

## Chess Sets for Schools Presentation



**Helenswood Lower School in St Leonards, East Sussex was the first school to receive 10 chess sets in the fantastic national project sponsored by Holloid Plastics to present 10 chess sets completely free of charge to every school in England who requested them, a total of 250,000 sets.**

Michael Foster MP for Hastings and Rye is the driving force behind the scheme to involve MP's in the House of Commons to encourage the schools in their constituencies to apply for the sets, so it was fitting that Helenswood in Michael Foster's own constituency should be chosen as the first to receive the sets.

The presentation was attended by Fergus Christie (Holloid Plastics), Michael Foster MP, Peter Wilson (ECF Marketing), Claire Summerscale (ECF Junior Chess), Cynthia Gurney (ECF Manager of Finance & Management Services), Dame Sheila Wallis (Helenswood Head Teacher) and Ken Pitts (Helenswood Deputy Head).

## Editorial

I am sad to say that we are losing a valued member of staff after seven years. Gemma Masters our Membership Secretary will be leaving us on 30th May, to move to the Care Sector working with sufferers of Prader-Willi syndrome. We wish her a very fond farewell and much luck in her new job.

In an office as small and diverse as the ECF it is essential to have a working team that each of us can depend on and work well with.

Membership has not been an easy task especially with the many changes to the membership structure after the last few years. Gemma has coped wonderfully.

Good luck and thanks Gemma we will miss you.

*Cynthia Gurney, Editor*



*In the beginning*



*The Boss' Chauffeur!*



*Christmas 2007*

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# ECF News

## New ECF Board

Following a meeting of the ECF Board held 9th May 2008; the New ECF Board is as follows:

President: Gerry Walsh

Chief Executive: Chris Majer

Finance Director: Robert Richmond

Director of Marketing: Peter Wilson

International Director: Stewart Reuben

Junior Director: Peter Purland

Home Chess Director: Cyril Johnson

Non Executive Director: 1 John Wickham

Non Executive Director: 2 TBD (Consultation to be held with Constituent Units)

Additionally the following Manager appointments were made:

Congress Stewart Reuben (reporting to International Director)

Grading Dave Thomas (reporting to Chief Executive)

My thanks to all of the retiring Directors.

Experienced ECF watchers will notice the reappearance of familiar faces. This is as it should be at a time of crisis. In October there will be the opportunity to bring in new blood. Representatives from the Constituent Units will be invited to the next ECF Board meeting.

*Chris Majer, ECF Chief Executive*

## Manager of Women's Chess

Claire Summerscale will be standing down at the end of June and a replacement is sought. Details of responsibilities can be found here [www.englishchess.org.uk/organisation/general/](http://www.englishchess.org.uk/organisation/general/)

## Chess Organisations Applying for Charitable Status

**Introduction:** Under new legislation chess organisations, e.g. chess clubs, may now qualify for charitable status. A number of advantages flow from charitable status. Charities are in a favourable position to attract donations, and they receive tax repayments on donations under the Gift Aid provisions. Charities are also exempt from direct tax for most purposes, qualify for local authority rates relief and receive limited VAT advantages. The Charity Commission has issued guidance on applications for charitable status: [www.charity-commission.gov.uk](http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk). Applicants should have regard to this guidance. This note elaborates on certain issues relevant to chess organisations applying for charitable status.

**Charities Act 2006:** A charity is an organisation which has a charitable purpose and is for the public benefit. With effect from April 2008, chess organisations may qualify for charitable status in accordance with new charities legislation, Charities Act 2006. This Act extends the scope of charitable purposes to include the advancement of amateur sport.

**Sport:** Sport is defined in the Act as 'sports or games which promote health by involving physical or mental skill or exertion'. In Parliamentary debate, the Government recognised that chess satisfied this definition and it is anticipated that the Charity Commission will adopt this position.

**Public Benefit:** This requires that:-

- (i) there must be an identifiable benefit or benefits; and
- (ii) the benefit must be to the public, or a section of the public.

The Commission has issued general guidance notes on the public benefit requirement, and is expected to issue detailed guidance relating to sporting organisations. It is anticipated that chess organisations will qualify for charitable status provided that they meet the public benefit requirements. This means amongst other things that the membership criteria of



chess clubs should be sufficiently open to satisfy the 'section of the public' requirement'.

**Registration of Charities:** Most charities must register with the Charity Commission. However, small charitable organisations i.e. with an annual income of less than £5,000 have charitable status and enjoy the benefits of this status without having to register with the Charity Commission. Many chess organisations may be in this position.

Such organisations should apply directly to the Revenue and Customs (HMRC) for charitable tax status: [www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities).

In the context of applying to HMRC or for registration with the Charity Commission an organisation will need to have a suitable governing document. This is a rule book for the way in which the charity will operate. Guidance is provided in the Charity Commission's publication 'Choosing and Preparing a Governing Document'.

A governing document is an organisation's constitution, the formal document which sets up a charity. It should contain information about:

- what the charity is set up to do;
- how the charity will do those things;
- who will run it;
- what happens if changes to the administrative provisions need to be made; and
- what happens if the charity wishes to wind up.

Model governing documents can be found on the Charity Commission's website.

The Charity Commission has issued a Registration Application Pack, to help organisations looking to apply for registration. It contains an application form, a trustee declaration form, guidance notes and a copy of the Commission's advice on the responsibilities of trustees.

**English Chess Federation:** The Federation welcomes the Charities Act 2006. The Charity Commission helps organisations applying for charitable status, and the ECF is happy to give such help as it can. Organisations who want definitive advice before applying to the Commission must of course take professional advice themselves: this note does not of course constitute formal legal or tax advice.

The Federation understand that certain chess clubs are looking shortly to submit applications for charitable status, and is conferring with these clubs. This note will be revised in light of useful experience gained from such applications. If you come across difficulties of general application which could usefully be raised by the Federation on a representative level, please contact Cynthia Gurney at the Federation (01424 775222, [office@englishchess.org.uk](mailto:office@englishchess.org.uk)).

*David Anderton/Richard Fries/Melville Rodrigues/William Watson  
May 2008*

## Direct Member Representatives

Nominations are invited for Direct Member Representatives to take office for a period of one year after the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held on 18 October 2008.

For the purpose of the election of Representatives, Direct members are grouped into the following four categories:

- (a) Honorary Life Vice Presidents, Vice Presidents, Corporate Vice Presidents, Honorary Life Members and Life Members.

- (b) Full Direct Members, Family Members, Veteran Members, Student Members, Special Members and Members with Disabilities.

- (c) Standard Members and Junior Members.

- (d) Basic Members and Basic Junior Members.

Each of these four categories is entitled to elect two Representatives.

Nominations are sought among the four categories. If there are more than two nominations in any category, a first two past the post election will be held in that category in accordance with instructions to be issued by the Board.

Representatives are members of Council and must be and remain Direct members in the category for which they are elected throughout their period of office.

There are seven existing Representatives, who are eligible to stand for re-election if they so wish. New nominations need to be made by a Direct Member who is in the same group of members as the nominee and accepted by the latter. To be eligible, signed nominations and acceptances must be received at the ECF office by noon on Friday, 13 June 2008.

## Book of the Year 2007

The Book of the Year 2007 presentation was made on 14 April 2008 at BCM's Chess Shop, Baker Street.



Left to right, it shows Julian Farrand, Igor Nor and Ray Edwards. Julian and Ray are two of the award judges (David Friedgood is the other - he was unable to attend). Igor Nor is one of the two co-authors of the winning book, *San Luis 2005*, published by Quality Chess. *Photograph by John Saunders.*

## National Club Handicap Rapidplay



*The round 5 top table clash between Magdalen College School Blackbirds B and Wilson's School, with John Place and Neill Cooper in action on board 1.*

The National Club Handicap Rapidplay event for teams of four was held on Sunday 20 April in the pleasant surroundings of Magdalen College School Oxford. 5 rounds, with 20 minutes per player, were played. The system applied the previous year was adopted, with the lower-graded team in each match receiving an increment to its score based on the difference between the average grades of the sides:

| difference | increment |
|------------|-----------|
| 0-10       | 0         |
| 10-19      | ½         |
| 20-29      | 1         |
| 30-39      | 1½        |
| 40-49      | 2         |
| 50-59      | 2½        |
| 60+        | 3         |

The 13 entries necessitated a bye, for which 3 points were awarded in line with the precedent established in 2007.

The event was led throughout by the Magdalen College School Blackbirds B team comprising John Place, Daniel Rey, Edward Down and Patrick McKenna. Although as the lowest graded team in the competition this received a handicap increment in every round, the real key to its success was the performance on board 3 by Edward Down graded 95, who scored 3½ out of 5 against opposition with an average grade of 143. Mushrooms, the highest graded team, were close behind and trailed the Blackbirds by just one point going into the last round, but did not manage to score quite heavily enough and finished two points behind.

Scores of 5 out of 5 were achieved by Mike Healey (board 3 for Oxford University 1) and Robbie Coleman (board 2 for Oxford University 3).

*The winning Magdalen College School Blackbirds B team with the trophy. Standing John Place. Seated left to right Daniel Rey, Patrick McKenna, Edward Down.*



*The last round in progress*



### Final scores:

|     |   | (av. grade 78) |           |                                  |
|-----|---|----------------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| 1   | <b>Magdalen College School Blackbirds B</b> |                | <b>19</b> | <b>£120 prize and the trophy</b> |
| 2   | Mushrooms                                   | (185.25)       | 17        | £60 prize                        |
| 3   | Gloucester                                  | (152.5)        | 15        | free entry to the 2009 event     |
| 4   | Oxford University 1                         | (150.5)        | 13½       |                                  |
| =5  | Cowley 1                                    | (111)          | 13        |                                  |
|     | Wilson's School                             | (124.75)       | 13        |                                  |
| 7   | Watford                                     | (148)          | 12½       |                                  |
| =8  | Oxford City                                 | (107.25)       | 12        |                                  |
|     | Magdalen College School Blackbirds A        | (111.75)       | 12        |                                  |
|     | Oxford University 3                         | (143.75)       | 12        |                                  |
| =11 | Cowley 2                                    | (124.25)       | 11        |                                  |
|     | Wanstead & Woodford                         | (144)          | 11        |                                  |
| 13  | Oxford University 2                         | (143.5)        | 10½       |                                  |

## STAUNTON MEMORIAL 2008

Bob Wade OBE Breaks World Record for Oldest Ever Chessplayer to Compete at Grandmaster Level

The Staunton society exists to perpetuate the name of Howard Staunton, Britain's only ever claimant to be world chess champion, and to promote UK chess and in particular give young British players the prospects for gm norms and titles.

The sensational news this year is that Bob Wade OBE commonwealth grandmaster and FIDE IM has decided to abandon his usual role of arbiter and enter the lists as a player. After recent successes in World Senior Team and Individual Championships Bob is determined to succeed. He was famously the researcher for Bobby Fischer in his

1972 match of the century against Boris Spassky. At the age of 87-bob was born on April 10, 1921, we believe this makes bob the oldest ever player to compete in a full grandmaster international event -we are therefore claiming this as a world record!!

The 6th Annual Staunton Memorial will be even stronger than last years and is certainly the strongest event to be held in London if not the UK since 1986. Venue will be Simpsons in the Strand with the opening round on August 7, one rest day August 13 and the final round and prize giving on august 18. Play begins in the afternoons starting 14:00 hours. The last round will commence at noon.

**Ray Keene for the Howard Staunton Society**

## European Individual Chess Championships, Plovdiv

20th April – 4th May 2008

By Peter Wells

Over the last few years the annual European Individual Championships for both men and women, with qualifying places up for grabs to proceed to either a World Championship or World Cup according to the prevailing wind, has become one of the major tournaments on the circuit. It is easy to forget quite how new these events are – this was only the 9th – and despite some teething troubles they seem to me to be overall a very welcome development. They are in fact giant open tournaments – there are no restrictions on entry – and are attracting considerable numbers as well as breaking records for quality. In terms of participation Plovdiv, Bulgaria's charming second city, could not quite match the tremendous success of Dresden last year, but still an impressive total of 480 competitors took part. Once again the field was awesome. In the 'open section' (it was the turn of the French player Marie Sebag to remind us that this should not really be referred to as the men's!) there were a total of more than 160 GMs, 70 of them sporting ratings of 2600 or over. Whatever one's views concerning inflation in the rating system, this represents a very great deal of firepower!

The English representation was sadly but understandably rather depleted compared with last year when the presence of a contingent of 18 produced a marvellous and unprecedented group atmosphere. This time myself and Gawain Jones alone battled away in the 'men's' section, while Jovanka Houska and Dagne Ciuksyte flew the flag in the women's. Although I will be concentrating here on the former, Jovanka's performance is worthy of a special mention. An unfortunate loss in the final round robbed her of a qualification spot, but she was always competing towards the top end of the event and it is a measure of the strength of the field she played that she nonetheless ended up gaining more than 20 rating points.

These tournaments are always tough, but entering the fray with a rating anywhere between about 2500 and 2550 ensures a particularly hard time. Consequently, rated similarly in the low 2520s, Gawain played 9 games against players rated around 2600 and I played 8. In my experience, this kind of field can work both ways. When things go well, you just get used to it and gain in confidence. But here, I tend to think that I simply became exhausted after a while. The high-point of my tournament came when I reached '+2' with the following good win.

### Alexander Huzman (2602) – Peter Wells (2521) EICC, Plovdiv 2008 (Round 8)

**1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 d5 4 Nc3**

A bit of a surprise since I had suffered badly against Alexander's Catalan (4 g3) in Dresden one year ago and moreover, had spotted him taking an interest in my attempts to improve against Yannick Pelletier a few days before which were not entirely convincing either. Still, there are always advantages in springing a surprise in these days of intensive opening preparation especially in battles between veterans whose memories may no longer function with unvarying reliability.

**4...dxc4 5 e4 Bb4 6 Bg5 c5**

Malcolm Pein, writing in the Daily Telegraph, described this as a 'Wells speciality' which I guess is true. I no longer feel the affection for it that I once did. Black does induce tangible positional concessions in the main lines, but the novelty of having to play with an exposed king almost from the word go in exchange for these has perhaps worn off over the years. Still, I am being ungrateful – in terms of results the system has served me pretty well.

**7 Bxc4**

7 e5! cxd4 8 Qa4+ Nc6 9 0-0-0 Bd7 10 Ne4 Be7! is another very sharp option which emphasises that this opening is not for the faint-hearted.

**7...cxd4 8 Nxd4 Bxc3+ 9 bxc3 Qa5**

The point. With this move, Black attacks c3,e4 and g5 and forces some concession.

**10 Bb5+ Nbd7!? 11 Bxf6 Qxc3+ 12 Kf1 gxf6 13 h4!**

So White has not got to castle either, but this preparation for a lateral rook development is well established as the most testing continuation.

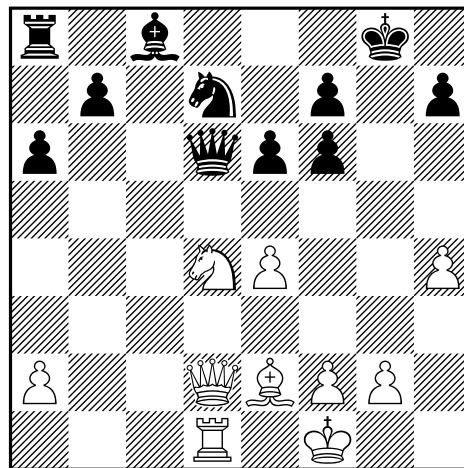
**13...a6 14 Rh3 Qb4!? 15 Be2 0-0!**

I have generally preferred 14...Qa5 15 Be2 Ne5! but I had prepared the still more unusual text move shortly before the tournament. Whether Black's king is safer on g8 or e7 is open to debate. In these times, such a question is as likely to be decided by my old mate Fritz as by any considerations which can be neatly verbalised, although d6 does feel like a very sensible square for the Black queen. What was a shock was the discovery about 20 minutes before the game that one of the tiny number of strong players to have ventured this line before with Black was ... Alexander Huzman! Scary, but it was simply too late and I just gritted my teeth...

**16 Rb3?!**

This felt like an immediate vindication. If there is a refutation of Black's play it seems likely to come from aiming at the g3 square with both rooks, to which end 16 Rb1! Qd6 17 Qd2 Kh8 18 Rg3 Rg8 19 Rbb3 Rxb3 20 Rxb3 is the most efficient. Still, although Black must tread very carefully here, I haven't found anything concrete so far.

**16...Qd6 17 Qd2 Kh8 18 Rg3 Rg8 19 Rxb3+ Kxb3 20 Rd1**



**20...Qh2!**

This might look greedy, but it is less about winning another pawn than forcing White's pieces to take awkward measures to meet the mate threat. Of course not 20...e5? 21 Nf5 Qxd2 22 Rxd2 Kf8 23 Bg4 when the exchange of queens in no way compensates for the enduring bind.

**21 Nf3 Qh1+ 22 Ng1 Qxh4 23 Qc3 Kg7 24 Rd4 Ne5 25 g3 Qh1**

**26 g4?**

It has been noted before that a very long think by no means guarantees a good decision. Somehow, I think Huzman convinced himself that 26 f4 Nc6 27 Bf3 Qh6 led nowhere, but 28 Rd6 e5 29 f5! does at least leave Black rather bottled up. I can probably free myself starting with 29...a5!? but this is at least a much better practical try. The text is weakening and after a bit of psychological adjustment I realised that White's king-side attack would not amount to too much.

## 26...Nc6 27 Rd3 e5! 28 Rh3 Qxe4 29 Bd3 Qd4 30 Rxh7+ Kg8 31 Qd2 Qf4!

By far the safest. Fortunately I still had sufficient time on the clock to see that the flashy 31...Bf5? only runs into trouble after 32 Rh8+! Kxh8 33 Qh6+ Kg8 34 Bxf5.

## 32 Qc2 Nd4 33 Qc7 Be6 34 Bg6 Rc8 0-1

Since 35 Bxf7+ Kxh7 is hopeless and it is otherwise White's king that will now be on the receiving end.

Sadly one silly unnecessary loss in the next round followed by a serious lapse of judgement which resulted in my being unpleasantly mangled in Round 10, and the good work was undone.

Gawain, however, a player generally known for tactical flair and creative attacking play, revealed a splendidly resilient side to his game and from Round 6 onwards simply shared the points against a succession of very strong players. Of course, strings of draws are not always celebrated by the crowd these days, but as an additional facet to the style of a gifted tactician this capacity bodes well for his future. Of course, what was happening did not represent some total metamorphosis. Reassuringly, one or two of the draws at least were generated in a mist of tactical randomness:

## Gawain Jones (2522)

### - Vitali Golod (2606)

**EICC Plovdiv 2008, Round 7 - Notes by Gawain Jones.**

## 1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 f4 e6 4 Nf3 Nge7 5 d4

It makes sense to turn the game into some sort of Open Sicilian when the e7 knight is slightly out of place.

## 5...cxd4 6 Nxd4 Nxd4 7 Qxd4 Nc6 8 Qf2 d5 9 Be3!

9 Bd3 would be more usual but I remembered seeing the following game which seemed very interesting.

## 9...Bb4

9...d4 10.0-0-0 Bc5 11.Na4 and White retains the advantage.

## 10 0-0-0!?

Another odd looking move! White castles on the side where Black can crippled the pawn structure. I hoped that my attack on the kingside would compensate for the rather exposed nature of my own king.

## 10...Bxc3 11 bxc3 0-0

11...Qa5 is how the game which I vaguely remembered ran. It continued 12 exd5 exd5 13 Bc5 Qxc3 14 Bb5 Qa1+ 15 Kd2 Qf6 16 Rhe1+ Kd8 17 Bxc6 Qxc6 18 Be7+ Kc7 19 Qd4 when White had good compensation for the pawn in D. Shilin - V. Kozlak, Ukrainian Games 2007.

## 12 Bc5

12 c4 seemed too risky as it opens up his pieces

and removes one of the defenders to my king. I needed to start a quick assault on the kingside while keeping his queenside pieces, in particular the bishop on c8, offside.

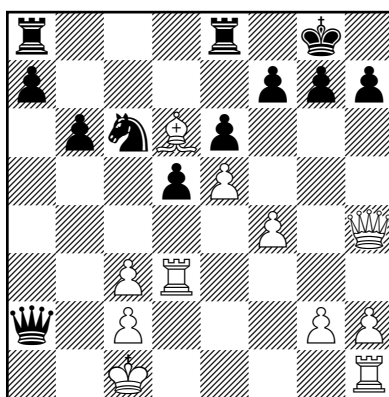
## 12...Re8 13 e5

Blocking in the bishop on c8 and opening the diagonal towards h7.

## 13...Qa5 14 Bd3 b6

Golod decides to swap off my strong d3 bishop. 14...Qxc3 15 Bxh7+!? (15 Kb1 could be a winning try) 15...Kxh7 16 Rd3 Qa1+ 17 Kd2 Qxh1 18 Qh4+ Kg8 19 Rg3 was as interesting line I looked at. White threatens perpetual with 20 Rxg7+ 19...Ne7 (If 19...g6 20.Bf2! threatening Rh3 looks scary for Black.) 20 Bxe7 Rxe7 21 Qxe7 also should be a draw 21...Bd7 22 Qf6 g6 23 Rxg6+ fxg6 24 Qxg6+=; 14...Qxa2 15 Bxh7+ (15 Kd2!?) 15...Kxh7 16 Rd3 Qa1+ 17 Kd2 is similar to 14...Qxc3

## 15 Bd6 Ba6 16 Qh4 Bxd3 17 Rxd3 Qxa2



Black's attack seems to have come through faster and indeed Fritz thinks Black is winning. However White has enough trumps to get a draw.

## 18 Rh3!

18 Rg3 g6 (18...Qa1+ 19.Kd2 Qxh1 20.Rxg7+=) 19 Rh3 h5 20 Qf6 Nd4! and Black's attack is coming through too fast.

## 18...h6 19 Rg3 Qa1+

Black takes the rook and thereby accepts the perpetual. I believe his most challenging try was 19...d4! (with the idea that 20.Qxh6? allows 20...Qa1+ 21.Kd2 Qxc3+!-+) when 20.Rxg7+! gives White an amusing draw after 20...Kxg7 21 Qf6+ Kg8 22 Qxh6 (the threat is Qg5+, Qh5+ draw) 22...Qa1+ 23 Kd2 Qxc3+ 24 Kd1 (24 Kc1? Qe3+ 25 Kb1 Qe4 and the queen has got back to cover.) 24...Ne7 bringing a piece back trying to block the checks. 25 Bxe7 Rxe7 26 Qg5+ Kf8 27 Qh6+ Ke8 (the only winning try) 28 Qh8+ Kd7 29 Qxa8 - back to equal rooks...29...Qa1+ 30 Ke2 Qxh1...well for one move! But now White has a different perpetual with 31 Qb7+ Kd8 (31...Ke8?? 32 Qc8#) 32 Qb8+ Kd7=]

## 20 Kd2 Qxh1 21 Qxh6 g6

Here I could not find any winning try and so took the draw with **22 Rxg6+** as Black cannot avoid the perpetual. 1/2-1/2

On the rare occasions that Gawain got to play weaker opposition he was also admirably ruthless:

## Gawain Jones (2522)

### - Oleg Orlov (2285)

**EICC Plovdiv 2008, Round 5 - Notes by Gawain Jones.**

At the Europeans I had a rather solid performance, 2 wins, 1 loss and 8 draws which is rather unlike me! My two wins both came in the Grand Prix Attack, an opening I know well and recently wrote a book on.

## 1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 a6!?

A slightly unusual second move. Black tries to expand on the queenside in the spirit of the O'Kelly Sicilian (1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 a6). The move actually works better here as White's most popular replies to the O'Kelly are 3.c3 and 3.c4.

## 3 f4

Committing to the Grand Prix Attack.

## 3...b5 4 g3

Black's expansion has stopped White using the normal squares b5 or c4 for his bishop and so instead I decided to fianchetto.

## 4...Bb7 5 Bg2 e6 6 d3 Nf6 7 Nf3 d5 8 e5 d4?!

A very tempting move but as the game shows perhaps it is not sound. Instead, my last round game went 8.Nfd7 and after 9.d4 the position resembles a French defence somewhat.

## 9 exf6 dxc3 10 0-0!?

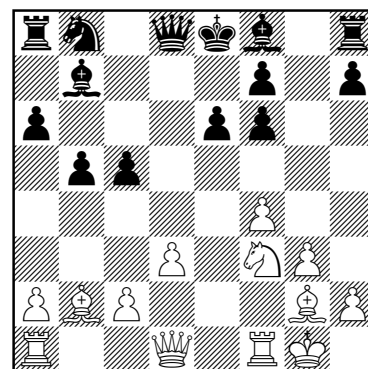
After a reasonably lengthy think I decided on this pawn sacrifice which has only be played once before as far as I can see. The most common move has been [10 fxg7 Bxg7 11 b3 as played in Kritz,L-Sarkar,J/Peabody USA 2007 which led to an unclear game.]

## 10...cxb2

If you're intent on winning the pawn 10...Qxf6 11 bxc3 Qxc3 might be best but I prefer White after either 12 Rb1 or (12 Bd2 Qf6 13 f5!).

## 11 Bxb2 gxf6

11...g6 12 f5! gxf5 13 Ng5 Bxg2 14 Qh5 is curtains for Black.



## 12 f5!

Opening up Black's king. His position is already very difficult. He will struggle to find safety for his king while he is also a long way behind in development.

## 12...e5 13 Nxe5! Bxg2 14 Ng4

The idea behind the previous move. Black will have to defend f6 and so White will be able to regain the piece.



### 14...Be7

14...Bxf1 15 Nxf6+ Ke7 16 Qe1+ Kd6 17 Be5+ Kc6 18 Qe4+ Kb6 19 Qxa8 leaves most of Black's army en-prise.

### 15 Re1

Another slight nuance. Again Black has to cope with the threat to f6 and so does not have time to defend his bishop.

### 15...Kf8

If 15...0-0 16 Rxe7! or 15...Bh3 16 Bxf6+-.

### 16 Qd2

The simple 16 Kxg2 also looks good while; 16 Rxe7! immediately is good for White.

### 16...h5

If 16...Bf3 then 17 Qh6+ Kg8 18 Bxf6 is mating.

### 17 Qxg2 Nd7 18 Rxe7!?

This forces many exchanges and leaves me a pawn up in the endgame.

### 18...Kxe7 19 Re1+ Kf8

If 19...Kd6, White has 20 Nxf6 Nxf6 21 Be5+ Kd7 22 Qb7+ winning.

### 20 Nxf6 Nxf6 21 Bxf6 Qxf6 22 Qxa8+ Kg7 23 Qf3

Black seems to have escaped the worst but is still a pawn down with a slightly exposed king and weak h5 pawn although the game should last longer than it does.

### 23...Qd4+ 24 Kg2 a5 25 Re4 Qb2 26 Kh3 Rh6?!

26...Qxc2 27 f6+ Kg6 28 Re5!+-; 26 ..Qf6 is essential but White should be winning after a move such as 27 a4.

### 27 Qe3!

Black cannot defend against both Qxc5 and Qg5+

### 27...Qxa2?!

27...Qf6 28 Qxc5 should be a simple win with the extra couple of pawns; 27...Qc3 is the most tenacious defence but also fails after 28 Qg5+ Kh7 29 Qe7 Kg7 (29...Rf6 30 Re5+-) 30 Re6!+-

### 28 Qg5+ Kh7 29 Re8 f6 30 Re7+ Kh8 31 Qg7# 1-0

The upshot was that Gawain finished on 6/11 with a very respectable rating gain of 9.8, whilst I slipped back to 50% and was left feeling that I had never before expended quite so much effort to gain a solitary, lonely rating point! Nonetheless, with the benefit of hindsight and acknowledging that in chess you are never too old to learn new things, I would say that the experience was hugely valuable for us both. Moreover a quick look through the results is enough to see that some very illustrious names took

a major drubbing in this highly competitive setting. I am left with the feeling that my result could have been a lot worse. It is also worth saying that the achievement of Sergei Tiviakov the 31st seed (playing under the Dutch flag these days) in winning the event outright was immense and spearheaded something of a welcome revival for the West Europeans compared with the experience in Dresden.

I certainly regard these championships as among the most important events of the year for me personally and will continue to put myself through the grind for as long as the chance represents itself. In this context we are very grateful to the ECF for supporting our participation in Plovdiv and particularly to Peter Sowray the (sadly outgoing) International Director whose help and encouragement in general and regarding this event in particular has been absolutely invaluable. I fervently hope that his successor will take a similarly positive attitude to encouraging English participation in these tournaments which offer an exceptional experience as well as the unique chance to qualify for further prestigious events at the world level.

# Junior News

## 2008 International Selections

**The English Chess Federation is proud to announce the children who will be representing England at the World, European Championships, Under 16 Olympiad and Glorney tournaments in 2008. Congratulations to all:**

### World Juniors

David Howell, Peter Constantinou, Sarah Hegarty

### World Youth Chess Championships

Matthew Wadsworth, Ravi Haria, Isaac Sanders, Radha Jain, Felix Ynojosa, Nicholas Clanchy, Abigail Pritchard, Yang-Fan Zhou, Saravanan Sathyanandha, Amisha Parmar, Jessica Thilaganathan, Callum Kilpatrick, Akash Jain, Chantal Sirisena, Thilagini Anandajayarajah, David Howell, Liam Rabbitte, Samuel Franklin

### European Youth Chess Championships

Anna Wang, Peter Andreev, Robert Fitzgerald, Maria Wang, Peter Williams, Danae Kokossis, Lateefah Messam-Sparks, Subin Sen, James Hanley, Daniel Hunt

### Under 16 Olympiad

Elliott Auckland, Callum Kilpatrick, Subin Sen, Felix Ynojosa, Yang-Fan Zhou

### Glorney Team Tournaments

#### Under 18

Daniel Hall, Thomas Pym, Kishan Lakhani, Mark Talbot, George Salimbeni, Martin Brown

#### Under 18 Girls

Hannah Dale, Sheila Dines, Angelica Ynojosa, Anjali Lakhani, Astghik Stepanyan, Evie Hollingworth

#### Under 14

Samuel Walker, Henrik Stepanyan, Joseph Quinn, Brandon Clarke, Richard Weaving, Dunstan Rodrigues

#### Under 12

Marcus Harvey, Henry Broadley, Eugene Daley, James Bowler, Conrad Green, Roy Zhang

## ECF U18s & U13s

### Inter Counties Tournament 2008

19 teams competed in the U18 & U13 Inter Counties Tournament held on 10th May at Heanor Gate Science College, Derbyshire.

The day was very enjoyable and we would hope to see even more counties taking part next year.

The standard of play, particularly on the top boards, was excellent and the U13s section was very closely contested, with only 1½ points separating the top 3 teams.

Thank you to the school for providing an excellent venue.

We are also very grateful to all those who helped on the day, especially David Welch & Bert Loomes, tournament controllers, and Harry Soar, Mayor of Heanor & Loscoe, who presented the prizes.

## Results



U18 Open

- 1st Kent
- 2nd Yorkshire
- 3rd Sussex



U18 Minor Counties

- 1st Norfolk A
- 2nd Nottinghamshire
- 3rd Derbyshire



U13

- 1st Sussex
- 2nd Yorkshire
- 3rd Nottinghamshire A



U13 Girls

- 1st Yorkshire
- 2nd Norfolk

## Junior Squad 2008

This was held on the IM Marsh Campus of John Moores University, Liverpool the usual weekend after Easter. Unfortunately, the very early Easter meant that many schools took their holidays in April and only had the Bank Holidays off (if that). As a result, numbers were down especially in the mini squad sections where we had 20 players as opposed to 51 last year. The U12s with 54 was only 11 down and the U16s was 12 down – both understandable in the circumstances. The venue proved successful and those who ventured outside did find that the cultural side of Liverpool is alive and well!!!

So, back to the chess. Both sections were closely fought and ended up in ties with younger players holding their own. In the U12s Pierre Weller, Peter Batchelor, George Fortune and Isaac Sanders came first equal. Of these four Pierre was the only U12 with Peter and George U11 and Isaac U10. In the U16s three players shared the title, Robert Maguire, Martin Brown and Jean-Luc Weller. Jean-Luc is U14 so took that trophy whilst George, Tom Clements and Richard Weaving shared second in the U14s. In the mini-squad sections Natalie Cass won the U10 section whilst the U8s was shared by Aloysius Lip and Adarsh Vani.

The event will hopefully be held here again next year on April 17th – 19th. Please make a note in your diaries and turn up in force.

## I.A.P.S. National Chess Championships 2008

Over the Easter holidays the 36th I.A.P.S. National Chess Championships were held at Aldro School and players from all over the country took part.



The competition was contested by children from 16 different schools with 52 strong players in the Championship section and another 50 or so players in the lower sections. The chess proved to be most enjoyable and all four sections were closely contested.



In addition to the chess we all had a great trip to Chessington World of Adventure and the boarding players had great fun on Monday evening with various competitions including table football, pool and table tennis. On Tuesday evening the five-a-side football was won for the second year running by Ridgeway School from Maidenhead.

The final afternoon was devoted to the simultaneous displays where the players



played against the adults. Andrew Martin and Alan Norris played the Championship players. Prizes were awarded to the best player in each of the simultaneous displays.



## Results

### I.A.P.S. National Champions

George Galliano from Millfield School in Somerset and Nicholas Clanchy from Dulwich College Prep School in London. Both players were outstanding over the three days winning 6 games and drawing against each other.

### Girls Champion

Gabby Connabeer from Arnold Lodge in Leamington Spa. Gabby has now won this competition twice and she scored 5.5 points in the Championship.

### U.11 Cup

Michael Blakey (Reigate St Mary's), Harvey Kandohla (Twickenham Prep), Edmond Lote (Ridgeway), and Daniel Sutton (Gt.Walstead) 5 points each.

### Section Winners

- A Jamie Cotta (Aldro) 6\6
- A. Elliott Boyes (Wellesley House) and Charlie Kidd (Aldro) 6\8
- B. Emily Rose (Arnold Lodge) 8\8

### Group Winners

- 1. Daniel Innes (Lanesborough) 6\6
- 2. George Rix (Aldro) 6\6
- 3. James Smith (Aldro) 6\6
- 4. Stephen Ellis (Ridgeway) and Gwilym Price(Aldro) 5\6

### Hodgson U.13 team Cup

- 1st Dulwich College Prep (I.A.P.S. National Champions)
- 2nd= Aldro
- 2nd= Twickenham Prep

### David Bull U.11 team Cup.

- 1st Twickenham Prep (I.A.P.S. National Champions)
- 2nd Dulwich College Prep.
- 3rd Aldro.

### Girls team competition (Gordon Hemmings Cup)

- 1st Arnold Lodge (I.A.P.S. National Champions)
- 2nd Wellesley House
- 3rd St.Teresa's

Congratulations to all the competitors who made it a most enjoyable three days for staff and players and many thanks to Mr. Andrew Martin (International Master) for presenting the prizes.

The Championships will be held at Aldro next year and any schools affiliated to I.A.P.S. will be welcome. Players need to be County standard to compete in the Championship and there will be several sections for less experienced players. Please contact me at Aldro School if you have any questions. (archerd@aldro.org )

*D.J.Archer I.A.P.S. Chess Co-ordinator*

## Midlands Junior Chess League

The inaugural event took place on Sunday 16th March 2008 at Malvern College. A superb venue provided by the college matched only by the standard of play. After the late withdrawal of Magdalen College School in Oxford, Cardiff stepped up to the plate and provided some stiff competition.

The first part of the tournament was a league format, all play all, with WJCA 1 and 2 finishing in 1st with 9 points and 2nd place with 8 points respectively and Cardiff finishing 3rd 1 point behind WJCA 2. The Final stages was split into two parts the Moore Dolan Championship – comprising of the top two teams in the league and the Plate competition which comprised Cardiff as the form team with Malvern College, WJCA 3 and the Alliance team. After some fierce battles, Cardiff won the Malvern College Plate competition and the WJCA first team edged past a difficult match against a 2nd team lacking nothing in bite and talent. Full details of the results are shown below.

Round 1:

Alliance 0–6 WJCA 1, Cardiff 3–3 WJCA 2,  
WJCA 3 2-4 Malvern College

Round 2:

Alliance 1-5 Cardiff, WJCA 1 6-0 WJCA 3,  
Malvern College 2-4 WJCA 2

Round 3:

Malvern College 4-2 Alliance, WJCA 2 5½-½ WJCA 3,  
Cardiff 1½-4½ WJCA 1

Round 4:

WJCA 2 3-3 WJCA 1, Cardiff 4-2 Malvern College, WJCA 3-3 Alliance

Round 5:

WJCA 3 0-6 Cardiff, Malvern College 1-5 WJCA 1, Alliance 1½-4½  
WJCA 2

Malvern College Plate Semi Final:

Cardiff 6-0 WJCA 3, Malvern College 4½-1½ Alliance

Malvern College Plate Final:

Cardiff 5-1 Malvern College

Moore Dolan Championship: WJCA 1 3½-2½ WJCA 2

| Place | Team Name       | Gms Won | Gms Drew | Gms Lost | Diff | Pts |
|-------|-----------------|---------|----------|----------|------|-----|
| 1     | WJCA 1          | 24      | 1        | 5        | 20   | 9   |
| 2     | WJCA 2          | 19      | 2        | 9        | 10   | 8   |
| 3     | Cardiff         | 19      | 1        | 10       | 9    | 7   |
| 4     | Malvern College | 13      | 0        | 17       | -4   | 4   |
| 5 =   | Alliance        | 4       | 3        | 23       | -19  | 1   |
| 5 =   | WJCA 3          | 4       | 3        | 23       | -19  | 1   |

The Midlands Junior Chess League Finals Day was a huge success and will be held again next year at Malvern College at approximately the same time of year although all is still to be confirmed. Anyone wishing to participate next year should contact Andrew Moore via e-mail at [info@wjca.org.uk](mailto:info@wjca.org.uk)

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# ***Fight to the finish at Braille Chess Association (BCA) Congress***

The Braille Chess Association (BCA) held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) Tournament at the Midland Hotel, Derby on 28-30 March. The Open Section produced its closest result for years, reflecting the highly competitive spirit of BCA chess. Five players tied for equal first with 3.5/5:

Colin Crouch (Harrow Weald, Middlesex) Tyson Mordue (Bristol)  
Chris Ross (Huntingdon) Peter Gibbs (Hinckley) Graham Lilley (St Helens)

Current BCA Champion, IM Colin Crouch, and his predecessor, Chris Ross, edged ahead on sum of progressive scores; Chris was awarded the trophy by a mere 0.25 of a Sonneborn-Berger point.

Tristram Cole (Sheffield), Steve Thacker (Nottingham) and Ian Blencowe (Gloucester) won grading prizes.

Phil Smith (Derby) was outright winner of the Minor (Under ECF 80) section with 4.5/5. Phil was followed closely by Orlando Sobers (Birmingham) and Jim Cuthbert (Sidcup) on 4/5. Grading prizes in the Minor went to Mark Hague (London), Lee Ryan (Northolt, Middlesex), Quinn Stenson (Ilkeston) and Thomas Keneally (Warwick). Quinn deserves a special mention; at only 10 years old and a newcomer to the BCA, he scored 2/5 against far more experienced opposition. Six-year-old Harmony Scott, in her first visit to a BCA tournament, played several informal games with much determination and has great potential.

The BCA would like to thank the staff at the Midland Hotel for their support over the weekend. The Midland has become one of our most popular venues.

The Braille Chess Association (registered charity 263049), welcomes enquiries from blind and partially sighted players who may benefit from the support and facilities it offers.

Contact Norman Wragg OBE (Secretary) 2 Chorley Avenue, Sheffield S10 3RP. Tel. 0114 230 5995, email: [n.wragg@braillechess.org.uk](mailto:n.wragg@braillechess.org.uk) or Stan Lovell (Publicity Officer) 28 Gosforth Avenue, Redcar TS10 3LL. Tel. 01642 775668, email: [stan.lovell@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:stan.lovell@tiscali.co.uk)



*Andrew Toothill presented Chris Ross with the trophy. (Chris won the Major section of the tournament jointly together with Colin Crouch, Peter Gibbs, Graham Lilley and Tyson Mordue, but Chris got the trophy on tie-break.) Photographs by Oliver Leonard*



*Two of the youngest members of the BCA, Harmony Scott (aged 6) and Quinn Stenson (aged 10), battled it out over the chess board on the Saturday evening*

## **Can you help?**

### **Dear Chess Friends,**

Blind players love chess. We meet sighted opponents on level terms - thanks to special boards, our opponents announcing moves and transferring our moves to their boards.

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In either case (or if you just want more info) we'd like to hear from you. Please contact Mark Kirkham, the audio librarian for the BCA, Tel: 0114 2304066, Email: [m.kirkham@braillechess.org.uk](mailto:m.kirkham@braillechess.org.uk)



*In the Minor section, the second grading prize was shared between three players: (L to R) Quinn Stenson, (Andrew Toothill, presenting the prizes), Thomas Keneally and Leigh Ryan*



# Stobb-Bland Trophy

12 April 2008

## Manchester Chess Federation v Lancaster, Morecambe & District Chess League

As Alan Hansen famously once said, 'You'll never win anything with kids'. He was proven very wrong in his statement and again history repeated itself, only this time in the unsung world of Chess. Manchester Chess Federation assigned John Reyes from Chorlton Chess Club the task of collating a team of players from all clubs within the federation – and a combination of youth and experience was seen as the way to achieve the goal.

Players from the Lancaster, Morecambe and District Chess League were the opponents in 5th annual Stobo-Bland Trophy match. Alan Stobo was a founding member of the Manchester Chess Federation and would have been proud too see his good work continued with a win by the Mancunians. The result was a more than convincing 21½ to 6½ to victory to the MCF against the defending champions from Lancaster and Morecambe District.

MCF league captain, John Reyes "I am more than happy that this match has shown the strength of the Junior players in the MCF and has helped to build bridges with our neighbours from Lancaster for the future of the game."



Above: Phil Seery (LMDCL captain) & John Reyes

Below: Winning Team - MCF



Two of the up and coming female Juniors of the MCF – Jade Stirrup (3 C's Oldham) & Isobel Cotogni (Worsley)

| BOARD  | NAME        | Ref No  | GRADE | SCORE | NAME          | Ref No  | GRADE | SCORE |          |
|--|-------------|---------|-------|-------|---------------|---------|-------|-------|----------|
| 1  | P Kane      | 271051B | 173   | 2     | J P Lyth      | 114718D | 166   | 0     |          |
| 2  | C V Murray  | 115994L | 149   | 0     | A E Fawcett   | 110481A | 156   | 2     |          |
| 3  | M B Pollard | 117260J | 127   | 2     | S Parker      | 263623C | 103   | 0     |          |
| 4  | S Jones     | 245941G | 80    | 2     | P R Jackson   | 246658C | 86    | 0     |          |
| 5  | J Reyes     | -       | UG    | 2     | B D Bourn     | 163621C | 58    | 0     | Standard |
| Match (LMDCL had white on odd) (Win count as 2pts) |             |         |       |       |               |         |       |       |          |
| 1  | P Armstrong | 256709L | 149   | 0     | P T Seery     | 118673F | 154   | 1     |          |
| 2  | A Sainsbury | 245516L | UG    | ½     | P N Thurston  | 124068H | 135   | ½     |          |
| 3  | P J Olbison | 185941K | 141   | 1     | P A Horman    | 245804E | 99    | 0     |          |
| 4  | M R Burke   | 259332E | 144   | 1     | N Jameson     | 268009K | 93    | 0     |          |
| 5  | C Chadwick  | 263308F | 114   | 1     | J Widdup      | 263419D | 62    | 0     |          |
| 6  | J Stirrup   | 253306G | 97    | 0     | D Mclellan    | -       | UG    | 1     |          |
| 7  | I Cotogni   | 263721C | 72    | 1     | M Elliot      | -       | 55    | 0     |          |
| 8  | A Luo       | -       | UG    | 1     | P J Sanderson | 223128B | 34    | 0     |          |
| 9  | P Gerlagh   | 268026K | 74    | 1     | N Metcalfe    | 154823C | UG    | 0     |          |
| 1st Round Rapidplay (MCF had White)                |             |         |       |       |               |         |       |       |          |
| 1  | A Sainsbury | 245516L | UG    | 0     | P T Seery     | 118673F | 154   | 1     |          |
| 2  | P Armstrong | 256709L | 149   | ½     | P N Thurston  | 124068H | 135   | ½     |          |
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| 8  | P Gerlagh   | 268026K | 74    | 1     | P J Sanderson | 223128B | 34    | 0     |          |
| 9  | I Cotogni   | 263721C | 72    | ½     | N Metcalfe    | 154823C | UG    | ½     |          |
| 2nd Round Rapidplay (LMDCL had White)              |             |         |       |       |               |         |       |       |          |
| Total  |             |         |       | 21½   | Total         |         |       |       | 6½       |



# Littlewood's Choice

It is only right to have the occasional game by a British player. Only a few of them play at the top level but they can still produce some excellent games. Here's one by Tony Kosten playing in the successful Four Nations Chess League.

□ A Kosten  
■ L D'Costa

**1 c4 e5 2 g3 Nf6 3 Bg2 h6**

To play such a defensive move at this early stage hardly seems right. Black should develop his pieces before committing himself to a pawn move he may not need.

**4 Nc3 Bb4 5 e4 Bxc3 6 bxc3 0-0 7 Ne2 d6 8 0-0 Nc6**

Now, in contrast to Black's third move, White produces a thematic pawn move denying Black access to g4

**9 h3 Nh7**

Yet another bizarre idea, since Black can hardly be planning the weakening ...f5 at such an early stage before his pieces are developed.

**10 d3 Rb8**

After 10...f5 White could play 11 exf5 Bxf5 12 g4 followed by 13 Ng3

**11 f4**

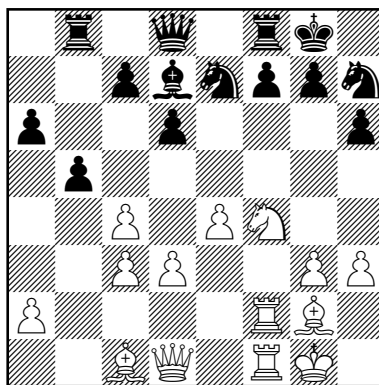
White produces his first committal move in order to answer 11...f5 with 12exf5 Bxf5 13 g4 followed by 14 f5! with excellent control of the white squares. **exf4**

**12 Nxf4**

12 gxf4 would allow 12...f5! giving Black reasonable defensive chances. **Ne7** Surely 12...Ne5! was called for, giving his knight more scope. Black's passive approach to this game quickly allows Kosten to develop a strong initiative.

**13 Rb1 Bd7 14 Rb2 a6 15 Rbf2!**

Now all White's pieces are ready for action and, with great pressure down the 'f' file and two bishops, he has a winning position already **b5**



Black finally reacts but in fact it only helps

White's plans

**16 c5! Bc6**

Or 16...dxc5 17 Be3! and White will soon dominate the black squares.

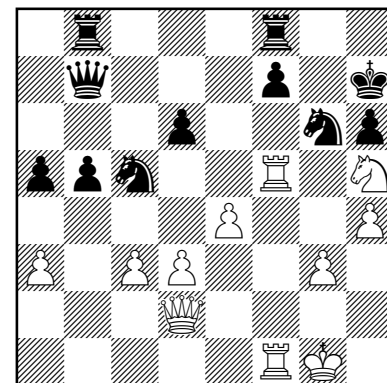
**17 cxd6 cxd6 18 Qb3 Qd7 19 Be3 a5 20 a3 Ng5 21 h4 Ne6 22 Nh5!**

White is now totally in command and ready to begin the final assault with the immediate threat of 23 Bxh6

**Qb7 23 Bh3**

Also very strong and thematic is the immediate 23 Rxf7! Rxf7 24 Qxe6 Fr8 25 Nxg7! with a winning attack but Kosten has another attractive finish in store.

**Bd7 24 Qd1! Ng6 25 Bf5! Nc5 26 Bxh6! gxh6 27 Qd2 Bxf5 28 Rxf5 Kh7**



**29 Nf6+ Kg7 30 Qxh6+! 1-0**

and Kosten mates in two moves.

## OBITUARY: VICTOR JOHN DUNLEAVY

John Dunleavy, a highly influential figure in the chess world, died peacefully on Thursday 10th April at St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester, at the age of 79.

He had caught the chess bug as a small boy, and it never left him. He retired to Kingsbridge in 1990 and soon got involved in the Devon County Chess Association. In June 1996, he was elected as Devon's delegate to the West of England Chess Union, and as Devon's delegate to BCF Council. The following year, he was elected the Union's delegate to the British Chess Federation, which gave him a seat on the BCF Management Board, where he became an influential figure, particularly so in recent years as the Federation underwent a somewhat turbulent metamorphosis into the English Chess Federation, firstly as Chairman of the old BCF's Constitution Committee from October 2004, and latterly as the first Chairman of the new ECF's Governance Committee.

He was born in Southampton on 15th March 1929 and attended Taunton's Grammar School, Southampton. Much of his career was spent at International Computers Ltd. where he rose through the ranks to become Head of Personnel.

In retirement John had been Devon's Competitions Secretary and ran the prestigious Paignton Congress for several years. In collaboration with two colleagues, Ivor Annetts and Geoff Jenkins, he drafted a new DCCA constitution, which was gratefully adopted by the Association in 1996.

In 2000, in cooperation with Gerry Walsh, he was instrumental in securing funding from the Harry Golombek estate to run a

special grandmaster tournament alongside the main congress, which took place in the Mayor's Parlour of Oldway Mansion. This commemorated both the life and work of Golombek and the Paignton Congress's 40th year. Under John's leadership no detail was too small to escape his attention, his agendas for the Planning Committee meetings often containing over 60 separate items.

It was characteristic of him that he liked to be at the heart of activities, driving things forward, while never wishing to be in the spotlight himself. He liked to bring recognition to the work of others while shying away from any plaudits for his own considerable achievements. Nevertheless, in 2007 his innate modesty was over-ruled, and he was awarded an honorary Life Vice Presidency by the D.C.C.A., the W.E.C.U. and the E.C.F. last year in recognition of his great service at county, union and national level.

Perhaps sensing a creeping ill-health was reaching more serious proportions, he moved back to his home area last year, to be nearer his wider family, though he always intended to maintain his west country links as long as possible. He is survived by his wife, Joan, and two sons, Alastair and Malcolm.

Funeral arrangements will be a strictly private affair. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made, if wished, to the John Robinson Youth Chess Trust via the ECF. These could be (should be) made gift-aided, and the appropriate gift aid forms may be downloaded from the ECF website [www.englishchess.org.uk/junior/jrtrust-gift-aid.pdf](http://www.englishchess.org.uk/junior/jrtrust-gift-aid.pdf)

R H Jones

# Book Reviews

by Gary Lane

## American Grandmaster

by Joel Benjamin published by Everyman £14.99

This is a tale of a child prodigy who rose through the ranks to become a professional player and winner of the national championship. It could well be a book by English grandmaster Julian Hodgson because they share a similar upbringing. The difference is that Julian ended his chess career prematurely to take up chess teaching but Joel has continued to play. This means we are treated to amusing anecdotes on fellow players and how top players earn their living. The most interesting chapter is probably an inside account on the 1997 Garry-Kasparov-Deep Blue match when a computer beat a reigning world champion in a match. It caused a sensation and Benjamin reveals what really happened behind the scenes. He has good things to say about just about everyone but makes a big exception for the Russian writer and trainer Mark Dvoretsky. Joel turned down coaching sessions with him in favour of Korchnoi and Dvoretsky apparently "...retaliated years later with a libellous interview in the short lived *American Chess Journal*." It seems that a line such as "Benjamin is not a strong player in the European sense" still annoys him and he concludes expertly with the remark "Many players are enthralled with his books, but in my book, Dvoretsky has no class." Benjamin is regarded as a gentleman on the chess circuit and here is a chance to understand what motives a top grandmaster, with an easy to read style suitable for players of all levels. A superb book, which is entertaining and a real insight to top level chess.

## Sicilian Grand Prix Attack – Starting Out

by Gawain Jones published by Everyman £14.99

There will be some people who read with interest the highly recommended "Survival Guide for Chess Parents" by Tanya Jones and wondered whatever happened to little Gawain who she was ferrying to tournaments and fretting about missing his homework. Well, the good news is that he is one of England's finest grandmasters and a great debut writer. This introduction to the Grand Prix Attack is well written and having trounced Van Wely last year in only 25 moves he is well equipped to write passionately about the subject. Of course, it would be great if such a talent only concentrated on chess but with no sponsor in sight there is a need for our top players to write in order to earn regular income. Essential reading for anyone who wants to play the Grand Prix Attack and win.

## How to Play Chess Endgames

By Karsten Muller & Wolfgang Pajeken published by Gambit £18.99

I think if you buy this via the internet to learn the basics then ask for your money back. This heavyweight tome is for people who can checkmate with knight and bishop versus king in less than five minutes. Yes, it is for top tournament players who want to hone their endgame skills. The idea is to live up to the sub-title "a comprehensive guide to endgame strategy" by trying to inform the reader how to handle difficult endgame positions. There are plenty of interesting snippets of games with carefully thought out comments. The only snag for improving players is that there are lots of positions where 10 moves are given with absolutely no commentary. Perhaps it is all obvious to top class players but surely not to everyone. A real boost for experts on the endings.

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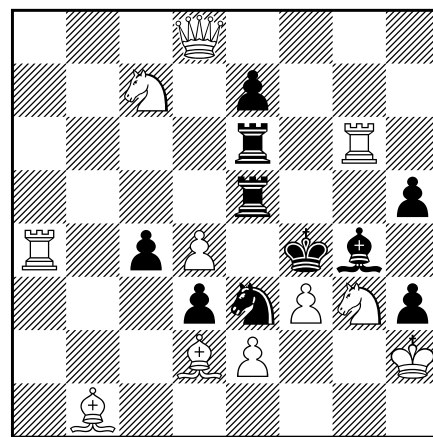
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# Results Round-Up

## KJCA Dulwich Junior

### Rapidplay

9 March 2008

Total Prize Fund: £255. Total Entries: 140

**Under 18:** Robert Maguire, Beckenham & Bromley CC, 117, 4½; Yari Voropayev, Dulwich, 151, 4; William Jones, Lewisham CC, 154, 3; Peter Andreev, Dulwich, 93, 3

**Under 14:** Victor Jones, Lewisham CC, 153, 4½; Barnaby Paul, Billingshurst, 96, 4½; Jasdeep Gahir, Lewisham CC, 106, 4; Duncan Bell, Beckenham & Bromley CC, 82, 4; Jonathan Burch, Guildford CC, 76, 4; Baven Balendran, Beckenham & Bromley CC, 86, 3½; Gautham Reddiar, Orpington, 66, 3½; Elliot Briery, Kensington, 38, 3½

**Under 11:** Ravi Patel, Walsall CC, 91, 6; Raunak Rao, Beckenham, 66, 5; Rohan Bansal, Dulwich, 37, 5; Raphael Kalid, Anerley, 58, 4½; Patrick Smith, Westerham CC, 31, 4½; Shyam Kalairajah, Chislehurst, 27, 4½

**Under 9:** Conor Murphy, Bexley, 13, 6; Hector Huser, Balham, 22, 5; Alexander Selway, Bromley, 15, 5; Thomas Morton, Hayes, 10, 5; James Meredith, Dulwich, 0, 5; Malcolm Briery, Kensington, 5; Daniel Webster, Streatham, 12, 4; Daniel Heraghty, Dulwich, 5, 4; John James Daley, Dulwich, 2, 4; Oscar Baker, Dulwich, 1, 4; Joe Saddler, Snodland CC, 0, 4; Ianto Jones, Dulwich, 0, 4; James Leacy, Chipstead, 0, 4; Vittorio Codogno, Chislehurst, 0, 4; Jack Dulieu, Chislehurst, 0, 4; Alexander Main, Herne Hill, 4; Harry Carter-Gibbon, Dulwich, 4

## Southend Easter Congress - Jack Speigel Memorial

20-24 March 2008

David WL Howell, 2528, 6; Peter K Wells, 2520, 4½; Lawrence Trent, 2463, 4; Mark L Hebden, 2530, 3½; H James Plaskett, 2490, 3½; Neil McDonald, 2386, 3½; John M Emms, 2502, 2½; Chris G Ward, 2440, ½

## Surrey Easter Congress

21-24 March 2008

280 players participated, including a junior event on one day, and £2,300 was awarded for the following results:

**Open:** Graeme Buckley, 6.5/7; Eddie Dearing, 6/7; Alexander Cherniaev, 5/7; Jovica Radovanovic, 5/7; Yang-Fan Zhou, 5/7

**Major (U160):** Victor Jones, 6½/7; Michael Price, 5/7; Steven Hampton, 5/7

**Intermediate (U120):** Jasper Tambini, 6/7; John Rayner, 6/7; David Gudmundson, 5/7; Yang-Fan Zhou, SCCA U18 Champion; Samuel Franklin, SCCA U16 Champion; Daniel Hunt, SCCA U14 Champion

**Challengers (U140):** James Porter, 4/5; James Worthen, 4/5; Peter Buckley, 3½/5

**Minor (U100):** Christopher Dunne, 4½/5; Matthew Wadsworth, 4/5; Peter Saunders, 4/5; Joshua Cavendish, 4/5

**Rapidplay (U100):** Ian Mason, 4½/5; Christopher Dunne, 4/5; Alexander Jelcic, 3½/5; Sam Porter, 3½/5 U80 Grading Prize

The junior event was held on 24th March alongside the rapidplay and the last round of the Open, Major and Intermediate. **U7:** Ananth Vijayakumar (Burlington School); **U8:** Victoria Sit (Old Palace School); **U9:** Aloyius Lip (Hallfield School); **U10:** Jonathan Eales (St Dunstan's); **U11:** Alicia Mason (Surbiton High); **U12:** Jack Scanlon (RGS Guildford)

## 76th Richmond Rapidplay 30 March 2008

92 players took part and £700 was awarded for the following results:

**Open:** 1st James Sherwin, 5/6; 2nd Graeme Buckley, 4½/6; U180 GP Tserenbat Lozvoi, 3½/6

**Major (U160):** 1st = Christopher Clegg, 4½/6; Peter Morton, 4½/6; U140 GP = Anand Krishnan, 4/6; Mark Webley, 4/6

**Intermediate (U120):** 1st Jasper Tambini, 5/6; 2nd = Greg Breed, 4½/6; Geoff Hermes, 4½/6; Ben Silverstein, 4½/6; U100 GP Barnaby Paul, 4/6

**Minor (U80):** 1st = Alexander Cross, 5/6; Alexander Gordon-Brown, 5/6; Luke Pettit, 5/6; 4th Edward Ko, 4½/6; 5th = Delroy Bennett, 4/6; Justin Brown, 4/6; Michael Pettit, 4/6; Rustico Pineda, 4/6

## KJCA Megafinal Qualifier 6 April 2008

**Section A:** Victor Jones, Lewisham CC, 153, 6½; Robert Maguire, Beckenham & Bromley CC, 117, 6; James C. Foster, Beckenham & Bromley CC, 154, 4½; Sheila Dines, Sanderstead, 143, 4½; Gautham Reddiar, Orpington, 66, 4½

**Section B:** William Jones, Lewisham CC, 154, 7; Charles Davies, Crowborough CC, 78, 5½; Abigail Sathyamurthy, Herne Bay CC, 51, 5½; Rohan Bansal, Dulwich, 37, 4½; Oscar Baker, Dulwich, 1, 4½; Callum Drage, Colchester, 4½; Harry Carter-Gibbon, Dulwich, 4½

**Section C:** Sheila Subbiah, Chislehurst, 54, 5½; Mano Sathyamurthy, Herne Bay CC, 32, 5½; James Bradbrook, Swanley, 32, 5; Dayo Oguniola, Weald of Kent CC, 24, 4; Katherine Brown, Beckenham & Bromley CC, 0, 4; Zubin Roy, Dulwich, 4; Alexander Main, Herne Hill, 4; Malcolm Briery, Kensington, 4; Connor Malone, Bromley, 4; Charlie Bassi, Dulwich, 4

**Section D:** Raphael Kalid, Anerley, 58, 7; Elliott Briery, Kensington, 38, 6; Nikhil Math, Bickley, 38, 5; Yang-Jian Zhou, Croydon, 27, 5; Conor Murphy, Bexley, 13, 5; Pierre Thomas, Kensington, 0, 5

## Maurice Brown Rapidplay 6 April 2008

**Major:** S Burke, Ashfield & Breadsall, 155, 4.5; S Milson, Louth, 125, 4.5; D Patrick, Courier, Halifax, 142, 4; S Crow, Beverley, 133, 4; A Bettley, St Andrews, Hull, 146, 3.5; D Hartley, Chesterfield, 123, 3.5; R Clegg, Huddersfield, 135, 3.5

**Intermediate:** M Shelmerdine, Wakefield, 100, 4.5; F Ai, Phoenix, Sheffield, 115 E, 4.5; JG Jackson, Hull, 113, 4; A Holloway, Wakefield, 97, 3.5; RM Hara, Walkington, 106, 3.5; R Salvador, 115, 3.5

**Minor:** M Matla, Scarborough, UG, 5; G Matla, Scarborough, UG, 4.5; S Thrower, Hull, 87, 4.5; A Saldanha, Hull, UG, 4; M Kirkley, Gambit, Nottingham, UG, 4; A Milson (J), Louth, 47, 4; NC Clayton, St Andrews, Hull, 90, 4

## KJCA Tonbridge Junior Rapidplay

12 April 2008

Total Prize Fund: £415. Total Entries: 75.

**Under 18 & Under 16:** Anthony Gregory, Maidstone CC, 158, 4; William Jones, Lewisham CC, 154, 3½; Michael Turner, Maidstone CC, 103, 3½; Sheila Dines, Sanderstead, 143, 3

**Under 14:** Victor Jones, Lewisham CC, 153, 5; Barnaby Paul, Billingshurst, 96, 4; Gautham Reddiar, Orpington, 66, 4; Jasdeep Gahir, Lewisham CC, 106, 3; Rohan Shiatis, Coulsdon CC, 62, 3; Benedict Rodrigues, Lewisham CC, 48, 3

**Under 12:** Baven Balendran, Beckenham & Bromley CC, 86, 5½; Raphael Kalid, Anerley, 58, 5; Justin Brown, Beckenham & Bromley CC, 51, 4½

**Under 10:** Hector Huser, Balham, 22, 6; James Wagstaff-Hall, Sidcup, 23, 5; Helen Mazalon, Ashted CC, 19, 4½

**Under 8:** Alexander Selway, Bromley, 15, 6; James Meredith, Dulwich, 0, 5; John-James Daley, Dulwich, 2, 4; Zara Hussain, Westerham CC, 0, 4



## York Railway Museum Chess Event

13 April 2008

The York and District under 18 championships were held on Sunday 13th April at the National Railway Museum.

**Open Championship:** 1st Aref Vasli, Sheffield; 2nd Jean Luc Weller, York (York Champion); 3rd Pierre Weller, York; 4th James Bowler, Churwell Leeds; 5th Samuel Milson, Lincoln

**Training Section:** 1st Jennifer Neil, Chorley; 2nd Daniel Manton, Oldham; 3rd Jamie Carlton

Training was provided by various ECF coaches - Peter Cloudsdale, Norman Stephenson, Sabrina Chevannes WIM and assisted by Julian Taylor, Mike Butt, Jeremy Hamm, and David Mills.

At the event the English Bridge Union, and various Mind Sports were represented.

## CSSC Eastern Region, Northern Zone

21 April 2008

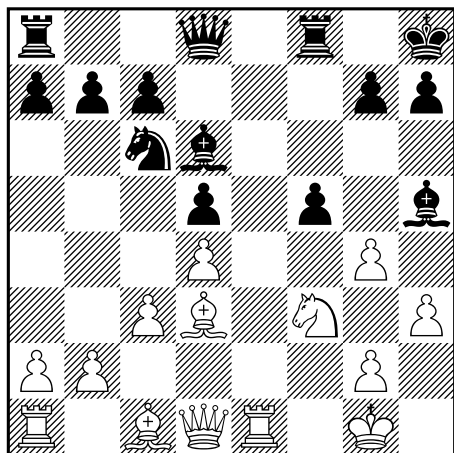
1st Andrew Brocklehurst 170, 2½/3; 2nd Francis Bowers 145, 2/3; 3rd Graham Lawrence 134, 1/3; 4th Mark Ashkettle 121, ½/3

# Game

## Warrington & District Chess League

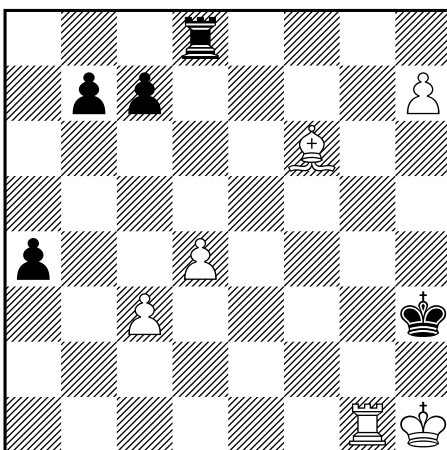
John Littlewood (2040) – Mark Talbot (1760)

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4 d5 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.0-0 Bg4!?**  
**8.Re1 Be7 9.c3** My opening bluff has worked. White has played passively with 9.c3 rather than 9.c4 **9...f5 10.Nbd2 0-0 11.Nf1 Kh8 12.h3 Bh5 13.Ng3 Nxg3** [13...Nxf2? 14.Kxf2 Bh4 15.Bf4 g5 Was suggested by John after the game. 16.Kg1 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 gxf4 18.Qxf4 Bxg3 19.Qxg3 f4 Looks much better for white.] **14.fxg3 Bd6** White has an edge, but only a very small one - probably not enough to win if black plays well **15.g4?!**



Very risky for both sides and complicated [15.Bf4 Bxf4 16.gxf4 Qd6 17.Qd2 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Black is able to wreck the white pawn structure.] **15...fxg4=/+ 16.Ng5 Bg3! 17.Rf1 Rxf1+ 18.Bxf1?+ White had to recapture with the queen - and fight very hard! 18...Qf6! 19.Be3 Re8 20.Qd2 h6?** [20...Rxe3 21.Qxe3 Bf4 And the pieces is probably stronger than the rook but I thought I would win a piece for nothing

with ...h6] **21.hxg4 Bxg4 22.Nh3 Bxh3 23.gxh3 Qf3 24.Bxh6** Desperation from white. Critical Position [24.Bf2 ] **24...Re6??** Falling for the bluff. For some reason I didn't properly analyse capturing the bishop. The turning point. [24...gxh6 25.Qxh6+ Kg8 26.Qg6+ Kf8 27.Qh6+ Ke7 28.Qg7+ And Nigel Davies who beat the St Helens board 1 said that when black re-groups his knight black will be winning no problem] **25.Bg2 Qe2 26.Qxe2 Rxe2 27.Bg5 Rxb2** I could see that I messed up the game and was worse at this point so offered a draw. **28.Bxd5 Bh2+ 29.Kh1 Bd6 30.Re1 Kh7 31.h4 Kg6 32.Be4+ Kf7? 33.Rf1+ Ke8 34.Bg6+ Kd7 35.Rf7+ Ne7 36.Bf5+ Ke8 37.Be6 g6 38.Rh7 Nf5 39.Rh8+! Bf8 40.Bxf5 gxf5 41.Bh6 Kf7 42.Rxf8+ Kg6 43.Bg5 Rxa2 44.Rf6+ Kh5 45.Rxf5 Kg4 46.Re5 a5 47.Bd8 Kg3 48.Rg5+ Kh3 49.h5 a4 50.h6 Re2 51.h7 Re1+ 52.Rg1 Re8 53.Bf6**



I resigned. My thoughts of the game: Very exciting and very enjoyable to play. The opening was a success and looks very promising, especially as it was the first time I have ever played 7...Bg4 In addition, I spent a lot of time preparing for Roger Williamson, who played board 3, so didn't have any prep' done for John. **1-0**

## English Chess Federation Grand Prix 2007/8

Leader Boards 9 May 2008

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

### Junior Prix

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| 1  | Jones, Victor GL, Kent Junior Congresses .....              | 697 |
| 2  | Clanchy, Nicholas, Kent Junior Congresses.....              | 602 |
| 3  | Jain, Radha, Pinner.....                                    | 602 |
| 4  | Jones, William EG, Kent Junior Congresses .....             | 595 |
| 5  | Sanders, Isaac B, Highgate School .....                     | 595 |
| 6  | Harvey, Marcus R, Bicester RHS.....                         | 591 |
| 7  | Fitzgerald, Robert C, Sussex Junior .....                   | 590 |
| 8  | Haria, Ravi, Barnet Knights .....                           | 577 |
| 9  | Sathyanandha, Saravanan, Haberdashers Askes Sch Herts ..... | 575 |
| 10 | Davison, Chris, Cambridge City.....                         | 572 |

### Graded Prix (150-174)

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| 1  | Evans, Paul A, AXA Lytham.....                  | 605 |
| 2  | Hjort, Helge, Hendon.....                       | 585 |
| 3  | Bryant, Richard BE, Oswestry.....               | 551 |
| 4  | Almond, Richard J, Hastings & St Leonards ..... | 530 |
| 5  | Cutmore, David A, Wood Green.....               | 521 |
| 6  | Gamble, Raymond J, Spondon .....                | 503 |
| 7  | Cutmore, Martin J, Wood Green .....             | 473 |
| 8  | Mitchell, Stephen R, Slough .....               | 453 |
| 9  | Ponter, Ian P, Downend & Fishponds.....         | 448 |
| 10 | Armstrong, Malcolm J, Stafford .....            | 440 |

### Graded Prix (125-149)

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|----|---|-----|
| 1  | Desmedt, Richard E, Netherton.....          | 622 |
| 2  | Goodfellow, Russell R, Tunbridge Wells..... | 598 |
| 3  | O'Gorman, Brendan, DHSS .....               | 577 |
| 4  | Clegg, Robert, Huddersfield.....            | 559 |
| 5  | Connor, Michael I, Great Lever .....        | 524 |
| 6  | Waldock, Adrian DP, Guildford .....         | 516 |
| 7  | Papier, Alan, Bristol & Clifton.....        | 511 |
| 8  | Price, Andrew, Leamington .....             | 497 |
| 9  | Chen, Ti, Oxford University .....           | 496 |
| 10 | Combie, Alex B, Newark & Southwell .....    | 492 |

### Graded Prix (100-124)

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| 1  | Boustred, Noel J, Gosforth .....          | 556 |
| 2  | Walker, Roger W, Belper .....             | 551 |
| 3  | Gartside, Carl, High Peak.....            | 541 |
| 4  | Barnell, Terry E, London E* .....         | 525 |
| 5  | Allen, Timothy S, Battersea .....         | 522 |
| 6  | Farthing, Andrew P, Worcester .....       | 521 |
| 7  | Jones, Laurence AG, Lewisham .....        | 517 |
| 8  | Moreland, Finlay W, Hon Members LCCL..... | 485 |
| 9  | Buckell, David J, Pendle.....             | 483 |
| 10 | Robson, Owen, York RL.....                | 467 |

### Graded Prix (U100)

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| 1  | Foley, Phil T, Upminster.....               | 635 |
| 2  | Fraser, Alan R, Beckenham & Bromley .....   | 555 |
| 3  | Miles, Barry S, Middlesex CCA.....          | 548 |
| 4  | Jain, Dinesh, Pinner .....                  | 508 |
| 5  | Everitt, David, Haywards Heath .....        | 494 |
| 6  | Stone, Mark R, Petts Wood & Orpington ..... | 480 |
| 7  | Robson, Caroline J, Barnet Elizabeth .....  | 480 |
| 8  | Scorer, David M, Pendle.....                | 458 |
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\* denotes English Chess Federation Grand Prix @ denotes FIDE Rated Event # denotes British Championship Qualifying Tournament ~ denotes ECF Graded Event

~\*# 30 May - 1 Jun

## HARTLEPOOL FESTIVAL WEEKEND CONGRESS

Hillcarter Hotel, Hartlepool.  
G Marshall (Tel: 01429 426374,  
Email: grahammarshall2000@hotmail.com)

~\* 31 May - 1 Jun

## OXFORD UNIVERSITY CONGRESS

Exeter College, Turl Street.  
M Zhang (Tel: 0796 0625 860  
Email: marco.zhang@gmail.com)

~ 1 Jun

## HUDDERSFIELD RAPIDPLAY

Ukrainian Club.  
N Hepworth (Tel: 07903 548675  
Email: rapidplay2008@  
huddersfieldchessclub.co.uk)

~\* 1 Jun

## KJCA SUTTON VALENCE JUNIOR RAPIDPLAY

Sutton Valence School, North Street.  
Sue Maguire (Tel: 020 8656 6420,  
Email: sue.maguire@btinternet.com)

~\* 6-8 Jun

## 12th SOUTH LAKES OPEN CONGRESS,

Cumbria Grand Hotel, Grange-Over-Sands.  
T Blower (Tel: 01229 472100,  
Email: trevor.blower@tesco.net)

~ 7 Jun

## CCF CHAMPIONS' LEAGUE CHESS FINALS,

Coulsdon.  
H Curtis & S Freeman  
(Tel: 020 8645 0302,  
Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

~\* 7 Jun

## GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY,

St Alban's Church Hall, NW11 7QG.  
Adam Raoof (Tel: 07855 036537,  
Email: adamraoof@yahoo.com)

7 Jun

## SJC TRAINING DAY & U7 CLOSED TOURNAMENT,

Fonthill Lodge, East Grinstead.  
Margaret Burch (Tel: 01483 534061,  
Email: ammjiburch@hotmail.com)

~\* 8 Jun

## LEEK RAPIDPLAY CONGRESS,

St Edward's CE(A) Junior High School,  
Westwood Road.  
R Milner (Tel: 01782 550112)

~\* 13-15 Jun

## 7th YEOVIL SUMMER CONGRESS,

Parcroft School, Linden Road.  
J Rudd (Tel: 07973 887123,  
Email: jackkelshallrudd@aol.com)

~\*# 14-15 Jun

## EACU CONGRESS,

Turner Hall, Newmarket.  
R Freeman  
(Tel: 01908 234014,  
Email: richard@fcasolutions.co.uk)

~ 21-22 Jun

## HEYWOOD CONGRESS,

Civic Centre, Wood Street.  
W O'Rourke  
(Tel: 01706 627874,  
Email: worchessnu1@ntlworld.com)

27-29 Jun

## 11th HAWICK CONGRESS,

Town Hall, High Street.  
A Armstrong (Tel: 01450 374423,  
Email: bazy96@aol.com)

~ 28 Jun

## ALL ENGLAND GIRLS' GOLD FINALS,

Nottingham.  
Claire Summerscale  
(Tel: 020 8874 0135,  
Email: chessuk@btinternet.com)

~ 28 Jun

## CCF ENGLISH CHESS CHALLENGE FINALS,

Coulsdon.  
H Curtis & S Freeman  
(Tel: 020 8645 0302,  
Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

~ 28-29 Jun

## 4NCL SUMMER TEAM RAPIDPLAY,

Harben House, Newport Pagnell.  
M Truran (Tel: 01993 708645,  
Email: mike@mtruran.fsnet.co.uk)

~\* 28-29 Jun

## CHESTER CONGRESS,

Cheshire View, Christleton.  
J McPhillips (Tel: 01829 770762,  
Email: J.McPhillips@btinternet.com)

~\* 28-29 Jun

## POTTERS BAR CONGRESS,

Potters Bar United Reformed Church,  
Darkes Lane.  
Tony Corfe (Tel: 01707 659080,  
Email: tony@tcs-chess.demon.co.uk)

~\* 29 Jun

## KJCA GRAND PRIX FINAL,

Kemnal College, St. Paul's Cray.  
Sue Maguire (Tel: 020 8656 6420,  
Email: sue.maguire@btinternet.com)

~ 4-6 Jul

## MANCHESTER SUMMER CONGRESS,

Allen Hall, Fallowfield.  
H Lamb (Tel: 01204 63374)

~\* 5 Jul

## CCF RAPIDPLAY,

Coulsdon.  
H Curtis & S Freeman  
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Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

~ 5 Jul

## COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS - FINAL

5-6 Jul  
**UK CHESS CHALLENGE NORTHERN GIGAFINAL,**  
Manchester University.  
M Basman (Tel: 07715 041320,  
Email: ukchesschallenge@aol.com)

~\* 5-6 Jul

## 3rd WEALD CONGRESS,

Copthorne Prep School, Crawley.  
T Norton (Tel: 01342 842700,  
Email: trevor.norton@tiscali.co.uk)

5-11 Jul

## SCOTTISH SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (OPEN) & U1500 CHAMPIONSHIP,

Glasgow Academy.  
A McFarlane  
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Email: ScottishChamps@ChessScotland.com)

@ 5-13 Jul

## SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP & INTERNATIONAL OPEN,

Glasgow Academy.  
A McFarlane  
(Tel: 01698 817155,  
Email: ScottishChamps@ChessScotland.com)

~ 6 Jul

## NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS - FINAL

~\* 6 Jul

## WALSALL KIPPING RAPIDPLAY

The Sports Hall, King Edward VI School, Lichfield.  
D Anderton  
(Tel: 07970 986373,  
Email: davidanderton@blueyonder.co.uk)

~ 12 Jul

## CCF JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS,

Coulsdon.  
H Curtis & S Freeman  
(Tel: 020 8645 0302,  
Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

~\* 12 Jul

## GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY,

St Alban's Church Hall, NW11 7QG.  
Adam Raoof (Tel: 07855 036537,  
Email: adamraoof@yahoo.com)

12-13 Jul

## UK CHESS CHALLENGE SOUTHERN GIGAFINAL,

Wellington College, Crowthorne.  
M Basman (Tel: 07715 041320,  
Email: ukchesschallenge@aol.com)

~\* 13 Jul

## 78th RICHMOND RAPIDPLAY,

White House Community Association  
Hampton.  
James Coleman (Tel: 020 8661 0722,  
Email: rapidplay@aol.com)

15 Jul

## 9th NORTH LONDON INDIVIDUAL BLITZ,

Wanstead House, E11 2NT.  
G Cook  
(Email: ncclsecretary@yahoo.co.uk)

19 Jul

## DOVER FESTIVAL CHESS TOURNAMENT & GM MICHAEL ADAMS SIMUL,

Dover Grammar School.  
D Bentley (Tel: 01246 221016,  
Email: thoughtsport@yahoo.co.uk)  
*Junior event with Grand Master Simul for Adult players.*

~ 19 Jul

## 1st SNODLAND RAPIDPLAY CONGRESS,

Holmesdale School, Malling Road.  
T Jefferies (Tel: 01634 302046,  
Email: snodlandcongress@hotmail.co.uk)

~\* 19-20 Jul

## SPECTRUM CHESS - 2nd BIDEFORD CONGRESS,

The Tantons Hotel.  
Norman Went (Tel: 01708 551617,  
Email: spectrumchess@hotmail.com)

25-27 Jul

## 4th SCOTTISH BORDERS CONGRESS,

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S Palmer Douglas (Tel: 01450 375652,  
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