

75 and Still Growing

The Braille Chess Association celebrated its 75th year with two events, the strongest ever international event for blind and partially sighted players at Durham in August. In November, we held a more local celebration with 50 competitors plus partners and friends from the UK, the Netherlands, and Ireland at Solihull's Holiday Inn for a weekend rapid play. Rapid play, to allow more social time and for a leisurely celebration dinner where chairman Alec Crombie could pay tribute to the many who have helped us reach this milestone, such as arbiters, Gerry Walsh, Peter Gibbs, and Julie Leonard, our resourceful fund-raiser, Julia Scott, past and present officials, Hans Cohn, Stan Lovell, and Norman Wragg. We also welcomed one of our youngest ever competitors, 9 year old Quinn Stemson who, like all our junior entries, enjoyed the event free of charge.

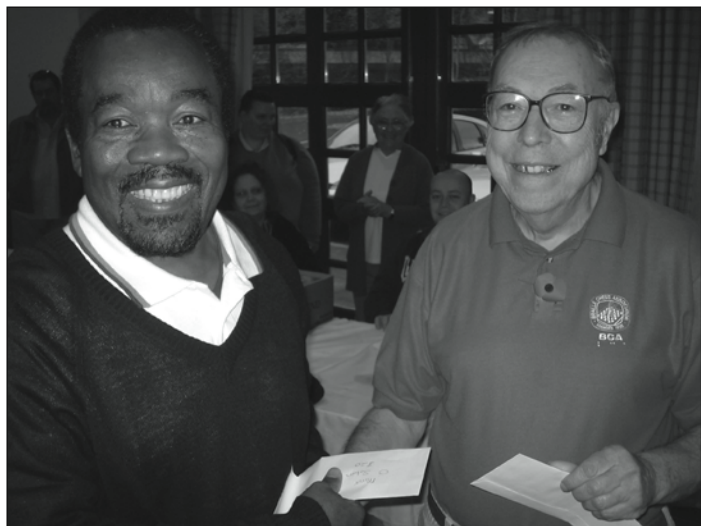


Peter Gibbs (right) congratulating Colin Crouch. Photographs by Oliver Leonard



Peter and Graham Lilley

Friendly rivalry. BCA prides itself on its sociable side but over the board the rivalry is keen. In the end the top seeds triumphed, Chris Ross, Colin Crouch and Graham Lilley won the Open scoring 4 from 5, with Chris having the trophy on tie break. Their international team-mates Steve Hilton and Bill Armstrong came fourth= while grading prizes went to Sean Loftus and Ernie McElroy (both from Ireland) Steve Thacker and Rob van Aurich (Netherlands). In the Minor, Richard Kidals scored 4.5 to win, closely followed by George Phillips, Orlando Sobers, and Mark Kirkham. Geoff Patching, John Osborne and Ed Green shared the main grading awards while once again Dorothy Hodges emerged as the best in the lower graded group.



Steve Thacker and Peter



Orlando Sobers and Peter

With such a strongly supported event and a thriving entry in the 4NCL (see separate report on page 7) our BCA is looking forward to another twenty five years of successful growth to reach our centenary in 2032.

Editorial

As reported on the front page of this issue, the Braille Chess Association reached its 75th Anniversary this year.

I would like to add the congratulations of myself and the other ECF Office staff on this splendid achievement.

Whenever we have had contact with BCA members, Council Delegates and other officials, what a pleasant experience this has been. Unfailingly courteous, cheerful and appreciative of any help we can give, they are an example to us all.

So congratulations and many thanks to all BCA members.

Last but not least I and all the ECF Office staff would like to wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

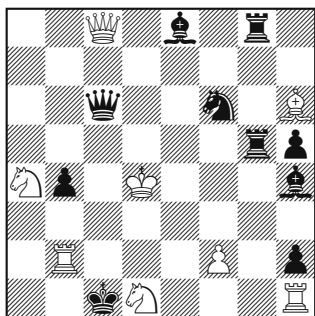
Cynthia Gurney, Editor

ECF BATSFORD COMPETITION

**Congratulations to the Sept/Oct Winner
Adrian Waldcock from Surrey
The Correct Answers is: 1.Be4**

Marian Wrobel Sports Referee, 1928

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*The first correct entry drawn on
10th January 2008 will win a Batsford voucher
for any book on their current list.*



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**Copy Deadline
10th January 2008**

ECF News

John Robinson Youth Chess Trust

At their Meeting on 24th October the Trustees authorised a number of additional grants mainly for coaching and participation in events. The income of the Trust, now it is fully invested, is of the order of £24,000 per annum. Trust Funds are now fully committed until the Autumn of 2008. The Trustees will consider applications for grants to take effect from then at their next meeting in April.

New Grant applications should be submitted to Cynthia Gurney (cynthia@englishchess.org.uk) in writing by 31st March 2008.

It is important to note that any applications for grants for individual coaching should be first referred to the ECF Director of Junior Chess & Education Claire Summerscale (Tel: 020 8874 0135, Email: director.juniorchess@englishchess.org.uk) for advice.

Report on ECF Board Meeting No. 17

The 17th meeting of the ECF Board took place on October 20th 2007, on the morning of the AGM at Sheffield Hallam University. This report is a digest and summation of the decisions taken. It is not an official ECF document.

A trophy for an English Champion was to be commissioned and would be named in honour of the late Grandmaster Tony Miles.

A discussion was held about bidding for the right to host the 2012 Olympiad in London. The fee for registering interest was £10,000 which had to be paid in November 2007, and the estimated costs of hosting the event between £500k and £1 million. There was considerable enthusiasm from a number of key chess players, but the board felt, regretfully, that English Chess was at present ready for neither the logistical nor financial challenges.

A plastics manufacturer had offered to make the ECF a considerable number of free chess sets for distribution to schools. There was some discussion about the logistics of storage and distribution.

It was agreed that the ECF would work alongside and strongly support the CCF in creating an international tournament in memory of Jessie Gilbert.

Torquay is to be the venue for the 2009 British Championships.

Mr Ian Reynolds was co-opted to the ECF Finance Committee.

The board approved the membership of: The Bournemouth and District League; The Leicestershire All play All Congress; the South Herts Congress; the Shirley and Wythall Congress; the Staunton Memorial; and the Renaissance Academy.

English Chess Federation Book of the Year 2007

Despite the excellence of the other books on the Short List the judges' choice was unanimous. **San Luis 2005 Alik Gershon and Igor Nor (Quality Chess) pp442 £19.99**

Tournament books have been an integral and important part of chess literature. They show both how chess was played and how it could be played. Three classics spring to mind: New York 1924 by Alekhine, Moscow -Leningrad 1942 by Botvinnik and Zurich 1953 by Bronstein. The latter is regarded by many as the best chess book ever written. However in the last two decades tournament books have become rare events, no doubt due to the work involved in this computer age.

San Luis 2005, an exceptional tournament which saw Topalov crowned as FIDE World Champion, deserved a permanent record. The two authors have put in a tremendous effort, seeking to find a correct analytical evaluation of every game. But there is much more to the book than that: forewords by Veselin Topalov and Nigel Short, the latter being sharply observant as always, a preface by Mihail Marin and various end papers which both salute Topalov's victory and vigorously debunk conspiracy theories.

San Luis would probably have won Book of the Year 2007 on the strength of the above alone, but it is greatly enhanced by the production values. The numerous photographs both in and out of the tournament hall are exceptional and give the reader a real insight into the tournament environment.

All in all, a splendid book which matches its great predecessors in analytical content but far exceeds them in presentation and layout. This is an outstanding book in every way.

R B Edwards J Farrand D Friedgood



Two BCET Awards to Norwich Schools

One of the ECF's little known awards is the British Chess Educational Trust award to Schools. This was established from funds from the late Sir George Thomas and was initially shields to schools which have shown outstanding achievements or enthusiasm in chess. From 1982 inscribed boards were provided instead of shields and later a digital clock was added then this year the trustees agreed to add a set of pieces (these are wooden in a wood box) to complete the set. Having seen the awards they are excellent and something a school will be proud to receive.



Norwich High School for Girls

I am the Chair of the ECF Awards Committee and each year I ask the Unions to nominate a school from their area that deserves this award. The Trustees are prepared to make one award per Union which means there are five available each year. For a few years we have not received enough nominations to make up the five, so there is the potential for additional awards where a Union or Organisation feel one is merited. I had mentioned this award to Stephen Orton, Norfolk Junior Organiser, in the past and he decided to nominate two schools, Norwich School, and Norwich High School for Girls and as there were only three other schools nominated I asked the Trustees to consider making two awards for EACU this year.

To my surprise the Trustees agreed. I had made a strong representation for both schools knowing the work done by Paul Badger at Norwich School and Stephen Orton at Norwich High School for Girls, but having delved into the records I could not find a previous occasion when two awards when to one City. So a great achievement for both schools. Also the last time the award came to Norfolk was in 1985 when Paston School received one and before that it was 1976 to the Norwich & Norfolk Schools Chess Association, so another was perhaps overdue.



Norwich School (J Wickham holding board)

Both schools were delighted to receive the awards and I attended the assemblies of both to present them on 27th & 28th September. The Norwich School assembly was in

Norwich Cathedral and I said a few words of congratulation as I did at the assembly at the Norwich High School for Girls. The photographs with this report illustrate the presentations and you will see that having been warned that photographs were to be taken I was suitably attired!

John Wickham

President's Award for Services to Chess

Michael James O'Hara (Posthumous) Mike died suddenly at home on 4th September 2007. He was quite a strong chess player, hovering around 190-200 grade for many years. However he was more drawn to chess administration than the game itself. He was an accountant by profession and lectured at Salford University.

Mike was a leading member of Atherton chess club for over 30 years, was the captain of the 1st team in the Manchester League for several years and led the club to national honours in the National Club Championship Open section. He will be remembered for his solid chess play and for his position as the No. 1 player at the club.

Mike was also a regular over several decades for the Lancashire Open County team. It is fitting that his beloved Lancashire won the National County Open Championships for the first time in 30 years this year before his death.

Mike began representing Lancashire at NCCU meetings in the 1970's, often bringing experience to bear on new officers, and continued to do so until 2005. He also held many positions within the British Chess Federation over several years.

Besides Chess, Mike was a connoisseur of good food and wines, and was a particularly strong golf addict.

Always fair, always in pursuit of logic to solve problems, although he did not suffer fools too easily, Mike would offer help to anybody who asked for clarification of complicated issues, particularly financial.

The service and committal for Mike took place at Overdale Chapel, Bolton on Monday 17th September. It was very well attended, which would have brought solace to his partner Joyce and his family. Besides his family, friends and many of his chess friends, there were golf and university colleagues.

Chess has lost a good servant at club, county, Union and National body levels.

Bill O'Rourke, Lancashire President

Maurice, 98, is a real check mate

by Bernie Goodjohn

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A 98-year-old who has taught chess to thousands of local schoolchildren has been honoured for his services to the game.

Maurice Thevenin, of Broughton, has dedicated many hours and walked miles, sometimes in the rain, to teach pupils at St Thomas Moore Roman

Catholic primary school in Kettering how to play chess for the last 20 years. He was awarded a trophy by the English Chess Federation yesterday for his work in teaching the game.

Mr Thevenin learned to play the game at the age of 10 and continued it as a hobby into his adult life, playing when he had time off from his job as a head waiter in London's West End.



ECF President Gerry Walsh with award recipient Maurice Thevenin

During the Second World War he was held as a prisoner of war in Germany and Poland for five years. After his release, Maurice returned to London and continued to work in catering until he retired in 1976, which is when he moved to the area. He got involved with the school after former headteacher Sister Marion Connaughty suggested he pass on his chess wisdom during his spare time.

Sister Connaughty said: "He has been here for many years and has inspired the children to use their initiative. "He comes rain or shine and walks from Broughton to the school. "He has always made the children feel that they could succeed in chess." President of the English Chess Federation Gerry Walsh said: "I'm absolutely delighted to come and give Maurice this recognition. "He is a delightful person and he is ideal for this job. He has been playing chess for 88 years and is a great ambassador for the game." Maurice recommends chess to youngsters as an alternative to modern amusements because he says it can help to sharpen the mind. He said: "I definitely think more young people should play the game. It helps you concentrate better, and if they are learning other things they can concentrate on them more. "If they have time, I would tell them to forget the telly and play chess instead."

Maurice has plenty of fans, and is often recognised by past pupils while he is out and about. "I have had a very good time here. Sometimes when I am in Kettering, there will be some grown-up chap who will say 'Hello Maurice' and I can't remember who they are because they were only small when I last saw them and taught them chess."



Trainee Arbiters Course for Women

London 23-24 February 2008

David Welch (ECF Chief Arbiter) is conducting a two-day course for female trainee arbiters, leading to the Arbiters' examination.

Applications to Claire Summerscale, Director of Junior Chess & Education (Tel: 020 8874 0135, Email: director.juniorchess@englishchess.org.uk)

Miles Memorial Trophy

Soon after the death of Grandmaster Tony Miles I launched an appeal for donations so that a suitable trophy could be purchased in memory of England's first Grandmaster.

It has been difficult to determine a suitable event for the proposed trophy.

I am pleased to confirm that the "Miles Memorial Trophy" will be awarded to the Winner of The English Chess Championship - to be held for one year.

The appeal has now closed and the total raised was =£335.00. This includes a little Bank Interest and a small amount of 'compensation' from the Bank [for an error on their part] in the transfer of the money to The English Chess Federation.

I would like to thank all those who made donations towards this trophy. The money is now with the ECF and David Welch (ECF Director of Home Chess) has kindly agreed to locate and purchase a suitable trophy.

I can think of no event which would have been closer to Tony's heart.

Peter J. B. Wilson

International News

European Team Championships

27 October to 7 November 2007



England v Germany – (1st board: Adams - Naiditsch)

The ECF took the perhaps brave decision to send squads for both the Men's and Women's European Chess Team Championships - even though a number of players were not available. There are great benefits in taking part in such events and those selected are bound to gain from the experience.

The decision to send two teams has already been shown to be the right one. Not all countries were brave enough to field two teams this year - especially as this proved an expensive location to reach.

Men Women

Round 5. Drew 2-2 v Spain
Round 6. Lost 0.5-3.5 v Poland
Round 7. Won 2.5-1.5 v Germany
Round 8. Won 2.5-1.5 v Georgia
Round 9. Lost 1.5-2.5 v Ukraine

Round 5. Lost 1.5-2.5 v Romania
Round 6. Lost 0.5-3.5 v Azerbaijan
Round 7. Won 2.5-1.5 v Sweden
Round 8. Won 3-1 v Lithuania
Round 9. Lost 1.5-2.5 v Croatia

Individual Scores

M. Adams 5.5/8
G. Jones 3.5/8
N. Pert 2/5
M. Hebden 5/9
S. Conquest 3.5/6

Individual Scores

J. Houska 4.5/9
D. Ciuksyte 3.5/9
I. Lauterbach 4/9
S. Chevannes 1.5/5
M. Grigorian-Lyell 1/4



Of the women players Ingrid's score of 4/9 was a good one against this level of opposition and Sabrina and Meri will have gained from the experience. It is difficult to say "With full strength sides how much better would we have fared?" - when those who did make themselves available for selection certainly did their best.

Russia won the Gold Medals in both the Men's and Women's Championships. I am even more convinced that the decision to send two teams was the correct one.

English Women's Team

Peter Wilson

Statistics of the English Teams in the European Team Championship

When a team is middle-ranking in a Swiss tournament, be it individual or team, the only real way to judge the quality of performances is to compare the statistics.

The main headline news is that Michael Adams (2729) achieved the third best board 1 Tournament Performance Rating of 2800, thus gaining a bronze medal. Open team, ranking position before the start 16 and that was the final position.

We won 4 matches, drew 2 and lost 3. This was 10 points, scoring 19½/36. Women's team, ranking position before the start 20 and we finished 22. We won 4 matches and lost 5, scoring 14½/36.

Individual Results

Bd	Rating		Score	TPR	Rating change
1	2729	Michael Adams	5½/8	2800	7.4
2	2567	Gawain Jones	3½/8	2521	-5.2
3	2537	Nicholas Pert	2/5	2472	-4.4
4	2542	Mark Hebden	5/9	2574	4
5	2540	Stuart Conquest	3½/6	2562	2.4

Bd	Rating		Score	TPR	Rating change
1	2404	Jovanka Houska	4½/9	2376	-3.4
2	2411	Dagne Ciuksyte	3½/9	2295	-23.7
3	2124	Ingrid Lauterbach	4/9	2223	16.4
4	2073	Sabrina Chevannes	1½/5	2084	-0.3
5	2040	Meri Grigoryan-Lyell	1/4	2186	4.1

Stewart Reuben



The European Senior Team Championship

Dresden Monday 11 to Tuesday 19 February 2008

Round 1 2pm, all others at 9:30am, except for the last at 9am. Swiss Team Tournament. 100/40 moves, + 40 minutes for the rest of the game + 30 seconds from the first. Each team consists of four players plus one optional reserve. To be eligible a man must be at least 60 years old on 1 January 2008 and a woman at least 50. Players graded under 130 are not likely to enjoy themselves. The entry fee is 40 euro per player and has always been paid by the ECF.

Accommodation is available at the Ramada Hotel as in previous years. The charge is: double room 33 Euro per person per night including breakfast. single room 51 Euro per night including breakfast. Each player is responsible for his/her own hotel costs. Don't forget to have your EU Medical cover. They organise tourist fringe events during the tournament. For those who have not been, Dresden is a very interesting city.

The weather is colder than England in February, but often drier. There is a direct flight from Gatwick BA for £95. Please let me know as soon as possible whether you are intending to take part, are considering it or are uninterested. Stewart Reuben (020 8892 6660, stewartreuben@aol.com)

31st World Chess Solving Championship

16-17 October 2007, Rhodes

Great Britain scored a spectacular double success at the World Chess Solving Championship in Rhodes on 16th-17th October, winning both the individual and team titles, the latter for the third year in succession. British Solving Champion John Nunn dropped only one point out of 90 (through a clerical error!) to finish well ahead of Georgy Evseev (Russia - 83½) and defending champion Piotr Murdzia (Poland - 83), who have won seven world titles between them and are the only two solvers who are currently ahead of Nunn in the world rankings. Nunn previously won the title in 2004. The other GB team members Jonathan Mestel and David Friedgood finished 16th and 39th respectively, while individual solver Colin McNab finished 40th (84 competed). The team, which is sponsored by Winton Capital Management, scored 163/180 to finish ahead of Russia (158½) and Germany (158). The Open Solving event, which precedes the World Championship, was won by Ofer Comay of Israel, ahead of Arno Zude (Germany) and Piotr Murdzia. Jonathan Mestel came 6th, Colin McNab 11th (a result which gained Colin his final Solving IM norm and the title), John Nunn 34th (!), and David Friedgood 38th.

The WCSC is the centrepiece of the annual World Congress of Chess Composition. British success continued in the composing tours, with Michael McDowell and Jonathan Mestel each winning two awards, while the current President of the British Chess Problem Society, Christopher Jones, was awarded the title of International Master of Composition, having had the appropriate number of compositions selected for the FIDE Albums. A tricky two-mover from the first round of the WCSC, composed 55 years ago by Britain's Tony Lewis, who is still an active composer and attended the WCCC in Rhodes.

Tony Lewis, Chess, 1952

6RB/2pr1p2/KpNn1N1p/1nr2k2/5Pp1/p6b/B4R2/7Q
Mate in 2

Mates are already prepared for all black moves, but no waiting move is available, so White must disrupt the position and create a new zugzwang, in the process changing three of the mates.

1.Qd1 (No threat); 1...B any 2.Qxg4 (changed from 2.Qh5); 1...g3 2.2.Qh5 (changed from 2.Qxh3); 1...dN any 2.Qxd7 (changed from 2.Qe4); 1...bN any 2.Nd4; 1...Re5 2.fxe5; 1...cR else 2.Qd5; 1...dR any 2.Ne7; 1...h5 2.Rg5

A single-liner from the WCSC, which caused some difficulty. White must manoeuvre while keeping the black force bottled up.

Horst Böttger, Die Welt, 1994

3R4/1p3K2/bp6/brk3P1/1pN5/1P1p1B2/3P4/8
Mate in 6

1.Rh8 Kd4; 2.Rh4+ Kc5; 3.Rh6 Kd4; 4.Rd6+ Kc5; 5.Be2 dxe2; 6.d4

You can visit these websites for more info www.chessfed.gr/wccc2007/ or www.saunalahti.fi/~stniekat/pccc/wccc2007.htm.



Playing Hall

European Club Cup

2-10 October 2007

Kemer, Turkey

The Hilsmark Kingfisher team, 4NCL's representatives at the European Club Championships flew out on Sunday evening to the splendid holiday resort of Kemer, Turkey.

Qualifying for the second successive year by virtue of finishing 3rd in the 4NCL, headed by team captain IM Lawrence Cooper and experienced English GM Keith Arkell on top board, the team looked forward in eager anticipation to doing battle against hopefully some of the world's best players.

Four players in the team are looking for title norms out of this seven round competition (only tournament to offer this possibility). These are Andrew and Jovanka aiming for their first GM norms and Tavoularis and Briscoe aiming for their first and 2nd norms respectively (Briscoe obtained his only norm so far at Hastings 2006).

Making up the rest of the team is GM Ulf Andersson's wife Christin and myself (only required if bubonic plague strikes the team!). Ulf played for us last year in Austria.



Vishy Anand and Chris Briscoe

Start of play (1pm UK time) Briscoe eyes up the chess mountain that is Nigel Short, takes a deep breath and opens up against Nigel with the Ruy Lopez -Worrall Attack!

Interesting psychological

choice as GM Short wrote the foreword to IM Andrew Greet's well received book largely based on this weapon which Short used to defeat Karpov in their WCC quarter-final match in 1992.

After 1½ hours play only Keith and Nick look in any serious trouble, the rest seem to be doing okay against their mighty opponents.

2½ hour play ... Keith avoids losing a piece but looks like his position is going to explode in his face! Jovanka is under attack and Nick is a pawn down in a worse position.

Later ... Keith resigns in a hopeless position against an in-form Ivanchuk and Andrew, Nick and Christin faced similar fates.

Second last to finish is WGM (IM) Jovanka Houska who goes down bravely to GM Movsesian whilst failing to hold a difficult ending a pawn down. It's all down to Chris now. Can he save our honour?

Yes!!! Although Chris had an edge for a large part of the game he was in massive time-trouble from move ten. He was forced to jettison a pawn and played most of the game with only a couple of minutes on the clock due to Fischer time limits being employed. Wow! He's regained the pawn and actually looks better (from a weaker players perspective). The last game to finish, Chris saves Hilsmark's honour with a draw and we avoid a 6-0 whitewash. Well done Chris! Chris is also mentioned in dispatches on the official website as one of the upsets of the day.

You can replay through the games above via the official website (<http://euroclub2007.tsf.org.tr>).

Mark Hogarth, Manager, Hilsmark Kingfisher



Round 1

1.4 32	Hilsmark Kingfisher	½ : 5½	4	Bosna Sarajevo	
1	GM Arkell Keith C	2479	0 : 1	GM Ivanchuk Vassily	2787
2	IM Greet Andrew N	2441	0 : 1	GM Almasi Zoltan	2691
3	IM Houska Jovanka	2404	0 : 1	GM Movsesian Sergei	2670
4	Tavoularis Nicholas	2246	0 : 1	GM Sokolov Ivan	2673
5	Briscoe Chris	2273	½ : ½	GM Short Nigel D	2649
6	WIM Andersson Christin	2209	0 : 1	GM Predojevic Borki	2645

Round 2

2.18 34	Matinkylan Shakkekerho Espoo	1½ - 4½	32	Hilsmark Kingfisher	
1	IM Maki-Uuro Miikka	2399	½ - ½	GM Arkell Keith C	2479
2	FM Lehtivaara Petri	2376	0 - 1	IM Greet Andrew	2441
3	FM Pulkkinen Kari	2330	0 - 1	IM Houska Jovanka	2404
4	FM Hentunen Asko	2352	1 - 0	Tavoularis Nicholas	2246
5	FM Ebeling Mika	2354	0 - 1	Briscoe Chris	2273
6	Salimaki Janne	2181	0 - 1	WIM Andersson Christin	2209

Round 3

3.17 23	Cercle d'Echecs de Strasbourg	4½ - 1½	32	Hilsmark Kingfisher	
1	GM Rozentalis Eduardas	2581	½ - ½	GM Arkell Keith C	2479
2	GM Doettling Fabian	2541	½ - ½	IM Greet Andrew	2441
3	IM Roos Louis	2370	1 - 0	IM Houska Jovanka	2404
4	GM Kallai Gabor	2464	1 - 0	Tavoularis Nicholas	2246
5	FM Reinhart Emmanuel	2295	½ - ½	Briscoe Chris	2273
6	IM Roos Jean-Luc	2324	1 - 0	WIM Andersson Christin	2209

Round 4

4. 1932	Hilsmark Kingfisher	3½ - 2½	37	Turk Hava Yollari	
1	GM Arkell Keith C	2479	1 - 0	IM Haznedaroglu Kivanc	2468
2	IM Greet Andrew	2441	1 - 0	IM Erdogan Mert	2440
3	IM Houska Jovanka	2404	½ - ½	IM Can Emre	2436
4	Tavoularis Nicholas	2246	½ - ½	FM Ari Zeki	2177
5	Briscoe Chris	2273	½ - ½	Erbis Baris	2023
6	WIM Andersson Christin	2209	0 - 1	Kursuz Gokhan	1942

Round 5

5.16 32	Hilsmark Kingfisher	2 - 4	26	Schachfreunde Reichenstein	
1	GM Arkell Keith C	2479	1 - 0	IM Riff Jean-Noel	2474
2	IM Greet Andrew	2441	0 - 1	IM Volke Karsten	2472
3	IM Houska Jovanka	2404	½ - ½	IM Drabke Lorenz	2411
4	IM Cooper Lawrence	2246	0 - 1	IM Kuehn Peter	2426
5	Tavoularis Nicholas	2273	½ - ½	IM Weindl Alfred	2356
6	Briscoe Chris	2209	0 - 1	Heimann Andreas	2350

Round 6

6.18 40	Cuna de Dragones - Ajoblanco	FED -	32	Hilsmark Kingfisher	FED
1	GM Khamrakulov Ibragim S	2604 ESP ½ - ½	GM Arkell Keith C	2479	ENG
2	IM Llanes Hurtado Miguel	2459 ESP 1 - 0	IM Greet Andrew N	2441	ENG
3	Delgado Palomeque Marco A	2221 ESP 0 - 1	IM Houska Jovanka	2404	ENG
4	Escobar Felix Eduardo	2153 ESP 0 - 1	Tavoularis Nicholas	2246	GRE
5	Garcia-Ortega Jose M	2190 ESP 0 - 1	Briscoe Chris	2273	ENG
6	Sanchez Silva Luis Agapito	2107 ESP 1 - 0	WIM Andersson Christin	2209	SWE

Round 7

7.13 19	Reykjavik Chess Club	FED -	32	Hilsmark Kingfisher	FED
1	GM Stefansson Hannes	2574 ISL 1 - 0	GM Arkell Keith C	2479	ENG
2	GM Nataf Igor-Alexandre	2546 FRA 1 - 0	IM Greet Andrew N	2441	ENG
3	GM Thorhallsson Throstur	2448 ISL ½ - ½	IM Houska Jovanka	2404	ENG
4	IM Kristjansson Stefan	2458 ISL ½ - ½	IM Cooper Lawrence	2305	ENG
5	IM Gunnarsson Jon Viktor	2427 ISL 1 - 0	Tavoularis Nicholas	2246	GRE
6	FM Bergsson Snorri	2298 ISL 1 - 0	Briscoe Chris	2273	ENG

Round 7 Report by IM Lawrence Cooper

The last round was a disappointing end to a fairly successful tournament. Although we were heavily out-rated the scoreline was worse than I expected although probably a fair reflection on the match.

Keith lost his 2600+ performance losing a slightly worse position that was tenable until he chose the wrong redeployment of his rooks in the ending. However, he still played a good tournament and barring his double black finish would have finished with a plus score and a 2600+ performance. If he can reproduce this level then he should be in contention for an Olympiad place next year.

Andrew finished with his third loss in a row and will be disappointed with his final score. However, despite losing to GM Nataf with white in a London System where white got his rook entombed on b3 he can still take great heart from his early form. He stood well against Almasi in round 1 and was in contention for a GM norm until his round 5 defeat. He continued to battle hard in every game and I'm sure his finish is a mere blip as he continues his rise towards 2500.



Jovanka Houska and Mark Hogarth

Jovanka equalised easily and her GM opponent offered an early draw. She seems far more at home playing stronger opponents and this event on a high board clearly suits her. She too was unlucky in round 1 and but for a surprise defeat in round 3 played well throughout and was unlucky not to win in round 5 which would have earned her a plus score.

For the second time we played our joker on board 4, with me stepping in for Christin. At least I managed to trouble the scorers this time although having lost an optical advantage in the early middle game and embarking on one planned pawn sac and then an unintentional one due to a miscalculation I can't say it was a smooth performance. Fortunately my opponent ran short of time and my activity was sufficient for him to return the pawns into a clearly drawn ending.

Nick lost what looked like a theoretical Richter-Rauzer in round 7. I say looked because I am totally ignorant as to the theory but initially Nick seemed to stand well when he exchanged queens and had a temporary extra pawn. White unexpectedly conjured up numerous threats though and black had to limp to a worse rook ending that he eventually lost. As captain though I have to commend Nick for recovering from his 0/3 start to gain us the decisive draw in round 4 to win us the match and also his unlikely victory in round 6 that also secured us victory. He was very unlucky in the games he lost and so the small amount of luck in those two games was the least he deserved. With this year's experience under his belt I'm sure he'll start far better next time.

Chris was faced by the Arkell-Khenkin variation of the advanced Caro but black quickly regained his pawn and as is often the case therefore obtained the better position. Although Chris went on to lose and therefore scored 0/2 on board 6 but 3.5/5 on board 5 he



can be pleased with his debut performance. A draw with Short in round 1 was obviously the highlight but he played well throughout and was particularly unlucky in round 5 which was one of those epic battles where the result can be the difference between a good and great tournament. Despite playing his first ever tournament abroad he handled the pressure well and looks set to continue his progress towards the IM title.

Although Christin will be disappointed by her score I was impressed by her fighting spirit despite being off form. It's also worth pointing out that unlike some team events there are no easy games on bottom board and often the opponents are under rated and have very few games to look at beforehand. She also had the handicap of me helping her to prepare which may in part explain her under par performance! Anyhow, she was a great team member and I'm sure this event was a one off and she'll bounce back when she next plays.

Final scores as follows: Keith 3.5, Andrew 2.5, Jovanka 3.5, Nick 2.5, Chris 3.5 all out of 7 and Christin 1/5 and myself 0.5/2. Thanks to all who played and to Mark and Jacques Tivillier for their support at the end of the tournament although next time they join us they may wish to check their flight tickets beforehand to ensure they travel to the right airport which would have saved them a mad scramble from Gatwick – Stansted arriving only 8 minutes before the end of check-in on the Friday night! One final point, contrary to an earlier report Christin is not Ulf's wife and the surname Andersson is quite popular in Sweden. (Sorry Mark, I couldn't resist mentioning the last two points!)

Dream Start for Blind Team in 4NCL

The Braille Chess Association (BCA) have set out this season to win the fourth division of the 4NCL. This is an ambitious target for a team that has never reached the promotion fight in the past. It became more realistic as the BCA fielded its strongest ever squad in the opening weekend. With current champion, IM Colin Crouch, on top board and former champions, Chris Ross and Graham Lilley, in the team the BCA collected maximum points in the opening weekend beating Metropolitan 4-2 and Bristol (2) by 3.5 to 2.5. By the time this is published the second 4NCL weekend will be upon us and it will be interesting to check their further progress on the BCA website, www.braillechess.org.uk.

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Obituaries

Roy Heppinstall

I very much regret to report the death of Roy Heppinstall who passed away on Sunday 30th September 2007 aged 65.

In addition to activities over the board, which included a spell as one of the leading players in John Philpott's all conquering U175 squad, Roy had been involved in chess administration for a considerable period. After forming the Witham Chess Club in the 1960's he was Chairman of both that Club and of the North Essex Chess League for many years and also found time to be Match Captain of the highly successful Essex Open Team, which captured the Counties Championship in both 2002 and 2006.

On retirement from Marconi's Roy expanded his chess activities considerably, becoming President of the Southern Counties Chess Union in 2002, and then Chief Executive of the British Chess Federation (as it then was) in 2003. Although it was a difficult time for the Federation he was instrumental in pushing through a number of important changes, including the adoption of a Child Protection Policy and the conversion of the Federation to a Company Limited by Guarantee, combined with the change of name to the English Chess Federation, an achievement of which he was particularly proud in that provided a sound basis for the Federation to move forward.

His earlier ill health had led to his replacement as Chief Executive in October 2006, but his many achievements were recognised earlier this year when he was elected as an Honorary Life Vice President of the Federation.

Although always displaying a courteous and approachable manner, his Yorkshire roots had given him a steely determination to succeed in all his undertakings, a quality which he maintained throughout the illnesses from which he suffered in recent years.

Roy is survived by Muriel, his wife for 41 years, and by a daughter, son and granddaughter, to whom we all send our deepest sympathy at this sad time. R.I.P. Roy

David Smith

Cyril Johnson writes:

The death of Roy Heppinstall leaves a large hole in English Chess. During Roy's time as Chief Executive of the BCF and ECF, he oversaw momentous changes of name and of constitution. His work behind the scenes was immense.

His support for the company limited by guarantee was crucial as was his support for the Code of Conduct for Disabled Chess Players. Roy brought an unprecedented professionalism to board meetings, and an understanding of the needs and feelings of chess administrators and players in the shires being a county captain and good county player.

I was pleased to be able to present Roy and David Smith with the County Championship trophy at Ratcliffe College in July 2006 after a

close-run Essex victory. Essex held a singular place in the heart of this Yorkshireman who was also proud of his northern roots.

He will be missed.

Donations if wished to Macmillan Nurses (020 7840 7840, www.macmillan.org.uk) or Farleigh Hospice (01245 457300, www.farleighhospice.org).

Peter Morrish

Peter died peacefully on Wednesday 26 September at the age of 85.

He first came into chess administration when he was master in charge at Ashmole School. He never played competitive chess, but was probably about 100 playing strength. I remember he brought 20 player teams to play against my own school when I was still a schoolboy.

My own first experience as a controller was as his assistant for the London Under 16 Championship. He remained an extremely effective arbiter/organiser and indeed was main organiser of the London Junior Congress for many years.

When he retired from the London Junior Congress in 1994, he was presented with a clock stating that he had organised chess for over 15,000 juniors just in that event alone. He worked with me on the Evening Standard Congresses; the first Lloyds Bank Masters in 1977, an event the format of which has been copied world-wide; and the 1980s Phillips & Drew/GLC series.

Bob Wade found a source of inexpensive chess sets in Hong Kong. Peter Morrish gave up teaching and formed Tournament Chess Supplies partly to distribute these.

Thus, when the Fischer Spassky match attracted great attention in 1972, England was able to supply anybody with their chess needs. By contrast they ran out of sets in the US. Thus Peter played a key role in the English Chess Explosion.

Peter was a craft teacher. It is likely you use some of his products without being aware of this. The London set marketed by TCS was of his design.

Their demonstration boards are truly fit for purpose. Bob Wade had the idea of pairing boards and Peter designed them. Without them, there is little doubt that the BCF Swiss Pairing System would have had different rules.

Peter was recipient of the President's Award for Services to Chess in 1988. Sadly, his ill-health has meant that younger players and organisers will not have met him.

Our condolences to his family.

Any donations, in Peter's name in support of Juniors, can be sent to the Celebration 83rd Hastings International Chess Congress c/o Con Power, 418 Harold Road, Hastings East Sussex, TN35 5HG.

Tony Corfe, Stewart Reuben



Junior News

ECF Training Day

The "English Chess Federation" Training Day on 6th October was a massive success. We've had some exceptional feedback from many of the parents involved, and would like to reiterate a big thank you to Archdeacon Cambridge School in Twickenham, for hosting the event.



Aly Wilson and Simon Williams can be seen playing their moves in the 3 way simultaneous display – the highlight of the day.

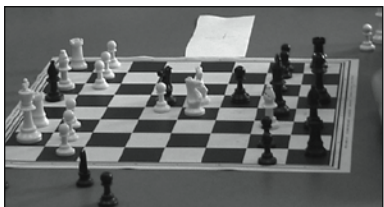
The tournament was run over 5 rounds, in teams of 4. In the end the Basingstoke team headed by Matthew Wilson, won the first place trophies by a comfortable margin.

There were lessons in between rounds, and puzzles set for the kids to try throughout the day using the demonstration boards.

A big thanks to Paul (Simon's brother) and Joshua (Paul's son) for coming in and providing food and drink for everyone – and helping with the photos.

Some of the parents got involved with the Simul too, and made an excellent start bagging a queen for a rook. The master team managed to fight back though and prevailed in the end.

In the end just one team managed to beat us. Above I can be seen trying to get out of the mess we were in! All in all an excellent day was had by all. Finally I'll leave you with one game that had a very pretty finish in the Simul!



GM Nick Pert (www.nickpert.com)

Coaching Opportunity

The English Chess Federation is committed to improving the chess opportunities for juniors in England. As part of our coaching programme, we will be offering top coaching to four English junior players who are competing in the Hastings Masters, at the Hastings International Congress. If there is enough interest, we may extend this opportunity to more players. If you are interested in taking advantage of this coaching, please contact Claire Summerscale, ECF Director of Junior Chess & Education (Tel: 020 8874 0135, Email: director.juniorchess@englishchess.org.uk)

World Juniors & Girls Championships 2-17 October, Armenia

Congratulations to Gawain Jones who came 5th= in the World Junior Championships and David Howell who came 26th=. Sarah Hegarty also played extremely well in a tough field in the World Girls' Championship. You can see the full results on the championship website www.armchess.am

17th European Youth Chess Championships

This event ran from 13-24 September in Croatia. 766 players from 44 countries competed and live games were broadcast from the tournament website <http://www.euroyouth2007.com>.



A full report can be seen here www.englishchess.org.uk/events/euroyouth-croatia07/

Player	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Rd7	Rd8	Rd9
U10 Zhang, Roy	½	1½	1 ½	2	3	3 ½	3 ½	4 ½	4 ½
U12 Whitfield, Craig	1	1½	1 ½	2	2	2	2	3	3
U12 Williams, Peter (1816)	0	1	1 ½	2	2 ½	3	3	3 ½	3 ½
U14 Lakhani, Anjali	0	0	1	1 ½	2	2	2 ½	3 ½	3 ½
U14 Sen, Subin (2045)	½	1	1	2	2 ½	3	3 ½	4	4
U16 Parmar, Amisha (2011)	1	1	2	2 ½	3 ½	4 ½	4 ½	5 ½	
U16 Kilpatrick, Callum (2120)	0	1	1	2	3	3	4	4 ½	
U18 Martin, Katie (1928)	0	0	½	1 ½	2 ½	2 ½	2 ½	3	
U18 Roberson, Peter (2209)	0	0	1	2	2	2 ½	3	3	4

16th Aldro Inter Schools Chess

Tournament

October 2007

29 teams took part in this four board team tournament this year. The U.13 section was keenly contested with Homefield School winning all three of their matches to take first place. The team consisted of Dominic Pozzo, Adam Taylor, Daniel Kliger and John Erskine. In 2nd place came Magdalen College School and Sutton Grammar came 3rd.



In the Under 11 Major section Twickenham Prep won all three matches to take the trophy for the first time since 2001. The winning team were Neil Deo, Harvey Kandohla, Julian Robinson-Tait and Daniel Weedon. In 2nd place came Magdalen A and 3rd= were Aldro A and St Dunstons A.

In a very close Under 11 Minor section Magdalen B team were winners with Aldro C team and Twickenham Prep 2nd=.

The Under 9 Major section was won by Magdalen A. The winning team consisted of Alex Anderton, Jacob Coxon, Henry Phillips and Richard Woods-Rogan. In 2nd place were Kempshott A and 3rd= were Reigate St Mary's and St Dunstons.

The Under 9 Minor section was won by Homefield B with Claires Court 2nd and Aldro A 3rd.

All the teams played in a sporting manner and were a credit to their schools. Next terms tournament will be for Under 12, under 10 and under 8 teams.

Please contact David Archer at Aldro School if you would be interested in playing.

D J Archer

Hip Hop Chess Festival San Francisco 13 October 2007

Emma Bentley the All England Girls U/10 Champion and World Open Girls U/11 Champion was invited to the Kings International Hip Hop Chess Festival (www.thechessdrum.net) in San Francisco to play a three Minute (Bullet) Chess match against a famous California Disc Jockey, "Qbert."

The organisers of the festival are author Adisa Banjoko and artist Leo Libiran the founders of the Hip Hop Chess Federation.



The event was held in the magnificent San Francisco Design Centre where top names from the music and Martial Arts world were gathered to play chess and watched by around 500 people as well as nationwide TV and Radio. IM Josh Waitzkin from New York was the star guest from the chess world along with Hip Hop Platinum and Gold Disc personalities Rakaa from Dilated Peoples along with Rza Gza and Monk from the Wu Tan Clan.

When Emma's opponent failed to get to the Event, Mr Ralek Gracie (pronounced Halek) a Ju Jitsu black belt champion and keen chess player from the Brazilian Martial Arts family stood in to take up the challenge. He was there to play the main event for the Hip Hop Chess Kings International Belt.

Emma's match was the first of the day. IM Josh Waitzkin gave the running commentary to the TV, Radio and theatre audience. The match was controlled by Dr Alan Kirshner, Director of Calnorth Junior Chess.

Emma called checkmate after five moves with thirty seconds on her clock.

1. Nc3 e5 2.d3 Bc5 3.Nb5 a6 4.Na3 Qf6 5.e4 Qxf2 checkmate!

You can also see the Hip Hop Chess Festival on the following You Tube pages:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LEa8aOZYcTY> or
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FaELfzitz1U>

David Bentley

Chess Idea Wins Praise Nationally

By Paddy McGuffin

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A project aiming to teach underprivileged children chess has become a national phenomenon since it was established six months ago.

As reported in the Telegraph & Argus last month, the Renaissance Academy visits homeless shelters and community groups in some of the most deprived areas of the city to teach young people chess.

The project is the brainchild of Charles Wood, 36, of Bolton Woods and has been recognised by the English Chess Federation.

The academy now has premises in Manningham, Bradford, and has entered three teams into the Bradford Chess League.

The opening of the club at the Latvian Club in Clifton Villas was attended by Mark Lawn, co-chairman of Bradford City Football Club.

Mr Wood said he was astounded and delighted at the response he has received to the project so far.

He said: "We have had a brilliant reaction to the scheme.

"We are launching three teams, each with six players plus reserves, into the league and now we have our new premises its really taking on momentum. I approached The Office Furniture Company, and it has donated all the furniture for the new room.

"The room itself has been given to us free of charge by the Latvian Welfare Fund. None of this would have been possible without them. I felt it was really important to get local businesses and people involved in the project. The club was originally an idea of Antonio Fattorini, the Bradford jeweller, chess enthusiast and founder of Bradford City.

"He founded the club in Manningham and he was strongly linked with chess in the city and Bradford City which is why we invited Mark Lawn to attend the opening.

"There is an incredible groundswell and we are always looking for more people to become involved."

Mr Lawn said: "We welcome the launch of the chess club. They are neighbours of ours and we want to create further links with the community. It's great that someone has actually made the effort to get this club up and running and we give it our total support."

Abdul Sarat, owner of The Office Furniture Company, said he was delighted to support the project.

He said: "I thought it sounded like a great idea, working with young people.

"We arranged to donate about 40 chairs and desks and cupboards to the academy. I grew up in Manningham myself and know that there is not much for them to do there so it is nice to be in a position to help give something back."

Anyone who wants to become involved can visit the academy's website www.renaissanceacademy.org.uk.

35th English Deaf Chess Association Congress & National Championship Luton, 27-28 October 2007



The climax of the weekend, Lewis Martin v. Chris Kreuzer in final round

Chris Kreuzer made it a hat-trick of EDCA National Championships with a score of 4/5 so retaining the Cedric White trophy.

Unlike his previous 2 titles, this time he went about winning it in a new way. He lost in the first round against Peter Sharpe but thanks to this 'Kreuzer Gambit' he somehow won his next 3 games so he faced the leader, Lewis Martin, in the final round. Lewis only needed a draw to become EDCA Champion for the first time while Chris had to go out all guns blazing with the black pieces to win. In the end the more experienced player won by patiently converting his one pawn advantage into an knight and pawn endgame win.

Peter Sharpe recovered from losing to Lewis Martin in the second round to take overall 2nd place with 3.5/5. Peter upset the form book and made a mockery of his grade by stopping the top 4 graded players taking the top 4 places. With 3/5, Lewis came 3rd on tie-break ahead of Phillip Gardner, 4th and Alasdair MacLeod 5th.

In the Major, in a 5 round all-play-all tournament, debutant Neil Dunlop showed that he hadn't lost his chess experience after a long time away from serious competitive chess. He stormed through the field to win with a perfect score of 5/5, winning the John Brown trophy. He will be able to challenge the best players in Premier next year. There was a three-way tie for 2nd place amongst the veterans of the tournament - John Brown, Mick Simmons and Frank Wood. Believe it or not, Mick is the youngest of the 3 at a sprightly 70!

The EDCA would like to thank the Alban Neve Deaf Association and Luton Deaf Club for letting us host our event in their premises for the whole weekend. A special thanks also to Harry Martin for helping with the catering.

Premier (5 rounds, Swiss)

Pos	Name	Home town	Grade	Score
1st	Chris Kreuzer	Whitton	155	4/5
2nd	Peter Sharpe	Sheffield	107	3½/5
3rd	Lewis Martin	Swindon	155	3/5 SB:11½
4th	Phillip Gardner	Letchworth	156	3/5 SB:10
5th	Alasdair MacLeod	Worcester Pk	148	3/5 SB:9½
6th	Michael Freund	Stanmore	125	2½/5 SB:9
7th	James Kelberman	Purley	102	2½/5 SB:8
8th	Barry David	Finchley	117	2½/5 SB:5
9th	Gary Hunter	Warrington	105	1/5
10th	Chris Williamson	Birmingham	103	0/5

Major (5 rounds, all-play-all)

	Name	Home town	Grade	Score
1st	Neil Dunlop	Bath	E75	5/5
2nd=	Mick Simmons	Sheffield	87	3/5
2nd=	John Brown	Borough Green	77	3/5
2nd=	Frank Wood	Liverpool	E75	3/5
5th	John Dearie	Riddrie	E75	1/5



The Renaissance Academy Uncovered

The Renaissance Academy is the brain child of every chess coach and chess committee member I've ever come across: most chess coaches point out that the biggest problem they have is Primary School children are easy to find as most Primary Schools have a chess club, but Secondary Schools do not. Even if the coach is lucky enough to be able to carry on coaching the same students in Secondary School then most will disappear off to University and be lost from chess forever. Chess committee members point out there is not enough "junior" players' crossing over into the adult leagues, the Renaissance Academy believes these two problems are one and the same. The Renaissance Academy was set up initially to create 2 x 6 board teams for the Bradford & District Chess Association's (BDCA) local league, after consulting some Yorkshire coaches about the problems they were having we decided to go in a very different direction and started recruitment/coaching in Community Centres and Homeless Hostels, our target was 20 Youths (under 25's), in the first week we had started coaching 250 Youths. Most of these newfound students were non-players so we had to come up with a way to make the introduction to chess exciting and fun, we achieved this by describing the game of chess as the war game it is. The result is amazing, in 4 months the Renaissance Academy launched 3 teams into the BDCA's league all playing for different clubs, Undercliffe, Phoenix, Bradford Renaissance and a totally new club and team MAPA Dead Metal.



Charles W Wood, Junior Witter and Donna Fearnley

The success the Renaissance Academy had was down to one major factor, most of these youths were not going to go into Further Education. On the back of this success the Renaissance Academy had to fill in some gaps, firstly: Certification. The Academy needed a way of getting the backing of the Community Centres and Hostels owners to help their Youths to



Junior giving prizes to Sheldon McDonald, one of the entrants from BCCP Homeless project



Junior giving the prize to the Grand Prix winner Amanda Hipshon

progress in life; we looked at Certification first and found that a purely academic Certification Programme was not what the Centres and Hostels were looking for. It needed to be 50% vocational at least, so the Renaissance

Academy Certification Programme was made and put into line with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme, Ratified by MRC Training, and rolled out to over 25,000 kids across England. This now gave disadvantaged Youths a chance to gain Certificates that would help to build their CV's and gave other students the same benefits that academic Certification Programmes bring. The vocational section includes playing for a team in the county league, or National League and winning, becoming a member of the ECF, and uses the ECF Master System. Secondly; tournaments had to be made to educate our new students on the etiquette and rules of playing, the Academy made a Grand Prix with sections (Results below). We are intending to run an event every other month on a calendar year basis, we ran 4 this year culminating in a Children in Need fund raising event, which raised over £400. Thirdly; and probably most importantly we wanted to use every aspect of the Renaissance Academy to integrate disadvantaged Youths with the other coaches students in an effort to create community cohesion, this has been a success in itself with the Academy's Youths now making friends with other clubs and areas they would never have been able to communicate with normally. The best example of this was Josh, who has just been selected to go to Eton, trading jokes with John, who is homeless and lives in a Hostel, now they are best of friends. Case Studies are available on request.

The Grand Prix was great fun and had many super juniors from Team England and young adults playing against each other as well as the beginner players in the lower sections. Over all there were 4 Tournaments and the winner by a margin of under 1 point was Amanda Hipshon. Section winners are: Open Section the Generals; Amanda Hipshon, Major Section the Praetorian Guard: No Contest, Intermediate Section the Centurions; Gianni Singh and the Minor Section the Gladiators Arena; Wesley McGough. Thank you to the volunteers who helped, Donna Fearnley, Nick Nixon, Alan Clews, Andy Wainwright and all the fantastic entrants. Thank you to the celebrities that came to show support, like the Lord Mayor of Bradford Robin Owens for opening the 3rd event, Gerry Sutcliffe MP Sports Minister for attending and giving support to the project, Gerry Walsh for prize giving at the 3rd event, and Junior "The Hitter" Witter WBC Light Welterweight Champion of the World for prize giving at the 4th and final event for 2007.

Charles W. Wood
Renaissance Academy Director



Junior receiving a chess set by way of thanks from Charles W Wood

Renaissance Academy Grand Prix

Generals Points

Amanda Hipshon.....	28.78
Amol Joshi.....	20.33
Yasmin Niksaz.....	15.48
Nicholas Rigby.....	14.44
Jean-Luc Weller.....	11.33
Raymond Kaufman.....	10.00
Adam Lang.....	10.00
Ian Gallagher.....	8.00
Matthew Webb.....	7.77
Andrew Wainwright.....	7.22

Praetorian Guard No Contest

Centurions Points

Gianni Singh.....	27.06
Amy Greenhough.....	17.37
Dale Pearson.....	16.89
Craig Dowey.....	14.84
Ashwin Vankatesh.....	14.36
James Roberts.....	9.29
Kurt Greenwood.....	7.00
Cameron Blair.....	2.86
Phil Wontner-Smith.....	2.14

Gladiators Arena Points

Wesley McGough.....	22.30
Amber Bailey.....	22.16
Charley Brennan.....	21.72
Asher Dixon-Blair.....	21.65
Mohammed Abdalla.....	18.88
Thomas Yems.....	18.16
Hamza Butt.....	17.88
Nick McLean.....	17.22
Joshua Levine.....	16.55
Louis Brijmohun.....	13.17

British Rapidplay Championship 2007

The British Rapidplay Chess Championships 2007 took place on the 17th/18th November at The North Bridge Leisure Centre, Halifax.



Ravi Haria and Eugene Daley in the Under 11 trial, photograph by Brent Kitson

The tournament was a big success. It was noted how many juniors were playing and winning in the main events, thus bringing much promise for the future game. Ravi and Eugene jointly won the under 11 trial. The Open event saw a close tussle between Grandmasters Peter Wells and Mark Hebden. Peter only lost once, ironically to Mark!!! 9 points would normally win the event, but credit to Peter who played magnificently overall with just the one defeat! Stewart Haslinger GM also had a good tournament.



Above: Peter Wells and Richard Palliser, photograph by David Clayton

Below: Mark Hebden and Stewart Haslinger, photograph by David Clayton



Thanks to the ECF the B.R.C... to all the controllers, administrators, helpers and above all the chess players.

Some top games are available on www.british-rapidplay.org.uk. More details including junior results will follow on the website soon.

Brent Kitson

Open: Peter Wells, 9.5; Mark Hebden, 9; Stewart Haslinger, 8.5; David Gormally; Richard Palliser; Adam Ashton; Jonathan Hawkin; Chris Briscoe; Liam Rabbittie

Major: William Jones, 8.5; Galina Utyuzhnskowa, 8; Roelof Westra, 7.5; Suzy Blackburn, 7.5; Eddie Hurwitz, 7.5; Tom Whitaker, 7.5; GP 1 Daniel Wells, 7.5; GP 2 Andrew Brocklehurst, 6.5; Samuel Walker, 6.5; GP 3 Alex

Combie, 7; GP 4 Marex Soszynski, 6; Keith Thomas, 6

Intermediate: M Brown, 9.5; Brandon Clarke, 9; Nathan Talbot, 8.5; Jean-Luc-Weller, 8; C Booth, 7.5; David Norton, 7.5; GP 1 M Connor, 7; Sharron Soni, 7; Chris Davison, 7; GP 2 Stuart Ashley, 6.5; Owen Robson, 6.5; Phillip Platts, 6.5; David Adam, 6.5; George Boothman, 6.5; GP 4 Toby Thurgood, 6.5; Sean Ralph, 7; GP 5 David Lawrence, 7; Russel Goodfellow, 7

Minor: Dave Colledge, 9; Thomas Clements, 8.5; Simon Kerridge, 8.5; Adrauin Dawson, 8; Peter Batchelor, 7.5; Thomas Frizgerald, 7.5; GP 1 Conrad Jowet, 7.5; Andrew Gragside, 7; GP 2 Nicholas Clanchy, 7; GP 3 Jonathan Burch, 6.5

Sunday Rapidplay: John Stephenson, 4.5; Neville Pearce, 3.5; David Sheperd, 3.5; Tom Adams, 3.5

Junior U11: Ravi Haria; Eugene Daley

Russian Galina Utyuzhnskowa, photograph by David Clayton



Littlewood's Choice

This game is dedicated to the team of John Nunn, Jonathan Mestel and David Friedgood for their magnificent achievement in winning the recent World Chess Problem Solving Championship. If they happen to read this article, I hope that they not only enjoy the tactical complications as much as I did but can correct any analytical errors I may have made!

Casino Barcelona, 19 October 2007

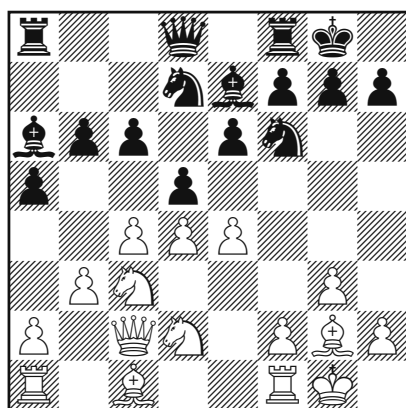
□ Michal Krasenkow

■ Hikaru Nakamura

1Nf3 Nf6 2c4e6 3g3d5 4Bg2 Be7 5 0-0 0-0 6 b3

I am not going to dwell too much on the opening except to say that Krasenkow appears to be wandering about in a mixture of the Réti System, the Queen's Indian and the Grünfeld Reversed (or Catalan) without being too sure about where he is heading. His opponent, however, who had such a fine tournament, obtains very quickly a winning position, seemingly without any sweat.

6...a5 7 Nc3 c6 8 d4 Nbd7 9 Qc2 b6! 10 e4?! Ba6 11 Nd2



11...c5!

Within the space of 11 moves, Black is able to take over the initiative whilst moving his 'c' pawn twice!

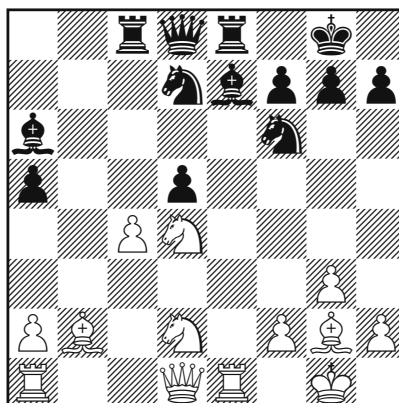
12 exd5 cxd4 13 Nb5

13 dxe6 loses material.

13...exd5 14 Nxd4 Rc8 15 Re1 b5! 16 Bb2 Re8 17 Qd1

He had to try 17 Nf5, come what may.

17...bxc4 18 bxc4

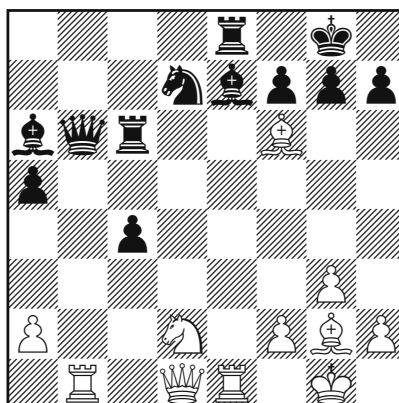


18...Qb6!

An innocent-looking move that contains a massive dose of poison, as we shall see.

19 Rb1 dxc4! 20 Nc6? Rxc6! 21 Bxf6

After 21 Bxc6 Qxc6 Black has ample compensation for the loss of the exchange and is threatening 22...c3 23 Rc1 Bb7 24 f3 Bc5+ 25 Kg2 Rxe1 26 Qxe1 cxd2 27 Qxd2 Qxf3+ 28 Kh3 Qh5 mate. White had planned in advance the capture on f6 but is due for a dreadful shock ...



21...Qxf2+!! 22 Kxf2 Bc5+ 23 Kf3

After the otherwise desirable 23 Kf1 Black has 23...c3+! winning at least a piece.

23...Rxf6+ 24 Kg4 Ne5+!

The key move of the combination, opening the diagonal from c8 for his QB.

25 Kg5

Or 25 Rxe5 Bc8+! 26 Kh4 Rxe5 27 g4 (or 27 Qh5 Rf4+ 28 gxf4 Bf2 mate; or 27 Bf3 Rh6+ 28 Bh5 g5 mate) 27... Bf2+ 28 Kh3 Rh5 mate.

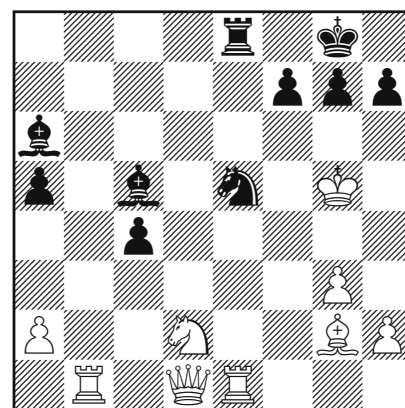
25...Rg6+!

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26 Kh5

The alternative 26 Kf5 would have demanded more ingenuity from Nakamura. In fact it took me some time to see the problem-like plan of 26...Bc8+ 27 Ke4 Rd6!! winning in all variations. The two immediate mating threats that White must cope with are 28...Nd3+ 29 Kf3 Rf6 mate and 28...Rd4+ 29 Ke3 Ng4+ 30 Kf3 Nxe2+ 31 Kf2 Rf4+ mate and he has no real defence against the batteries of rook and knight and rook and bishop. i.e. 28 Kf4 Rd4+! and now: (1) 29 Kg5 f6+ 30 Kh5 g6+ 31 Kh6 Nf7 or Bf8 mate; (2) 29 Re4 Ng6+ 30 Kg5 Rd5+ followed by mate; or here 30 Kf3 Rd3+ followed by mate; (3) 29 Be4 Ng6+ 30 Kg5 Re5+ mating as before

26...f6 27 Rxe5 Rxe5+ 28 Kh4 Bc8 0-1

Mate is forced i.e. 29 Bf3 Rh6+ 30 Bh5 g5 mate, or 29 Qh5 Rxh5+ 30 Kxh5 Rh6 mate or finally 29 g4 Bf2+ 30 Kh3 Rh5 mate. A great game by Nakamura, surely good enough to persuade my son Paul to leave bridge occasionally for a few games of chess!



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Book Reviews

by Gary Lane

Endgame Virtuoso – Anatoly Kapov

by Tibor Karolyi and Nick Alpin published by New in Chess £18.99

There is a tale going around the chess scene that Hungarian Tibor Karolyi caused some raised eyebrows at an airport when he failed to board the plane for some time, despite requests to make his presence known to staff. I asked him to confirm it and he shrugged his shoulders before admitting that he had been looking at a particular interesting rook and pawn ending. This is an author with a passion for chess and with his English corrected by Nick Alpin, he has produced a fine work on the endgame prowess of former World Champion Anatoly Karpov. The aim is to deeply analyse 105 games which he does by giving the moves of the opening without comment and only taking an interest when he reaches the ending. In other words he does exactly what it says the book jacket. A keen reader will wonder why the selection of games stops in 1990 but of course the authors are already planning volume two to bring it up to date. I think the heavy analysis will suit someone with lots of time to study but it lacks instructional value for the club player who just wants to improve. This is because there is a quest for the truth in the positions which involves lots of complicated lines and no time to consistently inform the reader with words on how to understand what is going on.

The perfect book for a connoisseur of the endgame.

Transpo Tricks in Chess

by Andrew Soltis published by Batsford £15.99

The opening is where many games are won or lost within a dozen moves. Therefore, the chance to confuse an opponent with a transposition to your favoured variation or even a completely different opening can be a valuable weapon. If you are still unsure what the book is about then a transposition is a known position reached by a different move order than usual – a less obvious way of getting to some where you want to go, leading to confusion for your opponent. The American author has collected a huge number of move-order tricks and interesting ideas to appeal to all club players rated above 100. The only concern I have is that some lines are lightweight because they are not backed up by much analysis. It is all very well sacrificing a couple of pawns for an attack but what happens if they don't play the move in the book?

An entertaining guide to secrets in the openings.

The Giants of Strategy

by Neil McDonald published by Everyman £14.99

There is one thing that Garry Kasparov and Vladimir Kramnik agree on and that is that to reach the heights you should study the games of the great masters. The prolific author Neil McDonald gives instructive examples from the games of Capablanca, Karpov, Kramnik, Petrosian and Nimzowitsch. There is an emphasis on positional play with chapter titles such as "restraint", "blockade" and "Provocation and Prophylaxis". There is plenty of comment on what the great players are trying to achieve and the methods they use. McDonald deliberately keeps the analysis of variations to a minimum in an effort not to put off the casual reader. There is also plenty of intriguing ways to handle the ending which should prove useful.

An opportunity to stand on the shoulders of giants and learn about strategy.

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Results Round-Up

Crowborough Rapidplay Congress

23 September 2007

Here are the results from last Sunday's Crowborough Rapidplay Congress organised by Crowborough CC at the Beacon School, Crowborough.

49 entries: Total Prize Fund £330.

1st: Gavin Lock 181 (Horsham CC): 5.5/6.

2nd=: David Fryer 166 (Crowborough CC) and Julien Shepley 160 (Guildford CC): 5/6.

U170=: Nigel Donovan 167 (Jutes of Kent 4NCL) and Rasa Norinkeviciute 151 (Eastbourne CC): 4/6

U140=: David Norton 127 (East Grinstead CC) and George Salimbeni 135 (Crowborough CC): 4/6.

U110: Matthew Payne 103 (Worthing CC) 3.5/6.

U80: Charles Davies 75 (Crowborough CC): 2/6.

Albany Cup (top Crowborough CC player): David Fryer.

Peter Bayliss, Tournament Director on behalf of Crowborough CC

KJCA South-East London Junior Rapidplay

30 September 2007

Total Prize Fund: £310. Total Entries: 126.

Under 18: William Jones, Lewisham CC, 141, 4½; Sheila Dines, Sanderstead, 138, 4; Dunstan Rodrigues, Lewisham CC, 117, 3; Siddhu Viswanath, Chislehurst CC, 109, 3; Robert Maguire, Beckenham & Bromley CC, 106, 3

Under 14: Victor Jones, Lewisham CC, 135, 5; Nicholas Clanchy, Lewisham CC, 78, 4; Jasdeep Gahir, Lewisham CC, 95, 3½; Barnaby Paul, Billingshurst, 72, 3½

Under 12: Baven Balendran, Beckenham & Bromley CC, 83, 5½; Felix Haxby, Brighton, 32, 5½; Benedict Rodrigues, Lewisham CC, 45, 4½; Raunak Rao, Beckenham, 42, 4½; Amy Hoare, Billingshurst, 19, 4½; Gautham Reddiar, Orpington, 63, 4; Katherine Shepherd, Ashted CC, 51, 4; Timur Basaran, Bexley, 33, 4; Orlando Devoy, Clapham, 28, 4; Justin Brown, Beckenham & Bromley CC, 17, 4

Under 10: Alexei Davis, Mottingham, 42, 5½; Mano Sathyamurthy, Herne Bay CC, 20, 5; Nicholas Jelacic, Cheam, 39, 4½; Raphael Kalid, Anerley, 36, 4½; Rohan Bansal, Dulwich, 28, 4½; Luxmie Muhunthakumar, New Malden, 16, 4½; Robert Wang, Dulwich, 5, 4½

Under 8: Rohan Shiatis, Coulsdon CC, 28, 6; Alexander Selway, Bromley, 0, 5; Zara Hussain, Riverhead, 0, 4; John James Daley, Dulwich, 0, 4; James Meredith, Dulwich, -, 4

Metropolitan Congress

6-7 October 2007

Open: Lorin D'Costa, 228, UCL, 4½/5; Alexandar Chernieav, 240, Russia/Hackney, 4/5; Augustin Madan, (2425), Romania, 4/5; Callum Kilpatrick, 185, Dulwich, 4/5; Andrew Stone, 196, 3½/5; Robert Eames, 199, Hackney, 3½/5; Terry Chapman, 196, 3½/5; Peter Taylor, 193, Cavendish, 3½/5; Marco Fernandez, 186, King's Head, 3½/5; Yang-Fan Zhou, 183, 3½/5; Brian Fitzpatrick, 178, Wimbledon, 3½/5

Major: James Peet, 146, Muswell Hill, 4½/5; Peter Wood, 148, Lewisham, 4½/5; Victor Jones, 148, Lewisham, 4/5; Shane McCabe, Enfield, 4/5; Finlo Rohrer, 130, 4/5; Jimmy Jiang, 133, Waltham Forest, 3½/5; Hristo Colov, 128, 3½/5

Minor: Daniel Arnold, 122, Metropolitan, 5/5; Joe Farrell, 105, Metropolitan, 4/5; Matthew Bunn, Snodland, 4/5; David Fowler, 110, Snodland, 3½/5; Kevin Steele, 102, Andover, 3½/5; Panuchart Bunyakiati, 92, UCL, 3½/5; P Barnaby, 3½/5; Victor Litvin, 79, 3½/5

KJCA Caterham Congress

19-21 October 2007

Total Prize Fund: £1,175. Total Entries: 75.

FIDE-rated Open: Marcus Osborne, Coulsdon CC, 2256, 5; John Sugden, Hastings & St. Leonard's CC, 2116, 3½; Felix Ynojosa, Reading CC, 2085, 3½; James C Foster, Beckenham & Bromley CC, 1970, 3½; Ian Snape, Beckenham & Bromley CC, 2229, 3; Gavin Lock, Horsham CC, 2212, 3; Marco Fernandez-Espana, King's Head CC, 2206, 3; Peter P Taylor, Barbican 4NCL, 2206, 3; Julien Shepley, Guildford CC, 2110, 3; Yang-Fan Zhou, Wimbledon CC, 2068, 3; Elliott Auckland, Crowborough CC, 1910, 3

Major (Under 160): Radha Jain, Pinner CC, 92, 4; Kazi Rahman, Manor Park, 153, 3½; Laurence Ball, Dartford & Swanley CC, 145, 3½; Robert Fisher, East Grinstead CC, 128, 3½; Helge Hjort, Hendon CC, 159, 3; Nigel Colter, Harrow CC, 143, 3; Angelica Ynojosa, Reading CC, 126, 3; Robert Maguire, Beckenham & Bromley CC, 109, 3

Intermediate (Under 130): Adam Squibbs, Crowborough CC, 113, 4½; Laurence Jones, Lewisham CC, 116, 4; Nicholas Clanchy, Lewisham CC, 76, 4; Michael C Price, Hammersmith CC, 128, 3½; Krishna Mehendale, Ashted CC, 117, 3½

Minor (Under 100): Phil Foley, Upminster CC, 94, 5; Ruby Marsden, Cowley CC, 60, 3½; Howard White, Maida Vale, 88, 3; Rob Woolacott, Folkestone CC, 81, 3; Arthur Meaton, Coulsdon CC, 77, 3; Alan Evans,

Medway CC, 69, 3

Clubs: Lewisham CC, 11; Coulsdon CC, 10½; Crowborough CC, 10

31st Scarborough Congress

19-21 October 2007

Open: D Gormally, Richmond, 4½;

J Hawkins, Leam Lane, 4; D Ledger, Bedford, 4; M Surtees, Bolton, 4; R James, Birmingham, 3; J Hawksley, Hull, 3; R Newton, Heywood, 3

Major: A Combie, Newark, 5; G Ashcroft, Preston, 4½; P Edwards, 4

Intermediate: S Aitchison, Newcastle Uni, 4½; C Tipper, Ashby Ivanhoe, 4½; D Glossop, Aughton, 4; J L Thompson, 4; D Hartley, 3½; M Seeber, 3½; S McCabe, 3½; G Harrison, 3½; J VanGemerren, 3½; G Collyer, 3½; D Richardson, Teeside, 3½; S Ormerod, Darlington, 3½

Minor: A Riley, Oxford City, 4½; R Stather, Middlesborough, 4½; A Robinson, Braunstone, 4½; J-L Weller, York R I, 4; N Pearce, York R I, 4; P Talbot, St Helens, 4; E Winn, York R I, 4; B Hobson, Gambit, 4; G Hughes, 3; M Carter, New Zealand, 3

Foundation: E Davies, Pudsey, 5; M Snowdon, Rotherham, 5; G Hopkinson, Gambit, 4; G Pearce, Alwoodley, 4; D Dunne, 4; D Scorer, Pendle, 4; D Davies, Blackpool, 4; B Balendran, Beckenham, 4; K Randle, Aughton, 4; I Mason, 4; C Robson, 4; A Harland, Scarborough, 3; B Reed, Tynedale, 3

Hampshire Chess Association Congress

2-4 November 2007

We have a new county champion.

26-year old Steven Kawuma, recently settled in Southampton, emerged half a point clear of the field at Eastleigh at the weekend, to win the silver rook and the title of county champion.

Former champion Mike Yeo made the early running, taking the sole lead after three rounds with 3 straight wins. But the turning point came in round four, when Mike played Steven. Steven has played international matches for Uganda in the recent past, and he unleashed a superb rook and queen sacrifice which obliterated all Mike's chances of a win. The game was drawn.

Mike drew the next 2 rounds, but Steven won both his, including a nail-biting finish in the last round, watched by a crowd of spectators including the Mayor of Eastleigh.

Open: Steven Kawuma, 5; Mike Yeo, 4½; Dominic Tunks, 4½; Peter Williams, 3½; David Deacon, 3½; Les Allen, 3½; Ed Davies, 3½

Under 125: Simon Roberts, 5; John Wiseman, 4½; Kevin Sawers, 4½; Ray Hunt,



4½; Trevor Dickerson, 4; John Carr, 4; Ken Sullivan, 4

44th Hull Congress

2-4 November 2007

Open: Britton R (FM), Lewisham, 190, 4½; Le T, York RI, 178, 4; Kohtz A, Germany, 188, 3; Prosch S, Germany, 187, 3; Coates D, Lincoln, 164, 3; Whitfield C (J), Cheddleton & Leek, 141, 3; Ilett R, Peterborough, 146, 3; Kaminskij S, Hull, 163, 3

Major: Cole T, Sheffield, 147, 4; Blake N, Redhill, 137, 3½; Turner T, York RI, 147, 3; Slinger AJ, York RI, 141, 3; Jaszkiwskyj P, East Ham, 151, 3

Intermediate: Clegg R, Huddersfield, 135, 4; Barber A, Mold, 129, 4; Van Gemenen JC, Spalding, 125, 4; Buckell D, Pendle, 109, 4; Foreman B, Melton, 131, 3½; Oliver B, Bridlington, 128, 3½; Milson S, Louth, 125, 3½; Wells D, York, 101, 3½; Collyer G, Louth, 135, 3; Ball G, Eccles, 128, 3; Stothard D, Hull, 128, 3; Robson O, York RI, 114, 3; Jackson JG, Hull, 113, 3; Clements T, Three C's, 100, 3

Minor: Scotter J, Hull, 93, 4; Cooper D, Hull, 88, 4; Stamp E, St Andrews, Hull, 86, 4; Bland J, Grimsby, 95e, 3½; Hale T, Grimsby, 95, 3½; Thompson J, Willows, Hull, 84, 3½; Stokes R, Scunthorpe, 84, 3½; Dixon S, Scarborough, 94, 3; Scorer D, Pendle, 92, 3; Milson N, Louth, 63, 3; Dunne D, 90, 3

Royal Grammar School Guildford Chess Tournament

3-4 November 2007

Under 18A: Roger Baxter, Winchester College, 5; Benjamin Challen, Winchester College, 4½; Alexander Gordon-Brown, Winchester College, 4; James Ausden, Winchester College, 4; Jasper Tambini, Claremont, 4; Patrick Butler, Winchester College, 4; Thomas Middleton, Whitgift, 4

Under 18B: William O'Donovan, Salesian College, 4½; Jonathan Burch, R.G.S. Guildford, 4; Matthew Burch, R.G.S. Guildford, 4; David Simcock, George Abbot, 4; Tom Wilson, Salesian College, 4; Sachintha Wijesinghe, Whitmore HS, 3½
Trophy: Robert Lydiard, R.G.S. Guildford, 5; Ilya Iyengar, Winchester College, 4; Daniel Hunt, R.G.S. Guildford, 2½

Under 12A: Eugene Daley, Dulwich Prep, 4½; Ramsay Pyper, Windlesham House, 4½; John Dougrez-Lewis, Cumnor House, 4; Jonathan Burch, R.G.S. Guildford, 4; Michael Blakey, St.Mary's, 3½; Otto Pyper, Windlesham House, 3½

Under 12B: Daniel Noel, Reading School, 5; Nikita Nicheperovich, Dulwich College, 4½; Timothy Foster, Cleves Junior, 4; Thomas Higgins-Toon, Barrow Hills, 4; Christopher Hinchcliffe, St.Peter's, 4; Daniel Sutton, Great Walstead, 4

74th Richmond Rapidplay

4 November 2007

There were 92 participants and £700 was awarded for the following results. The next rapidplay is on 20th January 2008.

Open: Augustin Madan, 5½/6; Ian Snape, 5; Chris Briscoe, 3½; Julien Shepley, 3½

Major (U160): Helge Hjort, 4½; Alex Galliano, 4½

Intermediate (U120): Roy Mathias, 5½; Russell Goodfellow, 5; Jonathan Andrew, 4½; Greg Breed, 4½; David Grange, 4½; Edward Tandi, 4½

Minor (U80): Harry Burdon, 5; David Buckley, 4½; Victor Litvin, 4½; Barry Miles, 4½; Stephen Welch, 4½

KJCA West Kent Junior Rapidplay

11 November 2007

Total Prize Fund: £310. Total Entries: 109.

Under 18: William Jones, Lewisham CC, 141, 4.5; Sheila Dines, Sanderstead, 138, 4; Robert Maguire, Bechenham & Bromley CC, 106, 3; Tim Weaver, Maidstone CC, 99, 3; Constantine Philippou, West Wickham, 96, 2; Peter Andreev, Dulwich, 94, 3; Siddhu Reddiar, Orpington, 81, 3

Under 14: Victor Jones, Lewisham CC, 135, 5; Barnaby Paul, Billingshurst, 72, 4; Udit Gadkary, Orpington, 55, 3.5

Under 12: Jasdeep Gahir, Lewisham CC, 95, 6; Alexei Davis, Mottingham, 42, 4.5; Gautham Reddiar, Orpington, 63, 4; Raunak Rao, Beckenham, 42, 4; Billy Sargent, Westerham CC, 18, 4; Arun Veerappan, Carshalton, 4

Under 10: Rohan Shiatis, Crawley Down, 28, 6; Raphael Kalid, Anerley, 36, 5; Patrick Smith, Chipstead, 10, 5; Oliver Petrick, Sevenoaks, 7, 4.5; Helen Mazalon, Ashted CC, 0, 4.5; Simon Leung, Dulwich, 0, 4.5; Daniel Webster, Streatham, 0, 4.5

Under 8: Michael Banh, Cheam, 6; Alexander Selway, Bromley, 4; Alfie Shankland, Tunbridge Wells, 4; Charlie Dannatt, Dulwich, 4; Nicholas West, Battersea, 4; James Meredith, Dulwich, 4

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Grand Prix 2007/8

Leader Boards 13 November 2007

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Junior Prix

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2	Jones, William EG, Kent Junior Congresses ...	507
3	Clanchy, Nicholas, Kent Junior Congresses	479
4	Jain, Radha, Pinner	474
5	Dines, Sheila J, Surrey Junior	467
6	Jain, Akash, Pinner	434
7	Guo, Xi-Yang, Rotherham Junior	433
8	Rabbitte, Michael J, Heywood	396
9	Scott, Gordon W, Norwich Juniors	363
10	Owens, Megan R, Downend & Fishponds	356

Graded Prix (174-150)

1	Hjort, Helge, Hendon	517
2	Bryant, Richard BE, Oswestry	436
3	Rabbitte, Dominic M, Heywood	276
4	Almond, Richard J, Hastings & St Leonards	275
5	Garnett, John S, Elmwood	229
6	Kingston, Ian, West Nottingham	215
7	Fallowfield, Nicholas, Stourbridge	211
8	Jeffries, Majid, Maidenhead	210
9	Makepeace, Philip J, Wycombe & Hazlemere	208
10	Hegarty, Sarah N, Ashted	207

Graded Prix (149-125)

1	O'Gorman, Brendan, DHSS	496
2	Goodfellow, Russell R, Tunbridge Wells	489
3	Clegg, Robert, Huddersfield	477
4	Desmedt, Richard E, Netherton	470
5	Pride, Stephen C, Cambridge City	443
6	Price, Andrew, Leamington	440
7	Jackson, Paul G, Coulsdon CF	372
8	Ribbands, Patrick C, Cambridge City	324
9	Alcock, Graham P, Ashted	298
10	Cohen, Ronnie, Albany	259

Graded Prix (124-100)

1	Walker, Roger W, Belper	466
2	Gartside, Carl, High Peak	393
3	Farthing, Andrew, Worcester	340
4	Barnell, Terry, London E *	331
5	Horlock, Peter J, Godalming	315
6	Allen, Timothy S, Battersea	314
7	Constable, John, Coulsdon CF	312
8	Jones, Laurence, Lewisham	305
9	Le-Vine, Mark R, Thetford Youth & Community CC	300
10	Parry, Matthew, 4NCL King Supports Pawn	284

Graded Prix (U100)

1	Fraser, Alan R, Beckenham & Bromley	425
2	Foley, Phil T, Upminster	375
3	Jain, Dinesh, Pinner	361
4	Stone, Mark R, Petts Wood & Orpington	355
5	Everitt, David, Haywards Heath	342
6	Billett, Stephen J, Portsmouth	339
7	Robson, Caroline J, Barnet Elizabeth	252
8	Kernot, Adrian C, East Grinstead	235
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* denotes English Chess Federation Grand Prix @ denotes FIDE Rated Event # denotes British Championship Qualifying Tournament ~ denotes ECF Graded Event

1 Dec
KJCA ECF CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE COACHING DAY,
Sandhurst Primary School.
Sue Maguire (Tel: 020 8656 6420,
Email: sue.maguire@btinternet.com)

~*#1-2 Dec
54th HERTFORDSHIRE CONGRESS,
The Meridian School,
Royston. B Judkins (Tel: 01462 641768,
Email: hcacongress@ntlworld.com)

~ 2 Dec
DERBYSHIRE RAPIDPLAY,
Celanese (formerly Accordis/
Courtaulds) Spondon.
G T Gibson (Tel: 01332 874096,
Email: chessman81@lycos.co.uk)

2 Dec
SJC TRAINING DAY, XMAS PARTY & GIRLS TOURNAMENT,
The Meads Primary School, East
Grinstead.
Margaret Burch (Tel: 01483 534061,
Email: ammjburch@hotmail.com)

3 Dec
THE STRAND BLITZ,
The Cheshire Cheese, WC2R 3LD.
S Tserendorj (Tel: 07887 790934,
Email: londonrapidplay@yahoo.co.uk)

~*#7-9 Dec
BRISTOL WINTER CONGRESS,
Cotham School, Cotham Lawn Rd.
G Mill-Wilson (Tel: 07765 139540,
Email: Tugmw@blueyonder.co.uk)

~* 8 Dec
GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY,
St Alban's Church Hall, NW11 7QG.
Adam Raoof (Tel: 07855 036537,
Email: adamraoof@yahoo.com)

~* 8-9 Dec
CCF CHRISTMAS CONGRESS,
Coulson.
H Curtis & S Freeman (Tel: 020 8645
0302, Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

~* 9 Dec
BURY RAPIDPLAY
Elizabethan Suite, Town Hall.
A Lee (Tel: 0161 764 2243,
Email: burychesscongress@tesco.net)

9 Dec
CHRIS WARD'S KJCA FAMILY & FRIENDS' TOURNAMENT
Amherst School, Sevenoaks.
Sue Maguire (Tel: 020 8656 6420,
Email: sue.maguire@btinternet.com)

~ 15 Dec
LONDON JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (U12 QUALIFIER),
University of Westminster.
M Shaw (Tel: 020 8931 2276,
Email: congress@ljcc.co.uk)

15 Dec
NATIONAL PREP SCHOOLS RAPIDPLAY,
Aldro School.
D Archer (Tel: 01483 810266,
Email: archerd@aldro.org)

~* 15-16 Dec
LONDON JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (U14 & U10),
University of Westminster.
M Shaw (Tel: 020 8931 2276,
Email: congress@ljcc.co.uk)

~*#17-21 Dec
CCF CHRISTMAS INTERNATIONAL
Coulson.
H Curtis & S Freeman (Tel: 020 8645
0302, Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

17 Dec
THE STRAND BLITZ,
The Cheshire Cheese WC2R 3LD.
S Tserendorj (Tel: 07887 790934,
Email: londonrapidplay@yahoo.co.uk)

~* 23 Dec
EAST ACTON JUNIOR RAPIDPLAY
The Gold Smith Arms, W3 7ER.
S Tserendorj (Tel: 07887 790934,
Email: londonrapidplay@yahoo.co.uk)

~*#@ 28-30 Dec
LONDON JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (U8, U12, U16 & U18/U21/FIDE RATED)
University of Westminster.
M Shaw (Tel: 020 8931 2276,
Email: congress@ljcc.co.uk)

~*#28-30 Dec
LONDON CHRISTMAS CONGRESS
(FIDE Open, U150, U100), University of
Westminster.
M Shaw (Tel: 020 8931 2276,
Email: congress@ljcc.co.uk)

~*#@ 28 Dec-6 Jan 2008
HASTINGS INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS,
Hornbye Park Sports Complex.
Con Power (Tel/Fax: 01424 431970,
Email: conpowr@aol.com)

~* 30 Dec
EAST ACTON ADULT RAPIDPLAY,
The Gold Smith Arms, W3 7ER.
S Tserendorj (Tel: 07887 790934,
Email: londonrapidplay@yahoo.co.uk)

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~*#4-6 Jan
FULPRINT 21st YORK CONGRESS,
Oaklands Sports Centre, Cornlands
Rd.
J Griffith (Tel: 01904 705752, 07896
141028)

~* 5 Jan
GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY,
St Alban's Church Hall, NW11 7QG.
Adam Raoof (Tel: 07855 036537,
Email: adamraoof@yahoo.com)

~* 5 Jan
SJC HASTINGS JUNIOR RAPIDPLAY,
St Mary's Star of the Sea School.
Margaret Burch (Tel: 01483 534061,
Email: ammjburch@hotmail.com)

~*#5-6 Jan
HASTINGS INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND CONGRESS,
Hornbye Park Sports Complex.
Con Power (Tel/Fax: 01424 431970,
Email: conpowr@aol.com)

~* 5-6 Jan
WREKIN CONGRESS,
Madeley Court Sports Centre.
C Roberts (Tel: 07974 083939,
Email: colinroberts@blueyonder.co.uk)

~* 12 Jan
CCF RAPIDPLAY,
Coulson.
H Curtis & S Freeman (Tel: 020 8645
0302, Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

~@ 12-13 Jan
4NCL,
Divisions 1, 2 & 3, De Vere Venues,
Wokefield Park.
Mike Truran (Tel: 01993 708645,
Email: mike@mrtruran.fsnet.co.uk)

~ 13 Jan
RENAISSANCE ACADEMY RAPIDPLAY,
Latvian Welfare Fund, Bradford.
C W Wood (Tel: 07796 246328,
Email: the_renaissance_academy@hotmail.co.uk) open to players under
25.

13 Jan
SJC TRAINING DAY,
Holy Trinity School, Cuckfield.
Margaret Burch (Tel: 01483 534061,
Email: ammjburch@hotmail.com)

19 Jan
EPSCA RAPIDPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP,
Peter W Purland (Tel: 0151 733 4854,
Email: petepurland@btopenworld.com)

~ 20 Jan
HEYWOOD RAPIDPLAY,
Civic Centre.
Bill O'Rourke (Tel: 01706 627874,
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~ 20 Jan
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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE RAPIDPLAY,
Nottingham High School.
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~* 20 Jan
75th RICHMOND RAPIDPLAY,
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~*#@ 22-31 Jan
GIBTELECOM CHESS FESTIVAL,
Caleta Hotel, Gibraltar.
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~* 25-27 Jan
5th CLEVELAND WEEKEND CONGRESS,
Hillcarter Hotel, Hartlepool.
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~* 26 Jan
KJCA BECKENHAM JUNIOR RAPIDPLAY,
Langley Park Boys School.
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26 Jan
YORK ONE DAY RAPIDPLAY,
Elmbank Hotel.
P Cloudsdale (Tel: 01904 767177,
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~* 26-27 Jan
SPECTRUM CHESS - 12th DUDLEY CONGRESS,
Quality Hotel.
Norman Went (Tel: 01708 551617,
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~ 27 Jan
CCF ENGLISH CHESS CHALLENGE QUALIFICATION EVENT,
Wimbledon Park Primary School.
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~* 27 Jan
SJC JUNIOR RAPIDPLAY
Farlington School, Horsham.
Margaret Burch (Tel: 01483 534061,
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~@ 28 Jan-1 Feb
1st ENGLISH SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS
Izaak Walton Hotel, Dovedale.
Neil Graham (Tel: 01623 483731,
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