

ECF County Championships 2006/7



Photo: Lancashire, winners of the County Championship Open. Photograph by Bill O'Rourke.

This year's ECF County Championships saw the venue move once again, finalists who hadn't been seen for some time and the usual familiar faces.

The Moat Community College, new to holding chess tournaments, was a very suitable venue with a large car park and sports hall and only a short walk from the local public house!

This year's finalists saw the usual suspects who normally attend, namely Lancashire, Essex and Norfolk to name but a few but also the return of Worcestershire who's last appearance was over 20 years ago.

The finals started 10 minutes later than scheduled due to rule clarifications and the presentation of the Honorary Life Vice Presidents Awards to John Philpot and Cyril Johnson.

When play did start there was an eerie silence as the serious business of the first move commenced and the players began to remember how to play this wonderful game

once again. The Surrey Captain was the exception to the rule starting 2 players down in the Open and U175 section. Several players were held up near Silverstone in a queue of traffic. Their captain after consulting with his players and the controlling team told them to turn back, but they still decided to attend and turned up at 5pm. (Probably because they had paid for their refreshments, which incidentally were fabulously prepared by the Johnson's).

As the matches continued moving towards the first time control, players either killed themselves off (i.e. played their worst move of the season at possibly the worst time) or agreed draws. (Again, probably to enjoy the refreshments, browse the bookstall and enjoy the rarity of sunshine gazing through the main entrance.) One the first time control, a few players were cutting it fine but this wasn't so, the second time round as all matches finished within the time allocated.

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Editorial

It was with great sadness that I heard of the death of Lady Milner-Barry. Thelma was a friend, a very great lady and a warm human being.

Cynthia Gurney, Editor



ECF BATSFORD COMPETITION

Congratulations to the May/June Winner

John Anderson from Essex

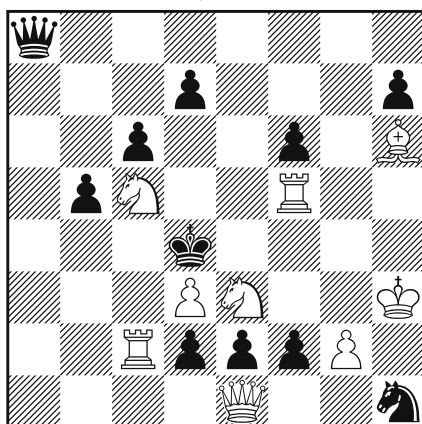
The Correct Answers is: 1.Qf8

Stephen Rothwell

Landeszeitung für

die Lüneburger Heide, 1993

White to play and mate in 2



Please send your answer
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*The first correct entry drawn on
10th September 2007 will win a Batsford
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Copy Deadline

10th September 2007

Applications for Grants by the John Robinson Youth Chess Trust are invited. They should be addressed to Cynthia Gurney at the ECF Office at The Watch Oak, Chain Lane, Battle, East Sussex TN33 0YD (cynthia@englishchess.org.uk) and must meet the criteria for the Trust "to advance education by providing or assisting in the provision of facilities for the teaching development and supervision of the playing of chess amongst persons under the age of twenty one years resident in England or eligible to represent England at Chess who are or may be interested in chess and by students attending schools universities and other educational establishments in England."

The Trust was created following the death of John Robinson on 1st February 2006. In his Will dated 14th February 1996 he left substantial bequests to the British Chess Federation. These were a one third share in his home in Kettering and 91% of his residuary estate. He expressed the wish that approximately £10,000 be used each year for promoting and endowing the British Chess Championships.

The Council of the British Chess Federation on 24th June 2006 agreed to establish a Charitable Trust to receive 79% of the residuary estate on the basis that the capital of the Trust should be maintained and only income spent. The Trustees of the Trust are Gerry Walsh, David Welch, Cynthia Gurney and David Anderton.

The remaining 12% of the residuary estate and the one third share in the home in Kettering were paid to the Trustees of the Permanent Invested Fund of the British Chess Federation on the understanding that the income stream from these funds would be used to promote the British Championships. The amount received by the Permanent Invested Fund was £136,267.42 and the annual income from the same is estimated to be of the order of £5,000 per annum.

The amount received by the Trust was £556,329.72 in respect of capital and income accrued during the administration of the estate.

The Trust was entered in the Central Register of Charities with effect from 24th November 2006 under No 111698 and HM Revenue and Customs have accepted that the Trust is a charity for tax purposes. Smith & Williamson Investment Management have been appointed as Investment Managers. In practice the Trustees seek the advice of the English Chess Federation on all major grants. The annual income of the Trust is anticipated to be of the order of £23,000 per annum.

Expenditure and Commitments by the Trustees to July 2007:£

1. A Grant to the British Chess Championships 2007	8,000
2. Grants for Junior Coaching and Training	14,770
3. The establishment of the ECF John Robinson Fellowship	2,000 per annum
4. The establishment of a Junior Grand Prix	2,000 per annum
5. A Grant to the Match Young England v Middlesex	2,000
6. A Grant to the Quadrangular Match in Liverpool	4,000
7. A Grant for Hastings 2007/8	2,000
8. Individual Grants	2,800
9. Other Grants/ Guarantees	3,300
Total	40,870

Players assisted by the Trust include Gawain Jones, David Howell and Stephen Gordon.

The Trustees would welcome donations to the Trust either inter vivos or by will and would be pleased to enter into a dialogue with potential donors.

The paper approved by the Council of the British Chess Federation agreeing to establish the Trust, and the Deed of Variation of the Will which establishes the Charitable Trust, are available on the ECF website www.englishchess.org.uk/organisation/general

Nominations for Election at the ECF AGM

The voluntary posts to be elected at the AGM on 20 October 2007 are:

President; Chief Executive; Director of Finance; A minimum of 2 Non-Executive Directors; Up to 4 Executive Directors (currently Directors of Marketing, Home Chess, International Chess and Junior Chess and Education); The FIDE delegate; The Chairman of the Finance Committee; Members of the Finance Committee; The Chairman of the Governance Committee; Members of the Governance Committee

Each candidate for a Post must be either:

- (a) A retiring Director, FIDE Delegate or Chairman of a Standing Committee seeking re-election to the same Post; or

- (b) A nominee of the Board for a Post; or
(c) A person proposed by any of the following full* members:

- (i) any Director;
- (ii) the FIDE Delegate;
- (iii) the Chairman of a Standing Committee;
- (iv) any two Trustees;
- (v) any Representative Member of a Constituent unit;
- (vi) any two Representative Members of Counties;
- (vii) any two Direct Members' Representatives;
- (viii) any two of a Trustee, a Representative Member of a County and a Direct Members' Representative; or
- (ix) any five Individual** Members or Representative Members.

*Full Members are Constituent Units, County Associations, Chess Leagues, Chess Congresses, Other Organisations, the Directors, the FIDE Delegate, the Chairmen of the Standing Committees, the Trustees (of the Permanent Invested Fund), Patrons, the Past President and the Past Chief Executive.

** Individual Members are any of the Full Members listed above.

Updated brief job descriptions for these posts are shown on the website www.englishchess.org.uk/organisation/general/downloadable form and available in hard copy form from the office. A note of which incumbents will be seeking re-election, will be shown on the website in downloadable form from 30 July 2007, available in hard copy form from the office from that same date and will be sent to each earlier enquirer automatically.

To be eligible for election, nominations with the required level of support, must be received at the ECF Office, The Watch Oak, Chain Lane, Battle, East Sussex TN33 0YD no later than 13:30 on Wednesday 12 September 2007.

Managers and other officers are appointed by the Board and by individual Directors and are not subject to election by Council. However, this is an appropriate time for anyone interested in this type of essential work to indicate their interest to the Board through the ECF office.

Proposals for Discussion and Decision at the AGM

It is open to full members as specified in (c) (i - ix) above to submit proposals to the AGM of ECF. It is recommended that proposers should consult the Chairman of the Governance Committee to ensure that their proposed papers are in an appropriate format and are sound from a constitutional point of view. John Dunleavy may be contacted by e-mail at vijaydee@tiscali.co.uk or by telephone at reasonable hours on 01243 575352.

For inclusion in the agenda for the AGM final papers must be received at the ECF Office, as above by 13:30 on Wednesday 12 September 2007.

Direct Member Representatives

The five present Representatives have been re-elected unopposed to serve for another term from the end of the AGM 2007 to the end of the AGM 2008. There were no nominations for any of the three vacant posts and those may be filled by the Board if appropriate candidates come forward.

The Direct Member Representatives are:
Honorary Life Vice Presidents, Vice Presidents, Corporate Vice Presidents, Honorary Life Members, Life Members:
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The Board are seeking to fill the vacancy for a second Representative from among Honorary Life Vice Presidents, Vice Presidents, Corporate Vice Presidents, Honorary Life Members and Life Members and two vacancies to represent Basic Members and Basic Junior Members. To find out more, contact the ECF Office, 01424 775222, office@englishchess.org.uk.

Conditions Right for Championship

The decision to alter the prize fund structure of the British Championships appears to be paying off, with entries to the main section already suggesting that the 2007 event at Great Yarmouth will be one of the strongest for a number of years.

Three times champion Jonathan Rowson will be defending his title against an increasingly strong field.

Other confirmed entries so far include Grandmasters David Howell, Tony Kosten, Nick Pert, Stuart Conquest, Daniel Gormally, Mark Hebden, Glenn Flear, Ketevan Arakhamia-Grant and Susan Lalic

Congress organiser David Welch said the decision to divert some of the main prize fund in conditions for certain players had been successful, and the addition of a £1500 prize for the highest finishing English Player and £500 for the highest finishing English Woman had also encouraged entries.

"We are set up for a really hard-fought championship, and that can only be good for British Chess," he said.

Editors note: The British Championship is being held at Great Yarmouth College from Mon 30th July to Friday August 10th. The total prize fund is in excess of £16,000.

English Senior Chess Championships

The English Chess Federation is pleased to announce that it will hold the 1st English Senior Chess Championships in Ashbourne, Derbyshire (Derby/Staffs border) in 2008.

The FIDE - rated five round championship scheduled over five days from Monday 28th Jan - Friday 1st Feb will have a format of 40 moves in 2 hrs; all remaining moves in 1 hr. It is restricted to players over 60 years on 1/09/2007.

The winner will be officially crowned as the English Senior Chess Champion and will take home both the trophy and a first prize of over £1,000. There will also be a subsidiary event for over 50s on 1/09/2007 - for players graded under 140.

Both tournaments will take place at The Izaak Walton Hotel, a 17th Century country house hotel which offers comfort, history and views of outstanding beauty across the Derbyshire Peaks. The Izaak Walton Hotel takes its name from the author of "The Compleat Angler" and is privately owned.

Izaak Walton spokesman Thomas Day said "The hotel has an atmosphere of peace and tranquility and we envisage a fantastic inaugural ECF Senior Championship here in the Derbyshire Peaks. The hotel would like to thank the ECF board and organisers for their help in making this event possible."

Bed & Breakfast accommodation at the hotel will be available at the special rate of £40 per room per night for single occupancy and £30 per person per night for twin occupancy.

ECF Chief Executive Martin Regan said the tournament was a welcome addition to the English chess landscape and showed how the Federation was aware that its role is to promote chess playing across all age groups.

"I am also delighted we have secured such a fine venue. It promises to be a top class event in fantastic surroundings."

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Player of the Year 2007



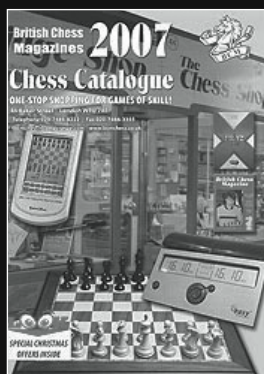
The English Chess Federation is pleased to announce the winner of the 2007 Player of the Year Award. The award goes to England's youngest ever Grandmaster - David Howell - who polled almost twice as many votes as runner-up Gawain Jones. Both have achieved the Grandmaster Title during the past year - and this has been recognised by the voters. Last year's winner Jovanka Houska was placed third.

David's chess has made great strides forwards during the past couple of years as he manages to maintain a balance between his academic studies and top-level play. This award is richly deserved.

Peter Wilson, English Chess Federation Marketing Director, said "We frequently say that the future of English Chess is with our Juniors - a future which has now arrived".

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Letter to the Editor

Editors note: Martin refers to Martin Regan, ECF Chief Executive.

Dear Martin

Thank you for your email.

I have been a chess player for longer than I can remember and active in junior chess while my kids were growing up.

I happily pay my membership fee and membership to my chess club and board fees.

It appears to me that too many hours of the ECF time is spent listening to the loud voices of those who want everything for free.

I believe there is a vast majority of players who accept the principle of investing in their hobby whatever it might be.

When they play chess they don't want to be playing in a cold church hall on hard chairs in poor lighting they want to be in comfortable surroundings.

Just look at the success of the 4NCL and playing in the 4NCL is anything but cheap.

Yes international chess is important and yes junior chess should be a massive money earner for the ECF as in my experience parents are willing to invest in their kids success. You cannot put a price on seeing your kids with a big smile on their face when they go up to collect a trophy

or rosette. Just look at the UK Chess Challenge. But as you rightly say the vast majority of club chess players fall in neither category.

If you give value for money you will gain success - 6 years ago I was told you had to charge juniors less than seniors for chess club membership. I did the opposite and used the income to give the players and parents a good venue, good training and good equipment and it was a great success.

My suggestion is you stop worrying about the money whingers - get on and provide an A1 service and charge an economic fee for it. If the members want international success then they will have to pay for it. Personally having successful English GMs is not a priority. To me having quality (ie good venues etc not necessarily strong players) tournaments and competitive leagues supported by a decent grading system is a must.

Everyone who plays competitively knows the grading system is nonsense so the sooner it is sorted the better e.g. I played a junior at Hastings who was rated 25 points below me yet one look at his games would show anyone that he was a better player than me.

Anyway good luck

David Fryer

(part of the silent group of chess players who are too busy to moan and too busy to get involved in the organisation).



Former President of the NCCU Bill O'Rourke (left) receives a commemorative trophy from NCCU Secretary Dave Cole to mark his retirement from the NCCU after over a decade of service, the last three years as President. The new NCCU President is David Farley of the Merseyside Chess Association

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The playing hall. Photograph by John Shaw

Funny enough, the controlling team's job, bar Chris Majer who has the stressful job of inputting results, (Thanks Chris!) was rather uneventful with no 10-2 rulings or disagreements on how stupid a player would have to be to lose K+P on h6 versus King on h8.

I would at this point like to thank Andrew for the bookstall, Julie and Cyril for the Catering, controlling and prize giving, Nigel, the Principal of Moat for his opening ceremony, the remainder of the controlling team, David Welch and John Shaw for their hard work and support, Chris Majer for his hard work on the day and assistance before the Day with the preparations and finally all captains for their support through the National Stages.



Bedfordshire, Minor Counties Champions. Photograph by John Shaw



Lancashire, U150 Champions. Photograph by Bill O'Rourke



Shropshire, U100 Champions. Photograph by John Shaw

The final's day was a most enjoyable one, with a number of spectators also attending and enjoying themselves as much as everyone else.

This is the kind of day everyone enjoyed and hopefully, there will be a repeat in the ECF County Championship 2008 Finals Day.

Results

U100 Shropshire 7 – 5 Worcestershire

U125 Essex 8 – 8 Norfolk (Norfolk winning 40 – 31 on Board Count)

U150 Hertfordshire 7.5 – 8.5 Lancashire

U175 Middlesex 8.5 – 7.5 Surrey

Minor Bedfordshire 8.5 – 7.5 Norfolk

Open Lancashire 10 – 6 Surrey

Lancashire have been crowned ECF County Champions for 2007.

Andrew Moore, Controller County Championships

Game from the Open Championship

A short sharp clash on board 16 in the Open Final which saw the offer of a Queen sacrifice.

I Heppel (Surrey) J Sumner (Lancs)

1.e4 e5. 2 exd Qxd5. 3. Nc3 Qd6. 4.d4 Nf6. 5.Bc4 a6. 6. N(1)e2 b5. 7. Bf4 Qd7. 8. Bb3 Bb7. 9. 0-0 e6. 10. Re1 c5. 11.dxc Qc6. 12. f3 Bxc5+ 13. Kh1 Qxf3 + 14. Rg1 Qg4. 15 h3 Qxh3+ 16. Bh2 Ng4 **0-1**



Middlesex, U175 Champions. Photograph by John Shaw



Norfolk, U125 Champions. Photograph by John Shaw



John Philpott, Cyril Johnson (HLVP recipients) with Julie Johnson. Photograph by John Shaw

International News

ECF Grant Puts Blind Chess on Internet

With generous support from Durham County Council and Skipton Building Society, the Braille Chess Association will host the European Individual Championship (August 13th to 24th in Durham). An ECF grant will help put the top four boards live on the internet. Viewers will see at www.braillechess.org.uk the best of European blind chess.

As a sample, a fine win by England's Graham Lilley over Dukaczewski (Poland). Along with the inevitable Russians and our current champion, Colin Crouch, we expect both of them to feature at Durham.

No fireworks here, but precise positional manoeuvring - remarkable accuracy without sight of board or pieces.

I.B.C.A. Olympiad 2000

White P. Dukaczewski (Poland)

Black Graham Lilley (Britain)

Sicilian

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 g6 5.c4 (Played to stop the b5 and d5 breaks but it doesn't work here) Nf6 6.Nc3 Nd4 7.Qd4 d6 8.Bg5 Bg7 9.Be2 0-0 10.Qd2 Qa5 11.0-0 Be6 12.Rac1 Rfc8 13.b3 a6 14.a4 (Trying to stop b5 but it comes anyway) b5 15.Bf3 b4 16.Ne2 Rab8 17.h3 Qe5 18.Ng3 a5 19.Rfe1 Qc5 20.Be2 Re8 21.Be3 Qc6 22.Qc2 Nd7 23.f4 Nc5 24.Bf3 Qc7 25.Kh1 Bc8 26.Rf1 Bb7 27.Rcd1 Rbd8 28.Rf2 Ne6 29.Ne2 Nc5 30.Ng3 Ne6 31.Kh2 Bh6 32.Ne2 Rf8 33.Bg4 Nc5 34.Bf3 e5 35.Bc1 ef4 36.Kh1 Ne6 37.Bg4 d5 38.ed5 Bd5 39.Rd5 Rd5 40.Nf4 Re5 Black has won the exchange for his extra pawn, a good swap. 41.Nd3 Nd4 42.Qd1 Bc1 43.Qc1 Re7 44.Qb2 Rfe8 45.Rf1 Ne2 46.Be2 Re2 47.Qf6 R8e6 48.Qa1 Qg3 49.Nf4 Re1 (This finishes off white) 50.Ne6 Ra1 51.Ra1 fe6 52.Rb1 Qd3 53.Rb2 e5 54.c5 Qc3 55.Rb1 Qc5 56.Rf1 e4 57.Kh2 Qc3 58.0-1

Bill Armstrong

18th ICSC Europa Cup for Deaf Chess Clubs

30 May - 4 June 2007



London Deaf Chess Club once again represented the English Deaf Chess Association in the 18th ICSC Europa Cup for Deaf Chess Clubs held in Primorsko (Bulgaria) from 30th May to 4th June 2007.

They finished a creditable 9th out of 16 teams after being seeded 11th. The winners for the 3rd successive time was Kiev (Ukraine), 2nd Zagreb (Croatia), 3rd Hamburg (Germany).

The LDCC team finished on 14.5/28 points, just above 50%. The individual performances were as follows:

Board 1. Chris Kreuzer 3.5/6

Board 2. Alasdair MacLeod 3.5/7

Board 3. Richard Dunn 2.5/6

Board 4. Barry David 1.5/3

Reserve. Ilan Dwek 3.5/6

Full results can be found at http://web.tiscalinet.it/icsc_w/Primorsko/european07.htm

Gawain Jones

– England's Latest Grandmaster

19 year old Gawain Jones became the latest Englishman to qualify for the Grandmaster title when he earned his final norm by scoring 8.5/11 in this season's 4NCL.

Gawain also had a good result at the European Individual championships in Dresden earlier this year. Only a final round loss put him out of contention for a coveted place in the World Championship cycle.

Gawain annotates two of his games from these events for ChessMoves.

Gawain Jones vs.

Thomas Markowski

European Individual championships (round 10), April 2007

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3

I played 2 Nc3 in the previous game and drew with Nataf but felt like playing an Open Sicilian this game.

2...e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6

The Kan Variation.

5.Nc3 b5 6.Bd3 d6

This move is a speciality of Svidler and my opponent so I felt reasonable confident we'd go down this line.

7.0-0 Nf6 8.Qe2 Be7 9.a4 b4 10.Na2 Qb6 11.Be3 Qb7 12.c3 bxc3

A novelty, so far we were following a previous game of his where he played 12...Nxe4 and White got a nice advantage.

13.Nxc3 0-0 14.b4!?

I had seen this type of sacrifice was possible in my preparation. If Black takes the pawn then White will get good play on the open b- and c-files and Black will have difficulty developing his queenside pieces.

14...e5

Markowski declined taking the pawn and quickly played this move.

15.Nc2 Be6 16.b5!?

I spent a long time on this move analysing into the endgame. In principle White doesn't want to get rid of Black's weak a-pawn and perhaps a simple move such as Rfc1 would give White a slight edge.

16...Rc8

16...axb5 17.axb5 gives White a strong passed pawn and Black has problems on the a-file.

17.bxa6 Nxa6 18.Rfb1 Qc6 19.Nd5

This is the move I'd seen when I played b5. Markowski started thinking here.

19...Bxd5

19...Nxd5 20.exd5 Bxd5 21.Rc1! (21.Rb6 Qc7 22.Bxa6 Qxc2 23.Qxc2 Rxc2 24.Bb7 Bxb7 25.Rxb7 Bd8 26.a5 is probably about equal.) 21...Bc4 (21...Bxg2 22.Ne1) 22.Nd4 gives White a clear edge.

20.Rb6! Qc7

20...Qc3 21.exd5 Nxd5 22.Bd2 Qc7 23.Rxa6 Rxa6 24.Bxa6+-

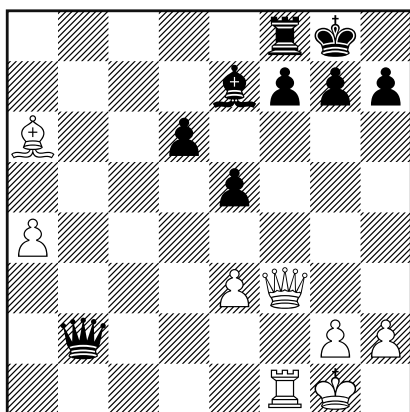
21.exd5 Nxd5 22.Rxa6 Rxa6 23.Bxa6 Qxc2 24.Qf3 Qb2

24...e4 25.Qf5+-

25.Rf1!

Now after Black takes on e3, f7 will be opened up to an attack. 25.Re1 Qb4 (25...Qc3? 26.Rf1 Nxe3 27.Bxc8!+) 26.Rf1 Nxe3 27.fxe3 Rf8 is a better version of the game for Black.

25...Nxe3 26.fxe3 Rf8



27.Qb7!

Trading off into a rook and opposite coloured bishop ending a pawn down but the passed a pawn makes up for the material deficit. My original intention was 27.Bc4 thinking that after Bf6 White has a strong attack after a move such as Qe4. However Black doesn't have to defend the f pawn and after 27...Qa3! Black is doing well.

27...Qxb7 28.Bxb7 Bd8

Black has to stop the pawn.

29.Rb1 Bc7 30.Rb5 Bb8

30...Rb8? 31.a5! Bxa5 32.Rxa5 Rxb7 33.Ra8+

31.Kf2

I was starting to get into time trouble and wasn't sure of the evaluation after 31.Bd5! Ba7 32.Rb7 (32.Kf2 Rb8=) 32...Bxe3+ 33.Kf1 White is two pawns down and I felt Black should be doing OK even though White has a good bind and the very strong a-pawn. Perhaps this was a better winning attempt.

31...Ba7 32.Kf3 Rb8 33.Ke4 g6

33...Kf8 34.Kd5 Ke7 35.e4 This position is good for White, e.g. 35...Kd7 36.Bc6+! Kc7 37.Rxb8 Bxb8 38.Be8 f6 39.Ke6 and despite the pawn deficit White starts to pick off Black's kingside.

34.a5

34.Kd5 Bxe3 35.Kxd6 e4 and Black's kingside pawns compensate for White's queenside pawn. 36.Bxe4 Rxb5 37.axb5 Bf4+ 38.Kd7 Bxh2 39.b6 Kg7 40.b7 f5 41.Bc6 Kf6 42.Kc8 h5=

34...f5+ 35.Kd5 Bxe3 36.Kxd6 e4!

Black defends his queen with a nice tactical trick.

37.Bd5+ Kg7 38.Rxb8 Bf4+ 39.Kc6 Bxb8 40.a6 Ba7 41.Kb7 Bd4 42.a7 Bxa7 43.Kxa7

White has succeeded in winning the bishop but Black shouldn't have difficulty holding the draw as he simply needs to trade off the g-pawn and White will be left with the wrong coloured bishop to queen the h-pawn.

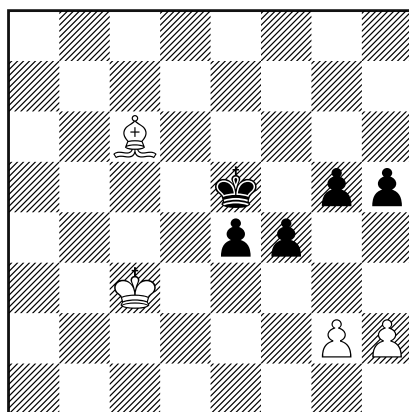
43...Kf6 44.Kb6 Ke5 45.Kc5 f4 46.Bc6

And here I in fact offered a draw resigning myself to the half point and was surprised when he declined.

46...g5 47.Kc4 h5

47...f3 is the simplest draw as White is forced to take, 48.g3?? f2

48.Kc3



48...h4??

Blundering away the draw. 48...g4 would still hold the draw, e.g. 48...g4 49.Kd2 h4 50.Ke1 g3 51.hxg3 hxg3 52.Kf1 f3=

49.Bd7!

Suddenly Black is lost. The idea is that after f3 White always has g3! retaining the pawn.

49...Kd5 50.Bc8 Ke5

50...Kc5 51.Bb7 f3 52.g3 f2 53.Ba6 Kd5 54.Kd2 Kd4 55.Ke2 e3 56.Kf3+-

51.Kc4 f3

51...e3 52.Kd3 and Black's pawns will drop off eventually as he is put in zugzwang, 52...Kd5 53.Bg4 Ke5 54.h3 Kd5 55.Bf3+ Ke5 56.Kc4 Ke6 57.Kd4 Kd6 58.Ke4 Ke6 59.Bg4+ Kf6 60.Kd5 etc.

52.g3! e3

52...f2 53.Bh3 g4 54.Bf1 does not help Black either.

53.Kd3 e2 54.Kd2 hxg3 55.hxg3

and here Markowski resigned as he has no defence to Bg4 when f3 and e2 will drop leaving a trivially won ending. 1-0

Gawain playing in the European Championships.
Photograph by Melanie Buckley.



Roland Berzinsh vs.

Gawain Jones

4NCL (round 6), Slough Sharks vs. Bristol, January 2007

This game was playing in round 6 of the 4NCL. I had got off to a good start with 4/5 and this game helped me on my way to my final GM norm.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6

The Dragon variation.

6.g3

White avoids the sharp Yugoslav Attack and instead plays the positional fianchetto variation. I had had some problems facing this line in the past but had seen an interesting idea while preparing for this game.

6...Nc6 7.Nde2 Bd7!?

Slightly unusual, 7...Bg7 and 8...0-0 is more usual but I had a different plan in mind.

8.Bg2 Bg7 9.h3

9...0-0 is also possible but this gives Black the possibility of Qc8 threatening Bh3.

9...Qc8!

Playing Qc8 anyway. Now White is unable to castle

kingside as h3 would be hanging and so has to find a plan to develop differently.

10.Bg5 0-0 11.Qc1?!

Here my opponent offered me a draw, evidently unsure how he was going to complete his development. Qd2 is more logical but Ne5 may be annoying threatening Nc4. Now however White's king is stuck in the middle of the board.

11...Re8

Retaining the g7 bishop.

12.Bh6 Bh8 13.Nf4?!

This move does not achieve anything. White needs to try and castle his king so perhaps Qd2 needs to be played now.

13...Nd4!

Taking the opportunity to take the central square which White vacates.

14.Qd2 e5 15.Nfe2 b5 16.Rc1

Defending c1. 16 0-0-0 looks dangerous now as Black's attack is so much more advanced than White's. 16.Nxd4 exd4 17.Qxd4 Nxe4+-

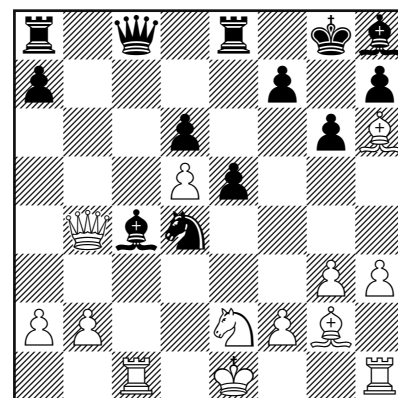
16...b4 17.Nd5

17.Nb1 Qc4

17...Nxd5 18.exd5 Bb5!?

Here I saw the queen sacrifice and couldn't resist it but 18...Nxe2 19.Qxe2 e4 is a simpler win, i.e. 20.Rb1 Bxb2! 21.0-0 Bc3+-

19.c4 Bxc4 20.Qxb4



20...Bxe2 21.Rxc8 Raxc8 22.Qxd6 Rc2

White has queen and pawn for rook and knight but black's pieces are centralised and White's king is very exposed so Black is doing well.

23.Qd7

23.Be4 might be better as White needs to stop the h8-bishop getting active when it would be all over.

23...Bb5 24.Qxa7 Rxb2 25.d6

Be4 is no longer possible due to Re2+

25...Rc8

Building a mating net.

26.Be4

White is forced to sacrifice his bishop to stave off the mate, e.g. 26.d7 Rb1+ 27.Kd2 Rc2+ 28.Ke3 Re2#

26...Re2+ 27.Kd1 Rxe4

Black is totally winning here white Rook, Bishop and Knight vs, Queen and pawn, combined with the active pieces and weak White king.

28.d7?

Allows mate in 2 but it was hopeless for White anyway.

28...Be2+

and here White resigned as either king move allows Nf3 mate. 0-1

Junior News

ECF National Schools Chess Championship 2006/7

The National Schools Chess Championships are now in their 50th year. This year's Championships began in October, with 93 teams, their sights set on the National Finals. The 1st part of the championships, the regional zone stage, produced Zone winners and Runners-up, who emerged in February and were as strong as ever.

The 2nd stage, a national knockout, produced surprises, in both the Championship and Runners-up Plate, as some favourites fell by the wayside. The 3rd and final part, the National Finals, for the top four in the Championship and Plate events, were held at the splendid venue of Uppingham School on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th July 2007. David Welch, ECF Chief Arbiter, officiated (again, as always).

Few would have predicted that a primary school would be there. Aughton St. Michael's from Ormskirk played in the Plate and were, in fact, the first primary school ever to make the Finals. Natalie Cass aged 8 may well have been the youngest ever player, and she scored one win out of two. Aughton played well, although they could not quite score highly enough in either round to make the age handicap tell.

Monmouth School took the Plate for the second year running, not without alarms on the way and only beat King Edward's School, Birmingham on board count in the Final. Queen Elizabeth School, Barnet, having lost heavily to King Edward's in the semi-final, won by the same score against Aughton to finish third.

The Championship produced some amazingly close matches. The Royal Grammar School Guildford were the only team to score a heavy win, against Magdalen College School in the semi-finals. In the meantime, favourites Nottingham High School were making heavy weather of their match with Manchester Grammar School, but just emerged in front.

The play-off between Magdalen College School and Manchester Grammar was the second board-count win in the two days, just going to Magdalen College School. The Final went to the wire. Nottingham High School, needing a win in the last game to finish, were perhaps fortunate when the Guildford player blundered. This was Nottingham's third successive win, equaling the record set by St Paul's School and, in the nineties, Manchester Grammar School.

Richard Haddrell, ECF National Schools Chess Championship Controller



The winning Nottingham High School team - left to right - Michael Keetley, Jonathan Day, Oliver Exton, Ankush Khandelwal (captain), Kishan Lakhani, Daniel Lin and Richard Haddrell. Photograph by John Swain.



Other photographs from the Championships by Richard Simpson.

Grandmaster David Howell is the first ECF John Robinson Fellow

The ECF is delighted to announce that David Howell is the first recipient of a new award, the ECF John Robinson Fellowship.

The Fellowship will be awarded annually by the ECF to the most talented English player, male or female, under the age of 21. The fellow will receive at least £2,000 to support their playing activities over the following year and will either be a grandmaster already, or have realistic aspirations to the grandmaster title.



David will be presented with his award at the British Championship in August, where he is amongst 10 grandmasters competing for the title in what promises to be the strongest field assembled for some years. The award of the Fellowship is made possible by the generous bequest made by John Robinson, a much-loved arbiter and organiser, who died in 2006.

ECF Chief Executive Martin Regan commented, "I am delighted that the ECF is able to support David in this way. His achievement in becoming the youngest English player to gain the Grandmaster title at the age of only 16 makes him a worthy winner of this new award."

All England Girls' Chess Championships Gold Finals 2007

The Gold Finals 2007, held in the perfect venue of Bramcote Hills Sports and Community College, drew the 2007 All England Girls' season to a close.

The 30th June Championships were witness to fantastic chess and some unexpected results. Competitors also had to battle against the curse of the M1 and dreadful weather conditions.

I hope that a great day was had by all and that I will see many more of you attend next year! In addition to their titles and trophies, section winners will receive a fantastic new Gold Final benefit: 10 hours of free top class coaching, courtesy of the English Chess Federation!

All England Gold:

Under 18: = 1st Lateefah Messam-Sparks *, 3; Amanda Hipshon *, 3; Natasha Lauder, 3; Kiruthika Rajeswaran, 3; 5th Xenatasha Cologne-Brookes, 1

** Title winners on tie-break, although all section winners will receive 10 hours of top class free English Chess Federation coaching.*

Under 14: 1st Abigail Pritchard, 4½; 2nd Sheila Dines, 4; 3rd Angelica Ynojosa, 3

Under 12: 1st Danae Kokossis, 4½; = 2nd Maria Wang, 4; Deborah Jarvis, 4; Amy Milson, 4; 5th Evie Hollingworth, 3½

Under 10: 1st Emma Bentley, 5; = 2nd, Katherine Shepherd, 4; Amy Hoare, 4; = 4th, Phoebe Price, 3½; Radha Jain, 3½

Under 8: = 1st, Anna Wang, 4½; Irene Mathias, 4½; = 3rd, Luxmie Muhunthakumar, 3; Daniela Parada-Sanchez, 3; Victoria Sung, 3; 6th, Raveena Rao, 2



National Girls' Team Championships 2007

This prestigious team tournament was open to all female chess players, up to the age of 18 County sides, school teams or just groups of chess-friends were all welcome.

This festival of chess was held on the 9th June 2007, in the historic grounds of Claremont Fan Court School. It was a fantastic day out for all the family. The amazing weather allowed everyone to take advantage of the 97 acres of parkland, picnic facilities and tours of the Claremont Mansion. The Championships entertained over 120 competitors from across the UK, including those selected to attend as Elite Players.

Thank you to Mrs. Farrar, principal of Claremont Fan Court School and CJ de Mooi, Mensa chess championship and quiz genius for presenting the special trophies to the elite players.

The 2007 trophy winners are:

Under 18: The Four Queens - Chantel Sirisena, Jessica Thilaganathan, Thilagini Anandajeyarajah, Radha Jain

U18 Best School Team: St. Swithuns School - Sophie Gane, Alexandra Yardley, Asia-Sophia Wolf, Holly Woodward

Under 14: Berkshire - Angelica Aponte, Rachel Davey, Holly Carter, Florence Mitchell

Under 11: Surrey Sharks - Alicia Mason, Arpita Prasad, Katherine Shepherd, Sophie Nixon

U11 Best School Team: Fonthill Lodge - Katherine Lane, Hannah Watkinson, Emily Yates, Lauren Merry

Under 9: Wimbledon High Knights - Fiona Howard, Rachel Hunt, Susannah Hardwick, Georgia Green

U9 Best School Team: Wimbledon High Bishops - Flora Buckley, Isobel Miles, Avery Hill, Elena Margetts

Victory for England at the Susan Polgar World Open Chess Championships for Girls!

Emma receiving her U11 Trophy from Susan Polgar

A fantastic result for England, as Emma Bentley storms to victory in the Under 11 world championships, with 5.5 out of 6. You can find the full tournament results by going to www.lvchessfestival.com/polgar/.

Emma's dad David Bentley is doing a great job as the ECF Junior Public Relations Officer and whilst in America is forging new relationships with the United States Chess Federation and SPICE, the Susan Polgar Institute for Chess Excellence.

Claire Summerscale, ECF Director of Junior Chess & Education



Littlewood's Choice

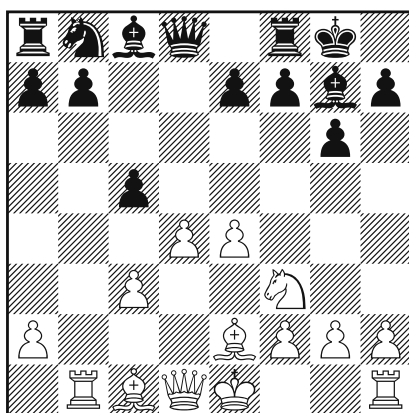
Although Human v Computer leaves me cold, it intrigues me how one computer can beat another! Here is Deep Junior doing just that in one of my favourite openings, with a drawish position suddenly finding White over-ambitiously losing control.

You see what I mean: I'm beginning to talk as if these two machines have the foibles of us ordinary chess-players! In fact, I intend to annotate this game as though I am in reality dealing with two human players. How about Fred versus June?!

Ultimate Computer Challenge, Elista - Game 4, 9 June 2007

□ Deep Fritz (Fred)
■ Deep Junior (June)

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 cxd5 Nxd5 5 e4Nxc3 6bxc3 Bg7 7Nf3c58Rb10-09 Be2



9...Nc6

For a long time the frantic main line was 9... cxd4 10 cxd4 Qa5+ 11 Bd2 Qxa2 but I gave it up because a weaker player took an easy draw against me which I couldn't avoid ... June obviously agrees with me.

10 d5 Ne5

The one time that I tried this line I went in for the greedy but semi-suicidal 10...Bxc3+ 11 Bd2 Bxd2+ 12 Qxd2 Na5, subjecting myself to a vicious attack which I was very lucky to survive.

11 Nxe5 Bxe5 12 Qd2 e6

It is essential to attack the centre at once, before Fred's pawns dominate it.

13 f4 Bc7!?

This surprising move by the bishop, abandoning the long diagonal, is based on the logical need to blockade the d5 pawn but is also combined

with other interesting points which will soon be revealed.

14 0-0 exd5 15 exd5 Ba5!

Preventing c4 for the moment but ready to return to c7 when needed. If now 16 d6 then 16...Bf5! 17 Rxb7 Qf6 18 Rb3 Rad8 picks up the d6 pawn.

16 f5!? Bxf5 17 Rxb7 Qd6!

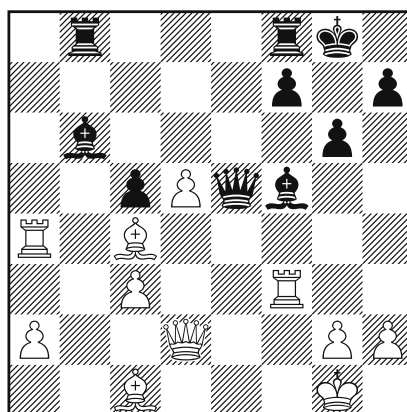
Temporarily blockading the d5 pawn and preparing to put more pressure on it.

June's next few moves form part of a highly sophisticated plan to coordinate her own pieces whilst encouraging Fred to play random moves with no real plan behind them.

18 Bc4 Qe5 19 Rf3 Rab8!

A key move in her plan to seize the 'b' file at the cost of a pawn.

20 Rxa7 Bb6! 21 Ra4



21...Bc7!

A move which, even at this early stage, strategically decides the game by forcing a serious weakening of Fred's king position which, in conjunction with Black's invasion down the 'b' file, forces him to make moves which only worsen the situation.

22 g3 Rb1 23 Re3 Qf6 24 Ra6 Bd6 25 Re1 Rfb8! 26 Bf1

Desperately trying to defend his king side.

26...h5 27 a4 c4!!

June is bursting out all over! If now the obvious 28 Bxc4, protecting the rook on a6, Black has 28...Rxc1! 29 Qxc1 Bc5+ 30 Kg2 Be4+ 31 Rxe4 Qf2+ 32 Kh3 Qf5+ 33 Kg2 Qxe4+ winning, so Fred is forced to protect c5.

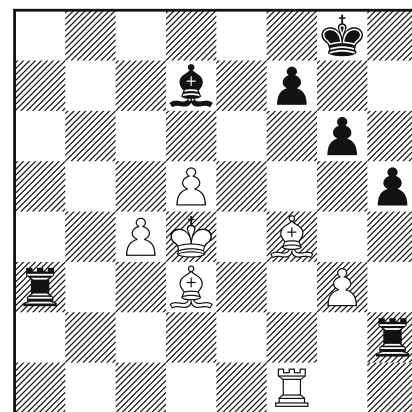
28 Rc6 Ra1! 29 Bxc4 Bd7 30 Rf1 Qe7 31 Rxd6.

Finally White has to exchange his rook for June's dangerous bishop but his forces are tied down too much for him to survive.

31...Qxd6 32 Qf2 Qb6 33 Bf4

The stronger-looking 33 Be3 Rxf1+ 34 Bxf1 Qd6 still allows Black to keep control whilst removing White's dangerous rook.

33...Qxf2+ 34 Kxf2 Rb2+ 35 Ke3 Rxa4 36 Bd3 Rxh2 37 c4 Ra3 38 Kd4



38...h4! 39 g4

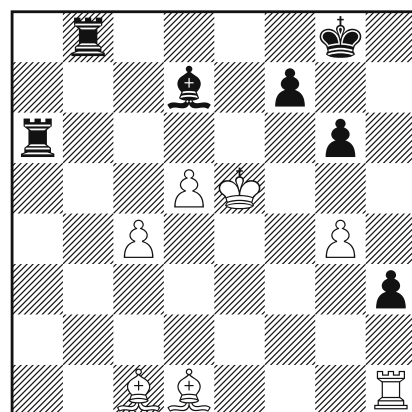
Or 39 gxh4 Rxh4 40 Ke3 41 Rh3+ wins.

39...Rh3 40 Be2 Rhb3 41 Ke5

Fred defends tenaciously, forcing June to give of her best.

41...Rb2! 42 Re1 Raa2! 43 Bd1 Ra6 44 Bc1 Rb8!

Not giving her opponent a moment's respite as she threatens 45...Re8+ 45 Rg1 h3! 46 Rh1



46...f6+ 47 Kd4 Ra1! 48 Bc2 g5 49 c5 Bxg4 50 c6 Kf7! 51 Rf1 Rh8 52 d6 h2 53 d7 Ke7

So that now 54 Be4 Ra4+ followed by 55... Rxe4 56 Kxe4 h1=Q wins easily. Fred plays a move but then concedes gracefully.

54 Rh1 0-1

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The printed list will be available from the ECF Office at the end of August priced at £22.50

Obituaries

Tony Bastable

Tony Bastable has died aged 62. His connection with chess is that he was the presenter of the first Thames Television chess programmes. He was the anchor man throughout for the 1986 World Chess Championship held in London. That sparked off a total of about 100 programmes including, in particular, The London Dockland Speed Chess Challenge between Kasparov and Short, which he also fronted. Some readers may remember him better as one of the first presenters of the children's TV series Magpie from 1968-1972. Our condolences to his family.

Stewart Reuben

Fred Manning

Fred Manning was born 29th September 1931, being 75 years old and died on Wednesday 6th June 2007 - he was a chartered accountant by profession, being single.

Fred joined Wimbledon Chess Club in the early sixties from Streatham owing to the fact that Wimbledon had numerous matches in the Surrey League and at the time he worked in Weybridge for British Aircraft Corporation.

Fred was a medium strength player during most of his chess career and often finished at the end of the season as having played the most games in the Wimbledon club. To highlight Fred's performance as a combative player, he was reserve in a Wimbledon match in division 1 of the London league about twenty-five or thirty years ago and had to play on board 1 as the nominated player could not appear - Fred obtained a draw!

Fred was a tower of strength as an administrator and had been treasurer of Wimbledon and Surrey County Chess Association for very many years and treasurer of the Thames Valley League for several years. Fred had a most accommodating nature and abiding passion for the game of chess, was a gentleman in the truest sense, always willing to help and he could not refuse a task he was requested to do, often being overburdened.

Fred will be greatly missed by all his friends at Wimbledon and in Surrey and this exceptional man will be remembered with the deepest affection.

Trevor Brugger (Wimbledon Chess Club Secretary)

Thelma Milner-Barry

10 August 1921 - 2 June 2007.

Thelma was the BCF's first Director of Women's Chess elected in 1986 after much constitutional wrangling. It is safe to say that no-one else would have succeeded in being elected at that time.

She was not a chess player and her initial connection with our game was, of course, by proxy as Stuart's wife. They married in 1947 when both worked in the Treasury, which she had joined in 1941. Under the rules of the day she had to resign immediately on marriage. They had three children, two daughters and a son. She was always active with voluntary work as a young persons' adviser, as a Juvenile Magistrate, as a Prison Visitor and as an honorary steward at Westminster Abbey. She had boundless energy and enthusiasm and her interests included painting, music and walking.

She was exposed to chess through Stuart's great love of the game - he was active as a player throughout his life and had a wide circle of chess friends. Stuart and the other leading players of his generation, Hugh Alexander and Harry Golombek, were all heavily involved in chess administration both through the Federation and the Friends of Chess. Stuart was BCF President between 1970 and 1973 and International Director between 1978 and 1982 and thereby Thelma came into contact with the great, the good and the not so good of the chess world.

She captained the English team in a friendly in Denmark in 1979 when I was unable to go and Stuart had agreed to cover but he was unable to at the last moment and Thelma stepped into the breach. In Round 1 we won 5.5 - 2.5 but in Round 2 "she allowed the team to play" and they lost 6 - 2.

Stuart had retired from front line administration by the time she was elected in 1986. She served until 1993 during which time significant advances were made in Women's Chess. Her great strengths were her ability to relate to people, her patience, her good humour and her practical ability to get things done. In her dealings with the Chess Family she always reminded me of Mrs Ramsay in Virginia Woolf's "To the Lighthouse" - she usually got her way by subtle and indirect means! I never heard a bad word spoken of her - only words of fondness and appreciation. We mourn her passing - we will not see her like again.

David Anderton

Celebration Tournament Appeal

The Celebration 83rd Hastings International Chess Congress will take place 28 December 2007 to 6 January 2008 at the, now traditional venue, of Horntye Park Sports Centre.

The event will be held in celebration of the lives of people who have died within the past four years, who have so enriched the chess scene with their work. They include: *Tony Banks; Keith Brown; Isaac Iglesias; Ian Mason; David Pritchard; Tony Bastable; Lord Callaghan; George Goodwin; Eric McCanlis; Walter Sebley; John Bisson; Lady Callaghan; Pete Harrison; Kenneth Messere; Peter Shaw; Steve Boniface; Philip Church; Frank Hatto; Lady Milner-Barry; Jack Spiegel; Michael Brent; Ian Cowen; Ted Johnson; Robert Pinner; Simon Webb; David Bronstein; Vernon Dilworth; Joyce Macdonald-Ross; John Robinson; Paul Watson; David Brown; Richard Furness; Fred Manning; Arie Rozenberg; Roy Woodcock*

You are invited to make donations to this important event. These can be assigned to a particular individual and you may also stipulate particular ways in which your donation is used. Other people can be nominated. We would hate to think we had simply forgotten anybody. Hastings is the longest-running international chess event and thus the decision has been made to include nominated foreigners.

Sponsors so far lined up include: *Hastings Borough Council; John Robinson Trust for chess education for players under-21; English Chess Federation; Friends of Chess; Tournament Chess Supplies; A donation in memory of David Brown*

The souvenir programme for the event, which usually appears in December, will list all donors and include a biography of each of people being honoured.

Several evenings there will be master classes conducted by leading players for the benefit of players under 21, but also free to older players. It is also hoped that there will be a certain amount of individual coaching available to suitable English players under 21. Please contact Stewartreuben@aol.com about such possibilities.

Full details of the event, including a list of all entries and games will appear in due course on www.hastingschess.org.uk

This will truly be a celebration of the lives of these people whose contributions were so important in so many different ways.

For further details contact Pam Thomas pae123@aol.com 01424 445 348.

Donations, or alternatively also further details and detailed entry forms in due course:

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Clearly, the earlier donations are made, the more effective they will be.

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Insurance Chess Club v Civil Service Chess Association

Challenge Match, 21 April 2007

Civil Service College, 11 Belgrave Road, London.

The Insurance Chess Club had white on the even numbered boards. C.S.C.A. player, J. Cattermole acted as a guest for them to balance numbers.

The annual challenge match between the Insurance Chess Club and the Civil Service Chess Association was staged at the Civil Service College, Belgrave Road, London on Saturday 21st April 2007. I understand that this venue has been the home of the Insurance Chess Club for several years, but following the retirement of their match captain, Geoff Naldrett, in a few months time, any future contests will be held at the Carpenters Arms, near Marble Arch. In recent years when the teams have met in London 16 boards have been contested, however, our opponents have had to rely upon guests to make up numbers, so the request for a reduction to 12 boards was a sad, if understandable, proposition.

Despite my request in 'Time Trouble 53' for players in London to put themselves forward for inclusion in the Civil Service team, they were conspicuous by their absence. Consequently our ranks comprised members from the North East (3), Lancashire (3), Yorkshire (3), Cambridgeshire (1), Essex (1) and Hertfordshire (1). Most had represented the Civil Service Chess Association on previous occasions, however I was pleased to be able to welcome a new face – Colin Walton – who took his place on top board.

In the weeks leading up to the match I liaised with both players and CSSC Sports and Leisure regarding requirements for overnight accommodation in London. We are normally booked in at the Union Jack Club, near Waterloo Station, and it was anticipated that this would continue, however alarm bells clearly started ringing at CSSC Head Office, High Wycombe around Wednesday 18th April. No rooms were available and it was proving difficult to place team members anywhere in Central London. Eventually someone realised that the London Marathon was taking place on Sunday 22nd April. Fortunately, rapid action on the part of David Hayday secured reservations at the President Hotel, Russell Square.

I departed Hull Paragon Railway Station just after 8.00 AM, arriving in London around three hours later. As the match was scheduled for a 2.00pm start, time was available for a visit to the 'Chess and Bridge' shop on Euston Road. Despite an ever expanding chess library, the urge to make it even bigger is impossible to resist. On this occasion a modern translation of Tarrasch's 'Drei Hundert Schach Partie' (Three Hundred Chess Games) at £7.50 allowed the moths to escape my wallet. Back onto the Tube, arriving at the Civil Service College by 1.10pm.

I was greeted by Geoff Naldrett and shown into one of the match rooms on the ground floor. At this point it became evident that the contest was to be rather unusual. The top six boards would be located on the sixth floor whilst lesser mortals would be situated at street level. The

Conference Room that had been used in the past, and accommodates a 16 board match with ease, was not available because of a dispute as to who is responsible for security. Not too difficult for me to keep up with proceedings as non-playing Match Captain – or so I thought! A few minutes before start time the plot thickened. The Insurance Chess Club was two players short due to late withdrawals and a misunderstanding meant that there were only eleven Civil Service players plus me! The only sensible way everyone could have a game was if the Civil Service team loaned one player to the opposition and your editor entered the fray.

As this was to be Geoff Naldrett's last match against the Civil Service Chess Association as team captain, I presented him with an inscribed book on behalf of our players. This was one of the rare occasions when the coin toss for choice of colours went in our favour, enabling me to take white on the odd numbered boards. The match started a few minutes late – time control 36 moves in 1½ hours plus 15 minutes allegro finish. The slightly reduced playing time ensured a couple of the Civil Service team could catch trains and return home on the same day. I took several photographs before setting about my personal task – white against Geoff Naldrett.

Only limited information was available to me about progress on the top six boards, as those involved visited the ground floor to advise me of developments or record their result. After about 1¼ hours the picture seemed to be that we were better of several boards and equal on all but one of the rest. My own game finished around 4.25pm and I ventured up to the sixth floor. It became clear that barring a disaster, Civil Service would win by a significant but not overwhelming margin. When the final game was concluded around 5.15pm the margin of victory was 7½ - 3½.

After thanking our hosts for their hospitality, several team members adjourned to the nearby Georges Tavern for refreshment. The good news – decent hot meals at a reasonable price. The bad news – no hand pump beer and Manchester United on the television. Unfortunately, the 'entertainment' was to continue. The Tube journey to Russell Square was a nightmare following someone being taken ill somewhere on the network. Passengers were compelled to participate in an involuntary game of sardines. This was followed by confusion at the hotel when a member of the reception staff either forgot or misunderstood her instructions concerning our booking. I eventually obtained a room, relaxed in a hot both and subsequently slept for nine hours.

Several team members spent much of the Sunday travelling home, courtesy of the comedians known as 'Network Rail', who had 'organised' – I use the word in very loose terms – track maintenance between Peterborough and London. As a result, no trains were running out of Kings Cross. There were reports of 1½ hour bus journeys to a rail connection on the East Coast mainline. My trip back from St. Pancras Station to Beverley via Sheffield and Hull lasted almost six hours. Perhaps the relevant CSSC Sports and Leisure Committee should have regard to the commitment of our team members when questioning the validity of Representative Matches.

Board	Insurance CC	Grade	Score	Civil Service CA	Grade	Score
1	Farrand, Doctor J. T.	174	0	Walton, C.	188	1
2	Hunnable, I. D.	165	0	Archer, R.	155	1
3	Calvert, Doctor D. I.	165	½	Cooper, J.	155	½
4	Sedgwick, D. R.	162	½	Bowers, F.	155	½
5	Malcolm, D.	151	½	Appleby, S.	153	½
6	Page, M. C.	141	½	Robson, P.	146	½
7	Carlucci, P.	141	1	Baillie, D.	145	0
8	Atkinson, B. W.	125	½	Thackray, I.	129	½
9	Naldrett, G. W.	121	0	Mills, D. G.	132	1
10	Dowlen, J.	U/G	0	Coles, M.	123	1
11	Cattermole, J.	80	0	Strickland, I. D.	113	1
Total			3½	Total	7½	

Book Reviews by Gary Lane

Chess Today published by <http://www.chesstoday.net>

by Alex Baburin €45 (about £30) for 1 year's subscription

It is easy to follow major tournaments on the internet if only you knew where to look. The e-mail magazine 'Chess Today' serves this purpose well because every day an edition is sent to your computer written in English. It contains the latest news on big events and with links that are a simple mouse click away. The service has been running since 2000 by Russian grandmaster Alex Baburin who now resides in Ireland where he is the number 1 player. The magazine always has an annotated game which can be added to your database along with various other games from tournaments taking place that week. This is a way to keep up to date with the chess world and the games with comments over time build up to a useful reference base when studying openings.

The magazine also arrives in Adobe Reader format which is on all new computers and basically allows you to read the four or five pages like a newspaper and even print it out if you wish. There are sample copies available at the site to see if it suits your tastes. I know that many juniors when pushed why they like it just refer to the daily puzzle, which is one way to keep them keen. An enjoyable way to keep up with the chess news.

How Life Imitates Chess

by Garry Kasparov published by Random House £11.99

Garry Kasparov is the ideal candidate to try to explain life as a game of strategy. The idea is not new in self help books for businessmen but as soon as Garry's name was announced the translation rights were sold to a dozen countries. It is a reminder that he is still a hugely popular figurehead for chess and in constant demand for interviews. It is a wonderful read about chess and especially his attitude towards preparation for his World Championship matches. There is also time to illustrate various general themes such as "If you want to be taken seriously, take yourself seriously" with the story about when Korchnoi gave a simultaneous display in Cuba and was advised by a government official to offer a draw to the infamous freedom fighter Che Guevara. After winning all the games Tal was astounded that included the famous local but Korchnoi replied "He doesn't have the faintest idea what to do against the Catalan Opening!". A neat reply but anyone but a chess player would be wondering what he meant by the Catalan and it is clear throughout the book you need more than a passing knowledge of the game to understand what is going on.

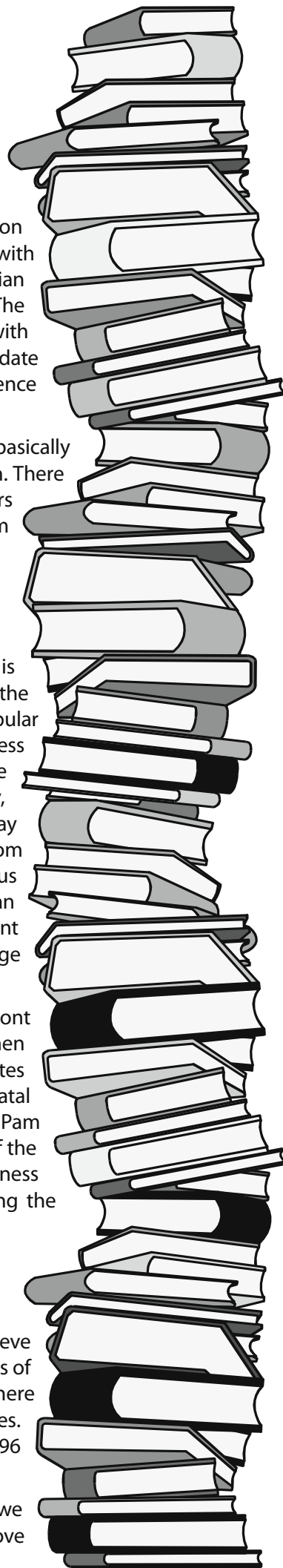
The co-writer is chess personality Mig Greengard whose name is discreetly kept off the front cover. His role of co-ordinating chess examples to real life arguably comes to light when discussing the 1993 World Championship match with England's Nigel Short. Kasparov notes that going outside the control of Fide was an error and that he had "...committed the fatal mistake of launching an attack from a position of weakness." This is compared to US airline Pam Am that failed spectacularly which should make the reader laugh or throw the book out of the window. Still, business books always seem to be a bit over the top, so perhaps their eagerness should be excused in pursuit of a wider readership. Garry Kasparov is great at revealing the workings of the chess world in his pursuit of excellence.

101 Chess Endgame Tips

by Steve Giddens published by Gambit £11.99

The need to learn how to play the endgame can be a daunting task but English writer Steve Giddens endeavours to make the job easier. After assuming a basic knowledge he gives lots of examples (101 to be precise) that demonstrate well known themes that are of practical use. There are some classic positions from famous players but these are complimented by recent games. It has a catchy title but is hardly part of an original series by Gambit because Batsford in 1996 released '101 Tips to Improve Your Chess' By Tony Kosten.

There is no doubt similar titles were used before such as '101 Dalmatians', which means are we to assume that the number '101' results in improved sales? A helpful guide on how to improve your endgame skills.



Results Round-Up

2006/7 British Ladies Correspondence Chess Championship

Sue Howell of Redhill won with 4/4, deposing the defending champion Valerie Craven of Leeds who scored 2/4. Davina Lescott of Peterborough was 3rd on 0/4. The 2 Howell-Craven games were played by email with 129 moves completed! Keith Escott, Tournament Director

York Under 14 Championships

106 attended with the Lord Mayor opening the event and Gerry Walsh (ECF President) presenting the prizes.

Under 9: 1st Joshua Levine, Leeds; 2nd Louise Romer, Monk Fryston; 3rd James Nelson, Bootham School; 4th Matthew Paw, Hempland; 5th Robbie Brown, Brackenfield Harrogate; Best Girl Jenita Punnoose, Clifton Green; = Merit Award Sarash Woodmansey, Heworth, Paul Thompson, Ralph Butterfield
Winning School: 1st Bootham Junior, 2nd Hempland

Under 11: 1st Amy Milson, Louth; 2nd Pierre Weller, Scarcroft; 3rd Chris De-Planta, Sutton on Forest; 4th Andrew Woodmansey, Heworth; 5th Allan Truman, Oldham; Best Girl Alice Norman, Wigginton; = Merit Award Henry Wong, ST Olaves, Gerardine Labonte-Hazlewood, Bootham
Winning School: 1st Easing Wold, 2nd Hempland

Under 14: 1st Jean Luc Weller, Allsaints; 2nd Samuel Milson, Louth; 3rd James Bowler, Leeds; 4th Elliot Warner, Archbishop Holgate; 5th Niklas Hahn, Millthorpe; Best Girl Lilli Hahn, Millthorpe; = Merit Award Reuben Shaboyan, Malton, Thomas Rychlik, Allsaints
Winning School: 1st Allsaints, 2nd Millthorpe
Training Event: 1st David Noyvert, St Lawrence; 2nd Ewan Morrice, Bootham; 3rd Imogen Grosset, Wigginton; Merit Award Callum Small, Stockton on Forest

71st Richmond Rapidplay 20 May 2007

91 played in the 71st Richmond Rapidplay held on 20 May and prizes totalling £657.50 were awarded for the following results:

Open: Alexander Cherniaev, 5½/6; Graeme Buckley, 5/6; Chris Briscoe, 4/6

Major (U160): Helge Hjort, 5½/6; Raul Portugal, 5/6; Norman Harris, 4/6; Alex Galliano, 4/6

Intermediate (U120): Avinoam Baruch, 5½/6; Finlo Rohrer, 5/6; Yehuda Baruch, 4/6

Minor (U80): Will Woods, 5/6; John Vaughan, 5/6; Ayse Karel, 4½/6; Stephen Rees, 4½/6; George Galliano, 4/6; Rustico Pineda, 4/6; Jake Simms, 4/6

Rhyl Congress

18-20 May 2007

Open: 1st Stewart Haslinger; = 2nd Ian Campbell; Graham Lilley; Simon Hood; Roger Williamson

U175 G P =, John Hunt; David Jameson; David Levens

Major: 1st John D Blore; = 2nd Michael Whale; Ray Gamble; Stanley Cranmer; = U140 G P Roger Greateorex; Andrew Lake; Paul Stanley; Best Senior Richard Desmedt; U120 G P Martin Brown

Minor: 1st Ben Zitha; = 2nd Colin Gardiner; Andy De Santos; Joseph Farrell; U70 G P Conrad Green; U85 G P Terry Burgess; U110 G P John Basterfield

Hartlepool Festival Weekend Congress

25-27 May 2007

Open: Roger Coathup, Tynemouth, 169, 4½; Jonathon Hawkins, Consett, 195, 4; Paul Dargan, Tynemouth, 185, 3½; Andy Lawson, Kings, 175, 3½; Jimmy Simpson, Hetton, 172, 3½

Major: Bryan Harkness, Consett, 147, 4½; John Garnett, Elmwood, 153, 3½; Philip Mitcheson, Middlesbrough, 144, 3½; Collin Smith, Peterlee, 138, 3½; Nigel Holroyd, Peterborough, 137, 3½; David Richardson, Teesside Hung, 122, 3½; Cyrill Fomin, Gateshead Lib, 149, 3; Roger Ditchburn, Kings, 148, 3

Intermediate: Stephen Carter, Peterlee, 119, 4½; Gagik Abaryan, Gateshead, 113, 4; John Reddington, Peterlee, 102, 3½

Minor: Graham Matthews, Hartlepool, 87, 4; Geoff Shearing, Eldon Leisure, 84, 4; David Castle, Guisborough, 73, 4; David Peardon, Hetton, 86, 3½; Peter Harker, Hartlepool, 82, 3; Stan Johnson, South Shields, 87, 3

Novice: Conrad Green, Hassell, 57, 8½; Kevin Waterman, Hartlepool, 7; Russell Edwards, Sasca, 38, 6

40th Cotswold Congress

26-28 May 2007

Open: C Beaumont, Bristol, 6/6; S Berry, Wimbledon, 5/6; N Beveridge, Hereford, 4/6

Premier: N Fallowfield, Stourbridge, 5/6; N Livesey, Bourne End, 4½/6; G Brown, Stroud, 4/6; B O'Gorman, DHSS, 4/6

Major: R Desmedt, Barnsley, 5/6; M Redman, Bristol, 5/6; H Stepanyan, Sutton Coldfield, 4½/6

Minor: G Vikanis, Banbury, 5/6; G Gammon, Downend, 4½/6; J Coates, Swindon, 4½/6; A Stepanyan, Sutton Coldfield, 4½/6

Ilford Congress

26-28 May 2007

Open: Augustin Madan IM, 228, Romania, 4½/6; Philip Morris IM, 220, Charlton, 4½/6; John Anderson, 190, Shell, 4/6; Akash Jain, 141J, Pinner, 4/6; Ian Snape, 190, Beckenham, 4/6

Major U160: Carl Hetherington, 148, Morley, 6/6; Jean-Baptiste Jugand, 135, Morley College, 5/6; David Brady, 136, Chingford, 4½/6; Ronnie Cohen, 140, Albany, 4½/6;

Roderick Johnson, 147, Brentwood, 4½/6

Minor: Dashiell Shaw, 100, 5½/6; Terry Barnell, 100, 5/6; Timothy Crouch, 107, Kings Head, 4½/6; Michael Mutale, 115, Barking, 4½/6

David Wood Memorial Prizes: Subin Sen, 163, Ilford, 3½/6; Roland Johnson, 115, Brentwood, 2½/6; Nikhil Sanghani, 57, Chingford, 2½/6

KJCA Cranbrook Junior Rapidplay

3 June 2007

Under 18: William Jones, Lewisham CC, 127, 4; Victor Jones, Lewisham CC, 119, 4; Dunstan Rodrigues, Lewisham CC, 102, 3; Constantine Philippou, West Wickham, 100, 3

Under 14: Andrew Turner, Tonbridge & Hadlow CC, 93, 4½; Matthew Payne, Worthing CC, 102, 4; Robert Maguire, Beckenham & Bromley CC, 101, 3½; Eugene Daley, Dulwich, 72, 3½

Under 11: Alexei Davis, Mottingham, 23, 6; Gautham Reddiar, Orpington, 43, 5; Nick Nicheperovich, Dulwich, 4½; Patryk Lodzinski, Barnet CC, 4½

Under 9: Raphael Kalid, Anerley, 8, 5½; James Wagstaff-Hall, Sidcup, 5; Hector Huser, Balham, 5; Oliver Petrick, Sevenoaks, 4½

Leek Rapidplay Congress

10 June 2007

Cheddleton: M Surtees, Bolton, 188, 7/9; R Williamson, Aigburth, 169, 6½; D Buxton, Cheddleton, 164, 6; D Stephenson, Hull St Andrews, 144, 6

St Edward's: D Gothard, Derby, e125, 8/9; R Desmedt, Wombwell, 108, 7; M Burke, Three Cs, 105, 7; G Cloake, Northwich, 125, 6½; A Stott, Fenton, 102, 6½; P Bull, Warley Quinborne, 113, 6½

Chester Congress

1 July 2007

Major: M Surtees, Bolton, 194, 4; A Khandelwal, Ashfield, 186, 3½; H Lamb, Bolton, 174, 3½; M P Townsend, York RI, 187, 3½; C Briscoe, Surbiton, 178, 2½; O Jackson, Poynton, 185, 2½; A Richardson, Newcastle Under Lyme, 188, 2½

Intermediate: P Evans, Blackpool, 158, 4½; D Bennion, Caergwrle, 156, 3½; R Frith, PKA, 126, 3½; N McLaughlin, Northwich, 141, 3½; C Vassiliou, Chorlton, 153, 3½; R Clegg, Huddersfield, 133, 3; S Fanning, Atherton, 123, 3; M Harris, Newcastle Under Lyme, 141, 3; B Kane, PKA, 143, 3; B O'Gorman, DHSS, 144, 3; J Shakespeare, Bangor, 152, 3

Minor: E Taylor, Wallasey, 128, 4½; R Amos, PKA, 109, 4; J Nemcek, Chester, 116, 4; S Lloyd, Chester, 118, 3½; J Grange, Bangor, 91, 3½; M Hargreaves, Wallasey, 101, 3½; F Salt, Buckley/Mold, 104, 3½

Foundation: T Clements, Three Cs, 69, 5; R Fox, Atherton, 63, 4; K Hodgson, Bramhall, 77, 4; J Dilworth, Merseyside, 96, 3½; O Manley, Wrexham, 70, 3½; S O'Neil, RAF, 95, 3½; J Waddington, Bolton, 68, 3½; C White, Chester, 90, 3½

ECF Grand Prix 2006/2007

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

Junior Prix

1	Jain, Radha, Pinner	623
2	Gahir, Jasdeep, Kent Junior Congresses	613
3	Jones, Victor GL, Kent Junior Congresses	610
4	Rigby, Nick T, QEGS Wakefield	607
5	Jain, Akash, Pinner	595
6	Zhou, Yang-Fan, Richmond Juniors	590
7	Mohan, Shyam, Sussex Junior	586
8	Taylor, Adam A, Sutton/Cheam *	584
9	Cleeves, Megan, Thamesdown Juniors	578
10	Jones, William EG, Kent Junior Congresses	562

Graded Prix (150-174)

1	Hjort, Helge, Hendon	596
2	Cutmore, Martin J, Wood Green	548
3	Armstrong, Malcolm J, Stafford	517
4	Evans, Paul A, AXA Lytham	506
5	Jameson, David, Colwyn Bay / Llandudno	503
6	Bryant, Richard BE, Oswestry	500
7	Ponter, Ian P, Downend & Fishponds	495
8	Haydon, David L, Shell (Essex)	482
9	Cutmore, David A, Wood Green	481
10	Haldane, Robin W, Streatham	479

Graded Prix (125-149)

1	Gamble, Raymond J, Spondon	595
2	O'Gorman, Brendan, DHSS	587
3	Coward, Neil, AXA Lytham	583
4	Sandercock, E Barry, Buckinghamshire*	539
5	Clegg, Robert, Huddersfield	530
6	Pride, Stephen C, Cambridge City	526
7	Eckloff, Colin, Whoberley	521
8	Price, Andrew, Leamington	494
9	Patrick, David A, Courier Halifax	492
10	Brady, David A, Chingford	480

Graded Prix (100-124)

1	Desmedt, Richard E, Netherton	647
2	Allen, Timothy S, Battersea	575
3	Walker, Roger W, Belper	549
4	Breed, Greg, Eastcote	546
5	Gilbert, David J, DHSS	526
6	Gartside, Carl, High Peak	525
7	Fleischer, Jeff H, Coulsdon CF	518
8	Rixon, Tom J, Hemel Hempstead	504
9	Sutcliffe, John, Chester	493
10	Gardiner, Colin J, Falmouth	488

Graded Prix (U100)

1	Foley, Phil T, Upminster	649
2	Barnell, Terry, London E *	589
3	Fraser, Alan R, Beckenham & Bromley	544
4	Stone, Mark R, Petts Wood & Orpington	540
5	Constable, Christine F, Coulsdon CF	536
6	Constable, John, Coulsdon CF	521
7	Everitt, David, Haywards Heath	476
8	Coats, Jon R, Swindon	472
9	Saunders, Peter, Bristol & Clifton	459
10	Johnson, Stanley, South Shields	448

This year the Grand Prix standings were calculated by the central grading system using the results files submitted for grading.

Thanks are due to Howard Grist who did the necessary re-programming of the software and to Richard Haddrell who used the software to provide the Grand Prix standings during the year. Whilst the approach of using the grading system for the Grand Prix has worked smoothly, it does mean that the standings are inevitably less up to date than when the Grand Prix was administered by a dedicated officer.

The various sections winners were as follows:

Section		Name	Club	Points
150-174	1st	Hjort, Helge	Hendon	596
	2nd	Cutmore, Martin J	Wood Green	548
125-149	1st	Gamble, Raymond J	Spondon	595
	2nd	O'Gorman, Brendan	DHSS	587
100-124	1st	Desmedt, Richard E	Netherton	647
	2nd	Allen, Timothy S	Battersea	575
U100	1st	Foley, Phil T	Upminster	649
	2nd	Barnell, Terry	London E *	589
Junior	1st	Jain, Radha	Pinner	623
	2nd	Gahir, Jasdeep	Kent Junior	613

The winners received £200, the runners-up a £50 discount for entry for a British championship event.

Sadly the Grand Prix had declined from the important position it held in the 1980s. Then, due to sponsorship, there was a large prize fund and the event was a significant factor in encouraging chess in the country. In recent years, it has been keep going by ECF funding although at ever more modest levels.

In April ECF Council determined that 2007/8 would be the last Grand Prix. It also decided that no prize money would be made available from ECF funding. Consequently, for the 2007/8 season the main prize will be reduced entry to a British Championship event. Since then, CCF MindGames have offered to provide commemorative trophies for the winners of each section on an annual basis.

I intend to go back to ECF Council and propose that the Grand Prix is continued beyond 2008 on the same basis.

Chris Majer

ECF Director of Home Chess

Calendar of Events

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

* denotes English Chess Federation Grand Prix

@ denotes FIDE Rated Event # denotes British Championship Qualifying Tournament ~ denotes ECF Graded Event

~@ 7-18 Aug
5th HOWARD STAUNTON MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT
London.
Website: www.howardstaunton.com

~* 10-12 & 18-19 Aug
LEICESTER FIDE RATED ALL PLAY ALL
The Plough Inn, Littlethorpe.
S Hewitt (Tel: 07845 528972,
Email: sean@leicesterchess.co.uk)

~* 11 Aug
GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY
St Alban's Church Hall, NW11 7QG.
Adam Raoof (Tel/Fax: 020 8202 0982,
Email: adamraoof@yahoo.com)

@ 13-24 Aug
EUROPEAN INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE BLIND
St Aidan's College, Durham.
Stan Lovell (Tel: 01642 775 668;
Email: stan@chessboard.freeseve.co.uk)

14 Aug
THE STRAND BLITZ
The Cheshire Cheese, WC2R 3LD.
T Sainbayar (Tel: 07887 790934,
Email: londonrapidplay@yahoo.co.uk)

~* 17-19 Aug
THANET CONGRESS
Canterbury Christchurch University,
Broadstairs.
A D Hargreaves (Tel: 01227 274885,
Email: TONY.HARGREAVES@sky.com)

18 Aug
BRISTOL CENTENARY RAPIDPLAY
Thistle Hotel, Broad Street.
G Mill-Wilson (Tel: 07765 139540,
Email: tugmw@blueyonder.co.uk)

18 Aug
HILTON BLACKPOOL EVENING BLITZ
Hilton Blackpool Hotel.
Bill O'Rourke (Tel: 01706 627874,
Email: worchessnu1@ntlworld.com)

18 Aug
NCCU JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS U8 - U18
Hilton Blackpool Hotel.
Bill O'Rourke (Tel: 01706 627874,
Email: worchessnu1@ntlworld.com)

~ 18-19 Aug
WILTSHIRE CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP
Chippenham Sports Club.
T Ransom (Tel: 01225 774538,
Email: chesssalsa@aol.com)

~* 18-19 Aug
UK CHESS CHALLENGE TERAFINAL
by qualification only,
Michael Basman (Tel: 07715 041320,
Email: ukchesschallenge@aol.com)

~ 19 Aug
HILTON BLACKPOOL RAPIDPLAY
Hilton Blackpool Hotel.
Bill O'Rourke (Tel: 01706 627874,
Email: worchessnu1@ntlworld.com)

~* 19-21 Aug
STEVE BONIFACE MEMORIAL
Thistle Hotel, Bristol.
G Mill-Wilson (Tel: 07765 139540,
Email: tugmw@blueyonder.co.uk)

~ 25-27 Aug
43rd BERKS & BUCKS CONGRESS
Nine Mile Ridge Primary School,
Finchampstead.
Nigel Dennis (Tel/Fax: 01491 576052,
Email: nigeldennis@btinternet.com)

~* 25-27 Aug
35th HEREFORD WEEKEND CONGRESS
Aylestone School, Broadlands Lane.
W A Archer (Tel: 01432 265712)

~* 25-27 Aug
LEYLAND CONGRESS
Wellfield Business & Enterprise College.
R Tinton (Tel: 01257 451046,
Email: dgclayton@btinternet.com)

~* 25-31 Aug
COULSDON 'PREMIERSHIP' INTERNATIONAL
Coulson.
Howard Curtis & Scott Freeman
(Tel: 020 8645 0302,
Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

26 Aug
EAST ACTON ADULT RAPIDPLAY
The Gold Smith Arms, W3 7ER.
T Sainbayar (Tel: 07887 790934,
Email: londonrapidplay@yahoo.co.uk)

27 Aug
CCF OPEN BLITZ
Coulson.
Howard Curtis & Scott Freeman
(Tel: 020 8645 0302,
Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

28 Aug
THE STRAND BLITZ
The Cheshire Cheese, WC2R 3LD.
T Sainbayar (Tel: 07887 790934,
Email: londonrapidplay@yahoo.co.uk)

1 Sep
GODALMING OPEN
Aldro School.
D Archer (Tel: 01483 810266,
Email: archerd@aldro.org)

~* 1-2 Sep
CCF AUTUMN CONGRESS
Coulson.
Howard Curtis & Scott Freeman
(Tel: 020 8645 0302,
Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

~ 2 Sep
LINCOLN RAPIDPLAY
The Atrium, North Hykeham.
K McCarthy (Tel: 07778 155333,
Email: PBCHES@AOL.COM)

~* 2-8 Sep
57th PAIGNTON CONGRESS
Oldway Mansion.
Alan Crickmore
(Tel: 01752 768206 before 10 pm,
Email: plymouthchess@btinternet.com)

~* 8 Sep
GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY
St Alban's Church Hall, NW11 7QG.
Adam Raoof (Tel/Fax: 020 8202 0982,
Email: adamraoof@yahoo.com)

~* 9 Sep
21st LEAMINGTON RAPIDPLAY
Royal Spa Centre.
G Greenland (Tel: 01926 424360,
Email: leamcon2007@mac.com)

~* 9 Sep
73rd RICHMOND RAPIDPLAY
White House Community Association,
TW12 3RN.
Paul Dupré (Tel: 020 8676 1564,
rapidplay@aol.com)

9 Sep
SJC TRAINING DAY
Cjphorne School, Effingham Lane.
Margaret Burch (Tel: 01483 534061,
Email: ammjburch@hotmail.com)

11 Sep
THE STRAND BLITZ
The Cheshire Cheese, WC2R 3LD.
T Sainbayar (Tel: 07887 790934,
Email: londonrapidplay@yahoo.co.uk)

~15 Sep
CCF ENGLISH CHESS CHALLENGE CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS' EVENT
Coulson.
Howard Curtis & Scott Freeman
(Tel: 020 8645 0302,
Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

15 Sep
THETFORD RAPIDPLAY CONGRESS
Rosemary Musker High School.
K Moore (Tel: 01842 755182,
Email: kevinmoore758@btinternet.com)

~@ 15-16 Sep
4NCL
Divisions 1, 2, & 3, De Vere Venues,
Sunningdale
Mike Truran (Tel: 01993 708645,
Email: mike@mtruran.fsnet.co.uk)

~* 15-16 Sep
NORTH ESSEX CONGRESS
Braintree Leisure Centre.
David Millward (Tel: 01245 258111)

~# 21-23 Sep
LEICESTER CONGRESS (H E ATKINS MEMORIAL)
Wyggeston College, University Rd.
S Hewitt (Tel: 07845 528972,
Email: sean@lrca.org.uk)

~# 21-23 Sep
NORTHUMBERLAND CONGRESS
(includes 1 day junior tournament), The
Parks Leisure Centre, North Shields.
Abi Adams (Tel: 0191 296 1078,
Email: relaxxx1232002@yahoo.com)

~* 22 Sep
SJC CROWBOROUGH JUNIOR RAPIDPLAY
Beacon Community College.
Margaret Burch (Tel: 01483 534061,
Email: ammjburch@hotmail.com)

~* 22-30 Sep
16th MONARCH ASSURANCE ISLE OF MAN INTERNATIONAL
Ocean Castle Hotel, Port Erin.
J Depin (Tel: 01624 836399,
Fax: 01624 836537,
Email: jeandepin@hotmail.com)

~* 23 Sep
CROWBOROUGH RAPIDPLAY
Beacon Community College.
D Grant (Tel: 01892 654071,
Email: jonathanchess@talktalk.net)

23 Sep
EAST ACTON JUNIOR RAPIDPLAY
The Gold Smith Arms, W3 7ER.
T Sainbayar (Tel: 07887 790934,
Email: londonrapidplay@yahoo.co.uk)

25 Sep
THE STRAND BLITZ
The Cheshire Cheese, WC2R 3LD.
T Sainbayar (Tel: 07887 790934,
Email: londonrapidplay@yahoo.co.uk)

~* 29 Sep
CCF RAPIDPLAY
Coulson.
Howard Curtis & Scott Freeman
(Tel: 020 8645 0302,
Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

30 Sep
EAST ACTON ADULT RAPIDPLAY
The Gold Smith Arms, W3 7ER.
T Sainbayar (Tel: 07887 790934,
Email: londonrapidplay@yahoo.co.uk)

~ 30 Sep
KJCA SOUTH-EAST LONDON JUNIOR RAPIDPLAY
Colfe's School, Lee.
Sue Maguire (Tel: 020 8656 6420,
Email: sue.maguire@btinternet.com)

~ 30 Sep
3rd RENAISSANCE ACADEMY RAPIDPLAY
Latvian Welfare Fund, 5 Clifton Villas,
Bradford.
C Wood (Tel: 07796 246328,
Email: renegade_hotspur@hotmail.com)

30 Sep
WELLINGTON COLLEGE RAPIDPLAY
Crowthorne.
J Rawlinson (Tel: 01344 444003,
Email: jcr@wellingtoncollege.org.uk)

5-7 Oct
DALGUISE ACTIVITY CHESS WEEKEND
Dalguise Activity Centre, Perthshire.
Lynsey Shovlin, Invercarse
(Tel: 01738 627965,
Email: lynseyshovlin@hotmail.com)

~ 5-7 Oct
DORSET CONGRESS
Rembrandt Hotel, Weymouth.
F C Kingdon
(Tel: 01305 812237,
Email: dorset.chess.cong@btinternet.com)

~ 6 Oct
CCF JUNIOR GRAND PRIX 1
Coulson.
Howard Curtis & Scott Freeman
(Tel: 020 8645 0302,
Email: chess@ccfworld.com) *LJCC Qualifier*

~ 6 Oct
OXFORD CITY CHESS CLUB QUICKPLAY
Magdalen College School.
I Brooke (Tel: 01865 372470,
Email: ibrooke29@yahoo.co.uk)

6 Oct
SJC TRAINING DAY & U8 CLOSED TOURNAMENT
Lindfield Primary School.
Margaret Burch (Tel: 01483 534061,
Email: ammjburch@hotmail.com)

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