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## County Championships Finals

### Ratcliffe College, July 2nd 2005



*The Essex U100 Team*



**The County Championships returned to the first venue used by the retiring Controller, to a large, well appointed Sports Hall, with room to walk between all the boards.**



Lancashire and Manchester contested the Open Championship, with the Mancunians retaining their trophy by 11-5, with Harry Lamb winning the Best Game Prize for his win on board 16. The Minor Counties Championship saw Derbyshire make a rare Finals appearance, but lose 9-7 to defending Champions Norfolk.

The U175 were without their defending Champions, but Devon were worthy winners on the day against another Lancashire team by 9½ to 6½. The U150s saw the closest finish of the day, with the retiring controller watching two adjacent boards on which a player had claimed a draw under Article 10.2 Both games were drawn, leaving a drawn match with Notts the winners over Norfolk on board count. Lancashire were successful in the U125s beating Middlesex 11-5.

The U100s saw Essex win against another county who do not often grace the finals, Staffordshire. The Bursar of the College, Mr Andrew Nutter, presented the prizes, with the assistance of Roy Heppinstall, the BCF CEO. The Director of Home Chess made an impassioned plea for someone to take over the running of this event. Thanks were expressed to the controlling team, Messrs Shaw, Elwin and Cresswell and to the Browns of Sharnford who assisted with the compiling of results.

OPEN: Lancashire 5 - 11 Greater Manchester; MINOR COUNTIES: Norfolk 9 - 7 Derbyshire; U175: Devon 9½ - 6½ Lancashire; U150: Norfolk 8 - 8 \*Nottinghamshire; U125: Middlesex 5 - 11 Lancashire; U100: Essex 8½ - 3½ Staffordshire.

# Editorial

Well I am back. I returned to the Office from sick leave in early May. Thank you for the many get well cards and messages that I received. A huge thank you is due to the loyal and hard working staff at the BCF Office who kept the home fires burning in my absence.

Unfortunately I have to report that Deputy Twinkle (Dawn Chalcraft) my deputy has left us to take up a new career in the catering business. Dawn and her husband have taken over the Club House Restaurant & Bar at Beauport Golf Course – Hastings. Remember anyone who visits the Hastings International in January, this is your chance to meet Dawn if you have not already done so.

*On holiday*

Twinkle will be sorely missed by everyone who had contact with the BCF Office and will not be easy to replace. She had been employed by the BCF for almost 9 years, which shows admirable endurance. Not only has Dawn been an excellent deputy but a great friend as well and I shall miss her greatly.



*Christmas party*

I enclose some photographs of Dawn as a farewell



*Dawns farewell lunch*

(ever the shy and retiring person).

Thanks Dawn for everything – The BCF Babes.

**Editor Cynthia Gurney**

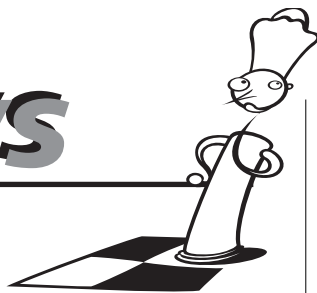
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# Photos from the 2004/5 County Championships





# BCF News



## English Chess Federation

At the Council Meeting of the British Chess Federation held on April 23rd 2005 it was resolved that the name 'English Chess Federation' should be adopted. It was also resolved that the number of Directors of the Board of English Chess Federation shall be subject to a maximum of nine persons but shall not be less than five.

In line with the details of the resolution the Management Board recommends that the structure of the Board of the English Chess Federation together with other ancillary posts shall be as described below Applications are invited for these posts. The Annual General Meeting of the English Chess Federation is scheduled for Saturday 22nd October 2005. **All applications must be received by the Secretary of the ECF at the BCF Office by the firm closing time and date of Noon on Wednesday 14th September. No application can be accepted after that date. Each applicant for a post must be either:**

- (a) for the same post, a retiring Director, the retiring FIDE Delegate, a retiring Chairman of a Standing Committee or a retiring Manager;**
- (b) a nominee by the Board for an Executive Director or Manager post;**
- (c) a person proposed with one of the following levels of support: the President; the Chief Executive; the Director of Finance; the Director of International Chess; the Director of Home Chess; the Director of Junior Chess and Education; the Director of Marketing; the FIDE Delegate; the Chairman of a Standing Committee; any two Trustees; any Representative Member of a Constituent Unit; any two Representative Members of Counties; any two Direct Members' Representatives; any two of a Trustee, a Representative Member of a County and a Direct Members' Representative; any five Individual Full Members or Representative Members.**

**Each application must specify under which of the above categories it is made and, where appropriate, the name and position of those supporting the nomination and their signatures.** The candidates may supply to the Secretary an election address not exceeding one sheet of A4 paper in size, printed black and white on one side only, which the Company shall at its own expense, without any amendment (save in respect of material judged by the Secretary to be defamatory), copy and circulate with the agenda of the Annual General Meeting of ECF or submit to the Board in the case of Manager appointments. Anyone wishing to receive further information on any of these posts, including those of members of Council Standing Committees, should contact the Chief Executive of the BCF, Roy Heppinstall (Tel: 01376 512741 or E-mail: roy.heppinstall@virgin.net)

## Letter to the Editor

**Dear Editor,  
May I comment on the decisions of the Historic Council Meeting held 23 April and reported in your May/June issue?**

The decision of Council to change the name of the BCF to that of English Chess Federation should be widely welcomed. Even more important are the proposals that the organisation should become a company limited by guarantee and that the Management Board should be reduced to a workable size.

It is over 35 years since the name change was first advocated: when the Federation was restructured in 1978 Council rejected the proposal that the Federation's name should reflect it's responsibility to English Chess. At that time we did manage to dispense with the 40 plus member Executive Committee and the laborious Standing Committees: regrettably the newly formed Management Board then proceeded over the subsequent years to increase in size and every effort made over the following years to reduce it to an efficient business like decision making unit was thwarted.

I would also like to point out that over 10 years ago the question of member's liability was raised and the proposal made that the Federation should become a company limited by guarantee – but no positive action was then taken.

It was in the late 1940s that I became involved with the BCF and as many readers will know I served in many capacities until 2 or 3 years ago. Throughout this time I advocated the above policies to little or no avail. Other reforms I strenuously recommended and which were unacceptable to Council related to individual membership and finance, and the status of the Unions. Indeed I was told by the then secretary in 1971 (Ann Hopton) my ideas would take years before they were accepted. How right she was!!

**John Poole (BCF Past President)**

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# English Chess Federation

## THE DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS RESPONSIBILITIES

**1.** The Directors, the Secretary, the FIDE Delegate, the Chairmen of the Standing Committees and all Managers and Officers work together under the guidance of the Council, to the general benefit of English chess and the ECF. They provide to the ECF Council annual reports, strategic plans and a financial budget. They ensure the ECF's services are available without discrimination on the grounds of colour, creed, disability, impairment, occupation, race, religious or political affiliation or sexual orientation and promote equal opportunities in a positive manner.

CRB Enhanced Disclosures will be requested for the holders of the following posts: President; Chief Executive; Director of Home Chess; Director of Junior Chess and Education; Director of International Chess; Manager of Women's Chess; Manager of Congress Chess; Manager of Coaching.

All Directors shall make every effort to attend meetings of the Board (approx. 6) and of Council (usually 2). Meetings, spread throughout the year are normally held in major cities on Saturdays from 11.00 to 18.00. Reasonable expenses may be claimed. If unable to attend a meeting of the Board, Directors must appoint an Alternate in accordance with the Articles, who will be in a position to report on any outstanding actions to be undertaken by the Director and on other important current issues.

## 2. The Responsibilities of the Directors are as follows:

**President:** Manages, with the assistance of the Chief Executive, and chairs meetings of the Council; acts as a focal point for the concerns of members and chess players generally; acts as an ambassador for the ECF, seeking to improve its public image. Takes the leading role in Government relations and other external affairs and, in so doing, liaises closely with the

Chief Executive. Monitors compliance with all agreements between the BCF and Government, sponsors and other external bodies. Liaises with member organisations.

Between meetings of the Board, has its delegated authority, in consultation with the Chief Executive, to manage risks and seize opportunities.

Provides overall management and direction of the ECF Office at Battle. Is accountable for policy and expenditure on the Yearbook, ChessMoves and the ECF Diary. Establishes objectives and standards of performance for the Manager of Finance and Management Services, the senior staff appointment. Identifies any staff training, development and welfare requirements. Brings forward recommendations to the Board on organisation, facilities, or staff changes.

Provides overall management and direction on ICT (Information & Communications Technology) policy. This covers the development of office and internet systems, structures and training, the development of website policy, the provision of advice to the ECF webmaster, the sourcing and deployment of all ECF hardware and software, the use of consulting services, creating and maintaining an inventory of all ECF hardware and licenses and ensuring that the ECF complies with the terms of all ICT licenses and contracts. The President will report regularly to the Board on ICT and make such recommendations as he considers appropriate for change.

Is a member of the Board Awards Committee.

**Chief Executive:** Chairs meetings of the Board and manages the agenda and documentation for those meetings; assists the President in the preparation of the agenda for meetings of the Council. Appoints the Minutes Secretary for all meetings of both the Board and Council. Ensures he or she is

au fait with the ECF Memorandum, Articles, Byelaws and Regulations.

Liaising closely with the President and the Director of Finance, takes the lead with the Board in the identification of corporate strategies and co-ordinates the production of the long-term Corporate Plan, the Annual Business Plan, the Annual Achievement Report and the Annual Planning Calendar. Gains the approval of the ECF Council to these documents. Acts as a prime ECF representative to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and manages the timely production of reports to the Department to enhance and protect the annual government grant to the ECF.

Provides 'hands on' direction to and co-ordinates the activities of the Directors. Ensures the Board operates within its agreed strategy and is accountable to the Board and to the Council for the achievement by the Board of all plans. Ensures all decisions by the Board are followed through. Is *ex officio* a member of all Board Committees, with the exception of the Selection Committees. Monitors the activity of all Board Committees.

The Manager of Women's Chess is responsible to the Chief Executive.

**Other Executive Directors:** Fulfil their activities in accordance with their job description, paying due regard to the overall strategic objectives of the ECF and the Annual Business Plan. Communicate regularly with the Chief Executive, in particular prior to each Board Meeting.

Provide such services and undertake such activities as shall, from time to time, be approved by the Board. Provide annual reports to the ECF Council and a financial budget, and administer expenditure under the supervision of the Director of Finance. Provide details, as required by the Chief Executive, for the Annual Business Plan, the long-term Corporate Plan, the

Annual Achievement Report and Review and other reporting requirements of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport.

Report to the next meeting of the Board any significant deviation from Plans or Budgets. Act at all times in accordance with Company Byelaws and Board Regulations.

Ensure that up to date rules and information on all competitions etc., for which they are responsible, are provided to the Office for inclusion in ChessMoves and display on the ECF website

**Director of Finance:** Manages the preparation of the annual statement of Accounts of the Company and presents it on behalf of the Board, duly audited, to the Annual Meeting of Council. Oversees the records kept by the ECF Office, ensures they are accurate and adequate for accounting purposes and for the preparation of VAT and other statutory returns. Guides the work of the accounting staff in the Office, prepares the Federation's annual budget, in liaison with the individual ECF Directors, the Board and the Finance Committee. Produces for the Board periodic management information and forecasts of income and expenditure; takes remedial action, as may be required, in consultation with the Chief Executive and the Board. Is responsible for the collection of Game Fee by the Manager of Finance and Management Services and office staff and provides forecasts of Game Fee income. Evaluates the various risks to which the ECF is exposed and proposes to the Board the appropriate course of action, including, as appropriate, insurance. Provides general advice to the Federation on financial matters, taxation, statutory accounts and reporting requirements.

Develops the ECF approach to membership (of all types), membership fees (including Game Fee) and benefits (including grading and representation) attaching to membership. Consults with Unions, Counties, Leagues and Congresses to ensure that plans are seen as feasible and can be implemented successfully.

**Director of Home Chess:** Manages, organises and supervises the national system for grading players both at 'Standard play' and 'Rapidplay' chess. Prepares for publication lists of players and grades, at intervals to be decided by the Board, and supports the 'Master Points' Scheme. Improves systems to facilitate the efficient and cost effective provision of grading information. Reports and explains progress and developments in the grading system, including any problems encountered, or remedial action necessary.

Promotes and encourages participation in the Game Fee Scheme and develops appropriate strategies with the Director of Finance. Works with the Director of Finance and ECF Office staff in resolving any problems that may arise in connection with the collection of Game Fee.

Is responsible for the work of the International Rating Officer, including nomination of all players for FIDE titles. Makes recommendations to the Board, in conjunction with other Directors as appropriate, regarding the appointment of persons for other FIDE titles. Works together with the Manager of Congress Chess, the FIDE Delegate and the ECF Chief Arbiter to advise the Federation on all questions arising in relation to FIDE and the ECU, including the FIDE Laws of Chess and other aspects of the FIDE handbook.

Has overall responsibility for the: National Counties Team Championships, National Club Championships, National Counties Team Rapidplay Championship, County and District Correspondence Championships, the Adjudication Service, Prison Chess, Chess for the Disabled and Chess for Senior Citizens. Provides delegates to appropriate bodies associated with the Federation such as the British Postal Chess Federation and the British Chess Problem Society. Is responsible for any ECF Internet Chess Playing Service.

Liaises with the British Universities Chess Association.

The Manager of Congress Chess is responsible to the Director of Home Chess.

**Director of Marketing:** Develops and implements a strategic marketing plan aimed at increasing the commercial revenues of the ECF through a market research led approach to strengthen relationships with members, Game Fee payers, chess organisers and officials, local and national media, and the wider business community.

Develops a strong and clearly differentiated brand image for chess, and uses this as a means of promoting the image of the ECF and of generating favourable publicity for the Federation. Develops and enhances the image and perceived value of chess and of the people who organise and play the game.

Co-ordinates the search for sponsors and sets standards for the ECF's relations with them. Is convener of the Board Sponsorship Committee.

Is responsible for the 'ECF Book of the Year', and the 'ECF Player of the Year' Awards and makes proposals to the Board for all ECF endorsements.

Ensures with the President and the secretary of the Board Awards Committee that these and other Awards are presented in the way that attracts the best publicity and reinforces the ECF's relations with local chess players and organisers.

**Director of International Chess:** Organises the participation by the Federation or its nominees in open international events (other than events open only to players under the age of 21 (the responsibility of the Director of Junior Chess & Education) Makes grants to events, teams, players and coaches in accordance with the Annual Business Plan and Budget.

Arranges such other international events as the Federation may authorise from time to time. Ensures, in co-operation with the Director of Junior Chess & Education and the Manager of Women's Chess, that the continuing development of our leading juniors is fostered as they emerge into adulthood..

**Director of Junior Chess & Education:**

Offers advice and promotes all kinds of suitable activity, particularly education, training and practice, for all players under the age of 21, liaising with the Manager of Women's Chess. Co-operates with other ECF Directors, ECF Affiliates, and other organisations, whether or not specifically identified with junior chess. Co-operates with other bodies, as appropriate, to organise the participation by the Federation or its nominees in international events for players under 21.

Is responsible for the National Counties Under-18 Championships and the ECF Schools Teams Championship. Promotes links between junior players and organised adult chess.

The Manager of Coaching is responsible to the Director of Junior Chess and Education

**Non-Executive Directors:** Bring their business, chess playing and organisational skills and experience to bear in the Board's decision making processes, acting at all times in the interests of the ECF as a whole.

To monitor in a non-executive capacity the Executive Directors.

To ensure that the views of unions, leagues, congresses and other member organisations are properly considered at Board meetings.

**3. The Secretary**

Fulfills the Statutory functions of the Secretary and the specific tasks specified in the Articles.

**4. The Responsibilities of the Managers are as follows:****Manager of Women's Chess:**

Appointed by the Board and reports to the Chief Executive Officer.

Offers advice and promotes all kinds of suitable activity, particularly education, training and practice, for all female players. Co-operates with other ECF Directors, ECF Affiliates, and other organisations whether or not specifically identified with women's

chess. Co-operates with other bodies, as appropriate, to organise the participation by females in all forms of chess activity. Makes grants to events, teams, players and coaches in accordance with the Annual Business Plan and Budget.

**Manager of Congress Chess:**

Appointed by the Board and reports to the Director of Home Chess.

Organises the British Chess Championships and Annual Congress and all other ECF tournaments, other than those which are the specific responsibility of another Director. Organises the ECF Grand Prix, the safe custody and maintenance of all playing equipment, including internet equipment, belonging to or used by the Federation. Makes recommendations regarding the appointment of persons as (1) ECF Arbiter (2) ECF Senior Arbiter and (3) International Arbiter. Is responsible for the ECF Chess Calendar. Supervises the 'Master Points' Scheme.

**Manager of Coaching:** Appointed by the Board and reports to the Director of Junior Chess and Education.

Constructs a series of courses, methods of examination and certification for chess coaches, trainers and teachers at various levels of chess playing and teaching skills. Maintains a centralised database of such people. Establishes meetings of coaches. Co-ordinates with other Directors the provision of the best available coaches for players and teams.

Is responsible for seeking CRB clearance of coaches appointed to work with juniors. Promotes links between colleges and voluntary organisations and organised chess. Works closely with the Director of Junior Chess and Education and with other Directors about adult chess.

**5. FIDE Delegate (This Officer post is elected by Council but is not a Directorship):**

In conjunction with the Director of International Chess, represents the interests of the Federation to FIDE and the ECU; communicates all relevant decisions by

FIDE and the ECU to the Federation. Promotes the appointment of suitable English candidates to FIDE and ECU posts and committees. Works with the Manager of Congress Chess and the Director of Home Chess to advise the Federation of all FIDE and ECU matters.

**6. Committees elected by Council**

**A Finance Committee**, of which the President shall be a member ex officio, which shall regularly review the financial affairs of the Company and offer such advice as it may deem appropriate. Members of the Finance Committee shall have access on a privileged and confidential basis to all the financial records of the Company. **The Council shall elect the Chairman of the Finance Committee (who shall have access on a privileged and confidential basis to all Board papers) and shall elect or appoint such other persons as it sees fit to the Finance Committee.**

**A Governance Committee**, of which the President shall be a member ex officio, which shall advise the Board and Council on the governance of the Company and in particular on the texts of Bye Laws and Regulations made, added to, altered and repealed. **The Council shall elect the Chairman of the Governance Committee (who shall have access on a privileged and confidential basis to all Board papers) and shall elect or appoint such other persons as it sees fit to the Governance Committee**

**7. Appointment of Officers**

All Directors are encouraged to structure the organisation of their Directorship and wherever appropriate to recommend the appointment of officers. All such appointments must be ratified by the Chief Executive and confirmed at the next Board meeting. Managers may be appointed for major activities only. All such appointments must be made by the Board

The payment of remuneration whether by fees or honoraria must have prior Board approval. The appointment of a Manager or an Officer does not relieve the Director concerned of overall personal responsibility.



# National Club Championships 2004/5

Again the National Club Finals split between two venues. The Minor Championships was played at Queniborough Village Hall, where Lancaster beat Hammersmith with the final game going to the last few seconds.



Major winners Writtle receiving the trophy from Cyril Johnson. l to r: Chris Fegan, David Millward, Robert Rodie, Ivor Smith, Pat McDermott and Cyril Johnson.

The rest of the Finals were played at the Golden Lane Community Centre courtesy of London Chess League and Brian Smith.

The Open was the expected triumph for Wood Green. The Minor player between Lancaster and Hammersmith was so close that discussions were held as to what would happen if all 5 boards were drawn. Eventually as with the Major Plate Championship with Hounslow and South Norwood an unfortunate blunder decided the match. The Minor Plate saw Newark win comfortably, a win helped by their opponents conceding a board.

The players were somewhat amused and honoured by a fly pass of vintage aeroplanes. The event was well controlled by David Sedgwick and the Director of Home Chess thanked everyone for their support over the years.

**OPEN:** Wood Green 4½ - 1½ Ilford

**MAJOR U160:** Writtle 3 - 2 Wanstead & Woodford  
**PLATE:** Hounslow 3 - 2 South Norwood

**MINOR U125:** Lancaster\* 2½ - 2½ Hammersmith  
**PLATE:** Newark 4 - 1 Tunbridge Wells



Left: General view of playing hall, each row of tables being one match. From bottom to top: Minor Plate, Major Plate, Major, Open.

# Women and Girls' Chess

The 2nd All England Girls' Chess Championships Gold Finals took place on the 2nd July in Nottingham, with 108 girls, who had qualified in their regional events and the National Girls' Team Championships, competing for 8 national titles. Competition was very fierce and the standard of play was extremely high. Congratulations to all the girls who took part. I would like to thank the numerous people who helped make this event such a success, including Sandy Lakhani, Neil Clifton, Peter and Gill Turner, Michael Barnes and Ian Hughes.

Please find below the section winners. In the event of a tie-break, trophies were awarded on the basis of sum of opponents' scores. The trophy winners are in bold:

|                 |                         |                 |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Under 7</b>  | <b>Rowan White</b>      | Natalie Cass    |
| <b>Under 8</b>  | <b>Megan Cleeves</b>    |                 |
| <b>Under 9</b>  | <b>Maria Wang</b>       |                 |
| <b>Under 10</b> | <b>Megan Owens</b>      |                 |
| <b>Under 11</b> | <b>Fay Birch</b>        |                 |
| <b>Under 12</b> | <b>Fay Birch</b>        | Anjali Lakhani  |
| <b>Under 14</b> | <b>Lateefah</b>         | Thilagini       |
|                 | <b>Messam-Sparks</b>    | Anandajeyarajah |
| <b>Under 18</b> | <b>Chantal Siresina</b> |                 |

Trophies were also presented to the highest scoring player from each county.

The full results and details of all forthcoming events are available on the chess for women and girls website "chessuk.com".



Some of the prize winners

## BCF Player of the Year 2005



The players were voted for by BCF Direct Members and Chess Journalists, the top four are: 1 Michael Adams; 2 Danny Gormally; 3 Luke McShane; 4= Harriet Hunt and Jonathan Rowson

Michael Adams was awarded the BCF Player of the Year 2005 Award for a record eleventh time on 27th June. The award was presented following the Hydra vs. Michael Adams 'Man vs. Machine' at Wembley Conference Centre. Rupert Jones and Roy Lawrence of the BCF presented the award following the final game of the series. This provided some compensation for a disappointed Mickey Adams following the Hydra demonstration of computer superiority.

Michael Adams was born on 17 November 1971. He is currently ranked seventh in the world with a current rating of 2741. He is Britain's highest rated player. Crowned British Champion at the age of just 17 in 1989, he also won the Championship again in 1997.

He has an impressive record in leading tournaments – in the FIDE knock-out tournament in 1997 to eliminate challengers to play Anatoly Karpov, he won matches against Giorgadze, Tiviakov, Svidler, Van Wely and Short before losing in the finals to the formidable Anand. In 1999 at Dos Hermanas 'Mickey' Adams finished clearly ahead of Kramnik, Anand, Svidler, Karpov, Topalov and Judit Polgar. In the 2004 FIDE World Championship he reached the finals again, playing and eliminating Asabri, Asrian, Hamdouchi, Nakamura, Akopian, and Radjabov. In the finals he lost 3.5-4.5 to current FIDE Champion Rustam Kasimdzhanov.

**Roy Lawrence, BCF Marketing Director**

# Man vs. Machine



The Hydra vs. Michael Adams chess championship took place between 21st and 27th June. The six game match, billed as 'MAN VS. MACHINE', ended in a resounding victory for the incredibly powerful Hydra machine. Final score was 5.5 to 0.5.

The awesome Hydra was publicised throughout as a *monster* and proved to be so in its ruthless annihilation of the highest ranked British player, Mickey Adams. Dr Chrilly Donninger, the lead programmer of Hydra, had described the machine as the most powerful chess computer in the world. The Pal Group sponsored the event.

The match was played at the Wembley Conference Centre in an impressive and atmospheric setting. The games started daily at 3pm and attracted enthusiastic attendance. British Grandmaster, Stuart Conquest, commented on the match live throughout and said afterwards: "Even when Adams was in a really strong position you always think the machine can triumph. There were moves no one in the room could really understand, but I guess when the machine can calculate 40-plus moves ahead, it's bound to see something we can't. This makes it an almost impossible opponent."

Michael Adams good humouredly said: "I didn't play badly throughout the event, but it's just so difficult to make an impact. It's not like playing against other humans – for starters against humans you may actually win a point." Match Arbiter Albert Vasse said: "I have overseen a number of man vs. machine matches, even one with Kasparov. I have never seen a human play as well as Adams has in this match, but still he got only one draw out of six matches. We have entered a new phase in chess computing. It will now be very hard for any human being to triumph over a machine."

For more games and photographs go to <http://tournament.hydrachess.com/>

**Roy Lawrence, BCF Marketing Director**

### The game in Round 2

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 e6 3. Nf3 Nc6 4. d4 cxd4 5. Nxd4 Qc7 6. g3 a6 7. Bg2 d6 8. Nxc6 bxc6 9. O-O Nf6 10. Na4 e5 11. c4 Be7 12. Be3 Be6 13. Rc1 O-O 14. b3 Qb7 15. Qe2 Rfe8 16. h3 Rab8 17. Rfd1 Bf8 18. Kh2 h6 19. Rc2 Be7 20. Bc1 Qc7 21. Bb2 Nd7 22. Bc3 Nf8 23. Qe3 c5 24. Bb2 Bd7 25. Nc3 Ne6 26. Nd5 Qd8 27. f4 Nd4 28. Rf2 Bc6 29. fxe5 dxe5 30. Bxd4 cxd4 31. Qf3 Rf8 32. Qh5 f6 33. h4 Be8 34. Qf3 Bf7 35. Bh3 Rb7 36. h5 a5 37. Kg2 Qe8 38. Bg4 Bc5 39. Rh1 Qc6 40. Rb2 Rfb8 41. Bf5 Kh8 42. Rhb1 Qe8 43. g4 Qc6 44. Qd3 Bg8 45. Qd1 Qa6 46. Rd2 a4 47. Rdb2 Qa8 48. Kh2 Bf7 49. Kg2 Bf8 50. Kh2 Be8 51. b4 a3 52. Rb3 Ba4 53. b5 Qa7 54. Kg2 Qc5 55. Qd3 Bxb3 56. Qxb3 Ra8 57. Rd1 Qd6 58. Rc1 Qb8 59. Kf3 Bd6 60. Ke2 Bc5 61. Kd3 Qa7 62. Rb1 Qa5 63. Qc2 Qd8 64. Rh1 Qd6 65. Qb3 Re8 \*





# Book Reviews by Gary Lane

## **Play the Sicilian Dragon** *by Edward Dearing* published by Gambit £15.99

There are some people who just don't want to pay a fee to join the web site Friends Reunited but until now no one has ever thought of naming everyone they know in a chess book. The amiable Scotsman Edward Dearing manages this feat in two pages of acknowledgements which starts off as amusing but when his Cambridge University day's peak at thanking "...Gerald and all the Porterhouse Porters, for keeping me out of trouble over the years...." one wonders whether it might do him good to get out more often. He is on better form in discussing the motives for playing the Dragon and soon it is easy to understand his enthusiasm for this complicated opening. The vast majority of the book concentrates on defending the Yugoslav Attack which is the main line needing detailed coverage and a fantastic memory. It is certainly a tricky task to reveal the huge amount of variations in one volume so the author concentrates on roughly the first 20 moves and the rest of the game is generally given with basic notes or just ignored. Personally, I like to see the entire game to see what middlegame plans are required and how the Dragon set-up will cope in the ending. However, this book is aimed at those who already know their subject and wish to improve on the sharp continuations straight from the opening. This is a job that Dearing does well and gives balanced, honest opinions whenever possible. A great start for a very promising author.

## **The Essential Centre-Counter** *by Andrew Martin* published by Thinkers' Press £12.99

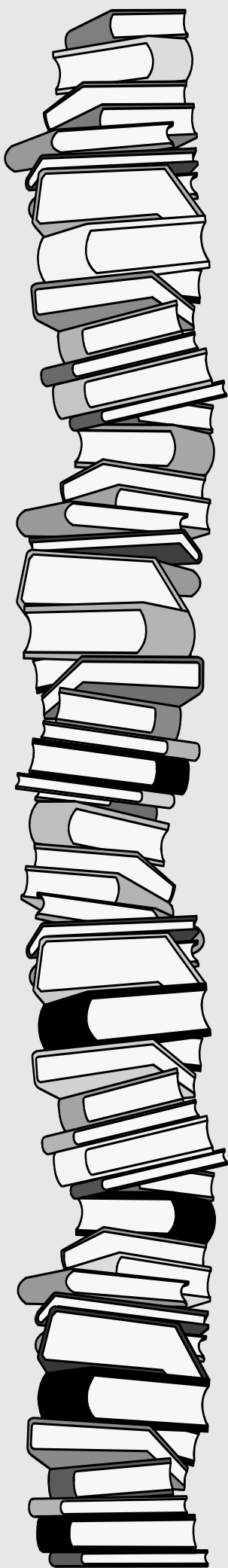
This opening is also known as the Scandinavian and occurs after 1 e4 and now 1...d5 is played. Martin concentrates on providing a repertoire for Black by examining the consequences of 2 exd5 Qxd5 3 Nc3 Qa5 without forcing Black to learn mountains of theory. The friendly writing style demonstrates that the opening is a viable weapon and when you can get your pet line on to the board quickly then you are in home territory. I like the way he deals with the various lesser known moves, where White can try and avoid the main lines because this tends to be the reality in weekend tournaments. Therefore, Martin finds fault with gambits and guides the reader through potential traps. The completely annotated games are entertaining and you have to watch out for his sense of humour like when he starts to contemplate whether taking ginseng would nowadays be considered a drug offence. The perfect way to learn an opening in a weekend.

## **Starting Out: Attacking Play** *by James Plaskett* published by Everyman £13.99

It might be a coincidence but I was recently asked to name game collections by the recent generation of English players which led to me to mention, Adams, Keene, Miles, Nunn and Speelman all of which can be recommended. The only one I missed out on was Plaskett because of this strange title. I assume that the 'Starting Out' series has been successful but a games collection fits awkwardly into this sort of work where the emphasis is on giving tips on how to approve. Then again, Plaskett's games sparkle with energy and it makes interesting reading to see how many of his opening novelties are now considered to be main lines. It has been known for players at Hastings to be assaulted by an old lady with a handbag for taking a short draw, but in contrast Plaskett always seemed to try and checkmate his opponent in less than 25 moves. In a career that is still going strong he has scored numerous impressive wins and always with a certain style. Philidor's expression that "pawns are the soul" has stood the test of time but Plaskett's individual idea stemming from the line "There is a soil amoeba named Dictyostelium discideum which normally lives a solitary life" is unlikely to become famous. A delightful selection of attacking games.

## **Bobby Fischer – The Wandering King** *by Hans Bohm and Kees Jongkind* published by Batsford £12.99

The second most famous Icelandic resident (the first is the singer Bjork but she has no idea of the King's Gambit) is the former World Champion Bobby Fischer. Now there might be some who wonder about all the fuss after some of his outrageous comments but just think about the great chess. In this intriguing book Fischer's remarkable story unfolds like a Hollywood movie, of how his mum placed an advert in the local paper to find opponents for him when aged 7 and traces his enormous success in the face of Soviet domination to when he had a ticker tape parade in the USA after his victory in the World Championship. The book is based on a TV documentary made in 2003 which interviewed leading personalities such as Karpov, Korchnoi, and Timman about his life mainly since 1972. There are other people who offer their thoughts such as Nigel Short who still claims to have played him on the internet despite Fischer denials but it makes for an entertaining read. There are plenty of players who would rather not lose his friendship and the Philippines grandmaster Torre had to be secretly recorded before discussing the subject while Zsofia Polgar can only add that they played ping pong together. The book has the merit of revealing a little more about this extraordinary talent and the realisation that the majority of his demands at tournaments, which used to be considered as being over the top are now normal. This is a chance to discover Fischer the chess player.



# Newcastle vs. Amsterdam 2005

**Newcastle 35, Amsterdam 21! Players from the regions surrounding these contrasting cities contested the inaugural North Sea Trophy challenge match, a match whose origins began over a year ago in an e-mail sent by Sinclair Koelemij to his friend in England, Paul Costello.**



*Top Boards: Charlie Storey and Dusan Zdjelar*

In September 2004 Sinclair, who is chairman of the 'Kijk Uit' club in Ijmuiden, was chatting with Paul while pondering over moves and mentioned that it might be a good idea to stage something face to face. Paul shared his enthusiasm and a meeting in Amsterdam followed where Sinclair explained he had negotiated a generous discount with DFDS Seaways for the ferry crossing. On his return to England Paul initiated a series of meetings with Newcastle City Council, who agreed not only to provide the venue, but also an inclusive buffet lunch and all day refreshments for the players, integral components of a chess player's day. On Saturday 18th June the Dutch team of adults and juniors arrived at the venue, although they were missing two of their best players due to an unfortunate decision about which coach to take! 6, Charlotte Square is an important part of the redevelopment nearing completion in Black Friars, and it was here that Council organiser Karen Brown introduced everyone to the building while ensuring we were all aware of Health and Safety protocols. British Chess Federation President Gerry Walsh had kindly agreed to come and was in attendance to provide an official welcome to the Dutch guests, therefore elevating a formality into something of real importance.

The match itself was controlled by Senior BCF Arbiter John Turnock and fought over two rounds of one-hour duration for each player, a compromise of time that suited the Dutch itinerary. Initially, hosts Newcastle enjoyed the advantage of white, but curiously and unusually fared slightly better with black: 16.5 to 11.5 points in the first yet 18.5 to

9.5 in the second. Reasons for the victory? Well, an evening of chess, liquid refreshment, and an eventful ferry crossing the night before are powerful reasons for the Dutch performance, but perhaps the pairing explains it better. In order to match playing strengths it was decided that the British Chess Federation grades would be directly converted into FIDE grades, and this may or may not have produced an unfair advantage for the home team; we might never know.

Lunch was available between the rounds, where good food transcended any difficulty of communication, and the same could be said of the raffle, which prompted enquiries about whether we had raised enough for the return match in Holland next year, and this of course is the real point.

Forging links and promoting chess is essential to any association's survival and growth, but perhaps even more important is ensuring that this development is encouraged to flourish and improve year after year. When the location of Ijmuiden is considered (right next to Wijk an Zee, the home of Super Tournaments where the top Grandmasters go) it will be hard to imagine that motivation will be lacking for future trips!

For such memorable occasions there are always people who have come together to make them possible and this event is no exception. The City Council has been innovative in recognising the relevance and benefits of such a competition, and hopefully not just for this year, but also to make this an expanding bi-annual event of some importance in the City's calendar.

For Karen Brown and all those who worked behind the scenes and donated raffle prizes, including Paul's wife, Chess Direct Ltd, Collectables, Asda, Paul Bielby, John and Cora Wheeler and the staff at Charlotte Square who were on duty – you are all much appreciated. What started out as a topic of conversation for Sinclair and Paul has been transformed into a real competition worthy of the beautiful trophy the Dutch brought with them. It is fortunate to be able to look forward to next year and the probability of even greater numbers enjoying the consequences of a conversation held over a game of chess.

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# Junior News

## BCF National Schools Championship 2004-2005

### CHAMPIONSHIP

#### Quarter-finals

Q Elizabeth GS Wakefield (14.4) 1½ 3½ Blue Coat Oldham (16.8);  
Magdalen College School Oxford A (15.3) 3 3 \*Monmouth School A  
(13.4); Nottingham HS A (15.7) 4 2 Haberdashers Askes Elstree A (14.4);  
Dulwich College (13.7) 1½ 4½ RGS Guildford (15.9)

#### Semi-finals

Blue Coat Oldham (17.0) 4 2 RGS Guildford (16.0); Monmouth School  
(14.0) 1½ 4½ Nottingham HS A

#### Third Place Play-off

RGS Guildford (16.11) 2½ 3½ Monmouth School

#### Final

Nottingham HS A (15.10) 4½ 1½ Blue Coat Oldham (17.0)

### PLATE

#### Quarter-finals

Millfield School A (14.3) 2½ 3½ Hampton School A (14.4); Magdalen  
College School B (12.5) 1 5 Oakham School A (16.2); Twickenham Prep  
School (12.6) 0 6 Southend HS (16.1); Aughton St Michaels (10.8) 1½ 4½  
Nottingham HS B (12.6)

#### Semi-finals

Southend HS (15.3) 1 5 Hampton School; Nottingham HS B\* (12.11) 2½  
3½ Oakham School

#### Third Place Play-off

Oakham School (16.7) 4½ 1½ Southend HS

#### Final

Hampton School (14.11) 4 2 Nottingham HS B

### Final

| Nottingham HS A |                       | 3.7.05       | Blue Coat Oldham |                        |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 1               | Ankush Khandelwal 162 | ½ ½          |                  | Stephen Gordon 221     |
| 2               | Balvinder Grewal 174  | 1 0          |                  | Katie Martin 157       |
| 3               | Kishan Lakhani 131    | 1 0          |                  | Jason Wright 147       |
| 4               | Michael Keetley 122   | 1 0          |                  | Nathan Butterworth 118 |
| 5               | Ian Harris 128        | 1 0          |                  | Robyn Smith 138        |
| 6               | Dominic Heining 118   | 0 1          |                  | Karen Bradley 119      |
|                 | (15.10)               | <b>4½ 1½</b> |                  | (17.0)                 |

### Plate Final

| Hampton School |                          | 3.7.05     | Nottingham HS B |                   |
|----------------|--------------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1              | Murugan Thiruchelvam 215 | 1 0        |                 | Ted Pynegar 99    |
| 2              | Graham Hantman 142       | ½ ½        |                 | Oliver Exton 93   |
| 3              | Noah Schlesinger 109     | 1 0        |                 | Edwin Justice *71 |
| 4              | Rahil Davda 104          | 1 0        |                 | Jonathan Day 87   |
| 5              | Nicholas Moon 113        | 0 1        |                 | Toby Thurgood 93  |
| 6              | George Danker 69         | ½ ½        |                 | Daniel Lin 85     |
|                | (14.11)                  | <b>4 2</b> |                 | (12.11)           |

### Championship: Nottingham High School A

### Plate: Hampton School

The competition, which is open to all schools in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, attracted 123 entries. This is the second time Nottingham High School has won the competition in the 47 years that it has been running (last winning in 1992).

Nottingham HS set a record by qualifying for the last four in both Plate and Championship. The Semi-finals and Finals were played Saturday / Sunday 2-3 July 2005 at Quorn Hall International Educational Centre, Quorn, Leics. This is a rather splendid country house whose early history we don't know, though it is now under the administration of Leicestershire County Council. Dave Welch, BCF Chief Arbiter, officiated as always. BCF CEO Roy Heppinstall was in attendance, together with acting Director of Junior Chess & Education Cyril Johnson.

Dr John Swain, Nottingham High School's master-in-charge of chess, said: "I am delighted about the boys' achievement in winning the national title. Their team spirit and willingness to learn from each other were really impressive throughout the many months of the competition. It is particularly pleasing that the younger players in the 'B' team have done so well too, and that even younger boys from the Junior School have achieved national success once again at the same time."



Back row, left to right: Dominic Heining, Ian Harris, Michael Keetley and Dr John Swain, the school's master-in-charge of chess.  
Front row, left to right: Ankush Khandelwal, Balvinder Grewal and Kishan Lakhani

# 1st European Chess Solving Championship

The 1st European Chess Solving Championship took place recently and Great Britain won the silver.

Following this result, the BCPS have now finalised the British team for the World Chess Solving Championship to be held in Greece in September later this year. The team is **GM John Nunn; GM Johathan Mestel; FM Michael McDowell 1st reserve FM Colin McNab.**



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| Solver            | Country       | Points | Time | Pos. |
|-------------------|---------------|--------|------|------|
| Pauli Perkonoja   | Finland       | 86     | 301  | 1    |
| Piotr Murdzia     | Poland        | 84     | 301  | 2    |
| Marjan Kovačević  | SCG           | 80½    | 345  | 3    |
| John Nunn         | Great Britain | 78     | 291  | 4    |
| Jorma Paavilainen | Finland       | 72     | 322  | 5    |
| Jonathan Mestel   | Great Britain | 71     | 310  | 6=   |
| Michel Caillaud   | France        | 71     | 310  | 6=   |
| Boris Tummes      | Germany       | 69     | 325  | 8    |
| Eddy van Beers    | Belgium       | 65     | 344  | 9    |
| Eric Huber        | Romania       | 64     | 344  | 10   |

75 solvers competed, including 10 juniors.

| Country             | Points | Time | Pos. |
|---------------------|--------|------|------|
| Finland             | 216    | 978  | 1    |
| Great Britain       | 213½   | 942  | 2    |
| Serbia & Montenegro | 201    | 1034 | 3    |
| Poland              | 191    | 1005 | 4    |
| Germany             | 172½   | 1023 | 5    |
| Romania             | 169    | 1015 | 6    |
| Slovakia            | 163    | 1055 | 7    |
| Netherlands         | 160½   | 1026 | 8    |

followed by Ukraine, Belarus, Lithuania, Russia, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic and Poland 2 (16 teams competed).

# Results Round-up

## Frome Congress 6-8 May 2005

On May 6th to 8th the Sixteenth Frome Chess Congress was held at Selwood Middle School. 190 players entered and winners were:

### Open

|                 |   |     |
|-----------------|---|-----|
| Beaumont, Chris | 4 | 208 |
| Chaplin, P E    | 4 | 187 |
| Sully, David    | 4 | 171 |
| Yeo, M J        | 4 | 189 |
| Richmond, Jane  | 3 | 172 |
| Sherwin, J      | 3 | 204 |

### Major

|                |    |     |
|----------------|----|-----|
| Abbott, Mark   | 4  | 153 |
| Clegg, Robert  | 4  | 143 |
| O' Gorman, B   | 4  | 149 |
| Wood, D C      | 4  | 145 |
| Annetts, I S   | 3½ | 143 |
| Holt, Trevor J | 3  | 139 |

### Intermediate

|                  |    |     |
|------------------|----|-----|
| Macarthur, D     | 4½ | 114 |
| Tew, Paul        | 4½ | 115 |
| Brooke, I        | 4  | 115 |
| Herbert, Stephen | 4  | 117 |
| Taylor, William  | 4  | 111 |
| Worrall, Martin  | 4  | 112 |

### Minor

|                      |    |    |
|----------------------|----|----|
| Hale, Katie          | 5  | 89 |
| Taylor, T M          | 4½ | 80 |
| Helbig, Doreen J     | 4  | 89 |
| Jervis, Robert       | 4  | 85 |
| Welch, H (Mrs)       | 4  | 90 |
| Constable, Christine | 3½ | 75 |
| Waters, R G          | 3½ | 92 |
| Carrick, Peter       | 3  | 90 |
| French, K M          | 3  | 86 |
| Mullins, Steve A     | 3  | 77 |

## KJCA Tunbridge Wells Junior Championships 7 May 2005

### Under 10

|              |     |    |
|--------------|-----|----|
| Keith Barker | 5/6 | 56 |
| Joshua Meyer | 5/6 | 41 |
| Andrew Zhao  | 5/6 | 27 |
| John Winter  | 5/6 | -  |

### Under 12

|                |      |    |
|----------------|------|----|
| Michael Turner | 5½/6 | 64 |
|----------------|------|----|

|                         |      |    |
|-------------------------|------|----|
| William Jones           | 5½/6 | 51 |
| George Horton           | 4/6  | -  |
| Fergus Holloway         | 4/6  | 80 |
| Jennifer McKeever (F)   | 3½/6 | 36 |
| Georgiana Philippou (F) | 3½/6 | 48 |

### Under 14

|                   |      |     |
|-------------------|------|-----|
| Anthony Gregory   | 4½/5 | 113 |
| Siddhu Viswanath  | 3½/5 | 104 |
| Robert Stebbings  | 3½/5 | 72  |
| Dunstan Rodrigues | 3½/5 | 79  |
| Andrew Turner     | 3½/5 | 66  |

### Under 18

|                |      |     |
|----------------|------|-----|
| Michael Marrow | 4/5  | 130 |
| Lyall Bayliss  | 4/5  | 128 |
| Matt Bunn      | 3½/5 | 69  |
| Yari Voropayev | 3½/5 | 134 |

## Oxford University Chess Tournament 7-8 May 2005

**Open:** Total prize fund £750:

|                        |        |                          |
|------------------------|--------|--------------------------|
| 1st Petr Kiriakov GM,  | 4.5/5, | £400                     |
| 2nd Peter Wells GM,    | 3.5/5, | £200                     |
| 3rd= Robert Bellin IM, | 3/5,   | £20                      |
| Andrew Greet FM,       | 3/5,   | £20                      |
| Dag Madsen FM,         | 3/5,   | £20                      |
| Matt Rose,             | 3/5,   | £20                      |
| Don Mason,             | 3/5,   | £20                      |
| Tim Willinger,         | 3/5,   | £50 (U190 grading prize) |

**Major:** Total prize fund £400:

|                    |      |      |
|--------------------|------|------|
| 1st= Ray Starkie,  | 4/5, | £117 |
| Edward Matthewson, | 4/5, | £117 |
| Ian Webster,       | 4/5, | £117 |

**Minor:** Total prize fund £310:

|                   |        |     |
|-------------------|--------|-----|
| 1st= Marco Zhang, | 4.5/5, | £90 |
| Alan Jones,       | 4.5/5, | £90 |
| Phil Bull,        | 4.5/5, | £90 |

## Huddersfield Congress 13-15 May 2005

### Open

|                  |   |     |
|------------------|---|-----|
| Richard Palliser | 4 | 220 |
| Martin Mitchell  | 4 | 192 |
| Richard Cannon   | 4 | 163 |

### Major

|                 |   |     |
|-----------------|---|-----|
| David Jameson   | 4 | 156 |
| James Carpenter | 4 | 144 |

### Intermediate

|          |   |     |
|----------|---|-----|
| G Conroy | 4 | 137 |
|----------|---|-----|

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# Results

## Round-up

CONTINUED

|                |    |     |
|----------------|----|-----|
| Robert Dean    | 4  | 131 |
| Neil Coward    | 4  | 129 |
| <b>Minor</b>   |    |     |
| Dennis Davies  | 5  | 100 |
| A D Robinson   | 4  | 103 |
| James Grist    | 4  | 102 |
| Nicholas Rigby | 4  | 89  |
| Sheila Dines   | 4½ | 102 |

### South Norwood Rapidplay

14 May 2005

|                    |     |     |
|--------------------|-----|-----|
| Ben Ogunshola      | 190 | 5.5 |
| Rob Haldene        | 170 | 5   |
| Tumen Buyandalai   | 162 | 5   |
| Colin Lyne         | 160 | 4   |
| David Spearman     | 159 | 4   |
| Roy D Reddin       | 155 | 4   |
| H Martin Cath      | 147 | 4   |
| Chris Clegg        | 136 | 4   |
| Paul Jackson       | 136 | 4   |
| Russell Goodfellow | 113 | 4   |

### 11th Hartlepool Weekend Congress

20-22 May 2005

#### Open section

|                  |     |    |
|------------------|-----|----|
| Bret Addison     | 196 | 4  |
| David Armbruster | 161 | 3½ |
| Michael Round    | 152 | 3½ |
| Rajko Vujatovic  | 182 | 3½ |
| Colin Walton     | 187 | 3  |
| Roelof Westra    | 173 | 3  |

#### Major section

|                       |     |    |
|-----------------------|-----|----|
| Nigel Hall            | 152 | 4  |
| John Garnett          | 155 | 3½ |
| Brian Harkness        | 150 | 3½ |
| Antonio Moneva-Jordan | 157 | 3½ |
| Stephen Hall          | 150 | 3  |
| Collin Smith          | 135 | 3  |
| Leslie Wells          | 140 | 3  |

#### Inter section

|                 |     |    |
|-----------------|-----|----|
| Stephen Ormerod | 119 | 4½ |
| Bernie Price    | 119 | 4  |
| David Buckell   | 112 | 3½ |
| Sheila Dines    | 102 | 3½ |

#### Minor section

|                  |    |   |
|------------------|----|---|
| Mark Griffiths   | 70 | 5 |
| Matthew Holborow | 66 | 4 |

|                       |    |    |
|-----------------------|----|----|
| Giles Moseley         | 85 | 4  |
| Gary Clarke           | 86 | 3½ |
| John Renwick          | 90 | 3½ |
| <b>Novice section</b> |    |    |
| David Castle          | 64 | 8  |
| David Wells           | 50 | 7½ |
| Reece Needham         | -  | 7  |

### Cotswold Congress

28-30 May 2005

#### Open

|            |      |     |
|------------|------|-----|
| G Lane     | 5/6  | 225 |
| C Beaumont | 5/6  | 208 |
| S Berry    | 4½/6 | 212 |

#### Premier

|               |      |     |
|---------------|------|-----|
| A J Eccles    | 4½/6 | 150 |
| H Hunt-Grubbe | 4½/6 | 140 |
| G Thomas      | 4/6  | 154 |
| G Browne      | 4/6  | 150 |
| C Davies      | 4/6  | 128 |

#### Major

|             |      |     |
|-------------|------|-----|
| G M Mills   | 5/6  | 117 |
| P Tew       | 4½/6 | 122 |
| J Blackburn | 4½/6 | 116 |
| D Chan      | 4½/6 | 78  |
| I Blencowe  | 3½/6 | 113 |

#### Minor

|            |      |    |
|------------|------|----|
| R W Walker | 5/6  | 97 |
| D Fowler   | 4½/6 | 99 |
| A Moore    | 4½/6 | 89 |
| R Taylor   | 4½/6 | 87 |

### South Lakes Congress

3-5 June 2005

#### Open

|              |   |     |
|--------------|---|-----|
| Craig Hanley | 4 | 214 |
| Jeff Horner  | 4 | 207 |
| Ben Morgan   | 4 | 192 |
| Mike Surtees | 4 | 187 |

#### Major

|                 |    |     |
|-----------------|----|-----|
| Graham Ashcroft | 4½ | 143 |
| Donald Heron    | 4  | 155 |
| Kenneth D Bryan | 4  | 134 |

#### Intermediate

|                |   |      |
|----------------|---|------|
| Tony Kirby     | 4 | 129  |
| Steve Jaquest  | 4 | 128  |
| Michael Parker | 4 | 127  |
| Richard Gavin  | 4 | 125E |
| Jacob McAtear  | 4 | 121  |

|                  |    |     |
|------------------|----|-----|
| Barry Sandercock | 3½ | 128 |
| Keith Evans      | 3  | 111 |

#### Minor 1

|                  |    |     |
|------------------|----|-----|
| Sheila J Dines   | 4½ | 102 |
| Peter J Smith    | 4  | 107 |
| Phillip Bull     | 4  | 105 |
| Robert Berry     | 4  | 101 |
| Norman G Andrews | 3½ | 99  |
| Conrad Jowett    | 3  | 99  |

#### Minor 2

|                   |   |    |
|-------------------|---|----|
| Terrence Nabb     | 5 | 79 |
| Stephen Lee       | 4 | 90 |
| Sarah A Thomas    | 4 | 71 |
| Michael Barker    | 4 | 60 |
| Alan Fraser       | 3 | 87 |
| Kenneth Aldersley | 3 | 86 |
| Anthony Davy      | 3 | 77 |
| Ray Cordon        | 3 | 75 |

### EACU Congress

4-5 June 2005

#### Open

|              |    |     |
|--------------|----|-----|
| C Tippleston | 4½ | 180 |
| L Cooper     | 4½ | 205 |
| W Gray       | 4  | 180 |

#### U130

|             |    |     |
|-------------|----|-----|
| T Peet      | 4  | 121 |
| K Osborne   | 4  | 114 |
| D Donaghay  | 4  | 91  |
| L Plunkett  | 3½ | 98  |
| M Coughtrey | 3  | 101 |

### Bury St Edmunds Junior Congress

19 June 2005

#### Under 14

|                  |    |     |
|------------------|----|-----|
| Roland Johnson   | 6  | 82  |
| Chris Davison    | 4½ | e80 |
| Oliver Whitehead | 4  | 116 |
| David Donaghay   | 4  | 94  |

#### Under 12

|                |    |     |
|----------------|----|-----|
| Sheila Dines   | 5½ | 107 |
| Evan Wilcock   | 5½ | e65 |
| Elliott Smith  | 4  | e50 |
| Thomas Clarke  | 4  | 45  |
| Tom Rook       | 4  | e50 |
| Joe Fitzsimons | 4  | e50 |

#### Under 10

|              |   |     |
|--------------|---|-----|
| Alan Merry   | 6 | e60 |
| Gordon Scott | 5 | 80  |
| Alex Wills   | 4 | e60 |

#### Under 8

|               |    |     |
|---------------|----|-----|
| Peter Andreev | 5½ | e50 |
| David Redman  | 4½ | e45 |
| Hugo Davis    | 4  | e45 |
| Haroon Majeed | 4  | e35 |



## Yeovil Congress

24-26 June 2005

### OPEN

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| 1st Rashid Ziatdinov | 4½/5 |
| 2nd = James Sherwin  | 3½   |
| David Sully          |      |

### MAJOR

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| 1st = Sarah Hegarty | 4  |
| Mark Abbott         |    |
| 3rd = Phil Chapman  | 3½ |
| Stephen Pride       |    |

### INTERMEDIATE

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| 1st Nick Baranga   | 4½ |
| 2nd = John McKenna | 4  |
| John Shaddick      |    |

### MINOR

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| 1st James Galloway  | 4½ |
| 2nd Alan Fraser     | 4  |
| 3rd = Doreen Helbig | 3½ |
| Harry Streeter      |    |

## Frodsham Rapidplay

3 July 2005

### Major

1st= Andrew Legge, David James;  
3= Simon Woodcock, Sam Cloake, Mal French

### Minor:

1st Robert Skinner 5½/6;  
2= Angel Gonzales, John Wunderle,  
Michael Wood, R Whittaker 5/6

### Junior:

1st= Robert Bowler, Mitchell Burke,  
Thomas Clements, Stephen Jones,  
Robert Murray 5/6

## Walsall Kipping Rapidplay

10 July 2005

### Premier Under 200

|                   |      |     |
|-------------------|------|-----|
| Westwood, Richard | 5/6  | 161 |
| Fowler, Simon     | 4½/6 | 166 |
| Hynes, Tony       | 4½/6 | 181 |

### Major Under 160

|                  |      |     |
|------------------|------|-----|
| Pritchard, David | 5/6  | 124 |
| Green, Colin     | 4½/6 | 158 |
| Hadi, Justin     | 4/6  | 111 |
| Kobylka, Michael | 4/6  | 152 |
| Nicholson, Jim   | 4/6  | 156 |

### Minor Under 120

|                  |      |     |
|------------------|------|-----|
| Pemberton, Clive | 5½/6 | 117 |
| Daniels, David   | 5/6  | 75  |
| Ruffle, Alan     | 5/6  | 115 |
| Clegg, Robert    | 4½/6 | 112 |

|             |      |     |
|-------------|------|-----|
| Perry, A    | 4½/6 | 113 |
| Turner, Jon | 4½/6 | 105 |

### Novice Under 70

|                    |      |    |
|--------------------|------|----|
| Lau, Martin        | 5½/6 | 51 |
| Leaper, Richard    | 5½/6 | 66 |
| Patel, Neha (Girl) | 4/4  | 42 |

## Central London Rapidplay

10 July 2005

### Premier Section

|                       |     |      |
|-----------------------|-----|------|
| 1st Leszek Baduronicz | 191 | 5/6  |
| = 2nd George Dickson  | 180 | 4½/6 |
| Robin Haldane         | 170 | 4½/6 |

### Major Section

|                         |     |      |
|-------------------------|-----|------|
| 1st Helge Hjort         | 150 | 6/6  |
| 2nd Robin Huq           | 123 | 4½/6 |
| = 3rd Christopher Clegg | 136 | 4/6  |
| Kazi Rahman             | 127 | 4/6  |

### Minor Section

|                    |     |      |
|--------------------|-----|------|
| = 1st Geoff Hermes | 115 | 5/6  |
| E Barry Sandercock | 111 | 5/6  |
| 3rd Ben Cameron    | 91  | 4½/6 |

## Golders Green Rapidplay

16 July 2005

### OPEN

|                         |      |     |
|-------------------------|------|-----|
| John Pigott             | 197  | 5.0 |
| Ben Savage              | 202  | 4.0 |
| Alan Smith              | 206s | 3½  |
| Jonathan Lappage (J)    | 201  | 3½  |
| Tim Woodward (J)        | 196  | 3½  |
| Peter Poobalasingam (J) | 176  | 3½  |

### MAJOR U160

|                    |     |     |
|--------------------|-----|-----|
| Michael Kobylka    | 152 | 5.0 |
| Geoff Marchant     | 144 | 5.0 |
| Helge Hjort        | 150 | 4.0 |
| David Cutmore      | 149 | 4.0 |
| Subin Sen (J)      | 136 | 4.0 |
| Stein Ingolfssrud  | UNG | 4.0 |
| Jinwoo Song        | 139 | 3½  |
| Vedantha Kumar (J) | 129 | 3½  |
| Simon Charles      | 125 | 3½  |
| Robin Huq          | 123 | 3½  |

### MINOR U130

|                       |     |     |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|
| K Azizur Rahman       | 127 | 6.0 |
| Russell Goodfellow    | 113 | 4½  |
| Mithun Kailavasan (J) | 111 | 4½  |
| Barry Sandercock (V)  | 111 | 4½  |
| James Peet (J)        | 127 | 4.0 |
| Chris Fewtrell        | 116 | 4.0 |
| Ken Hedger            | 100 | 4.0 |

### AMATEUR U100

|                      |    |     |
|----------------------|----|-----|
| Tristan Blundell (J) | 97 | 5.0 |
| Ben Cameron          | 91 | 5.0 |
| John Constable       | 71 | 4½  |
| Walter Thorpe (V)    | 90 | 4.0 |

|               |     |     |
|---------------|-----|-----|
| Finlo Rohrer  | 77  | 4.0 |
| Sam Austin    | 72  | 4.0 |
| Paul Hatswell | UNG | 4.0 |

## British Blitz

17 July 2005

### British Blitz Champion

|              |     |       |
|--------------|-----|-------|
| Keith Arkell | 243 | 12/16 |
|--------------|-----|-------|

### British Blitz Champion

|              |     |        |
|--------------|-----|--------|
| Craig Hanley | 222 | 12/16  |
| Andrew Greet | 206 | 11½/16 |

### U18

|               |     |       |
|---------------|-----|-------|
| Thomas Rendle | 204 | 11/16 |
|---------------|-----|-------|

### Ladies Champion

|                |     |       |
|----------------|-----|-------|
| Jovanka Houska | 202 | 11/16 |
|----------------|-----|-------|

### U18

|                 |     |        |
|-----------------|-----|--------|
| Tom Pym         | 158 | 11/16  |
| Brian Kelly     | 232 | 10½/16 |
| John Richardson | 210 | 10½/16 |

### U205

|                 |     |        |
|-----------------|-----|--------|
| Alex Richardson | 186 | 10½/16 |
| Adam Ashton     | 209 | 10/16  |

### U170

|               |      |       |
|---------------|------|-------|
| Cathy Warwick | 166E | 10/16 |
|---------------|------|-------|

### U170

|                 |     |       |
|-----------------|-----|-------|
| Martin Crichton | 153 | 10/16 |
| Nick Rutter     | 177 | 9½/16 |

### U135

|              |     |       |
|--------------|-----|-------|
| David Haydon | 121 | 9½/16 |
|--------------|-----|-------|

### U148

|               |  |      |
|---------------|--|------|
| Colin Roberts |  | 9/16 |
|---------------|--|------|

### U14

|                   |  |       |
|-------------------|--|-------|
| Nicholas Marriott |  | 6½/16 |
|-------------------|--|-------|

### U14

|            |  |       |
|------------|--|-------|
| Akash Jain |  | 6½/16 |
|------------|--|-------|

# World Youth Chess Championships

Belfort, France  
18th to 30th July 2005

England were represented by  
**Craig Whitfield, Stephanie Hale,  
George O'Toole, Sheila Dines,  
Dana Hawrami, Selina Khoo, Li  
Wu, Naomi Miller, Gawain  
Jones and Jessie Gilbert.**

At the time of going to print this event had just begun, however reports and photos from team manager Eric Khoo can be viewed at  
[www.bcfservices.org.uk/wy2005/](http://www.bcfservices.org.uk/wy2005/)

# Calendar of Events

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\* denotes British Chess Federation Grand Prix  
 @ denotes FIDE Rated Event # denotes British Championships Qualifying Tournament ~ denotes BCF Graded Event

## August

~\*#@ 31 Jul - 13 Aug

**SMITH & WILLIAMSON BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS**, Isle of Man  
 (Tel: 01424 775222, Email: [office@bcf.org.uk](mailto:office@bcf.org.uk))

~ 6 Aug

**HARTLEPOOL RAPIDPLAY**, Touchdown Pub, Hartlepool.  
 G Marshall (Tel: 01429 426374, Email: [grahammarshall2000@hotmail.com](mailto:grahammarshall2000@hotmail.com))

10 Aug

**WILTSHIRE CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP - Round 3**, Swindon.  
 T Ransom (Tel: 01225 774538, Email: [tony.ransom461@mod.uk](mailto:tony.ransom461@mod.uk))

~\* 13 Aug

**Golders Green Rapidplay**, St Alban's Church Hall NW11.  
 A Raof (Tel/Fax: 020 8202 0982; Email: [adamraof@yahoo.com](mailto:adamraof@yahoo.com))

~\* 13-20 Aug

**BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP FOR BLIND & PARTIALLY SIGHTED UK RESIDENTS**, Morecambe.  
 Stan Lovell (Tel: 01642 775 668, Email: [stan@chessboard.freereserve.co.uk](mailto:stan@chessboard.freereserve.co.uk))

~ 19-21 Aug

**BRISTOL SUMMER CONGRESS**, Redland.  
 G Mill-Wilson (Tel: 01454 880162, Email: [tugmw@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:tugmw@blueyonder.co.uk))

~\* 19-21 Aug

**36th THANET CONGRESS**, Broadstairs.  
 A D Hargreaves (Tel: 01227 274885, Email: [info@thanetchess.org.uk](mailto:info@thanetchess.org.uk), website: [www.thanetchess.org.uk](http://www.thanetchess.org.uk))

20 Aug

**4th HILTON BLACKPOOL BLITZ**, Hilton Blackpool Hotel.  
 Bill O'Rourke (Tel: 01706 627874, Email: [worchessnu1@ntlworld.com](mailto:worchessnu1@ntlworld.com))

~ 20 Aug

**5th NCCU JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**, Hilton Blackpool Hotel.  
 Bill O'Rourke (Tel: 01706 627874, Email: [worchessnu1@ntlworld.com](mailto:worchessnu1@ntlworld.com))

20-21 Aug

**THE BRITISH LAND UK CHESS CHALLENGE TERAFINAL M**  
 Basman (Tel: 07715 041320, Email: [ukchesschallenge@aol.com](mailto:ukchesschallenge@aol.com))

\*~@ 20-28 Aug

**BANDANACHESS.COM 3rd SATURDAY GM NORM EVENT**, Newcastle Upon Tyne.  
 C Storey (Tel: 0191 230 0613, Email: [director@bandanachess.com](mailto:director@bandanachess.com), website: [www.bandanachess.com](http://www.bandanachess.com))

~\* 21 Aug

**CENTRAL LONDON RAPIDPLAY**, International Students House W1N 5HD.  
 C Todd (Tel: 020 8381 4406, mobile: 07798 517 870, Email: [jrweight44@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jrweight44@yahoo.co.uk))

~ 21 Aug

**5th HILTON BLACKPOOL RAPIDPLAY**, Hilton Blackpool Hotel.  
 Bill O'Rourke (Tel: 01706 627874, Email: [worchessnu1@ntlworld.com](mailto:worchessnu1@ntlworld.com))

~\* 26-28 Aug

**33rd HEREFORDSHIRE CONGRESS**, Hampton Dene Road HR1 1UU.  
 N Beveridge (Tel: 01432 870218)

~ 27-29 Aug

**41st BERKS & BUCKS CONGRESS**, Marlow.  
 Nigel Dennis (Tel/Fax: 01491 576052, Email: [nigelwdennis@btinternet.com](mailto:nigelwdennis@btinternet.com))

~\* 27-29 Aug

**30th CHORLEY CONGRESS**, Town Hall. D  
 (Tel: 01257 275053, Email: [dgclayton@btinternet.com](mailto:dgclayton@btinternet.com), website: [www.chorleychess.org.uk](http://www.chorleychess.org.uk))

29 Aug

**CCF OPEN BLITZ**, Coulsdon.  
 Howard Curtis & Scott Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302, Email: [chess@ccfworld.com](mailto:chess@ccfworld.com), website: [www.ccfworld.com](http://www.ccfworld.com))

29 Aug - 2 Sep

**COULSDON INTERNATIONAL**, Coulsdon.  
 Howard Curtis & Scott Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302, Email: [chess@ccfworld.com](mailto:chess@ccfworld.com), website: [www.ccfworld.com](http://www.ccfworld.com))

## September

1 Sep

**WILTSHIRE CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP - Round 4**, Trowbridge.  
 T Ransom (Tel: 01225 774538, Email: [tony.ransom461@mod.uk](mailto:tony.ransom461@mod.uk))

~\* 2-4 Sep

**LIVERPOOL CONGRESS**, Liverpool Hope University College.  
 P W Purland (Tel: 0151 733 4854, Email: [petepurland@btopenworld.com](mailto:petepurland@btopenworld.com))

3 Sep

**YORK JUNIOR CHESS CLUB TRAINING DAY WITH GM SHEILA JACKSON**, Leeman Road.  
 P Cloudsdale (Tel: 01904 767177)

~\* 3-4 Sep

**CCF Autumn congress**, Coulsdon.  
 Howard Curtis & Scott Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302, Email: [chess@ccfworld.com](mailto:chess@ccfworld.com), website: [www.ccfworld.com](http://www.ccfworld.com))

~\*#@ 4-10 Sep

**55th PAIGNTON CONGRESS**, Oldway Mansion.  
 Alan Crickmore (Tel: 01752 768206 before 10 pm, Email: [plymouthchess@btinternet.com](mailto:plymouthchess@btinternet.com))

\*@ 9-11 Sep

**32nd GRANGEMOUTH CONGRESS**, Grangemouth Town Hall.  
 J Watson (Tel: 01324 714314)

~\*# 9-11 Sep

**LEEK CONGRESS**, Westwood High School.  
 R Milner (Tel: 01782 550112)

10 Sep

**18th CROWBOROUGH JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP**, Beacon Community College.  
 S Deere (Tel: 07787 808212, Email: [simon-deere@supanet.com](mailto:simon-deere@supanet.com))

~\* 10 Sep

**Golders Green Rapidplay**, St Alban's Church Hall NW11.  
 A Raof (Tel/Fax: 020 8202 0982; Email: [adamraof@yahoo.com](mailto:adamraof@yahoo.com))

~ 11 Sep

**CROWBOROUGH CONGRESS**, Beacon Community College.  
 S Deere (Tel: 07787 808212, Email: [simon-deere@supanet.com](mailto:simon-deere@supanet.com))

## British Chess Federation Grand Prix

Leader Boards - 17th June 2005

Players' names in bold have already reached the maximum possible score and to increase their score must replace a lower scoring event with a higher scoring event.

### Grand Prix (max 250 pts)

|   |                                      |       |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------|
| 1 | <b>Greet, Andrew</b> Hillsmark ..... | 217.5 |
| 2 | Hebden, Mark Birstall .....          | 188   |
| 3 | Gormally, Danny Charlton .....       | 172.5 |
| 4 | Wells, Peter Swindon .....           | 143.5 |
| 5 | Howell, David Hastings .....         | 140.5 |

### Female Prix (max 125 pts)

|   |  |     |
|---|--|-----|
| 1 | <b>Dines, Sheila</b> Surrey .....                | 113 |
| 2 | <b>Arakhamia-Grant, Ketevan</b> Edinburgh .....  | 105 |
| 3 | <b>Houska, Jovanka</b> Slough .....              | 104 |
| 4 | <b>Thilaganathan, Jessica</b> Surbiton .....     | 102 |
| 5 | <b>Anandajeyarajah, Thilagini</b> Richmond ..... | 97  |

### Junior Prix (max 125 pts)

|   |  |       |
|---|--|-------|
| 1 | <b>Dines, Sheila</b> Surrey .....                | 113   |
| 2 | <b>Howell, David</b> Hastings .....              | 112.5 |
| 3 | <b>Thilaganathan, Jessica</b> Surbiton .....     | 102   |
| 4 | Fowler, Simon Coddon .....                       | 100   |
| 5 | <b>Anandajeyarajah, Thilagini</b> Richmond ..... | 97    |

### Senior Prix (max 125 pts)

|   |  |       |
|---|--|-------|
| 1 | <b>Sandercock, Barry</b> Chalfont St Giles ..... | 101   |
| 2 | <b>Hjort, Helge</b> Hendon .....                 | 100.5 |
| 3 | Jowett, Conrad Blackpool .....                   | 81    |
| 4 | Sherwin, James Bath .....                        | 78.5  |
| 5 | Collyer, Geoff Spalding .....                    | 68    |

### Disabled Prix (max 75 pts)

|   |   |      |
|---|---|------|
| 1 | <b>Rudd, Jack</b> Bristol .....         | 58.5 |
| 2 | <b>Hartley, Dean</b> Chesterfield ..... | 55.5 |
| 3 | Lewis, Martin Swindon .....             | 33.5 |
| 4 | Blencowe, Ian Gloucester .....          | 29.5 |
| 5 | Ross, Chris Peterborough .....          | 29   |

### Graded Prix (174-150) (max 125 pts)

|   |  |      |
|---|--|------|
| 1 | <b>Kobyłka, Michael</b> Wood Green ..... | 99   |
| 2 | Low, Ying Min Cambridge Univ .....       | 60   |
| 3 | Cutmore, Martin Folkestone .....         | 58   |
| 4 | Clegg, Chris Kingston .....              | 54.5 |
| 5 | Jarvis, Derek Breadsall .....            | 45   |

### Graded Prix (149-125) (max 125 pts)

|   |                                   |      |
|---|-----------------------------------|------|
| 1 | Song, Jinwoo Kings Head .....     | 99.5 |
| 2 | Clegg, Robert Huddersfield .....  | 79   |
| 3 | O'Gorman, Brendan London .....    | 75.5 |
| 4 | Jiang, Jimmy Waltham Forest ..... | 74   |
| 5 | Patrick, David Calderdale .....   | 59   |

### Graded Prix (124-100) (max 125 pts)

|   |  |       |
|---|--|-------|
| 1 | <b>Bull, Phil</b> Warley Quinborne ..... | 109.5 |
| 2 | Desmedt, Richard Wombwell .....          | 69    |
| 3 | Fleischer, Jeff Coulsdon .....           | 60.5  |
| 4 | Wells, Simon Ashfield .....              | 57    |
| 5 | Bryant, Marc Hastings .....              | 48.5  |

### Graded Prix (U100) (max 125 pts)

|   |                                   |      |
|---|-----------------------------------|------|
| 1 | Dunne, Dave Nottingham .....      | 70   |
| 2 | Constable, John Coulsdon .....    | 68.5 |
| 3 | Duncan, Anthony Islington .....   | 60   |
| 4 | Wadsworth, Barry Calderdale ..... | 50   |
| 5 | Lee, Stephen Sheffield .....      | 50   |

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