

The Rt. Hon. Tessa Jowell Attends Dulwich Junior Rapidplay

The KJCA (Kent Junior Chess Association) held its annual Dulwich Junior Rapidplay at Dulwich College on Sunday 4 March. The tournament was organised by Anita Voropayev. We were fortunate that The Rt. Hon. Tessa Jowell, MP for Dulwich and West Norwood, Secretary of State for Culture, the Media and Sport and Minister for the Olympics was available to present the prizes at the end. These were not only prizes for success in the tournament but also awards for passing ECF Certificate of Excellence exams at our February sitting. She is pictured above with some of those who received prizes and awards, along with IM Bob Wade OBE, the KJCA's Chief Arbiter, and the undersigned in front of 'Shackleton's Boat'.

She was very well received by children and parents alike and made some very positive comments about chess to the assembled gathering and privately to a few of us afterwards. She feels that there is scope for a major chess event, if not at the Olympics themselves, then associated with them in their immediate aftermath.

Melville Rodrigues, who has played a leading role in the ECF's recent successful campaign at Westminster for chess clubs and associations to have equal access with other sports bodies to charitable status and the benefits therefrom, was present, as was Edward Ochagavia, who runs the nearby Carnegie Chess Club at Herne Hill but who also has first-hand knowledge of the state support available to chess in Russia and the former USSR. The three of us were able to discuss with her afterwards the potential for chess to be recognized as a sport. She

indicated that in principle she would support initiatives reaching Westminster to this end. She feels that it would be realistic to consider that such recognition would take about 3 years to achieve provided chess bodies take positive steps towards this goal during this period. She advised us to initiate contacts with the Sports Schools Partnerships around the country, suggesting that this would be the best way to obtain Sport England's support for chess' case at Westminster.

The Sports Schools Partnerships receive funding both from Sport England and Tessa's Ministry. Following up the contacts she gave us afterwards, Melville and I found that there are many of these all over the country. For example, there are 13 in our home area of Kent and south-east London alone. Contacts are at an early stage but it seems that, for example, it may be feasible for County Junior Associations

to negotiate the provision of budgets to enable schools to finance the creation of new chess clubs by covering expenditure on equipment and coaching. This could lead to a substantial upsurge in participation at grass roots' level. This would permeate through to Sport England, providing the impetus for them to support chess' case at Westminster. The ECF will now be looking at how to progress this nationally.

Returning to the tournament, there was an excellent turnout of 141 children not only from the local longstanding Dulwich hotbed of Kent junior chess but also from around the rest of Kent and south-east London, from the neighbouring counties of Essex, London, Surrey and Sussex and from as far afield as Hampshire and Hertfordshire. The section winners were: Under 18: William Jones (Lewisham CC); Under 14: Eugene Daley (Dulwich) and Sheila Dines (Sanderstead); Under 11: Nicholas Clanchy (Balham) and Under 9: Alexei Davis (Mottingham). The School Prize was won by Dulwich College Prep School. 22 children received awards for passing ECF Certificate of Excellence exams (6 in the Bronze, 12 in the Silver, 3 in the Gold and 1 in the Platinum).

The Dulwich tournament is the 5th in this season's Kent Junior Grand Prix. The Grand Prix leaders after 5 rounds are: Under 18: Lyall Bayliss (Crowborough CC); Under 14: William Jones; Under 11: Jasdeep Gahir (Lewisham CC) and Under 9: Alexei Davis. The leaders in the School Grand Prix after 5 rounds are: Secondary: Beths Grammar School, Bexley and Primary: Dulwich College Prep School. The Grand Prix now moves on to Tunbridge Wells on Sunday 6 May for the 6th round out of 8.

Peter Bayliss, KJCA



Editorial

As I write, the office is being updated to broadband, with minimal disruption thanks to our two much appreciated techies Bruce Holland and David Thomas.

More good news on the National Library, UCH intends to employ a professional to catalogue the collection.

We have a contingent of 18 players representing England at the European Individual Championships in Dresden from 2-16 April.

Less positive is the passing of Roy Woodcock, another wonderful man lost to chess.

Christina Gurney, Editor

Stop Press

Major new English Prize for the British Championships. The English Chess Federation is delighted to announce that a major new sponsor has been found for an English National Chess Championship.

An initial donation of £10,000 has now been paid to the federation and similar payments will be made in subsequent years. In accordance with the sponsor's wishes, £2,000 will be made available for English prizes within the British Championship (£1,500 for the leading English man, £500 for the leading English woman) with the surplus put into the Permanent Invested Fund. It is anticipated that the English prizes will increase each year, and the sum within the Permanent Invested Fund will also increase, until it is sufficient for the ECF to launch a sustainable stand-alone English Championship with a significant prize fund. The donor wishes to remain anonymous, but is new to chess sponsorship.

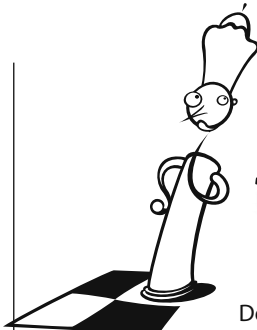
David Welch, Manager of Congress Chess, described the donation as "exceptionally generous". "This individual has committed major funds to a project which the ECF has long desired. It is fantastic news."

Chief Executive Martin Regan also welcomed the sponsorship: "Although the search for a sponsor for the British continues, it is very welcome news that such a major new sponsor has been found for a future English Championship. I know the person involved and their modesty is matched only by their generosity."

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ECF News

Message from Gerry Walsh, ECF President

Dear Chess Friends,

I am writing to inform you about an opportunity to improve the status of chess throughout Britain.

A petition has been put onto the Prime Ministers website seeking the recognition of all Mind Sports as a Sport. The link is provided below. David Anderton is at present working on a detailed submission to the department responsible for recognition at Sport England and the closing date is March 31st. The English Bridge Union will also submit an application. ECF would like to demonstrate how many people support the campaign so I am asking you all to sign up to the petition by following the simple instructions on the site. Please do this as soon as possible. Please also pass this message to anyone you know who has an interest in any of the many Board games that are played today. The issue is really quite simple, the recognition that Mind Sports and Physical Sports should have equal status in a modern society. We are all conversant with the comment 'a healthy Mind and a healthy Body'.

Please go to this website to sign the petition <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/Mindsports/>

Yours sincerely,

Gerry Walsh, President English Chess Federation

ECF Council Meeting

The next ECF Council Meeting will be on 28 April 2007 at the Ibis Hotel Birmingham. Council papers for delegates will be sent out shortly.

Grading News

Six-Monthly Grading List – A six-monthly rapidplay list was produced in January. This was a success in that more than 90% of events were received by the deadline. I didn't receive a single comment on the list, which I actually considered to be a sign of success. When things go wrong, my in-box fills up with email! On the basis of the success of the rapidplay list, the ECF Board determined that a proposal should be brought to Council to also produce six-monthly standard play lists. If adopted this would mean that Grades would be published in July and January.

More frequent grades are beneficial for juniors and perhaps congresses. They do however create issues for winter league, since a league may not wish to change grading lists in mid season. For this reason, Council may determine to continue with annual grading lists for standard play and six-monthly lists for rapidplay.

In bringing a proposal to Council, the ECF Board is conscious that six-monthly standard play grades can only work if they are supported by the leagues and in particular their graders. It would be necessary for graders to submit a batch of results at the mid-season point. This plainly has significant implications for the league and the graders in particular. A consultation exercise with the graders is underway. The results of this exercise will be reported to Council as part of the proposal. I would suggest that if you have views on this proposal you should contact your ECF delegate for your local league.

Grading Forum – An ECF Grading Forum will be appearing shortly. Watch out on the ECF website for an announcement.

Chris Majer, Manager of Grading and Rating

ECF Appointments

Mr Chris Majer, the acting director of Home Chess, has been appointed as Director of Home Chess. Mr Andrew Moore has been appointed as Counties Championship Controller.

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Harry Potter Set Gives English Chess a Boost

The English Chess Federation has warmly welcomed the launch of the Harry Potter chess set, which will be built up through a unique part-work series, **Harry Potter: The Step-by-step chess manual**. The ECF believes the launch and the subsequent publicity will lead to a major growth in interest in chess among a new generation of UK juniors. Marketing material surrounding the launch will direct interested parties to contact the Federation.

The ECF has been involved in detailed discussions with the publisher's agents over the past few months, in the run up to the launch, and has developed advanced plans to meet the expected demand for chess materials and information. Gerry Walsh, President of the English Chess Federation comments, "My colleagues and I are delighted to see this product launch in the UK. When Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone first opened in cinemas, we received a phenomenal number of new enquiries from children wanting to know where they could learn to play chess. We hope that The Harry Potter Chess Manual will be instrumental in introducing the game to many more."

Martin Regan ECF Chief executive said: "The Federation will gain enormous publicity as a result of this launch which has the potential to hugely increase the demand for chess starter products and coaching information. The ECF is the obvious starting point for those who wish to build on their new knowledge of our wonderful game."

News Release from De Agostini: Harry Potter™ Film Inspires Ground-Breaking New Chess Set

A major new initiative with the potential to create a huge upsurge in junior interest in chess has been announced.

It is the launch of a Harry Potter themed chess set which is backed by a huge marketing campaign and endorsed by the English Chess Federation. Published each week, this easy-to-follow players' guide is accompanied by a piece of the chess set, building into a stunning, interactive replica of the final chess battle scene in the film Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone™.

The set will be available through a unique part work called Harry Potter: step by step chess manual. It is published by De Agostini, publishers of popular children's partworks collections, including Scooby-Doo™ World of Mystery and Star Wars™.



The History of Chess in Hastings

Hastings is widely regarded as the home of chess in England and this was reflected by a fascinating lecture which took place at the University Centre Hastings on Monday 12 February.

The event was hosted by Gerry Walsh, President of the English Chess Federation, who gave an account of his personal experiences of attending the Hastings International Congress – a very important date in the chess calendar.

Gerry's accounts of his experiences showed great commitment to the tournament, that he had been attending for an amazing 40 years. Often humorous anecdotes gave a unique account of the history of the chess tournament and Gerry's fondness for the town of Hastings was evident.

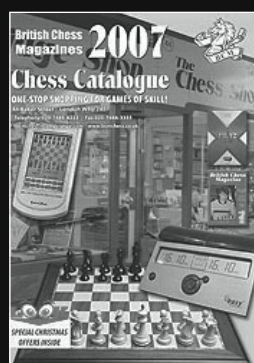
Behind the historic message of the event was a look to the future of chess in Hastings and the importance that it has for the community. In March 2006 UCH found a magnificent new home for the National Chess Library, a collection of over 6,000 books from the English Chess Federation.

Gerry Walsh said: 'The whole chess world knows about Hastings. It's a dream come true for the chess library to have found a home at UCH'.

The collection is now in the process of being cataloged and following an official opening, the library will offer access to the public.

Muffin Club Charity Congress

On Monday 12th February at the Robert de Mortain Pub on the Ridge, Hastings, the local Charity Muffin Club held its increasingly popular Annual Chess Tournament organised by Muffin Club member Bob Gurney and Con Power (local tournament organiser). The tournament was well attended with a high standard of chess. Overall winners were brothers Ram Mohan and Shyam Mohan.



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9th European Senior Team Championship in Dresden 16-24 February 2007

The top three team were all from Russia. England fielded three teams in this four board nine round team tournament. The second team had five players in total.

England 1, ranked 18 finished 21 with 10 match points (2 for a win and 1 for a draw) and 19.5 game points.

David Anderton (captain) 4/9

Geoff James 4.5/9

Tim Pelling 5/9

James Scholes 6/9

England 2, ranked 28 finished 24 with 10 match points and 17.5 game points.

Bob Wade 3/8

Mike Singleton 3.5/7

Alan Crombleholme 3/7

Ivor Smith 3.5/7

John Feavyour (captain) 4.5/7

England 3, ranked 45 finished 50 with 5 match points and 13 game points.

John Rety 3.5/9

Peter Wilson (captain) 2/9 and overall team leader

Clive Pemberton 3.5/9

Peter Wood 4/9

The 10th European Seniors Chess Team Championship will be held in Dresden in the same venue in February 2008.

Stewart Reuben

Winton Capital British Chess Solving Championship

The latest WCBSC is now over, the final having taken place on 17 February at Oakham School. The final results table is available at www.bstephen.freeuk.com/0607/final.html. Most of the problems used, and their solutions, can be found at www.bstephen.freeuk.com/0607/finalproblems.html. The British Championship was won, for the fourth time, by double (otb and solving) GM John Nunn. The Open Championship was won by current World Solving Championship GM Piotr Murdzia from Poland.

Brian Stephenson

5th Gibtelecom Chess Festival 23 January - 4 February

This was held in Gibraltar 23 January to 2 February 2007. There were five major events, but principal among these was the 176 players Masters which was this year a nine round Open Swiss.

Prizewinners: 1st Vladimir Akopian 7½ £10,000. 2-4= Alexander Areshchenko (Ukraine), Hikaru Nakamura (USA), Emil Sutovsky (Israel) 7/9 each £4333. 5-17= Michael Adams (England), Mohamed Al-Modiahki (Qatar), Zahar Efimenko (Ukraine), Jaan Ehvest (USA), Mikhail Gurevich (Turkey), Yuriy Kuzubov (Ukraine), Vadim Milov (Switzerland), Milos Pavlovic (Serbia), Thomas Rendle (England), Robert Ris (Netherlands), Chanda Sandipan (India), Ivan Sokolov (Netherlands) 6½ each £550, but some got higher rating prizes.

In all 33 grandmasters participated, but only Rendle and Ris are not GMs. Thomas received £2000 for his rating prize; he also scored his

first GM norm. Jovanka Houska (England) and Antoaneta Stefanova (Bulgaria) 6/9 each received £3000 for the top women's prizes. Jovanka also received a £1000 rating prize. She was talking of using Gibraltar as a tax haven. The prize money reserved to female players is probably the highest in the world, apart from the actual Women's World Championship. The Seniors prizes were shared between Viktor Korchnoi (Switzerland) and Nils-Ake Malmdin (Sweden 5/9 each £1000. Dronavalli Harika (India), David Howell (England) and Kateryna Lahno (Ukraine) 5½ each £333 for the Under-18 Prize. The £1000 Best Game Prize was shared unusually between Emil Sutovsky, Alon Greenfeld (Israel), Alain Dekker (South Africa and Iweta Rajlich.



Jovanka Houska



David Howell

Challengers A for players rated under 2200 was won by Lars Andreassen with 4½/5. B was won by Odin Blikra Vea with 5/5. He also received the best combined prize of £2000, while Andreassen got a further £1000. These rating prizes are unquestionably the highest outside the US.

Amateur A Under 1800 Russell Goodfellow, Ken Millward, Brendan O'Gorman 4/5 each £667. Amateur B Klaus Kuenitz 4½ £1000.

In all £71,000 prize money was distributed. There were 304 tournament entries, some people playing both in the morning and afternoon tournaments. 44 nationalities were represented in the event.

The event was much more than just a chess tournament. Stuart Conquest commented live on the games in the Masters, especially on the Internet; there were two pairs blitz tournaments; leading players, together with an audience, analysed the games of lesser players; there were opening and closing receptions; an arbiters seminar; and even poker master classes. All this and the weather was considerably warmer than England at this time of year.

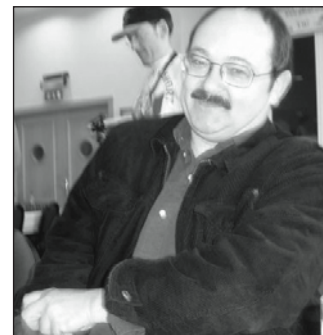
Full details of all their results and all the games can be found on www.gibraltarchesscongress.com

Stewart Reuben

A special mention also to English IM Bellin Robert who beat the legendary Viktor Korchnoi with black in Round 4 on Saturday.



Viktor Korchnoi



IM Robert Bellin

(15) Viktor Korchnoi (2629) - IM Robert Bellin (2381) [A84] Gibtelecom Masters (4.15), 26.01.2007

1.d4 f5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6 4.e3 d5 5.Nf3 c6 6.Ne5 Be7 7.f4 0-0 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.0-0 Nxe5 10.fxex5 Ne4 11.Nxe4 fxe4 12.Rxf8+ Bxf8 13.Bd2 Bd7 14.Bg4 b5 15.c5 a5 16.Qe1 g6 17.Qg3 Bg7 18.h4 Qe7 19.Qh3 h6 20.Rf1 a4 21.Qg3 Ra7 22.Qe1 Qd8 23.Rf4 Bc8 24.Bh3 Bd7 25.Kf1 Bc8 26.Ke2 Kh7 27.Kd1 Kg8 28.Qg3 Kh7 29.Be1 Qe7 30.Bg4 Qd8 31.Qh3 Qe7 32.Be2 Qd8 33.g4

Qe7 34.g5 h5 35.Qf1 Qe8 36.Bb4 Kg8 37.Kc2
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Qe8 46.Rf4 Bc8 47.Bb4 Bd7 48.Kc3 Bc8 49.Qf1
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Bc8 54.Qe1 Bd7 55.Rf2 Qa8 56.Kb2 Qd8 57.Bd1
Be8 58.Rf4 Bd7 59.Be2 Be8 60.Bf1 Bd7 61.Bh3
Bc8 62.Kb3 Qc7 63.Qg3 Qd8 64.Kc2 Qe7 65.Kd1
Qd8 66.Ke2 Qe7 67.Kf2 Qd8 68.Kg1 Bd7 69.Kh2
Qe8 70.Bf1 Bc8 71.Be2 Qd8 72.Rf1 Bd7 73.Rf6
Bxf6 74.gxf6 Be8 75.Bxh5 Kh8 76.Bxg6 Bxg6
77.Qxg6 Rh7 78.Qg4 Qg8 79.Qh3 Rh5 80.Be1
Rf5 81.Qg2 Qxg2+ 82.Kxg2 Rf3 83.Bf2 Kh7
84.Bg1 Kg6 85.Bf2 Kh5 86.Kg1 Kg4 87.Kg2 Kh5
88.Kg1 Kg6 89.Kf1 Kf7 90.Kg2 Rf5 91.Bg3 Rh5
92.Kh3 Rh8 93.Be1 Rg8 94.Kh2 Kg6 95.Ba5 Ra8
96.Bb4 Kh5 97.Kh3 Ra7 98.Kg3 Ra6 99.Kh3 Ra8
100.Kg3 Rg8+ 101.Kh3 Rg1 102.Ba5 Rf1 103.
Bd8 Rf3+ 104.Kg2 Kh6 105.Ba5 Kh5 106.Bd2
Kxh4 107.Bc1 Kg4 108.Bd2 Rg3+ 109.Kh2 Rh3+
110.Kg2 Rh7 111.Bc1 Ra7 112.Kf2 Ra4 113.Ke2
b4 114.axb4 Rxb4 115.Kd2 Kf3 116.Kc2 Ke2
117.Bd2 Rb7 118.Bc1 Rh7 119.Bd2 Rh2 120.Bc1
Ke1+ 0-1

Braille Chess Clock Request

The Braille Chess Association works to further the interests of all visually impaired chess players. We would be glad to hear from anyone who thinks they might be able to help us develop an accessible version of the digital chess clock. Even if you cannot help yourself, but think you know someone who could, we would like to hear from you.

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Successful Relaunch of BWCA Championship

Eleven champions emerged at the British Women's Chess Association (BWCA) National Girls' Championships and Women's Rapidplay in York during the weekend of 10th and 11th February, 2007. Held in the unique Art Nouveau surroundings of the Elmbank Hotel, the event was opened by the Lord Mayor of York, Councillor Janet Hopton, who welcomed competitors from all over Britain. Quoted in the York Press, she said "It was lovely to see all these young women play chess.....Chess is a great way to exercise the brain. It is a fascinating game."

While the games were fiercely contested, it was striking how easily new friends were made and how supportive the competitors were of each other. Thanks to the professionalism of International Arbiters Lara Barnes and Alex MacFarlane and Tournament Director Peter Cloudsdale, the tournaments ran smoothly and efficiently. WGM Jovanka Houska and WIM Heather Richards provided coaching between rounds, a very popular feature. The Best Game Prize was awarded to Polly Lambert and the Chess Puzzle Competition was won by Apurva Deshpande. The Friendly Tournament provided some fun for parents and brothers and was much appreciated.

This event was supported by the generosity of Peter Cloudsdale and York Junior Chess Club, the English Chess Federation, the Elmbank Hotel, Mr. H. Lockwood, Mr. S. Benn, Mr. W. Pettigrew and Chess Direct, which was of immense help in relaunching it so successfully.

Scotland International WFM Amy Officer won the Women's Rapidplay, just ahead of WFM Maria Yurenok. Results of all the championships are as follows:

BWCA Champions, 2007

Under 21 Joint Champions: Deepa Patel and Sophie Seeber
Under 16 Champion: Amy Officer
Under 14 Champion: Abigail Pritchard
Under 12 Champion: Ali Roy
Under 11 Joint Champions: Maya Haria and Iona Rose
Under 10 Champion: Amy Hoare
Under 9 Champion: Katherine Shepherd
Under 8 Joint Champions: Fiona Howard and Cosima Keen

Susan McFarland, BWCA Chief Executive



The Opening Ceremony – from left to right: Susan McFarland, CEO of the BWCA, The Lord Mayor of York, Janet Hopton, David Hopton, the Lord Mayor's Consort and WGM Jovanka Houska

Junior News

New Junior Chess Magazine

The English Chess Federation is delighted to announce the launch of a new monthly chess magazine, *The Right Move*. The magazine, which is edited by Andrew Martin IM, the ECF's Manager of Coaching, was developed by both Andrew and Claire Summerscale, Director of Junior Chess & Education. Initially free and delivered via PDF, it is intended to become part of the ECF's junior membership scheme which is being revamped to give members more value for money. You can download the 1st issue of *The Right Move* at <http://www.ecfcoaching.org.uk>

Emma Bentley Meets Rt. Hon. Richard Caborn

Emma Bentley met the Rt. Hon. Richard Caborn Minister for Sport and discussed both senior and junior chess along with the junior chess wizard competition in the north. Also they talked about the Derbyshire Police Initiative Ozbox. Ozbox is a keep fit training regime Emma uses at the police gym to keep her physically and mentally fit. She is currently the All England Girls Eastern Region Champion. Ozbox encourages Boxing and Chess and is about to open a permanent Gym with classrooms for chess instruction in Chesterfield.



100 Chess Champions Take on International Master in Hamleys Chess Championship

On 14th February, 100 gifted under 12 chess champions took on the International Master, Andrew Martin (10 at a time!), in Hamleys' in-store Chess Championship, as part of the Hamleys Brain Gym.



Ten year old Morris Stranger was the only competing child to beat Andrew Martin. Previously Morris has beaten Simon Williams, another acclaimed international master. Morris, an active player for Barnet Nights Chess Club in North Finchley, is said to be "delighted" with this victory.

The Hamleys Chess Champions were hand-picked through the Primary Schools Chess Association and represent some of the brightest young chess minds in the UK.

International Master, Andrew Martin, said: "The standard of players here at Hamleys was extremely high! I certainly feel like a well deserved rest after playing more than 100 truly challenging games. This has been a fun and exciting event. Brain Gym is certainly right! Chess is a brilliant way to exercise the mind."

Andrew Martin is an International Master, with many tournament successes to his name, including being runner-up in the British Championship. He is a renowned chess trainer and teaches in many schools, has coached four world junior champions and several national junior champions. He also holds the Guinness World Record for the most simultaneous games played at one time (321 people!).

Hamleys Brain Gym guarantees to perplex and engage the keenest of minds throughout the half term period. This mind-boggling event

offers kids and families the opportunity to challenge the masters in a series of games and puzzles taking place in Hamleys, Regent Street.

For more photos please visit www.englishchess.org.uk/national/2007/hamleys_feb07.htm

Aldro Inter Schools Chess Tournament February 2007

This year's team tournament attracted 30 teams from the south east and once again the competition was of a high standard with some of the top schools playing.

The Under 8 section had 11 teams and for the first time since 2001 the home team came out on top. The Aldro players were playing for the school for the first and they won all three of their matches. The winning team was Jamie Cotta, Samuel Turner, Alexander Weir and Nicholas Palmer. In 2nd and 3rd place came Homefield B and A to win silver and bronze medals.



The U10 section was divided into major and minor sections with the B teams battling hard in the minor and the A teams in the major. The minor was won by Aldro B with 8 points of 12 and Homefield and St.Dunstons were 2nd equal with 7 points.

The major section was won by Homefield A who were only half a point ahead of Twickenham Prep A and Aldro A. Their team consisted of Adam Taylor, Nicholas Jelcic, Nishant Bommayya and Talha Asif.

The Under 12 trophy was shared by Magdalen College A captained by Ewan Bowlby and Homefield captained by Dominic Pozzo, both teams scored 9 points, Aldro A were 3rd with 7.5.

Final Positions:

U12 Section 1st = Magdalen College A, Homefield; 3rd Aldro A; 4th Magdalen College B; 5th Aldro B; 6th St Dunstons

U10 Major 1st Homefield A; ; 2nd = Aldro A, Twickenham Prep A; 4th = St Dunstons A, St James A; 6th Donhead; 7th = The Roche, Thames Ditton

U10 Minor 1st Aldro B; 2nd = St Dunstons B, Homefield B; 4th Twickenham Prep B; 5th St James B

U8 Section 1st Aldro A; 2nd Homefield B; 3rd Homefield A; 4th Magdalen College; 5th = Twickenham Prep A, The Roche; 7th = St James, Donhead; 9th Thames Ditton; 10th Aldro B; 11th Twickenham Prep B

Well done all the teams and many thanks to the team managers Wendy Bradley, Graeme Buckley, Dave Malam and John Place.

D J Archer I/C Chess Aldro School.

21st Wiltshire & West of England Junior Open 24-25 February 2007

New College, Swindon

Best Overall Girl Irene Mathias

Major 1st Yang-Fan Zhou; = 2nd Peter Roberson, Saravanan Sathyanandha *West of England U18 Champion* Peter Roberson; *West of England U18 Girls Champion* Sarah Hegarty; *West of England*

U16 Champion Lewis Martin; *West of England U14 Champion* Sharan Soni; *Wiltshire U18 Champion* Lewis Martin; *Wiltshire U16 Champion* Lewis Martin; *U18 Girls Champion* Nicola Thomas; *Controllers Prizes*





Sarah Hegarty; Lewis Martin; Akash Jain; George Tunstall; Dashiell Shaw; Alex Galliano

Minor 1st Ashley Littlewood; = 2nd Adrian Archer-Lock, Thomas Clements *Wiltshire Minor Champion* Sam Turner; *Best Girl* Samantha Musgrave; *Controllers Prize* Ben Kennedy

U12 Championship = 1st, Charlie Hierons; Ziyuan Qu; = 3rd, Victor Jones; Joe Kidson *Best Girl* Maria Wang; *Best U11* Ram Mohan; Shyan Mohan; Maria Wang; *West of England U12 Champion* Megan Owens; *West of England U12 Girls Champion* Megan Owens; *Wiltshire U12 Champion* Megan Owens; *Wiltshire U12 Girls Champion* Megan Owens; *Wiltshire U11 Champion* Adam Burroughs

U12 Challengers 1st Aneesh Aggarwal; 2nd Gavin Cowie; = 3rd Alex Gould, Sam Head, Ned Tidmarsh *Best Girl* Philomena Lip; *Controllers Prize* Mark Garnett

Under 10 Championship = 1st Megan Cleeves, Katherine Shepherd; = 3rd Daniel Sutton, Matthew Wadsworth *Controllers Prize* Megan Cleeves, Katherine Shepherd; *West of England U10 Champion* Megan Cleeves; *West of England U10 Girls Champion* Megan Cleeves; *Wiltshire U10 Champion* Megan Cleeves; *Controllers Prize* Calon Watson, Anna Wang, Nathaniel Cleland

Under 9 Championship = 1st Charles Keen, Joris Gerlagh; 3rd Otto Pyper *Best Girl* Louise Head; *Wiltshire U9 Champion* Simon Garnett; *Controllers Prize* Aditya Shah, Charlie Basham, Amy Sivakumar

Under 8 Championship = 1st Irene Mathias; = 2nd Cosima Keen, Luxmie Muhunthakumar; = 3rd Oliver Carter, James Coleburn *West of England U8 Champion* Oliver Carter; *Wiltshire U8 Champion* Arthur Copping; *Wiltshire U7 Champion* Pranav Satish; *Best Girl* Irene Mathias; *Best U7* James Coleburn

Saturday Intermediate 1st Cosima Keen; = 2nd Alex Harper, Neil Tanna; = 4th Aloyius Lip, Oliver Carter *Best Girl* Cosima Keen; *Controller Prize* Calum Martin, Andrew McCready

Beginners 1st Dominic Booth; 2nd Matthew Nixon; 3rd Arran Taylor *Best Girl* Eili Topham; *Controllers Prize* Mackenzie Steadman, Pranav Satish, John James Daley

Sunday Intermediate 1st Alaric Stephen; = 2nd Maya Haria, Zoe Goodwin *Best Girl* Zoe Goodwin, Maya Haria; *Controllers Prize* Eili Topham, Michael Fielding



Book Reviews

by Gary Lane

Starting out: Chess Tactics and Checkmates

by Chris Ward

published by Everyman £14.99

There are always parents looking out for a tactics book for juniors and they would do well to start with Chris Ward's introduction to checkmates and combinations. It starts with some basic things from his observations by pointing out that two kings are always on the board. It sounds daft but at junior tournaments the king really is taken off the board on numerous occasions and as a respected coach the author knows his potential reader. The tactics might seem obvious to experienced players but still need to be learned at some point so we progress from trying to checkmate in four moves at the beginning of the game to more sophisticated attacks. This is complimented by discussing tactics and slowly but surely making them more difficult as the reader makes progress. An enjoyable way to improve.

The English Opening

by Zenon Franco

published by Everyman £12.99

The grandmaster from Paraguay seeks to convince White to adopt the English Opening as a flexible and dynamic choice. A selection of 25 recent games are selected to give an impression on how to handle the opening by also exploiting the middlegame opportunities. It is easy to read and informative with the emphasis on the main lines. This is a repertoire book limited to 112 pages so as always things are neglected. It is not clear whether the reader wants a quick line on a defence or something in more detail. However, I suspect something on the popular Reversed Closed Sicilian (1 c4 e5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 g3 g6) or what to if someone is a copycat by playing 1 c4 c5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 g3 g6 4 Bg2 Bg7 but admittedly space is limited. An easy way to understand the English Opening.

Caro-Kann Defence - Panov Attack

by Anatoly Karpov and Mikhail Podgaets

published by Batsford £15.99

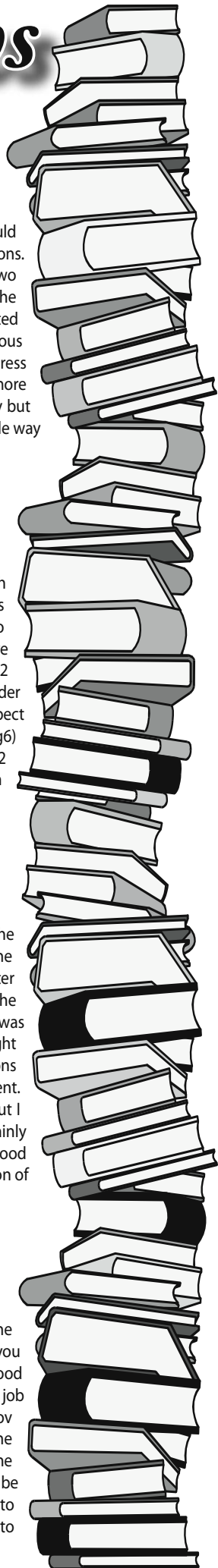
This is for the serious Caro-Kann player who wants a deep knowledge of the opening. In the second of their series on the opening the authors cover the Panov (1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 exd5 cxd5 4 c4), which is certainly popular, and after 276 pages there should be enough knowledge for White or Black. Perhaps the only drawback is that the main games date from 2005 because the book was originally written in Russian and then translated by Jimmy Adams. There might be some concern that it will be difficult to keep up with the various options so helpfully there is an index at the end of each chapter for the keen student. It is not clear how much the former World Champion has written himself but I understand he had a big input. This is important because Karpov has certainly contributed greatly to the opening playing Black and White. The layout is good and Batsford maintain their tradition of putting out quality books. This version of the Caro-Kann is good news for the tournament player.

The Chess Combat Simulator

by Jeroen Bosch

published by New In Chess £16.99

The idea of playing through a game and being awarded points for guessing the move is well known. Daniel King came up trumps with 'Test Your Chess' and if you are old enough to remember Leonard Barden did a fine work called 'How Good is Your Chess'. This is a popular way to study and Bosch does an entertaining job of appealing to club players by providing 50 interesting games. Garry Kasparov features in 6 of them while the English are represented by Adams, McShane and Conquest. It could be argued that the innovation is the chance to write the answers in the book with pages allocated for the purpose. Now this could be seen as a waste of space by some but I think many people never get round to sorting out a separate piece of paper and writing the moves down. A chance to gauge your chess playing skills.



Littlewood's Choice

Paul Keres

Memorial 2007

Sulskis - Liiva

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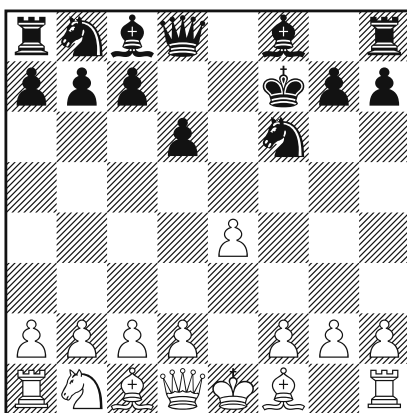
Petroff Defence C42

In these sad times of a saturation of chess information, when we have such an abundance of 30-move chess variations not only going into our fatigued brains but practically coming out of our backsides, it is a joy to see a game like this month's effort. From the 4th move onwards we have a 'risky' commitment by a player doing his utmost to defy computer analysis and its adherents.

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Nxe5 d6 4 Nxf7!?

This takes me back over fifty years to my first chess mentor, Charlie Gurnhill, who deliberately played this line against me many times to elicit my reaction which was invariably "What a load of rubbish!" prompting the terse reply "Play!". I did play but found it extremely difficult to beat him ...

4...Kxf7



Although Black has a piece for two pawns, defence is tricky, mainly because he needs at least three moves to safe-guard his king and White's hardly likely to allow this.

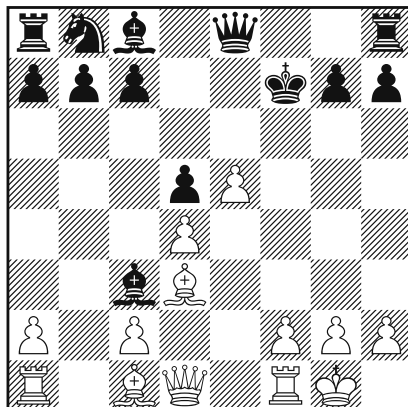
5 d4 Qe8

I can't remember ever playing this move but, at some point, I usually challenged White's centre with ...c5, as Kramnik tried against Topalov (!?) at Linares 1999, the game ending in an interesting draw. After the immediate 5...c5 6 dxc5 Nc6, Black is happy to get his pieces out, even at the cost of another pawn. In the present game Black is hoping to set up a blockade but, of course, it wastes a move he needs to lead his king to safety. Note that 5...Nxe4? loses a pawn to 6 Qh5+ g6 7 Qd5+ Kg7 8 Qxe4, although in Reinderman Van der Sterren (Amsterdam 1999) Black held out until move 42. He may have been intending 6...Ke7?? which fails to 7 Qe2! d5?? 8 Bg5+. Amusingly, there is a game in which both players twice missed this idea after 7 Bc4?? g6?? (7...Qe8) 8 Qh4+?? but White still won in 18 moves.

6 Nc3 d5 7 e5

If White wishes to maintain open lines, he could try 7 Nxd5 Qxe4+ 8 Ne3 but Black seems fine.

7...Bb4 8 Bd3 Ne4 9 0-0 Nxc3 10 bxc3 Bxc3



11 Rb1

Against Van den Berselaar in 2000, Hoogendoorn played the natural 11 Qh5+ g6 (not of course 11...Kf8?? 12 Ba3+ or 11...Ke7?? when one possible sequence is 12 Bg5+ Kd7 13 Qh3+ Kc6 14 Bb5+! Kxb5 15 Qxc3 giving White a strong attack with an immediate threat of mate in 3 moves) 12 Qf3+ Kg8 (or 12...Ke6?? 13 Qf5+ Ke7 14 Bg5 mate) 13 Qxd5+ Be6?! 14 Qxb7 and won, although Deviatkin gives 13...Qe6 as a better defence, as Sulskis presumably knew.

11...Nc6

Black still cannot play 11...Rf8, and shutting in his KR by 11...Kg8 seems a wretched idea, whilst 11...Bxd4? loses a piece after 12 Qf3+ Kg8 13 Qxd5+.

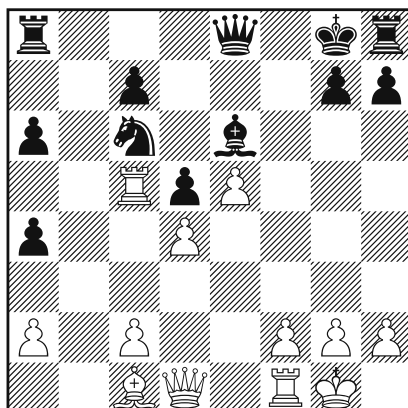
12 Bb5

Threatening 13 Qf3+.

12...Kg8

It appears that Black has now succeeded in setting up a satisfactory defence but Sulskis still has some tricks in store.

13 Rb3! a6! 14 Ba4 b5 15 Rxc3 bxa4 16 Rc5 Be6



17 f4

My instinct reacts against this move and 17 c3 may be more flexible here, but presumably by now time-trouble was rearing its ugly head.

17...Bf5

Having defended very well, Black gives White unnecessary chances. Deviatkin rightly recommends 17...Ne7! disentangling Black's pieces, whereas now White is given more options.

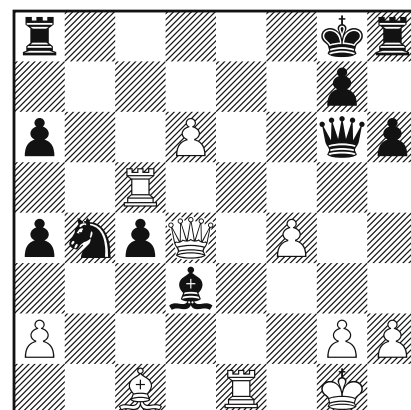
18 c4?!

Perhaps 18 g4! is stronger here, because 18...Qg6 19 Rxc6! Qxc6 20 gxf5 gives White excellent chances and 18...Nxd4 19 Qxd4 Bxg4 20 f5! looks

highly dangerous for Black

18...dxc4 19 d5 Nb4 20 d6! cxd6 21 exd6 Qg6 22 Qd4 Bd3 23 Re1 h6?

Missing White's 25th move. He still has 23...Qf6! as a defence, whereas now it's all over.



24 Re7! Qf6 25 Bb2! Qxd4+ 26 Bxd4 Rd8 27 Rxb7+ Kf8 28 Bf6 h5 29 d7 Rh6 30 Bxd8 Kxg7 31 Bf6+ 1-0

A splendid and you might say thematic finish to an interesting game.

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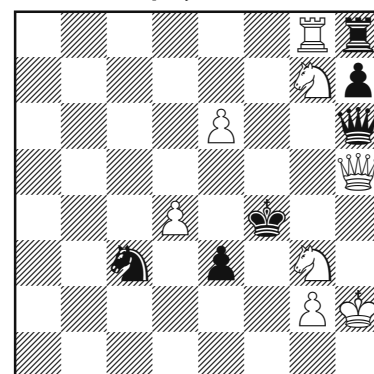
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Congratulations to the Jan/Feb Winner
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Antonio Bottacchi
Hampshire Post, 1914

White to play and mate in 2



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Obituary and Tributes Roy Woodcock

(17 May 1930 - 18 February 2007)

Robert McFarland writes:

Roy learned to play chess in his twenties shortly before becoming a founding member of Nuneaton Chess Club in 1958. He quickly became a leading member of the club, first as Club Secretary and then as Competitions Secretary and continued to hold official positions until late in his final illness. Under his leadership the club grew to be one of the largest and most successful clubs in the history of the Coventry League.

He was an innovative chess organiser and organised successful annual Coventry Chess Congresses in the period 1960 to 1965, in an era that largely predates the popular weekend congresses and one-day rapidplay tournaments.

He became Coventry League Chairman in 1967, a position he held almost continuously until 2005, despite the title changing to President. He was responsible for bringing some of the world's leading grandmasters to Coventry in the early seventies, most notable Korchnoi, Smyslov and Tal. In a further attempt to popularize and promote chess in Coventry he organised annual chess simultaneous displays as part of the Coventry Carnival which continued for around a quarter of a century.

His record of service to chess included being Chairman of Warwickshire Chess Association for circa 20 years, and actively managing and supporting its county teams.

He was responsible for bringing the British Chess Championship to Warwick University in Coventry in 1970, to celebrate the Coventry Chess League's Jubilee, a rare inland success.

As President of the Midland Counties Chess Union he made a contribution at a Midlands regional level and represented the MCCU at the BCF national board meetings on numerous occasions.

The Nuneaton Chess Tournaments/ Congresses organised by Roy total 45 over the years and made a national impact with many of Britain's leading chess

grandmasters taking part. The last of these was organised in 2005 despite the seriousness and strain of his final illness.

In 1994, he was one of the sponsors of the Midland Monarchs' Team that went on to win the First Division Championship of the 4 Nations' Chess League.

Roy's contributions to chess are too numerous to give in full detail but he received some recognition of his achievement through receiving the national federation's President's Award for Chess and, more recently, becoming an Honorary Vice-President of the English Chess Federation.

Throughout such a record of organisational and administrative work in chess, Roy continued to play chess regularly with an energy and enthusiasm that saw him playing games in the Birmingham Chess League, and the Leamington Chess League, as well as the Coventry Chess League, all in the same season.

It might easily be thought that Roy's whole life was chess, but this was not so.

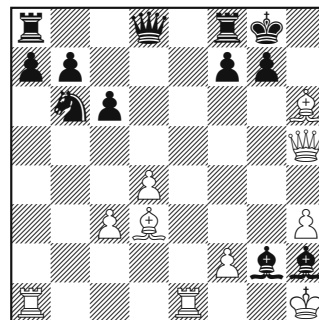
He was an electrical engineer by training, but took an active interest in the arts, becoming a trustee of the Nuneaton Arts Centre, and playing a leading role in its formation and development, helping to transform a practically derelict site into an attractive and thriving arts centre of which Nuneaton can be proud.

His range of personal interests, apart from his interest in sport and politics, included an interest in the arts which went beyond the Arts Centre and its many works to surprising his friends with his facility for reciting poetry from memory. He was always a lively companion and a loyal friend. Though he never married, he was close to his sister and her family and had many friends within and outside the chess world, who will remember not only his contributions and achievements, but also his personal warmth and charm.

No tribute to Roy would be complete without including some examples of his play. He was at his best as a player in the 1960's and two of his games are given below.

Bob Wildig V Roy Woodcock, Coventry 1966

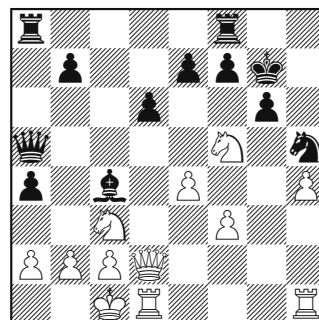
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22.Kxh2 Qd6+ 23.Re5 Qxh6 24.Qxh6 gxf6 25.Rg1 Kh8 26.Rxg2 Rg8 27.Rxg8+ Kxg8 28.Re7 Rb8 29.c4 a5 30.Re5 a4 31.Ra5 Ra8 32.Rxa8+ Nxa8 33.c5 a3 34.Bc4 Nc7 35.Kg3 Nd5 36.Kf3 Nb4 White Resigns

Roy Woodcock V N Heath Coventry 1966

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.f3 Bg7 7.Be3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Nb3 a5 10.Bb5 Be6 11.0-0-0 Ne5 12.Bh6 Nc4 13.Bxc4 Bxc4 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.g4 a4 16.Nd4 Qa5 17.h4 h5 18.gxf5 Nxf5 19.Nf5+



19...Kf6 20.Qg5+ Ke5 21.Qxe7+ Kf4 22.Qxd6+ Black Resigns

Julie Johnson, MCCU, writes:

I am sure you will all be sorry to hear that the MCCU President Roy Woodcock passed away earlier today. He was of course much more than the MCCU President. Many of you will be aware of his extensive organisation and admin work for chess over many years. His passing will leave a vast hole in Midlands chess.

Peter Gibbs writes:

I am sad to report the death of Roy Woodcock who passed away on 18th February 2007, aged 76, at the George Eliot Hospital, Nuneaton. All his working life was spent at the GEC in Coventry.

I knew Roy for over 40 years and we were good friends. In regard to chess he enjoyed the cut and thrust of attacking play, but it was as a chess organiser that he found his

métier both at national and Midland level. The popular Nuneaton Club Congresses were his brainchild and more recently he assisted the late John Robinson at the two Coventry International Congresses. His work for the Nuneaton Club has been incalculable. In fact I have never known him refuse help or advice to anyone planning to hold a congress.

He was also a safe pair of hands at meetings both nationally and in the Midlands. He could have trenchant views but was always willing to listen to a contrary opinion. At the date of his death he was the Honorary Life Vice-President of the Warwickshire Chess Association and President of the Midland Counties Chess Union. Some years ago he received the British Chess Federation's prestigious President's Award for Services to Chess about which I know he was delighted. More recently he received the rare distinction of becoming a Honorary Life Vice-President of the English Chess Federation which meant so much to him.

Within the last few weeks when he was very ill he remarked that he and I had never disagreed on any matter, chess or otherwise. That is indeed true but I was touched.

I would not want anyone to think that his interests were solely confined to chess. He was a person with wide interests. He was a friendly man who loved people, good company and was a gourmet, especially after a chess competition. He loved his garden. He was interested in all forms of sport and we spent many happy hours discussing it, but especially the nuances of cricket. On television he watched tennis at Wimbledon avidly and we watched international football together during the last World Cup competition.

His passing will leave a void in the chess community.

Bruce Holland writes:

I have known Roy well for the past twenty years, and we started working together when the Warwickshire Chess Association was going through difficult and turbulent times. We became acquainted when he as President, and myself as the newly elected Treasurer, travelled together to Birmingham for a meeting with Dave Thomas to discuss the plight of the Association. Roy was a very shrewd judge of character, but would take his time in assessing those he didn't yet know, and I was

only too well aware that I was being weighed up as the journey progressed. I am happy to say that I passed muster, and we became firm friends and collaborators in organising chess in and around the Midlands. A couple of months later at a pivotal meeting for Warwickshire we were set against each other in an election for the office of Delegate to the BCF.

There was no sense that we were in opposition to each other, quite the contrary, but the meeting was faced with a choice of candidates. I was voted into the post, and although Roy would have been quite happy to have been elected, he was very gracious about the "defeat" and helped launch me on my association with the national and regional chess organisations. I know that I was one of many that Roy helped on their way in the world of chess.

Roy was a born organiser. Perhaps one of his most notable achievements was his involvement in the organisation of the British Chess Championships in 1970, when this event was held, untypically, inland on the campus of Warwick University.

Roy maintained an extensive contact with people in the world of chess at all levels, the range was almost encyclopaedic. He particularly supported juniors, and he used his Nuneaton club to particularly good effect for junior chess. As has already been pointed out Roy maintained wide interests, one of which was thespian. It is perhaps fitting that those who attend the funeral will go afterwards to the Arts Centre in Nuneaton, an institution which he helped to found.

Roy served with distinction as President of the Warwickshire Chess Association for about 15 years, and some years later he was held in such high esteem that he was appointed to the Life Vice Presidency, an honour only rarely bestowed by the Association. He was in fact only the third person to hold this honour, the first being Mikhail Botvinnik and the second being Ritson Morry.

His club will sorely miss him, but so will many others way beyond the corner of the Midlands where he lived most of his life. We shall all miss his generosity of spirit.

Nick Hawkins writes:

I would also like to pay tribute to the late Roy Woodcock who died on Sunday. He was an invaluable friend and support to me when I was the Director of Marketing at the BCF (as it then was), and I can say that he was an absolutely honest and genuine person of immense integrity and stature. He will be missed by all who knew him, and he made a really positive contribution to chess in the UK.

Chester Congress

On the 31st October 2006 as a result of the Caergwrle (Derby Arms) Chess Club Charity Congress held at Chester on 31 July - 1 August 2006, we paid out to the two charities concerned, Nightingale House Wrexham and the Hospice of the Good Shepherd Chester, the sum of £1,128.30 each !! Thanks to all the players and donors who made this possible. David Dickson (Organiser).

Auction of Chess Sets at Christie's

Christie's are delighted to offer an impressive and comprehensive collection of chess sets on 2 May at Christie's South Kensington. Astutely gathered by the late Dr. Jean-Claude Cholet, the sale comprises 180 lots, selected for their rarity, quality and uniqueness. Estimates range from £200 to £20,000, with everything estimated at £1,000 and below to be offered without reserve. Contact Leonie Ashfield for more details (Tel: 020 7752 3122, Email: lashfield@christies.com).

George Goodwin Obituary

George died on Wednesday 28 February 2007 at the age of 80 after a long illness. He was a recipient of the BCF President's Award for Services to Chess.

He came to chess administration rather late in life, mostly after his career in the decorating trade, when his son, Stephen, became interested in the game. His own playing strength was just over 100. First he ran Highbury Grove School Chess Club, which undertook several international tours. Later he became a mainstay of the administration of Islington Chess Club.

The club was a chess powerhouse from the 1960s to 1980s. The 1965 Islington Congress introduced the whole idea of weekend tournaments to Britain and that event had over 1000 entries throughout the 1970s. George took over the running of this event from me when I moved out of the area, but by then he was also Chairman of the Club. He introduced many other weekend tournaments and one day rapidplays as well. At one time, you could play a chess congress, run by George, in North London, every other weekend. His drive and initiative was one of the reasons for the English Chess Explosion that took place. He was ably assisted in these ventures by Peer Larsen, who became mainly responsible for running the actual evening club; Tony Gaffney, who introduced a monthly grading list to London; and Simon Brougham.

Eventually ill-health meant that George had to retire from his chess activities and Islington Chess Club eventually faded slowly away, a shadow of its former self. Even the Islington Congress has stopped, brought to a close because of the harsh economics of the costs of venues in London.

Our condolences to his second wife Jane, son Stephen, daughters Sharon, Vanessa (actually born during one Islington Congress) and Lydia and grandchildren. The whole family was at one time so much a part of English chess.

The funeral will take place at noon at New Southgate Crematorium, 99 Brunswick Park Road N11 1JJ, nearest station Arncliffe Grove, on Thursday 8 March at noon. Donations rather than flowers should be sent to The Parkinson's Society.

Stewart Reuben

English Chess Federation Grand Prix 2006/7

Leader Boards 25 February 2007

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

Junior Prix

1	Jain, Radha, Pinner	580
2	Gahir, Jasdeep, Kent Junior Congresses	568
3	Taylor, Adam A, Sutton/Cheam *	565
4	Jain, Akash, Pinner	545
5	Salimbeni, George PW, Sussex Junior	524
6	Jones, Victor GL, Kent Junior Congresses	517
7	Cleaves, Megan, Thamesdown Juniors	507
8	Paul, Barnaby J, Sussex Junior	503
9	Jones, William EG, Kent Junior Congresses ...	496
10	Franklin, Samuel GA, Dulwich College	488

Graded Prix (174-150)

1	Hjort, Helge, Hendon	569
2	Cutmore, Martin J, Wood Green	424
3	Cutmore, David A, Wood Green	399
4	Jameson, David, Colwyn Bay	347
5	Hickman, John E, Reading	308
6	Waterfield, John, Hereford	296
7	Ackley, Peter JE, Hayes (Middlesex)	287
8	Van Kemenade, Rudy, 4NCL White Rose	276
9	Evans, Paul A, AXA Lytham	271
10	Bolt, Graham, Exeter	263

Graded Prix (149-125)

1	O'Gorman, Brendan, DHSS	561
2	Sandercock, E Barry, Buckinghamshire*	514
3	Coward, Neil, AXA Lytham	502
4	Patrick, David A, Courier Halifax	478
5	Pride, Stephen C, Cambridge City	464
6	Hughes, Peter, London SW *	424
7	Gamble, Raymond J, Spondon	386
8	Cohen, Ronnie, Albany	353
9	Clegg, Robert, Huddersfield	352
10	Annetts, Ivor S, Exmouth	333

Graded Prix (124-100)

1	Desmedt, Richard E, Netherton	552
2	Allen, Timothy S, Battersea	546
3	Gilbert, David J, DHSS	496
4	Rixon, Tom J, Hemel Hempstead	479
5	Walker, Roger W, Belper	450
6	Gardiner, Colin J, Falmouth	425
7	Fleischer, Jeff H, Coulsdon & Purley	405
8	Robson, Caroline J, Barnet Elizabeth	373
9	Riley, Adrian K, Cowley Workers	370
10	Hall, James W, East Grinstead	337

Graded Prix (U100) (max 125 pts)

1	Foley, Phil T, Upminster	480
2	Fraser, Alan R, Beckenham & Bromley	453
3	Everitt, David, Haywards Heath	445
4	Billett, Stephen J, Portsmouth	387
5	Burroughs, Rod C, Essex *	308
6	Constable, Christine F, Coulsdon & Purley	304
7	Farrington, Sue L, Beckenham & Bromley	299
8	Constable, John, Coulsdon & Purley	293
9	O'Neill, Tom C, Ashted	272
10	Coats, Jon R, Swindon	261

Results Round-Up

69th Richmond Rapidplay

7 January 2007

Open: Michael Basman, 5/6; Richard Bates, 5/6; Gerald Moore, 4½/6; Tony Cullen, 3½/6; Mark Josse, 3½/6

Major (U160): Yang-Fan Zhou, 6/6; William Drennan, 4/6; Mark Hogarth, 4/6; Paul McIntyre, 4/6; Michael Mutale, 4/6

Intermediate (U120): Graham Alcock, 5/6; Mark Lim, 5/6; Joshua Pineda, 5/6; Peter Lord, 4½/6; Jacques Tivillier, 4½/6; Peter Andreev, 3½/6; James McCallion, 3½/6

Minor (U80): David Bradbury, 5/6; Andrew Gillard, 5/6; Timothy Powell, 5/6; William Woods, 5/6; Michael Adams, 4½/6; Jakub Bokiej, 4½/6

4th Cleveland

Weekend Congress

19-21 January 2007

Open: Bret Addison, Hartlepool, 192, 4; Jonathan Hawkins, Consett, 195, 4; Harry Lamb, Bolton, 174, 3½; Robert Shaw, High Peak, 195, 3; David Eggleston, Durham, 200, 3

Major: Raymond Gamble, Spondon Derby, 149, 4; Colin Smith, Peterlee, 138, 4; Roger Ditchburn, Kings, 148, 3½; James Turner, Morpeth, 133, 3½; Hasnul Hashim, Rose Forgrove, 132, 3½; Kyrill Fomin, Gateshead Lib, 149, 3; Ernest Lazenby, Middlesbrough, 124, 3; Steve Ormerod, Darlington, 120, 3

Minor: Kenny Boxall, Peterlee, 97, 4½; Fred Stobbart, Hetton Lyons, 77, 4; Geoff Shearing, Eldon Leisure, 84, 4; Raymond Sayer, Ashfield, 103, 3½; Dave Peardon, Hetton, 86, 3½; Stan Johnson, South Shields, 87, 3½; Tim Russell, Ashby, 88, 3½; Lawrence Rushmer, Athenaeum, 88, 3½

Novice: Conrad Green, Hassell, 57, 8/10; Philip Smith, Rolls Royce, 75, 7; Robert McMillan, Rochdale, 50, 7; Jack Burnett, Hebburn, u/g, 4

9th York One Day Rapidplay

27 January 2007

Adults Section: Jeff Horner, Bolton, 5½/6; Richard Palliser, Harrogate, 5½/6; Jim McNicholson, York, 5/6; Martin Carpenter, York, 5/6; David Adams, York, 5/6; Mike Surtees, Bolton, 5/6; Trevor Braithwaite, Leeds, 4½/6; Paul Dargan, Whitley Bay, 4½/6; Mark Ellis, St Helens, 4½/6

Junior Section: Elliot Warriner-Bacon, York, 5/6; James Knighton, York, 5/6; Emma Bentley, Chesterfield, 4½/6

Spectrum Chess -

11th Dudley Congress

27-28 January 2007

Challengers Tournament: Kevin R Marshall, Sheffield Nomads, 94, 100%; Phil T Foley, Upminster, 82, 90%; Adam Parkinson, Birmingham, 89, 80%

Minor Tournament: Barry Kocan, Basingstoke, 121, 90%; John Clark, Worcester City, 104, 80%; Tristan Clayton, 113, 80%; Ian P Blencowe, Gloucester, 114, 70%; Greg Breed, Eastcote, 106, 70%; Richard E Desmedt, Wombwell, 121, 70%; Mani Periasamymanjula, Ashstead, 99, 70%

Major Tournament: Helge Hjort, Hendon, 161, 70%; Derek A Jarvis, Breadsall, 148, 70%; Andrew Price, Leamington, 140, 70%; Geoffrey P Thomas, Stourbridge, 162, 70%; Darren H Whitmore, Walsall Kipping, 151, 70%; Richard B E Bryant, Oswestry, 159, 60%

Open Tournament: A Tyson Mordue, Keynsham, 194, 80%; James T Sherwin, Bath, 200, 80%; Alan K Crombleholme, Bushbury, 173, 60%; Christopher Gibson, Chess Mates, 159, 60%; Chantal N Sirisena, Ashted, 150, 60%

Stockport Rapidplay

4 February 2007

Open: S Haslinger, Formby (3Cs), 5; B Lund, Preston Anarchists, 4½; A Ashton, 3Cs, 4; D Hulmes, Stockport, 4; R Shaw, High Peak, 4

Major: N Barnaby, Bolton, 5½; F Spratt, Harrogate, 5½; D Bennion, Wrexham (Caergwrle), 4; A Coe, Stockport, 4; G Hinchcliffe, 4; P Olbison, Chorlton, 4; D Risley, Macclesfield, 4; P Fletcher, Sheffield, 3½; S Murray, Stockport, 3½; L F Rabbitte, Heywood, 3½

Intermediate: R Clegg, Huddersfield, 5; M Connor, Great Lever, 5; C Gartside, High Peak, 5; G P Hughes, Chorley, 4½; A Oates, Marple, 4½; E H Taylor, Hoylelake, 4½; N Coward, Blackpool, 4; A Gonzales, Arden, 4; S R Hill, Caverswall, 4; K R Holton, Bramhall, 4; G Laurence, Macclesfield, 4; S Lloyd, Chester, 4; S Potter, St. Helens, 4

Minor: S Finch, Winwick, 5½; J Stirrup, 3Cs, 5½; R Bowler, Copperworks, 5; M Wilson, Chorlton, 5; J Bowler, Copperworks, 4½; C Chadwick, Grappenhall, 4½; N Darlington, Frodsham, 4½; M Jackson, Stockport, 4½; S Lee, SASCA, 4½; A Sime, Macclesfield, 4½

KJCA Gravesend Junior

Rapidplay

10 February 2007

Under 18: Dunstan Rodrigues, Lewisham CC, 102, 4½; Siddhu Viswanath, Petts Wood & Orpington CC, 104, 4; Tim Weaver, Maidstone CC, 100, 3; Siddhu Reddiar, Orpington, 80, 3; Sunil Parthiban, Beckenham & Bromley CC, 69, 3

Under 14: Andrew Turner, Tonbridge & Hadlow CC, 93, 4; Udara De Silva, Maidstone, 58, 4; Joshua Meyer, Carnegie CC, 48, 4; Gautham Reddiar, Petts Wood & Orpington CC, 43, 3½; Dominic Heslin-Rees, Charlton CC, 65, 3; Sheila Subbiah, Chislehurst, 50, 3; Aravind Parthiban, Beckenham, 6, 3; Viktor Szabad, Greenwich CC, 3

Under 11: Jasdeep Gahir, Lewisham CC, 81, 5½; Baven Balendran, Beckenham, 65, 5½; Justin Brown, Beckenham & Bromley CC, 17, 4½; Benedict Rodrigues, Carnegie CC, 48, 4; Nikhil Sanghani, Chingford CC, 4

Under 10: Nicholas Clanchy, Balham, 54, 5; Raunak Rao, Beckenham, 25, 5; Shyam Kalairajah, Chislehurst, 0, 4½; Samuel Aston,

West Wickham, 16, 4; Orlando Devoy, Clapham, 0, 4; James Selway, Bromley, 0, 4

Under 9: Alexei Davis, Mottingham, 23, 5; Jonathan O'Connell, Gravesend, 5; Patrick Smith, Chipstead, 0, 4½; Mano Sathyamurthy, Herne Bay CC, 10, 4; Daniel Reidy, Barming, 0, 4

Under 8: Raphael Kalid, Anerley, 8, 5½; Hector Huser, Balham, 0, 4½; Luxmie Muhunthakumar, New Malden, 0, 4

1st Brentwood

International Congress

17-18 February 2007

Masters Open: GM Nicholas Pert, 234, 4½/5; GM Neil McDonald, 217, 4/5; IM John Paul Wallace, 238, 4/5

Brentwood Major: Kevin Bailey, 169, 4½/5; Ivan Myall, 172, 4/5; Alfredo Luaces, 150, 4/5; Martin Cutmore, 170, 4/5; Brian Fitzpatrick, 161, 4/5

Warley Intermediate: Nigel Holroyd, 137, 5/5; Nicholas Fordham, 133, 4½/5; Michael Mutale, 115, 4/5

Shenfield Minor: David Fowler, 109, 4½/5; David Howes, 105, 4½/5; Anthony Duncan, 93, 4/5; Sagara Bogoda, u/g, 4/5; Kevin Cook, 104, 4/5; David Gatherall, e102, 4/5; Greg Breed, 106, 4/5; Kevin Sawers, 93, 4/5

Warwickshire Congress

17-18 February 2007

Open: C Tippleston, 188, FCA Solutions, 4; D Mason, 195, Shirley, 4; M Page, 171, Whoberley, 3½; M Armstrong, 164, Srafford, 3; R Lobo, 151, St Olave's School, 3

U160: K Jewsbury, 152, St George's, 4; S R Mitchell, 147, 4; A Sadler, 147, 4; S Braid, 99, 3; D Malik, 142, South Birmingham, 3

U130: S Chadaway, 127, Olton, 4½; L Messem'sparks, 121, West Nottingham, 4½; K Allen, 123, Olton, 3½; D Curry, 104, Halesowen, 3½; R W Walker, 104, Belper, 3½; F Jiminez, 107, Shirley/Lucas, 3; R Weaving, 104, Solihull Checkmates, 3

U100: P M Thompson, 95, Westminster, 4½; P Hardstaff, 96, WMP/Rugby, 4; A Jones, 99, 4; I Wilkins, u/g, 4; F Malik, 68, 3; R Fenton, 72, Glastonbury, 3; R Patel, 60, Checkmate, 3

14th Doncaster Congress

23-25 February 2007

Open: Jonathan Hawkins, Leam Lane, 4½; Jim Burnett, Catholic Club (Doncaster), 4; Peter Shaw, Wakefield, 3½

Major: Richard Hardy, York RI, 4; Richard Webster, Ashfield (Notts), 4; Russell Goodfellow, Tunbridge Wells, 4; David Patrick, Courier (Halifax), 3½; Mike Lally, Phoenix, 3½; C P Booth, David Brown Gears, 3

Intermediate: Thomas Whitaker, Rotherham Juniors, 4½; Richard Desmedt, Wombwell, 4½; Jannic Konarski, Wandering Dragons, 4; M A Fox, Dewsbury, 4; P G Ellis, Ecclesall (Sheffield), 3½; Peter Hoare, Ecclesall (Sheffield), 3½

Minor: Dave Dunne, Fiveways (Nottingham), 4½; Samuel Milson, Louth (Lincolnshire), 4½; Noel Boustred, Gosforth (Newcastle), 4; Robert Porter, Worksop, 4; V Shaposhnikov, Barnsley, 4; John Aldridge, Halifax, 4; David Walshaw, Jesmond, 3½; Thomas Pitcher, Wombwell, 3½

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

~ 1-5 Apr **CCF EASTER INTERNATIONAL**
Coulson.

Howard Curtis & Scott Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302,
Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

~ 2-3 Apr **33rd MAIDENHEAD JUNIOR CONGRESS**
All Saints Junior School.
Nigel Dennis (Tel/Fax: 01491 576052,
Email: nigelwdennis@btinternet.com)

~ 2-4 Apr **IAPS NATIONAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS**
Aldro School. D Archer (Tel: 01483 409010,
Email: archerd@aldro.org)

~* 4-11 Apr **BRITISH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE BLIND**, Tralee Hotel, Bournemouth.
Stan Lovell (Tel: 01642 775668,
Email: stan@chessboard.freemove.co.uk)

~* 6-7 Apr **CCF EASTER CONGRESS**
Coulson.
Howard Curtis & Scott Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302,
Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

~* 6-8 Apr **BOLTON EASTER CONGRESS**
including Busy Persons Blitz, Bolton Excel Centre.
R Middleton (Tel: 01204 383634)

~*#6-9 Apr **SHOPPING.NET 30th SURREY EASTER CONGRESS**, Nonsuch High School Sport Hall, Sutton.
R Jones (Tel: 01372 813487,
Email: td@surreychesscongress.co.uk)

~*#6-9 Apr **51st SOUTHEND-ON-SEA EASTER CONGRESS**, Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue.
V Byram (Tel: 01702 530900,
Email: SouthendCongress@btinternet.com)

~*# 6-9 Apr **WECU DIAMOND JUBILEE CONGRESS**
Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth.
Mrs L I Crickmore (Tel: 01752 768206 before 10 pm,
Email: plymouthchess@btinternet.com)

7 Apr **LES BOXX MEMORIAL RAPIDPLAY**
Touchdown Pub, Hartlepool.
Graham Marshall (Tel: 01429 426374,
Email: congress@dcca.org.uk)

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

~* 9 Apr **CCF RAPIDPLAY**
Coulson.
Howard Curtis & Scott Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302,
Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

9 Apr **WIZARDS OF THE NORTH, WAR OF THE ROSES**
Rotherham.
D Bentley (Tel: 01246 221016,
Email: wizardchess@yahoo.co.uk)

~* 9 Apr **EASTER MONDAY SOUTH YORKSHIRE RAPIDPLAY**, Phoenix Club, Brinsworth.
D Bentley (Tel: 01246 221016,
Email: thoughtsport@yahoo.co.uk)

@ 13-15 Apr **EDINBURGH CONGRESS**
George Heriots School, Lauriston Place.
D Stewart (Tel: 01875 616637,
Email: davidstewartgm@hotmail.co.uk)

13-15 Apr **ENNIS OPEN**
(incorporating the North Munster Championship), Auburn Lodge Hotel, Ennis, Co Clare, Ireland.
Rory Quinn (Tel: 00 353 6568 21835 (after 5pm),
Email: ennischessclub@hotmail.com)

~* 13-15 Apr **NCJS CHAMPIONSHIPS U12 & U11**
Wycombe High School, Marlow Rd.
Peter Purland (Tel: 0151 733 4854,
Email: congress@ncjs.org.uk)

~* 14 Apr **GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY**
St Alban's Church Hall, NW11.
Adam Raoof (Tel/Fax: 020 8202 0982;
Email: adamraoof@yahoo.com)

~*#14-15 Apr **28th DURHAM CONGRESS**
Durham Masonic Hall.
Graham Marshall (Tel: 01429 426374,
Email: grahammarshall2000@hotmail.com)

~* 14-15 Apr **NCJS CHAMPIONSHIPS U10 & U8**
Wycombe High School, Marlow Rd.
Peter Purland (Tel: 0151 733 4854,
Email: congress@ncjs.org.uk)

~ 14-15 Apr **STAFFORDSHIRE CONGRESS**
Bloxwich Leisure Centre.
Traci Whitfield (Tel: 01782 623361,
Email: whitfielduk@aol.com)

~* 15 Apr **23rd LETCHWORTH & HITCHIN ONE-DAY CONGRESS**, St. Francis' College, Broadway.
M Pateman (Tel: 01462 639029,
Email: mark.pateman1@ntlworld.com)

~* 21 Apr **2nd BRIGHTON RAPIDPLAY**
University of Sussex.
W Ellinger (Tel: 01273 494106,
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~ 21 Apr **COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS - PRELIMINARY ROUND**
Chris Majer (Tel: 01438 812781, Email: cemajer@aol.com)

~* 21 Apr **KJCA UK CHESS CHALLENGE MEGAFINAL QUALIFIER**, Kemnal College, Sidcup.
Sue Maguire (Tel: 020 8656 6420,
Email: sue.maguire@btinternet.com)

21 Apr **SJC JUNIOR TRAINING DAY**
Hove.
Margaret Burch (Tel: 01483 534061,
Email: ammjburch@hotmail.com)

~* 21-22 Apr **32nd NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CONGRESS**
Bramcote Hills Sport & Community College.
R Richmond (Tel: 0115 945 5908,
Email: Robrchmnd@aol.com)

~ 22 Apr **NATIONAL CLUB RAPIDPLAY**
Magdalen College School, Oxford.
Chris Majer (Tel: 01438 812781, Email: cemajer@aol.com)

~*27-29 Apr **HUDDERSFIELD CONGRESS**
Ukrainian Club.
N Hepworth (Tel: 07903 548675,
Email: congress2007@huddersfieldchessclub.co.uk)

28 Apr **CCF JUNIOR TRAINING & INTER-COUNTY CHALLENGE**, Coulson.
Howard Curtis & Scott Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302,
Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

28 Apr **EPSCA U9 INTER ASSOCIATION FINALS**
Peter Purland (Tel: 0151 733 4854,
Email: petepurland@btopenworld.com)

~# 28-29 Apr **GREAT YARMOUTH CONGRESS**
Great Yarmouth College, Suffolk Rd.
J Wickham (Tel: 01603 861140,
Email: j.r.wickham@btinternet.com)

29 Apr **MAURICE H BROWN RAPIDPLAY**
Student Union, University of Hull.
M Ieronimo (Tel: 01482 501816,
Email: congress@h-d-c-a.org.uk)

~ 5 May **SJC MEGAFINAL**
Cuckfield.
Margaret Burch (Tel: 01483 534061,
Email: ammjburch@hotmail.com)

~@ 5-7 May **4NCL**
Divisions 1, 2, & 3, Initial Style Conferences, Wokefield Park.
Mike Truran, The Old Farmhouse (Tel: 01993 708645,
Email: mike@mturan.fsnet.co.uk)

6 May **HAMPSHIRE MEGAFINAL**
Sherfield School, Sherfield on Loddon.
Joe French (Tel: 01256 472537,
Email: joefrench33@msn.com)

~* 6 May **KJCA TUNBRIDGE WELLS JUNIOR RAPIDPLAY**
Rose Hill School, Culverden Down.
Sue Maguire (Tel: 020 8656 6420,
Email: sue.maguire@btinternet.com)

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

~*# 11-13 May **18th FROME CONGRESS**
Selwood Middle School, Berkley Rd.
G Jepps (Tel/Fax: 01749 344191,
Email: gnjepps@ntlworld.com)

12 May **EPSCA U11 INTER ASSOCIATION FINALS**
Peter Purland (Tel: 0151 733 4854,
Email: petepurland@btopenworld.com)

~* 12 May **GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY**
St Alban's Church Hall, NW11.
Adam Raoof (Tel/Fax: 020 8202 0982;
Email: adamraoof@yahoo.com)

12 May **HARTLEPOOL FESTIVAL RAPIDPLAY**
Graham Marshall (Tel: 01429 426374,
Email: grahammarshall2000@hotmail.com)

~* 12-13 May **OXFORD UNIVERSITY CONGRESS**
Lincoln College, Turl Street.
M Zhang (Email: chess@herald.ox.ac.uk)

~ 13 May **2nd SHIRLEY & WYTHALL RAPIDPLAY**
Wythall House, Silver Street.
G Christie (Tel: 01564 826354,
Email: gsgc@shirleychess.co.uk)

13 May **4th SKELMERSDALE RAPIDPLAY**
Birch Green Community Centre.
J Reid (Tel: 01257 462822, Email: johnchess@hotmail.com)

13 May **SUFFOLK UK CHESS CHALLENGE MEGAFINAL**
Woodbridge School.
A Hunt (Tel: 01394 615000,
Email: ahunt@woodbridge.suffolk.sch.uk)

~* 18-20 May **RHYL CONGRESS**
Rhyll Town Hall, Wellington Rd.
A Nicol (Tel: 01745 583186,
Email: jennifer.nicol@btinternet.com)

~ 19 May **COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS - QUARTER FINAL**
Chris Majer (Tel: 01438 812781, Email: cemajer@aol.com)

19 May **ECGCF GRAND & MINOR FINALS**
St Peter & St Paul School, Syston.
Neil Clifton (Tel: 020 8405 9308, Email: sgclecgc@aol.com)
This is a team tournament for teams of six U14 girls representing one of the Real Counties of England. Any County can enter.

19 May **KJCA UK CHESS CHALLENGE KENT MEGAFINAL**
Kemnal College, St. Paul's Cray.
Sue Maguire (Tel: 020 8656 6420,
Email: sue.maguire@btinternet.com)

~* 19 May **SJC WORTHING JUNIOR RAPIDPLAY**
Worthing.
Margaret Burch (Tel: 01483 534061,
Email: ammjburch@hotmail.com)

20 May **KJCA UK CHESS CHALLENGE KENT MEGAFINAL**
Kemnal College, St. Paul's Cray.
Sue Maguire (Tel: 020 8656 6420,
Email: sue.maguire@btinternet.com)
U11 - U18 sections only.

~* 20 May **71st RICHMOND RAPIDPLAY**
White House Community Association, Hampton.
P Dupré (Tel: 07768 066237)

~*# 25-27 May **HARTLEPOOL FESTIVAL WEEKEND CONGRESS**
Graham Marshall (Tel: 01429 426374,
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~@ 26-28 May **4NCL**
Division 4, Initial Style Conferences, Sunningdale.
Mike Truran, The Old Farmhouse (Tel: 01993 708645,
Email: mike@mturan.fsnet.co.uk)

~ 26-28 May **40th COTSWOLD CONGRESS**
St Edwards School, Cheltenham.
R Powis (Tel: 01453 762518)

~*#26-28 May **57th ILFORD CONGRESS**
Redbridge Institute, Gaysham Avenue.
J Rosenberg (Tel: 020 8554 2232 before 10pm)

28 May **CCF OPEN BLITZ**
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