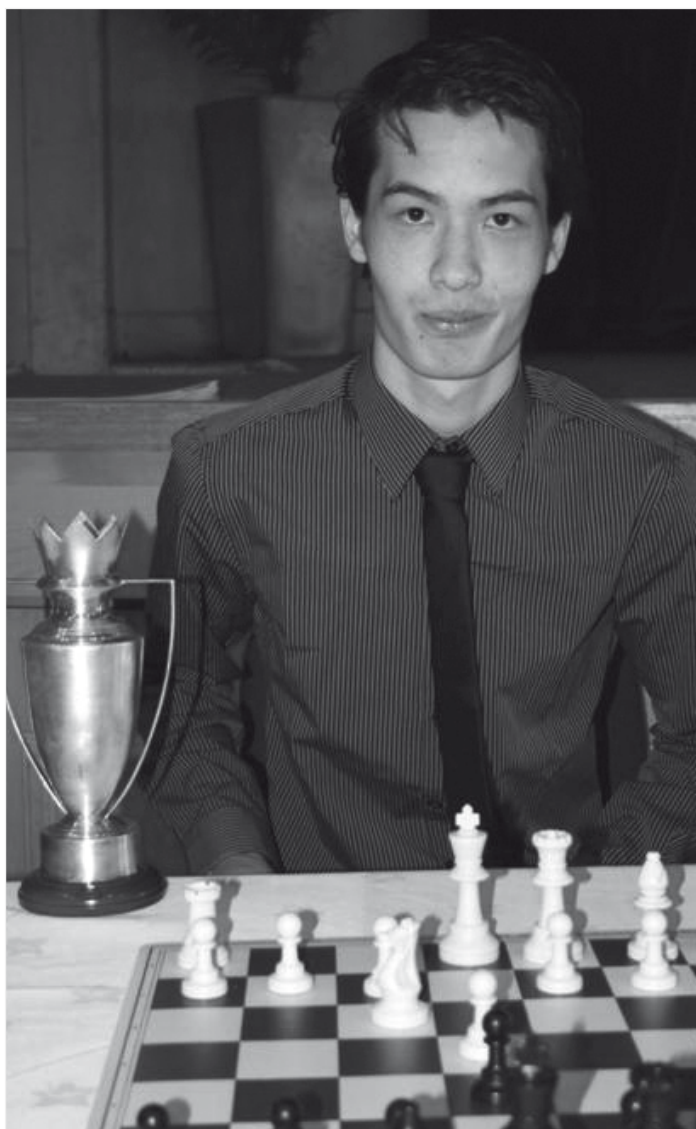


96th BRITISH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009



*IM Jovanka Houska
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and English Womens Champion 2009*



*GM David Howell
British Champion 2009
& British U21 and U18 Champion 2009*

From the Neo-Classical grandeur of St. George's Hall, Liverpool in 2008, the British Championships returned to the functional modernity of the Riviera International Conference Centre, close to Torquay sea front, for the third time in 12 years. The venue's popularity can be measured by the response in terms of entries, with almost 1,000 now the norm for Torbay.

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Editorial

It was with great personal sadness that I learned of the death of John Littlewood. I had worked with John for many years, first in his post of Director for Junior Chess and more recently as a regular writer for ChessMoves. He sent his last article to me on the day before he died, which was also the last time I spoke to him. John to me was the kindest and most courteous gentleman, always generous of his time and help and a colleague who will be sadly missed.

Cynthia Gurney



John Littlewood in action ...

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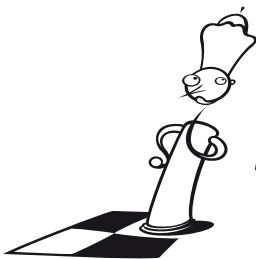
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Our apologies, but there is no competition this time.

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ECF News

Nominations for Election at the ECF AGM 2009

The following candidates have been nominated. Elections will take place at the Annual General Meeting on 17th October in London

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President

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Director of Home Chess

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John Paines

Chris Majer

Vacant

Sean Hewitt

Alan Martin

John Wickham

Stewart Reuben

Cyril Johnson

Adam Raoof

Lawrence Cooper

Peter Purland

Nigel Short

Gerry Walsh

Mike Adams

Alan Martin

Ray Clark

Ian Reynolds

John Philpott

John Philpott

Richard Haddrell

Andrew Leadbetter

John Paines

ECF Award Winners 2009

President's Awards for Services to Chess Special Award - David Anderton

Since my election in 1999, David Anderton has been a constant friend & confidante. He has invariably given sound advice throughout my term of office. It was John Wickham who rang me and suggested that due to my length of tenure, a special award might be in order. After years of selfless and generous devotion serving as ECF President, International Director, Captain of the England Team and legal adviser, this seems to be a fitting tribute. David's advice, both legal and general, has been invaluable in such matters as the John Robinson legacy and the change of name from BCF to ECF Limited, and I certainly hope this advice will continue.

Gerry Walsh

Ian Pheby

He has been a tireless worker for chess and has always performed with the utmost efficiency. He wants things done properly and expects high standards of those around him. He expects compliance with the rules of competition and he has been prepared to risk unpopularity by enforcing them, when necessary. Note that he has not only held multiple posts concurrently within one organisation, he has also held posts in several organisations at once. If Ian takes a job on, you know it will be done properly, and he is always willing to help others if they find difficulties with their posts.

He still plays chess to a good standard and has helped various clubs to win trophies. He now mainly plays Correspondence Chess and is a Senior International Master and awaits his final Grandmaster Norm. He also played Board 1 for England at CC in the European

Team Championship 2004-2008.

Ian's credits include

UNATS Chess Club

Committee member 1990ish – now
(UNATS is for players without a departmental team.)

London Civil Service League

Committee since early 70s, including Individual Tournament Organiser, Grader, League Recorder, then Senior Recorder (Senior Recorder is equivalent of League Secretary – at one stage one person ran 3 divisions, someone else ran 3, and the SR oversaw them.) The Senior Recorder also makes the fixtures (without help of software), which is not easy for several divisions. He collates results, arranges adjudications, league tables, deals with disputes etc. He also produces the 36-page "Handbook", which contains club details, fixtures and rules, and is supplied to all players in the CS League.

Chairman (since 1985).

He has been Senior Recorder and Chairman for nearly 25 years, and also did the grading job at the same time for several years!

Civil Service Chess Association (the national body)

Chairman 1990-2008,

Also prepared the budget and applied for grants from Civil Service Sports Council for last few years.

Grays Chess Club

Founder member 1975

Chairman for 9 years 1976-83 and 1991

Vice President 1992

8 times club champion

Organised and gave coaching.

Redhill

Captain of 1st team for several years in the 80s.

3 times club champion, also won knockout competition

International Correspondence Chess Federation

Tournament controller 2006-now.

Essex – 3rd team captain 1977-79

Grader 1979-1991

Member of League Management Committee for several years.

Stephen Rigby

It was in 1979 that Steve, along with Roy Williams, founded the "Children's Chess Club of Oldham", after they had been told that already established chess clubs did

not wish to accept children into their midst. An Oldham under-11s team was formed, although its first match against Manchester ended in a disastrous 23-1 defeat. Disappointed but not discouraged, Steve and Roy worked to improve the team's performance, but it took a friendly fixture against "Wenlock Wizards" to find the key to the Oldham team's future. The Wizards, a primary school team in Gorton, Manchester, played against adults! That was the way to improve the childrens' level of skill and to this day that has been the blueprint for the Oldham club - now nationally and internationally known as 3Cs. The club draws its members mainly from teams competing in the Oldham Schools' League, although every child is welcomed into the club, irrespective of skill level. Coaches are on hand to develop young talent and as the childrens' skill improves, they are given early opportunities to play in the local adult leagues. 3Cs now have four teams in the Manchester League, where the first team has won the Division 1 League Championship for the past five seasons, whilst two other teams compete in the Bury & Rochdale League. Many players who have come through the 3Cs' ranks continue to give their support to the club by coaching the new batch of youngsters, including FIDE Master Adam Ashton; Candidate Master Alan Walton; Former British under-14s' Champion Dale James and ECF coach Phil Adams. Heading this list is Stephen Gordon, who has recently become England's most recent Grandmaster, and who started his chess career as a 6 year old at 3Cs, with Steve Rigby being his first ever coach. Steve is still doing the same for the current club members, whose number continue to grow. Indeed the club have recently managed to purchase new premises so as to accommodate the ever increasing membership - weekly club nights are now attracting over 80 children from 6 years old upwards. Apart from his dedication to 3Cs, Steve also organises the Oldham Primary Schools teams at under-9 and under-11 levels, and runs the local Megafinal for the British Land Chess Challenge.

Club of the Year 2009 – St Albans

St Albans Chess Club has been in existence for well over 100 years. The first recorded Minutes covered the AGM held at the Temperance Hotel, London Road, St Albans on 17 Oct 1897. (There were 22 members and the annual subscription was 5 shillings). However the earliest record

of the existence of the Club occurs in a book on chess in Bedfordshire by Dickens and White. Records are given of matches played by St Albans and Luton on 14 Nov and 19 Dec 1878, and against Dunstable in 1885, 89, 93 and 94. The 1889 match was actually played by telephone.

Our adult membership currently stands at just over 40 players. We are the largest chess club in Herts, but that doesn't stop us from being one of the friendliest as well. We are always on the lookout to welcome new members. Our venue offers spacious, comfortable conditions, and a bar!

As part of our recruitment drive this year, we invited IM Paul Littlewood to give a simultaneous display one night before the start of the season. This was a big success, not just in terms of the chess (he had to work hard for his points!) but also helped us to pick up some new members.

Nowadays the club plays most of its matches under the auspices of the Herts League. There are currently 15 clubs in the league, providing about 50 teams of 5 players, in 7 divisions. St Albans has 7 teams; these are in divisions 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7. We therefore cater for the complete spectrum of players; our members' grades run from 198 to 28 (<http://grading.bcfsservices.org.uk/getclub.php?club=St%20Albans&sort=2>).

The Herts League also runs a knockout competition in 4 sections (Open, U150, U125 and U100). Our U100 team won their final (against Watford), and the Open team are hoping to repeat this result (against Hertford).

This year we decided to enter the National Club competitions, after an absence of a few years. Our Minor (U125) team did not fare too well, but the Major (U160) team has just managed to qualify for the final!

In 1999 / 2000 we started a junior section, the St Albans Early Knights, which now has a membership of about 25. They play friendly and internal competition games, as well as qualifiers for Mike Basman's UK Chess Challenge. The stronger juniors also play in one of our Herts League teams. This year we have instituted a coaching scheme for juniors (and adults!) with IM Lorin d'Costa.

In 1951, a Mr Cheshire of Watford Chess Club presented a board to be played for annually between St Albans and Watford. In more recent years Watford have tended to have the better of the encounters, typically over 20 boards, played before

the start of the League season in October. However this season we got our revenge!

Our internal Club competitions have taken place annually since 1900, when the first trophy (the Silver Rook) was purchased. The most frequent recorded winner of the trophy is Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell (9 times and counting), although Norman Lavers won it frequently during the late 1950's and 1960's, so may have won it more often.

The club organises a very successful weekend congress, the weekend before Easter, which typically attracts about 200 people. The congress celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2007. One of the reasons for its success (besides of course the control team of St Albans members!) is the venue at St Albans Boys School, next to the Abbey Gateway. Not only does this provide good playing conditions, it is also very conveniently located for the amenities (i.e. pubs!) in the town centre.

A recent initiative by the club has been the playing of international matches. The first of these were on the 9th and 10th of February 2001, in Amsterdam. The trip was an outstanding success and we have gone on to visit Dublin, Amsterdam twice more, Rome twice, Barcelona, Brussels, Den Haag and Berlin. Now the tourists are eagerly anticipating next year's trip!!! We have also entertained a team from De Uil (Hillegom, The Netherlands), and conducted a telephone match with CREB (Brussels).

St Albans Chess Club members not only play lots of chess, they also are involved with chess organisation. Three of the officials of the Herts Chess Association (including the Treasurer and Open match captain + Herts congress organiser) are St Albans members, as are approximately half the helpers at the Herts Megafinal. The St Albans congress has already been mentioned. And finally, there is "Il Capo", whose duties with the ECF prevent him from playing as much chess as he would like!

Small Club of the Year 2009

– St Helens

St Helens Chess Club meet throughout the year at the Sprayhurst Social Club in St Helens. We have 18 members and play in the Warrington And District Chess League and the Richard Furness 400 League. All members who regularly play in these matches are ECF members.

Although we currently only have 18

players graded from 168 down to 22, we enter 3 league teams and 5 cup teams in the Warrington and District Chess League (requiring a minimum 15 players) and 2 teams in the Richard Furness 400 League (requiring a minimum of 8 players). The Warrington League teams are split using a traditional grading strength criterion, but the Richard Furness 400 League teams have a grading cap of 400 points for 4 players, this helps to create a good social mix between the highest and lowest graded players and is very influential in creating a team spirit and comradeship in the club that we are all very proud of.

This season we had an excellent performance finishing 1st and 2nd in the Richard Furness 400 League and were challenging for the Warrington League first division title up until the final 2 minutes of the season.

The club continues throughout the summer after the league season has ended, when we run an 8 round ECF graded Swiss tournament to decide our club champion. We would normally expect at least 15 of our members to play in this tournament, which again helps to merge the players from different teams. The spirit that we have created within the club is also evident throughout the season when A-Team players turn out to watch C-Team matches and vice-versa, something that we are noticing is becoming less common amongst other clubs.

On non-match nights our head-coach conducts training sessions. This can take many forms, be it demo-board analysis, individual or group work, a selection of positions spread across the playing hall, or consultation games.

We have no formal policies relating to junior members apart from them being accompanied by an adult. This appears to be working as St Helens Chess Club sent 2 juniors to the 2008 Glorney Cup, had 2 juniors regularly playing in its Warrington League 1st Division team, and last summer crowned a junior as club champion. If a player's grade and/or performance suggests that they are good enough, we treat them that way.

Club members also support the local congresses and can regularly be found at the more local congresses, but sometimes also at those congresses that require travel and an overnight stay. We were very proud to have 7 players compete in the various competitions at last years British Championships, and we also sent 5 players to the EU Open too.

Moving away from the competitive side of chess to the more social side of the club, we have a social membership category for those who do not want to play chess competitively and arrange non-competitive activities. These have included Christmas Fun nights where for example, bishops took on the properties of a knight randomly during the game, and a quiz night after the 8 competitive rounds of the club championship. We generally have at least half a dozen members turn up on match nights who are not playing in the match.

We also have a website, www.sthelenschessclub.co.uk which members use to keep each other informed about recent and forthcoming events, share games, etc. We understand that this website is also used by other league members to keep track of recently played league match results.

Magazine of the Year 2009

– En Passant

We once again had some excellent submissions and selected 'En Passant'. The award goes to John Charman, who is in his final year as editor.

Website of the Year 2009

– www.

leedschessclub.org

We had a large number of entries of a very high standard. We picked the Leeds Chess Club website because it was of excellent quality and it had different links and interactive areas compared to others.

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British Chess Championship 2009

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There was not only quantity among the entries but quality too, with a host of titled players willing to test their mettle against the best in the land. Top seed was 18 year old David Howell and he did, in the end, emerge the clear winner with a splendid 9 points, the highest winning total since Julian Hodgson in 1999 at Scarborough. He had many tough games on the way but was never seriously in danger of losing any of them. By the time he started Round 11, he had played everyone within 2 point of him and the Arbiter had to move up Gary Lane to do the honours of offering the early draw that guaranteed David's title. To that extent, his was a very worthy win, as no-one could say that thanks to the quirks of the Swiss system he was lucky to avoid certain strong opponents on the way through. Gary Lane, incidentally, had travelled the furthest to be there, (he now resides in Sydney) but was raised the nearest to the venue, in neighbouring Paignton.



The opening ceremony – courtesy BCC website

Last year's two top point-scorers, Keith Arkell and Stuart Conquest, both had bad starts, losing their first games. Conquest recovered some of the lost ground, but Arkell struggled throughout, losing four games. In most years, Simon Williams and Mark Hebden's

8½ points would have guaranteed them at least a play-off place, instead of just 2nd=, though Williams had the consolation of being judged the winner of the Best Game of the Tournament prize.

Andrew Martin did his usual excellent job in the Commentary Room, which was usually full, more often than not. Part of his brief was to nominate a Game of the Day for each round, but initially there was no money attached this year, as there had been at Liverpool



Triple Champions and siblings Akash and Rahda Jain



Tom Rendle looks pleased having just received his Game of the Day cheque for the previous day

where the John Moores University had made generous provision. However, with such a large entry, the holder of the purse strings was persuaded to allocate £30 per day for this from the budget. The element of a cash reward certainly adds a certain frisson to the proceedings when the announcement is made at the start of the following day's round.



Champions Sheila Dines and Lateefah Messam-Sparkes in their ECF T-shirts

Steve Connor reprised his role last year as webmaster, enabling Dave Clayton to concentrate on the live boards and their peccadillos. Steve had also set up a blogging facility, enabling me to post up onto the website, quite independently of him, little human interest stories in words and pictures from around the complex throughout the fortnight. This included visits by TV personality "C.J." of Eggheads fame, and the family of the late John Dunleavy, in whose name the event was dedicated this year. All in all, the team of three made the website as slick and informative an operation as it has ever been.

Kevin Stavely not only ran the mid-term quiz on the Sunday night, but also organised a murder mystery play on the penultimate evening, both of which were highly successful. This and his former contributions earned him the award of the Richard Boxall Plate, presented at the prizegiving.



Ken Norman and Alan Cromblehome in the seniors tournament

Nic Nixon was again available for juniors and a few adult beginners, and he always had a small crowd around him.

Arnold Lutton, his son Nathaniel and Jack Rudd had their own room for the

production of the daily bulletin, which was good for them as they had a number of technical gremlins to overcome in the first week. Indeed, it wasn't all sweetness and light for anyone – the weather was atrocious throughout, and during the heaviest, monsoon-like cloudburst, someone pressed the fire alarm to see how the rain would pour in through the windows in the roof which are programmed to open automatically in such circumstances. However, Centre staff were equal to it and it only delayed the start of Round 3 by 15 minutes. In fact, the local staff were most obliging and helpful to organisers, players and their families throughout the event, whatever problem was brought to them.



Tom Rendle in a contemplative moment

Also, bad luck had attended a series of Congress Managers from the start. The original choice of Manuel Weeks had to cry off for family reasons. So Stuart Reuben took back the reins of office at fairly short notice, only to be struck down himself with a serious illness which necessitated, among other things, being helicoptered off the deck of a rolling ship mid-channel. The baton was therefore passed to Dave Welch who managed to avoid all pitfalls for three weeks and ran the event calmly and efficiently, as did all the arbiting team and backroom staff.

The bad weather also frustrated the efforts to hold a chess match in the helium-filled balloon which was tethered near the centre. The plan was to hold a short match before the start of Round 1 between two players representing the local rival counties, Devon and Cornwall.

Andrew Greet (Cornwall) and Jack Rudd were on standby the whole time, but as the balloon doesn't operate in anything stronger than the lightest breeze, it very rarely left its moorings when the players were available. However, the weather did relent on the last day, and after the prizegiving, the match did take place at 400 ft. The whole thing was videoed, and the finished film was posted on the website and YouTube a few days later.

So, in spite of all these little setbacks, the

event as a whole can be regarded as a great success at all levels. The venue again proved itself one most of the most suited to accommodating this large chess event.



Andrew Greet (Cornwall) & Jack Rudd (Devon)

Next year, the Championship makes its first pilgrimage to the beautiful and historic city of Canterbury. It has two castles, and there's even talk of having a Bishop opening it.

Robert H. Jones - Publicity Officer

Obituaries

John Littlewood

Sadly John Littlewood died Wednesday morning, 16th September. He was a very strong player who, for example, had Botvinnik on the ropes at Hastings, but the World Champion wriggled out of it. There is no doubt in more modern times he would have become an international master, or even a grandmaster; but in those days the opportunities were not there, especially for amateur players. His was a long and distinguished chess career. This year he played in the British Championship (alongside his son Paul), a mere 50 years after his first appearance. He qualified by virtue of his winning the British Senior Championship in 2008.

He had an aggressive style which seemed to be a family trait. His brother Norman, who died many years ago, was even more prone to sacrifice material and another brother was also quite a strong player. His son Paul is an international master and past British Champion. He was BCF Junior Director for a few years. He also did 'Littlewood's Choice' in ChessMoves for many years where he annotated a game. He was recipient of the President's Award for Services to Chess in 2000. He was a lecturer in modern languages and no doubt brought a sense of humour and his analytical powers to bear on that subject.

Our condolences to his large family.

Stewart Reuben 16 September



The ECF cricket team that lost to local side Clyst St. George – names are available on the BCC website!

British Junior Championships 2009

In 2009 we returned to the seaside and the roomy setting of the Riviera Centre. Despite the magnificence of St George's Hall there is no doubt that the Juniors prefer the seaside and they turned out in greater numbers than since our last visit to Scarborough. A grand total of 239 played in Junior events over the fortnight. We kept to the usual timetable and thus had the U16s, U13s and U11s on the first week. The U16s was fide rated and this attracted a total of 36 entries of which half had ratings.

The competition was very fierce and by the end of round 4 there were no players on maximum score. Martin Brown, Akash Jain and Victor Jones were all on 3½ and Akash played Victor, whilst Martin floated down to play James Foster. Akash came out on top to become sole leader whilst Martin was held to a draw by James. The round six pairings saw Ilya Iyenger playing Akash whilst Martin again floated down to play Victor. Four of the top five games were drawn with only William Jones winning. This left Akash (5) v William (4½) and Martin (4½) v Ilya (4½) on the top boards Saturday morning. Apart from the two girls, there were no quick finishes; Sheila and Abigail drew which gave Sheila the under 16 girls and Abigail the under 15 girls. The top boards fought on with Martin getting the better of Ilya but William unable to beat down Akash's defences. This left Martin as under 16 champion and Akash as under 15 champion, whilst James Foster, William Jones and Richard Weaving were half a point behind.

The Under 14s, as the Under 13s, had Felix in it but he was not quite so dominant as in the 13s being held to a draw by Evie Hollingworth and Megan Owens although by round five he held a half point lead. In round six he played second seed Victor Jones and won leaving him on 5 points, half a point ahead of Gordon Scott (who he played in the last round) and James Holland. On four was Evie Hollingworth who was leading the girls, half a point ahead Megan Owens. James floated down to play Roy Zhang whilst Evie played Isaac Craft. She lost giving Megan the chance to overhaul her if she could beat Peter Gerlagh. She took her chance and claimed the girls' trophy. Wins by James and Isaac gave them second and third places respectively.

The Under 13s was dominated by Felix Ynojosa. He had 4¼ but, being in the British, had to take a bye in round five. His nearest rival, Maria Wang, could only draw with Marcus Harvey whilst Felix Haxby was the only player on 3 to record a win. This left the round six pairings as Felix Ynojosa v Maria and Marcus v Felix Haxby. Two white wins ensured Felix of at least a share of the title whilst Daniel Noel joined Marcus on 4½. In the final round Daniel had white against Felix and Nathan Taylor floated up to play Marcus. The top girls, Maria and Radha Jain were also on four and played for the girls title. A short draw saw Felix clinch the title but in the last under 13 game to finish Nathan defeated Marcus to share second place with Daniel. Meanwhile, a fighting draw between the girls ensured a split title.



The redoubtable Anna Wang



Yasmin Giles in play against William Claridge-Hansen

The Under 12s was a tight competition (as all U12 events have been this year) and at the end of round three Adam Taylor was the only player on 100%. He drew his next three games against Radha Jain, Joseph Levene and Ram Mohan whilst, in round six Radha beat Joseph thus taking a half point lead in to the final round where she had a full point down float against Peter Batchelor. Adam, on 4½, down floated to

play Tarun Malhotra who was one of 7 players on 4 points. Radha and Peter drew fairly quickly thus guaranteeing Radha at least a share of the title. Adam's was the last junior game to finish and he was mightily relieved to come away with a win thus sharing the title with Radha. Peter Andreev and Nicholas Clanchy were third equal.

In the Under 11 section the top seed, Peter Andreev, lost in the first round and was then playing catch up. However, by the end of round five there was a sole leader in Tarun Malhotra (4½) and he played Peter Andreev. In one game I managed to see a bit of Tarun played a very good ending and won thus maintaining a half point lead going in to the final round. Robert Fitzgerald was his opponent and, although he fought hard Tarun held out for a draw to become the deserved winner. Robert shared second place with Anna Wang who also took the girls title.

The Under 10 section had our one casualty of the fortnight when a player got chicken pox although a heartless arbiter might comment that this made us even!! After three rounds Matthew Wadsworth was our only player on 3 and he drew in round four with Raphael Kalid. Both players won in round five and in round six Matthew played Joris Gerlagh whilst Raphael played Yasmin Giles. Yasmin defeated Raphael

and Joris defeated Matthew which left 5 players on 4½. Matthew played Anna, Yasmin played William whilst Joris floated down to play Jordan Lewis. In the first game to finish William defeated Yasmin whilst Jordan overcame Joris. Matthew won a very long game against Anna to share the title with William leaving Anna and Yasmin to share the girls title.

The Under 9s was held over the weekend and attracted 34 players. and after 3 rounds we only had Kai Pannwitz and Rohan Shiatis on 3½. Rohan came out on top and in the in the following round played William Claridge-Hansen who was half a point below. They drew and both won in round six. This left the round seven draw as Daniel Muir (4½) v Rohan (5½) and Kai Pannwitz (4) v William (5). Again the top two both won leaving Rohan champion and William runner up. It was nice to see a local girl, Nandaja Narayanan taking the girls' title. The Under 8s took place on the Friday and there was only one player, Edward Stevenson, on 3½. He drew in round four and was joined on 3½ by Ryan Au. Their round five game ended in a win for Ryan who was thus sole leader on 4½ with Kai Pannwitz, Theo Slade and Declan Shafi half a point behind. In the final round wins for Ryam and Theo saw them take the first two places whilst Gautam Jain was third and Imogen Turvey-Cross took the girls title.

Summary of main prizewinners:

British Champion:

David Howell.

British Womens

Champion: Jovanka Houska.

English Champion:

David Howell.

English Womens

Champion: Jovanka Houska.

British Senior Champion:

David Anderton, Anthony Ashby and Geoffrey James.

Alexander Best Game Prize:

Simon Williams for his round 7 win against Mark Hebden

Under 175:

Peter Merics.

Under 150:

Robert Clegg.

Under 125:

Laurence Jones.

Under 100:

David Dunne.

Under 21:

David Howell.

Under 18:

David Howell.

Under 18 Girl:

Sheila Dines.

Under 16:

Martin Brown.

Under 16 Girl:

Sheila Dines.

Under 15:

Akash Jain.

Under 15 Girl:

Abigail Pritchard.

Under 14:

Felix Ynojosa.

Under 14 Girl:

Megan Owens.

Under 13:

Felix Ynojosa.

Under 13 Girl:

Radha Jain and Maria Wang.

Under 12:

Radha Jain and Adam Taylor.

Under 12 Girl:

Radha Jain.

Under 11:

Tarun Malhotra.

Under 11 Girl:

Anna Wang.

Under 10:

William Claridge-Hansen and Matthew Wadsworth.

Rapidplay 2nd August:

Alexander Cherniaev.

Under 10 Girl:

Anna Wang and Yasmin Giles.

Under 9:

Rohan Shiatis.

Under 9 Girl:

Nandaja Narayanan.

Under 8:

Ryan Nathan Au.

Under 8 Girl:

Imogen Turvey-Cross.

Major Open:

Bob Eames.

5 Day Open Morning - Week 1:

Craig Hanley.

5 Day Open Morning - Week 2:

David Groves, Mark Josse and Christopher Macdonald.

5 Day Open Afternoon - Week 1:

Craig Hanley.

5 Day Open Afternoon - Week 2:

Alexander Cherniaev.

Weekender - Atkins:

John Curtis and Colin Hornell.

Weekender - Soanes:

Robert Dean and Jonathan Wright.

Weekender - Yates:

C. Andrew, J. Costeloe and Tony Tatam.

Rapidplay 26th July:

Daniel Gormally and Gawain Jones.

The Tournament

One of the centrepieces of this year's London Design Festival was located in the heart of London, in Trafalgar Square. The Tournament, an installation created by Spanish designer Jaime Hayón, consisted of a gigantic chess set with 2m high ceramic chess pieces, designed by Hayón, on a specially created mosaic glass chess board. The installation, which was set between the two fountains in Trafalgar Square, was in situ from Saturday 19 – Wednesday 23 September.

Each of the 32 chess pieces is handcrafted by Hayón, working with Bosa, the Italian ceramics experts in Veneto, Italy. Many of the chess pieces reference specific iconic buildings in London and their domes, towers and spires. Elements of the city of London and its history are encoded on the pieces using Hayón's very personal style. Each chess piece is unique and hand-painted by Hayón himself.



The chess pieces were supported by a wooden base on castors so that they could be moved around easily, and a metal frame within the ceramic form provided stability. The chess board was made of mosaic glass tiles created by Italian tiling specialists, Bisazza. Rising above the giant tiled chessboard were elevated platforms where players sat in large, high-backed chairs directing their pieces around the board. The London Design Festival actively encouraged the general public to apply to take part in the chess games and come down and play or simply watch and enjoy this community spectacle.

The Tournament was inspired by London and its history and heritage. The Battle of Trafalgar was organised like a chess game of naval strategy – the notes and images show how carefully it was worked out by Admiral Nelson when the British Navy defeated the combined fleets of the Spanish and French navies.

Jaime Hayón commented: *"I've lived in London for over 3 years during which time I have been able to discover the city, its history and heritage. I was able to represent all of this using my own personal style. I really like the idea that Londoners and other visitors can come to Trafalgar Square – such a central focus of London – to wander around my installation and perhaps even take part in a game of chess."*



European Team Championships

The European Team Championships take place 22nd to 30th October in Novi Sad, Serbia. The English teams will consist of:

Open:

Michael Adams, Luke McShane, Stuart Conquest, Simon Williams and Stephen Gordon.
Captain Lawrence Cooper



Women's:

Jovanka Houska, Ingrid Lauterbach, Natasha Regan, Meri Grigoryan-Lyell and Sabrina Chevannes.
Captain Andrew Greet



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What we did over the weekend - National Club Rapidplay news from Cyril Johnson

While the former World Champions, Karpov and Kasparov attracted the attention of the world with their speed chess rematch, the cream of English teams, and others, met at Syston for the National Club Rapidplay Championship. Whilst K & K play at the leisurely pace of 30 minutes for each game, these gladiators played 20 minutes.

A comfortable room at the Syston & District Social Club, with a bar that remained open, serving coffee and tea, acted as the backdrop to this event. Changes saw the event having two chances of prize money, for the highest scoring team and for the highest scoring team after the handicap was applied. Leicestershire Champions, Wigston brought a very strong team, Martin Burrows, Alan Byron, Walker Dehnen and Phil Horspool, with an average grade of 197. Obviously not trying for the handicap prize!

In each of the three rounds they scored a minimum of 3 points and a maximum of 3Ω points. Consistency personified. Four other teams had averages of between 173 and 180. All serious contenders. Leighton Buzzard destroyed a weak Syston team in the last round by 4-0 to achieve 13Ω points and the second prize. Watford with 11Ω points gained the free entry for next year.

Syston were weakened by the withdrawal of their top board before the event. This turned out to be double edged, because it reduced their average grading to the point where they gained 8 points by handicap. Had their team been as selected, they would only have had an extra 4 points. So after handicap, Syston scored 10 points, Snodland 7Ω. Except for Syston, all the teams were within 2 points of each other, so the handicap seemed to have worked.

The organisers are grateful to the Syston

Chess Club for the loan of their equipment and arbiter, Cyril Johnson. This meant a drastic reduction in the costs of the event which were limited to the room hire only. Cyril reported that if he is re-elected, then this will become a biannual event with the next scheduled for mid-April at the same venue.

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2009/10 National Club Championship

A message from Julie Johnson, Chief Controller

If your club has entered these events in the past, you have some idea what it's all about. Whether that's the case, or whether you are interested in finding out more, or are even just "passing by" this article, this season in particular you should to stop and look again.

The National Club events are the ideal opportunity for a club to play against a different group of players from their local league. Although we try to keep travelling down in the early stages if you request it, we also try to avoid clubs from the same league playing each other until it becomes unavoidable. Matches are usually played at weekends, but as they are only every 6-8 weeks or so, & you arrange dates within that window, you can still fit in county matches & congresses.

If you aren't aware of the change in the official gradings this year you must have just come back from Outer Mongolia, or some other far flung corner of the globe. Anyway, the April ECF Council meeting decided on new grading bands for the County Championships & asked for the National Club event gradings to be reviewed. As a result you will find the average, upper & lower grading figures are different for 2009/10.

In essence the gradings for the events are as follows:-

Open – no averages or limits.

Major – average U175, maximum U205, minimum 125

Intermediate – average U145, maximum U170, minimum 95

Minor – average U120, maximum U145, minimum 70

You can include someone below the minimum in a team, but for the team average they will be deemed to be the minimum.

Those familiar with the events will notice that their names have been revised, the Major is still the Major, but the Minor becomes the Intermediate & the U100 becomes the Minor. We've done this to make life easier for any future reviews of gradings for the events – it avoids the need to introduce new trophies with new names going forward.

The watchword for teams this year is - make sure you are entering the right event. Also if you are an "old hand" please note – your entry form & entry fee should be sent to the ECF Office (by all means copy the entry form to the section controller). Be quick & you can still enter the Rapidplay on 26th September ([click here](#)) weeword

The controlling team is a mix of new and old, although the new are actually old. I will be running the Major as well as acting as the Chief Controller, any appeals for that section will be referred to the Chief Arbiter or Director of Home Chess. Welcome back to Mike McNaughton, who will be taking over the Minor. Geoff Jones remains as Chief Arbiter, but has stood down as controller of the Open section, Cyril Johnson will be handling that section instead.

The entry form also contains a distilled version of the rules - feel free to contact me for a copy if you don't have internet access. Likewise do contact me if you have any queries by either -

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ECF Book of the Year 2009 Shortlist

There has been a welcome increase in the number of good chess books published during the year. Our selection cannot include them all, but we have tried to pick the best in a number of differing fields. All the books have excellent printing and production values

Blindfold Chess

Eliot Hearst and John Knott

(McFarland) pp437 £49.95

This volume is a comprehensive exploration of one of the byways of chess. The subtitle gives a review of the subject matter covered: "History, Psychology, Techniques, Champions, World Records, and Important games". The authors have achieved what is surely destined to be the definitive work on this subject. The book contains many historic pictures and no less than 444 annotated games, the first dating back to 1783!

Kasparov vs Karpov 1975-85

Garry Kasparov

(Everyman) pp424 £30

Garry has set himself the task of recording and annotating all his games with Karpov. This book essentially covers the first two matches of the epic world championship series. All aspects of the background to the matches are covered including Garry's views on the termination of the first match. But it is the games themselves and the deep annotations (both analytical and psychological) that are the heart of the book.

The Berlin Wall

John Cox

(Quality Chess) pp322 £16.99

The Berlin Wall is the defence to the Ruy Lopez that so frustrated Kasparov in his world title match with Kramnik. It is not often that a specific opening book makes the short list; to do so it has to show a different approach from the usual list of data base variations. John Cox has achieved this. After an introductory first chapter, chapter 2, the next 55 pages are headed "Typical Berlin Endings"; similarly in Chapter 3, 62 pages are devoted to "Positional Themes" Only then, page 141 do we reach opening variations! This original approach suits the Berlin very well, but could be used more often.

Winning Chess Middle Games

Ivan Sokolov

(New in Chess) pp286 £21.99

The sub title "An essential guide to Pawn Structures" describes the book. Sokolov, who writes clearly and directly shows the kind of tactical and strategic play appropriate to a wide range of middle game pawn positions. This is not a book for the lazy student, but is full of grandmaster insights. Michael Adams writes in his forward: "Invaluable tools for any player" and we agree.

Ray Edwards Julian Farrand David Friedgood | 4th September 2009

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International News

Lawrence Cooper's Round-up

4th Kolkata Open Kolkata IND (IND), 1-10 ix 2009:

<http://www.indianchessfed.org/>

Nigel Short is playing his first tournament since taking over as English number one. Despite being second seed, Nigel lost in round 7 with the Evans Gambit and has 4.5/7.

First Saturday Tournaments in Budapest:

<http://firstsaturday.freeweb.hu/0909/im.htm>

In the IM A Tournament David Moskovic has 1.5/3 and Mark Lyell has 1. David defeated Mark in their round 1 encounter.

Future tournaments:

Uxbridge Chess Congress 18-20 September
<http://www.e2e4.org.uk/uxbridge/index.htm>

Sean Hewitt's latest event comprises a FIDE rated open and U165 and U140 sections. The venue is De Veres Denham Grove Hotel, Tilehouse Lane, Denham, Buckinghamshire, UB9 5DU There are three Grandmasters playing: Simon Williams, Keith Arkell and Alexander Cherniaev.

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In addition to the individual tournament websites the latest international chess news can be found at the following link:
<http://www.chesscenter.com/twic/twic774.html>

Lawrence Cooper, Alternate Director of International Chess 8/9/09

Annotated Game [Annotated by Yang-Fan Zhou] (5) Zhou, Yang-Fan (2265) - Nyland, Thomas (2156) [C45] South Wales International (8), 16.07.2009

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.e5 Ne4!?

This was a new move to me, and is rarely played. The normal continuation is 6... Qe7 7.Qe2 Nd5

7.Nd2

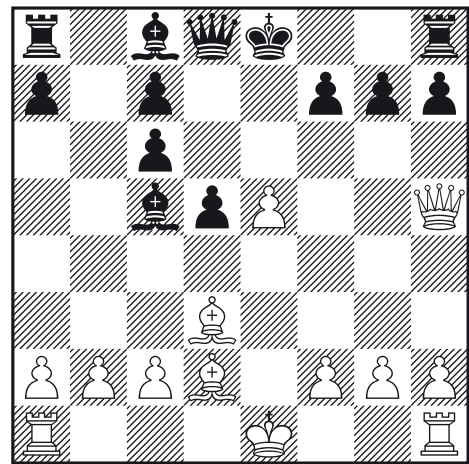
[7.Qf3 Ng5 8.Qg3 is the most common continuation]

7...Nxd2 8.Bxd2 d5 9.Bd3 Bc5

[9...c5 is met with 10.c4 and blacks doubled pawns are very weak]

10.Qh5! (see diagram)

Black is prevented from castling and has long term problems with his pawn structure.



10...Be6 11.0-0 g6 12.Qh6

any other square and black's king escapes

12...Bf8!?

I hadn't seen this idea, but black still can't castle!

13.Qf4 Bg7 14.Bb4 Qb8

With the idea Qb6 and c5, and finally castling

15.Bc5 Bf8

Black gives up trying to castle and decides he can survive in the centre [15...Qxb2 16.Qa4 Bd7 17.Bd4 Qb7 18.e6! wins]

16.Bxf8 Rxf8 17.c4

I decided to open the position immediately, playing for mate

17...Qxb2 18.cxd5 cxd5

[18...Bxd5 19.Bc4 opening the position further 19...Qb4 20.Rac1]

19.Rab1 Qa3 20.Bb5+ Bd7 21.Bxd7+ Kxd7

an excellent position for White at the cost of just one pawn

22.Rfc1

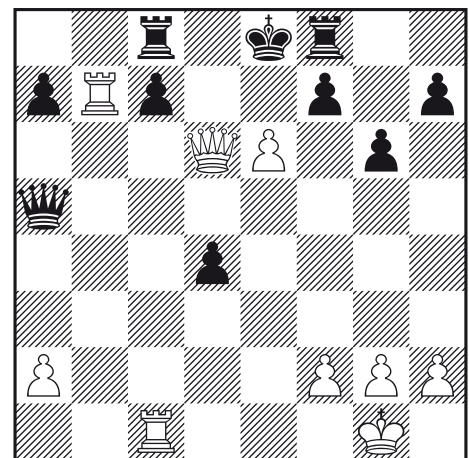
All my pieces are now active, ready for attack. e6+ is the threat

22...Rac8 23.Rb7

again threatening e6+ and taking on c7

23...Qa5 24.Qf6 d4 25.Qc6+ Ke7 26.Qd6+ Ke8 27.e6! (see diagram)

Black's king has no safe haven



27...fxe6

[27...Qe1+ 28.Rxe1 cxd6 29.exf7+ Kd8 30.g3; 27...cxd6 28.Rxc8+ Qd8 29.Rxd8+ Kxd8 30.e7+]

28.Qxe6+ Kd8 29.Re1 Qa3 30.Rb5

threatening Rd5#

30...c6 31.Rb7 1-0

if 37... Rc7 38. Rb8+ Rc8 39. Rxc8#

Junior News

EuroYouth 2009

by Peter Purland

Sunday August 30th

Our party met at Stansted Airport at 0800 and consisted of - Peter Purland (Director), Andrew Martin and Nick Pert (coaches), Richard Lobo, Jessica Thilaganathan, James Foster, Sheila Dines, Brandon Clarke, Amy Hoare, Roy Zhang, Katherine Shepherd and Matthew Wadsworth with Vithi Thilaganathan, Nicole Foster, Vidya Dines, Dione Clarke, Bernie Hoare, Yingzi Wu, David Shepherd and James Wadsworth accompanying. Our third coach, Lawrence Trent, was already there having just won the Porto San Giorgio Open. After the hassle of checking in online, the airport side of things proved very easy and we were through security and on board with no problem. The flight was on time and we were met at the airport and, after a short wait, taken to our hotel. This was a decent hotel with all we needed, clean, comfortable and 10 minutes walk from both a hypermarket and a bathing beach. We availed ourselves of both of these on the first night with James, Amy Roy and Matthew along with Nicole and the director all sampling the warm and rough waters of the Adriatic. Then it was back to the hotel and evening meal, which consisted of four courses and seconds when you wanted it! There was an opening ceremony in Fermo that evening but it was not due to start until 2200 (and actually did so at 2215) so I only asked two of our older players, Richard and Sheila to go and carry the flag. As Sheila said it would be a once in a lifetime experience. The Teatro Dell'Aquila was a truly magnificent venue but the speeches went on far too long and the entertainment (which was very good) was very much secondary. Considering only about 10% of the audience could understand what was being said it was a little pointless. We did not board our coach until midnight and I felt very sorry for those who had brought younger members of their delegation.

Monday August 31st

We were woken at 0800 by the dulcet tones of building work and made our way down to breakfast. This was a fairly standard continental one and after we finished we started on our coaching – which would be a daily feature. We had no draw to look at but Peter went in to the Hotel Royal for the registration and delegates meeting. After lunch the players had a short rest then it was off to the playing hall. Most of the players were in the bottom half of the draw so we were not expecting miracles. I was pleased with our results – even taking the bye in to consideration our ratings should have given us 2½ at the top and we got 3½. We must realise that our three youngest, where many players are unrated, are unlucky to be near the end of the alphabet! This has been a good start – hopefully we can build on it tomorrow.

Tuesday 1st September

Today is Jessica's birthday so we got her a box of chocolates and a small card. We had our customary alarm call and after breakfast the coaches and players got to work whilst Peter had a meeting with the parents. This proved very useful and there was a lot of good feedback. The draw has paired two of our players against titled opponents with Richard playing the top seed who is a gm whilst

Sheila is playing a wfm. Amy is playing the Scottish champion Ali Roy – it is a long way to come to play a Scot! After coaching finished we went for lunch and had another very nice fish meal. We had our first "game of the round" presentation before we left. This went to Sheila Dines for her win against Paula Fuentes Martin. (See photo) Today the round only started 5 minutes late and there were only two time defaults – local Italians. We played some good long games and our first success was when Roy made amends for his loss on time with a convincing win. Brandon soon followed with a second win which means he is our only player on 100% whilst Amy won the Anglo-Scottish clash. Thereafter we spent a long time defending lost causes and our only other score was Jessica who secured a draw in a seesaw game. We returned home and went over games until it was time for dinner. As well as the usual four courses we also had Jessica's birthday cake and the meal was accompanied by much hilarity. We then finished off post match analysis before heading for bed. Despite only gaining 3½ points we still scored above our ratings.

Wednesday 2nd September

After breakfast, the normal routine continued with coaching and looking up opponents games the norm. Lunch today was pasta, steak and sorbet and at our 1355 meeting we presented our second "Game of the Day". This went to Brandon Clarke for his win against Simone di Filomeno. We started exactly on time today and, having checked all were safely underway I was able to sample one of the tours that are put on. The Italians have certainly made an effort to get things right. As well as a very good playing hall, which is actually a warehouse, they have also arranged things to do for the spectators. These include of course coverage of the electronic boards, free wifi, a good restaurant, daily tours of Fermo and also daily tours to places of interest fairly close to the venue. I went to Maresco and Torre di Palme and had a very interesting trip with an English speaking guide. Hopefully some of the parents will avail themselves of the opportunity in the next few days as you cannot watch the non electronic games and only one person is allowed in the hall and that person cannot change during the day. On my return I found that James, Jessica and Roy had already won and a walk through the hall convinced me that Brandon was heading for 3½. Although by his admission he could have played the ending more accurately he did win and his success was followed by a win for Richard whilst good end game play led to a win for Matthew. This has proved an excellent day with 6½ and we confidently expect to see Brandon on an electronic board. It will be hard going after such a good day but we will see what the players are made of. The games were demonstrated and analysed before dinner (and after in the case of our longest game) and we eagerly looked for our next opponents.

Thursday 3rd September

There was no change to our morning routine although Amy did brave the Adriatic. Our "player of the day" was Matthew Wadsworth who played a very nice ending against Nikolai Golikov. I only wish I could have seen more of it. We then travelled in without problem although the Georgian delegation who were in the hotel next to us managed to miss the coach so play started over 10 minutes late. I knew this would be a hard day and so it turned out to be. Brandon was the first finished and he was outplayed by his Ukranian opponent. Nevertheless he is still doing very well and we hope for a high finish from him. Wins for James and Matthew followed although Richard, Katherine and Amy came away empty handed. Roy had an interesting finish gaining a draw with 2 rooks and 1 against queen and three and Sheila also managed a draw in a similar position. Jessica is our queen of the

long finishes but, for the first time, came away empty handed. I was right that it was a hard day but the management team are looking to see the players bouncing back before their rest day. Two of our parents opted to join the coach tour and visited a shrine with church and castle in the hills not too far away. We have also seen the list of tours for the rest day but as the shortest is 13 hours I do not think we will be doing any of them. The evening also followed its usual pattern as we saw our opponents and even started playing against the Montenegrin delegation. It is good to see interaction between the groups.

Friday 4th September

The continuing good weather persuaded many of us to go in to the sea this morning. 3 parents, 5 players and the director all had a swim. The coaches normally swim during their free time although today Andrew managed to fit a swim and lunch in during his break as he was going to a meeting of trainers at the venue. After a "fishy" lunch (it is Friday) we had our break followed by our Match of the Day which was James Foster's win against Dimitris-Alkis Kaforos. Then it was off to the venue (with the Georgians this time) and down to work. Andrew had a worthwhile meeting and the players had a very worthwhile day. We scored 6½\9 which, in round five is very creditable. Our first two wins came from Matthew and Amy and this was followed by draws from Jessica, Richard and Roy. There was then a gap whilst the remaining players consolidated their positions before letting loose in the end game. This produced further wins for Brandon, James and Katherine and took our total score to 24\45, the right side of 50%. It is also pleasing to see the way team spirit is growing. U10,U12,U14 and U16 boys playing doubles table tennis together; working together on analysis, the good natured banter around the place all leads to an excellent atmosphere. Tomorrow we have a free day when most of us will go to the beach, do a bit of shopping and generally chill out. I am pleased that no one has opted for a 13 hour coach trip – beautiful though Rome, Florence and Venice are. The last four rounds will prove very hard but the players have made a solid start, hopefully their fighting spirit will see them finish on a high note.

Saturday 5th September

This was our free day and the general view was that we should take full advantage of the good weather. A couple of people went in to Fermo to see the historical centre whilst a few others did some shopping in the morning. Half the party stayed out the whole day and by the afternoon everyone was down at the beach. Everyone at least dipped a toe in the sea, most spent time in it. It was rough again and thus more fun. We all met at 1800 at an ice cream parlour and partook, mostly, of a large and varied ice cream. We also had a good chat and the players played table tennis before it was time to return to the hotel for dinner. This was another lively, friendly meal and, after a bit of computer work, we retired to bed.

Sunday 6th September

The morning was back to routine with plenty of coaching and analysis before lunch, a good meal, then off to the venue. Our first two results, perhaps surprisingly came from our top two players and although Matthew's draw was our only score both he and Brandon remain well placed. Sheila then came out with a win – hopefully this will set her on a roll but our next two results were not positive. Things did, however, pick up with James earning a hard fought draw and Amy an equally hard fought win which put her on 50%. Our final two results brought us a draw from Jessica in a seesaw game, giving us a total of 3½\9 for the day. This has been the first day I have felt disappointed as we lost 1½ points in the endings. Hopefully we can rectify this tomorrow as we have produced some very good endings during the tournament. The

evening meal saw presents delivered to coaches and director and I was both amused and touched by the comments on my card. Whatever the disappointments, there remains a strong team spirit

Monday 7th September

After a leisurely breakfast we set to trying to boost our scores above the 50% mark. Coaches and players worked hard and we went to lunch in a more confident mood. Match of the Day was awarded to Jessica for her fighting draw with Maria Menelidu and we then took the bus to the venue. Nicole and Eva (a Swedish lady) had organised a free bus (for any country interested) in to Fermo City for a couple of hours so Nicole, Vishy, Yingzi, Dione, Vidya and I took the opportunity to see the old town. We walked through the Piazza del Popolo and on up to the cathedral (dating from 1227 but with an earlier mosaic) which we all looked round then back down to the Piazza del Popolo where we shopped, or visited the Roman reservoir or looked round the museum situated in the 13th century Palazzo Comunale. Vithy proved that the female sense of direction is alive and well but she eventually found us and we returned to the playing hall. Here there was good news of Katherine although Richard was very unlucky to have met an FM on 2! Roy then moved on to 4 with a win against a Russian whilst Amy joined James him having won three on the trot. Brandon, positive as ever, pushed for a win but overreached himself although Matthew got a battling half to move on to five. was unable to continuing his winning run which left Sheila and, inevitably, Jessica still fighting. Unfortunately we were only able to get a win for Sheila out of this and thus ended the day on exactly 50%. We all returned to the hotel where we had another satisfying and enjoyable meal.

Tuesday 8th September

Today started brightly enough with the players working with their coaches and the parents and myself having a very positive and helpful meeting. The atmosphere was good, the players positive, lunch was good, Roy was a popular winner of the best game prize for his defeat of the Russian, Valeriy Shoshin and we had a trouble free run to the venue. All this seemed to point to a good afternoon but it was not to be. James' opponent played an excellent game which left James helpless and, although Sheila became our fifth player to win three in a row disaster followed disaster. The only bright spot was Richard getting a good win through positive attacking play. On the social side, three of our parents had a walk in the hills, I made some good contact with Dallas University and I was contacted by an Italian professor who has got a job at London School of Medicine and Dentistry and whose son was playing in the U10s. After dinner we presented the staff with a box of chocolates then settled down to see what we could produce on the last day.

Wednesday 9th September

We were working two hours earlier today so coaching started at 0830 with lunch at 1100 and departure at noon. During the morning the shoes arrived and this caused great excitement. There were all different and some styles were more popular than others. Fortunately all I have to do is hand them out. We had a light lunch at 1100 and left for the playing hall at 1200. Bad news on arrival was that we are the last plane out for our coach so have to leave at 0745 – hopefully Lawrence can arrange some breakfast. We also heard that the European might be in June so that could mean no older players being available. We had a chat about this just as the players were coming out. It was a better day today with wins for Richard, Roy and Matthew – who reached the creditable score of 6\9 and 11th place, just missing out on a prize; whilst Roy moved up to 5. Draws for Jessica, Amy, James and Brandon saw Amy, Brandon and Sheila all scoring 50% and our total for the day being 5\9. We then

returned to the hotel for a meal before getting the bus back to the venue for the prize giving. Unfortunately there was a lot of noise and people standing at the front which was a shame for the prize winners themselves. We got the first bus back

and packed ready for a 0745 departure. It was a reasonable result overall but one which we will aim to improve on next year. One thing I must say – all the players put in 100% effort and were a credit to their country. I would also like to thank

the coaches for all their hard work and the parents for their companionship and help throughout the trip and finally the office for all their work before the trip and ensuring that my reports went up promptly, even during the weekend



Brandon Clarke



Brandon wins Game of the Day



The game room



Amy Hoare v Ali Roy



The hotel



The team



Game of the Day



Amy takes Game of the Day



Matthew Wadsworth and his Game of the Day Award



The poisoned prawn



The local scenery



Game on

WELLINGTON COLLEGE WINS YATELEY MANOR NATIONAL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP

The competition got under way in October with an increased entry of 156 teams. The Zones (see below) were completed by mid February and, as an additional route to qualification for the National Stage, there were Last Chance Saloons (7th February at Nottingham HS and 8th February at Wilson's School) offering qualifying places to teams that had not qualified through the Zones.

The first two rounds of the National Stage were completed half way through May and there was then, as always, an intermission while people sat exams. The eight surviving teams resumed play on 2nd and 3rd July with the Finals at Uppingham School. The age range at Uppingham, at six and three-quarter years, must have been the largest ever. Aughton St Michaels, two years ago, the first primary school ever to make the finals, put in a remarkable repeat appearance. Nottingham High School, at the other end of the scale, were there for the sixth year running. Three of their current squad were in the 2004 team, and one of them (another record?) has not missed a year in that time.



This year's event was also marked by some strong new teams. Norwich School looked too strong to be first-time attendees. A renascent Winchester College — not quite first-timers, but the last time was in 1960 — looked strong contenders in the Plate, and you would not have guessed that Reading School were in their first ever year of the competition, in recent times at least.

Then, Wellington College, last year's Plate runners-up, were in the Championship this time with a much strengthened team; and Nottingham HS, though missing top board Ankush Khandelwal, were still very strong. The Championship quarter-finals produced probably the best match of the two days. Wellington College looked to have things under control against Norwich School, but a sudden accident threw everything into doubt and in the end Wellington scraped home on board count in an exciting finish. Nottingham HS, meanwhile, were securing the expected victory against a Dulwich College team seriously weakened by unavailability of players. Dulwich suffered the same fate against Norwich next day in the third place play-off.

The Championship Final was dourly contested but Wellington never looked like requiring their one-year age handicap advantage, and ground out a win by a fairly comfortable $4\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$. In the Plate semi-finals Wilson's, considerably improved since last year, dispatched Aughton St Michaels efficiently. Reading School

produced an upset by knocking out the higher-graded Winchester College, whose $4 - 2$ score was insufficient to overcome Reading's age advantage. Winchester beat Aughton St Michaels $6 - 0$ next day in the play-off, but Aughton looked for a good while to have serious chances of scoring the $1\frac{1}{2}$ they needed.

In the Final, Wilson's, on level terms by age, ran out winners by $4\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$. David Welch, ECF Chief Arbiter, officiated as always. Andrew Martin, representing the sponsors, presented the prizes and judged the best game prize (and was observed doing some coaching when not otherwise occupied).

Best game: Michael Keetley of Nottingham HS, who fittingly is the six-times attender mentioned earlier.

Highly commended: Felix Ynojosa.

At the close of proceedings Andrew Martin announced that the Yateley Manor sponsorship will continue next year.

Richard Haddrell

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Littlewood's Choice

Sadly this is the last Littlewood's Choice we shall have following John's death on 16th September. He will be sadly missed and it will be hard to find as interesting an item to replace this popular bi-monthly breakdown of some of chess's great and good matches

It's great to see Nigel Short back on his best form, so how about a nostalgic trip to his historic match against Kasparov? I am not going to give you the game he won because I think the 8th game contained all that you need in excitement. Here is Kasparov being viciously attacked from the start and only just managing to scrape a draw.

PCA-World Championship 1993

□ Nigel Short

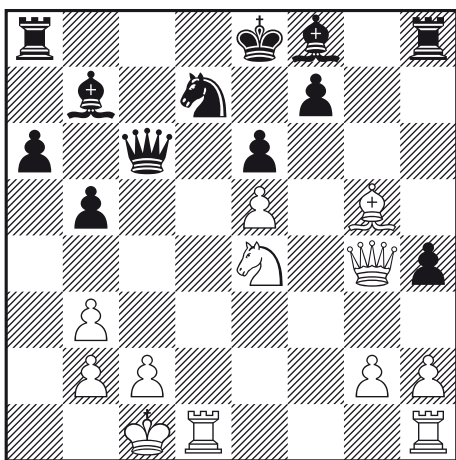
■ Garry Kasparov

Sicilian Najdorf B86

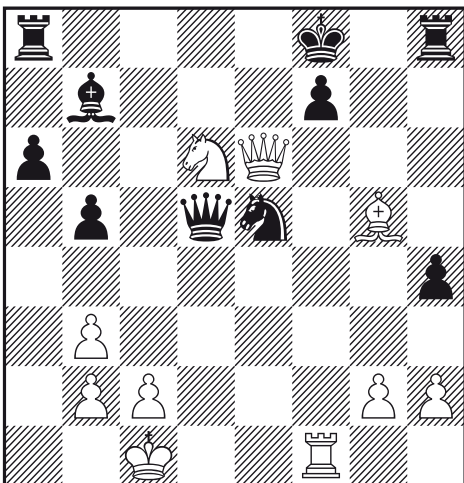
1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bc4 e6 7 Bb3 Nbd7 8 f4 Nc5 9 e5 dxe5 10 fxe5 Nfd7 11 Bf4 b5 12 Qg4 h5 13 Qg3 h4 14 Qg4 g5 15 0-0-0 Qe7?

Kasparov later recommended 15...Rh6! because from now on he is in deep trouble.

16 Nc6 Nxb3+ 17 axb3 Qc5 18 Ne4 Qxc6 19 Bxg5 Bb7



20 Rd6!! Bxd6 21 Nxd6+ Kf8 22 Rf1 Nxe5 23 Qxe6 Qd5



24 Rxf7+?

This seemingly powerful move allows Black to escape. Larry Evans came up with an attractive win after 24 Qf6 Rh7 25 Bh6+ Kg8 26 Nf5 Re8 27 Rd1 Qe6 28 Rd8 Ng6 29 Ne7+! mating.

24...Nxf7

But not of course 24 Kg8 25 Rg7+ Kxg7 26 Nf5+ mating.

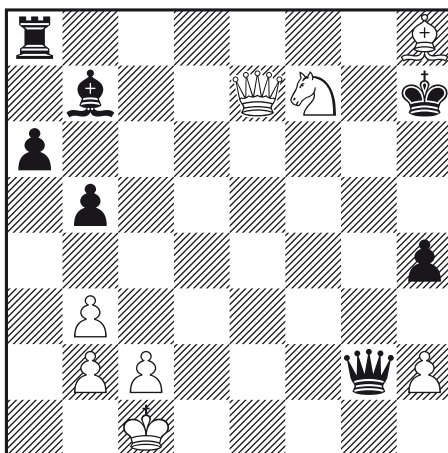
25 Be7+ Kg7 26 Qf6+ Kh7 27 Nxf7 Qh5!

The point of Black's defence.

28 Ng5+ Kg8 29 Qe6+ Kg7 30 Qf6+ Kg8 31 Qe6+ Kg7 32 Bf6+ Kh6 33 Nf7+ Kh7 34 Ng5+ Kh6 35 Bxh8+ Qg6 36 Nf7+ Kh7 37 Qe7

This looks strong but Black can survive with 37...Kg8 38 Qxb7 Rf8. Instead, it is Black's turn to make a mistake which allows Nigel to win...!? However, it is then Nigel's turn to miscalculate by moving his bishop to a square which allows a draw.

37...Qxg2?



38 Be5?

After 38 Bd4!! Nigel has a win, as he points out in the 'Informant'. The game could finish by 38...Qh1+ 39 Kd2 Qg2+ 40 Kc3 Qc6+ 41 Kb4 Re8 42 Qg5! winning. Now there's a real fighting game about which Nigel probably still has nightmares!

38...Qf1+ 39 Kd2 Qf2+ 40 Kd3 Qf3+ 41 Kd2 Qf2+ 1/2-1/2

**Would anyone like
to take over this spot?
You would have a
lot to live up to!**

English Chess Federation Grand Prix 2009-10

Leader Boards 23 September 2009

Junior Prix

Name	Club/Area	Pts
1 Jain, Akash	Pinner	477
2 Clements, Thomas A	Three C's	464
3 Jones, Victor GL	Kent Junior Congresses	446
4 Ynojosa, Felix Jose	Reading	443
5 Foster, James M	Cowley	426
6 Jain, Radha	Pinner	401
7 Malhotra, Tarun	Northwood Prep School	381
8 Burke, Mitchell R	Three C's	372
9 Jones, William EG	Kent Junior Congresses	344
10 Foo, William J	Berkshire Junior	338

Graded Prix (160-179)

Name	Club/Area	Pts
1 Bryant, Richard BE	Oswestry	490
2 O'Gorman, Brendan	DHSS	444
3 Pride, Stephen C	Cambridge City	425
4 Greatorex, Roger	Llangollen	414
5 Evans, Paul A	AXA Lytham	366
6 Price, Andrew	Leamington	355
7 Fielding, Thomas	Lancashire *	316
8 Staples, Daniel J	Battersea	315
9 Doran, Chris	Chester	258
10 Patrick, David A	Courier Halifax	247

Graded Prix (140-159)

Name	Club/Area	Pts
1 Coward, Neil	AXA Lytham	447
2 Desmedt, Richard E	Netherton	373
3 Gartside, Carl	High Peak	347
=4 Wright, Jonathan	London *	289
=4 Jones, Laurence AG	Lewisham	289
6 Clegg, Robert	Huddersfield	288
7 Wiggins, Andrew S	Greenlands	264
8 Bishop, Geoffrey L	Chislehurst	243
9 Jackson, Paul G	Coulsdon CF	233
=10 Rogal, Chris	Hendon	231
=10 Farthing, Andrew P	Worcester	231

Graded Prix (120-139)

Name	Club/Area	Pts
1 Stone, Mark R	Petts Wood & Orpington	476
2 Everitt, David	St Francis & Haywards Heath	334
3 Allen, Timothy S	Battersea	320
4 Foley, Phil T	Upminster	295
5 Gilbert, David J	DHSS	280
6 Horman, Paul A	Morecambe	277
7 Yiamakis, Albert	Guildford	274
8 Adair, Andrew	Reading	221
9 Crouch, Timothy J	Kings Head	215
10 Davis, John G	Ashted	206

Graded Prix (U120)

Name	Club/Area	Pts
1 Fraser, Alan R	Beckenham & Bromley	436
2 Brent, Derek	Urmston	249
=3 Miles, Barry S	Middlesex CCA	236
=3 De Santos, Andrew R	Preston	236
5 Smith, Mark J	Scotland	229
6 Robson, Caroline J	Barnet Elizabeth	199
7 Billett, Stephen J	Portsmouth	196
=8 Sainbayar, Anuurai	Ealing	155
=8 Waddington, James	Bolton	155
10 Brooks, Harry J	Great Lever	144



Book Reviews

by Gary Lane

Dangerous Weapons: The Pirc and Modern

by Richard Palliser, Colin McNab and James Vigus

Published by Everyman at £14.99

The series of 'dangerous weapons' books tend to explore lines that are not the latest fashion, which are quite likely to catch people out in weekend tournaments and especially on the internet. The idea is to present a line with a winning game and then back it up with some analysis and other complete games to give you an idea on how to handle the position. In this case it is worth pointing out the difference between the Pirc and the Modern which is not always obvious due to transpositions. Basically, the Pirc is generally reached when Black uses the following move order against 1 e4: 1...d6, 2...Nf6, 3...g6 and ...Bg7. The Modern includes a kingside fianchetto and ...d6 but crucially delays moving the king's knight which stops White's lines associated with exchanging dark squared bishops with a timely Bh6. The Scottish grandmaster McNab has been playing the Pirc for years so his views are always welcome while Vigus has already written a warmly received book on the Pirc so certainly knows his subject. Of the twelve chapters there are four written by arguably the most prolific chess writer around which is Palliser and as always he does a good job. The book is aimed at players of the black pieces despite the cover trying to entice players of White to see what to expect in the future.

A great insight into lesser known lines by a team of experts.

Botvinnik vs Smyslov: Three World Chess Championship Matches 1954, 1957, 1958

by Mikhail Botvinnik

Published by New in Chess at £24.99

This is one for the aficionados who love their chess and want a complete library. The great World Champion Mikhail Botvinnik wrote books in Russian on his victorious matches in 1954 and 58. These have now been combined in one edition while his loss in 1957 is also covered. The latter is of course a potential problem but the book was edited by the author's nephew Igor who covered that match using contemporary notes by players such as Smyslov and Lilienthal which provides interesting reading. He also adds Botvinnik's notebooks for that match detailing his opening preparation with lines that nowadays look rather quaint. However, there is no attempt to analyse the games with the latest version of Fritz but a few footnotes with Kasparov's analysis from the wonderful "My Great Predecessors" series would have been nice.

This is a must for those who cherish the past and want to learn from the great masters.

Chess Opening Essentials Vol. 2 & 3

by Dimitri Komarov, Stefan Djuric and Claudio Pantaleoni

Published by New in Chess - each title £24.99

This is an attempt to basically be an extended version of Modern Chess Openings but with a lot more explanation. The first edition covering 1 e4 openings came out in 2007 and now a couple more volumes have now appeared. The volume 2 deals with 1 d4 d5, 1 d4 against various but not 1...Nf6. While volume 3 deals with the Indian defences so everything with 1 Nf6. I like the way it handles explanations for club players and names all the openings so it a handy reference guide. It is translated from an Italian series of books from 2005 so although updated it is never going to be cutting edge material. In the introduction the editor Peter Boel states "...no database-dump full of dead trees". I assume that means games without notes but there is plenty of evidence that is exactly what has been done with such pages shaded pink. The idea is to give you a sense of how the middlegame will turn out but the reader will have to fathom who went wrong. If you are keen then the fourth and final volume on 1 c4, 1 Nf3 is due out in 2010. An easy guide to chess openings

Results Round-Up

The Inaugural London Chess Centre Blitz

A fantastic venue for this inaugural blitz chess event and an international field which included four masters and a grandmaster, as well as many strong county players, and club regulars. Five games of 10 minute chess were enough to separate the field and when the dust cleared, the scores were as follows -

4.5/5 - Grandmaster Aaron Summerscale £60

4/5 - David Zakarian, FIDE Master Charlie Storey, James Coleman, David Moskovic £10 each and a book prize

3.5/5 - John Reid, International Master (IM) Karl Mah, Albert Ballardini, (book prizes)

3/5 - James McDonnell, IM Eddie Dearing, Richard Almond, IM Malcolm Pein, Calance Smith, Peter Vas

2.5/5 - Akshaya Ahuja (Junior book prize), John Foley, Ivan Lunt, Phil Goldstein

2/5 - Anup Desai, (Junior book prize), Claire Summerscale (book prize), Barosz Jedrzejewski, Steve Blewitt, Jimmy Jiang, Paulus Du Buf, Dilshod, Rajko Vujatovic, Jeff Goldberg, Tim Woolgar

1.5/5 - Faye Ainscow (book prize), Petr Vachtfeidl

1/5 - Shum Ghumman, Shaun Tracey

0/5 - Sarah Patterson (first-timer book prize), Sascha Wandkowsky, Razan Ragazan

40th Thanet Chess Congress

The results for the 40th Thanet Chess Congress (played 21-23 August) are now in from Tony Hargreaves

OPEN - 36 Players - £600 total prize fund

1st = 4 from 5

R Benabdelouahab - London

Cliff Chandler - Phoenix

R Heinlein - Bridge

Andrew Talbot - Nuneaton

Grading U-180 - Alan Hayward - Streatham

Kent Champion - Cliff Chandler - Folkestone

MAJOR (U-165) - 44 Players - £380 total prize fund

1st 4.5 from 5

P Childs - Dartford

2nd = 4 from 5

Sidney Jacob - Lewisham

Paul Kelly - Hastings

Paul Jackson - Coulsdon

Grading U-150 - Geoffrey Bishop - Chislehurst

Kent Champion - P Childs - Folkestone

INTERMEDIATE (U-135) - 37 Players -

£360 total prize fund

1st 4.5 from 5

Chris Siebert - Folkestone

2nd = 4 from 5

Mark Stone - Dartford

Robert Page - Broadstairs

Gavin Josephs - Dartford

Grading U-120 - John Couzens Broadstairs

Kent Champion - Chris Siebert Folkestone

MINOR (U-110) - 22 Players - £215

total prize fund

1st 4.5 from 5

Alan Fraser - Beckenham

2nd = 4 from 5

Alan D Evans - Whitstable

Jack Evans - Whitstable

Kent Champion - Alan Fraser - Beckenham

SPECIAL PRIZES - £20

Senior (O-60) John Carleton - Atticus

Junior (U-15) Joseph Levene - QE Boys

Leamington Rapidplay

13th September 2009

at the Royal Spa Centre, Leamington Spa
Arbiters: Adrian Elwin, Neville Belinfante, Matthew Carr and Bruce Holland

U210 section:

1st - Brandon Clarke - Littlethorpe 5/6

2nd = Russell James - South Birmingham

James Jackson - unattached

Don Mason - Shirley & Lucas 4½/6

U181 Grading Prize -

Andrew Talbot - Nuneaton

Alan Young - White Knights

Steven Mitchell - AMCA 4NCL

Matthew Tapp - Solihull 3.5/6

U175 section

1st - Colin Eckloff - Coventry 6/6

2nd = Goram Ali - West Bromwich

Marcus Harvey - Oxford

Keith Ingram - Kynoch

Dani Malik - South Birmingham 4½/6

U165 Grading Prize - Simon Smith -

Warley Quinborne 4/6

U150 section:

1st - Thomas Robinson - Redditch 5½/6

2nd = Ian Morris - Bon Accord Aberdeen

Ralph Bailey - unattached 5/6

3rd = Shane Ashley - unattached

James Tilston - Wycombe 4½/6

U135 Grading Prize

Clive Pemberton - unattached

Leo Tsoi - Boldmere St. Michael

George Galliano - Millfield School

Alan Woollaston - Mutual Circle 3.5/6

U120 section:

1st - Paul Parnham - unattached 5½/6

2nd = Barry Bailey - Hinckley

Simon Lillistone - Chessmates

Philomena Lip - Solihull Checkmates 5/6

U110 Grading Prize

Neil Milson - Louth

Isaac Stables - West Notts 4/6

Hendon wins City of London Rapidplay League

Hendon Chess Club (<http://www.hendonchessclub.com>) managed to fend off strong opposition from runners-up Kings Head 2 and third placed Athenaeum to finish top of the first City of London Rapidplay League, held at Golden Lane, London EC1 | <http://citychess.blogspot.com/>

FINAL STANDINGS

Hendon: 10/11 (60.5 game points)

Kings Head 2: 9.5/11 (53.5)

Athenaeum: 8.5/11 (57.5)

Cavendish: 6/11 (51.5)

Mushrooms: 6/11 (48.5)

Kings Head 1: 5.5/11 (44)

Albany: 5.5/11 (43)

Battersea: 4/11 (34)

Hackney: 3.5/11 (38.5)

Dulwich: 3.5/11 (35)

Hammersmith: 2/11 (29), Metropolitan: 2/11 (29)

Coming up ... Bristol Winter Congress

4th December - 6th December 2009

Filton Sports and Leisure Centre, Elm Park, Bristol BS4 7PS

8 Lyndale Road, Yate BS37 4DD

Contact - Graham Mill-Wilson on 07765 139540

<http://www.chessit.co.uk>

ECF Graded, ECF Grand Prix & British Championship Qualifier

Open, U165, U145

Please note the new venue!



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

~*#@ 2-4 Oct

LEICESTER CONGRESS (H E ATKINS MEMORIAL)

Regent College, Regent Rd, Leicester LE1 7LW.
S Hewitt (Tel: 07845 518972, Fax: 0870 288 4393,
Email: sean@leicesterchess.co.uk,
website: www.leicesterchess.co.uk)

3 Oct

Kings Road Junior Tournament

Kings Road Primary School Kings Road Chelmsford
CM1 2BB
Contact: James Simpson
Email: James.Simpson@selex-comms.com
Website: www.ejca.co.uk
LJCC Qualifier

~ 4 Oct

ORMSKIRK RAPIDPLAY

Ormskirk Civic Hall, Southport Rd, Ormskirk, Lancs.
S Jacquest, 173 Green Lane, Maghull, Liverpool L31
8BD (Tel: 0151 531 7541,
Email: ormskirkrapidplay@btinternet.com)

~* 10 Oct

GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY

St Alban's Church Hall, West Heath Drive (off North
End Rd), Golders Green, London NW11 7QG

~ 11 Oct

2nd Brentwood Rapidplay

The Bardswell Social Club, Bardeswell Close,
Brentwood, Essex CM14 4TJ
Contact: Gavin Strachan
Website: www.brentwoodchessclub.org/brentwoodrapid.html

11 Oct **BDCL Rapidplay**

The Quinborne Community Centre Ridgeacre Rd
Birmingham B32 2TW
Email: jpakenham@btinternet.com
Website: centralchess.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk
Contact: J H Pakenham

~* 10-11 Oct

SPECTRUM CHESS - 1st AVELEY CONGRESS

The Thurrock Hotel (see 12)

15 Oct 09-31 Jul 10

BRITISH LADIES CORRESPONDENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entries by 30/9/09.
K Escott, 43 Orchard Rd, Erdington, Birmingham B24
9JB (Tel: 07831 563536,
Email: escott.keith@yahoo.co.uk,
website: www.bfcc-online.org.uk)

~*#@ 16-18 Oct

KJCA CATERHAM CONGRESS

Caterham School, Harestone Valley Road, Caterham
CR3 6YA

Adults & strong juniors welcome.

Total Prize fund: £1175. Usual Club prizes available.

16 - 18 Oct

DUNDEE & ANGUS CONGRESS

David Lloyd Leisure Centre, Ethiebeaton Park,
Monifieth, by Dundee, DD5 4HB.
Keith Rose, 29 Buddon Drive, Monifieth, Angus, DD5
4TJ, (Tel: 01382 534863,
Email: director@dundee-congress.co.uk,
Website: www.dundee-congress.co.uk)

16 - 18 Oct

THE 42ND WEST WALES CONGRESS

The Glamorgan Arms Function Suite, Pontlliw,
Swansea
Venue <http://www.glamorganarms.co.uk>
Les Philpin E-mail newsilure@hotmail.com
01792 418711 07970 840247

17 Oct

Chipping Sodbury Rapidplay

Stanshawe Court Hotel, Stanshawe Court Drive, Yate,
Bristol, BS37 4EA
Email: tugmw@blueyonder.co.uk
Website: www.chessit.co.uk

~#@ 18-24 Oct

35th GUERNSEY INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL

Peninsula Hotel, Guernsey. F Hamperl, Peebles, Rue
des Bailleuls, St Andrews, Guernsey GY6 8XB
(Tel: 07911 139088,
Email: hamperlfred@hotmail.com,
website: www.guernseychessclub.org.gg)

~*# 23-25 Oct

33rd SCARBOROUGH CONGRESS

The Ocean Room, Spa Complex, South Bay,
Scarborough.
A Butterworth, 3 Kitson Drive, Monk Bretton,
Barnsley S71 5RL (Tel: 01226 211501,
Email: scarboroughchess@googlemail.com,
website: www.scarboroughchesscongress.co.uk)

24-5 Oct

Metropolitan Chess Club Congress

City of London Boys School, London
Telephone: 01438 832270 Contact: John Kitchen

~@ 24-25 Oct

4NCL, Divisions 1 & 2,

De Vere Venues, Sunningdale; Division 3, Barcelo
Hotel, Daventry

25 Oct

PINNER CHESS CONGRESS

University of Westminster, Harrow Campus, Watford
Road HA1 3TP
Email: grahamsnow@supanet.com Tel: 02077365693

~*# 31 Oct-1 Nov

BURY ST EDMUNDS CONGRESS

The Corn Exchange, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.
R Jones, Crofts Place, Little Saxham, Bury St Edmunds
IP29 5LE (Tel: 01284 811555, 07973 409351,
Email: bobjoneschess@btinternet.com)

~ 6-8 Nov

HAMPSHIRE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Eastleigh College, Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh.
J Wheeler, 52 St Matthews Rd, Portsmouth P06 2DL
(Tel: 023 9237 9905,
Email: john.wheeler@care4free.net,
website: www.hampshirechess.co.uk)

7 Nov

NYCA U16 & U12 INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Birmingham. K Staveley, 57 Treharne Street,
Cwmparc, Rhondda CF42 6LH
(Tel: 01443 772750,
Email: kevin.staveley@btinternet.com)

~ 7 Nov

Oxford University Rapidplay

Lincoln College, Turl Street, Oxford, OX1 3DR
Email: eoin.devane@merton.ox.ac.uk
Website: <http://users.ox.ac.uk/~chess/>
Contact: Eoin Devane

~* 8 Nov

KJCA West Kent Junior Rapidplay

Eltham College, Grove Park Road, Mottingham,
London SE9 4QF - ECF Graded; ECF GP
Email: sue.maguire@btinternet.com
Website: www.kjca.org

9-13 Nov

10th SENIORS CONGRESS

Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth EX8 2AF.
Bob Jones (Email: bobjones@eclipse.co.uk)

~* 14 Nov

GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY

St Alban's Church Hall, West Heath Drive (off North
End Rd), Golders Green, London NW11 7QG

~ 15 Nov

28th Bolton Rapidplay Congress

Bolton Excel Centre, Lower Bridgeman Street,
Bolton BL2 5EN
Tel: 01204 383634 Rob Middleton
Email: gmccacongress@yahoo.com

~* 15 Nov

86th RICHMOND RAPIDPLAY

The White House Community Association, Hampton
TW12 3RN)

15 Nov

Woodbridge Junior Open

Woodbridge School, Burkitt Road, Woodbridge,
Suffolk IP12 4JH Contact: Adam Hunt
Email: ahunt@woodbridge.suffolk.sch.uk
Website: www.woodbridgechess.com
LJCC Qualifier

~*# 20-22 Nov

TORBAY CONGRESS

The Riviera International Conference Centre, Torquay.
R Chubb, 29 West Cliff Park Drive, Dawlish EX7 9EW
(Tel: 01626 888255,
Email: ray.chubb@care4free.net,
website: www.chessdevon.co.uk)

~* 21 Nov

BASILDON JUNIOR CONGRESS

The Willows P S, Church Rd, Basildon SS14 2EX.
J A Lutton, 23 Whitmore Way, Basildon SS14 3NT
(Tel: 01268 280932, Email: JALutton@aol.com)

~* 21 Nov

BASILDON RAPIDPLAY

The Willows P S, Church Rd, Basildon SS14 2EX. J A Lutton, 23 Whitmore
Way, Basildon SS14 3NT (Tel: 01268 280932, Email:
JALutton@aol.com)

~*# 21-22 Nov

BRITISH RAPIDPLAY

North Bridge Leisure Centre, Halifax HX3 6TE.
S Burton, 4 Osbourne Court, Back Lane, Bramley LS13
4BN (Tel: 0113 256 8157,
website: www.british-rapidplay.org.uk)

~* 21-22 Nov

SPECTRUM CHESS - 1st TUNBRIDGE WELLS CONGRESS

The Russell Hotel (see 12)

~* 27-29 Nov

PRESTON CONGRESS

Foster Building, University of Central Lancashire,
Preston.

M Peacock, 10 Cromwell Rd, Penwortham, Preston
PR1 9AT (Tel: 01772 740882,
Email: malcolm@mpeacock.demon.co.uk,
website: www.mpeacock.demon.co.uk/chess/congress.html)

~* 28 Nov

EALING RAPIDPLAY

St Thomas's Church Hall, Boston Rd, Ealing W7 2AD.
S Tserendorj, 39 Academy Place, Isleworth TW7 5FD
(Tel: 07525 031 843,
Email: londonrapidplay@yahoo.co.uk,
website: <http://londonrapidplay.co.uk>)

~ 28-29 Nov

4NCL JUNIOR

De Vere Venues, Wokefield Park

~ 29 Nov

RENAISSANCE ACADEMY RAPIDPLAY

(inc. the Antonio Fattorini Grand Prix),
Latvian Welfare Club, 5 Clifton Villas, Manningham,
Bradford BD8 7BY.
C W Wood, 64 Bolton Hall Rd, Bradford BD2 1BJ (Tel:
0845 400 2429, Fax: 0845 400 2430,
Email: the_renaissance_academy@hotmail.com,
website: www.renaissanceacademy.org.uk)
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