

## David Howell

### – England's Youngest Grandmaster

*written by Jonathan Tuck.*

David Howell, from Seaford, East Sussex, has qualified as the UK's youngest ever Grandmaster. He recently finished in equal second place at the Rilton Cup in Stockholm with a score of 7/9. He was 16 years and 52 days old, five months ahead of the previous record holder, Luke McShane, placing him among the 20 all-time youngest GMs in the world. He even achieved the feat 10 months earlier than his great hero Garry Kasparov.

David started in competitive chess by scoring 3 points from six matches in an Under-11 event organised by Sussex Junior Chess in September 1996 while only 5 years of age. Less than a year later, he defeated WGM Susan Lalic in a simultaneous display held prior to the UK Chess Challenge Giga Final. At the age of 8 he shot to national prominence, appearing on television and on the front pages of many newspapers, by beating GM John Nunn in a five minute game at the Mind Sports Olympiad.

In September 2001 David came third in the Boys' Under-12 section of the World Youth Championship in Halkidiki, Greece, and was awarded the bronze medal.

In December 2001 he beat his first grandmaster at the classical time limit in the Hastings Challengers, and set a world record in March 2003 when he scored a draw against BGN world champion Vladimir Kramnik in the last of four blitz games, winning the Einstein trophy.

In 2003 David was presented with the Best Young Chess Player award by Sir Patrick Moore at the Britain's Brilliant Prodigies event at Carlton Television.

David's final IM norm was scored in February 2004, after which he set about securing the 3 norms necessary for the GM title. He achieved his first in May 2005 at the 4NCL playing for Guildford ADC, the second within a month at Lake George, New York. At three subsequent tournaments he just missed his third and final norm, having reached each last round in need of a win.



# Editorial

**Firstly a Happy New Year to all of our Members from the staff in the ECF Office.**

As reported elsewhere in this magazine The National Chess Library had an open day on the 4<sup>th</sup> January, this was especially organised to coincide with the Hastings International Tournament to enable chess players to have a glimpse of this fine library and its new surroundings. Tea and biscuits and a finger buffet were provided by the University of Brighton at the Hastings site. The open day had 35 visitors which was very gratifying to the library staff who worked until 8 o'clock. There were several representatives of the 'chess press' in attendance who all made very favourable comments on the library, I look forward to seeing something in print or on websites to complement the ECF for a change.

A success all round. The official opening will be announced very soon. It is hoped that Charles Clarke MP, former Home Secretary, will do the honours as his father's (Sir Richard Clarke) collection of chess books form a major part of the library.

*Cynthia Gurney, Editor*

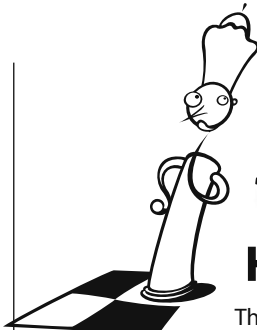
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*Some of the Harry Golombek memorabilia.*



# ECF News

## Hastings Chess Library

The BCF and now the ECF has been collecting chess books for many years. Some came via bequests such as from Sir Richard Clarke, George Diggle and particularly Harry Golombek. Others have been provided by people still with us such as Eric Croker.

First the books were housed at the BCF Office in Hastings. Then the University of Kent took charge of them, where they remained somewhat forlornly in boxes for many years.

One of the many pleasant events at the Hastings Congress was the open day of the chess library at Brighton University in Hastings. It was a joy to see so many shelves in a professional library devoted to the greatest game. There were many treasures on display and some were immediately locked away safely. But who knew of Eric Croker's meticulously preserved press cuttings?

I took the opportunity of adding to the service over 70 DVDs of English language chess on TV or film. If you have any books, magazines or bulletins you would like to present, well you now know they will have found a good home.

The library has yet to be completely catalogued and not all the material is on display yet.

But this is a dream come true and the university is extremely enthusiastic about the whole project. We can expect to see further additions and other events such as chess tournaments, lectures or seminars. (see photos opposite)

*Stewart Reuben*



## The National Chess Library Open Day at University Centre Hastings Learning Resource Centre

UCH LRC has become the new home of the National Chess Library, a collection of over 7,000 books on Chess. A very important collection – the biggest in this country and possibly the 3rd largest collection in the world (there are 2 larger public collections, one in America and one in the Netherlands, but many private collections, of unknown quantities!)

Some of the books have sadly spent approximately 20 years packed up in boxes in various locations waiting for a home, but they are now all unpacked and on shelves in the LRC. The press release said "The National Chess Library comes home to Hastings" and it is entirely appropriate that it is housed here, as the Hastings International Chess Congress takes place here every year, and there is a thriving Chess Club. The English Chess Federation offices are also nearby in Battle.

The collections given by individuals are kept in a locked room in the LRC, but the English Chess Federation collection is out on the open shelves. There is also memorabilia from the individuals who have donated their collections, e.g. Harry Golombek, a famous Chess Grand Master, Bletchley Park code-breaker, author of books on Chess, and Chess editor for the Times – and some of this is on display in the LRC.

Although as yet un-catalogued, the Grand Opening of the National Chess Library will be held very soon, and the ECF and the LRC have already been inundated with enquiries from all over the world about how and when the books can be accessed. It's anticipated that after the Grand Opening, visitors can ring and book an appointment to see the collection, however to coincide with this year's International Congress, we held an Open Day on Thursday January 4th so that interested people could visit and view the collections.

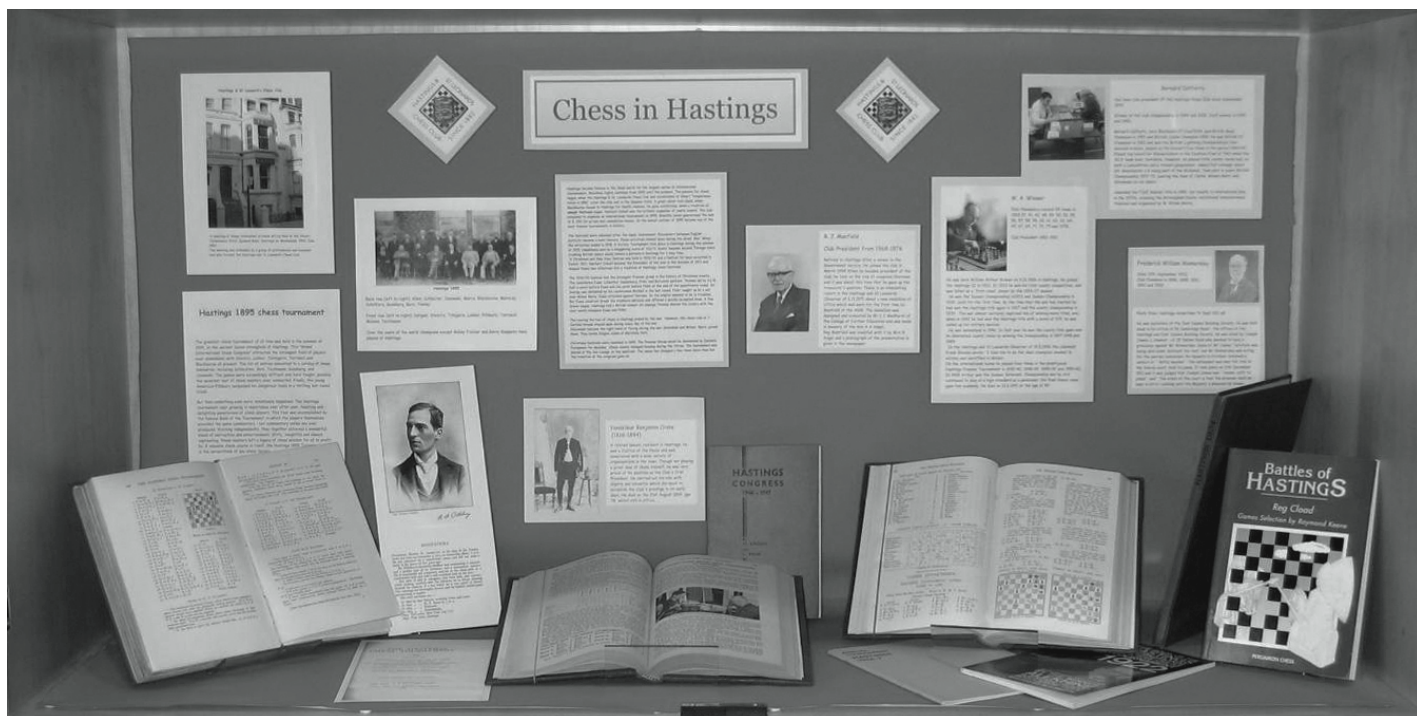
Although many people were involved in the tournaments up at Horntye Park, we had plenty of visitors during the day and in the evening, and without exception all were very interested, enthusiastic and impressed. Refreshments were provided, and we got to meet and talk to lots of people. Many had ideas on ways we could develop, and there was good advice on the importance and value of many of the books.

We hope this important collection will inspire interest and attract many visitors to UCH in the future. We expect more donations and new books published on the subject to be added to the collection, so the National Chess Library will certainly grow – where will we put it all?!!

There is more information about the National Chess Library on the UCH website at [www.uch.ac.uk/chess.html](http://www.uch.ac.uk/chess.html)

*Rosie Williams, UCH LRC*







## Thanks Bob!

Just before the Christmas, the ECF launched a special collection as a thank you to one of the most popular figures in British Chess, Robert Wade OBE. Now in his 85th year, it was felt appropriate to give the chess playing community the opportunity to say thank you for his marvelous contribution to the game.



For the younger readers of ChessMoves, Bob was born in New Zealand and after winning the New Zealand Chess Championship in 1944, 1945 and 1948, he traveled to Europe to further his chess career. Settling in England, he became an International Master in 1950 and went on to represent England in six Chess Olympiads. In 1952 and 1970 he was British Champion. Well respected as a chess coach and author, he helped Bobby Fischer prepare for his 1972 World Championship match with Boris Spassky by collating details of Spassky's games - this in the days before chess databases existed!

A cheque for over £4,700 was presented to Bob in the New Year by ECF International Director Peter Sowray and Grandmaster Jon Speelman.

*Martin Regan*

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## Awards 2007

### Presidents Awards for Services to Chess

Nominations are invited for the ECF Presidents Awards. The awards are made annually for services to the game of chess.

Previous winners include B H Wood, The BBC, Veteran IM Bob Wade and a host of players and organisers. The recipient of the award will receive a plaque.

*Nominations, with a short citation, should be sent (by 14 April 2007) to: John Wickham, 55 Shakespeare Way, Taverham, Norwich NR8 6SL, or email j.r.wickham@btinternet.com*

Winners of the award will be announced on this website and at the ECF AGM in October.



*Zoë Ryle, one of last years winners, with Gerry Walsh*

### Club of the Year and Small Club of the Year 2007

The ECF is looking for submissions from Chess clubs for these two awards. We are seeking details of clubs that stand out from the rest and ones that their members feel proud to belong to. It's time to get recognition of your club by becoming recipients of the award from the ECF.

The submissions should detail the clubs participation in local leagues and competitions, but also cover such items as how the club encourages membership among groups under represented in the general chess population, the contribution made to chess locally and nationally, the activities organised for juniors and comment on how the club interacts with schools and the local community.

The club(s) selected for the awards will receive a scroll, an engraved plaque and digital clock. *Send your submissions by 30 May 2007 to: John Wickham (details above)*



*Stanley Goodall (left) of the ECF Awards Committee, presents the Club of the Year Award 2006 to the 3C's club Chairman Steve Rigby.*

### Magazine of the Year 2007

Nominations are invited for the ECF Chess Magazine of the Year award. We are looking for nominations from either readers or editors of Chess magazines that are produced by volunteers. The editor of the magazine selected will receive a scroll and a copy of the ECF Chess Book of the Year (any alternative to this is at the discretion of the Awards committee).

*Send your nominations by 31 March 2007 to: John Wickham (details above)*



*2006 winner, editor of "The Problemist" John Rice with Gerry Walsh*

### Website of the Year 2007

ECF are seeking nominations for the ECF Chess Website of the Year award. We are looking for nominations from either users or the webmasters of Chess Websites that are run by volunteers. The webmaster of the site selected will receive a scroll and a copy of the ECF Book of the Year (any alternative to this is at the discretion of the awards committee).

*Nominations with the website address should be sent by 31 March 2007 to: John Wickham (details above)*

### Book of the Year

Due to the retirement of John Toothill, a judge is required for the prestigious ECF Book of the Year Award. Applicants should have a wide general knowledge and experience of the chess world and an active interest in chess literature. The other two judges are Ray Edwards (Chairman) and Julian Farrand. Applications should be sent by 28th February 2007 to: ECF, The Watch Oak, Chain Lane, Battle, East Sussex TN33 0YD or email: office@englishchess.org.uk



*Ray Edwards presenting the 2006 ECF Book of the Year award to Allard Hoogland on behalf of GC Van Perlo for his book Endgame Tactics. Photograph by John Saunders*

## Report from the Chief Executive

It is now almost three months since I was elected to the post of Chief Executive of the ECF and I thought I would give you a brief update as to what I am doing. You will not be surprised to know that issues surrounding membership continue to take up a great deal of my time. If there is one subject on which everyone has a view this is it. This would be a good thing, but for the fact that everyone has a completely different view.

No sooner am I convinced that the Game Fee has no role in a modern structure, than I speak with someone else who persuades me that the invention of the Game Fee is second only in genius to the creation of the game of chess itself! It is a pity Henry Kissinger is not a chess player. The positive thing is that the poor relations between the ECF and the NCCU have been repaired. This is important, as we should never forget that the ECF is a federation: we all work together, or we achieve nothing.

Having not been involved in chess politics previously - in Cheshire and North Wales where I am Chairman, we are a laid back bunch - it has surprised me somewhat the amount of energy that chess players will expend over subjects that very few other people actually care about.

On reflection, however, I think this is one of the strengths of the federation - that those who are involved, whether as organisers or players, are deeply concerned about chess and the future of the game. I know this from the dozens of e-mails I receive from you the members.

I am confident that over the next few months, the board will be making a series of important announcements which will show our members that English chess and the ECF still have an awful lot of life left in them.

May I wish you all a Happy New Year.

*Martin Regan*

## ICT Committee

The English Chess Federation has created a new ICT Committee which will have responsibility for advising on the use and implementation of information technology within the Federation.

It will also have a wider remit to look at the way in which IT and the internet might be used to improve the chess infrastructure throughout England.

The members of the Committee are Peter Sowray, Bruce Holland, Dr John Upham and David Thomas.

## ECF Liaison Officer

The ECF is pleased to announce the appointment of Abi Adams of Northumberland Chess Association to the new post of Liaison Officer.

Her role will be to communicate to the counties, leagues and ECF delegates the

# National Club Championship 2006/7

## Open

**Semi-finals** (by end April)

Ilford *or* Bedford v Maidstone

Mushrooms v Wood Green

**Preliminary round** (by end February)

Ilford v Bedford

## Major

**Quarter-finals** (by 25th March)

Maidstone v Hastings & St Leonards

Wanstead & Woodford v Metropolitan

Knights

Milton Keynes v Gloucester

Bedford v Brown Jack

**Round 1** (by 17th December)

Alwoodley 2 - 3 Milton Keynes

Gloucester - Cosham (defaulted)

Brown Jack 3½ - 1½ Metropolitan Rooks

Metropolitan Knights 4 - 1 Tunbridge Wells

Writtle 2 - 3 Maidstone

Hastings & St Leonards - Wood Green

(defaulted)

Hackney 1½ - 3½ Wanstead & Woodford

Bye Bedford

## Major Plate

**Quarter-finals**

Wood Green v Cosham

Tunbridge Wells v Hackney

Metropolitan Rooks v Writtle

Bye Alwoodley

## Minor

**Round 2** (by 18th February)

Ashfield v Lancaster

Wanstead & Woodford v Bedford

Milton Keynes v Hackney

Byes Buckleymold, Forest Of Dean, Newark,

Woodpushers, Maidstone

**Round 1** (by 31st December)

Lancaster 2½ - 1½ Alwoodley

Diss Old House 1½ - 2½ Bedford

Bushbury Staffs 1½ - 2½ Buckley/Mold

Syston 0 - 4 Milton Keynes

High Wycombe 1 - 3 Hackney

Chipping Campden 1½ - 2½ Forest of Dean

West Leeds ½ - 3½ Newark

Barton on Humber 1 - 3 Ashfield Notts

Woodpushers Sussex 3 - 1 Cosham

Tunbridge Wells 1 - 3 Maidstone

Westcliff 1 - 3 Wanstead & Woodford.

## Minor Plate

**Round 1**

Bushbury v Chipping Campden

West Leeds v Barton on Humber

High Wycombe v Westcliff

Byes Alwoodley, Diss, Syston, Cosham,

Tunbridge Wells

## Under 100

**Quarter-finals** (by 25th February)

Snodland v Rainham

Buckley/Mold v Leeds Juniors

Bushbury v Chipping Campden

Forest of Dean v Magdalen College School

**Preliminary Round** (by 14th January)

Ashted 2 - 2 \*Snodland

thought processes and ideas that are being generated by the ECF board, to sound out opinion and report back to the CEO and the board the views and ideas of chess players across the country.

She will, in a sense, act as a bridge between the directors and the wider chess community. The CEO will continue to carry out this role with the constituent units of the Federation.

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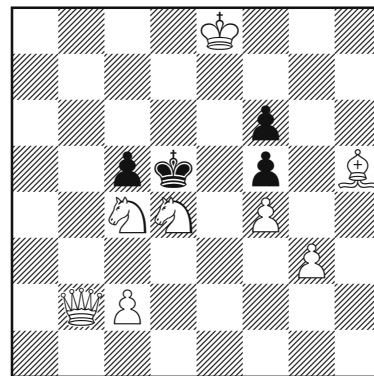
**Bogdan Lalic from Sutton, Surrey**

**The Correct Answers are: 1. Nd5**

Umberto Castellari

*Comm., Die Schwalbe, 1952/II*

**White to play and mate in 2**



Please send your answer (just the first move is sufficient) on a postcard to the

**ECF Office, The Watch Oak,**

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The first correct entry drawn on 10th March 2007 will win a Batsford voucher for any book on their current list.



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# Hastings International Chess Congress



The Mayor (Cllr. Maureen Charlesworth) and Hastings MP (Michael Foster) make the opening move for Mark Hebben against David Eggleston.

The total number of entries for the 2006/07 Hastings Congress was 494 – slightly up on recent years. The Masters followed a fairly predictable course and was hard fought to the end, with only a half point separating the top eight players. Among the middle rated players there were two particularly good performances – Christopher Briscoe (55th seed) scored 6/9 and Feliks Kwiatkowski (38th seed) scored 5½/9. The performance of Jack Rudd (30th seed) with 6/9 also deserves a mention.

It was encouraging to see the number of players (including several juniors), participating in their first ever tournament, appearing in the lower sections of the Christmas and New Year tournaments and also in the Weekend Congress.

Steve Giddins attended the Congress throughout and has put all the Masters game scores on the Congress website ([www.hastingschess.org.uk](http://www.hastingschess.org.uk)). His daily commentaries on the website are well worth reading. They are not only informative but also often humorous, as when he wonders if Hastings can claim a world record for the shortest loss of a game through a mobile phone ringing (after two moves!).

In addition to the serious chess at Horntye Park, there were the usual fringe events around the town in the evenings. Two evenings of blitz tournaments at the Carlisle Pub, a pairs tournaments at the Pig in Paradise Pub (all these events attracted players from grandmaster downward). We also have to thank two Guildford players (Mike Adams assisted by Mike Gunn) who ran a Chess Variants evening at the White Rock Hotel.



Above: Srinath Narayanan from India

Top Right: Latiffa Messam-Sparks and Aly Wilson



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**Masters** (100 players). Nine rounds. 7 points. Merab Gagunashvili (GEO); Valerij Neverov (UKR).

6½ points. Vyacheslav Ikonnikov (RUS); Zvulon Gofshtein (ISR); Milos Pavlovic (SER); Nicholas Pert (ENG); Bogdan Lalic (CRO); Alexander Cherniaev (RUS).

Prize for highest score by a woman player: Dagne Ciuksyte (LTU); Jovanka Houska (ENG).

Prize for highest score by a non-Master: Jack Rudd (ENG); Christopher Briscoe (ENG).

British Championship qualifiers: Feliks Kwiatkowski (ENG); Christopher Briscoe (ENG).

## Christmas Morning 'A' (23 players)

1st-2nd Dagne Ciuksyte (Lithuania); Christopher Howell (Redhill)

3rd-6th Ivor Annetts (Exmouth); Akash Jain (Pinner); Stephen Mitchell (Slough); Reinhard Schmerwitz (Germany).

## Christmas Morning 'B' (22 players)

1st Neil Coward (Blackpool).

2nd Barry Sandercock (Chalfont St.Giles).

3rd-5th Brian Atkinson (Slough); Stephen Grounds (Manchester); Paul Smith (Hove).

## Christmas Morning 'C' (18 players)

1st-3rd Timothy Allen (Battersea); Tom O'Neill (Brighton); Caroline Robson (Enfield).

4th-5th David Lettington (West Malling); Mark Stone (Orpington).

## Christmas Afternoon 'A' (18 players)

1st John Dodgson (Hastings).

2nd-3rd Martin Cutmore (Ashford, Kent); Joe Richardson (Hastings).

4th-6th Andrew Mata (Tonbridge); Thomas Pym (Newport); Henrik Svane (Denmark).

## Christmas Afternoon 'B' (17 players)

1st Gary O'Grady (Guildford).

2nd-3rd Raymond Kearsley (Wimbledon); Hugh Tassell (Tunbridge Wells).

4th-6th Roy Harper (Eastbourne); Conrad Jowett (Stockport); Paul Smith (Hove).

## Christmas Afternoon 'C' (16 players)

1st Timothy Allen (Battersea).

2nd Caroline Robson (Enfield)

3rd-5th Aryan Arghandewal (Guildford);

Michael Beech (Hastings); Catriona Meechan (Camberley).

## New Year Morning 'A' (18 players)

1st Christopher Hann (Hastings)

2nd-3rd Reinhard Schmerwitz (Germany); David Tuddenham (Godalming).

4th-7th Samuel Franklin (Crystal Palace); Helge Hjort (Hastings); Akash Jain (Pinner); John Waterfield (Hereford).

## New Year Morning 'B' (21 players)

1st Lateefah Messam-Sparks (Nottingham).

2nd-5th Marc Bryant (Hastings); Neil Coward (Blackpool); Omer Namouk (Hastings); Chris Rogal (London).

## New Year Morning 'C' (19 players)

1st-2nd Paul Buswell (Hastings); John Constable (Coulsdon).

3rd-5th Rod Burroughs (Hutton); Ram Mohan (Hastings); Shyam Mohan (Hastings).

**New Year Afternoon 'A'** (18 players)  
1st-4th Robert Elliston (Hastings); Stephen MacDonald-Ross (Wimbledon); Norman Stephenson (Middlesbrough); John Waterfield (Hereford).

**New Year Afternoon 'B'** (19 players)  
1st Neil Coward (Blackpool).  
2nd-4th John Brooke (Ilkley); Tristan Clayton (Epsom); Roy Harper (Eastbourne).

**New Year Afternoon 'C'** (20 players)  
1st Ayse Karel (Surbiton).  
2nd-5th Paul Buswell (Hastings); Christine Constable (Coulsdon); Derek Cosens (Hastings); Simon Sellick (Bracknell).

**Weekend Open** (34 players)  
1st Andrew Greet (Kingsfisher).  
2nd-3rd Colin Crouch (Harrow); Gawain Jones (Ennis).  
Grading prize: Alex Galliano (Crawley).

**Weekend Major** (42 players)  
1st Brian Fitzpatrick (Fulham).  
2nd-4th Mel Young (Hastings); Stephen Blewitt (Hastings); Alfredo Luaces (Hastings).  
Grading prize: Samuel Franklin (London).

**Weekend Minor** (42 players)  
1st David Norton (East Grinstead).  
2nd-5th Sylvia Chidi (Edgware); Adrian Pay (London); Michael Jones (Chislehurst); Tristan Clayton (Epsom).  
Grading prize: Greg Breed (Eastcote); Edward Davies (Portsmouth).

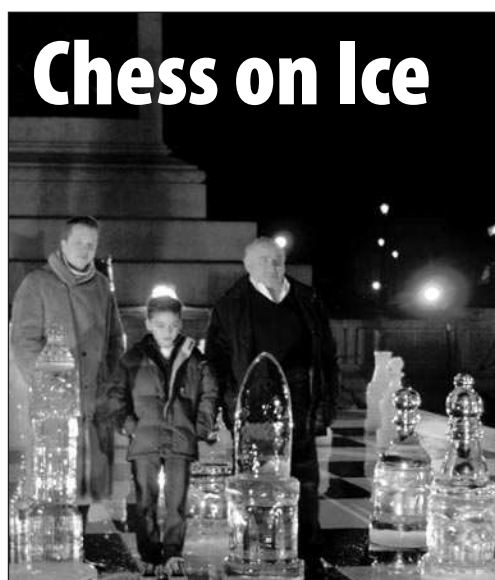
**Weekend Under 100** (47 players)  
1st David Orr (Bexley).  
2nd-5th Christine Constable (Coulsdon); Phil Foley (Rainham); Mark Smith (Edinburgh); John Smuts (Hove).  
Grading prize: Barnaby Paul (Billingshurst); Shyam Mohan (Hastings); Susan Chadwick (Brighton); Alan Bloom (London).

#### **Martin Regan reports:**

It's the dream of every club player and for Chris Briscoe, it was a dream that came true. Playing in the famous international tournament at Hastings and finishing up there on the final leader board with a whole host of titled players. Thirty something Chris, who plays his club chess for Kingston, not only held his own against Grandmasters and International Masters, but he secured his first international master norm, not bad for a player whose ECF grade is 178. His results included a stunning last round win with black over IM Willy Hendriks. Well Done!



*Dominic Foord playing Rasa Norinkeviciute, a member of the Lithuanian Federation and of the Hastings Chess Club. Masters Round 3*



The competing London team, pictured above at the base of Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square, was lead by Nigel Short and also included 8 year old chess champion Darius Parvizi-Wayne and the author and keen player Peter Ackroyd.

I was charged with finding volunteers for the hardest job of all, manoeuvring the giant pieces into place, a task which became increasingly more difficult as they started to melt and began sliding off squares of their own accord!

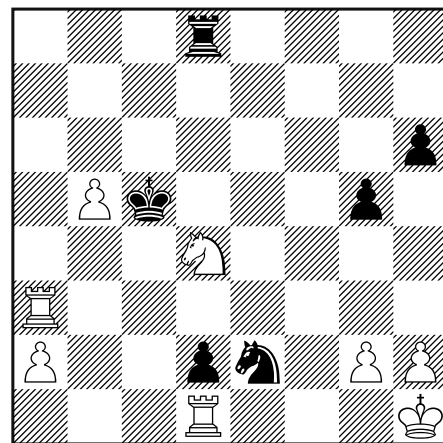
The team, which included some of our top junior and international players, an ECF arbiter and an ECF Director, with what remained of the rapidly disappearing Big Ben king at the end of the game: (overleaf from left to right) Callum Kilpatrick, Jovanka Houska, Desmond Tan, Claire Summerscale, Tony Niccoli, Jessica Thilaganathan, Thilagini Anandajeyarajah and Maria Yurenok.



London and Moscow jointly launched 2007's Russian Winter Festival on the 11th January with the world's first international ice chess rapidplay match. Using a live satellite link, Nigel Short and Anatoly Karpov once again squared up against each other, discovering all too quickly that the chess battle ahead would also be a battle against the weather, as higher than average temperatures threatened to turn the ice pawns into puddles.

The 64 meters squared board featured giant ice pieces, skillfully sculpted into the shape of famous London and Moscow landmarks.

Entertaining commentary was provided for the considerable crowd throughout the game by GMs Danny King and Nigel Short and with the Russians down to their last 27 seconds, a sporting draw was accepted by Darius on behalf of the English team.



1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. Ng5 Bc5 5. Bxf7+ Ke7 6. Bd5 d6 7. O-O Bg4 8. Qe1 Nxd5 9. exd5 Nd4 10. c3 Ne2+ 11. Kh1 h6 12. Ne4 Bb6 13. f3 Nxc1 14. fxg4 Nd3 15. Qg3 Nf4 16. d4 g5 17. Nbd2 Qg8 18. dxe5 dxe5 19. c4 Bd4 20. Qb3 Qg6 21. Qxb7 Qb6 22. d6+ Kd7 23. Qxc7+ Qxc7 24. dxc7 Kxc7 25. Rab1 Rhf8 26. Nf3 Rad8 27. b4 Ne2 28. c5 Rf4 29. Nd6 Rxc4 30. Nxd4 exd4 31. Rf7+ Kc6 32. Rxa7 d3 33. Ra3 Rd4 34. b5+ Kd5 35. Rd1 d2 36. Nf5 Kxc5 37. Nxd4 1/2-1/2

It was great to see the positive press attention that this exciting match received, both in the newspapers and on national and local television news and I hope to be involved with more events like this in the future.

*Claire Summerscale, ECF Director of Junior Chess*





*The Team*



*Nigel Short*



*Darius with David Rumens*



*Anatoly Karpov in Moscow*



*Darius Parvizi-Wayne with Big Ben*

# Junior News

## England's Youngest Grandmaster continued ...

In his final game in Stockholm, David, who needed a draw, was paired against 3rd seed GM Emanuel Berg (2582), but he had the advantage of the white pieces. This was a potentially tense affair, but David, who, unlike most of his contemporaries, doesn't have a trainer, worked out a strategy the night before. The plan worked to perfection, and in a slightly advantageous position on move 12 he offered a draw which his opponent immediately accepted.

David is a member of the Ashted, Crowborough and Hastings Chess Clubs. He also plays for Guildford in the Four Nations Chess League, and for Marseille Duchamp in the French League.

David is a long-standing supporter of Manchester United, and plays football for his school. His favourite music includes the Red Hot Chili Peppers and the Foo Fighters. He is a great fan of the Lord of the Rings movies, and he enjoys reading JRR Tolkien, JK Rowling, Philip Pullman and Bernard Cornwell.

Exactly one week after his magnificent result, David, who is studying for his A-levels at Eastbourne College, was taking his AS Level Mathematics.

## Yorkshire Girls' Championships, 2006



**It was a real pleasure to be asked to present the prizes at the 2006 Yorkshire Girls' Open Championships on 26th November at the Alcuin School in Leeds. Five years ago, there were no Yorkshire girls' championships and no Yorkshire girls' teams.**

Forty one girls competed, including most of the strongest in the North of England, and there were some tough games in this six-round rapidplay. The competitors ranged from near-beginners to an England international, Rachel Cass, and the atmosphere was friendly but determined. It was no surprise to learn that the Yorkshire Under 14 Girls' Team had won a national title in 2006.

While congratulations were well-earned by the age-group winners and the overall champion, Kiruthika Rajeswaran from Dewsbury, the achievements of the Yorkshire organisers also deserve due recognition. Congratulations are due to John Hipshon, the tournament organiser and the Co-ordinator for Yorkshire Girls' Chess, plus Rupert Jones and Peter Cloudsdale, President and Vice-President of Yorkshire Chess Association respectively, and Stuart Johnson, the Yorkshire grader, among others.



For me, the best part was seeing the obvious enjoyment of the competitors, and long may they play chess.

### Prizewinners:

Yorkshire Girls' Champion: Kiruthika Rajeswaran Under 16 Champion: Amanda Hipshon Under 12 Champion: Rachel Cass Under 11 Champion: Rachel Ball Under 10 Champion: Claudia Smalley Under 9

Champion: Natalie Cass Under 8 Champion: Lois Coleman

West Yorkshire Champions were: Under 16, Kiruthika Rajeswaran; Under 12 Yasmin Niksaz, Under 10 Bronagh Sheridan and Under 8 Lois Coleman.

*Susan McFarland, Chief Executive, British Women's Chess Association*

## All England Girls Chess Championship

The All England 2006/7 season started off with the Northern regional event at Aughton on the 18th November. Aughton St. Michael's C of E Primary School. The coaching during the day was as popular and successful as ever, with Andrew Legge doing a brilliant job with all the girls. For more details and results go to [www.chessuk.com/northern2006.htm](http://www.chessuk.com/northern2006.htm)

## London Junior Chess Championships

**9-10 December 2006**

**The London Junior Chess Championships have been running since 1924 and continue to go from strength to strength, with the best junior players from around the country descending on London for two weekends every December. On the 9th and 10th December 2006 it was the turn of the under 10s and 14s to fight it out for the championships.**

Everyone in the under 10s had qualified to be there, either through a qualifying tournament or by virtue of their grade and the calibre of all the players was clear. In a testament to the dedication and determination of the players, both the major and minor were won with magnificent 100% scores.

*The under 10s before the start of round 6*

Under 10 Major 1st  
Adam Taylor 2nd =  
Radha Jain, Peter  
Andreev

Under 10 Minor 1st  
Timothy Foster 2nd  
Anna Wang 3rd =  
Alfred Drinkwater,  
Felix Haxby, Edward  
Statham, Richard  
Wilmer



The under 14 championships were also fiercely contested, with players battling it out until the dying seconds of each round.

Under 14 Major 1st George Salimbeni 2nd James Adair 3rd = Dominic Foord, Samuel Franklin, Ilya Iyengar, Akash Jain

Under 14 Minor 1st Alexander Ho 2nd = Frank Sabin, Robert Statham, Patrick Stevens

The full results can be found on the LJCC website - [www.ljcc.co.uk](http://www.ljcc.co.uk) along with details of the under 8, 12, 16 and 18 championships, which took place on 28th - 30th December.

Some fantastic chess was played over the weekend and it really was a huge pleasure to attend the championships and see some of England's top chess talent in action.

*Claire Summerscale, ECF Director of Junior Chess & Education*



*Winner & runner up of the under 10 minor championships.*



# Book Reviews

by Gary Lane

**Starting out: 1 e4!**

**By Neil McDonald**

**published by Everyman £14.99**

The idea of the book is to play 1 e4 and then be provided with a line against just about everything. Now this is quite a tough task within 200 pages but McDonald does an admirable job in providing modern examples to cope with the popular continuations. After 1...e5 it is suggested that White try the Scotch which is certainly a decent choice but it must be remembered this is supposed to be a guide to people new to such openings so do not expect lengthy analysis. This can be a good thing because you do not get too worried about the alternatives and if you like what you see then a closer look at a particular opening can be conducted at a future time. He also manages to give excellent replies to side-lines such as the Latvian and The Elephant Gambit which tend to turn up frequently at weekend tournaments. The big debate is whether he should devote the majority of the book recommending the Open Sicilian with 2 Nf3. In the past, authors of repertoire books have pushed forward the C3 Sicilian or just 3 Bb5 against everything. Therefore, McDonald wisely tries something new and takes on a lot of difficult variations with simple solutions that are worth close examination by the keen student. This will give a player new to the openings enough confidence to play and win.

## Mastering the Chess Openings – Volume 1

**by John Watson**

**published by Gambit £19.99**

This is a book devoted to explaining 1 e4 openings and aimed at players rated 2000 and higher. Watson uses his 333 pages to cover numerous lines but it is difficult to include everything in detail and for example only 3 pages are devoted to the C3 Sicilian which is very popular at club level. Of course, there is no way around this problem and one has to rely on the author's selection and enjoy the explanation of the basics of what is going on. An experienced player might like to have an insight into the different openings with a view to changing their repertoire and there is enough discussion on the variations to make an informed choice. He also makes a point of demonstrating the numerous times it is possible to transpose to different openings via move-order tricks, that could help to steer the game away from your opponent's favoured choice. As usual with Gambit books there are plenty of diagrams and it is easy to read. A fine way to improve your knowledge of openings.

## On the Attack

**by Jan Timman**

**published by New in Chess £18.95**

This is a bedside book to dip into now and again to enjoy great attacking games. The Dutch grandmaster takes games from the modern era which apparently extends back to 1981 in Kasparov's case. I think Timman to his credit has resisted the urge to include his usual seemingly endless analysis and prefers an approach that describes what is going on with words. In general the presentation is excellent with eleven photos to accompany the description of the selected players whose star games are examined. A generous appraisal of Nigel Short is a prelude to three brilliant games where the Englishman creates dazzling attacks. He then makes the interesting point that Short is much more cautious as Black which is something to think about. The youngest player mentioned is Andrey Volokitin who the author has played in a rapid match, while the others are more predictable such as Anand, Shirov, Topalov and Polgar. The 33 games are completed by a chapter on short attacking fragments from numerous games. An agreeable way to learn how to attack.

# North of England Rapidplay & Michael Adams Simul

**North of England Rapidplay took place at Eckington Nr Sheffield on Sunday October 1st 2006, reported in the previous issue, photographs are now available below.**



*The playing area*



*GM Michael Adams at the beginning of the simul*



*David Bentley, ECF President Gerry Walsh, Open winner Chris Shepherd & GM Michael Adams*



*Junior Medalists with Gerry Walsh & GM Michael Adams*

# Littlewood's Choice

## European Club Cup

13.10.2006

□ Kiril Georgiev

■ Liviu Dieter Nisipeanu  
*Blumenfeld Gambit E10*

We all enjoy a king hunt, such as Kasparov's brilliant win against Topalov. I myself had an exciting game at Hastings against Barden when my king was the one being hunted; I should have lost but turned the tables and won, revealing that on occasions the hunted king can successfully join in the counter-attack. In the following thrilling game, Nisipeanu maintains control throughout.

**1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 e6 3 c4 c5 4 d5 b5**

The Blumenfeld Gambit in which a pawn is given up in exchange for a powerful pawn centre which must quickly be attacked by White if he is to survive.

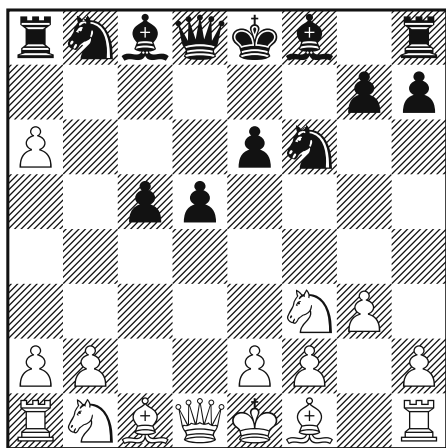
**5 dxe6**

When I was a young player, theory gave 5 Bg5 as best and, frankly, it can't be worse than the game plan.

**5...fxe6 6 cxb5 d5 7 g3**

White plans to safeguard his king and then challenge Black's centre by a timely e4, but Black cleverly anticipates this

**7...a6! 8 bxa6**



**8...Bd6!**

It is important to develop rapidly before taking the 'a' pawn and to leave the bishop protecting e6 until Bh3 is no longer a threat

**9 Bg2 0-0 10 0-0 Nc6**

Having removed the b5 pawn, Black has the excellent c6 square for his knight

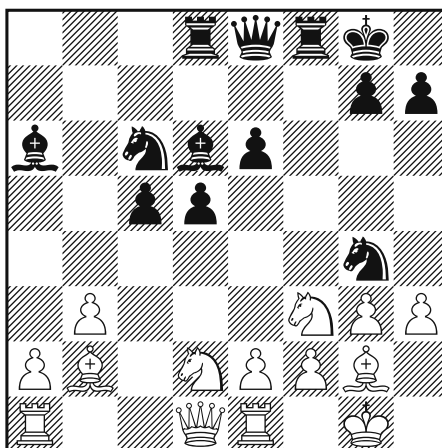
**11 b3 Bxa6 12 Bb2 Qe8**

Immediately maximising the power of all his pieces before White can play e4

**13 Nbd2 Rd8! 14 Re1**

White would like to play Qb1 so first guards his 'e' pawn, only to find that his f2 pawn becomes a target!

**14...Ng4! 15 h3?!**



Tempting fate far too much in my opinion, since his 'g' pawn will become an additional weakness after Black's next sacrifice

**15...Nxf2!**

This would have been classed as an intuitive sacrifice if played by Rudolf Spielmann in the glorious pre-computer age, whereas here it is surely a deeply prepared idea which gives Black excellent chances for the piece. Even such great defenders as Korchnoi or Petrosian would have been loath to allow the coming at-tack. However, it still takes nerve to play such a move as Black

**16 Kxf2 Nd4**

A highly committal move which practically excludes any chances of playing the thematic advance of his 'e' pawn. I suggest 16...Qg6 (17 g4 h5 18 Qb1 Qg5 19 Kg1 Qe3+) as an inter-esting alternative, because it would force 17 Nf1 which immediately cuts out any chance of a central attack by e4

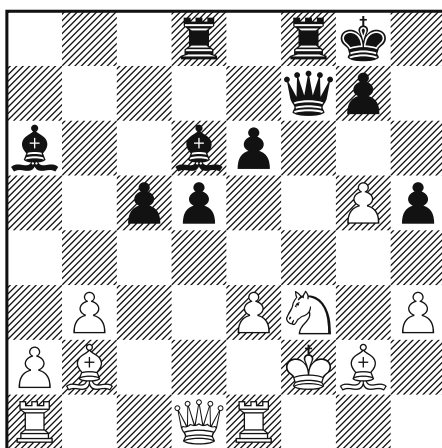
**17 g4 h5 18 g5 Qf7!?**

Notkin rightly prefers 18...Nf5 here but perhaps the problem lies in the knight's premature jump to d4

**19 e3?**

This further weakening move signifies the beginning of the end. Perhaps Black had banked on answering the far better 19 Kg1! with 19...e5 20 e3 Nxf3+ 21 Nxf3? e4 winning and failed to see that 21 Qxf3! forces the exchange of queens

**19...Nxf3 20 Nxf3**



**20...Bh2!**

I like this move which has the immediate threat of ...Qc7 followed by ...Qg3 mate

**21 Bf1**

The obvious 21 Rh1 fails to 21...d4! 22 exd4 Qf4 23 Rxh2 Qxh2 when White's QB cannot go to f6

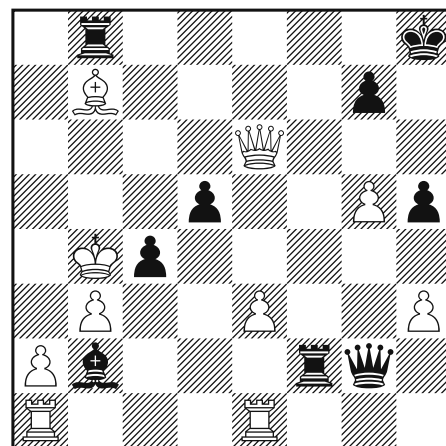
**21...Qc7!**

The final attack begins

**22 Bxa6 Qg3+ 23 Ke2 Qg2+ 24 Kd3 c4+! 25 Kc3 Rxf3 26 Qd4**

Notkin refutes 26 Re2 with the attractive variation 26...Rxe3+! 27 Rxe3 d4+ 28 Kb4 Bd6+ 29 Kxc4 dxe3

**26...Rf2 27 Qb6 Be5+ 28 Kb4 Rb8 29 Bb7 Bxb2 30 Qxe6+ Kh8**



**31 Kc5**

Trying desperately to escape and planning to answer 31...Rxb7? with 32 Qe8+ Kh7 33 Rg1! winning but Nisipeanu will have none of it and switches to a pragmatic plan involving the advance of his 'c' pawn

**31...Bxa1 32 Bxd5 Qxg5 33 Rxa1 c3! 34 h4 Qxh4 35 e4 c2 36 Rc1 Qg5 37 Qh3 Qxc1 0-1**

And now 38 Qxh5+ is parried by 38...Qh6 winning.

## 3rd Jack Spiegel Memorial Tournament

The 3rd Jack Spiegel Memorial will take place over Easter 2007 as part of the Southend-on-Sea Annual Easter Chess Congress. Jack Spiegel's Nephew, Cliff Stanford, has again provided generous funding for this 8-player all-play-all tournament. On this occasion 2005 winner Danny Gormally and 2006 winner James Plaskett are joined by John Emms, Mark Hebden, Chris Ward, Glenn Flear, Neil McDonald and Lawrence Trent. The line-up of seven Grandmasters and one International Master will make this the strongest of these events to date. Cliff has already promised finance for a 4th tournament in 2008.

The tournament provides no "Conditions" for players but prizes range from £1,000 first prize down to £250 for 8th prize and with an additional £50 for the winner of each decisive game and a £100 "Best game" prize.

The first two tournaments saw many exciting competitive games played in the sporting spirit which Jack would have enjoyed. This is a rare opportunity to experience the thrills and tensions of games of this quality at close hand. Spectators are always welcome.

I am delighted that the Congress Committee have again allowed me to organise and control this tournament as part of the Southend Congress which Jack ran for close to half a century.

Peter J. B. Wilson



## Obituary

### David Bronstein (1924 - 2006)

David Bronstein died 5 December 2006 in Minsk.

It is unusual for the ECF to carry obituaries of foreign players, but David loved to come to England and made many visits, sometimes staying for protracted periods.

He was one of the colossi of post war chess and drew a World Championship match with Botvinnik 12-12 in 1951. There still remains controversy about whether he was 'persuaded' by the Soviet authorities not to win the match.

His loss to C.H. O'D Alexander at Hastings in 1953-4 where they shared first place, created huge media attention. The 120 move game, which lasted three days because of adjournments, was published on the front page of several newspapers.

Later he played many times at Hastings, but also at Teesside (where memorably on one occasion he volunteered to act as a demonstration board operator), in the British Rapidplay Championship, NatWest International, Vera Menchik Memorial and so on.

Latterly he also did a certain amount of chess coaching, particularly in Hastings. He once said, 'Hastings is part of your National Heritage and should receive lottery money.'

The cornucopia of ideas that gushed forth made him a joy to analyse with and a delightful dinner companion.

Our condolences to his wife and other members of the family.  
*Stewart Reuben*

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## Troitzky's Terrific Treats

by Grandmaster Paul Motwani

John Glendinning very kindly wrote last Saturday's chess column (the Scotsman) for me when I had to spend several days in hospital. The hours seemed to pass quite quickly, though, as I enjoyed delving into numerous beautiful endgame studies composed by Russia's late great Alexei Troitzky (1866-1942). He features somewhere in practically every good book on endings, including two entries in GM John Nunn's excellent "Endgame Challenge" published in 2002 (see [www.gambitbooks.com](http://www.gambitbooks.com)).

The studies given below—with nos. 2, 4, and 6 being slightly abridged versions of Troitzky's originals—are some of my personal favourites that really show the Russian maestro's genius, and complete solutions are provided at the end. Have fun!

- 1) **wKd5,Bh6,Pg7; bKf7,Pe7,h7.** It is White to play and win.
- 2) **wKf2,Ba2,Ne2; bKh3,Nh2,Ph6.** It is White to play and win.
- 3) **wKh6,Ra8,Pa7; bKh4,Ra1.** It is White to play and win.
- 4) **wKa4,Qf1,Bf3; bKg6,Qf8,Bh8.** It is White to play and win.
- 5) **wKe1,Qh1,Be8,Ng6; bKh3,Rb4,Bh2,Pf5,g4,g3.** It is White to play and win.
- 6) **wKe2,Qc8,Ne5; bKf6,Qa1,Ph7.** It is White to play and win.

### Solutions to Studies

- 1) White can actually force a quick mate with 1 g8(Q)+! Kxg8 2 Ke6 Kh8 3 Kf7 followed by 4 Bg7#.
- 2) White wins crisply with 1 Ng1+! Kh4 2 Kg2 Ng4 3 Nf3+ Kh5 4 Bf7#.
- 3) The main line illustrates a highly instructive winning method: 1 Kg6 (threatening Rh8+) 1...Kg4 2 Kf6 Kf4 3 Ke6 Ke4 4 Kd6 Kd4 5 Kc6 Kc4 6 Rc8! Rxa7 7 Kb6+, picking up the loose black rook.
- 4) The sequence 1 Bh5+! Kg7 2 Qg2+ Kf6 3 Qf3+ Kg7 (3...Ke7 4 Qa3+ is a fatal skewer) 4 Qg4+ Kf6 5 Qf4+ either costs Black his queen after 5...Ke7 6 Qb4+ or leads to mate with 5...Kg7 6 Qg5+ Kh7 7 Qg6#.
- 5) This one is tough because Black is threatening ...g2 or ...Rb1+, and 1 Nf4+ Rxf4 2 Bc6 Rf2! is no good for White. However, 1 Bc6!! Rb1+ 2 Ke2 Rxb1 3 Bg2+!! wins in stunning fashion due to 3...Kxg2 4 Nf4+ Kg1 5 Ke1! g2 6 Ne2#.
- 6) The fact that the white knight cannot be captured by the black king because of a skewering queen check at g7 or h8 is an important recurring detail throughout the following long sequence: 1 Qf8+! Kg5 (the position resulting from 1...Ke6 2 Qf7+! actually occurs later in the main line) 2 Qg7+ Kf5 3 Qg4+! Kf6 4 Qf4+ Ke6 5 Qf7+! Kd6 6 Qd7+ Kc5 7 Qc6+ Kb4 (7...Kd4 8 Nf3# is neat!) 8 Nd3+ Kb3 9 Qd5+ Kc2 10 Qc4+ Qc3 11 Qa2+ Qb2 12 Qxb2#.

## Variant Chess

I passionately loathe Exchange or Bug-House chess. Children wanted to play it at Richmond Junior Chess Club on Saturday 9 December. In desperation, at about 4.30pm, I invented a new chess on the theme. Remember the date well!

This is called RICHMOND EXCHANGE CHESS and the rules have already undergone some moderations. There are two teams of two players and the two members of the same side sit diagonally opposite each other. One has White on one board and the other Black on the other board. Play starts with one of the players of the White pieces and then moves around clockwise. Every time a player captures a piece it is added to the collection of the opponent who has the same colour.

Instead of making a move, a player may drop one of his new pieces on the board in a legal position. It is not allowed to drop a piece immediately giving checkmate. It is not allowed to drop a pawn on the far rank, promoting a piece. When a pawn is promoted, if it is captured, then it moves to the opponent in the form of the promoted piece.

The purpose of the game is to give checkmate to one of the opponents. This game has elements of Shogi and also Exchange. It is clear that holding the initiative is vital. Sadly the introductory game has been lost to posterity.

But why do I have such antipathy to Exchange Chess? It is because the children often fail to sort out the pieces and it gets left to the organiser. Peter Sowray, Director of Richmond Junior Chess Club (having taken over from its founder Richard James), solves this by making the main rule that, at the conclusion of the session, the pieces must be reassembled into normal sets. He has yet to decide whether to recommend to FIDE that a World Championship be instituted, presumably for players under 14. After that, interest seems to wane.

*Stewart Reuben*

# Results Round-Up

## Spectrum Chess – 7th

### Sheffield Congress

4-5 November 2006

**Challengers Tournament:** Kevin R Marshall, Sheffield Nomads, 94, 90%; Richard D Leaper, Birmingham Uni., 92, 80%; Brian D Stephenson, Darnall & Handsworth, 71, 70%; Alan R Fraser, Beckenham & Bromley, 87, 60%; Benjamin L Hobson, Gambit, 99, 60%; John M Walker, Leicester \*, 97, 60%

**Minor Tournament:** Andrew P Farthing, Worcester City, 108, 80%; Neil Limbert, Barnsley, 114, 80%; Richard E Desmedt, Wombwell, 121, 70%; Timothy S Allen, Battersea, 103, 60%

**Major Tournament:** Derek A Jarvis, Breadsall, 148, 90%; Mike E Lally, Phoenix, 142, 80%; Dean M Hartley, Amber Valley, 142, 60%

**Open Tournament:** Paul Cumbers, Sheffield Nomads, 190, 70%; A Tyson Mordue, Keynsham, 194, 70%; Robert Shaw, High Peak, 195, 50%; Jim Davis, Worksop, 165, 40%; Daniel J Sullivan, Altrincham, 153, 40%; Kevin J Thurlow, Redhill, 171, 30%

## Hampshire Individual Championships

10-12 November 2006

**Open:** T Anderson, 4½ (2006/7 County Champion); H Lamb, 4½; G R Lock, 4½; U160 GP: L C Allen, 3 (Len Walters trophy); U140: N Burton, 3½ (Peter Marshall Cup); (cup to I Matthew, highest-placed Hampshire player) **Under 125:** R A Cleave, 5½; C Goddard, 4½; S Roberts, 4½; U100 GP: E G Davies, 4

## KJCA Sidcup Junior Rapidplay

12 November 2006

**Under 18:** Victor Jones, Lewisham CC, 105, 4; Lyall Bayliss, Crowborough CC, 143, 3½; William Jones, Lewisham CC, 113, 3½; Constantine Philippou, West Wickham, 97, 3; David Grant, East Grinstead CC, 116, 3; Robert Maguire, Beckenham & Bromley CC, 98, 3; Alex Galliano, East Grinstead CC, 113, 3 **Under 14:** Sheila Dines, Sanderstead, 131, 5; Duncan Bell, Beckenham, 72, 4; Jasdeep Gahir, Lewisham CC, 71, 4; Dominic Heslin-Rees, Charlton CC, 59, 3; Connor Lambert, Tunbridge Wells, 39, 3; Sheila Subbiah, Chislehurst, 49, 3

**Under 12:** Peter Batchelor, Willesden CC, 58, 5; Eugene Daley, Dulwich, 49, 5; Andrew Turner, Tonbridge & Hadlow CC, 88, 4½; Baven Balendran, Beckenham, 60, 4½; Nicholas Clanchy, Balham, 48, 4½; Sean Lintott-White, East Grinstead CC, 16, 4; Charan Maheswaran, Croydon, 4

**Under 10:** Gautham Reddiar, Petts Wood & Orpington CC, 31, 6; Raunak Rao, Beckenham, 16, 5; Jamie Stimpson, Hainault, 19, 4½

**Under 8:** Luxmie Muhunthakumar, New Malden, 6; Conor Murphy, Bexley, 4½; Daniel Webster, Streatham, 4

## RGSG Tournament

11-12 November 2006

**Trophy:** Robert Lydiard, RGS Guildford, 6; Robbie Coats, Highworth, 4½; Stefan Mahadevan, Wallington GS, 3½

**Under 18A:** Alex Flinders, Kingston GS, 5; Daniel Kliger, Homefield, 5; Jasper Tambini, Claremont, 5; Roger Baxter, Winchester College, 4; Chingis Janburchin, Winchester College, 4; Angus Mandale, Kingston GS, 4; Julius Zwirner, Winchester College, 4; James Apthorp, Winchester College, 3; Jamie Brennan, St Peter's, 3; Ben De Forest-Brown, Lanesborough, 3; Alexander Gordon-Brown, Winchester College, 3; Alex Mitchell, RGS Guildford, 3; Jack Shotton, Portsmouth GS, 3; Andrew Sims, RGS Guildford, 3

**Under 18B:** Ben Silverstein, Warden Park, 5½; Christopher Dunne, Kingston GS, 5; Alexander Jelacic, Homefield, 4½

**Under 12A:** Eugene Daley, Dulwich Prep, 5½; Clifford Wilmot, Surbiton Prep, 5; Christopher Hinchcliffe, St Peter's, 4

**Under 12B:** Matthew Payne, Chesswood Middle, 5½; Adam Taylor, Homefield, 5; George Galliano, Maidenbower Junior, 4½

## 43rd Hull Congress

17-19 November 2006

**R P Ross Open:** Hanley C (IM), Lancaster, 222, 5; Round M, Rose Forgrove, 162, 3½; Westra R D, Hull, 178, 3; Byron A R, Wigston, 181, 3; Nicholson J W R, York R.L., 173, 3; Coates D H, Lincoln, 161, 3; Jennings R, Rose Forgrove, 155, 3; Gardiner E, Hull, 157, 3

**Lawson/Starkey Major:** Bettley A D, St Andrews (Hull), 141, 4½; Holroyd N P, Peterborough, 137, 4; Foster A, Sunderland, 141, 4; Wright A, Hebden Bridge, 136, 4; Ieronimo M, Hull, 125, 3½; Edwards R A, St Andrews (Hull), 137, 3½; Dean R A, Pudsey, 138, 3½; Graham O, Worksop, 140, 3½; Blake N, Redhill, 144, 3½

**Eric Fisher Minor:** Boustred N J, Newcastle, 100, 4½; Molenkamp J, Leiden, Holland, 90, 4; Bramley D, Spondon, 99, 4; Pinder W, Pontefract, 86, 3½; Milson S, Louth, 86, 3½; Dixon S, Scarborough, 96, 3½; Hatfield D, Doncaster, 92, 3½; Sathirajv P, Conquisterdores, 100, 3½

## Preston Congress

24-26th November 2006

**Open:** S Haslinger, Formby, 4; R Palliser, York, 4; C Hanley, Lancaster, 4; J Merriman, Kent, 4; B Hague, Oldham, 4; G Lilley, Prescott, 174, 3½ **Major:** S Grounds, Bolton, 4½; N Barnaby, Bolton, 142, 4½; S Gardener, Poulton, 133, 4; P Evans, Blackpool, 158, 4; J Barber, Stockport, 137, 3½; P Stanley, Skelmersdale, 132, 3½

**Minor:** S McChonochie, Chester, 121, 4; D Buckell, Nelson, 109, 4; W Derbyshire, Chorely, 103, 4; N Rigby, Morely, 115, 3½; R Walker, Belper, 104, 3½; R Sayer, Kirby, 103, 3½; J Sutcliffe, Chester, 110, 3½

**Standard:** H Broadly, Chorley, 70, 4½; J Rothwell, Ormskirk, 97, 4½; T Fielding,

Preston, 81, 4; D Broughton, Nottingham, 85, 3½; C Hanson, Burnley, 79, 3½; J Marshall, Morecambe, 63, 3½; J McKeown, Southport, 93, 3½; R Trinder, Studley, 72, 3½; K Quinn, Preston, 85, 3½

## 40th Torbay League Congress

24-26 November 2006

**Open:** A P Lewis, London, 4½; A T Mordue, Bristol, 4½; J E S Menadue, Truro, Cornwall, 4; S P Dilleigh, Horfield, Bristol, 4

**Major (u155):** R Dean, Pudsley, 4; R Kneebone, Penwith, Cornwall, 4; G Taylor, Gloucester, 4; C Watson, Horfield, Bristol, 4; P Wilcock, Wimborne, Dorset, 4

**Intermediate (u125):** T Clayton, London, 4½; R Wilby, Totnes, Devon, 4½; E Smith, Brixham, Devon, 4; J G Mason, Devon, 4

**Minor (u100):** P J Hills, Sidmouth, Devon, 5; M Cuggy, Brixham, Devon, 4½; D Healey, Watford, Herts, 4; K Alexander, Sidmouth, Devon, 4

## Bury Rapidplay

10 December 2006

The Twelfth annual Rapidplay Congress organised by Bury Chess Club took place on Sunday 10 December 2006 at the sumptuous surroundings of the Elizabethan Suite, Bury Town Hall.

A record entry was received and 119 played on the day, including 2 Polish players, a Dutch family (father and two sons), and twins from Leyland, one Grandmaster and a couple of International Masters.

MICHAEL WOOD HOMES were again main sponsors of the Bury Rapidplay Chess Congress. Returning sponsors were METCALFE & CO Accountants of Bury and insurance company WINTERTHUR LIFE.

This was a full day congress over six rounds, split into three sections – Open, Major and Minor. A hundred players contested total prize money of £750. Players each had 30 minutes to complete each game. This was an ECF Grand Prix event.

## The Bury & Rochdale League Team

**Competition:** This was a new event, open to clubs playing in the Bury & Rochdale League. Clubs had to submit a team list of 5 players, with the best 4 scores to count.

Winners of an engraved clock were 3Cs Oldham, second were Bury A and third were Bury B. Rochdale were 4th.

**The M W Homes Open:** This featured 27 players. There was a Merseyside double at the top, with joint winners Formby's International Master Stewart Haslinger and Southport's Grandmaster Nigel Davies (both play for 3Cs Oldham in the 4NCL) each earning £80 with a score of 5/6.

Nigel finished strongly after a shock defeat by David Shaw (Urmston) in the second round. This surprise early setback, together with the vagaries of the Swiss pairing system, meant that the two winners failed to meet. Stewart drew with Jeff Horner (Bolton) and Alan Walton (3Cs Oldham).



Jeff joined Adam Ashton (3Cs Oldham) in third with 4.5 points. Grading prizes were won by Roger Williamson (Aigburth) and Marcial Flores (Eccles).

**The Major:** This featured 27 players. Joint winners with a score of 5/6 were Philip Armstrong (Oldham) and Paul Evans (AXA Lytham).

Ghassan El Gehani (Peoples) came third with 4.5 points. Grading prizes were won by Robert Clegg (Huddersfield) and Geoff Laurence (Macclesfield).

**The Minor:** This had an amazing 63 players. It was won jointly by Nick Rigby (a junior from Wakefield), and Bury's Sheraz Khalil with the days best score of 5.5/6.

John Sutcliffe (Chester) and Philip Titterton (Clitheroe) tied for third with 5 points. Grading prizes were won by Brian Slater (Radcliffe) and Kiruthika Rajeswaran (another junior from Wakefield).

**The Bury Players:** Sheraz Khalil won the Ludwig Gruchlik Memorial Trophy, which is awarded annually for the best score from a Bury Chess Club member, with a score of 5.5/6 as joint winner of the Minor.

Also in the Minor, Brian Forrest had a poor start but finished strongly with 4 points. Lee Baron scored a creditable 3 and Roger Nuttall an excellent 3.5.

In the Major, Roger Howley, Jim Litherland and Keith Evans scored 3, Martin Bryant scored 2.5, Paul Mole and Robin Yeung scored 1.

Bolton's Rod Middleton and Julian Clissold smoothly controlled the Congress, as always and there were no significant disputes. Many Bury club members helped to organise and run the event. Andrew Butterworth of Chess Direct provided the Bookstall.

Next year's event is on Sunday 9th December 2007.

**Fulprint York Congress**  
**5-7 January 2007**  
Two hundred and twenty-nine players assembled at the University of York for the twentieth Fulprint York Congress. This event offers equal prizes in all sections, and is ever popular with club players from across the north of England and beyond.

For the third year, the open section was won by IM Richard Palliser from Harrogate, who won the title of Yorkshire Champion. Runners-up were Andrew Hammond from Bourne End, David Adams of York, and Roger Jennings from Leeds who turned in his best performance for many years. Another Leeds player who exceeded his grade was Eddie Hurwitz (3/5) who suprised several strong opponents.

This year, nobody claimed the top prizes of £250 for winning in all five rounds, but six players each claimed the £150 prizes for scoring 4½ points. The total prize fund of £2,500 was shared among 43 competitors.

**Open:** IM Richard Palliser, York RI, 4½/5; Andrew Hammond, Bourne End, 4/5; David Adams, York RI, 4/5; Roger Jennings, Rose Forgrove, 4/5; Mike Surtees, Bolton, 3½/5

**Major U160:** Nic Fallowfield, Stourbridge, 4/5; Daniel Sullivan, Hale, 4/5; Tim Turner, York RI, 4/5; Barry Marshall, York RI, 4/5; Richard Hardy, York RI, 4/5; Robert Clegg, Huddersfield, 3½/5

**Intermediate U130:** Richard Desmedt, Wombwell, 4½/5; Richard Mounce, York RI, 4½/5; Philip Bentley, Hull, 4/5; David Grobler, Netherton, 4/5; Alan Trotter, Elmwood, 4/5; Alan Marshall, Boston, 4/5; Nicholas Rigby, Leeds Juniors, 4/5; Neil Jones, Cockermouth, 3½/5

**Minor U100:** Peter Smith, Bishop Auckland, 4½/5; Martin Beardsley, Eldon Leisure, 4½/5; Graham Marshall, York RI, 4½/5; Nigel Marshall, Rolls Royce, 4/5; Colin Weller, Scarborough, 4/5; David Scorer, Nelson, 4/5; Kenneth Aldersley, Nelson, 4/5; Abigail Pritchard, Poulton, 4/5; David Walshaw, Jesmond, 4/5; Vojtech Fisher, Atticus, 3½/5; Matthew Wedge-Roberts, Hebden Bridge, 3½/5

GAMES

Round 4

White Richard Palliser 226

Black Andy Hammond 205

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. Nf3 O-O 6. Be2 Bg4 7. Be3 Nfd7 8. Rc1 Bxf3 9. Bxf3 Na6 10. Be2 c5 11. d5 Nc7 12. h4 Re8 13. h5 e6 14. Qd2 exd5 15. exd5 Qe7 16. Kf1 a6 17. a4 Qf8 18. Bf4 f5 19. a5 Re7 20. hxg6 hxg6 21. g3 Ne8 22. Kg2 Ne5 23. Rh4 Nf6 24. Rch1 Rae8 25. Qc2 Nf7 26. Bd3 Ne4 27. Bxe4 fxe4 28. Be3 Bf6 29. Rxe4 Bxc3 30. Rxe7 Qxe7 31. bxc3 Qe4+ 32. Qxe4 Rxe4 33. Rb1 Rxc4 34. Rxb7 Ra4 35. Rb6 Rxa5 36. Bf4 c4 37. Bxd6 Rxd5 38. Ba3 Kg7 39. Rxa6 Rd2 40. Bc5 1-0

Round 3

White Andy Hammond 205

Black David Adams 200

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. c4 c6 4. Nc3 g6 5. cxd5 cxd5 6. Qa4+ Bd7 7. Qb3 Bc6 8. Ne5 Bg7 9. e3 Nbd7 10. f4 O-O 11. Bd3 Ne8 12. h4 Nxe5 13. fxe5 e6 14. Bd2 f6 15. exf6 Nxf6 16. h5 Nxh5 17. O-O-O Nf6 18. Be2 Qd7 19. Rh2 Ne4 20. Rdh1 Ng3 21. Rxh7 Nxh1 22. Rxh1 Rf6 23. Bd3 Qd6 24. Ne2 Qd7 25. Nc3 Kf7 26. g4 Rh8 27. Qd1 Qd8 28. g5 Rf2 29. Rxf8 Qxh8 30. Be1 Rh2 31. Qf3+ Ke7 32. Bxg6 Be8 33. Bxe8 Qxe8 34. Bg3 Qh5 35. Qf4 Rh1+ 36. Kd2 Qe8 37. Qd6+ Kf7 38. Nxd5 Rg1 39. Qc7+ Kg8 40. Ne7+ Kh8 41. Qxb7 Rb1 42. Bf4 Qd8 43. Kc2 Rf1 44. Qg2 Qxe7 45. Qxf1 Qb4 46. Qh3+ 1-0

Round 3

White Martin Carpenter 170

Black Patrick Senior 153

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Be3 b5 7. a4 b4 8. Nd5 e6 9. Nxf6+ Qxf6 10. Qd2 Bb7 11. Qxb4 Bxe4 12. Nb5 d5 13. Nc7+ Kd8 14. Qb7 d4 15. Qxe4 dxe3 16. O-O-O+ Kxc7 17. Qxa8 Ba3 18. Qa7+ Kc6 19. Bb5+ axb5 20. axb5+ Kxb5 21. Qxa3 exf2 22. Qd3+ Ka5 23. Qd2+ Ka6 24. Qe2+ Ka7 25. Rhf1 Qh6+ 26. Kb1 f5 27. Rxf2 Nc6 28. Rd7+ Kb6 29. Rf3 Na5 30. Rc3 Rb8 31. Rd6+ 1-0

English Chess  
Federation Grand Prix  
2006/7

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Bold indicates players who are counting the maximum number of events. If they add a new event, their worst event will be discarded.

Junior Prix

1	Gahir, Jasdeep, Kent Junior Congresses, .....	470
2	<b>Jain, Akash, Pinner, .....</b>	<b>464</b>
3	<b>Jain, Radha, Pinner, .....</b>	<b>459</b>
4	<b>Dines, Sheila J, Surrey Junior, .....</b>	<b>451</b>
5	Taylor, Adam A, Sutton/Cheam *, .....	444
6	Jones, Victor GL, Kent Junior Congresses, .....	432
7	Cleeves, Megan, Thamesdown Juniors, .....	432
8	Wang, Maria, Oxford Junior, .....	428
9	Salimbeni, George PW, Sussex Junior, .....	426
10	<b>Lobo, Robert J, Petts Wood &amp; Orpington, .....</b>	<b>409</b>

Graded Prix (174-150)

1	Hjort, Helge, Hendon, .....	349
2	Gamble, Raymond J, Spondon, .....	320
3	Cutmore, Martin J, Wood Green, .....	284
4	Bolt, Graham, Exeter, .....	263
5	Ackley, Peter JE, Hayes (Middlesex.), .....	246
6	Bryant, Richard BE, Oswestry, .....	240
7	Huq, Robin, Battersea, .....	238
8	Senior, Gary, Little Heath, .....	236
9	Cutmore, David A, Wood Green, .....	235
10	Healey, Michael W, Richmond & Twickenham, .....	233

Graded Prix (149-125)

1	<b>O'Gorman, Brendan, DHSS, .....</b>	<b>501</b>
2	<b>Sandercock, E Barry, Buckinghamshire*, .....</b>	<b>457</b>
3	<b>Pride, Stephen C, Cambridge City, .....</b>	<b>424</b>
4	Hughes, Peter, London SW *, .....	358
5	Norman, Dinah M, Crowthorne, .....	279
6	Annetts, Ivor S, Exmouth, .....	258
7	Patrick, David A, Courier Halifax, .....	249
8	Hibbitt, Arthur M, Bristol Grendel, .....	241
9	Jiang, Jimmy, Waltham Forest, .....	222
10	Price, Andrew, Leamington, .....	212

Graded Prix (124-100)

1	<b>Desmedt, Richard E, Netherton, .....</b>	<b>486</b>
2	<b>Allen, Timothy S, Battersea, .....</b>	<b>427</b>
3	<b>Walker, Roger W, Belper, .....</b>	<b>402</b>
4	<b>Gardiner, Colin J, Falmouth, .....</b>	<b>372</b>
5	Rixon, Tom J, Hemel Hempstead, .....	337
6	Gilbert, David J, DHSS, .....	286
7	Fleischer, Jeff H, Coulsdon & Purley, .....	264
8	Riley, Adrian K, Cowley Workers, .....	256
9	Burt, David F, Poole, .....	242
10	Blencowe, Ian P, Gloucester, .....	239

Graded Prix (U100) (max 125 pts)

1	<b>Foley, Phil T, Upminster, .....</b>	<b>390</b>
2	Fraser, Alan R, Beckenham & Bromley, .....	333
3	Everitt, David, Haywards Heath, .....	315
4	<b>Billett, Stephen J, Portsmouth, .....</b>	<b>301</b>
5	Coats, Jon R, Swindon, .....	261
6	Welch, Hazel, Seaton, .....	253
7	Burroughs, Rod C, Essex *, .....	229
8	Constable, Christine F, Coulsdon & Purley, .....	225
9	Constable, John, Coulsdon & Purley, .....	202
10	Smith, Roger N, Diss, .....	193

# Calendar of Events

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\* denotes English Chess Federation Grand Prix

@ denotes FIDE Rated Event

# denotes British Championship Qualifying Tournament

~ denotes ECF Graded Event

## 11 Feb **LEEDS JUNIOR CONGRESS**

Alcuin School, 64 Woodland Lane.

J Hipshon (Tel: 0113 217 6296,

Email: [jr.hipshon@ntlworld.com](mailto:jr.hipshon@ntlworld.com)) *Entry strictly limited to 64.*

## ~\* 16-18 Feb **SPECTRUM CHESS - 1st**

### **PORTSMOUTH CONGRESS**

Hilton Hotel.

Norman Went (Tel: 01708 551617,

Email: [spectrumchess@hotmail.com](mailto:spectrumchess@hotmail.com))

## 17 Feb **BRITISH UNIVERSITIES RAPIDPLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

University of Warwick.

M Jones (Tel: 07969 137093,

Email: [M.T.Jones@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:M.T.Jones@warwick.ac.uk))

## 17 Feb **KJCA ECF CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE COACHING DAY**

Barming School, ME16 9DY.

Sue Maguire (Tel: 020 8656 6420,

Email: [sue.maguire@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.maguire@btinternet.com))

## ~\* 17-18 Feb **BRENTWOOD CONGRESS**

Courage Hall, Brentwood School.

G Strachan (Tel: 07876 550685, 07884 624737

Email: [webmaster@brentwoodchessclub.org](mailto:webmaster@brentwoodchessclub.org))

## ~\*# 17-18 Feb **WARWICKSHIRE OPEN CONGRESS**

Arden School, Knowle.

J Pakenham (Tel: 0121 601 3920,

Email: [jpakenham@btinternet.com](mailto:jpakenham@btinternet.com))

## ~ 18 Feb **LEYLAND RAPIDPLAY**

Worden Arts Centre.

R Tinton (Tel: 01257 451046,

Email: [rapidplay@bobandjanet](mailto:rapidplay@bobandjanet)) *For players graded 130 or lower.*

## ~\* 18 Feb **18th NOTTINGHAMSHIRE RAPIDPLAY**

Nottingham High School, Waverley Mount. R

Richmond (Tel: 0115 945 5908,

Email: [Robrchmnd@aol.com](mailto:Robrchmnd@aol.com))

## ~\* 18 Feb **SJC EASTBOURNE JUNIOR RAPIDPLAY**

Eastbourne.

Margaret Burch (Tel: 01483 534061

Email: [ammjburch@hotmail.com](mailto:ammjburch@hotmail.com))

## ~\* 23-25 Feb **15th DONCASTER CONGRESS**

Hall Cross School.

T Taylor (Tel: 01302 532629

Email: [trevortaylor43@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:trevortaylor43@yahoo.co.uk))

## 23-25 Feb **36th DYFED CONGRESS**

Fishguard Bay Hotel, Goodwick.

R Spencer (Tel: 01239 682703)

## ~ 23-25 Feb **EAST DEVON CONGRESS**

St George's Hall, Exeter.

A Maynard (Tel: 01363 773313,

Email: [a.maynard@tesco.net](mailto:a.maynard@tesco.net))

## ~ 24 Feb **CCF CHAMPIONS' LEAGUE CHESS - KENT**

Coulsdon.

Howard Curtis & Scott Freeman (Tel: 020 8645

0302, Email: [chess@ccfworld.com](mailto:chess@ccfworld.com))

## ~ 24 Feb **DARLINGTON RAPIDPLAY**

Railway Institute Club.

W Metcalfe (Tel: 01325 286815,

Email: [william.metcalfe@btinternet.com](mailto:william.metcalfe@btinternet.com))

## ~\* 24-25 Feb **WILTSHIRE & WEST OF ENGLAND JUNIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

New College, Swindon.

Bev Schofield (Tel: 01793 487575,

Email: [bev@schofieldhall.co.uk](mailto:bev@schofieldhall.co.uk))

## ~\* 25 Feb **BURY ST EDMUNDS JUNIOR CONGRESS**

Culford School.

R Jones (Tel: 01284 811555,

Email: [bobjoneschess@btinternet.com](mailto:bobjoneschess@btinternet.com))

## ~\* 2-4 Mar **BRAILLE CHESS ASSOCIATION AGM & CONGRESS**

Midland Hotel, Derby.

Stan Lovell (Tel: 01642 775 668;

Email: [stan@chessboard.freemove.co.uk](mailto:stan@chessboard.freemove.co.uk))

## ~ 2-4 Mar **CUMBRIA OPEN INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP**, Barrow-in-Furness. T Blower (Tel: 01229 472100)

## ~ 3 Mar **CCF CHAMPIONS' LEAGUE CHESS - SURREY EAST & SUSSEX**

Coulsdon.

Howard Curtis & Scott Freeman (Tel: 020 8645

0302, Email: [chess@ccfworld.com](mailto:chess@ccfworld.com))

## 3 Mar **SJC JUNIOR TRAINING DAY**

Bexhill.

Margaret Burch (Tel: 01483 534061,

Email: [ammjburch@hotmail.com](mailto:ammjburch@hotmail.com))

## ~@ 3-4 Mar **4NCL**

Divisions 1, 2, & 3, Initial Style Conferences,

Wokefield Park.

Mike Truran (Tel: 01993 708645,

Email: [mike@mtruran.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:mike@mtruran.fsnet.co.uk))

## ~ 4 Mar **CCF CHAMPIONS' LEAGUE CHESS - SURREY WEST & THE REST**

Coulsdon.

Howard Curtis & Scott Freeman (Tel: 020 8645

0302, Email: [chess@ccfworld.com](mailto:chess@ccfworld.com))

## ~\* 4 Mar **KJCA DULWICH JUNIOR RAPIDPLAY**

Dulwich College.

Sue Maguire (Tel: 020 8656 6420,

Email: [sue.maguire@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.maguire@btinternet.com))

## 10 Mar **EPSCA U9 INTER ASSOCIATION ZONALS**

Peter W Purland (Tel: 0151 733 4854,

Email: [petepurland@btopenworld.com](mailto:petepurland@btopenworld.com))

## ~\* 10 Mar **GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY**

St Alban's Church Hall, NW11.

Adam Raoof (Tel/Fax: 020 8202 0982;

Email: [adamraoof@yahoo.com](mailto:adamraoof@yahoo.com))

## ~\* 11 Mar **70th RICHMOND RAPIDPLAY**

White House Community Association, Hampton.

P Dupré (Tel: 020 8645 9778),

Susan Lalic (Email: [rapidplay@aol.com](mailto:rapidplay@aol.com))

## ~\*#@ 16-18 Mar **31st BLACKPOOL CHESS CONFERENCE**

Blackpool Winter Gardens.

S Woodcock

(Email: [blackpoolchessconference@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:blackpoolchessconference@yahoo.co.uk))

## 16-18 Mar **SPECTRUM CHESS - 2nd GUERNSEY CONGRESS**

Peninsula Hotel.

Norman Went (Tel: 01708 551617,

Email: [spectrumchess@hotmail.com](mailto:spectrumchess@hotmail.com))

## 17 Mar **EPSCA U11 INTER ASSOCIATION ZONALS**

Peter W Purland (Tel: 0151 733 4854,

Email: [petepurland@btopenworld.com](mailto:petepurland@btopenworld.com))

## ~ 24 Mar **CCF KENT (& MIDDLESEX) JUNIOR GRAND PRIX 2** - English Chess Challenge

Qualifier

Coulsdon.

Howard Curtis & Scott Freeman (Tel: 020 8645

0302, Email: [chess@ccfworld.com](mailto:chess@ccfworld.com))

## 24 Mar **EPSCA GIRLS INTER ASSOCIATION FINALS**

Peter W Purland (Tel: 0151 733 4854,

Email: [petepurland@btopenworld.com](mailto:petepurland@btopenworld.com))

## 24 Mar **31st KINGS HEAD RAPIDPLAY**

The Porchester Hall, Bayswater.

C Mackenzie (Tel: 020 8992 1949,

Email: [colin.mackenzie@atosorigin.com](mailto:colin.mackenzie@atosorigin.com))

## ~@ 24-25 Mar **4NCL**, Division 4, Park Inn Hotel, Nottingham. Mike Truran (Tel: 01993 708645, Email: [mike@mtruran.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:mike@mtruran.fsnet.co.uk))

## ~ 30 Mar - 1 Apr **HUDDERSFIELD CONGRESS**, Ukrainian Club. N Hepworth (Tel: 07903 548675, Email: [congress2007@huddersfieldchessclub.co.uk](mailto:congress2007@huddersfieldchessclub.co.uk))

## ~\* 31 Mar - 1 Apr **KJCA CATERHAM CONGRESS**

Caterham School.

Sue Maguire (Tel: 020 8656 6420,

Email: [sue.maguire@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.maguire@btinternet.com)) *For adults & strong juniors.*

## 31 Mar - 1 Apr **SOUTH HERTS 25th JUBILEE CONGRESS**

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T Douse (Tel: 01727 751072,

Email: [shertschess@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:shertschess@yahoo.co.uk))

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