B	Suffolk	Hertfordshire
Quarter A	Norfolk	Lancashire 2
Quarter B	MCCU 1	Prelim B
Quarter C	Lancashire 1	Prelim A
Quarter D	Kent	MCCU 2
Semi A	Quarter A	Quarter C
Semi B	Quarter B	Quarter D

Cream of World Chess to Play in New London Tournament

London Chess Centre is proud to announce the hosting of a world-class chess tournament to be held in London in December, 2009. The event will be an elite eight-player all-play-all in the most prestigious tournament in the capital since former world champion Anatoly Karpov won the Phillips and Drew Masters in 1984.

Since then, despite London hosting three world title contests, there has not been a tournament in which England's leading players could lock horns with the world's best on home soil. The December 09 tournament will be the first in a series of events designed to reinvigorate UK chess and promote the game and its undoubted educational benefits in schools and communities.

The tournament will be FIDE Category 19 with an average FIDE rating of 2700 and a minimum prize fund of €100,000. The eight players will comprise of three English and five world-class Grandmasters from abroad. Included in the prize fund will be a €10,000 Brilliant Game award along with prizes for each victory with the White and Black pieces. Matches will be covered live online where fans will be able to vote for Game of the Day.

The tournament has applied for membership of the prestigious annual Grand Slam of Chess which culminates in Bilbao and boasts a €400,000 prize fund.

The games will be under Classical Chess time control; 40 moves in two hours, 20 in the subsequent hour then an additional 15 minutes plus an increment of 30 seconds a move until the end of the game. The tournament will further benefit from the use of Sofia Rules which disallow early draws. Players will receive three points for a win and one for a draw.

The opening ceremony will take place on Thursday, December 10 and will include a blindfold chess display and charity simultaneous. Play will take place daily from Friday, December 11 to Thursday, December 17 inclusive.

The list of players and venue will be announced in April.

Malcolm Pein (IM) Director London Chess Centre

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Can you beat this record?

A player has contacted us enquiring whether his run of consecutive blacks (13) is a record. If anyone knows please get in touch with the ECF Office.

New FIDE Laws of Chess

From 1 July 2009 there will be a new set of FIDE Laws of Chess. To view the laws go to www.englishchess.org.uk/organisation/fide/#laws. You can also request a copy from the ECF Office – there is a charge of £2.50 for this to cover printing and postage.

International Round Up

by **Lawrence Cooper**,
Alternate Director of International Chess

Cappelle La Grande International Open

www.cappelle-chess.fr/en/default.php

The ever popular French open got underway on 28th February with England represented by GM Mark Hebden and IM Stephen Gordon and juniors Elliott Auckland, Samuel Franklin, George O'Toole, Gerald Parfett and Joseph Quinn.

Round 1					Round 2				
Julien Laurent	2363	vs	Stephen Gordon	½ - ½	Mark Hebden		vs	GM Alexander Graf	2644 0 - 1
Mark Hebden		vs	GM Heikki Westerinen	2362	1 - 0		vs	Stephen Gordon	vs Bela
Khotenashvili	2350	1 - 0							
Elliott Auckland		vs	David Thalwitzer	2208 1 - 0	Sebastien Midoux	2327	vs	Elliott Auckland	1 - 0
Jonas Lampert	1945	vs	Samuel Franklin	1 - 0	George O'Toole		vs	Alyona Goreskul	2270 ½ - ½
Ljubka Genova	2231	vs	George O'Toole	0 - 1	Joseph Quinn		vs	Margarida Coimbra	2096 0 - 1
Gerald Parfett		vs	Claude Zerbib	1859 0 - 1	Samuel Franklin		vs	Cecilien Harnik	1871 1 - 0
Nilofar Sekander	1318		vsGerlad Parfett			1 - 0			
Round 3					Round 4				
Mario Mancini	2258	vs	Stephen Gordon	½ - ½	Stephen Gordon			IM Andrey Grekh	2379 1 - 0
IM Nicolas Giffard	2370	vs	George O'Toole	1 - 0	IM Mark Berkovich	2412		Mark Hebden	1 - 0
Robin Van Kempen	2305	vs	Mark Hebden	0 - 1	Samuel Franklin			Boris Grimberg	2362 0 - 1
Elliott Auckland		vs	Patrick Van Hollandt	2235 0 - 1	Joseph Quinn			Edwige Durot	1774 1 - 0
Emilie Fortuit	1931	vs	Samuel Franklin	0 - 1	George O'Toole			Anna Rudolf	2316 1 - 0
Serge Lefebvre	1640	vs	Joseph Quinn	0 - 1	Claude Wolfangel	1745		Elliott Auckland	1 - 0
Gerald Parfett		vs	Jose Houck	1330 1 - 0	Naomi De Ridder	1344		Gerald Parfett	0 - 1

After 4 rounds Stephen Gordon & Joseph Quinn have 3, George O'Toole 2.5, Mark Hebden, Samuel Franklin & Gerald Parfett 2, Elliott Auckland 1.



Round 5

Didier Couche	2142	vs	Stephen Gordon	0 - 1
Veronika Schneider	2304	vs	Joseph Quinn	½ - ½
Libor Havlicek	2346	vs	George O'Toole	1 - 0
Mark Hebden		vs	Eric Denayer	2265 1 - 0
Klaus Haverkamp	1979	vs	Sam Franklin	½ - ½
Gerald Parfett		vs	Najdi Raki	1790 0 - 1
Elliott Auckland		vs	Philippe Blot	1757 1 - 0

Round 7

M Jean-Marc Degraeve	2553	vs	Stephen Gordon	½ - ½
Mark Hebden		vs	Maria Schoene	2246 0 - 1
Libor Havlicek	2346	vs	Samuel Franklin	1 - 0
IM Ali Bitalzadeh	2400	vs	Joseph Quinn	1 - 0
Guillaume Pavillon	1775	vs	George O'Toole	0 - 1
Elliott Auckland		vs	Jean De Lagotrie	1931 ½ - ½
Gerald Parfett		vs	Thierry Sauvage	1430 0 - 1

Round 9

GM David Baramidze	2548	vs	Stephen Gordon	½ - ½
Mark Hebden		vs	Klaudia Kulon	2251 1 - 0
Vita Chulivska	2335	vs	Samuel Franklin	1 - 0
Shinya Kojima	2276	vs	George O'Toole	½ - ½
Thierry Chardin	2115	vs	Joseph Quinn	½ - ½
Elliott Auckland		vs	Thierry Germond	1739 ½ - ½
Gerald Parfett		vs	Nicolas Dorlet	1880 0 - 1

Round 6

Stephen Gordon		vs	GM David Arutinian	2585 1 - 0
Joseph Quinn		vs	IM Deins Rombaldini	2418 0 - 1
Katerina Matseyko	2268	vs	Mark Hebden	½ - ½
George O'Toole		vs	IM Mejdí Kaabi	2326 0 - 1
Samuel Franklin		vs	Boris Lecoer	1731 1 - 0
Boris Friesen	2132	vs	Elliott Auckland	1 - 0
Hendrik Van Dijk	1878	vs	Gerald Parfett	1 - 0

Round 8

Stephen Gordon		vs	GM Tamaz Gelashvili	2622 ½ - ½
Amadeus Foulon	1510	vs	Mark Hebden	0 - 1
Samuel Franklin		vs	Aurele Lenoir	1760 1 - 0
George O'Toole		vs	Andrey Grekh	2379 ½ - ½
Joseph Quinn		vs	Herve Lefebvre	2246 ½ - ½
Patrick Chochoy	1726	vs	Elliott Auckland	0 - 1
Michel Royer	1250	vs	Gerald Parfett	0 - 1

Stephen was very unfortunate not to make his final GM norm and therefore the title. Had his opponent in round 9 been three rating points higher then he would have performed at 2600 and therefore become England's latest GM. Nevertheless, this was still a fine performance; he remained undefeated and gained rating points. As is often the case in big opens, the juniors tended to yo-yo between high and lower rated opponents. George & Joseph though can be especially pleased with their score and their results against higher rated opponents. Mark had a disappointing tournament but at least a last round win will have repaired some of the damage to his rating.

10th European Individual Championship

www.eurobudva2009.com/eng.htm

England is represented by GM Peter Wells, IMs Lorin D'Costa, Maxim Devereaux and Mark Ferguson and Terry Chapman. To give you an idea of the strength of the tournament; Peter Wells is 132nd seed with a rating of 2513 and there are 65 players rated over 2600! Congratulations to Lorin D'Costa who achieved his first GM norm in the European Individual. Despite the disappointment of narrowly missing out on a 9 round norm he won in round 10 with black and then finished with a draw to record a 2612 performance. An excellent result against opposition which included 8 GMs and 2 IMs as can be seen by his performance below:

IM D'Costa Lorin A R 2445 ENG Rp:2612 Pts. 6.0

1	18	GM	Guseinov Gadir	2661	AZE	8,0	w ½	0,22	0,28	10	2,80
2	26	GM	Rodshtein Maxim	2650	ISR	6,5	s ½	0,24	0,26	10	2,60
3	12	GM	Areshchenko Alexander	2673	UKR	7,5	w 0	0,21	-0,21	10	-2,10
4	238		Simeonidis Ioannis	2303	GRE	4,0	s 1	0,69	0,31	10	3,10
5	40	GM	Nepomniachtchi Ian	2628	RUS	6,5	w 1	0,26	0,74	10	7,40
6	80	GM	Maze Sebastien	2578	FRA	6,0	s 1	0,32	0,68	10	6,80
7	68	GM	Stevic Hrvoje	2592	CRO	7,5	w ½	0,30	0,20	10	2,00
8	62	GM	Kurnosov Igor	2602	RUS	6,5	s 0	0,29	-0,29	10	-2,90
9	88	GM	Kotanjian Tigran	2568	ARM	6,0	w 0	0,33	-0,33	10	-3,30
10	128	IM	Ibarra Jerez Jose Carlos	2513	ESP	4,5	s 1	0,41	0,59	10	5,90
11	90	IM	Chadaev Nikolai	2568	RUS	6,0	w ½	0,33	0,17	10	1,70



Round 1

Peter Wells	vs	Veljko Scekic	2084	½ - ½
Maxim Devereaux	vs	GM Boris Savchenko	2654	0 - 1
GM Predrag Nikolic	2623	vs	Mark Ferguson	1 - 0
Lorin D'Costa	vs	GM Gadir Guseinov	2661	½ - ½
GM Friso Nijboer	2559	vs	Terry Chapman	1 - 0

Round 3

Peter Wells	vs	GM Vladimir Potkin	2613	½ - ½
Lorin D'Costa	vs	GM A Areshchenko	2673	0 - 1
Maxim Devereaux	vs	GM Maxim Rodshtein	2650	0 - 1
GM Eltaj Sarfali	2564	vs	Mark Ferguson	1 - 0
Milos Pecurica	1934	vs	Terry Chapman	1 - 0

Round 5

Peter Wells	vs	IM Charles Lamoureux	2374	½ - ½
Lorin D'Costa	vs	GM Ian Nepomniachtchi	2628	1 - 0
GM Pavel Maletin	2557	vs	Mark Ferguson	1 - 0
Maxim Devereaux	vs	Rikard Medancic	2242	1 - 0
Veslin Vujovic	vs	Terry Chapman		½ - ½

Round 7

Lorin D'Costa	vs	GM Hrvoje Stevic	2592	½ - ½
Peter Wells	vs	WIM Jovana Vojinovic	2331	1 - 0
GM Artashes Minasian	2557	vs	Mark Ferguson	1 - 0
Maxim Devereaux	vs	Marios Tassopoulos	2293	½ - ½
GM Ruslan Pogorelov	2451	vs	Terry Chapman	½ - ½

Round 9

Peter Wells	vs	FM German Pankov	2392	½ - ½
Lorin D'Costa	vs	GM Tigran Kotanjian	2568	0 - 1
GM Stelios Halkias	2578	vs	Mark Ferguson	½ - ½
Maxim Devereaux	vs	Antonios Pavlidis	2258	½ - ½
Petra Papp	2134	vs	Terry Chapman	½ - ½

Round 11

Lorin D'Costa**	vs	GM Nikolai Chadaev	2568	½ - ½
Peter Wells	vs	IM Vlado Jakovljevic	2420	½ - ½
IM Tamas Banusz	2501	vs	Mark Ferguson	½ - ½
Maxim Devereaux	vs	Goran Djurovic	2279	½ - ½
Terry Chapman	vs	Faik Aleskerov	2340	1 - 0

* 10 round GM norm for Lorin D'Costa; ** 11 round GM norm for Lorin D'Costa

Round 2

GM Maxim Rodshtein	2650	vs	Lorin D'Costa	½ - ½
Grigore Fugulyan	1978	vs	Peter Wells	0 - 1
Terry Chapman	2460	vs	IM Blazo Kalezic	0 - 1
Lazar Nestorovic	2207	vs	Max Devereaux	0 - 1
Mark Ferguson	vs	Vidan Jakic	2154	1 - 0

Round 4

GM Rauf Mamedov	2638	vs	Peter Wells	1 - 0
Mark Ferguson	vs	Jovan Pejovic	2214	1 - 0
Ioannis Simeonidis	2303	vs	Lorin D'Costa	0 - 1
IM Nebojsa Misailovic	vs	Maxim Devereaux		1 - 0
Terry Chapman	vs	Brian Dinter	2055	1 - 0

Round 6

GM Sebastien Maze	2578	vs	Lorin D'Costa	0 - 1
IM Ioannis Georgiadis	2383	vs	Peter Wells	½ - ½
FM Mihailo Vujic	2321	vs	Maxim Devereaux	½ - ½
Mark Ferguson	vs	Julijan Plenca	2248	1 - 0
Terry Chapman	vs	Denis Kadric	1981	½ - ½

Round 8

GM Igor Kurnosov	2602	vs	Lorin D'Costa	1 - 0
GM I Nepomniachtchi	2628	vs	Peter Wells	1 - 0
FM Valery Zolotukhin	2358	vs	Maxim Devereaux	1 - 0
Mark Ferguson	vs	Mirko Mikavica	2211	1 - 0
Terry Chapman	vs	GM Goran Todorovic	2471	0 - 1

Round 10

IM J C Ibarra Jerez	2513	vs	Lorin D'Costa*	0 - 1
IM Igor Solomunovic	2416	vs	Peter Wells	½ - ½
Mark Ferguson	vs	GM Miso Cebalo	2509	½ - ½
FM Perovs Vucinic	2257	vs	Maxim Devereaux	½ - ½
Terry Chapman	vs	Dragoljub Mikavica	2034	1 - 0

Final English scores with performance ratings & rating gain/loss:

IM	Lorin D'Costa	6	TPR	2612 +24
IM	Mark Ferguson	5.5	TPR	2429 +4
GM	Peter Wells	5.5	TPR	2387 -13
	Terry Chapman	5	TPR	2185 -12
IM	Maxim Devereaux	4.5	TPR	2283 -23

Aeroflot Festival 2009 Tournament A2

www.aeroflotchess.com/results/a2/SMWSite/index.html

Max Devereaux finished on 4/9 in this prestigious event having played 4 GMs, 3 IMs, 1 FM and 1 WGM. It's rare to see a second section that boasts so many GMs and IMs. Winners on 7/9 were IM Alexandre Danin and GM Melikset Khachivan. Max then played in the blitz championship finishing with 7/18. The tournament was won by Sergei Karjakin with 15/18, half a point clear of Vugar Gashimov. The event included 93 GMs and 32 IMs out of the 165 players!

7th Gibtelecom Chess Festival Masters

27 January – 5 February 2009

1st= Peter Svidler & Vadim Milov 8/10 (Svidler won a 2 game blitz play off for the title); 12th= Stephen Gordon, Jon Speelman, Lorin D'Costa, 6.5/10; Jovanka Houska, Gary Quillan, David Spence, Maxim Devereaux, Adam Ashton, Michael White, Andrew Dunn 5.5

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John Nunn Wins Fifth British Chess Solving Title!

Great Britain has six titled chess solvers - three Grandmasters (John Nunn, Jonathan Mestel, Graham Lee), two International Masters (David Friedgood, Colin McNab) and one FIDE Master (Michael McDowell) and five of them competed in the Winton Capital British Chess Solving Championship (WCBCSC) at Oakham School on Saturday 14th February 2009. The absentee was GM Jonathan Mestel, who, along with GM John Nunn, are two of (I believe) only three double chess Grandmasters in the world, all of them Grandmasters for over-the-board play as well as chess solving.

(UPDATE I: Michael McDowell informs me that my wording above is rather loose and that my statement about double GMs, as written, is incorrect. He mentions France's Michel Caillaud and Serbia's Marjan Kovacevic, who are both double GMs for composition and chess solving. There are probably also otb GMs who are correspondence GMs too. I knew all that, so must apologise for the loose wording. I had intended to identify Nunn and Mestel as two of only three double GMs of a particular type combination - otb and chess solving.)

(UPDATE II: Michael McDowell has written again to say that he has discovered that Miodrag Mladenovic is also a double GM for composition and solving. The GMGM himself has also contacted me with that same information. As for titles for those actually playing chess, Tim Harding has written to confirm my belief that there are double GMs for otb and correspondence chess. Amongst those still living, he cites Lothar Schmid, Ulf Andersson, and Jonathan Penrose while indicating that there are others.)

Alongside this closed British Championship there was also an Open Championship, in which two foreign Grandmasters competed - Piotr Murdzia from Poland (the current World Chess Solving Champion) and Dolf Wissmann from the Netherlands. The recent positive additions to this event - ratings, foreign competitors and an increased prize fund - have been due in large part to the continuing, generous sponsorship of Winton Capital Management (www.wintoncapital.com),

and the British Chess Problem Society is exceedingly grateful to them.

After the first round (mates in 2) there were only six solvers on maximum points - Lee, Emmerson (a British competitor in the Open), McDowell, Friedgood, Murdzia and Nunn. This first round is so important, as not only does it carry more points than the other rounds (15 as compared to 10), but a bad first round can have a bad psychological effect on a solver for the rest of the tournament. Two surprising omissions from the above list of maximums were Wissmann, who only scored 10, and McNab, who only scored 5.

Round 2 (mates in 3) decreased the list of maximums to four, with McDowell and Emmerson dropping 5 points, both on the second #3 by German composer Dieter Kutzborski. This was unfortunate, but Dolf Wissmann had a disaster - he scored no points at all!

As it sometimes does, round 3 (endgame studies) shrunk the list of maximums down to zero. The first study, by Ukrainian composer Vladislav Tarasiuk, was relatively straightforward, but World Champion Piotr Murdzia got the move order wrong and only scored one point on it. The second study, composed by former World Chess Solving Champion Pauli Perkonja from Finland, was much tougher and even defeated John Nunn, who scored only 2 points on it. So difficult was this round that only two solvers got maximum points - Colin McNab and Ian Watson, the former an otb Grandmaster and the latter a strong player of many years experience.

Round 4 (helpmates) can be very easy, but this year there was a very tough six-mover by Slovenian composer Marko Klasinc, which had been especially composed for a solving tournament. Only Nunn and McNab got full points on this problem, which was not solved by either Murdzia or British helpmate specialist Michael McDowell.

Round 5 (moremovers) is always tough and only the top solvers scored well in it. Also tough is the last round (self mates), which started with a tricky two-mover composed by former World Chess Solving

Champion Michel Caillaud of France, on which many solvers dropped a point. The final problem was a longer selfmate that was so difficult that only Murdzia and Nunn scored any points on it at all, and they both scored the maximum for it. This was particularly important for Nunn, as his only real weakness is the long selfmates.

Winner of the British Championship 2008-2009 (his fifth title) and overall winner was John Nunn, and there were notable performances by David Friedgood and Michael McDowell, both of whom had won the title in the past. Also notable was Colin McNab, who, despite an almost disastrous first round, managed to hang on in there for third prize.

The Open Championship was won by current World Champion Piotr Murdzia (eight points behind Nunn in the overall table) while the other visiting Grandmaster languished many points behind in third place. The occupant of the second place was Stephen Emmerson, who had his best result ever. Stephen is a talented problemist and the sub-editor of the section for unorthodox chess compositions in *The Problemist*.

So, nobody scored the maximum for the event as a whole, and nobody got zero points. Both of these are important - it is not good if the top solvers find it too easy and it is important that solvers lower down the table are not discouraged.

You can find detailed results, most of the problems used in the event and general information about the Winton Capital British Chess Solving Championship on my website www.bstephen.me.uk. The website of the British Chess Problem Society is www.theproblemist.org.

Brian Stephenson
Website: www.bstephen.me.uk

There has been another solving success for GM John Nunn, this time in an event that took place on 25th January 2009 (before the recent British Chess Solving Championship), though the final results have only just become available. He came third! You can find a description of the competition, the full results and the problems used on www.bstephen.me.uk. There were 9 solvers competing in Britain, including one visiting Israeli and two British-resident Irish solvers.
Brian Stephenson

Junior News

World Trial Winners

U18 Boys James Adair
U16 Boys Yang Fan Zhou
U14 Boys Felix Ynojosa
U12 Boys James Bowler
U10 Boys Ravi Haria

U18 Girls Katie Hale
U16 Girls Astghik Stepanyan
U14 Girls Radha Jain
U12 Girls Natasha Bogoda
U10 Girls Anna Wang

68 players from 10 different World Championship groups assembled at the Moat School Leicester to compete for 10 places in the World Championships in Turkey this November. David Welch ran the chess with his usual calm authority although the sportsmanship of the players was such that there were no problems over the weekend. The parents were also very supportive of the event and, despite the obvious stress of the weekend, none of them collapsed with nervous exhaustion. (Yes it did happen once!!) We all extend our congratulations to the winners listed above and extend our best wishes to them for November. Victor Cross was watching the games and commented on the high standard in most of the games (even GMs make some mistakes) and the exciting chess produced.

Peter Purland, ECF Director of Junior Chess & Education

World Trial Cross Tables

			Under 10						TOTAL	Position
No	Name		1	2	3	4	5	6		
1	Vincent Lee	xxx	½	0	0	0	0	0	½	6th
2	Rohan Shiatis	½	xxx	1	0	0	0	0	1½	5th
3	Joris Gerlagh	1	0	xxx	1	0	0	0	2	3=
4	Matthew Wadsworth	1	1	0	xxx	0	0	0	2	3=
5	Conor Murphy	1	1	1	1	xxx	0	0	4	2nd
6	Ravi Haria	1	1	1	1	1	xxx	0	5	1st

Under 12

No	Name		R1		R2		R3		R4		R5		Total	Position
1	Peter	Andreev	w2	0	b4	0	w6	1	b3	2	w7	2½	2½	4=
2	James	Bowler	b1	1	w7	2	w5	3	b8	3½	b2	4	4	1st
3	Henry	Broadley	b8	0	w6	1	b7	1	w1	1	w5	1½	1½	7=
4	Eugene	Daley	b7	½	w1	1½	b8	1½	b5	2½	w2	3	3	2=
5	Robert	Fitzgerald	b6	1	w8	2	b2	2	w4	2	b3	2½	2½	4=
6	David	Redman	w5	0	b3	0	b1	0	w7	1	w8	1½	1½	7=
7	Isaac	Sanders	w4	½	b2	½	w3	1½	b6	1½	b1	2	2	6th
8	Roy	Zhang	w3	1	b5	1	w4	2	w2	2½	b6	3	3	2=

Under 14

No	Name		R1		R2		R3		R4		R5		Total	Position
1	Peter	Batchelor	b7	½	w8	1	b5	1	b2	1	bye	2	2	8th
2	Brandon	Clarke	b6	0	w7	1	b4	1	w1	2	w3	3	3	2=
3	Marcus	Harvey	bye	1	W5	2	w9	2	b4	2½	b2	2½	2½	6=
4	James	Holland	b5	0	bye	1	w2	2	w3	2½	b9	3	3	2=
5	Daniel	Hunt	w4	1	b3	1	w1	2	b9	2	w6	3	3	2=
6	Jude	Lenier	w2	1	b9	1	w7	1½	b8	1½	b5	1½	1½	9th
7	Henrik	Stepanyan	w1	½	b2	½	b6	1	bye	2	w8	2½	2½	6=
8	Craig	Whitfield	w9	0	b1	½	bye	1½	w6	2½	b7	3	3	2=
9	Felix	Ynojosa	b8	1	w6	2	b3	3	w5	4	w4	4½	4½	1st

Under 16

Order No			Round 10											
No	Name		R1		R2		R3		R4		R5		Total	Position
1	Martin	Brown	bye	1	w4	2	b6	2	w3	2½	b8	3	3	3=
2	James M	Foster	b3	0	w5	0	b8	0	bye	1	w7	1½	1½	8=
3	Akash	Jain	w2	1	b9	1½	w5	1½	b1	2	bye	3	3	3=
4	Victor	Jones	w8	1	b1	1	w9	1½	b7	2½	w6	3½	3½	2nd
5	William	Jones	w6	0	b2	1	b3	2	w8	3	w9	3	3	3=
6	Saravanan	Sathyanandha	b5	1	w7	2	w1	3	b9	3	b4	3	3	3=
7	Sam	Walker	w9	0	b6	0	bye	1	w4	1	b2	1½	1½	8=
8	Richard	Weaving	b4	0	bye	1	w2	2	b5	2	w1	2½	2½	7th
9	Yang Fan	Zhou	b7	1	w3	1½	b4	2	w6	3	b5	4	4	1st

Under 18

No	Name		R1		R2		R3		R4		R5		Total	Position
1	James	Adair	w8	1	b2	2	w15	2½	b6	3½	w10	4	4	1st
2	Dominic	Foord	w12	1	w1	1	b9	2	w5	2½	b4	3	3	5th
3	James C	Foster	b16	0	w13	1	b8	1	w9	1½	b11	1½	1½	14=
4	James	Jackson	b9	1	w10	1½	b5	1½	w13	2	w2	2½	2½	6=
5	Ankush	Khandelwal	w7	1	b15	1	w4	2	b2	2½	w6	3½	3½	3=
6	Kishan	Lakhani	b11	1	w16	2	b10	2½	w1	2½	b5	2½	2½	6=
7	Jeffrey	Levicki	b5	0	w14	1	b16	2	w8	2	b13	2	2	10=
8	Richard	Lobo	b1	0	w11	1	w3	2	b7	3	w15	4	4	2nd
9	Robert	Lydiard	w4	0	b12	1	w2	1	b3	1½	w14	2	2	10=
10	Dani	Malik	w13	1	b4	1½	w6	2	b15	3	b1	3½	3½	3=
11	Kaiser	Malik	w6	0	b8	0	w14	0	b12	1	w3	2	2	10=
12	Lewis	Martin	b2	0	w9	0	b13	0	w11	0	b16	1	1	16th
13	Liam	Rabbitte	b10	0	b3	0	w12	1	b4	1½	w7	2½	2½	6=
14	Michael	Rabbitte	w15	0	b7	0	b11	1	w16	1½	b9	2	2	10=
15	George	Salimbeni	b14	1	w5	2	b1	2½	w10	2½	b8	2½	2½	6=
16	Yari	Voropayev	w3	1	b6	1	w7	1	b14	1½	w12	1½	1½	14=

Junior Squad to Vilnius February 2009

Friday 13th February: Despite the date, no one had any travel problems and everyone was on time at Gatwick. Check in was actually very efficient although the plane was 30 minutes late taking off. We had 12 players with Glynis South and I (Peter Purland). We changed at Riga and were in Vilnius about 15 minutes late. Here we were met by Richard and taken on the No. 1 bus to our hotel, the Panorama, just opposite the station. After dropping our bags in our rooms we went over to McDonald's for our first meal. We then had a quick team talk and were straight off to bed.

Saturday 14th February: We were up at 0830 and down to breakfast at 0900. We then walked through the old town passing various churches, the town hall, market hall, Gedimanas Square and the Cathedral before walking down Gedimanas Prospekt to the chess club. The tournament had six teams, three from Lithuania, one from Latvia and our two. A French team had pulled out at the last minute (what a surprise). Each team consisted of three U14s, two U12s and a girl. Our "A" team was James Holland, Gordon Scott, James Abrams, Roy Zhang, Peter Batchelor and Polly Lambert whilst the "B" team was Ben Slater, Dominic Pozzo, Jamie Horton, Felix Haxby, Adam Taylor and Jennifer Ehr. Round one saw England A v Vilnius 2, England B v Vilnius 3 and Vilnius 1 v Riga. England A, England B and Vilnius 1 all won 5-1. We then went to a local restaurant for lunch and returned for our "A" v "B" match. Vilnius 1 were playing Vilnius 3 and Vilnius 2 played Riga. There were some interesting results. Our game was predictably 5-1 to the A with draws on 3 and 6 but Vilnius 3 beat their first team 3½ - 2½ and Riga also won by the same score. We then walked across the river to the Europa shopping centre where we were shown a very nice self service and pizza restaurant where the players had a good meal before getting the bus back to the hotel where we chatted for a bit before heading off for bed.

Sunday 15th February: We had an earlier breakfast eating at 0830 and leaving at 0920 for a trolleybus ride to Gedimanas Prospekt and the short walk to the chess club. For many of the party this was their first trolleybus ride. The morning pairings were Vilnius 2 v Vilnius 3, England A v Riga and Vilnius 1 v England B. Vilnius 3 continued to defy their

seeding beating their second team 3½ - 2½ whilst our A team saw off Riga 5½ - ½. The B team fought hard but was unable to match Vilnius 1 and went down 4½ - 1½, Adam with a win and Felix getting our points. We had lunch in a soup and salad restaurant and this was probably the best of our 4 lunch venues. In the afternoon Vilnius 1 played Vilnius 2, England A played the rampant Vilnius 3 and England B played Riga. Our B team was the first to finish with a resounding 5-1 success (two draws) followed by a 4-2 success for Vilnius 1 against the unfortunate Vilnius 2. Vilnius 3 were really making a fight of it but eventually our class told and we ran out 5½ - ½ winners. This meant we only needed one game point on Monday to be sure of the victory. Obviously we would not be satisfied with anything less than a win! We again walked up to the Europa Centre and did a bit of shopping before dinner. Roy gained his silly hat award whilst Adam was still eating his pizza when we got on the bus. We had our usual meeting then had a game of Millionaire. This was on a room by room basis and the convincing winners were Polly and Jennifer who sailed through the sports questions after three of the five boys rooms failed on rugby and soccer!

Monday 16th February: This was Lithuania Independence Day and the final round of the tournament. The only noticeable thing at 0830 when we left for the venue was a decided lack of people! We were up at 0730, breakfasted at 0800 and playing by 0915 after another trolleybus ride. The final pairings saw our "A" team v Vilnius 1, "B" team v Vilnius 2 and Riga v Vilnius 3. Riga were first to finish winning 4-2, our B team drew 3-3 thus ensuring 3rd place whilst the A team won 4½ - 1½ giving them a clean sweep and a rather large trophy. The final table was England A 10, Vilnius 1 6, England B 5, Vilnius 3 4, Riga 4, Vilnius 2 1. Board prizes were won by James Holland, Gordon Scott, Roy Zhang and Peter Batchelor. We then tried a third place for lunch, nice but insubstantial! and then walked down to the Cathedral where we had a good look round. We next did our souvenir shopping before walking up through the old town with Richard pointing out various sites before getting a trolleybus back to the hotel. Felix and I went to the bank before Richard kept the group entertained for an hour with some very interesting compositions. Some of them were absolutely fascinating. We then had some free time before going over

to McDonalds after which we had a good chat about various chess related topics. What was clear apart from anything else was that they all seem to have enjoyed themselves.

Tuesday 17th February: We were up at 0800, breakfast at 0845 and heading for the blitz at 0915. As well as our 12 there were 16 Lithuanians and we had 7 rounds. Going in to the final round we had Gordon (5½) v Felix (4½), Dominic (4½) v James Holland (5) as well as Adam, Peter, Jamie and Roy on 4 points. A win for Gordon saw him claim first place, James did likewise to come second whilst Peter, Jamie and Roy all ended up on five (in that order on tie break). This was a very pleasing result as in the past we have done badly at this type of chess. We then tried out fourth different place for lunch after which we went to the KGB museum (which was closed) and carried on to the castle where they had the traditional guided tour and a good chat about sieges, armour and weapons. We did have the luxury of going up on a funicular! After our visit I let the kids have a snowball fight although they soon got cold and we got the trolleybus back to the hotel. When we had all warmed up we paid a final visit to the Europa Centre for last minute shopping and a final meal before packing and having an early night.

Wednesday 18th February: We were up at 06:00, had a packed breakfast and headed for the airport. Despite deep snow everything was running to time and we had a smooth transfer at Riga and, in fact, we landed 10 minutes early in Gatwick, the luggage was prompt (for once) and all the parents were there on time. Everyone thanked us and a happy band dispersed.

Peter Purland, ECF Director of Junior Chess & Education

Wiltshire & West of England Junior Congress

21-22 February 2009, New College, Swindon

Best Overall Girl Radha Jain



Major

1st=	James Jackson	Oxon
	Mark Talbot	Cheshire
	Nathan Talbot	Cheshire
Wiltshire		
U18 Champion	Lewis Martin	Wiltshire
West of England		
U18 Champion	Lewis Martin	Wiltshire
West of England		
U16 Champion	Rhys Cumming	Somerset
Controllers Prizes	Adrian Archer-Lock	Berkshire
	Angelica Ynojosa	Berkshire
	Harry Streeter	Somerset



U14

1st	Felix Ynojosa	Berkshire
2nd =	Marcus Harvey	
	Brandon Clarke	
Wiltshire U14		
Champion	Megan Owens	
West of England		
U14 Champion	Megan Owens	
Wiltshire U14		
Girls Champion	Megan Owens	
West of England		
U14 Girls Champion	Megan Owens	
Controllers Prizes	Daniel Noel	
	Jonathan Burch	
	Peter Batchelor	



Minor

1st	Alex Billings	Devon
2nd	Robert Starley	Berkshire
3rd =	Robert Bowler	Yorkshire
	Ben Jackson	Oxon
Wiltshire Minor		
Champion	Luke Burroughs	Wiltshire
Best Girl	Holly Carter	Wiltshire
Controllers Prizes	Luke Burroughs	Wiltshire
	Alexander Harris	Cambridgeshire
	Mark Garnett	Wiltshire



U12

1st	Shyam Mohan	Sussex
2nd =	Roy Zhang	Berkshire
	William Foo	Berkshire
	Peter Andreev	London
	Radha Jain	Gloucestershire

Wiltshire U12 Champion	Megan Cleeves	Wiltshire
West of England U12 Champion	Radha Jain	Gloucestershire
Wiltshire U12 Girls Champion	Megan Cleeves	Wiltshire
West of England U12 Girls Champion	Radha Jain	Gloucestershire
Wiltshire U11 Champion	Simon Garnett	Wiltshire
Best U11 Trophy	William Foo	Berkshire
	Peter Andreev	London
	Radha Jain	Gloucestershire
Best Girl	Theodore Dias	London
Controllers Prizes	Joris Gerlagh	Cheshire



U12

1st	Louise Head	Berkshire
2nd	Charles Bucknell	Berkshire
3rd=	Dhruv Satish	Wiltshire
	Charlie Basham	Buckinghamshire
Best Girl	Louise Head	Berkshire



U10

1st	Ravi Haria	Hertfordshire
2nd =	Matthew Wadsworth	Berkshire
	Anna Wang	Oxon
Wiltshire U10 Champion	Arthur Copping	Wiltshire
	Oliver Hoone	Wiltshire
West of England U10 Champion	Arthur Copping	Wiltshire
	Oliver Hoone	

Joseph Gabriel	Devon
Alec Watson	Bristol

West of England U10 Girls Champion	Eleanor Hapeshi	Gloucestershire
Controllers Prizes	Harry Croasdale	
	James Connor	



U9

1st	Mihai-Tiberiu Dima	Cheshire
2nd	Pranav Satish	Wiltshire
3rd =	Michael Banh	Surrey
	Praharth Vir	Surrey
	Ashwin Kalyana	Birmingham
Wiltshire U9 Champion	Pranav Satish	Wiltshire
Best Girl	Florence Marsden	Oxon
	Annabelle Maillot	Surrey
Controllers Prizes	Ryan Wong	Berkshire
	Benjamin Lee	Bristol



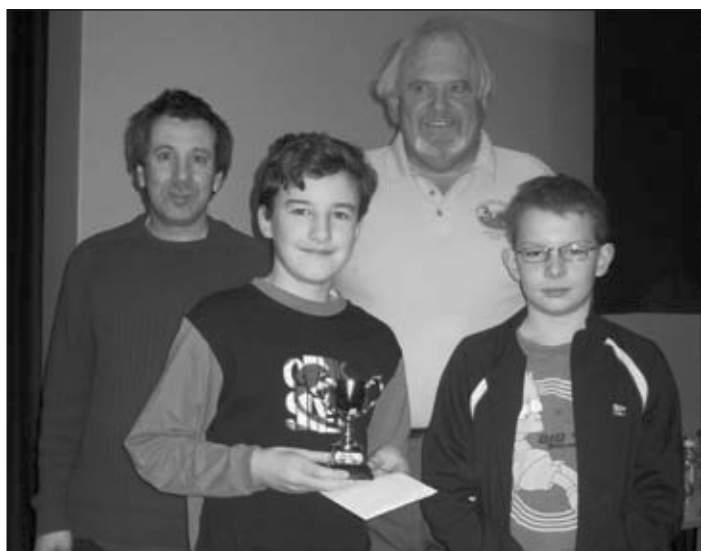
U8

1st =	Carl Breindel	Hertfordshire
	John Croasdale	Nottinghamshire
	Harry Grieve	Hampshire
Wiltshire U7 Champion	William Cleeves	Wiltshire
Wiltshire U8 Champion	William Cleeves	Wiltshire
West of England U8 Champion	Harry Grieve	
West of England U8 Girls Champion	Susanna Mackay	Wiltshire
Best Girl	Susanna Mackay	Wiltshire
	Skye Wiggins	Staffordshire
Best U7	John Croasdale	



Saturday Intermediate

1st	David Colebourne	Hertfordshire
2nd	Rory Durham	Wiltshire
3rd =	James Tapp	Gloucestershire
	James Key	Wiltshire
	Michael Gilbert	Berkshire
Best Girl	Katy Jackson	Oxon
Controllers Prizes	William Cleeves	
	Adam Busby	Wiltshire



Sunday Intermediate

1st	David Colebourne	Hertfordshire
2nd	Daniel Manton	Lancashire
3rd	Adam Watson	Gloucestershire
Best Girl	Raveena Rao	Kent
	Rachel Smith	Kent
Controllers Prize	Alex Watson	Wiltshire



Beginners

1st	Benjamin Dean-Britton	Wiltshire
2nd =	Jamie MacDonald	Dorset
	Jonathan Lee	Bristol
3rd =	Daniel Hayden	Dorset
	Kerry Jefferies	Wiltshire
	Finn Malliagh	Dorset
	Sam Watling	Gloucestershire
Best Girl	Kerry Jefferies	Wiltshire
Controllers Prizes	Isabelle Gilbert	
	Isaac Sneddon-Jenkins	Wiltshire

Games

English Senior Championships 2009

Like last year's champion (Andrew Whiteley), this was my second success in a national event - I was British Under 18 Champion at Aberystwyth way back in 1961. Between these two successes I have mainly competed in local leagues and tournaments, and was Staffordshire Champion twelve times before I moved to Stockport. Andrew was unfortunately unable to defend his title this year due to illness, and the competitors all signed a card to wish him a quick recovery and to hope that he will be back for the 3rd Championship in 2010.

Richard Beach - English Senior Champion 2009

R. A. Beach - P. Collins

2nd English Senior (3), French Defence

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 h6 (3...Nf6 or c5 or dxe4 is more usual) 4.c3 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7 6.Bd3 c5 7.Ne2 Nc6 8.O-O Qc7 9.f4 g6 10.Nf3 b6 11.Be3 c4 12.Bc2 Bb7 13.g4 O-O-O (13...h5 may be better, but concedes the g5 square) 14.f5 gxf5 15.gxf5 Be7 16.Nf4 Bg5? (16....Rdg8+ followed after 17.Kf2 by 17...Nd8 or ...Nf8 was necessary) 17.fxe6 Nf8 (17...fxe6 is answered by 18.Nxg5 and 19.Nfxe6) 18.exf7 Qxf7 (not 18...Bxf4 19.Bf5+ Kb8 20.Bxf4 Qxf7? 21.e6+) 19.Nxg5 hxg5 20.Ng6! Qg7 21.Nxh8 Qxh8 22.Qg4+ Kb8 23.Rf7 Re8 24.Ba4 Ne6 25.Raf1 a6 26.Rxb7+! Kxb7 27.Rf7+ 1-0

N. Hutchinson - R. A. Beach

2nd English Senior (4), Ruy Lopez

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O b5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.d4 d6 8.c3 O-O 9.a4 Bb7 10.d5 Na5 11.Bc2 c6 12.dxc6 Bxc6 13.axb5 axb5 14.Re1 Nb7 15.Rxa8 Qxa8 16.b4 Nd8 17.Bg5 Ne6 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Nbd2 Rd8 20.Qa1 Nf4 21.Kf1 Qb7 22.Nb3 Ra8 23.Qd1 Qc8 24.Ng1 (not 24.Qxd6? Qg4!) 24...Bd7 25.Re3 Be6 26.Na5 Rxa5 (Preparing 27...Bc4+, but leaving White with a dangerous passed a-pawn) 27.bxa5 Bc4+ 28.Ne2 Qg4 29.Qxd6 Bxe2+ 30.Ke1 h6 31.Qxf6 (A spectacular sacrifice, but more accurate is 31.Rg3! Nxg2+ 32.Rxg2 Qxg2 33.Kxe2, after which Black has nothing better than 33...Qg5+ with perpetual check) 31...Nxg2+ (After 31...gxf6 32.Rg3, it is difficult to see how Black can stop White's a-pawn without losing his material advantage) 32.Kd2 Qd7+ 33.Kxe2 gxf6 34.Rg3+ Kf8 35.Rxg2 Qa7 36.Rg3 Qxa5 37.Kf1 Qa1+ 38.Kg2 h5 39.h3 h4 40.Re3 Ke7 41.Bd3 Qxc3 42.Bxb5 Qc8 43.Bd3 Kd6 44.Rf3 Kc5 45.Rxf6 Qd8 46.Rf3 Kd4 47.Re3? (47.Bc2 would hold out longer) 47...Qg5+ 48.Kf1 Qxe3! 49.fxe3+ Kxd3 50.Kf2 Kxe5 0-1 (Black wins easily after 51.Ke2 f5 52.Kf2 Kd3 53.Kf3 Kd2 54.Kf2 e4)

Games

34th East Devon Chess Congress

This event took place Friday 6th - Sunday 8th March at The Corn Exchange Fore Street Exeter.

The truly impressive landmark in the city of Exeter is the ancient cathedral. The great bulk of the building is an axis around which the rest of the city revolves. Hard by is the Corn Exchange formally St Georges Hall. This was the venue for the 34th East Devon chess congress. The competition comprised three sections, an open, a major (under140) and a minor (under 110). The entry numbers were up on last year so the organisers are to be congratulated. My purpose in this report is not to simply list the prize winners as these can be easily obtained from the 'chessdevon' website (www.chessdevon.co.uk), which is excellent.

The question I posed myself was 'what makes this event worthwhile? 'Why have I attended for most of the last twenty years? I first recognise the well organised yet friendly atmosphere. The venue also has a bar and restaurant so there is no need to brave any inclement weather. Secondly Exeter is easy to find with first class road and rail links. Thirdly it is a pleasant thing to catch up with old friends and of course play some chess. I always am interested in how strong players effortlessly defeat weaker players so I have added three of I.M. Jack Rudd's games.

Simon Bartlett

Round 1

Andrew J Gilmour (w) - Jack Rudd

1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.h3 Nd7 5.Bc4+/- =/+ +0.18 CAP 5...e6 6.0-0 Ne7 7.Re1 a6 8.a4 b6 9.Bg5 N [9.Nc3 0-0 10.Bg5 h6 11.Be3 Bb7 12.Qd2 Kh7 13.Bd3 c5 14.Ne2 c4 15.Bxc4 Bxe4 16.Nh2 Bb7 17.Ng3 Nf6 18.Ng4 Nfg8 19.c3 Nd5 20.Ne2 f5 21.Nh2 Ngf6 22.f3 Qc7 23.Bb3 Nxe3 24.Qxe3 e5 25.Qf2 Rae8 26.dxe5 dxe5 27.Rad1 Rd8 28.Nf1 h5 29.Qh4 Nd5 30.Qc4 Qb8 31.Bc2 Rc8 32.Qb3 Qd6 33.Kh1 Qc5 34.Nc1 Rcd8 35.Nd3 Qc7 36.Nb4 Nf4 37.Nh2 a5 38.Nd3 Nd5 39.Rd2 Rfe8 40.c4 Nb4 41.Rde2 Nxc2 42.Qxc2 Re7 43.Nf4 e4 44.Nd5 Bxd5 45.cxd5 Qxc2 46.Rxc2 Rxd5 47.Kg1 Rd4 48.b3 Rd3 ...0-1 Varga Damir 2129 - Vasiljevic Dragan 2292 , Sremska Mitrovica 27/ 9/2006 Ch Vojvodina (team) (quality league)] 9...h6 10.Bf4 Bb7 11.Nc3 g5 12.Bg3 Ng6 13.Qe2 Nf6?! [13...h5!? 14.d5 Nc5 15.Qe3] 14.e5?! [14.a5!? bxa5 15.d5 e5 16.Rxa5 0-0 17.Rea1 Qb8] 14...Nh5 15.exd6 Nxc3 16.fxc3 Qxd6 17.Bxe6? [17.Ne4 [%t bLon] ^185 17...Bxe4 18.Qxe4 0-0 19.Ne5 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Qb4 21.b3] 17...fxe6 18.Qc4 0-0-0? [18...Nf8 [%t bLon] ^185 19.Ne4 Qc6 20.Qd3 a5 21.Ne5 Bxe5 22.dxe5 Rd8 23.Qf1 Nh7] 19.Rxe6 Qxg3 20.Ne2 Rxd4?! [20...Bxd4+!? 21.Qxd4 Rxd4 22.Nxc3 Bxf3 23.Rxc3 Bb7 24.Rf6 Rd2 25.Rf2] 21.Nxc3? [21.Qb3 [%t bLon] ^185 21...Qd6 22.Nexd4 Bxd4+ 23.Kh1 Qd7 24.Rxc6 Be4 25.Rg8+ Rxc6 26.Qxc6 Kb7 27.Qb3 g4 28.Nxd4] 21...Rxc4 22.Rxc6 Bxb2 23.Rb1?! [23.Rf1!? Rxc2] 23...Rxc2 24.Nf5 Be4 25.Rxc6 Bxf5 0-1

Round 4

Jack Rudd (w) - Mark V Taylor

1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.Nd2 Nc6 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.e5 Nd7 6.Bd3 Nb4 7.Be2 c5 8.c3 Nc6 9.0-0+/- =/+ 9...cxd4 10.cxd4 f6 11.exf6 +0.15 CAP 11...Nxf6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.Bd3 N [13.Nf1 0-0 14.Bg5 Qb6 15.Bd3 h6 16.Bxf6 Rxf6 17.Ne3 Bd7 18.Ng4 Rf4 19.Nge5 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Bc5 21.Qe2 Raf8 22.Rac1 Be8 23.Qc2 Bb4 24.Rf1 Bh5 25.Ne1 Qd4

26.Bh7+ Kh8 27.Nd3 Rg4 28.h3 Rg5 29.Kh2 Kxh7 30.Nxb4+ Bg6 31.Qc3 Qxc3 32.Rxc3 Rxe5 33.Nc2 Re2 34.Nd4 Rxb2 35.Nxe6 Rf6 36.Nc5 Rxf2 37.Rxf2 Rxf2 38.Ra3 b6 39.Kg1 Re2 40.Kf1 Re7 41.Na4 d4 42.Nb2 d3 43.Nc4 Rc7 44.Nd2 Kg8 45.Kf2 Re7 46.Kf1 Rc7 47.Kf2 Kf7 48.Ra4 Kf6 49.Kf3 Ke5 50.Ke3 Kd5 51.Rd4+ Kc6 52.Ne4 Bxe4 ...0-1, Kuznetsova Elena 2156 - Riazantsev Alexander 2335 , Moscow 1998 Cup Russia (open)] 13...0-0 14.Nb3 Qc7 15.Bg5 Bd7 16.Rc1 Ng4 17.g3 h6 18.Bd2 Rf6 19.Be2 Raf8 20.Nc5 Bc8 21.Nd3 Qf7 22.Ng5 hxg5 23.Bxg4 Rxf2?! [23...Nxd4!? 24.Bxg5 Nf3+ 25.Bxf3 Rxf3 26.Bf4 Bxf4 27.Nxf4 Rxf4 28.gxf4 Qxf4 29.Rc2 Bd7 30.Qd3] 24.Nxf2 Qxf2+ 25.Kh1 Qxd4 26.Bxg5 Qxb2?! [26...Qxd1!? 27.Rexd1 d4 28.Rf1 Rxf1+ 29.Rxf1 Ne5 30.Bf4 Nxc4 31.Bxd6 Kh7] 27.Rxe6?! [27.Bxe6+!? Bxe6 28.Rxe6 Rf2 29.Re8+ Kf7 30.Rh8 Qe2 31.Qxd5+ Qe6 32.Rd1 Qxd5+ 33.Rxd5 Be7 34.Rd7] 27...Rf2?! [27...d4!? 28.Re2 Qb5 29.Bxc8 Rxc8 30.Qb3+ Qxb3 31.axb3 Rf8 32.Kg2 Rf5 33.Bd2] 28.Re8+ Kf7 29.Re2 Rxe2 30.Bxe2 Qe5 31.Bf4 Qe6 32.Bf3 d4 33.Bxc6 bxc6 34.Qxd4 Bxf4?! [34...Be7!? 35.Qf2] 35.Qxf4+ Kg8 36.Qc4 Kf8 37.Rf1+ Kg8 38.Rf4 Qxc4 39.Rxc4 Be6 40.Ra4 Bd5+ 1-0

Round 5

Robert Eames (w) - Rudd Jack

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 Due to the asymmetrical pawn structure the positions that arise in the middlegame are complicated and double-edged. Utilizing his fianchettoed g7-bishop, Black intends to advance his queenside pawn majority in 7.f4+/- =/+ 7...a6?! +0.68 CAP [7...Bg7!? 8.Bb5+ (8.Nf3 0-0 9.Bd3 Re8 10.0-0 c4 11.Bc2 Qb6+) 8...Nfd7 9.Bd3 Qh4+ 10.g3 Qe7 11.Nf3 0-0 12.0-0 Nb6 13.Kg2 Bg4 14.h3 Bxf3+ 15.Qxf3 N8d7 16.Be3 c4 17.Bc2 Rac8 18.Rad1 Nc5 19.Bxc5 Rxc5 20.e5 f5 21.e6 Nc8 22.g4 Qh4 23.gxf5 gxf5 24.Kh2 Ne7 25.Rg1 Kh8 26.Ne2 Bh6 27.b4 cxb3 28.Bxb3 Ng6 29.Qg3 Qxg3+ 30.Kxg3 b5 31.Rc1 Rfc8 32.Rxc5 Rxc5 33.Kf3 Kg7 34.h4 Kf6 35.h5 Nxf4 36.Nxf4 Rc3+ 37.Kf2 Bxf4 38.Rg8 Rc7 39.a4 b4 40.a5 Bg5 41.Rb8 Ke5 42.Rxb4 Bd2 43.Rb5 a6 44.Rb6 Bxa5 45.Rxa6 Bd2 46.Ra8 1/2-1/2, Van Wely Loek 2681 - Topalov Veselin 2757 , Monaco 20/ 3/2004 It "Melody Amber" (blindfold)] 8.Nf3 Bg7 9.Qa4+ N [9.Be2 0-0 10.e5 Nh5 11.0-0 b5 12.Ne4 dxe5 13.fxe5 Re8 14.Nfg5 Bf5 15.Rxf5 gxf5 16.Bxh5 fxe4 17.Bxf7+ Kh8 18.Qh5 1-0, Engelen Johan 1991 - Emmins Karl, Leopoldsborg 2000 Ch NATO; 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 b5 11.Ne2 Bg4 12.Ng3 Nbd7 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Re8 15.Bd2 c4 16.Bc2 Nc5 17.Rae1 Qd7 18.Nh1 Qb7 19.g4 b4 20.Bb1 Rac8 21.Ng3 Na4 22.e5 dxe5 23.fxe5 Nxd5 24.Be4 Rcd8 25.Nf5 gxf5 26.Qxf5 Rxe5 27.Qxh7+ Kf8 28.Rf2 Qb6 29.g5 c3 30.bxc3 bxc3 31.Bc1 Qd4 32.Kg2 Rxe4 33.Rxe4 Qc5 34.g6 f6 35.Bh6 Qc7 36.Qh8# 1-0, Cereda Mauro - Mariani, Italy 18/ 3/2007 Tournament (team); 9.a4 Bg4 10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 Nbd7 12.Re1 Ne8 13.Ng5 Bxe2 14.Rxe2 Nc7 15.Nf3 Re8 16.e5 dxe5 17.d6 Ne6 18.fxe5 f6 19.Qd5 Kh8 20.Ne4 Nxe5 21.Nxe5 fxe5 22.Rf2 Qd7 23.Nf6 Bxf6 24.Rxf6 Rad8 25.Qxe5 Ng7 26.Qc3 Qg4 27.Be3 Kg8 28.Raf1 Nf5 29.Bxc5 Re2 30.Qb3+ Kh8 31.Qxb7 Qxa4 32.Rf7 Qc4 33.Rxh7+ Kg8 34.b4 a5 35.h3 axb4 36.Rxf5 Qc1+ 37.Kh2 1-0, Grapsa Georgia 2093 - Stiri Alexandra 2167 , Athens 2002 Ch Greece (w)] 9...Bd7 10.Qb3 b5 11.e5 c4 12.Bxc4 dxe5 13.fxe5 bxc4 14.Qb7 Ng4?! [14...Nxd5!? 15.Qxd5 Nc6 16.Bg5 Nb4 17.Qxc4 Qb6 18.Nd5] 15.Bg5 f6 16.exf6 Bxf6 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Ne4?! [18.0-0-0!? 0-0 19.Rd2 Bc6 20.dxc6] 18...Qf4 19.0-0 Qxe4? [19...Qe3+ [%t bLon] ^185 20.Nf2 Qa7 21.Qb4 Rf8 22.Rae1+ Kf7 23.Re7+ Kg8 24.Qxc4 Rc8 25.Qb4] 20.Rae1 Ne3 21.Qxa8 0-0 22.Qa7 Re8 23.Rf2 c3?! [23...Qd3!? 24.Rfe2] 24.bxc3 Bb5 25.Ng5 Qe7 26.Qxe7 Rxe7 27.Ne6 Nd7 28.Rxe3 Bc4 29.Ref3 h5 30.Rd2 Nb6 31.Nf4 g5 32.Nxh5 Nxd5 33.Rxd5 1-0

Littlewood's Choice

□ S Haslinger (2506)

■ S Savchenko (2565)

Palma International Open, November 1986

Our North-West hero, Stewart Haslinger, won the Palma International Open in magnificent fashion, beating on the way the higher-rated Savchenko in the following game. My necessarily curtailed notes are based on his own full annotations which he has been kind enough to send me.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.f4 Bb4 8.Bd3 e5 9.fxe5 Nxe5 10.0-0 d6 11.h3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 h6 13.Qd2!

Stronger than Bf2 which Radjabov played against Anand. Not only does White retain the option of doubling his rooks on the 'f' file but can also prepare Qf2 putting immediate pressure on Black's knight on f6

13...0-0 14.Rab1

Stewart's weakened pawn position (with 4 pawn islands including a pair of doubled ones) is fully offset by his strong centrally placed pieces and his pressure down two half-open files. Finally, his dark-squared bishop is potentially very powerful, with the threat of Bg5 already forcing a weakness in Black's K side pawns

14...Qe7 15.Qf2!

Preventing 15...d5 (because of 16 Nf5! Bxf5 17 Bc5 winning material) and threatening 16 Bxh6

15...b5!?



16.a4!

Since Black has allowed 16 Bxh6 so that he can reply 16...Nfg4, Stewart instinctively counters with one of his best moves in the game by first sacrificing a pawn in order to open the 'b' file for his rook, cut out Black's option of Nc4 and be ready to prevent any ...d5 threat by playing c4. In addition, it later transpires that c4 is opened up for the bishop and b6 denied to the black queen. A great deal from one intuitive move!

16...bxa4 17.Bxh6! Nfg4

Savchenko was relying on this counter but Stewart has seen more deeply into the position and now carries out a well calculated series of tactics which win the game for him

18.hxg4 Nxg4 19.Nc6!

The main element of the plan, the point of which will soon be seen



19...Qe6

Stewart planned to answer the important alternative 19...Qc7 by playing 20 Qh4! Qxc6 21 Bxg7 Kxg7 22 Qg5+ Kh8 23 Qh5+ Kg8 24 e5! Qc5+ 25 Kh1 f5 26 Qg6+ Kh8 27 Rb4! Ra7 28 Rxc4 Rh7+ 29 Qxh7+! Kxh7 30 Rf3 forcing mate, a brilliant variation. (It is interesting to note that, without Stewart's instinctive 16 a4!, this line would not be possible because Black could have played his queen to b6 instead of c5 in order to interpose the queen on h6 after ...d5) If instead Black tries instead the immediate 24...f5 White wins by 25 Qg6+ Kh8 26 Rf3! Qc5+ 27 Kf1! Nh2+ 28 Ke2 Qxe5+ 29 Re3 Qg7 30 Rh3+ Kg8 31 Bc4+ when we again witness the value of 16 a4!

20.Qh4 Nxh6

If 20...hxg6 then 21 Ne7+ Kh8 22 e5 dxe5 23 Ng6+ winning. Or if 20...Qxh6 21 Ne7+ Kh8 22 Ng6+ Kg8 23 Qxh6 Nxg6 24 Nxf8 winning.

21.Ne7+ Kh8 22.e5! Bd7?

Or 22...dxe5 23 Ng6+! Kg8 24 Nxf8 Kxf8 25 Be4 Ra7 26 Qd8+ Qe8 27 Rfd1 winning. [Note, by the way, that the tournament bulletin wrongly quoted the end of the game as 19...Qc7 20 Qh4 gxh6 21 Ne7+ Kh8 22 e5 Bd7 23 Rf6 1-0 ...]

23.Rf6 1-0

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Book Reviews by Gary Lane

Chess Secrets: Great Attackers

by Colin Crouch published by Everyman £ 14.99

This is a guide to attacking chess by deeply annotating games by Garry Kasparov, Mikhail Tal and Leonard Stein. The first two names will be familiar being former World Champions but the third might well be a man of mystery. Stein was a Soviet champion three times, but tragically died in 1973 while still one of the world's leading players. The new generation might have missed the book by Keene on Stein so this is a welcome chance to get to know the style of a brilliant attacker. The one thing that signals a book by Crouch is his sheer enthusiasm for the subject. He makes a good effort at trying to make his work accessible to club players by using loads of prose to describe attacking strategy and the reasoning behind certain moves. Anyone who enjoyed his previous book *How to Defend in Chess*, which has now been reissued by Gambit, will certainly have a taste for lengthy explanations. The nine years wait for the companion volume is due to Colin suffering a stroke but thankfully he reveals that things are looking brighter for his health.

The Kasparov era is rightly devoted to attack and sacrifice. Although it is split into two chapters and concentrates on the years 1975-82 it does take up the majority of the book. It is a good idea to look at Kasparov's early career because these games are not so widely known and you can chart his prowess. Crouch wanted to examine the players that influenced him so Tal is another obvious choice because his games are a marvel to behold. A swashbuckling attacking player who demonstrated imaginative combinations even in positions that seemed destined to end up as a routine draw. A connoisseur's selection of games that will teach you how to attack and win.

Sharpen Your Chess Tactics in 7 Days

by Gary Lane £ 12.99 published by Batsford

The title might sound familiar to those who wisely invested in *Improve Your Chess in 7 Days* and indeed I have followed a similar formula to demonstrate tactics and attacks. Basically, I had so much feedback that I decided to do another book with the 7 days theme which means the chapters are divided into the days of the week. The reviews so far have stressed it is a fun book and gone on about the idea of predict-a-move. To those who are shaking their heads, quite simply you try to anticipate what your opponent is about to do next and then find a plan that conceals a deadly trap if he just blindly carries on with his plan.

I give plenty of my own games to demonstrate themes and this is one idea that wins numerous games. It has also been pointed out that my simple concept of *counting pieces* deserves more attention. Some time ago English grandmaster Julian Hodgson remarked to me that his astonishing combination was quite easy really as it was 5 versus 2. Later, in the traditional analysis room, the local pub he expanded that it was 5 attacking pieces versus 2 defending ones so he had a hunch that the sacrifice would work. It sounds simple and I give various examples to demonstrate how helpful that knowledge can be when deciding to attack. The addition once again of cartoons by Scottish illustrator Gerrard Oswald lighten the mood as I try to reveal what casual players should do to win more games. There are tips on time-trouble amongst the 230 pages and all the sorts of things that crop up on the board at the local weekend tournament. A book that is just not for 7 days but to be dipped in to whenever necessary to improve your tactics.

Play the Queen's Indian

by Andrew Greet published by Everyman £14.99

I recently praised a junior before a tournament who had the patience and ability to learn the Nimzo-Indian himself. I wondered what he had planned against the white set-up that stops it where they avoid moving the queen's knight and instead move the king's knight? A blank face made it clear he had no idea. The right thing to do is invest in Greet's introduction to the Queen's Indian which is a reliable way to try and fathom what is going on by presenting a repertoire for the player with the black pieces. The explanations are done well and there is rightly not too much analysis to put off the average player. Greet is a fine writer but you wonder if he is considering a novel with his opening line "Greetings, dear reader, and thank you for taking the time to read this book". Later we are treated to "Ladies and gentlemen, without further ado, I present to you...." and it turns out to be 5...b5. Chess openings can be a dry subject so good luck to him to try and inject some of his own style. A must for those new to the Queen's Indian.

Obituary Ted Starkey

It is with deep regret that I have to announce that Ted passed away at the age of 93 on 22nd January 2009.

Ted Starkey was a stalwart of the Hull Chess Club for very many years. In particular, he captained the Woodhouse Cup team in the Yorkshire Chess Association for many years after the war and steered them to many Trophy wins from 1962 to 1980.

During the war, Ted served as a Merchant Navy Radio Officer and in 1942 as part of an attacked Russian convoy, he had to abandon ship which was on fire. His time in the water and his injuries caused him to have to spend some considerable time in a Russian hospital in Murmansk, where he was apparently far too strong a chessplayer for his Russian opponents.

Ted captained the very strong Hull "C" team in Division 1 of the local league which ran up a series of Championship wins in the 60's and 70's. During his later years he was a very keen Flat Green bowler at the West Park Club in Hull.

Ted served as President of the Hull & District Chess Association from 1979 to 1983 and his name is perpetuated in the Major Tournament at the Annual Hull Chess Congress.

Older Hull readers will recall that Ted ran the family hardware business from premises in Beverley Road with his brother, the late Alf Starkey who was also a strong player.

All members of Hull & District Chess Association extend deepest sympathy to Ted's family.

(John Lawson)

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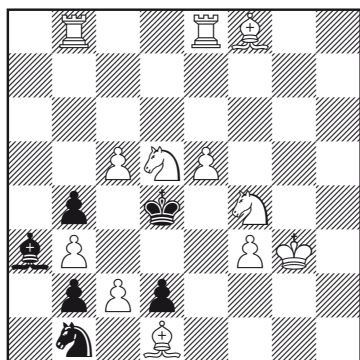
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31 January 2009

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Junior Event: Karim Ismail, Wakefield; Will Towler, Wakefield; Jenita Punnoose, York

Stockport Rapidplay

1 February 2009

Open: A Beardsworth, 5; D Hulmes, Stockport, 4½; M Surtees, Bolton, 4½; R Beach, Stockport, 4; A Reeve, Stockport, 4

Major: H Lamb, Bolton, 5; M Tunstall, Stockport, 5; P Woodfinden, Northwich, 5; P Armstrong, Oldham, 4½; R Burton, 4; R Desmedt, Wombwell, 4

Intermediate: T Fielding, Preston, 5½; S Jones, Grappenhall, 5; M Connor, Great Lever/Widnes, 4½; G Ellis, Atherton, 4½; S Yazdani, Chorlton, 4½

Minor: M Barber, Ashton, 5½; A Mehmood, Newport, 5½; H Brooks, Great Lever, 5; I Anderson, Stockport, 4½; P Tunnah, East Cheshire, 4½

KJCA Gravesend Junior Rapidplay

7 February 2009

Under 18: Gautham Reddiar, Orpington, 94, 4½; Sheila Dines, West Wickham, 151, 4; Duncan Bell, Beckenham & Bromley CC, 91, 3

Under 14: Raunak Rao, Beckenham & Bromley CC, 88, 4½; Raphael Kalid, Anerley, 88, 4½; Abigail Sathyamurthy, Herne Bay CC, 66, 4; Nicholas Clanchy, Lewisham CC, 120, 3; Justin Brown, Beckenham & Bromley CC, 76, 3; Conor Murphy, Charlton CC, 73, 3; Rohan Bansal, Lewisham CC, 59, 3

Under 11: Alexei Davis, Lewisham CC, 91, 6; Patrick Smith, Westerham CC, 65, 4½; Robert Wang, Dulwich, 50, 4½; Elizabeth Elgar, Westerham CC, 41, 4; John-James Daley, Dulwich, 23, 4; Jake Hayward, Sevenoaks, 0, 4

Under 10: Owen Messere, Lewisham CC, 55, 5½; Yasmin Giles, Lewisham CC, 65, 5; Hector Huser, Balham, 59, 4½

Under 9: Alexander Selway, Bromley, 38, 5½; James Meredith, Dulwich, 40, 5; Zakary Warsop, Carnegie CC, 0, 4

Under 8: Andrew Smailes, Weybridge, 0, 6; Francesco Bernardini, Bromley, 3, 5; Michael Petrick, Sevenoaks, 0, 4

Frodsham Congress

13-15 February 2009

Major: Chris Doran, Chester, 165, 4; Liam Rabbitte, Heywood, 162, 3½; Paul Evans, Blackpool, 160, 3½; Simon Hughes, Oswestry, 160e, 3½; Mark Whitehead, Rochdale, 165, 3; Simon Edwards, Cheddleton & Leek, 156, 3; Michael Rabbitte, Heywood, 156, 3; John Reed, East Cheshire, 147, 3; Steven Potter, St Helens, 139, 3; Robert Hughes, Warrington Central, Grappenhall, 132, 3; Glenn Trueman, Marple, 160, 3

Results Round-Up

Intermediate: Steve Edwards, Boldmere St Michael, 114, 5; Neil Coward, Blackpool, 125, 4; Andrew Sangster, Beckenham and Bromley, 120, 3½; Robert Mitchell, Daventry, 115, 3½; Tim Allen, Battersea, 107, 3½; Roger Stephens, Frodsham, 107, 3½; Stuart Ridgway, 104, 3½; Richard Fox, Bolton, 101, 3½

Minor: Matthew Wyza, Cheddleton & Leek, 85, 4½; Harry Brooks, Great Lever, 81, 4; Eliot Green, Hassell, 76, 4; Brian Slater, Bolton, 79, 3½; Marvin Hayes, Chester, 75, 3½; James Waddington, Bolton, Great Lever, 75, 3½;

David Biddulph, Stockport, 80, 3½

Uxbridge Congress

20-22 February 2009

Open: GM Mark Hebden, 2522, 4½, £350; GM Cherniaev, Alexander, 2438, 4, £60; FM Mark Lyell, 2287, 4, £60; Venkataram Tiruchirapalli, 2261, 4, £60; Martin Burrows, 2206, 4, £60; Duane Rowe, 2199, 4, £60; Rafal Tymrakiewicz, 2260, 3½; Samuel Franklin, 2142, 3½; James Adair, 2074, 3½; Philip Makepeace, 2032, 3½; Peter Tart, 2160, 3½; Alan Hayward, 2002, 3½; Jeffrey Boardman, 2200, 3½

Major U155: Anthony Kelly, Buckinghamshire, 144, 4½, £250; Richard Smith, Olton, 154, 4, £150; Yasser Tello, Wimbledon, 148, 3½, £25; Sajid Nurmohamed, Hounslow, 146, 3½, £25; Rahil Davda, Richmond Junior, 140, 3½, £25; Michael Price, C Hammersmith, 133, 3½, £50; Brendan O'Gorman, DHSS, 145, 3; Raymond Wyncarczyk, Northumberland, 145, 3; Peter Lim, Harrow, 129, 3

Intermediate: Jamie Adcock, Reading, 124, 4, £150; Andrew Wiggins, Greenlands, 120, 4, £150; Greg Breed, Hatch End, 120, 3½, £10; Roger Walker, 114, 3½, £10; Phil Roads, Bourne End, 108, 3½, £10; Andrew Adair, Reading, 98, 3½, £50; Neil Homer, Northamptonshire, 3½, £10; David Adams, Exmouth, 123, 3; Andrew Farthing, Worcester, 122, 3; Richard Dulley, Staines, 112, 3; Adrian Riley, Oxford City, 112, 3

Minor U95: Anuurai Sainbayar, Ealing, 68, 4½, £200; John Kelly, Buckinghamshire, 93, 3½, £75; Paul Waddingham, Richmond Junior, 3½, £75; Barry Miles, South Norwood, 92, 3; Pierre Davis, Ealing, 91, 3; William Egan, Scunthorpe, 3

Leyland CC Rapidplay

22 February 2009

Michael Connor, Great Lever, 5½, £75.00; Thomas Fielding, Preston, 5½, £75.00; S Jones,

Grapenhall, 4, £17.00; B Brown, Clitheroe, 4, £17.00; D McCarthy, Padgate, 4, £17.00; Matthew Walsh, Leyland, 4, £25.00; David Innes, Knights United, 4, £25.00; Chris Fielding, Preston, 4, £50.00; Elliot Green, Hassell, 3, £15.00; Stephen Chung, Skelmersdale, 3, £15.00; Christopher Riley, Preston, 3, £15.00; Barry Bourn, Morecambe, 3, £15.00. Harry Marsden Trophy, highest scoring Leyland Player, Matthew Walsh

Doncaster Congress

27 February - 1 March 2009

Open: Andrew Ledger, Sheffield, 4, £200.00; Jonathan Hawkins, Leam Lane, 4, £200.00; Brett Addison, Hartlepool, 3½, £20.00; Martin Mitchell, Blackpool, 3½, £20.00; Chris Ross, New England, 3½, £20.00; Jos Woolley, York RI, 3½, £20.00; Peter Anderson, Leeds, 3½, £20.00; Jim Nicholson, York RI, 3, £16.66; Peter Mercks, Gambit, Nottingham, 3, £16.66; P.W. Hempson, Sheffield, 3, £16.66

Major: Andrew Price, Leamington, 4½, £250.00; Brandon Clarke, Littlethorpe, 4, £125.00; Richard Cowan, York University, 4, £125.00; Thomas Pitcher, Wombwell, 3½, £25.00; Carl Head, Morecambe, 3½, £25.00

Intermediate: Christopher Chambers, Catholic Club, Doncaster, 4½, £250.00; Richard Desmedt, Wombwell, 4, £62.50; Ashley Littlewood, Rotherham Juniors, 4, £62.50; Paul Robson, Eldon Square, Newcastle, 4, £62.50; Farshid Ai, Phoenix, Sheffield, 4, £62.50; Philip Ellis, Ecclesall, Sheffield, 3½, £50.00

Minor: Saeed Hassani, Phoenix, Sheffield, 4½, £200.00; P. Gorecka-Marshall, Gambit, Nottingham, 4½, £200.00; James E Grist, Holme Valley, 4, £33.33; Stephen Lee, Sasca, Sheffield, 4, £33.33; Benjamin Hobson, Gambit, Nottingham, 4, £33.33; John Gibbs, Barnsley, 4, £50.00; Macdonald Bilyard, Doncaster, 4, £50.00

QEGS Training Day

28 February 2009

We held a successful day at the Queen Elizabeth Hall with 37 entries. A simultaneous display was given by Hannah Dale from Lincoln and Norman Stephenson from Middlesbrough with 5 draws only conceded. After going through the famous game of Lasker v Sir George Thomas a 4 round Swiss competition was held. 1st= Abigail Arnold from Leeds and Amol Varni from Rothwell; 3rd Joshua Levine from Leeds. Certificates were presented to all and books to Hannah, Norman and to Mike Denison who has taught chess at the Queen Elizabeth Grammar School for 16 years - presented My System by Aron Nimzovitsch. Thanks to helpers Julie Fisher, Rodney Mitchinson, Simon Skinner, Colin Whiers and Mike Butt. Peter Cloudsdale

Chess and the City - Manchester Rapidplay

1 March 2009

The second New East Manchester Rapidplay Chess Tournament was held at the City of Manchester Stadium on Sunday 1 March 2009.

This year we added an Open section. The entry fees were tiered to encourage early entry, but large numbers turned up to pay £20 on the day, and the U120 section had to be closed due to volume of players. My thanks go to Julian Clissold for his sterling efforts in controlling this section.

The event was organised by Sport4life on behalf of the Eagle Chess Club in association with the Manchester Chess Federation (MCF). As last year, we had many visitors from Kosovo.

With 2 film crews and a number of photographers in attendance, look out for the post event publicity. Some photos will appear at www.manchesterchessfederation.co.uk.

We would like to thank the sponsors, New East Manchester Ltd and Equity Solutions, Chess Direct who supplied the bookstall, plus all the staff of Manchester City FC and the stadium who helped to make us welcome.

We were pleased with the numbers, with 109 playing, given the competing Doncaster Chess Congress, and football at Bolton and the Carling Cup Final, all of which cost us entrants. The Greater Manchester County Open team had played the day before at Newcastle-under-Lyme, but some of the players turned out, including top board Richard Beach (Stockport), the English Senior Champion.

The MCF were pleased to see all three sections won by local players.

The Junior (U16) Trophies were won by: 1. Athar Mehmood (Newport); 2. Isobel Cotogni (Worsley); 3. Marvin Hayes (Chester); 4. Lucy Towse (3Cs)

In the U120 section (69 players), the Trophies and prize fund were won by:

1. Joseph McPhillips (Bolton) with a score of 5.5/6, winning £100; 2. Geoff Laurence (Macclesfield) with a score of 5/6, winning £15; 3. David Broadbent (East Cheshire) also with a score of 5/6, winning £15; Fred Butterworth (Oldham), Daniel Lin (West Notts) and Nathanael Paul (Coddon) also scored 5/6 to win £15 each; the U100 grading prize was won with 4.5/6 by David Holt (Denton) winning £40

In the U160 section (24 players), the Trophies and prize fund were won by: 1. Ghassan El Gehani (Chorlton) with a score of 5.5/6, winning £120; 2. Craig Whitfield (Cheddleton & Leek) with 4.5/6, winning £60; 3. Tomasz Czaja (Culcheth) with 4.5/6, winning £30; the U140 grading prize was won with 4/6 by Mark Taylor (Rochdale) winning £40.

In the Open section (14 players), the Trophies and prize fund were won by: 1. Adam Ashton (3Cs) with a score of 5.5/6, winning £150; 2. Kamil Rzoska (Poland) with 4.5/6, winning £100; 3. Mike Surtees (Bolton) with 4/6, winning £37.50; Robert Shaw (High Peak) also scored 4/6 to win £37.50; the U170 grading prize was shared on 2.5/6 by Mitchell Burke (3Cs) and John Reed (East Cheshire) each winning £20.

We hope to stage the event again next year, subject to stadium availability, although we will restructure the sections and maybe the entry fee to try and avoid this year's chaotic start.

Mick Norris, MCF Congress Director

East Devon Congress

6-8 March 2009

Open: R Eames, Hackney, 4½, £200; J Rudd, Bath, 4, £80; D Mackle, Newton Abbot, 4, £80; J Stephens, Exmouth, 3½, £30; R Thompson, Newton Abbot, 3½, £30

Major: R Desmedt, Wombwell, 4½, £150; R Warmerdam, Holland, 4, £75; J Morgan, Exeter, 3½, £8.50; D Rapkins, Southbourne, 3½, £8.50; E Varley, Downend, 3½, £8.50; C Sellwood, Camborne, 3½, £8.50; D Toms, Sidmouth, 3½, £8.50; M Price, Hammersmith, 3½, £8.50; G Rosser, Torquay, 3½, £30

Minor: J Knowles, Tiverton, 4½, £120; D Cornes, Wimborne, 4, £20; T Allen, Battersea, 4, £20; R Hood, ISCA, 4, £20; C Keen, Exeter, 4, £20; J Wilkinson, Taunton, 4, £20; S Stone, Sidmouth, 4, £30; A Billings, Torquay, 4, £30

Best Team: Newton Abbot, 13½, £24

82nd Richmond Rapidplay

8 March 2009

Open: Simon Williams 5½/6; Alexander Cherniaev 5/6; U180 Grading Prize: Chris Briscoe 4/6

Major (U160): Sainbayar Tserendorj, Peter Williams and Simon McCullough 5/6; U140 Grading Prize: Sainbayar Tserendorj 5/6

Intermediate (U120): Alexander Gordon-Brown 5/6; Genga Selvarattinam, Carl Boni, Peter Wilson and Stephen Moss 4½/6; U100 Grading Prize: Max Wood-Robinson 4/6

Minor (U80): Matthew Wilson 5½/6; Tim Powell, Barry Miles and Jamie Tilston 5/6; Ben Simms 4½/6

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English Chess Federation

Grand Prix 2008/9

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Bold indicates players who are counting the maximum number of events.

Junior Prix

1	Clarke, Brandon GI, Littlethorpe	657
2	Ynojosa, Felix Jose, Reading	614
3	Haria, Ravi, Barnet Knights	610
4	Jones, Victor GL, Kent Junior Congresses	562
5	Murphy, Conor, Kent Junior Congresses	561
6	Jain, Radha, Pinner	557
7	Shiatis, Rohan, Coulsdon CF	555
8	Dines, Sheila J, Surrey Junior	547
9	Jones, William EG, Kent Junior Congresses	545
10	Weller, Jean-Luc, York RI	528

Graded Prix (150-174)

1	Bryant, Richard BE, Oswestry	665
2	Hayward, Alan, Streatham	553
3	Evans, Paul A, AXA Lytham	507
4	Combie, Alex B, Newark & Southwell	486
5	Cutmore, Martin J, Wood Green	483
6	Wells, Daniel J, Newark & Southwell	429
7	Mayhew, Andrew, Bristol University.....	413
8	Atako, Chino C, Atticus	410
9	Coates, David H, Lincoln	404
10	Blore, John D, Colwyn Bay / Llandudno	394

Graded Prix (125-149)

1	O'Gorman, Brendan, DHSS	577
2	Clegg, Robert, Huddersfield	549
3	Goodfellow, Russell R, Tunbridge Wells	540
4	Desmedt, Richard E, Netherton	512
5	Price, Andrew, Leamington	511
6	Pride, Stephen C, Cambridge City	487
7	Bishop, Geoffrey L, Chislehurst	480
8	Dean, Robert A, Pudsey	455
9	Batchelor, Guy J, Willesden & Brent.....	423
10	Connor, Michael I, Great Lever	419

Graded Prix (100-124)

1	Greatorex, Roger, Coventry Herbert	520
2	Wiggins, Andrew S, Greenlands	509
3	Allen, Timothy S, Battersea	507
4	Gilbert, David J, DHSS	505
5	Costeloe, C Andrew AJ, Muswell Hill	474
6	Buckell, David J, Pendle	465
7	Foley, Phil T, Upminster	464
8	Farthing, Andrew P, Worcester	462
9	Walker, Roger W, Belper	450
10	Blencowe, Ian P, Gloucester	435

Graded Prix (U100)

1	Horman, Paul A, Morecambe	537
2	Robson, Caroline J, Barnet Elizabeth	516
3	Miles, Barry S, Middlesex CCA	490
4	Fraser, Alan R, Beckenham & Bromley	469
5	Scorer, David M, Pendle	455
6	Billett, Stephen J, Portsmouth	446
7	Sainbayar, Anuurai, Ealing	444
8	Stratford, Chris J, Huddersfield	435
9	Jackson, Paul Robert, Lancaster	401
10	Stone, Mark R, Petts Wood & Orpington	397

Calendar of Events

(For a more comprehensive list of events visit our website at www.englishchess.org.uk)

* denotes English Chess Federation Grand Prix @ denotes FIDE Rated Event # denotes British Championship Qualifying Tournament ~ denotes ECF Graded Event

3-5 Apr **Spectrum Chess – 4th guernsey Congress**

The Peninsula Hotel.
N Went (Tel: 01708 551617, 07905 360659,
Email: spectrumchess@hotmail.com)

~ 4 Apr **English Chess Challenge Qualification Event**

Coulsdon.
H Curtis & S Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302 (day),
Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

~* 4 Apr **KJCA Tonbridge Junior Rapidplay**

The Schools at Somerhill.
S Maguire (Tel: 020 8656 6420,
Email: sue.maguire@btinternet.com)

~ 4 Apr **Teignmouth Rapidplay**

Trinity School.
R Chubb (Tel: 01626 888255, Email: ray.chubb@care4free.net)

~* 4-5 Apr **27th South Herts Congress**

St Albans School, Abbey Gateway.
T Douse (Tel: 01727 751072, Email: shertschess@yahoo.co.uk)

~ 5 Apr **Bourne End One Day Congress**

Bourne End Community Centre, Wakeman Rd.
D Langford (Tel: 01628 520065,
Email: langford@thamesinternet.com)

~ 6-8 Apr **I.A.P.S. National Chess Championships**

Aldro School.
David Archer, Aldro School, Shackleford, Godalming, Surrey
GU8 6AS (Tel: 01483 810266, Email: archerd@aldro.org)

~*# 9-11 Apr **CCF Easter Congress**

Coulsdon.
H Curtis & S Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302 (day),
Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

~* 10-12 Apr **Bolton Easter Congress & Busy Persons**

Blitz, Excel Centre, Lower Bridgeman Street.
R Middleton (Tel: 01204 383634,
Email: gmccacongress@yahoo.co.uk)

~*# 10-13 Apr **53rd Southend Easter Congress**

incorporating the Jack Spiegel Memorial Tournament,
Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue.
I Gilbert (Tel: 01702 339765, Email: iandgilbert@hotmail.com)

~# 10-13 Apr **Surrey Congress**

Nonsuch High School.
R Jones (Tel: 07811 887604, Email: td@surreychesscongress.co.uk)

~*# 10-13 Apr **62nd WECU Congress**

Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth.
Linda Crickmore (Tel: 01752 768206 before 10 pm,
Email: plymouthchess@btinternet.com)

10-13 Apr **Welsh Championships**

Whitchurch High School (Upper), Cardiff.
G Sinnett (Tel: 01639 700186, Email: glynysnidum@aol.com)

11 Apr **Open Worcestershire Championships – Semi Final & Final (Long play) Knockout**

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church Hall, 10 Bransford Rd.
Andrew Moore (Tel: 07789 904835,
Email: p.andrew.moore@gmail.com)

13 Apr **CCF Open Blitz**

Coulsdon.
H Curtis & S Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302 (day),
Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

~* 13 Apr **CCF Rapid Play**

Coulsdon.
H Curtis & S Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302 (day),
Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

~ 13-17 Apr **CCF Easter International & Challengers**

Coulsdon.
H Curtis & S Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302 (day),
Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

~*# 17-19 Apr **30th County Durham Congress**

Houghton-le-Spring Sports Centre, Station Rd.
F Stobart (Tel: 0191 526 3159)

~ 17-19 Apr **NCJS Championships**

John Moores University, Liverpool.
P W Purland (Tel: 0151 639 1797,
Email: petepurland@btopenworld.com)

~* 18 Apr **Golders Green Rapidplay**

St Alban's Church Hall, London NW11 7QG.
A Raooof (Tel: 07855 036537, Email: adamraoof+ecf@gmail.com)

18 Apr **SJC Training Day**

Windlesham House School, Washington.
M Burch (Tel: 01483 534061, Email: ammjburch@hotmail.com)

~* 18-19 Apr **CANCELLED - Staffordshire Congress**

Traci Whitfield (Tel: 01782 623361, Email: whitfielduk@aol.com)

~* 19 Apr **25th Letchworth & Hitchin One-Day**

Congress, St Francis' College, Letchworth Garden City.
M Patemen (Tel: 01462 734495,
Email: markpatemen24@btinternet.com)

~ 20-26 Apr **CCF 'Get Me a FIDE Rating' Event**

Coulsdon.
H Curtis & S Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302 (day),
Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

~ 25 Apr **County Championships - Preliminary Round**

C Johnson (Tel: 0116 260 9012,
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25 Apr **EPSCA u9 Team Championships Final & Plate**

P W Purland (Tel: 0151 639 1797,
Email: petepurland@btopenworld.com)

~* 25-26 Apr **1st Castle Chess Hereford Congress**

Green Dragon Hotel.
Tony Corfe (Tel: 01707 659080,
Email: enquiries@castlechess.co.uk)

~*# 25-26 Apr **Great Yarmouth Congress**

Great Yarmouth College, Suffolk Rd.
J Wickham (Tel: 01603 861140,
Email: j.r.wickham@btinternet.com)

~*# 25-26 Apr **34th Nottingham Congress**

Nottingham High School.
R Richmond (Tel: 0115 945 5908, Email: Robrchmnd@aol.com)

~* 1-3 May **Calderdale Congress**

Claremount Club, Halifax.
N Boustred (Tel: 0191 236 9871,
Email: noelboustred@yahoo.co.uk)

~ 2 May **Champions' League Chess - U13 Final**

Coulsdon.
H Curtis & S Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302 (day),
Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

2 May **SJC Megafinal**

Warden Park School, Cuckfield.
M Burch (Tel: 01483 534061, Email: ammjburch@hotmail.com)

~ 2-4 May **4NCL**

Divisions 1 & 2, De Vere Venues, Staverton Park.
M Truran (Tel: 01993 708645, Email: mike@mtruran.fsnet.co.uk)

~ 2-4 May **4NCL**

Division 3, Barcelo Hotel, Daventry.
M Truran (Tel: 01993 708645, Email: mike@mtruran.fsnet.co.uk)

4 May **CCF Open Blitz**

Coulsdon. H Curtis & S Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302 (day),
Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

~ 5-7 May **CCF 'Get Me a FIDE Rating' Event**

Coulsdon.
H Curtis & S Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302 (day),
Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

~*# 8-10 May **20th Frome Congress**

Selwood Middle School, Berkley Rd.
G Jepps (Tel/Fax: 01749 344191, Email: gn.jepps@virgin.net)

9 May **EPSCA u11 Team Championships Final & Plate**

P W Purland (Tel: 0151 639 1797,
Email: petepurland@btopenworld.com)

~ 9 May **Champions' League Chess - infant pairs final**

Coulsdon.
H Curtis & S Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302 (day),
Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

~* 9 May **Golders Green Rapidplay**

St Alban's Church Hall, London NW11 7QG.
A Raooof (Tel: 07855 036537, Email: adamraoof+ecf@gmail.com)

10 May **Maurice Brown Rapidplay**

KC Stadium, Hull.
M Ieronimo (Tel: 07962 442848, Email: secretary@hullchess.com)

~* 10 May **83rd Richmond Rapidplay**

The White House Community Association, Hampton.
James Coleman (Tel: 020 8661 0722, Email: rapidplay@aol.com)

~ 10 May **Skelmersdale Rapidplay**

Skelmersdale Football Club.
J Reid (Tel: 01257 462822, Email: johnrchess@hotmail.com)

10 May **Suffolk Junior Megafinal**

Woodbridge School, Burktitt Rd.
A Hunt (Tel: 01394 615000,
Email: ahunt@woodbridge.suffolk.sch.uk)
Part of the 2009 UKCC. Qualification required.

~ 15-17 May **15th Hartlepool Chess Event Fund Weekend Congress**

The Staincliffe Hotel, Seaton Carew.
Graham Marshall (Tel: 01429 426374,
Email: grahammarshall2000@hotmail.com)

~ 15-17 May **Rhyl Congress**

Rhyl Town Hall, Wellington Rd.
A Nicol (Tel: 01745 583186,
Email: jennifer.nicol@btinternet.com)

16 May **Richmond Junior CC - Kids Blitz Tournament**

ETNA Community Centre, Twickenham.
P Sowray (Tel: 07720 716336, Email: psowray@aol.com)

~ 16 May **County Championships – QUARTER FINALS**

C Johnson (Tel: 0116 260 9012,
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~* 16 May **SJC Junior Rapidplay**

Thomas a Becket Middle School, Worthing.
M Burch (Tel: 01483 534061, Email: ammjburch@hotmail.com)

~* 16-17 May **Oxford University Congress**

Lincoln College. M Zhang (Tel: 07960 625860,
Email: marco.zhang@gmail.com)

17 May **Bob Wade KJCA Kent Schools' Festival of Chess**

Kemnal College, Sidcup.
S Maguire (Tel: 020 8656 6420,
Email: sue.maguire@btinternet.com)

~*# 22-25 May **Amersham Congress**

De Vere Latimer Place Hotel, Chesham.
S Hewitt (Tel: 07845 518972, Email: info@e2e4.org.uk)

~ 23 May **Champions' League Chess – primary schools' final**, Coulsdon.

H Curtis & S Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302 (day),
Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

~ 23-25 May **42nd Cotswold Congress**

St. Edward's School, Cheltenham.
R Powis (Tel: 01453 762518,
Email: mike@painswickpharmacy.co.uk)

~*# 23-25 May **Ilford Congress - Diamond Jubilee Event**

Redbridge Institute, Gaysham Avenue.
J Rosenberg (Tel: 020 8554 2232 before 10pm)

~ 24 May **Renaissance Academy Rapidplay**

(inc. the Antonio Fattorini Grand Prix), Latvian Welfare Club,
Bradford. Open to players under 25.
C W Wood (Tel: 0845 400 2429,
Email: the_renaissance_academy@hotmail.com)

25 May **CCF exchange chess pairs**, Coulsdon.

H Curtis & S Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302 (day),
Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

~* 30-31 May **1st Castle Chess Potters Bar Congress**

Potters Bar United Reformed Church.
Tony Corfe (Tel: 01707 659080,
Email: enquiries@castlechess.co.uk)

31 May **All England Girls Championship - Northern Region**

Aughton St. Michael's C of E Primary School, Ormskirk.
I Hughes (Email: ianjhughes2003@yahoo.com)

~* 31 May **KJCA Sutton Valence Junior Rapidplay**

Sutton Valence School.
S Maguire (Tel: 020 8656 6420,
Email: sue.maguire@btinternet.com)

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