

## 85TH HASTINGS INTERNATIONAL CHESS CONGRESS



*Romain Edouard (Fra), David Howell , The Mayor, Mark Hebden, Isratescu (Rou) and the Golombek Trophy*

The 85th Hastings International Chess Congress drew to a close on 5th January at Horntye Park Sports Complex, Hastings. The closing ceremony was attended by Cllr. Maureen Charlesworth, the Right Worshipful Mayor of Hastings, Cllr. Peter Pragnell, Leader of Hastings Borough Council and prospective Conservative candidate Amber Rudd.


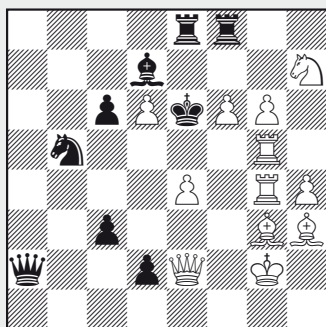
The Congress attracted players from 23 countries - including a Masters player from Iraq. The number of entries was similar to last year at 452. Organisers were pleased to see a number of new faces, who all expressed their hope to return for the 86th Congress

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# Editorial

Well, global warming certainly arrived in the South East of England. On the 4th of January, when the office reopened after the Christmas break, the staff struggled in through 6-8 inches of snow, only to find that there was no heating for the entire building. After a couple of hours we had to give in and make the return journey home – hours instead of the usual 20 mins. The next day we did it all again, but this time carrying shovels and heaters (never say die). The following week I spent three hours with a colleague on the station platform before being told that all trains had been cancelled, then had to walk home because the roads were closed. Who says we Southerners are soft? Happy New Year to all!

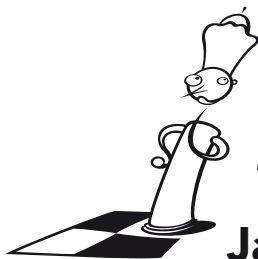
*Cynthia Gurney, Editor*

**ECF Batsford Competition**  
**B.T. BATSFORD**  
**WINNER NOVEMBER-DECEMBER**  
**John Doidge**  
**from Newton Abbot**  
**The correct Answer is 1.Ke5**  
  
**This issue's problem**  
**David J Shire**  
**The Problemist, 1975**  
  
**White to play and mate in 2**  
  
Please send your answer (just the first move is sufficient)  
on a postcard to the ECF Office,  
The Watch Oak, Chain Lane, Battle, East Sussex TN33 0YD  
  
*The first correct entry drawn on the 10th March 2010 will win a Batsford voucher for any book on their current list*

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**10th March 2010**



# ECF News

## January (Half Year) Rapidplay

### Grades

These are now available on the Grading Database website (<http://grading.bcfservices.org.uk>) - bringing in Rapidplay games played up to January 2010

## ECF Vacancies

### Manager of Chess for Schools

Reports to Director of Junior Chess & Education Has overall responsibility for supervising the ECF element of the national Chess for Schools scheme.

This includes -

- Supporting the sponsors Holloid Plastics in the delivery of the chess sets to the schools. This will require that the Manager ensures that the ECF is represented at approximately 15 events held throughout the country at which the representative will be required to speak on behalf of the ECF.
- Development and sale of follow-up support packages to schools
- Establishment of a national network of affiliated chess academies.
- Responsibility for identification and implementation of any other measures necessary to ensure the success of the Chess for Schools scheme.
- Responsibility for the work of any officers who may be appointed with agreement of the ECF Board to support the initiative.
- Liaison with any other ECF officers who are supporting the scheme and in particular the Chief Executive, Director of Marketing, the Manager of Coaching, and the ECF Office.

Notes:

CRB Enhanced Disclosure is required. The Manager is required to respond with due diligence to communications from members of the ECF Board, members of the Federation and the general public. An honorarium will be payable to a suitably qualified officer. Reasonable expenses will be reimbursed.

The ideal candidate will:

- Have a successful track record in project management;
- Be a good public speaker;
- Have experience in junior organisation.

## ECF Awards 2009

### President's Awards for Services to Chess 2010

Nominations are invited for the ECF Presidents Awards. The awards are made annually for services to the game of chess.

Previous winners include B H Wood, The BBC, the late IM Bob Wade and a host of players and organisers. The recipient of the award will receive a plaque.

Nominations, with a short citation, should be sent (by 17 April 2010) to: John Wickham, 55 Shakespeare Way, Taverham, Norwich NR8 6SL or email [j.r.wickham@btinternet.com](mailto:j.r.wickham@btinternet.com)

Winners of the award will be announced on the ECF website and at the ECF AGM in October.

### Club of the Year & Small Club of the Year 2010

The ECF is looking for submissions from Chess clubs for these two awards. We are seeking details of clubs that stand out from the rest and clubs that their members



feel proud to belong to. It's time to get recognition of your club by becoming recipients of the award from the ECF.

The submissions should detail the clubs participation in local leagues and competitions, but also cover such items as how the club encourages membership among groups under-represented in the general chess population, the contribution made to chess locally and nationally, the activities organised for juniors and comment on how the club interacts with schools and the local community.

The club(s) selected for the awards will receive a scroll, an engraved plaque and digital clock.

Send your submissions by 29 May 2010 to: John Wickham, 55 Shakespeare Way, Taverham, Norwich NR8 6SL or email [j.r.wickham@btinternet.com](mailto:j.r.wickham@btinternet.com)

### Magazine of the Year 2010

Nominations are invited for the ECF Chess Magazine of the Year award. We are looking for nominations from either readers or editors of Chess magazines that are produced by volunteers.

The editor of the magazine selected will receive a scroll and a copy of the ECF Chess Book of the Year (any alternative to this is at the discretion of the Awards committee).

Send your nominations by 10 April 2010 to: John Wickham, 55 Shakespeare Way, Taverham, Norwich NR8 6SL or email [j.r.wickham@btinternet.com](mailto:j.r.wickham@btinternet.com)

### Website of the Year 2010

ECF are seeking nominations for the ECF Chess Website of the Year award. We are looking for nominations from either users or the webmasters of Chess Websites that are run by volunteers.

The webmaster of the site selected will receive a scroll and a copy of the ECF Book of the Year (any alternative to this is at the discretion of the awards committee).

Nominations with the website address should be sent by 30 April 2010 to: John Wickham at [j.r.wickham@btinternet.com](mailto:j.r.wickham@btinternet.com)

### Congress of the Year 2010

Open to Congresses/Events that are affiliated to the ECF, either individually or through another body, and held in the period 1st July 2009 to 30th June 2010.

The Judges will assess the Congress/Event over a range of factors to include accessibility to all groups, quality of the venue and facilities offered, type and range of events offered, the skill/ability of the organisers, the entry form and the publicising of the event, value for money etc. In addition the judges may seek the views of the players who entered the Congress/Event.

The winners will receive a certificate and will be able to offer a free entry to the 2011 British Championships to those entering their Congress/Event, as well as the title of "ECF Congress of the Year 2010". The Awards committee will contact the winners after the judging is completed and then will announce the winner on the ECF website as well as at the ECF AGM in October 2010.

Eligible Congresses/Events are asked to submit a citation, with copies of the entry forms, to John Wickham, 55 Shakespeare Way, Taverham, Norwich NR8 6SL or email [j.r.wickham@btinternet.com](mailto:j.r.wickham@btinternet.com)

### British Chess Educational Trust Awards

With funds provided by the generosity of the late Sir George Thomas (now administered by the British Chess Educational Trust) the English Chess Federation annually awards shields to schools which have shown outstanding achievements or enthusiasm in chess. Since 1982, inscribed chess boards have been substituted for shields.

Recommendations for awards should be forwarded, via the appropriate Union (if in England) or via the national organisations for Scotland or Wales, to the ECF Office at Battle by 31st May 2010

## British Rapidplay

**Joint winners** at the British Open Rapidplay 2009!

David Howell Gm and Mark Hebden Gm - score 9/11

3rd - Peter Wells Gm - 8.5/9

4th - Richard Palliser Gm - 8/11

#### Major

Equal 1st - Kevin Yeomans and Rhys Cumming - 8.5/11

**Intermediate** - Andrew Harris - 9 /11

#### Minor -

Equal 1st - Brian Yarker and Rod Burroughs 8.5/11

#### Sunday One-Day Event

Joint winners - Phil Watson, Guy Batchelor, Stephen Burke

#### Junior

Under 12 - Harry Li - 5/5

Under 16 - Edward Chiu - 4.5/5

Under 10 - Zheming Zhang - 4/5

Under 14 - Miles Edward-Wright - 4/5



A very good Sunday with a very good finish in the Open and some exciting late-round games. In the Juniors, the Under 10 section was combined with the Under 12 and the Under 14 section was combined with the Under 16

## ECF EMAIL ALERT

Register your email address at

**[www.englishchess.org.uk](http://www.englishchess.org.uk)**

to receive news items as soon as they are known to us

# CHESS FOR SCHOOLS

## *Chess for schools takes to island life*



Andrew Turner, MP for IoW, at Gatten & Lake Primary School in Shanklin, IOW

**The Chess for Schools project continues to build momentum across the UK with the announcement that the national education initiative has moved onto the Isle of Wight. Schools across the entire island have now received their free chess sets. To mark the occasion, Andrew Turner MP for IoW personally delivered a box of 10 chess sets to Gatten & Lake Primary School in Shanklin.**

Chess for Schools is a nationwide charitable initiative that aims to deliver 10 free chess sets to every one of England's 25,000 schools, in an effort to promote strategic thinking, brain games and the creation of school chess clubs and inter-school chess tournaments.

"I am very pleased to support the Chess for Schools initiative," commented Mr Turner. "I learned to play chess as a child and it is an enjoyable way to encourage strategic thinking and problem solving. Once learned it is a lifelong skill, whatever level you play at. I do hope that these free chess sets will encourage youngsters on the island to take up the game and, who knows, we may even have a future Chess Grand Master here on the Isle of Wight."

Mrs Karen Bartlett, Head Teacher of Gatten & Lake Primary School, was delighted with the positive effects this project will bring:

"The children are already recognising the benefits of playing chess and are teaching other children how to play the game. We are looking forward to setting up a school chess tournament which will not only impact the pupils' enjoyment of the game but their overall achievement in school."

The Chess for Schools boxes, which each contain 10 free chess sets, were distributed to schools across the island with help from the IoW's County Council and Lloyds TSB who sponsored delivery of the chess sets from the manufacturers, Holloid Plastics, in Basingstoke.

Chess for Schools is an ongoing programme with nearly 8,000 schools signed up to the first phase. Distribution is being handled in a phased national roll out programme. In addition to the Isle of Wight, schools across Surrey, Hampshire and Oxfordshire have also received sets.

Holloid Plastics, one of the country's leading plastic injection moulding specialists, has teamed up with the English Chess Federation (ECF) to create Chess for Schools. Holloid is making and distributing all of the 250,000 chess sets needed.

For further information on Chess for Schools, please download the Resource Pack from:  
[www.holloid-plastics.co.uk](http://www.holloid-plastics.co.uk).

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**About Holloid Plastics**

*Holloid Plastics is one of the UK's leading suppliers of custom designed injection molded plastic components. Serving the UK market since 1953, Holloid has invested in the latest robotics and production techniques, helping maintain an established customer base that includes some of the best known and respected global brands. Working in batches to order, the company produces a vast array of components, in terms of both volume and complexity. In a competitive landscape, Holloid has built a reputation for both quality and cost effective output. The company's capabilities include tool design, project management and manufacture*

# Hastings ICC

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**The Masters Tournament was a strong event and provided some interesting play, watched by a daily audience attending to listen to grandmaster Chris Ward's live commentary. Games were also followed by an international audience via the internet - nine games were broadcast daily.**

The Christmas and New Year events provided an opportunity for unrated players to enjoy competitive chess, some for the first time. The 27th Weekend Congress was won by Hastings' Ambassador for Sport, International Master Thomas Rendle. Thomas' family home remains in Hastings although he is away much of the time studying and pursuing his chess career.

Thanks must, once again, go to Hastings Borough Council for their continuing support without which the

Congress would not continue. Invaluable additional sponsorship was given by the White Rock Hotel who provided accommodation for leading players. The Congress also wishes to thank The Pig in Paradise, Gwalia Resources, Deutsch UK and KC Computers for their support.

The Congress ran without incident and, luckily, without snow. The venue at Horntye Park is ideal, having adequate space to accommodate all tournaments, commentary and catering under one roof. A large-screen TV broadcasting cricket (from South Africa) and other international sports provided light relief for the players between games!

Luckily, most players left Hastings immediately after the prize-giving on 5th January, but snow hampered a quick getaway for those leaving on 6th - many of whom were

*Alan Hustwayte with personal presentation of prize – a silver chess set – for Best Performance against Rating, won by Peter Williams*



travelling by road and rail to the North of England and Scotland, and overseas by air.

It is hoped that the 86th Hastings International Chess Congress will take place at the end of December 2010. No definite decision can be taken until after HBC Budget decisions are taken in the Spring. Meanwhile organisers continue their search for a major commercial sponsor

## Final Standings

1st = 7/9

GM Romain Edouard (FRA); GM Mark Hebden (ENG); GM David Howell (ENG); GM Andrei Istratescu (ROU) Joint Holders of Golombek Trophy + £1113 each

5th = 6.5/9

GM Yuri Drozdovskij (UKR); GM Daniel Gormally (ENG);



*The opening ceremony involving International arbiter David Sedgwick who made the formal speech, the MP for Hastings and Rye Michael Foster, chairman of the International Congress committee Paul Smith and Councillor Maureen Charlesworth the Mayor of Hastings*



WGM Natalia Zdebskaja (UKR); Dennis Beder (GER); K. Arkell (Eng), R. Bates (Eng), D. Breder (Ger), A. Strunski (Ger) - 5.5+1

### **Best performance by female player**

WGM Natalia Sdibskaja (Ukr)

### **Best performance by non GM/IM**

FM David Eggleston (Eng); FM Jonathan Hawkins (Eng); FM Andreas Strunski (Ger); Ian Snape (Eng)

### **Best performance against rating**

Peter Williams (Eng)

### **Best Game Prize**

GM Simon Williams (Eng) £100 + trophy presented by Horntye Park

**IM Norm** achieved by Jonathan Hawkins

## **5th January 2010 -**

### **The BUSWELL & BRYANT BLITZ**

Carlisle Pub, Wednesday 30 Dec 2009

5 minutes per player per game

1 Chris Briscoe 6/7

2= Richard Almond, Aryan Tari 5½

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'Best Hastings' shared between Angelo Goss and Paul Kelly, 4

A disappointing entry of only 22 players, confirming recent trends, means that this was the last Bryant & Buswell event

## **CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

The five-round Christmas Afternoon Tournament ended on Friday 1st January. A total of seventy-six players participated. As well as entries from around Britain, players came from Norway, Luxembourg, France and Germany. The icy weather conditions on Friday evening meant that the prize-giving attendance was low but congratulations were given to all. Results as follows:

### **"A" Section**

1st David CUTMORE (Wood Green) 4.5/5

2nd= John Dodgson (Hastings), Alan Punnett (Guildford) 3.5/5

Grading Prize: John Hickman (Reading) 3/5

### **"B" Section**

1st Jonathan WRIGHT (London) 4/5

2nd= Adrian WALDOCK (Richmond/Guildford), Sebastian GALER (Guildford) 3.5/5

Grading Prize= Roy Harper (Eastbourne/Hastings), David GUTTRIDGE (Yarmouth) 3/5

### **"C" Section**

1st Raymond KEARSLEY (Wimbledon) 4.5/5

2nd David FOWLER (Snodland) 4/5

3rd= David HOWES (Coulsdon), Alan COLLINS (Cowley), Henry Cove (Weald of Kent), Roy Webb (Hastings) 3/5

Grading Prize= Henry COVE (Weald of Kent), Roy WEBB (Hastings), Alan COLLINS (Cowley)

### **"D" Section**

1st Dag ERIKSEN (Norway) 4.5/5

2nd Iain HOPE (Musselburgh) 4/5

3rd Caroline ROBSON (Enfield) 3.5/5

Grading Prize = Faye AINSCOW (Kings Head) John CALVERT (Nottingham) James ROBERTSON (Tonbridge) 3/5

## **CHRISTMAS MORNING TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

71 players took part including competitors from Norway, Germany and Luxembourg. The "A" Section was won by a first time visitor to Hastings from Norway, Aryan TARI aged 10. Results were as follows:

### **"A" Section**

1= Aryan TARI (Norway) 4/5

2= Christopher HOWELL (Redhill), Helge HJORT (Hastings), Alan PUNNETT (Guildford), Christopher SHERWOOD (Morley) 3.5/5



*The calm before the storm*

### **"B" Section**

1= Matthew BUNN (Snodland), Martin LICHTER (Germany) 4.5/5

3= Juergen GOELDENBOOG (Germany) 4/5

Grading Prize Marc BRYANT (Hastings) 3/5

### **"C" Section**

1= Sebastian GALER (Guildford), Timothy ALLEN (Battersea), Ian BLENCOWE (Gloucester) 3.5/5

Grading Prize Mark STONE (PettsWood & Orpington) 3/5

### **"D" Section**

1= Derek COSENS (Hastings), Dag ERIKSEN (Norway), Iain HOPE (Musselburgh) 4/5

Grading Prize= Caroline ROBSON (Enfield), Alan FRASER (Beckenham) 2.5/5

## **NEW YEAR TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

### **SECTION A:**

1st= Helge Hjort (Hastings), Eric Key (York) 3.5/4

3rd Peter Tobczewski (Ger) 3/4

Grading Prize U155 = Tristan Clayton (Epsom), Peter Wood (Hastings), Conor Murphy (Bexley) 2/4

### **SECTION B:**

1st Paul Buswell (Hastings) 3.5/4

2nd= Jeff Fleischer (Croydon), Omar Jebari (Middlesex) 3/4

Grading Prize U130 Henry Cove (Hawkhurst) 2.5/4



GM Mark Hebden and GM Andrei Istratescu

### SECTION C:

1st Gary Willson (Fairlight) 3.5/4

2nd= Andrew de Santos (Preston), Alan Fraser (Orpington), Adrian Kernot (E. Grinstead), Iain Hope (Musselburgh) 3/4  
Grading Prize U107= Alan Fraser (Orpington), Adrian Kernot (E. Grinstead)

### PAIRS AT THE PIG

The Pairs at the Pig Tournament took place on Tuesday 29th December. Sixteen teams took part including many familiar faces. One familiar face was missing - that of Stewart Reuben, the event's arbiter, who was unwell. Marc Bryant and Chris Howell stepped in and saved the day

#### Teams were:

Henry Cove/ Teddy Wickman - A sacrifice

Alfredo Luaces/Stig Mortensen - Just have to work out what we'll do with the money

Rod Nixon/Peter Smith - Stella Harvey

Peter Tobczewski/Jurgen Goldenboog - The Worst Germans

David Grant/Rhys Cumming - Chris Howell lost to a 10-year old

Chris Howell/Marc Bryant - We can't win even when we fix the pairing

Gary O'Grady/Ali Wilson - Mark Hebden's Love Children

Jack Rudd/Amy Hoare - Thank Devon for Little Girls

Marc Bryant and Chris Howell managed to run the event and play - they were yellow carded for unruly behaviour before the event started but were too busy to create a follow-up red card incident.



The Pairs Tournament at the Pig in Paradise. On the right is the winning pair - Jack Rudd and Amy Hoare playing in Round 2

#### Results as follows:

1 Prize £100 Thank Devon for little girls 5/5

2 Prize £60 Stella Harvey 3.5/5

3= Prize £40 Chris Howell lost to a 10-year old, Just have to work out what we'll do with the money 3/5

Prize for best team name - £25 Mark Hebden's Love Children ('Dad' was present at the event)

Best performance by a mixed gender team - Thank Devon for Little Girls

The Pairs Tournament was once again generously sponsored by the Pig in Paradise and we thank them for their much appreciated generosity and support

### RESULTS OF 27th HASTINGS WEEKEND CONGRESS

The five-round Hastings Weekend Congress ended on Sunday 3rd January. 176 competitors took part. Prize giving was held on Sunday evening and prizes were presented by Paul Smith, Chairman of Hastings International Chess Congress. The Open Tournament was won by Thomas Rendle who, until recently, lived in Hastings. He is still Hastings Ambassador for Sport.

#### OPEN TOURNAMENT:

1st Thomas Rendle (Sandhurst) 3.5/5

2nd= Andrew Mayhew (Rochester), Pablo Padilla Cabera (Tipton) 3/5 - both qualify for British Championships, Canterbury 2010

Grading Prize U-190 = Akash Jain (Northwood), Richard Cannon (Northolt), Allan Pleasants (Weymouth) 2.5/5



He's the arbiter he knows the score ...

#### MAJOR SECTION:

1st Tserenbat Lozvoi (Guildford) 5/5

2nd Paul Kelly (St. Leonards on Sea) 4.5/5

3rd= Paul McMahon (Cambridge) Eric Key (York), Chris Heath (Horsham) 4/5

Grading Prize U-155= David Thompson (Andover), Matthew Payne (Worthing), Jonathan Wright (London), Thomas Senior (London) 3.5/5

#### MINOR SECTION:

1st= Marc Bryant (Hastings), Felix Haxby (Brighton) 4.5/5

3rd Hugh Osborne (Seaford) 4/5

Grading Prize U-130 Kevin Markey (Dursley, Glos) 3.5/5

#### UNDER-120 SECTION:

1st= Barry Miles (London), Caroline Robson (Enfield) 4.5/5

3rd= Alan Evans (Whitstable), Richard Mwangi (Northolt), James Wallman (Verwood) 4/5

Grading Prize Under-100 Alexander Hardwick (London) 3.5/5

Grading Prize Under-80 Frank Cheeseman (Whitstable), Andrew Shoulders (Hove) 2.5/5

# International News

## Rilton Cup 2009-10

<http://www.rilton.se>

Congratulations to Luke McShane who finished 1st= on 6.5/9 with fellow GMs Radoslaw Wojtaszek, Eduardas Rozentalis and Igor Lysyi and IM Pavel Ponkratov. Luke's rating performance was 2683.

## Zurich Weihnachtsopen

<http://www.kradolfer-informatik.ch/schach/wop/>

Matthew Turner shared 1st with 6 other players on 5.5/7. The other co-winners were Leonid Milov, Yannick Pelletier, David Baramidze, Pawel Jaracz, Milos Pavlovic and Falko Bindrich

## January 2010 FIDE Rating List

### English men:

1	Short, Nigel D	g	ENG	2696	7	1965
2	Adams, Michael	g	ENG	2694	17	1971
3	McShane, Luke J	g	ENG	2616	16	1984
4	Howell, David W L	g	ENG	2606	20	1990
5	Jones, Gawain C B	g	ENG	2561	4	1987
6	Haslinger, Stewart G	g	ENG	2559	9	1981
7	Conquest, Stuart C	g	ENG	2551	18	1967
8	Williams, Simon K	g	ENG	2548	16	1979
9	Pert, Nicholas	g	ENG	2541	0	1981
10	Hebden, Mark L	g	ENG	2532	9	1958
11	Gordon, Stephen J	g	ENG	2527	5	1986
12	Speelman, Jon S	g	ENG	2525	0	1956
13	Flear, Glenn C	g	ENG	2514	3	1959
14	Turner, Matthew J	g	ENG	2508	0	1975

### English women:

1	Hunt, Harriet V	m	ENG	2452	0	1978
2	Houska, Jovanka m		ENG	2401	18	1980
3	Lalic, Susan K	m	ENG	2298	9	1965
4	Corke, Anya	wg	ENG	2284	0	1990
5	Lauterbach, Ingrid	wm	ENG	2158	9	1960
6	Regan, Natasha K	wm	ENG	2152	14	1971
7	Bellin, Jana	wg	ENG	2151	0	1947
8	Grigoryan, Meri	wf	ENG	2125	6	1977
9	Forbes, Cathy	wm	ENG	2106	0	1968
10	Hegarty, Sarah N		ENG	2067	0	1988
11	Bhatia, Kanwal K		ENG	2062	3	1981
12	Chevannes, Sabrina L	wf	ENG	2022	14	1986

## Corus Wijk aan Zee 2010

<http://www.coruschess.com>

The tournaments started on 16th January. Nigel Short is playing in the A Group and David Howell is in the B Group.

## Australian Chess Championships 2010

<http://www.australianchesschampionship.com/pm/pmwiki.php?n=Main.Results>  
<http://chess-results.com/tnr28954.aspx?art=2&rd=4&lan=1&fed=ENG&m=-1&wi=1000>

Gawain Jones finished 3rd on 7.5/11 behind Australians GM Zong-Juan Zhao who scored an amazing 10/11 and George Xie who despite losing in round 11 scored 9 and secured a GM norm. Gary Lane finished with 6. Gawain finished with a 2501 performance but needed a strong finish of 3.5/4 to recover from two losses in the first seven rounds.

The major was jointly won by David Garner from England and Jason Hu from Australia.

# Junior News

## Quadrangular in Liverpool December 2009

*a report from Peter Purland*

The annual event involving teams of 26 (6 under 16, 10 under 14 and 10 under 12s) from Scotland, Wales Northern England and the English Midlands took place at Greenbank School on the weekend of 12/13 December. There was an added bonus this year as three Irish players had come over and were joined by three Scots to form a Gaelic team. The Midlands and North put out a combined U16 team and, apart from missing 2 U14s the Midlands had a full team. The two Saturday rounds were Midlands v North and Wales v Scotland followed by North v Wales and Midlands v Scotland. Round One saw the North defeat Midlands 8.5 – 1.5 (U14) and 7.5 – 2.5 (U12) whilst Scotland defeated Wales 5.5 – 0.5 (U16), 6-4 (U14) and 8-2 (U12). Round two saw the Gaels lose 5-1 to Wales U16 whilst North and Midlands won 4-2 against Scotland. At U14, Wales had a good match against North only losing 4.5 – 5.5 although their U12s suffered a clean sweep. Scotland meanwhile defeated Midlands 6.5 – 3.5 at U14 but lost 4.5 – 5.5 at U12. Going in to the final round North looked strong favourites to win the U12 although second place was in doubt up to the end. North restricted Scotland to a single point whilst Midlands beat Wales 7.5 – 1.5 (a double default) to gain second place. This year the North is very strong and was, in fact, without its top two players, but next year most will be too old whilst the Midlands team is very young! At U14 level Scotland fought hard but in the end went down 7.5 – 2.5 whilst Midlands beat Wales 5-4. This gave Scotland second place and Wales third. At U16 level Scotland had to win 6-0 to be certain of claiming the spoils and, despite the odd heartache en route, accomplished this whilst the North and Midlands beat Wales 5.5 – 0.5. Peter Rainey of Scotland won all his three games whilst from the north Jacob Manton (playing up) Daniel Lea, George Fortune, Matthew Fanning, Tim Chatys, Ben Scattergood, Andrew Horton and Natalie Cass all got three wins whilst Matthew Walsh made it six straight wins.



Again, this was a very pleasant weekend with competitive chess and great friendship shown by all four teams. We look forward to continuing the fixture next year

## English Primary School Rapid Play Championships

This annual event was held at Broadgreen School, Liverpool and attracted just under 200 players. The Open Section had players from all over England although the other sections were almost exclusively north-west based. The snow, which meant many schools had only started the Monday before, inevitably hit entries but many of our regulars still turned up with good numbers. The prizes were well shared out this year with every area entering 5 or more players getting at least one prize. For only the second time in 21 years a player got his name on the championship trophy for the second time. Hector Huser from Kent had been one of 5 sharing the title in 2009 and this year he returned the trophy but was without it for less than 8 hours! After 4 rounds only Hector and Matthew Fergusson were on 100% and they drew their 5th round game. They were joined on 4.5 by Ashwin Kalyana who was forced to play Matthew in the final round whilst Hector floated down against Dylan Williams. Ashwin and Matthew drew and came equal second, whilst Hector won to retain the trophy – on his own this time! The U10A section was shared between Jack Nolan (Cheshire) and Nathan Roebuck (Oldham), the U9A also shared between Carmel Barwick (Cheshire) and Marcus Lazenby (Liverpool) whilst the U8s was won by Andrew Fergusson (Birmingham). By coincidence Aroun Kalyana was second so one first and three second trophy made their way back to Birmingham. The three B sections were won by Laura O'Leary of Wirral (U11), Jay Taylor of Oldham (U10) and Isaac Thompson of Manchester (U9). These sections prove an excellent training ground for the lower boards of association teams and are just as fiercely contested as any other. Next year's event will be on January 15th at Broadgreen and, with better weather in the run up we hope numbers will return to the 250 mark

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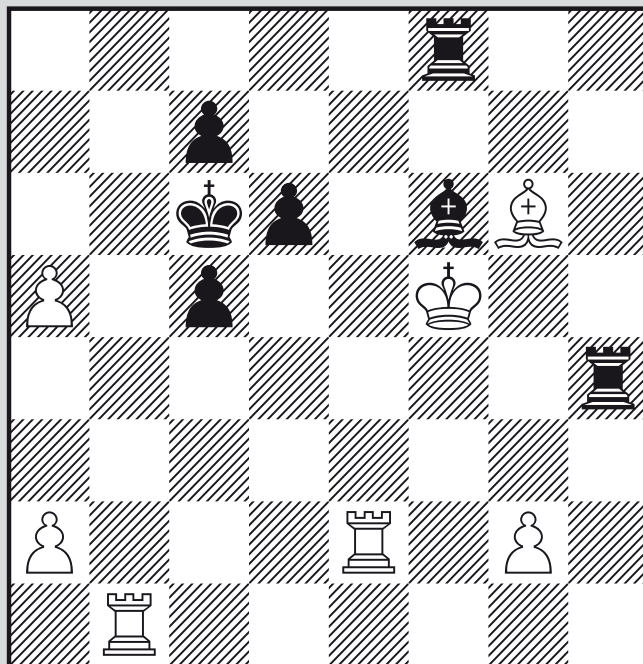
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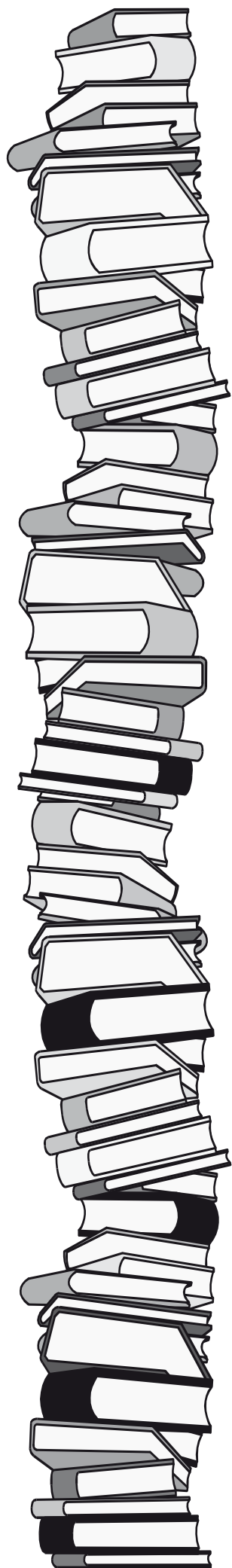
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What would you play? This position is from the game **Philip Bonafont** (White) versus **Yang-Fan Zhou**.

It was played in Round 6 of the FIDE rated London under 18/21 and Christmas Open Championships at the University of Westminster, Harrow Campus, Northwick Park on 30th December 2009

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# *Book Reviews*

by Gary Lane

## **The Most Valuable Skills in Chess**

**by Maurice Ashley**

published by Gambit £11.99

The blurb on the back of the book proudly states, "He has been called the Tiger Woods of Chess", but no further details are added. Yes, it was published a while ago but keen book lovers should watch out for a change of wording when the new edition appears. This is a user-friendly book, which starts out demonstrating how the pieces move but is really aimed at players who can play but need to move to the next stage. I reckon those with a grade of 100+ will benefit most from Ashley's basic tips, which are clearly written and informative. He also advises a form of defence, which is called TRIP, which is apparently take, run, interpose and protect. This is part of a chapter called Homeland Security, which is a reminder that the American is writing for his home market along with chapter titles such as Wall Street and Float like a Butterfly. Ashley is in fine form demonstrating famous, classic games such as Morphy versus Duke of Brunswick. Yes, we might have seen it countless times but the potential audience are new to chess so why not entertain them?

The perfect present for someone who just wants to improve.

## **Dismantling the Sicilian**

**by Jesus de la Villa**

published by New in Chess £20.99

In the 1980s playing against the Sicilian seemed easy with White if you owned Beat the Sicilian by John Nunn. The White repertoire proved to be immensely popular and although sometimes things went wrong there were always Editions Two and Three available to help the reader react in the right way. The latest author to turn his attention to providing a winning formula for White is the Spanish player Jesus de la Villa who according to the back cover was born in 1958 but I am not sure if that is just too much detail. I think the most interesting lines are against the lesser-known variations where he actually borrows a few of Nunn's original recommendations. The best thing is that he shows all the tricks and traps even if White is always on top. The Najdorf comes up against the English Attack, which is hardly original and requires a great deal of work to keep up to date. The Dragon also requires specialist knowledge of the main line, which must be risky when Magnus Carlsen is thinking up new ideas in tournament play. I think the basic opening advice in the main lines will require to be updated by your computer database but at least it points you in the right direction.

A very useful way to combat the Sicilian.

## **The Classical King's Indian Uncovered**

**by Krzysztof Panczyk and Jacek Ilczuk**

published by Everyman £15.99

The first thing worth explaining is that the classical uses the following move order 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 Nf3 0-0 6 Be2. This is the starting point for 384 pages of complicated lines. I turned to the ...Nbd7 lines for Black because star English players Gawain Jones and Luke McShane have recently championed these. Such trendy lines had a lot of 1960s reference which can be a solid base but one can't help thinking something good must have been played since then. Other chapters are better but a good memory is needed for the main variations that can last over 20 moves.

A good reference book for experienced tournament campaigners

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## OBITUARY – Richard W. O'Brien

### Richard W. O'Brien

Sadly I report that Richard O'Brien died in hospital in Sussex on the 5th November 2009 aged 65. He had lived on the Sussex coast for many years.

Although a controversial character in the chess world, it shouldn't be forgotten that Richard made lots of positive contributions to chess community. Many will remember him as the publisher of the 'Trends' series of books on openings and 'Tournament Chess'. He would sell these along with many other publications through his network of dealers across the world as well as at his chess stalls at weekend tournaments.

But perhaps not everyone was aware of his other chess accomplishments. He was an International Chess Arbiter, an accolade not achieved by many, and a Chess Tournament Organiser - the Lewisham Internationals in the early 1980s and Accountancy Age Masters to name but two.

He was also very knowledgeable about the mechanics of the ELO Rating system and therefore was able to help many players achieve the results required to get GM/IM Norms particularly at the Lloyds Bank Masters, where he acted as an Arbiter.

He was Team Captain of Essex County Chess Team in the 70s & 80s and played for many club teams. I know him from having been a member of Charlton Chess Club and my own Club Lewisham for whom he was an excellent Team Captain. In that capacity, he was most definitely a hugely competitive captain who would 'play to win' at all costs.

He also represented Ireland a couple of times in matches against Wales and was a frequent traveller to Spain and other European Countries to play Tournaments and network with players and book dealers. Although he also dabbled in accountancy, chess was his life, love and living! A man who lived on his wits, he was a true entrepreneur.

In later years, he played for Lewes in the local Sussex League, although not for some time as his health had deteriorated over the last few years. Despite this, he still kept in contact with many of his friends from the Chess Community and remained interested in chess till the end.

But overriding all of this, on a personal level, his passing, means the loss of a long standing friend of more than 30 years

*Andrew Smith*

Here is a game Richard played, with analysis from his good friend GM Bogdan Lalic

### McDonald, R - O'Brien, R, London (Lloyds Bank Masters open) 1973

#### 1 Nf3 d5 2 b3 c5 3 e3

Inaccurate is 3 Bb2 f6! 4 c4 d4 5 d3 e5 6 e3?! Ne7 7 Be2 Nec6! 8 Nbd2 Be7 9 0-0 0-0 and black was slightly better due to spacial advantage in the famous sixth game of the match Petrosian,T - Fischer,R, Buenos Aires 1971.

#### 3...Nc6 4 Bb2 f6

In the played move order this move hasn't got the strength as in the previous example. The alternative are the moves 4...a6 ( which hinders the development of White's Bishop on b5 ) or 4...Nf6 5 Bb5 Bd7 6 0-0 e6 7 d3 Le7 8 Nbd2 0-0 9 Bxc6 Bxc6 10 Ne5 Nd7 11 f4 (stronger is simple 11 Nxc6 with small advantage for White) 11...Nxe5 12 fxe5 a5 13 a4 b5 14 axb5 Bxb5 15 Qg4 Qd7 16 Rf4 g6 17 Nf3 a4 18 bxa4 h5 19 Qg3 Rxa4 with good play for Black

from the game Morozevich,A 2385 - Rashkovsky,N 2530, Moscow ( open ) 1992.

#### 5 d4

Of course, now White undermines Black's pawn centre in the spirit of Gruenfeld Indian.

#### 5...Bg4 6 Be2 cxd4 7 exd4

Stronger is 7 Nxd4! Bxe2 8 Qxe2 with White's initiative.

#### 7...e6 8 0-0 Bd6 9 h3 Bh5 10 c4 Nge7 11 Nc3 0-0 12 Re1 Bf7 13 a3 Rc8 14 Bd3 Bb8 15 Qd2?!

If 15 Rc1 then Black plays 15...Bf4! but 15...Na4!? was seriously coming into consideration with approximately equal play.

#### 15...Na5

This thematic move which points at White's weaknessess b3 and c3, however, by means of following exchange sacrifice which was by the way forced, White will get enough compensation hence it was perhaps more accurate first to exchange on c4 so 15...dxc4! and if 16 bxc4 only then 16...Na5! with the advantage for Black..

#### 16 cxd5 Nxb3 17 Qd1 Nxa1 18 dxe6 Be8 19 d5!? Qa5! 20 Qxa1 Nxd5 21 Nxd5 Qxd5 22 Be4 Qh5 23 e7 Rf7 24 Qa2 Bd6 25 Bd5 h6 26 g4?

This move unnecessarily leads to the weakening of kingside and to lost position. After the correct 26 Bd4! the position would stay in borders of equality.

#### 26...Qxh3 27 Be6 Qxf3 28 Bxc8 Bh2+?

This move wins material but much stronger was 28...Qh3! after which white would be unable to defend well against mate.

#### 29 Kxh2 Qxf2+ 30 Kh3 Qxe1 31 Be6 Qe3+ 32 Kh2 Qe2+ 33 Kh3 Qf1+ 34 Kh2 Qe2+ 35 Kh3 h5

Stronger is 35...Qd3+! 36 Kh2 Qd6+ with next taking on e7 winning for Black.

#### 36 Qd5 hxg4+ 37 Bxg4?

This move loses the game. After correct 37 Kg3! white could still pose to Black prolonged resistance.

#### 37...Qxe7

Black also easily wins with 37...Qxb2.

#### 38 Bd4

If 38 Be6 then 38...Qxe6! 39 Qxe6 Bd7 and Black wins.

#### 38...Bd7 39 Bxa7 Bxg4+ 40 Kxg4 Qd7+ 41 Qxd7 Rxd7 42 Kf5 b5 43 Ke6?? Rxa7 44 a4 Rxa4 45 Kd5 Kf8 0-1.

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## 4NCL – report from Lawrence Cooper

The second weekend took place from 16-17 January at the Barcelo Hotel, Hinckley Island. The highlight of the weekend (other than the seven hour ECF meeting of course) was the match where Wood Green/Hilsmark Kingfisher took on Pride & Prejudice. After a titantic struggle the match ended 4-4 when Mark Hebden salvaged an unlikely half from his game against Alexander Baburin despite defending rook & knight against rook, knight & g+h pawns. Especially pleasing from an English perspective was the win with black for Mickey Adams against Etienne Bacrot on board 1. It's great to see Mickey continuing his good form from the London Chess Classic and I hope to see him back over 2700 on the next FIDE list. Harriet Hunt also won for P&P in a time scramble with Ketí Arakhamia-Grant on board 8. In reply WGHK won on boards 2 and 7 with Jon Ludvig Hammer winning with black against Stewart Haslinger and Nick Pert grinding out a win against Florian Grafl. Boards 3-6 were drawn, board 4 being the most dramatic as already mentioned above. This leaves the league wide open with the likelihood of these two teams trying to rack up game points to outscore the other. Of course Barbican and Guildford may still yet have a say in the destination of the title, as may Wood Green 2.

The full results from rounds 3 and 4 in all three Divisions are available on the website and the games from the weekend should be available soon. The current league format splits Divisions 1 and 2 into two groups of 8. After 7 rounds the top 4 from each group form the top group and the bottom 4 form a relegation group. This effectively means a team can avoid relegation in the first 7 rounds by strengthening their teams sufficiently to break into the top group. It also means that teams wishing to qualify for Europe have to be in the top 4 after 7 rounds to give themselves a chance. Qualification is open to the three highest placed teams from England who wish to take up the place provided they finish in the top half of the league

### 4NCL - Division 1A results - Round 4

RD 4		WOOD GREEN			PRIDE AND PREJUDICE		2519
		HILSMARK KINGFISHER 1 2570		v			
1	w	Bacrot, Ettienne *	2709	0 - 1	Adams, Michael		2682
2	b	Hammer, Jon-Ludvig	2585	1 - 0	Haslinger, Stewart G		2529
3	w	McShane, Luke J	2615	½ - ½	Rowson, Jonathan W		2579
4	b	Baburin, Alexander	2552	½ - ½	Hebden, Mark L		2503
5	w	Gordon, Stephen J	2535	½ - ½	Flear, Glenn C		2497
6	b	Speelman, Jon S	2525	½ - ½	Emms, John M		2484
7	w	Pert, Nicholas	2541	1 - 0	Grafl, Florian		2426
8	b	Arakhamia-Grant, Ketevan E (F)	2499	0 - 1	Hunt, Harriet V (F)		2452
				<b>4 - 4</b>			

RD 4		THE ADS			GUILDFORD-A&DC 2		2183
				v			
1	w	Richardson, John R	2298	0 - 1	Thompson, Ian D		2266
2	b	Swindells, Jonathan E	2170	½ - ½	Anderton, Matthew N		2232
3	w	Wheeler, Darren P	2240	½ - ½	Granat, Russell G		2250
4	b	Snape, Ian L	2189	½ - ½	Jackson, Adrian		2216
5	w	Anderton, David W	2211	½ - ½	Allinson, Julian RJ		2135
6	b	Bellin, Jana (F)	2151	½ - ½	Punnett, Alan K		2094
7	w	Patel, Ravi *	1698	0 - 1	Stimpson, Philip M		2085
8	b	Anderton, Doreen *	2141	1 - 0	default		
				<b>3½-4½</b>			

RD 4		OXFORD 1			CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY 1		2268
				v			
1	w	Rose, Matthew	2282	0 - 1	Dearing, Edward J		2406
2	b	Savage, Ben DM	2296	0 - 1	Pinter, Gabor		2349
3	w	White, Michael JR	2227	½ - ½	Mah, Karl CC		2417
4	b	Rawlinson, Aidan M	2207	0 - 1	Bisby, Daniel L		2297
5	w	Milovanovic, Aleksander	2246	½ - ½	Moskovic, David M		2307
6	b	Dickinson, Tim R	2151	½ - ½	Churm, Rohan M		2167
7	w	Tidman, Sophie E (F)	2110	½ - ½	Spencer, Carl J		2136
8	b	Nitz, Tomos	2090	½ - ½	Chevannes, Sabrina L (F)		2062
				<b>2½-5½</b>			

RD 4		BARBICAN 4NCL 2			JUTES OF KENT		2204
				v			
1	w	Morrison, Graham	2353	0 - 1	Williams, Simon K		2545
2	b	Piper, Matthew S	2304	1 - 0	Harakis, Alexis M		2263
3	w	Berry, Neil	2301	1 - 0	Mack, Andrew L		2237
4	b	Rogers, Jonathan W	2329	1 - 0	Naylor, John		2189
5	w	Chapman, Terry PD	2222	½ - ½	Rich, Mark C		2151
6	b	Coleman, David J	2244	1 - 0	Wilson, Alexandra (F)		2083
7	w	Ynojosa, Felix Jose	2197	1 - 0	Rice, Chris B		2103
8	b	Regan, Natasha K (F)	2170	½ - ½	Donovan, Nigel P		2059
				<b>6 - 2</b>			

#### 4NCL - Division 1B results - Round 4

RD 4		BARBICAN 4NCL 1	2402	v	GUILDFORD-A&DC 1	2390
1	w	Parker, Jonathan F	2523	1 - 0	Kosten, Anthony C	2497
2	b	D'Costa, Lorin AR	2479	½ - ½	King, Daniel J	2494
3	w	Turner, Matthew J	2508	1 - 0	Conquest, Stuart C *	2563
4	b	Collins, Sam E	2431	1 - 0	Berzinsh, Roland	2424
5	w	Cox, John J	2378	1 - 0	Buckley, Graeme N	2388
6	b	Devereaux, Maxim L	2387	0 - 1	Povah, Nigel E	2336
7	w	Knott, Simon JB	2348	0 - 1	Wall, Gavin	2296
8	b	Lauterbach, Ingrid (F)	2163	1 - 0	Grigoryan, Meri (F)	2122
				5½-2½		

RD 4		WHITE ROSE 1	2332	v	WOOD GREEN HILSMARK KINGFISHER 2	2404
1	w	Wells, Peter K	2489	0 - 1	Greet, Andrew N	2433
2	b	McNab, Colin A	2466	½ - ½	Houska, Jovanka (F)	2381
3	w	Palliser, Richard JD	2435	0 - 1	Hanley, Craig A	2429
4	b	Van de Griendt, Jan W	2352	0 - 1	Pert, Richard G	2457
5	w	Buckley, Simon T	2348	½ - ½	Martin, Andrew D	2423
6	b	Barrett, Stephen J	2212	0 - 1	McDonald, Neil	2412
7	w	Gayson, Peter M	2240	0 - 1	Sowray, Peter J	2318
8	b	Fidalgo Fernandez, Lucia (F)	2115	0 - 1	Tiller, Bjorn	2378
				1 - 7		

RD 4		BETSSON.COM	2271	v	PANDORA'S BOX GRANTHAM	2152
1	w	Hunt, Adam C	2422	0 - 1	Slaby, Jerzy	2463
2	b	Ledger, Andrew J	2431	½ - ½	Slavin,Alexei	2331
3	w	Ansell, Simon T	2380	1 - 0	Walton, Alan J	2147
4	b	Baker, Chris W	2357	1 - 0	Birtwistle, Nigel	2179
5	w	Ledger, Dave J	2245	1 - 0	Cumbers, Paul	2218
6	b	Nelson, Jonathan P	2245	1 - 0	McCarthy, Kevin C	2106
7	w	Ledger, Stephen C	2106	½ - ½	Burrows, Martin P	2172
8	b	Yurenok, Maria S (F)	1981	1 - 0	Milson, Amy F (F)	1602
				6 - 2		

RD 4		POISONED PAWNS 1	2137	v	SOUTH WALES DRAGONS	2210
1	w	Harley, Andrew D	2204	½ - ½	Cobb, James E	2415
2	b	Posazhennikov, Alex	2252	0 - 1	Cooper, John G	2346
3	w	Swanson, Stephen	2263	½ - ½	Rees, Ioan	2336
4	b	Dunn, Andrew	2220	0 - 1	Zeidler, Sven P	2221
5	w	Richter, Hans S	2180	0 - 1	Redmond, John P	2196
6	b	Borman, Philip J	2218	1 - 0	O'Neill, Paul	2163
7	w	Byway, Paul V	2158	0 - 1	James, David J	2110
8	b	Mountford, Corinne (F)	1602	0 - 1	Wilson, Julie C (F)	1890
				2 - 6		

#### 4NCL - Division 1A tables

Team	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
PRIDE AND PREJUDICE	3	1	0	7
WOOD GREEN HILSMARK KINGFISHER 1	3	1	0	7
BARBICAN 4NCL 2	2	1	1	5
CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY 1	2	0	2	4
THE ADS	1	1	2	3
GUILDFORD-A&DC 2	1	1	2	3
OXFORD 1	1	0	3	2
JUTES OF KENT	0	1	3	1

#### 4NCL - Division 1B tables

Team	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
WOOD GREEN HILSMARK KINGFISHER 2	3	0	1	6
GUILDFORD-A&DC 1	3	0	1	6
BARBICAN 4NCL 1	3	0	1	6
WHITE ROSE 1	3	0	1	6
BETSSON.COM	2	0	2	4
SOUTH WALES DRAGONS	1	0	3	2
PANDORA'S BOX GRANTHAM	1	0	3	2
POISONED PAWNS 1	0	0	4	0

# Results Round-Up

## Bristol Winter Congress

### OPEN - 16 players

1st Chris Dorrington, Bath Univ. 4.5 / 5  
2nd Chris Beaumont, Clifton 4  
3rd = James Sherwin, Bath 3.5 and Paul Girdlestone, Trowbridge

### Grading

Under 180 - David Coates, Lincoln 3  
Under 170 - Mike Waddington, Dorchester 2.5

### MAJOR (Under 165) 17 players

1st Alun Harford, no club 4  
2nd = Alan Papier, Clifton and Roger Hardy, Grendel 3.5

### Grading

Under 146 Andrew Farthing, Worcester 3  
Under 136 Graham Strickland, Horfield 2.5

### MINOR (Under 130) 20 players

1st Tom Thorpe (age 13), Pete's Potentials 4.5  
2nd = Duncan Macarthur, Keynsham; Roy Harron, Horfield and Andrew Macleod, Hanham 3.5

### Grading

Under 110  
Peter Saunders, Patchway; Harvey Atkinson, Horfield; Simon Denney, Bristol Uni; Aiden Chivers, Pete's Potentials 3  
Under 100  
Daniel Stephens, Bristol Uni; Shaun Walsh, Downend 1.5

## Bury Rapidplay Congress

### Open

1st - R Beach - £100  
2nd - Ali Jaundoby - £60  
u195 - Liam Rabitte - £30  
u180 - John Hall - £30

### U170

1st & 2nd - Paul Evans - £100 & £100  
£32 each - Nick Barnaby  
Richard Burton  
James Bowler  
Paul Jackson

**U160** - Jim Litherland & Richard Desmedt - £30

**U145** - Brendan Brown - £30

### U130

1st - Dennis Davies, 6/6 - £100  
2nd - Angel Ganzales, 5/6 - £60

**U120** - Ben Scattergood, 4.5/6 - £30  
Jacob Martin  
John Gibbs

**U105** - Martin Mills - 4.5/6 - £30

**Grchlik Trophy** - Jim Litherland (best score by a Bury Player)

## London Chess Classic

The London Chess Classic was held from 8th-15th December and the three international events were the Classic, the Open and the Women's Invitational.

Results were as follows:

### London Chess Classic:

1 GM Carlsen, Magnus 2801 NOR 13 3 4 0 2839  
2 GM Kramnik, Vladimir 2772 RUS 12 3 3 1 2787  
3 GM Howell, David W L 2597 ENG 9 1 6 0 2760 Win with black  
4 GM Adams, Michael 2698 ENG 9 1 6 0 2746 Win with white  
5 GM McShane, Luke J 2615 ENG 7 2 1 4 2606  
6 GM Ni, Hua 2665 CHN 6 1 3 3 2599 One game won  
7 GM Nakamura, Hikaru 2715 USA 6 0 6 1 2644 No games won  
8 GM Short, Nigel D 2707 ENG 5 0 5 2 2593

### Open:

Congratulations to GM Jon Ludvig Hammer (Norway) who was a deserved winner on 8/9 ahead of GMs Mark Hebden, Simon Williams and IM Jovanka Houska on 7 and English GMs Keith Arkell, Neil McDonald and Peter Wells amongst those who finished on 6.5.

### Womens Invitational:

1st WIM Arianne Caoili (Australia) 8/9  
2nd IM Susan Lalic (England) 6/9  
3rd WIM Arlette van Weersel (Netherlands) 5.5/9  
4th Maria Ikonopoulou (Greece) 5/9  
5th Camille de Seroux (Switzerland) 4.5/9  
6th Elena Winkelmann (Germany) 4/9  
7th WFM Maria Yurenok (England) 3.5/9  
8th = WFMs Sabrina Chevannes (England) & Olivia Smith (Wales) 3/9  
10th WIM Denise Frick (South Africa) 2.5/9

Congratulations to Arianne Caoili who won the event with 8/9, losing to Susan in round 3 but winning her other eight games. The tournament was hard fought throughout and there were only 9 draws out of the 45 games.

## Herts Chess Association 58th Annual Congress

Meridian School, Royston, 5-6 December 2009

### Open (merged with under 175 section)

1st Ed Player 4.5  
2nd-3rd John Pigott, Simon Knott 4  
175-195 grading prize Phil Bonafont, Chino Atako, Paul Kemp, Martin Cutmore 3.5  
Under 175 grading prize Anthony Kelly, R Newman, John Daugman, Jonathan Wells 3  
155 - 165 grading prize John Daugman 3  
Under 155 grading prize R Newman 3  
British champs qualifier Phil Bonafont 3.5  
Best Herts (open) John Pigott 4  
Best Herts (u175) Tarun Malhotra 2.5

### Major (under 150)

1st-3rd Geoffrey Bishop, Ian David Evans, Samir Vora 4  
125-135 grading prize Timothy Allen 3.5  
Under 125 grading prize Ken Groce 3.5  
Best Herts Ian Cross 3

### Minor (under 120)

1st John McKeon 4.5  
2nd Ed Magee 4  
3rd Mark Silman, Matthew Devan, Peter Housden 3.5  
95-110 grading prize Ed Magee 4  
Under 95 grading prize Nick Parry-Evans 3  
Junior prize Marcus Rose, Akito Oyama 3  
Best Herts Ed Magee 4  
**Glynne Jones Trophy** (best junior from Herts / Cambs / Suffolk / Norfolk) - Akito Oyama (Minor)

## 87th Richmond Rapidplay

70 played in the 87th Richmond Rapidplay held on 10 January 2010, and prizes totalling £720 were awarded for the following results:

### Open

1st: Jovica Radovanovic 5.5/6



2nd: Alexei Slavin 5/6

U190 Grading Prize: Tserenbat Lozvoi, Hans-Peter Hansen and Ian Henderson 4/6

### Major (U170)

1st: Shane McCabe 5.5/6

2nd=: Phil Armour and Peter Lalic 4.5/6

U150 Grading Prize: Max Wood-Robinson, Matthew Wadsworth and William Claridge-Hansen 4/6

### Intermediate (U135)

1st: Richard Dulle 5.5/6

2nd=: Nitin Barhanpurkar and Ryan Wong 4.5/6

U115 Grading Prize: Alfred Wong 3.5/6

### Minor (U100)

1st: Alexander Blanc 6/6;

2nd=: Beatrice Steele and Ananth Vijayakumar 4.5/6

4th: Rustico Pineda 4/6

5th: Richard Meikle-Briggs 3.5/6;

U80 Grading Prize: Robin Nettleton 3.5/6

## The Fulprint 23rd York Congress

by Jon Griffith 8th to 10th January 2010

Arctic weather conditions blighted the York Congress. Three weeks of frost and accumulated snow deterred many players, and the entry field dropped below 200 for the first time. On the eve of the event heavy snow in Cheshire and Tyneside forced many entrants to withdraw. On the day more snow fell in Teeside and North Yorkshire, causing a further rash of cancellations and bye requests. Finally, as the congress was due to start, a blizzard interrupted traffic on the A64 and more players were forced to give up and turn back.

Fortunately the controllers had already arrived, as had the equipment in an all-terrain van from Chess Direct, so play started only five minutes late. The field was much depleted, but as delayed arrivals staggered in they were paired with each other, and finally 110 brave souls contested the Friday evening first round.

Conditions were clearer on Saturday morning, enabling us to count the wounded. One car had to be written off, and two others had been damaged, but nobody was injured. Several players decided not to risk a repeat of Friday's adventures and stayed home, but many who had taken a bye on Friday arrived fresh for chess battle on Saturday. Finally 140 players competed in the congress.

Charles Storey from Jesmond was the winner of the Open Section with a clean score of 5 wins. He took the top prize of £270, and he has qualified to compete in the 2010 British Championship. The runner-up was Chris Ross from Huntingdon who scored 4/5.

Joint winners of the Major section were Samuel Milsom and Paul Barber, while Steven Jones and Sophie Seeber won the Intermediate and Minor sections.

The York Congress does not award prizes to section leaders. Instead, we use the 'Lyttleton' system, where prizes are awarded for points scored. This year the number of paying entrants was one third below budget, but the number of prize-winners (28) and the total prizes (£1,660) are also well

below the expectations. So, while we have paid each winner exactly the advertised prize, our apprehensive treasurer will not lose his house after all.

The congress is grateful to our sponsors Fulprint; to the staff of the Oaklands Leisure Centre which is now called 'Energise'; to Chess Direct, to our controller Geoff Jones, to Christine and Dave and to our many helpers and donors. The congress organisers are now seeking to retire, but we hope that new hands can be found for a new York Congress next year.

## Fulprint York 23rd Congress Prizewinners

### Prizes: £270 for scoring 5 points:

Charles Storey, Jesmond, Open section

### Prizes: £170 for scoring 4½ points

Steven Jones, Padgate, Intermediate section

Sophie Seeber, Durham, Minor section

### Prizes: £70 for scoring 4 points

Chris Ross, Huntingdon, Open section

Paul Barber, York, Major section

Samuel Milsom, Louth, Major section

Owen Robson, York, Intermediate section

Stephen Benn, Carlisle, Intermediate section

Robert Mitcheson, Barrow, Intermediate section

Gary Hughes, Pickering, Intermediate section

Nigel Marshall, Derby, Minor section

David Scorer, Pendle, Minor section

### Grading Prizes: £30 for the lowest grade to score 3½ points

Michael Hubbard, Tynemouth, Open section

Andrew Wainright, Bradford, Major section

Ian Strickland, W Leeds, Intermediate section

Fred Woodcock, York, Minor section

### Grading Prizes: £30 for the lowest grade to score 3 points

Paul Brencher, York, Open section

Phil Hopkins, Liverpool, Major section

T. Blower / S.Dixon, Barrow / Scarborough, Intermediate section

Paul Masiak, York, Minor section

### Grading Prizes: £30 for the lowest grade to score 2½ points

Raymond Wynaeczyk, Northumberland, Open section

Nick Mahony, Doncaster, Major section

Colin Snowball, York, Intermediate section

Philip Smith, Derby, Minor section

### Prize: £30 for the best Ungraded player in the Minor

James McDonald

### Prize: £10 Voucher for Juniors in the Minor

Amy Milson, Jennifer Neil, Jenita Punnoose



# John Robinson Grand Prix

Please note all scores are adjusted to be as if out of 6 - only scores of over 50% count  
Any mistakes? Please contact the Junior Director at [director.juniorchess@englishchess.org.uk](mailto:director.juniorchess@englishchess.org.uk)

## John Robinson Under 10 Grand Prix 2010

Name		British	London	Yateley	Swindon	Squad	Total
Ned	Ashcroft		4				
Michael	Banh		3.5				
John James	Daley		4				
Michael	Gilbert		4				
Arul	Gupta		4				
Mark	Kenyon		4.5				
Elliot	Klyne		4.5				
Tharsan	Kuhendiran		4.5				
David	Liu		3.5				
Richard	Meikle-Briggs		4				
Gwilym	Price		4.5				
Isobel	Sanders		3.5				
Yasith	Senanayake		3.5				
Theo	Slade		3.5				
Beatrice	Steele		3.5				
Edward	Stevenson		4.5				
Matthew	Wadsworth	4.5	4.5				
Cathy	Xu		3.5				
Aditya	Yanamandra		4				
Anthony	Zhang *		4				

## John Robinson Under 12 Grand Prix 2010 (born 98 or 99)

Name		British	London	Yateley	Swindon	Squad	Total
Ananth.	Balaji		4				
Nishant	Bommayya	4.5	3.5				8
Jake	Breindal	4					
William	Claridge-Hansen	4.5	4				8.5
Harry	Croasdale	3.5	4				7.5
Theodore	Dias	3.5	4				7.5
Robert	Fitzgerald	4.5	4				8.5
Yasmin	Giles	4					
Ravi	Haria	4	4.5				8.5
Alexander	Harris	3.5	4				7.5
Raphael	Kalid	4	4				8
Jordan	Lewis	4					
Harry	Li	3.5					
Tarun	Malhotra	5					
Owen	Messere	4	4				8
Roman	Mitra	3.5	4				7.5
Akito	Oyama	3.5					
Otto	Pyper	4					
Marcus	Rose	3.5	3.5				7
Isaac	Sanders	4					
Anna	Wang	4.5	4				8.5
David	Redman		4				
Aditya	Mavinkurve		3.5				
Tibo	Rushbrooke		3.5				
Adam C	Taylor		3.5				
Conor	Murphy		5.5				
Rohan	Shiatis		4				

Name		British	London	Yateley	Swindon	Squad	Total
Michael	Fletcher		4				
Cosima	Keen		3.5				
Saaras	Meehan		3.5				
Daniel	Muir		3.5				

### John Robinson Under 14 Grand Prix 2010

Name		British	London	Yateley	Swindon	Squad	Total
Baven	Balendran	4					
Peter	Batchelor	4	4.5				8.5
Henry	Broadley	3.5					
Joshua	Cavendish	3.5					
Nicholas	Clanchy	4					
Eugene	Daley		4				
Miles	Edwards-Wright	3.5					
William	Foo	4	4.5				8.5
Chantelle	Foster	3.5					
Jasdeep	Gahir	4					
Marcus	Harvey	4	4.5				8.5
Felix	Haxby	4					
Radha	Jain	4.5	4.5				9
Joseph	Levene	3.5					
Aidan	McGiff		3.5				
Shyam	Moham	3.5					
Ram	Moham	4					
Daniel	Noel	4					
Martin	Oliver	3.5	4				7.5
Katherine	Shepherd	3.5	3.5				7
Adam	Taylor	4.5	3.5				8
Jamie	Tilston		4				
Matthew	Walsh	3.5					
James	Walsh	4					
Maria	Wang	4	3.5				7.5
Max	Wood-Robinson		4				
Felix	Ynojosa	5					
Roy	Zhang	3.5	5				8.5

### John Robinson Under 16 Grand Prix 2010

Name		British	London	Yateley	Swindon	Squad	Total
Adrian	Archer-Lock	3.5					
Brandon	Clarke		5				
Isaac	Craft	4	3.5				7.5
Joseph	Daniel		3.5				
Oliver	Demeger	4					
Thomas	Fitzgerald		3.5				
James	Foster	4.5					
James	Holland	4.5					
Evie	Hollingworth	3.5					
Daniel	Hunt		3.5				
Victor	Jones	4	4.5				8.5
Saravanan	Sathyanandha		3.5				
Matthew	Saunders		3.5				
Gordan	Scott	4					
Nathan	Taylor	4.5					
Samuel	Walker	4					
Richard	Weaving	4					
Yang-Fan	Zhou	3.5	6				9.5



# 2010 Gibtelecom International Chess Festival

## Tuesday January 26th

The 2010 Gibtelecom International Chess Festival got underway today at the Caleta Hotel in Gibraltar. At precisely 2.45pm (Gibraltar time) Charles Isola from Anglo Hispano Ltd, representing all sponsors, made the first move with Etienne Bacrot from France who is the highest rated player in the Gibtelecom Chess Masters. Play began at 3pm.



Famous Grandmaster Boris Spassky, following last years successful visit has made a return to the Gibtelecom International Chess Festival, and today made the first move with Alexandra Kosteniuk, the Women's World Champion, in Gibraltar for the first time.



*The rugged Russian bear versus the most beautiful woman in chess? Spassky and Kosteniuk square up ...'*

The top three seeds: Etienne Bacrot, Sergei Movsesian (GM 2708 Slovakia) and Francisco Vallejo Pons (GM 2705 Spain), are all participating in the tournament for the first time.

The draw for the pairings was held on Monday night at which the Minister for Sport, Heritage and Culture, Edwin Reyes was also present. The draw was carried out by Maxine de la Rosa, Miss Gibraltar 1st Princess. Master of Ceremonies was GM Stuart Conquest.

The First Princess wished everyone the best of luck, and Minister Edwin Reyes welcomed everyone to the Rock.

*Gibraltar is very proud to hold this tournament and we thank you for travelling such long distances to be here. Good luck to you all, he said.*

This year there are 35 Grandmasters playing in the Open Masters with over 228 players, a record for this type of event and open tournament of this nature. The tournament itself is a 10 day festival which boasts an impressive field. The other competitions running simultaneously are the Challengers with 84 players and the Amateurs with 40.

Live streaming with commentary is available every afternoon with Grandmaster Stuart Conquest. This year the tournament boasts a new broadcasting suite with the very latest technology installed by Gibtelecom. These commentaries are broadcast live on the congress website [www.gibraltarchesscongress.com](http://www.gibraltarchesscongress.com)

The festival's total prize fund of £112,500 is one of the highest in the world for an event which is open to all. The Masters has £96,600 in prizes, and there are two Challenger Tournaments, each lasting five days, with prizes for each of £5,500. Two five-day Amateur Tournaments are also played with prize money of £2,300 each.

2010 GibTelecom International Chess Festival also brings the latest online web facilities to the chess world!

The Gibtelecom Chess Festival has always been at the forefront of new technology and this year is no different. As many of you covering the event will have seen the Masters tournament is being transmitted live on the internet daily as from 3pm (Gibraltar time).

For live commentary and live games visit: [www.gibraltarchesscongress.com](http://www.gibraltarchesscongress.com)

Grandmaster Stuart Conquest delivers his commentary, and is joined by a number of guests during the time of play. The live-streaming in this new broadcasting suite known as the Archie Suite captures play in the main Conference Hall where

the competition is happening. It has meant new cabling infrastructure within the hotel, including Structured and Fibre cabling to increase the reach and quality of service for the chess team at the hotel. A Camera Dome in the middle of the Chess Playing Hall allows for better viewing of games. The Video and Audio Streaming of the live commentary has this year been off loaded to a specialized online system, which has greatly improved its quality, picture-in-picture features and reachability to all chess viewers.



The broadcasting facility has seen an investment of £100,000 from the Caleta Hotel in conjunction with engineers from Gibtelecom. Last year the tournament website received 54 million hits.

Brian Callaghan, tournament organizer said this week: *The technology base provided by our lead sponsor has made this all possible and without that we would have been a little better than a regional tournament, but the reach, the ability and expertise that Gibtelecom has brought to this tournament has really raised the level.*

The sponsorship of the tournament represents a large investment for Gibtelecom but its Chief Executive Tim Bristow said at the start of the 2010 tournament that the company was very pleased to be a part of it, and which in the eight years since its inception had positioned itself as not only one of the top chess tournaments in the world but one of the leading ones from a technology perspective.

Tim Bristow, Gibtelecom Chief Executive said: *Gibtelecom provides substantial technical support to the tournament. The Company hosts the tournament website, which gets many millions of hits and makes it easy for chess enthusiasts around the world to follow the proceedings. Gibtelecom is delighted to have been the leading commercial sponsor of the International Chess Festival from the outset. The Company is also dedicated to providing the technical support which plays its part in ensuring that the tournament is a success each year. This Gibraltar tournament was one of the first in the world to offer live video commentary by a grandmaster of some of the main games being played. This was not only innovative at the time but has become revolutionary in the chess world. Some of our technical staff have gained, together with the Company as a whole, from this experience.*

### A lively first MasterClass is a great success

Jovanka Houska, the reigning Ladies British Chess Champion, and Tania Sachdev a former India Ladies Champion, participated in the first Masterclass of the tournament in the newly built Archie Suite on Wednesday, which was again broadcast live on the internet. Hosted by GM Stuart Conquest, it was a packed house of chess enthusiasts who followed with interest the lively session, where each player showed one of their games from the tournament.



Stuart Conquest and Jovanka Houska

Bubbly and charming, both Jovanka and Tania analysed each of their games taking questions from the floor. The session lasted one and a half hours. The Master Classes are a major part of the 10 day festival bringing together the players from all over the world.

Tania showed her game from Wednesday in which she drew against GM Vadim Malakhatchko from Belgium.

Jovanka showed her first round game in which she had won.

GM Stuart Conquest, described the class as *extremely lively and a big success.*

He added: *There was much interest with much interaction from the floor. It was a most entertaining fun evening which proved popular with everyone and which set the pace and atmosphere for the all the planned social events of the tournament.*

Pictures available at - <http://picasaweb.google.com/MonRoi.Inc/8thGibtelecomChessFestival2010>

## English Chess Federation Grand Prix 2009-10

Sponsored by CCF Mindgames

### Leader Boards 23rd December 2009

(Please note - players shown in bold are already counting the maximum number of events) Some recent events played before 23rd December will still be in the pipeline.

#### Junior Prix

	Name	Club/Area	Pts
1	<b>Ynojosa, Felix Jose</b>	Reading	544
2	<b>Jones, Victor GL</b>	Kent Junior Congresses	535
3	<b>Jain, Radha</b>	Pinner	516
4	<b>Vir, Prashast</b>	Homefield Prep School	509
5	<b>Clements, Thomas A</b>	Three C's	501
6	<b>Jones, William EG</b>	Kent Junior Congresses	493
7	<b>Burke, Mitchell R</b>	Three C's	492
8	<b>Taylor, Adam A</b>	Sutton/Cheam *	490
9	<b>Shiatis, Rohan</b>	Coulsdon CF	486
10	<b>Kalid, Raphael</b>	Kent Junior Congresses	480

#### Graded Prix (160-179)

	Name	Club/Area	Pts
1	<b>Bryant, Richard BE</b>	Telepost (Shrewsbury)	530
2	<b>O'Gorman, Brendan</b>	DHSS	515
3	<b>Patrick, David A</b>	Courier Halifax	510
4	<b>Doran, Chris</b>	Chester	481
5	<b>Price, Andrew</b>	Leamington	481
6	<b>Greator, Roger</b>	Llangollen	480
7	<b>Kelly, Paul J</b>	Hastings & St Leonards	473
8	Staples, Daniel J	Battersea	458
9	<b>Pride, Stephen C</b>	Cambridge City	452
10	<b>Garnett, John S</b>	Elmwood	447

#### Graded Prix (140-159)

	Name	Club/Area	Pts
1	<b>Clegg, Robert</b>	Huddersfield	560
2	<b>Desmedt, Richard E</b>	Netherton	509
3	<b>Gartside, Carl</b>	High Peak	461
4	<b>Jackson, Paul G</b>	Coulsdon CF	460
5	<b>Coward, Neil</b>	AXA Lytham	458
6	<b>Farthing, Andrew P</b>	Worcester	458
7	<b>Bishop, Geoffrey L</b>	Chislehurst	438
8	Potter, Karl H	Spinney Hill WMC	426
9	<b>Wiggins, Andrew S</b>	Greenlands	425
10	<b>Hartley, Dean M</b>	Amber Valley	397

#### Graded Prix (120-139)

	Name	Club/Area	Pts
1	<b>Crouch, Timothy J</b>	Kings Head	548
2	<b>Stone, Mark R</b>	Petts Wood & Orpington	496
3	<b>Gilbert, David J</b>	DHSS	496
4	<b>Allen, Timothy S</b>	Battersea	492
5	<b>Foley, Phil T</b>	Upminster	474
6	<b>Sandercock, E Barry</b>	Buckinghamshire*	471
7	<b>Yiamakis, Albert</b>	Guildford	461
8	<b>Torrance, John</b>	Metropolitan	460
9	<b>Horman, Paul A</b>	Morecambe	414
10	<b>Everitt, David</b>	St Francis & Haywards Heath	381

#### Graded Prix (U120)

	Name	Club/Area	Pts
1	<b>Fraser, Alan R</b>	Beckenham & Bromley	592
2	<b>Waddington, James</b>	Bolton	445
3	Brooks, Harry J	Great Lever	407
4	Robson, Caroline J	Barnet Elizabeth	402
5	<b>Miles, Barry S</b>	Middlesex CCA	395
6	<b>Brent, Derek</b>	Urmston	388
7	<b>Welch, Hazel</b>	Seaton	384
8	<b>Kernot, Adrian C</b>	East Grinstead	372
9	<b>De Santos, Andrew R</b>	Preston	364
10	<b>Billett, Stephen J</b>	Portsmouth	360

# Calendar of Events

(For a more comprehensive list of events visit our website at [www.englishchess.org.uk](http://www.englishchess.org.uk))

\* denotes English Chess Federation Grand Prix

@ denotes FIDE Rated Event

# denotes British Championship Qualifying Tournament

~ denotes ECF Graded Event

~\*# 6-7 Feb

## **33rd Kidlington Congress (BCC Qualifier)**

Contact - Gerard O'Reilly | 01865-727419 |  
24, Donnington Bridge Road, Oxford, OX4 4AX

Contact address: 45 Harvest Way, Witney,  
Oxon OX28 1FH.

~\* 7 Feb

## **STOCKPORT RAPIDPLAY,**

The Guildhall, Wellington Rd South (A6),  
Stockport.

P Taylor, 10 Lodge Farm Close, Bramham,  
Stockport SK7 3BZ (Tel: 0161 440 0733,  
Email: [pht@rover12.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:pht@rover12.wanadoo.co.uk))

7 Feb

## **Leeds Junior Congress,**

The Grammar School at Leeds, Alwoodely  
Gates, Harrogate Road, Leeds LS17 8GS  
Contact: John Hipshon Email: [jr.hipshon@ntlworld.com](mailto:jr.hipshon@ntlworld.com)

Website: <http://www.yorkshirejuniorchess.co.uk>  
Organisers Address: 1 Norfolk Close,  
Leeds LS7 4QB

7 Feb

## **South Woodham Ferrers Junior,**

Champions Manor Hall, Hullbridge Road  
CM3 5LJ Contact: Dave Hawkins  
Email: [davehawkins126@googlemail.com](mailto:davehawkins126@googlemail.com)  
Organisers Address: 20 Brook Meadow  
Close, Woodford Green, Essex, IG8 9NR

~\* 12-14 Feb

## **FRODSHAM CONGRESS,**

Frodsham Community Centre.  
P Ridley, Lee Brook, Wood Lane, Sutton  
Weaver, Runcorn WA7 3EN (Tel: 01928 719787,  
Email: [patrick.ridley@ntlworld.com](mailto:patrick.ridley@ntlworld.com))

13 Feb

## **Golders Green Rapidplay,**

Golders Green Parish Church Hall, West  
Heath Drive, Golders Green, London  
NW11 7QG  
Contact: Adam Raoof  
Website: <http://goldersgreengreenchess.blogspot.com/>

~\* 13-14 Feb

## **WILTSHIRE & WEST OF ENGLAND JUNIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS,**

St Joseph's Catholic College, Ocotal Way,  
Swindon SN3 3LR.  
Bev Schofield, 69 The Mall, Old Town,  
Swindon SN1 4JA (Tel: 01793 487575,  
Email: [bev@schofieldhall.co.uk](mailto:bev@schofieldhall.co.uk), website:  
[www.wiltshirejuniorchess.co.uk](http://www.wiltshirejuniorchess.co.uk)) Open to  
ANY chess player aged under 18 on 31st  
Aug 2009.

13-14 Feb

## **The Warwickshire Open,**

Arden School, Station Road, Knowle,  
Solihull B93 0P

Contact: John H Pakenham  
Email: [jpakenham@btinternet.com](mailto:jpakenham@btinternet.com)

@ 13-17 Feb

## **e2e4 Uxbridge International,**

De Veres Hotel, Denham Grove,  
Tilehouse Lane, Denham, Nr Uxbridge,  
Buckinghamshire, UB9 5DU  
Contact: Sean Hewitt Email: [sean@e2e4.org.uk](mailto:sean@e2e4.org.uk)

Website: <http://www.e2e4.org.uk/international/2010/Uxbridge/index.htm>

19 - 20 Feb

## **Castle Chess - 2nd Portsmouth,**

Queens Hotel, Clarence Parade, Osbourne  
Road, Southsea. PO5 3LJ  
Contact: Tony Corfe  
Email: [tony@tcs-chess.demon.co.uk](mailto:tony@tcs-chess.demon.co.uk)  
Website: [www.castlechess.co.uk](http://www.castlechess.co.uk)

~ 20 Feb **Ealing Rapidplay,** St Thomas

The Apostle Parish Hall, 182 Boston  
Road, Ealing W7 3HL Contact: Sainbayar  
Tserendorj Email: [londonrapidplay@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:londonrapidplay@yahoo.co.uk)  
Website: [www.londonrapidplay.co.uk](http://www.londonrapidplay.co.uk)

~\* 20 Feb **KJCA Gravesend Junior**

**Rapidplay** - Gravesend Grammar School,  
Church Walk, Gravesend, Kent DA12 2PR - ECF Category: ECF Graded; ECF  
GP - Email: [sue.maguire@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.maguire@btinternet.com) -  
Website: [www.kjca.org](http://www.kjca.org)

~@ 20-21 Feb

**4NCL**, Divisions 1, 2 & 3,  
Barcelo Hotel, Hinckley Island

\* 20-21 Feb

## **1st Clacton-on-Sea Congress,**

The Laxfield Hotel, Beach Road, Clacton-  
on-Sea, Essex CO15 1UG  
Contact: Norman Went  
Email: [spectrumchess@hotmail.com](mailto:spectrumchess@hotmail.com)  
Website: [www.spectrumchess.com](http://www.spectrumchess.com)  
Organisers Address: 53 New Zealand Way,  
Rainham, Essex RM13 8JT

21 Feb

## **Leyland Rapidplay,**

Best Western Premier Leyland Hotel,  
Leyland Way, Leyland PR25 4JX  
Contact: Bob Tinton  
Email: [LeylandRapidplay2010@googlemail.com](mailto:LeylandRapidplay2010@googlemail.com)  
Website: <http://www.leylandchess.org.uk/rapid/>

23 Feb

## **1st Kent Blitz Chess Championship,**

Snodland United Church, High Street,  
Snodland, Kent, ME6 5AG  
Contact: David Lettington  
Email: [david\\_lettington@hotmail.com](mailto:david_lettington@hotmail.com)

\* 26-28 Feb

## **18th Doncaster Chess Congress,**

Hall Cross School, Thorne Road, Doncaster  
DN1 2HY

Contact: Trevor Taylor Organisers Address:  
30 Alston Road, Bessacarr, Doncaster DN4 7HA

Email: [trevortaylor43@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:trevortaylor43@yahoo.co.uk)

~\* 26-28 Feb

## **35th EAST DEVON CONGRESS,**

Corn Exchange, Fore Street, Exeter.  
A Maynard, 15 Church Street, Crediton,  
Devon EX17 2AQ (Tel: 01363 773313,  
Email: [a.maynard@tesco.net](mailto:a.maynard@tesco.net))

~\* 26-28 Feb

## **Open Cumbria Individual Chess Championship,**

The Graythwaite Manor Hotel, Fernhill  
Road, Grange-over-Sands LA11 7JE  
Contact: Hilary Austin  
Email - [hilaryaustin@gmail.com](mailto:hilaryaustin@gmail.com)  
Website - [www.cumbriachess.org.uk](http://www.cumbriachess.org.uk)  
Organisers Address - Wandlebury,  
Meadowbank Lane, Grange-over-Sands,  
Cumbria LA11 6AT

26-28 Feb

## **39th DYFED CONGRESS,**

Fishguard Bay Hotel, Goodwick,  
Pembrokeshire SA64 0BT.  
R Spencer, Riverside, Ponthirwaun,  
Cardigan, Ceredigion, Wales SA43 2RJ (Tel:  
01239 682703)

~ 27-28 Feb **4**

## **NCL JUNIOR,**

De Vere Venues, Wokefield Park)

~ 27-28 Feb

## **The 2010 British Universities' Chess Association (BUCA) Championship,**

Barcelo Oxford Hotel, Oxford  
Contact name: Alex Holowczak  
Email: [admin@buca.org.uk](mailto:admin@buca.org.uk)  
Website: <http://www.buca.org.uk>

28 Feb

## **Bury St Edmunds Junior Chess Congress,**

Culford School, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk  
Contact: Peter Campbell Email: [pc8@sanger.ac.uk](mailto:pc8@sanger.ac.uk) Organisers Address: Pilgrim  
Cottage, Great Saxham, Bury St Edmunds,  
IP29 JR

5-7 Mar

## **BLACKPOOL CHESS CONFERENCE**

The Imperial Hotel, North Promenade,  
Blackpool, FY1 2HB  
Congress Director : Geoff Jones 01942 604262  
Website : [www.blackpoolchess.org.uk](http://www.blackpoolchess.org.uk)

6-7 Mar

## **TRIAL FOR WORLD YOUTH U18 - U10,**

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