

Chess Moves

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The Staunton Memorial Dinner



Garry Kasparov ponders his next move

The Darwin Strategic Staunton Memorial Dinner was held at Simpson's in the Strand, London on 8th September. This event was a funds and awareness raiser for Anatoly Karpov's campaign to become FIDE President. Attended by two former World Champions, several Grandmasters, luminaries from the worlds of business, entertainment and chess, the evening was, in the words of Garry Kasparov, 'a huge success' ...

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Editorial

It is with a certain amount of trepidation and, of course, excitement that the ECF office moves into a new era. With the retirement of Cynthia Gurney, the remaining members of the team will endeavour to maintain the high standard expected by our Board and membership.

With so much happening in the world of chess this edition of chessmoves has proved to be one of the easiest of 2010 to put together. This is due in no small part to the efforts of the Director of Home Chess, Adam Raoof, but it would be remiss of us not to mention the many small clubs and organisations who submit their results and reports come rain or shine.

The October AGM looms large in ECF affairs with vital matters of membership and funding to be thrashed out. We will all be attending this meeting and look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

It only remains to wish Cynthia a very long and happy retirement

- *Tina and the team*

OBITUARY - Bent Larsen

The great Danish grandmaster has died at the age of 75 in Buenos Aires. His health had been poor for some considerable time and he had been virtually inactive for years.



He was one of the most successful tournament players of all time and, in 1967, won five events in a row. In 1970 he played Board 1 for the Rest of the World against the USSR, above Bobby Fischer. He defeated every World Champion up to and including Anatoly Karpov. He was not a great theoretician, preferring to go his own way. 1 b3 is often called Larsen's Opening. He had an

unquenchable thirst for competitive chess and was an eternal optimistic at the game. Heikki Westerinen asked him whether he could ask a personal question. Bent said, 'Fine.' 'Why didn't you bail out in the Candidates match against Fischer (which he lost 6-0) and at least get a couple of draws?' I knew what the answer was going to be 'But I was still trying to win it.'

He often played in England in our major events, including at Hastings and the Phillips & Drew/GLC Kings in London. He was readily approachable and an utterly delightful dinner companion.

Our condolences to his family and to the whole chess world - *Stewart Reuben*

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ECF News

Nominations -

Officers to be elected at the 2010 AGM

President - CJ de Mooi

Chief Executive - Andrew Farthing

Non-Executive Chairman

No candidate (Note 2)

Finance Director - Gareth Caller

Director of Home Chess - Adam Raoof

Director of International Chess - Lawrence

Cooper

Director of Junior Chess and Education - Peter Purland

Director of Marketing - Stewart Reuben

Non-Executive Directors

Malcolm Pein and John Wickham

FIDE delegate - Nigel Short

Chairman of the Finance Committee

No candidate (Note 2)

Members of the Finance Committee

Ray Clark, John Philpott and Ian Reynolds

Chairman of the Governance Committee - John Philpott

Members of the Governance Committee

Richard Haddrell, Andrew Leadbetter and John Paines

Notes

1. There are no contested elections. However, Council retains the right not to elect any candidate, in which case the appointment would revert to the Board

2. There is no candidate for the posts of Non-Executive Chairman and Chairman of the Finance Committee, so these appointments will revert to the Board. Anybody interested in being appointed to either of these posts should notify the Office

ECF Awards 2010

The ECF Awards Committee can now announce their selections for 2010

Presidents Award for Services to Chess

One nomination received this year and the award is well deserved. Julie Johnson took up chess after meeting her future husband, Cyril Johnson. She has never professed to be a strong player. Her expertise lies in chess administration and hospitality. Initially she limited herself to setting up the Syston Chess Club. After this proved successful she assisted the Leicestershire contingent at the National Youth Chess Association, being elected in due course as Chairman of that organisation.

In Leicestershire Julie took over as Gratings Officer in 1992 and started a local Newsletter, combining that with her work on the local league committee and running as many as 3 County Under-100 teams in the Midlands. She acted as President of the Leicestershire and Rutland Chess Association from 1998 - 2000, the

first Lady President of that organisation. She was then persuaded to take over producing the Newsletter for the Midland Counties Chess Association which she undertook for the next 5 years, turning it from a printed missive to one which is available online on the MCCU website. When Lee Collier resigned as the MCCU's Chief Executive Officer, she combined that post with her editorial duties, whilst standing down from the newsletter production.

Nationally Julie was a member of the old British Chess Federation Board, where her expertise in matters relating to Value Added Tax was invaluable. Gradually she took over as Minutes Secretary with the English Chess Federation Board, taking pride in ensuring that her minutes were available to the Chief Executive Officer within 7 days. She also found time to assist the ECF when a Controller of the Counties Championship resigned, taking over in mid-event. In more recent times she has organised a Section of the National Club Tournament and then returned as Chief Controller of that event.

All this pales into insignificance against her reputation for laying on a stellar spread for Leicestershire county matches and acting as hostess for counties seeking a neutral venue. She has matched this by doing all the catering for several National Finals, her swansong being that at Moat College, Leicester, in 2010.

Club of the Year



Two nominations were received both with very impressive citations. The committee selected Horsham Chess Club and the following is the introduction from their 9 page citation:

Horsham Chess Club celebrated its 130th anniversary this year and in recognition of its current success and its long standing services to club, county and community chess it is honoured to apply for the English Chess Federation title of club of the year 2010. This document is supported by a copy of "The History of Horsham Chess Club 1879 – 2009" and "The 130th Anniversary Celebrations" album.

Horsham has had a very successful season in 2009-2010 managing the rare double of winning both the knockout and the division 1 championship of the Sussex wide Mid Sussex League. We are rightly proud of this success but equally we have a commitment to chess at all levels. We were honoured to be the first club to propose fielding six teams in the Mid Sussex League and our long standing commitment to juniors

extends beyond the junior section of the club to decades long commitment to cub chess. We are also pleased to include a number of juniors who have represented England.

The club has also made a substantial contribution to Sussex County Chess with one player creating an unparalleled record of playing more than 450 county games and record numbers of Horsham players contributing to Sussex success.

We also enjoy a great amount of internal club competitions comprising three all-play-all competitions, a knockout and plate, a quick play knockout and plate, a ten second lightning tournament and an invitational competition for members who just want more!

This season we had a number of additional activities to celebrate our 130th anniversary. These included a reception and a match against representatives of other Sussex teams, a full day playing all comers at the bandstand in the centre of Horsham, an exhibition at the celebrated Horsham Museum and a group visit to the London Chess Classic.

This document highlights some of the achievements that make our members so proud to be part of the club. It will provide a flavour of the current activities alluding to our long standing contribution to chess as a whole but the greatest success of our club is its warm, welcoming atmosphere. We are pleased to include an unsolicited recommendation from a member of another Sussex club which highlights this.

Above all we are pleased to appeal to all members of the community and are proud that our membership includes an age range of 7 to 90.

Small Chess Club of the Year

We only received one nomination this year, from St Helens Chess Club, last year's winners. The committee considered that they merited the award for the second time ...

St Helens Chess Club ECF Small Club of the Year Entry 2010 - St Helens Chess Club meets throughout the year at the Sprayhurst Social Club in St Helens. We have 22 members and play in the Warrington and District Chess League and the Richard Furness 500 League. There are also a few non-members who attend from time to time, who we hope will join subsequently when they feel comfortable. All members who regularly represent the club in matches are ECF members.

Although we currently only have 22 members, graded from 186 down to 20, this season we entered 3 league teams and 4 cup teams in the Warrington and District Chess League (requiring a minimum 15 players) and 2 teams in the Richard Furness 500 League (requiring a minimum of 8 players). The Warrington League teams are split using a traditional grading strength criterion, but the Richard Furness 500 League teams have a grading cap of 500 points for 4 players. This helps to create a good social mix between the highest and lowest graded players and is very influential in creating a team spirit and camaraderie in the club that we are all very proud of.

This season we had an excellent performance once again finishing 1st in the Richard Furness 500 League and we won the Peninsular Cup for the first time. This is the most prestigious cup competition in the

Warrington and District Chess League and we're very proud to have won this competition.

The club continues throughout the summer after the league season has ended, when we run an 8 round ECF graded Swiss tournament in June and July to decide our club champion. We would normally expect an absolute minimum of 15 of our members to play in this tournament, which again helps to merge the players from different teams. The spirit that we have created within the club is also evident throughout the season when A-Team players turn out to watch C-Team matches and vice-versa, something that we are noticing is becoming less common amongst other clubs.

On non-match nights our head-coach (who has an enhanced CRB clearance) conducts training sessions. This can take many forms, be it demo-board analysis, individual or group work, a selection of positions spread across the playing hall, or consultation games. We have no formal policies relating to junior members apart from them being accompanied by an adult. We are very proud of our juniors as both returned from the British at Torquay with a first placed finish.

Club members also support the local congresses and can regularly be found at the more local congresses, but sometimes also at those congresses that require travel and an overnight stay. One of our members is the Assistant Cheshire & North Wales Junior Organiser and organises the Cheshire and North Wales Junior Championship. Our head-coach provides chess puzzle sheets to entertain the juniors between rounds at this event.

Our members also help administer the Warrington and District Chess League. Currently the positions of Match Secretary, Publicity Secretary and Webmaster are carried out by St Helens Chess Club members.

Moving away from the competitive side of chess to the more social side of the club, we have a social membership category for those who do not want to play chess competitively and arrange non-competitive activities and training. This has included Christmas Fun nights where for example, pieces took on random properties during the game, and a more relaxed week after the 8 rounds of the club championship. We generally have at least half a dozen members turn up on match nights who are not playing in the match.

We also have a website, www.sthelenschessclub.co.uk, which members use to keep each other informed about recent and forthcoming events, share games, etc. When asking first time visitors how they found out about us, the majority said it was through this website.

Chess Website of the Year

Once again we received several nominations and all of a high standard. The standard and quality of the websites improves each year making the committees job in selecting one a difficult one as we do not wish to disappoint the other excellent websites that make our short-list.

The one that impressed us this year is <http://www.kingstonchess.org.uk/>, the website of Kingston Chess Club. It was the general feel of the website providing information as well as comment and news in an entertaining way. The webmaster is John Foley

Congress of the Year

We selected e2e4

e2e4 has fast obtained a reputation as being the best tournaments in the country. Why? Well maybe it's because in the last 12 months e2e4 chess has:-

- had 49,949 website hits
- had 654 players enter an e2e4 tournament, including 12 GM's, 10 IM's and 13 FM's
- submitted 3586 'half' games of chess for grading
- Paid out over £10,000 in prize money
- helped 85 players get their first FIDE rating or part rating
- facilitated three players to score IM norms

But it's more than that. e2e4 give amateur chess players professional standard playing conditions. Every game is played on a separate table, with a minimum of 5m² room for each game within the playing area (see attached photos for typical layout). And, uniquely for an English weekend event, players can stay onsite in a 3/4 star hotel for little more than the cost of a local B&B.

We don't expect anyone to take just our word for it.

This is what some players have said to us when they've emailed us after one of our events in the last 12 months ...

Impeccably organised and run with attention to every detail, the whole circuit of 'e2e4 Chess' tournaments really are unsurpassed for both amateurs and professionals alike. Win or lose, I always come away from these events not only having enjoyed myself socially but also with the feeling that chess playing has been treated with the respect that it deserves.

- GM Keith Arkell, 27 June 2010

Increasingly other congresses pale into insignificance when compared with the ones e2e4 organise.

- SH, 26 February 2010

I just wanted to express my thanks and appreciation for all your hard work in organising and running such an enjoyable tournament at the weekend. I'm reluctant these days to spend what little free time I have freezing to death in draughty church halls that smell of mildew, so it was a great pleasure to be able to play chess in such comfortable surroundings. I had a great time and very much hope to take part in more of your events in the future.

- NS, 21 September 2009

Just a short line to say how much I enjoyed the Uxbridge Congress at the weekend. This was my first event for around 28 years and I am sure I will make every effort to enter another one of your events.

- JM, 21 September 2009

Many thanks to you and the organisers for putting on such a well run event.

It was my first congress and a truly great and memorable experience.

The venue and facilities were superb.

- AW, 21 September 2009

This was the first time I had played Uxbridge, but it's the best weekend tournament I've played in. I'm going to play every congress you run from now on!

- AS, 20 September 2009

Chess Magazine of the Year

No nominations were received this year.

The guests were treated to a spectacular art show by Barry Martin who has been the official artist for a number of World Championship matches, blitz simul by Kasparov and Nigel Short, partnered games where Kasparov faced Short and British Champion Michael Adams played Luke McShane, a sumptuous



Anatoly Karpov, CJ de Mooi, Garry Kasparov
(picture by John Saunders)

dinner and an auction of unique chess memorabilia.

The Wednesday morning had featured a press conference (above) where Kasparov, Karpov and Short made statements and faced questions from the assembled world's press. This was also attended by a number of the dinner guests and it served as a perfect appetiser both to the evening's festivities as well as to Karpov's upcoming battle.

This was an important event for chess both on the national and international scale. Simpson's is possibly the world's most historic chess venue and the sense of tradition and occasion was not lost on those there. Hopefully the Staunton Memorial Dinner will prove to be springboard to saving the game we love by helping Karpov to the post of FIDE President and improving domestic conditions.

London especially has a great chess history and perhaps an even greater future, the London Chess Classic being a wonderful example, and working together we can ensure the game in England and throughout the world regains the prestige and glory it so richly deserves

- CJ de Mooi



John Saunders, Stuart Conquest and Stewart Reuben
(picture © Barry Martin)



Garry Kasparov approaches the board
(picture © Barry Martin)



Kasparov, Crumiller, Vujatovic & Short - Meri Grigoryan looks on
(picture by John Saunders)

Darwin Strategic were the main sponsor of the Staunton Society event that took place at Simpson's in the Strand on Wednesday 8 September. The prime object of the occasion was to raise funds for, and promote, Anatoly Karpov's campaign to become President of FIDE. Money was also raised from the event for the British Championships in Sheffield in 2011 and the new junior chess charity set up by Malcolm Pein. Possibly, though, the major objective was that everybody had a good time.

It kicked off with a cocktail party and concluded with a dinner. Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short each played a mini-blitz simul against two opponents. Nigel did something I had never seen before – he made his first move simultaneously on both boards, although pressing both clocks simultaneously was perhaps beyond him. Then Short and Kasparov played partnership chess against each other, each paired with a guest. Michael Adams and Luke McShane did the same thing, though for some reason there were fewer spectators for this event. The prime organisers were CJ De Mooi and Ray Keene. CJ confused me by referring to these last games as consultation. It was not that, it was alternate moves no consultation. A number of chess items were also auctioned off.

An altogether wonderful event of which CJ and Ray and other staff should be proud. 150 people attended the event, including many of the British grandmasters. Over the years we have held a number of such events, often at Simpson's.

It is likely this event will raise money for other chess events due to networking. This used to be much more common before the Second World War. The London Chess Classic kicked off this new initiative towards patronage. Let us hope it will be a continuing trend

- Stewart Reuben



Carol Vorderman & Garry Kasparov
(picture © Barry Martin)



Terry Chapman and Luke McShane
(picture © Barry Martin)

97th British Chess Championships 2010

Congratulations to Mickey Adams who won the 2010 British Championship (and is therefore also English Champion) with a score of $9\frac{1}{2}/11$ and a 2757 performance. Nick Pert finished second on 8 with a 2612 performance whilst Stuart Conquest, Andrew Greet, Jonathan Hawkins, Adam Hunt, Richard Pert & Alexei Slavin all finished equal third on $7\frac{1}{2}$. Congratulations to Adam Hunt who secured his 2nd GM norm with a 2624 performance over eleven rounds.

Jovanka Houska finished on $6\frac{1}{2}$ and is the British (and English) women's champion, ahead of Lateefah Messam-Sparkes who scored $4\frac{1}{2}$ and becomes British Girls Under 18 champion and had a 2082 performance and Sheila Dines who finished with $3\frac{1}{2}$.

James Jackson won the Under 21 title with $5\frac{1}{2}$ and Ryan Rhys Griffiths the Under 18 title with $6\frac{1}{2}$. Both titles were part of the Championship.

British Under 16: 1st= Brandon Clarke & Gordon Scott 6/7.

As both winners are under 15, the under 16 title was awarded to Adrian Archer-Lock and Sebastien Muheim whilst Brandon & Gordon received the Under 15 title.

Girls Under 16: Abigail Pritchard 3.

Girls Under 15: Megan Owens, Ali Roy and Maria Wang all scored $3\frac{1}{2}$.

British Under 14s: 1st Marcus Harvey 6.5/7.

Girls: Radha Jain $4\frac{1}{2}$.

British Under 13: 1st Ravi Haria 6/7.

Girls: Katherine Shepherd scored 4.

British Under 12: 1st Tarun Malhotra 6/7.

Girls: Anna Wang 5.

British Under 11: Anna Wang & Rohan Shiatis 6/7.

Girls: Anna Wang 6.

British Under 10: Ashwin Kalyana 6/7.

Girls: Akshaya Kalaiyalahan & Imogen Turvey-Cross 4.

British Under 9: Zheming Zhang 6/7.

Girls: Akashaya Kalaiyalahan

British Under 8: Zheming Zhang 6/6.

Girls: Isabelle Gilbert

British Seniors: Paul Byway 6/7.

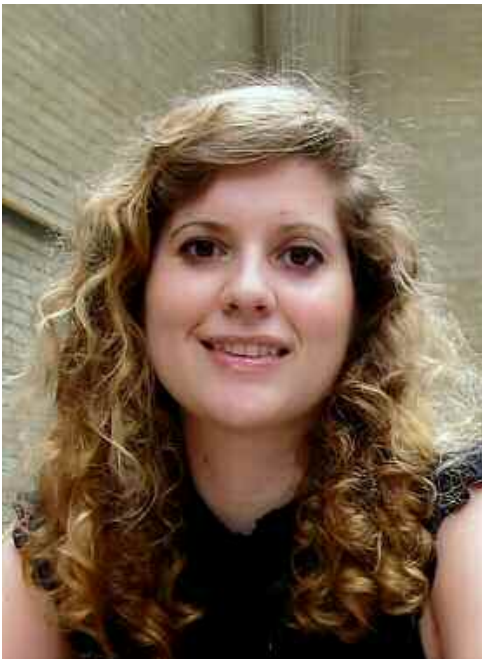
John Littlewood U18 Brilliancy Prize: Victor Jones

Major Open: Paul Talsma (Netherlands) 8.5/11,

2nd: Angus French 8

3rd= Arne Hagesaether (Norway) & Roger De Coverley $7\frac{1}{2}$.

A full list of prize winners can be found here: http://www.britishchess2010.com/prizewinners_2010.htm





The pantheon of British Champions



The playing hall



Jack Rudd receives the Boxhall Salver from Lara Barnes



Isabelle Gilbert, British Girls Under 8 Champion

International NEWS

11th World University Chess Championship Zurich, Switzerland – Sep 5-12

<http://www.wucc2010.ch/>
http://www.wucc2010.ch/joomla/index.php?option=com_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=19

England were represented by Peter Poobalasingam, Vedantha Kumar, Sarah Hegarty and Hannah Dale. Lorin D'Costa was the manager/coach.

Congratulations to Peter Poobalasingam who achieved an IM norm with a round to spare. He finished on 4.5/9 with a 2460 performance whilst Vedantha scored 3 in the mens event. In the womens event, Sarah finished on 4/9 and Hannah scored 3.5.

e2e4 Sunningdale Chess Congress 10-12 September

<http://www.e2e4.org.uk/sunningdale/Sept2010/open.htm>
<http://www.e2e4.org.uk/sunningdale/Sept2010/major.htm>

Congratulations to GM Aaron Summerscale who won the FIDE rated open with 4.5/5, half ahead of GMs Nick Pert and Simon Williams and IM Gavin Wall.
Daniel Staples and Chris Kreuzer shared 1st in the FIDE rated major with 4.5/5.

Diamond Jubilee Congress Paignton 5-11 September

<http://www.chessdevon.co.uk/>

There were numerous events including a FIDE rated Premier, U180, U150, U125 from 5-11. Keith Arkell was the top seed in the Premier and duly completed his 16th tournament victory in 18 appearances with a score of 6.5/7. Sadly the junior international had to be cancelled due to lack of entries.

FSIMA September Budapest (HUN), 4-14 ix 2010

Mark Lyell is playing and is currently on 3/9.

Future events:

World Chess Olympiad 2010 Khanty-Mansiysk Siberia 21 Sep – 3 Oct

<http://www.ugra-chess.ru/eng/index.htm>

The England teams consist of Michael Adams, Nigel Short, Luke McShane, David Howell and Gawain Jones in the open event and Jovanka Houska, Ingrid Lauterbach, Meri Grigoryan, Kanwal Bhatia and Sarah Hegarty in the women.

e2e4 Runcorn Congress 24-26 September

<http://www.e2e4.org.uk/runcorn/Sep2010/index.htm>

In addition to the individual websites the latest international chess news can be found at the following link:

<http://www.chesscenter.com/twic/twic827.html>

ECF Live Games Calendar

http://www.englishchess.org.uk/?page_id=5052

I encourage players to send me details of events they or others are playing in abroad and I will do my best to include them in my round-up.X
- Lawrence Cooper, *Director of International Chess*

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Yateley Manor National Schools Championships 2010/11

Entries are now being taken for the
Yateley Manor National Schools
Championship
To obtain and complete an entry form
visit -

<http://www.sccu.ndo.co.uk/entries2010-11.doc>

The closing date is 30th September
2010 but this is a little flexible!

Junior NEWS

The Russell Trophy Jamboree

The Russell Trophy Jamboree for Surrey schools was played at Wilson's School on 10 September. The rate of play was all moves in 40 minutes, or Fisher equivalent. The teams (of 8 players) were split into sections in round 2 on the basis of their round 1 scores

Major Section:

(1) Wilson's School, Wallington 11½/16 (2) Hampton School 10½ (3) Whitgift School 9½ (4) Sutton Grammar School 8½

Minor Section:

(1) RGS Guildford 10 (2) Reigate GS 8½ (3) Trinity School, Croydon 5½ (4) Wallington County GS 0

Wilson's retained the title, though with a much smaller margin of victory than last year. RGS Guildford retained the minor trophy. Interschool fixtures in Surrey's Briant Poulter League start on Friday 17th September

WUCC Zurich – report by Lorin D'Costa

Switzerland, 5-11 September 2010

Official website: <http://www.wucc2010.ch/>

Round 1 (Sunday 5th Sept) 2pm

Peter Poobalasingam v Vasily Papin 2534 IM Russia - Draw

Vedantha Kumar v Ebraim Ahmadinia 2414 FM Iran - Draw

Sarah Hegarty v Andjelija Stojanovic 2337 WGM Serbia - Loss

Hannah Dale v BYE - Draw

A great start for Vedantha as a he drew comfortably with black against an opponent over 400 points higher. Despite informing me he plays quite solidly I was surprised to see him whip out a delayed Schliemann, which also appeared to confuse his opponent as he immediately fell under pressure. In fact it could have been more but accepted a draw offer in a better endgame. Peter also made a good start, drawing with black in a g3 Grunfeld against a highly rated Russian IM where it appeared he stood worse for a lot of the game before equalising in the late middlegame with a nice tactic, after which he was in no trouble. Sarah also had a Grunfeld, her Serbian opponent playing

also positionally but this time able to grind her down in an endgame. Hannah had a bye. Double round takes place on Monday.

Round 2 (Monday 6th Sept) 9.30am

Peter P v Malkhaz Sulashvili 2500 IM Georgia - Win

Vedantha K v Bayarsaikhan Gundavaa 2460 Mongolia - Loss

Sarah H v Iin Dwijayanti Kadek 1889 WCM Indonesia - Win

Hannah D v Batchimeg Tuvshintugs 2333 WGM Mongolia - Loss

Peter continued his run with an excellent win with white in this morning round. He played against an isolated pawn and somehow in mutual time trouble slowly pushed his opponent back, finishing by weaving a lovely mating net. Sarah had an attacking game against the Kan Sicilian where she eventually managed to crash through. Hannah lost an exchange in a Queens Indian where she didn't get enough for it. Vedantha tried to continue in the same attacking vein as before, and stood well against his Mongolian IM opponent but at the key moment sacrificed unnecessarily when a developing move would have kept the game alive. Still, so far he is more than holding his own against far higher rated opposition.

Round 3 (Monday 6th Sept) 3.30pm

Peter P v Anuar Ismagambetov 2492 GM Kazakhstan - Loss

Vedantha K v Soozankar Amohammed 2299 Iran - Win

Sarah H v Batkhuyug Mungutuul 2412 IM Mongolia - Loss

Hannah D v Pauline Van Nies 2167 Netherlands - Draw

Vedantha just keeps on surprising us! Again running short of time he calmly diffused his opponents tricks and emerged with a huge amount of material after sacrificing his queen, culminating in mate with just minutes left on his clock. He described it as 'the best win of my chess career' he is playing bold and attacking chess, and being rewarded for it. Peter and Sarah both had tough games against Asian opposition but eventually fell short in the crucial moments. Hannah had an excellent draw where both players were down to a minute each (with 30 second increment) and agreed a draw which was a fair result.

Round 4 (Tuesday 7th Sept) 2pm

Peter P v Jan Markos 2566 GM Slovakia - Loss
Vedantha K v Milos Roganovic 2497 IM Serbia - Loss

Sarah H v Hannah Dale 1779 GB - Win

Hannah D v Sarah Hegarty 2084 WFM GB - Loss

Very disappointing that the two girls had to play against each other this round, especially as there were alternatives in the pairings, but at the technical meeting before the tournament they did say that countries would not be kept apart. Fair play that the girls didn't agree a quick draw and a hard battle ensued, where eventually Sarah prevailed in the tactics from a French Winawer. Vedantha fell victim of some hard Serbian preparation, he thought his first round opening wasn't in the tournament bulletin but forgot the games are all online so his opponent simply improved on Vedantha's first round game! Peter had a c5 bogo Indian and it appeared he was just better but fell for a cruel, however lovely tactic where his experienced opponent just saw further.

Double round is tomorrow.

Round 5 (Wednesday 8th Sept) 9.30am

Peter P v Marijn Otte 2264 Netherlands - Win
Vedantha K v Felix Hindermann 2323 FM Switzerland - Loss

Sarah H v Irene Kharisma Sukandar 2372 WGM Indonesia - Loss

Hannah D v L Liyanagedara 1844 WCM Sri Lanka - Win

Peter played a very nice game to get back on track from two straight losses (albeit to very high rated opposition). In a French Tarrasch he whipped out an extremely sharp piece sacrifice that he then played very well to emerge two pawns up in an endgame. Of course, chess is never that easy and his opponent managed to recover somewhat, but Peter eventually put him away. Vedantha's policy of 'attack' was brutally neutralised by his Swiss opponent, but still this has been a great tournament for Vedantha so far with a TPR far above his rating of 1983. Sarah played her line of the accelerated Dragon against the Maroczy setup and achieved a very nice position, however suddenly she found herself worse and her opponent was able to stamp her authority on the game. Hannah scored her first win of the tournament

by grinding her opponent down with the two bishops from an English opening. This will naturally have boosted her confidence for the remaining games.

Round 6 (Wednesday 8th Sept) 3.30pm

Peter P v Darini Pouria 2430 Iran - Win

Vedantha K v Marijn Otte 2264 Netherlands - Draw

Sarah H v Ashanti Rajapaksha Sri Lanka - Win

Hannah D v Baiq vina Lestari 2177 Indonesia - Loss

Team Great Britain's best day score-wise came in the last game before the rest day. Peter's game involved great complications where both sides went from winning to losing around 3 times before Peter had the final say in time trouble. From a g3 Grunfeld Peter appeared to be easily winning but suddenly he allowed a tactic where he had to sacrifice his queen, only to then somehow outplay his opponent nicely. He described this game as 'demonstrating the amazing possibilities that can occur in chess' the computer had a field day with this game but it was a great advert for chess. Vedantha had the better of a draw from a Grand Prix attack and was never losing, even turning down draw offers but eventually this was the final result. Sarah won very nicely, checkmating her opponent from a French Winawer where the king was hunted down mercilessly. Hannah got rather short of time and a slightly dodgy position went from bad to worse due to a blunder from the time trouble.

All four players are either playing to their rating or above it so the tournament has been a success so far. For Vedantha and Hannah, who don't play as much, this has been a great international experience and both are acquitting themselves very well. Fingers crossed for Peter who has a 2531 TPR and has a great chance to make his second IM norm. Sarah has been unlucky to get all the strong players with the black pieces but in all those games she has had decent positions so can take heart from the fact that she's not a million miles away from these top girls. She's also been putting away the lower rated players with white quite comfortably.

Round 7 (Friday 10th Sept) 9.30am

Peter P v Bayarsaikhan Gundavaa 2460 Mongolia - Loss

Vedantha K v Velislav Kukov 2395 FM Bulgaria - Loss

Sarah H v Sandra Djukic 2198 Serbia - Draw

Hannah D v Yordanka Naydenova 1924 Bulgaria - Loss

A case of 'so nearly' for Team GB. Peter had a double edged position with black in a BG5 Grunfeld but again the quick time limit played its part as the experienced Mongolian IM tricked him in the time trouble. Vedantha had his sort of attacking position from an English opening but at the key moment overlooked a tactical defence, resulting in him being a piece down. Sarah was the biggest case of 'so nearly' as she completely outplayed her higher rated Serbian opponent, before trying to mate her. Unfortunately this backfired, leaving Sarah fighting for a draw. However credit is due as changing mindset cant have been easy yet Sarah made the game safe in the closing minutes. Hannah got a passive position from the black side of a French Defence and somehow she survived to a minor piece ending, though was ground down in a long endgame.

Round 8 (Friday 10th Sept) 3.30pm

Peter P v Raja Panjwani 2429 IM Canada - Win
Vedantha K v Bye - Win

Sarah H v Nina Hemmatizadeh 1885 Iran - Draw
Hannah D v Himeshi De Silva Sri Lanka - Win

An excellent win for Peter who pretty much wrapped up his IM norm with this win. He lost an exchange when both players were down to 4 minutes each but somehow penetrated with his queen, when suddenly his whole position made sense. This wasn't a good game to watch from the sidelines!

Hannah had a great win, using her bishop pair in an open position to great effect. Sarah pressed extremely hard in a double rook ending where she stood slightly better, however her Iranian opponent (clearly better than 1885 suggested) held this endgame. Vedantha unfortunately got the bye as those on a lower score had already had one.

Round 9 (Sunday 11th Sept) 9.30am

Peter P v Marian Jurcik 2466 IM Slovakia - Loss
Vedantha K v Yu Ma 2336 China - Loss
Sarah H v Liria Caetano Garcia 1908 Brazil - Loss
Hannah D v Ana Ferreira 1816 Portugal - Draw

Not a great last round for team GB but this could have been so much better. Peter, having made his IM norm (by needing to play a 2400+ opponent and lose) threw everything at his Slovakian opponent, but in the time trouble he overlooked a cunning reply which refuted it all, leaving him an exchange down. It appears a familiar theme with games were occurring! Vedantha played his typical opening surprise, the two knights tango, but in a good position blundered. Still, this was a great tournament for him and he should be happy with how he played. Sarahs game was a tragedy as all chaos broke loose in the middlegame with just a minute each for both players (with 30 second increment) however she tried a trick which backfired, leaving her opponent with two rooks and two pieces for the queen. Hannah managed to draw early, ensuring she could catch her plane home!

FINAL SCORES

Name, Score & Position

Peter Poobalasingam 2332 FM - 4.5/9 - 26th/57

Vedantha Kumar 1983 - 3/9 - 52nd/57

Sarah Hegarty WFM 2084 - 4/9 - 27th/39

Hannah Dale 1779 - 3.5/9 - 35th/39

National Schools Championship 2010/11

The entry form is now available for the Yateley Manor National Schools Championship 2010-11 Just follow this link –

<http://www.sccu.ndo.co.uk/entries2010-11.doc>

Under-12 trip to Flanders

Our group of 16 players and two leaders (Victor Cross and Peter Purland) met at St Pancras at 10.00 on Saturday morning to catch the Eurostar to Brussels. We had one player meeting us there as he was on holiday in France. Things did not start auspiciously as the train broke down and we were 45 minutes late in to Brussels. We got started as soon as possible but, inevitably, had to cut down on the time. We were white in round one and, to even up the numbers, had been lent a Fleming. There were some good games but at the end we only held a 10-8 lead with the black pieces to come. Who said that white is an advantage? Victor's team talk was far more effective whilst Peter gave a talk to the Fleming. With half the games over, the score was 7-2 in our favour and victory was in sight. In fact we went on to win the round 12-

6 (and yes our guest won) thus giving victory by 22-14

The players then dispersed to their billets for the night and the leaders went for a meal. All arrived back in the morning after a pleasant night with their hosts (although apparently one of our players is a loud snorer!) Despite this, his room mates coped with the Rapidplay. Peter ran this event – Flanders, like the Dutch, realise that the human brain is superior to the computer! As usual we did not do quite as well and were out of the top three although 7 of our players got 4 and came 4th=. We had some lunch between rounds then ended up with the prize giving. The final results are shown below. William Claridge-Hansen was awarded the prize for the best English player and the match trophy is now residing on Victor's fireplace. We had time at Brussels Midi to buy presents (mostly Belgian chocolates) and the train was only 7 minutes late in to St Pancras, where we dispersed. It had been a very pleasant group who got on well together and enjoyed the experience of a chess trip with their peers. I was particularly impressed by the two games of "Murder Mystery" which went on during the journey home. It is a pleasure to see youngsters making their own entertainment

- Peter Purland

NOTE - A full results breakdown can be found here - <http://www.englishchess.org.uk/?p=6034>

Godalming Chess Club Open Junior Tournament - report by David Archer

4th Sept 2010

64 players travelled to Aldro School in Shackleford to play in this annual tournament. There were 4 age groups and the standard of play was excellent with several really strong players in each section. Godalming club members were on hand to supervise the games and parents from Aldro School provided refreshments, with the proceeds going to Skillway and The Shewsey.



Top prize winners;

Under 18 section 18 players

1st Matthew Daggitt (Magdalen College School) 5\5

2nd= Kumar Dixit (Salesian College) and Alfred Wong 4\5

Under 11 section 15 players

1st =Gwilym Price (Aldro) and Prashast Vir (Homefield) 4\5

3rd = Joshua Higgs (Cophorne), Peter Mant (Townsend), Beatrice Steel (Raleigh) and Zakary Warsop (D.C.P.S.) 3.5\5

Under 10 section 15 players

1st = Harry Grieve (Yateley Manor), Anna Purvis (Rowan), Andrew Smailes (Felton fleet) and Ananth Vijayakumar (Burlington) 4\5

Under 9 section 16 players

1st Anshu Ramaiya (Kings College) 4.5\5

2nd Ayush Bose (Yateley Manor) and Chloe d'Souza-Eva (Oxford High) 4\5

Many thanks to Stan Morgan, Peter Horlock and David Tuddenham from Godalming Chess Club for their help running the tournament.

Godalming will be fielding 3 teams in the Borders League this year and any adults or jun-



iors wishing to play for one of the teams or join the club, should contact David Archer at archerd@aldro.org

- D. J. Archer

Results ROUND-UP

Richmond Rapidplay results

88 played in the 91st Richmond Rapidplay held on 12 September 2010 and prizes totalling £720 were awarded for the following results: Open

1st: Graeme Buckley 5.5/6

2nd=: Peter Andreev, Peter Lalic, Peter Sowray, Francis Sagyaman, Simon McCullough, Owen

Phillips and Martin Cutmore 4/6

Major (U170)

1st: Adam Taylor 5/6

2nd=: Matt Ward and Sheila Dines 4.5/6

U150 Grading Prize: Frank Burnham 3.5/6

Intermediate (U135)

1st=: Yash Gokhale, Dipak Shah and Shyam Kalairajah 5/6

U115 Grading Prize: Daniel Young 4.5/6

Minor (U100)

1st=: Anna Purvis and Andrew Smailes 5/6

3rd=: Deepa Patel and Beatrice Steele 4/6

1st Jorvik Rapidplay

This event was held at Wheatlands Hotel York from 1st to 3rd September 2010. There were 10 entries run on a 6 round Swiss System, with 1 hour each.

Results as follows:-

1st – Tristron Cole, Sheffield

2nd – Alexander Combie, Newark

3rd – Stan Lovell, Scarborough

4th – Harry Baxter, Leeds

5th= Neville Pearce, York and Norman Andrews, Scarborough.

7th – Paul Middleton, Northallerton.

8th – Oskar Hackner, Rotherham (junior)

9th – John Wynne, York

10th – Gordon Pearce, Leeds.

Various prizes were awarded. It is hoped to run a second one in 2011.

- Peter Cloudsdale

e2e4 Uxbridge Women's International

Played from – 11-15th August 2010

Amy Hoare, Uxbridge Aug 2010

Lateefah, Messam-Sparks, Uxbridge Aug 2010

Sarah Hegarty, Uxbridge Aug 2010

Sheila Dines, Uxbridge Aug 2010

Susan Lalic, Uxbridge Aug 2010

This was a ten player all-play-all with WIM norms available hosted alongside Sean Hewitt's e2e4 tournament which comprised of 8 other international all-play-all events. My thanks to Sean for providing a free venue and arbiter and also to the John Robinson Trust for their financial support.

The event included 5 English players including England's first female IM Susan Lalic and 4 aged 21 and under; Sarah Hegarty 21, Lateefah Messam-Sparks 18, Sheila Dines 17 and Amy

Hoare 13. The rest of the line up comprised 2 players from Sweden, and 1 from Luxembourg, Scotland and Wales. The WIM norm score was 7/9 which was always going to be tough but my aims for the event were as much about giving experience and opportunities to our younger English female players which have been sadly lacking in the past.

The top seed and pre-tournament favourite was Susan Lalic. Despite a surprise second round loss to Emilia Horn she raced to 6/7 and then halved out against the second and third seeds to comfortably win the tournament and therefore qualify for the 2010 London Chess Classic Women's International.

The real star of the tournament though was 13 year old Amy Hoare. Despite being the joint lowest rated player and coming off the back of a below par Major Open she played very solidly in the early rounds and then as her confidence grew she started to play more aggressively and this resulted in three wins and five draws and just one defeat against Susan with black who is almost 400 points above her. She gained around 40 rating points and performed at 2130, over 200 points above her own rating of 1904.

Sarah Hegarty also performed well as she continues her preparation for her England debut at this year's Olympiad. Both her and Amy qualified for the 2010 Chess Classic Women's International by finishing as the joint highest norm seekers. Although Sheila and Lateefah finished slightly down on rating they both showed some encouraging results although playing in their first all-play-all at this level can inevitably prove tough. I was especially pleased with Lateefah's fighting spirit after such a tough start and any player who can finish with a win and a draw against higher rated players when on 1/7 deserves praise. Sheila also won 2 games in a row when on 1/5 so they are clearly not out of place in this level of competition.

The next women's event will be alongside the London Chess Classic from 8-15 December at Olympia in Kensington, London and hopefully there will be annual events alongside Sean's e2e4 tournaments ...

- Lawrence Cooper



Annotated Games

From the ECF's own Director of Finance comes this game ...

London Chess Classic – Round 4: Gareth Caller (129) vs Nick Ward (142)

French Defence – Alapin Gambit

1. e4 e6 My opponent said he was very happy when I played e4 as he loves playing the French Defence.

2. d4 d5 I hate playing against the French Defence, so decided to play a gambit where I give up my pawn for control of the f-file and a lead in development.

3. Be3!? dxe4 Taking the pawn is the most principled response.

4. Nd2 Nf6

5. f3 exf3 Black should consider 5 ... Nd5! 6. Qe2 (Bf2?? e3 wins) Nxb3, where one of white's dangerous bishops is removed immediately.

6. Ngxf3 b6 Black is looking to get control of the a8-h1 diagonal.

7. Bd3 Bb7

8. O-O Nbd7 Looking at the position and my opening has been a success. I have more space and a phalanx of well-placed central pieces ready to attack either side of the board. Black is a little cramped and has surrendered the initiative.

9. Qe2 Bd6 I queried Bd6 as it is a bit vulnerable there, but my opponent preferred to keep e7 free for his queen.

10. Ng5 h6 I had two aims when playing this; fighting for control of the important e4 square and opening lines against the black king. Once I have played Ne4, I want to play Bg5, with tremendous pressure on f6. h6 is the best response simply because it takes g5 away from the bishop, although my opponent said he missed the entire line and thought I had made an error and would be forced to play 11. Nf3.

11. Nge4 Qe7

12. a4 Nd5 My aim was to force my opponent to castle kingside. In retrospect, I might have been better off playing Rad1 as if black castles queenside, I can just play Ba6, followed by a4 and a5 with a strong attack. I can always return my R to a1, whilst black's lack of space makes it difficult for him to co-ordinate a response.

13. Nxd6+ cxd6 I was hoping for 13 ... Qxd6?

14. Be4! with a very strong attack due to the

fact that the Bb7 is loose. I also have the exchange sac Rxf6 in many lines.

14. Rae1 Nxe3 I thought for a long time about my 14th move. If I play 14. Bf2, after Nf4, I lose my Bd3 for the knight. In the end I decided that the light squared bishop was potentially stronger, so just centralised my rook. Interestingly my opponent concurred that I swapped off the right bishop.

15. Qxe3 O-O

16. Qg3 Qg5 Another difficult decision; the more pieces that come off, the better black's extra pawn looks so I would like to keep the Queens on the board. I saw Qg5, threatening mate on g2 but couldn't see anything better than doubling the black pawns, when at least I win my pawn back.

17. Qxg5 hxg5

18. Nc4 Bc6 Nc4 attacks the weak d6 pawn, which will fall once my bishop moves. Black doesn't want to play d5 as this blocks in his bishop and he can't shore up his kingside with f6 as the e6 pawn will fall. I was most worried about Ba6!?, where 19. Nxd6? Bxd3, 20. cd leaves me with weak doubled pawns, so I have to play 19. Rf3 (not Re3?! as I need to maintain pressure on e6) with a similar line to the game except for the fact that we exchange the bishops.

19. b3 d5 Black is forced to block in his Bishop after all.

20. Ne5 Nxe5 The next few moves are more or less forced.

21. Rxe5 Bd7

22. Rxg5 f6 Looking at the position, material is equal, but white has a small advantage because of his greater space and better bishop 23. Rh5 f5! My opponent considered 23 ... Kf7? but unfortunately didn't play it. If he had done, I think I would have got a winning advantage e.g. 24. Rf3 Rh8, 25. Rfh3 when I have control of the h file and win by advancing my g and h pawns.

24. Rf3 g6

25. Rh6 Kg7 I considered Rg5, but then black plays Bf7, when his bad bishop protects good pawns. I also considered Rhh3, with the aim of switching my rooks to the c-file, but decided it was likely to be too slow (although after h3 black can never make much progress down the h file so I may be able to break through).

26. Rfh3 Rh8

27. Rxh8 Rxh8

28. Rxh8 Kxh8

29. Kf2 I probably should have played on here as I am still better, largely because I have more space, most of black's pawns are on white squares, so I can attack them with my bishop, whilst they block his bishop and if I can swap off the g pawns and create a passed pawn on the h file, I have a clear advantage. However, I wasn't in contention for a prize, couldn't face concentrating for another 20 moves or so to try to increase and convert the advantage and have very little practice at winning this sort of endgame so could have easily lost so I offered a draw
Draw agreed!

Lateefah Messam-Sparkes v Andrew Mayhew - BCC, Canterbury 2010

1. d4 Nf6 2. Bf4

{2.Bf4 is not a very great opening as it is a very passive move and encouraged me to play more aggressively} g6

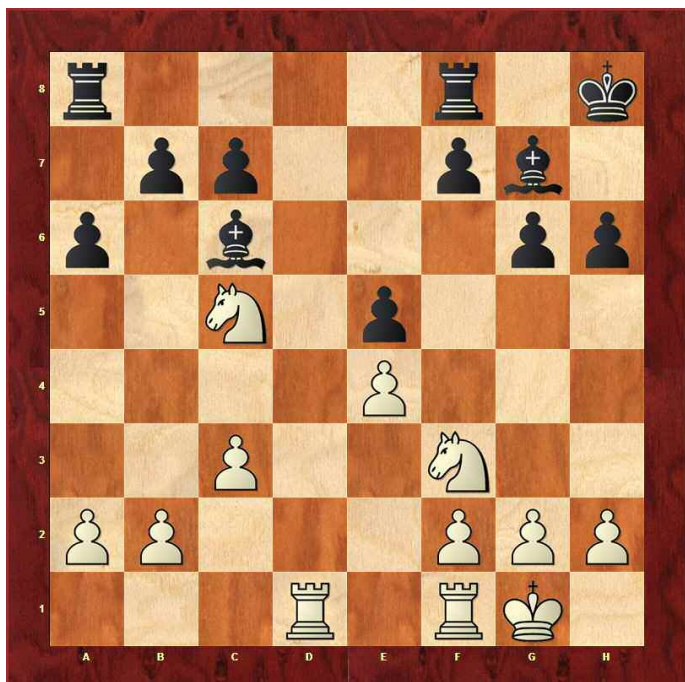
3. Nd2 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. Ngf3 O-O 6. c3 Nfd7 7. Qb3 e5 8. Be3 Nc6 9. Be2 h6 10. dxe5

{This is not a very good move as it relieves the tension and the pressure and loses my dominating centre 10.O-O would have been a better move.} dxe5

11. Rd1 Qe7 12. O-O Kh8 13. Bb5 Nd8 14. Bxd7 Bxd7 15. Qc4

{This was not a great move and a more active move would have been 15.Nc4} Ne6

16. Nb3 a6 17. Bc5 Nxc5 18. Qxc5 Qxc5 19. Nxc5 Bc6

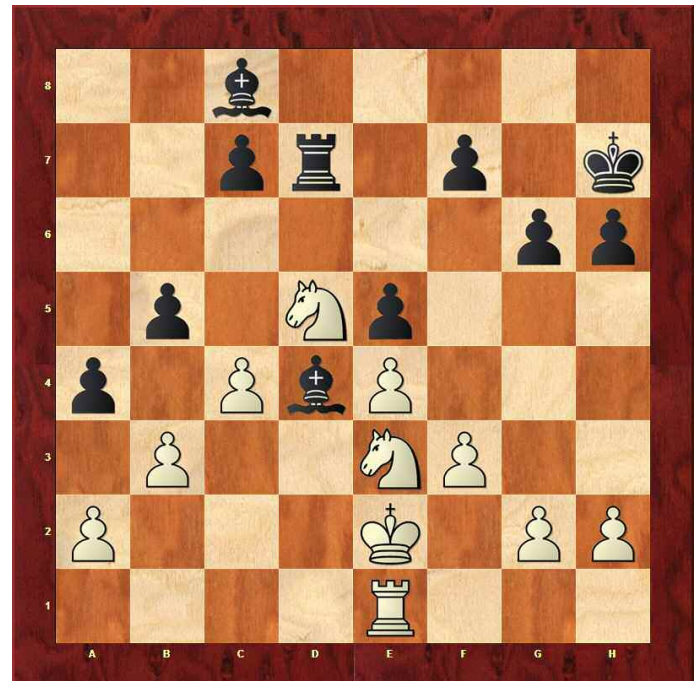


{In this position I come out to a weaker endgame because A. Mayhew gets two bishops for my two knights and better winning chances}

20. Rfe1 a5 21. Nd3 Rfe8 22. Nc5 b6 23. Nb3 Kh7 24. Nfd2 Rad8 25. f3 Rd7 26. Nf1 Red8 27. Ne3 a4 28. Nc1 Bf8 29. Kf1 Bc5 30. Rxd7 Rxd7 31. Ke2 Bb5+ 32. c4

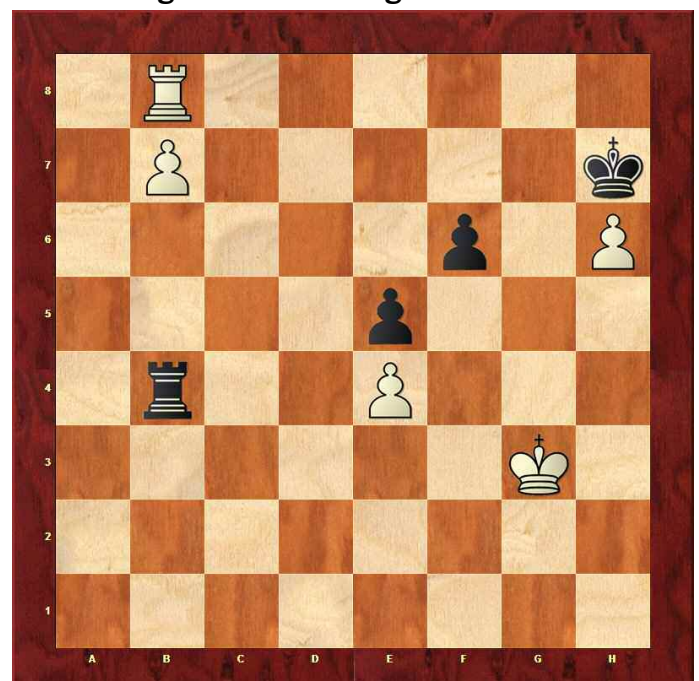
{Luckily I am now in a drawn position} Ba6

33. b3 b5 34. Nd3 Bd4 35. Nb4 Bc8 36. Nbd5



{Now I am in a better endgame because I am really active and have winning chances} Kg7

37. cxb5 axb3 38. axb3 Bb7 39. Rc1 Bxe3 40. Nxe3 f6 41. Nc4 Bc8 42. Nb6 cxb6 43. Rxc8 g5 44. Rc6 Rd4 45. Rxb6 Rb4 46. Kd2 Rxb3 47. Kc2 Rb4 48. Kc3 Rb1 49. Rb7+ Kg6 50. b6 h5 51. Rb8 Kf7 52. b7 Kg7 53. g3 Rb6 54. Kc4 Rb1 55. Kd5 Rb2 56. Ke6 Rb3 57. h3 h4 58. gxh4 gxh4 59. Kf5 Rxf3+ 60. Kg4 Rb3 61. Kxh4 Rb4 62. Kg3 Kh7 63. h4 Kg7 64. h5 Kh7 65. h6



{I was really happy that I had won my first game and it gave me a real confidence boost for the rest of the tournament} 1-0

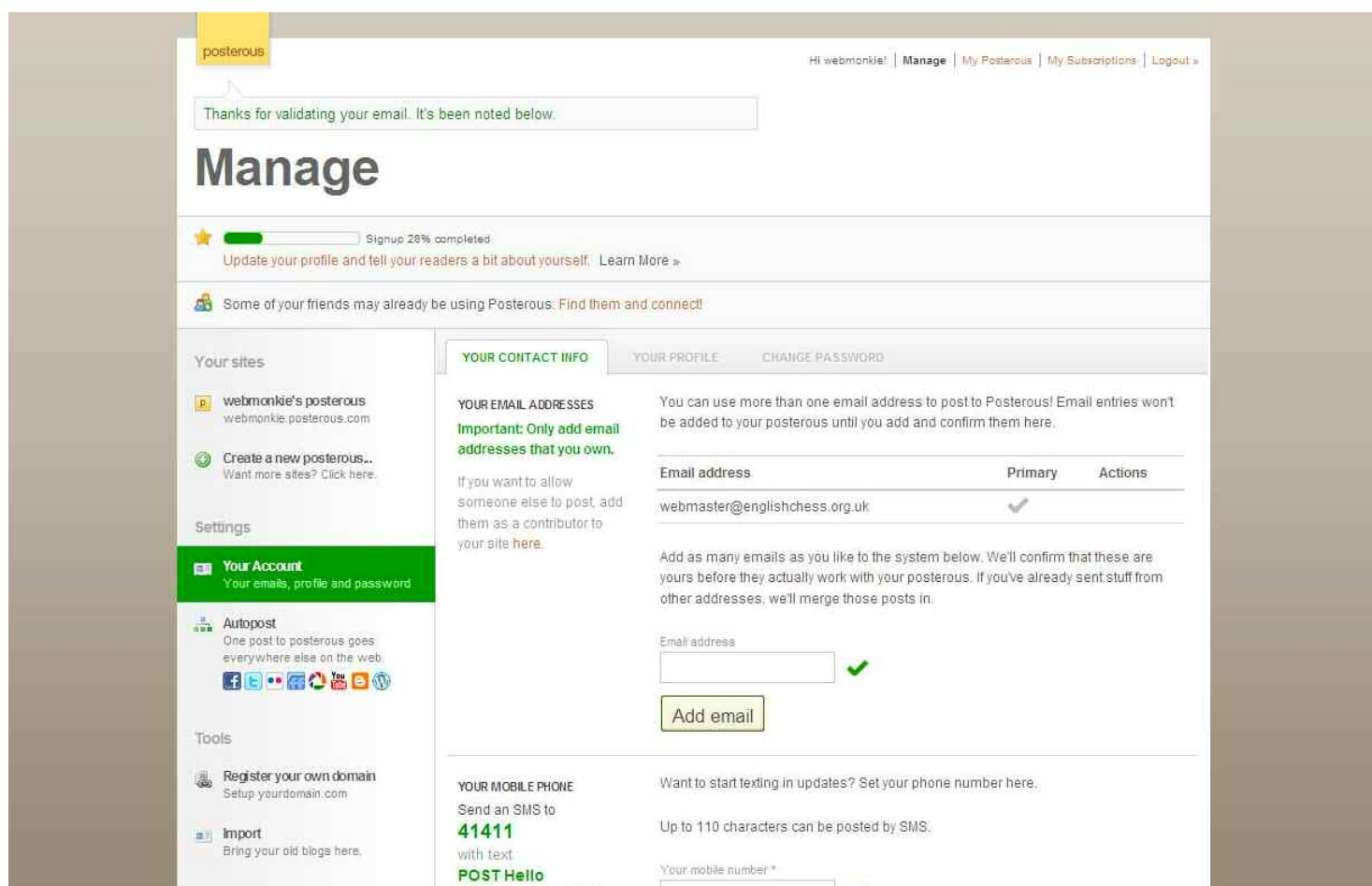
A website for your tournament - from Adam Raoof

I have noticed that many tournaments still do not have a website, but do have an email address for contacts. A website is essential to promote your event, it is a free and easy way to spread information quickly.

Here is a simple way to set up a site for your event, and I reckon it will take you less than half an hour! You don't have to know anything about website design. Use Posterous. Now, Posterous is unusual. Posterous lets you post things online fast -you email post@posterous.com and it gets formatted and posted! Anything you attach (Word, PDF, anything) gets posted and people can download it and print it. You can include photos.

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TIPS

- * add your web address to your signature when you email and post on the Forum
- * please make sure the link to your site is on the ECF calendar!
- * use the same site to promote your simultaneous display or club championship
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- * why not set up a page for the club? You can add your club mates email addresses to any Posterous site you control. Then they email post@sitename.posterous.com to post to it. They don't need to create an account.
- * <http://www.blogger.com> is another site you might want to explore if you have a bit more knowledge; you can customise it – e.g. <http://goldersgreenchess.blogspot.com/>

If you have any suggestions for making this process even easier, or corrections, or ideas for promoting weekend tournaments – let me know! And if you use this tip, send me your link!

Best wishes - Adam Raoof

Book REVIEWS - Gary Lane

Play Chess Like The Pros

by Danny Gormally

Published by Everyman

Price £15.99

The essential idea is to understand how one can improve by being more professional in your approach to the game.



This is certainly achieved but the more interesting aspect is Gormally's personal story on how he got started in the game and reflections on chess in England. He starts with off with tales of Charlton Chess Club where Alan Hanreck would test him but he would usually

play "... Norman Harris, who worked as a pizza delivery man." He is modest about his rise to one of England's top grandmasters and regretful when mentioning his infamous behaviour at the 2006 Olympiad, which just needs to be Googled to see why he made the front pages of newspapers around the world. There are insights on friends Keith Arkell and Simon Williams who he admires and one of them is annoyed he has never been picked for England. The numerous games are well annotated for club players and there are various tips on how to improve. A truly engaging work which entertains and informs.

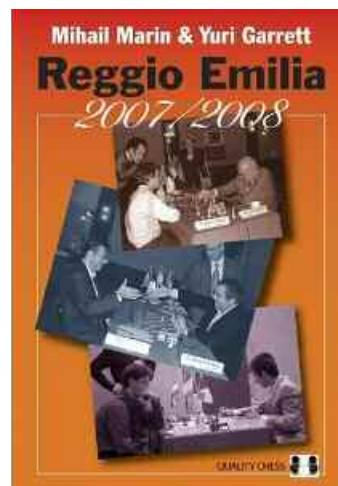
Reggio Emilia 2007/2008

by Mihail Marin and Yuri Garrett

Published by Quality Chess

£19.99

The prestigious Italian tournament is celebrated by focussing on the 2007/2008 edition upon its fiftieth anniversary. The grandmaster tournament has annotations and comments by stars such as Korchnoi, Tiviakov and Navara amongst others. The rest of the notes are composed by Romanian grandmaster Marin. The main attraction of the work is dominated by the tremendous efforts of Garrett to add the sense of



atmosphere and history that goes with a top-level event. The sprinkling of photos makes it easier to grasp what is going on and the anecdotes are first class.

A collector's item for those with a decent chess library.

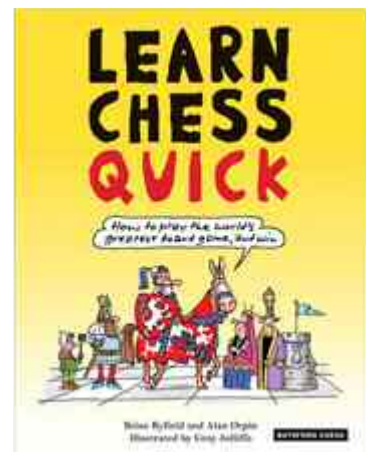
Learn Chess Quick

by Brian Byfield and Alan Orpin, illustrated by Gray Jolliffe

Published by Batsford

£9.99

A basic beginner's tome designed to encourage and promote the game. The real difference here is the illustrator who is genuinely famous for selling millions of Wicked Willie books in the 1980s and is sought after by the likes of Terry Pratchett. It is suitable for teenagers and adults but not really younger children. After all there is a lot of prose, the cartoons are occasionally adult orientated and trying to explain the recording of the game using algebraic notation by mentioning war correspondents is asking for trouble. It is difficult to see how you can go wrong with this type of work but claiming that the game is 5000 years old would annoy chess historians. Still, the cheerful tone and amusing quips promise to inspire anyone. The sort of book and price that is perfect for a gift at Christmas.



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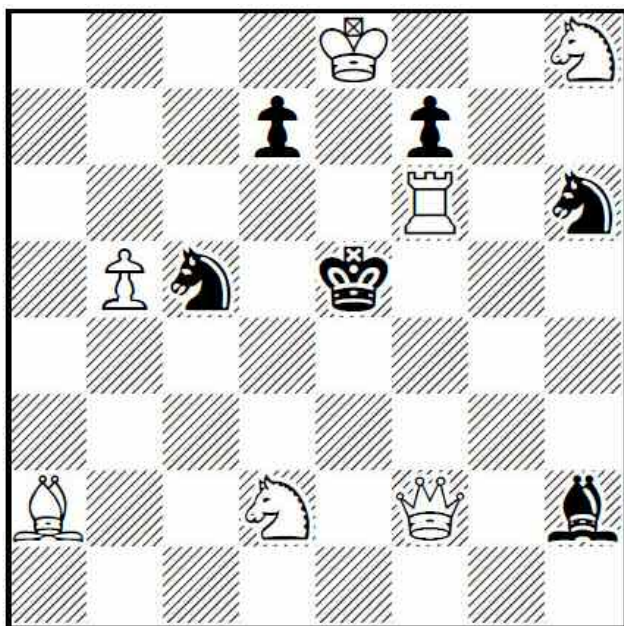
Lilian Anderson of Essex

The correct answer was - **1.Nf6**

Here's the next problem ...

Charles D Locock

Leisure Hour, 1903



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

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Information concerning the October AGM can be found on the ECF Council page at http://www.englishchess.org.uk/?page_id=897 Meeting papers will be added there as these become available. The deadline for the nomination of candidates for the posts to be elected at that meeting has now passed. A list of those nominated can be found at <http://www.englishchess.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2010-nominations-received.doc>

ECF Yearbook 2011

Calling all organisations, associations, clubs, leagues etc etc.

The ECF Yearbook 2011 is in the early stages of compilation, and on the website front page you can find copies of the Order and Advertising form and the Organisation Details form for download and completion – simply return them by post to The English Chess Federation, The Watch Oak, Chain Lane, Battle, East Sussex TN33 0YD. Also please note – the official deadline for changes in your Yearbook information and advert submission is 30th September although this is, of necessity, slightly flexible

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Grand Prix Leader Boards

The GRAND PRIX 2010/11 is in the early stages. Players with their names in red are counting the maximum number of events. Note that recent results will still be in the pipeline.

Leader Boards – September 13th 2010

Junior Prix

	Name	Club/Area	Pts
1	Jones, Steven A	Grappenhall	451
2	Burke, Mitchell R	Three C's	399
3	Murphy, Conor E	Kent Junior Congresses	398
4	Rabbitte, Michael J	Heywood	367
5	Zhang, Zheming	Jesmond	365
6	Hoare, Amy B	Sussex Junior	360
7	Foster, James M	Cowley	357
7	Brown, Martin	Grappenhall	357
9	Zhang, Anthony Y	Berkshire Jr.	344
10	Zhang, Roy Y	Crowthorne	340
10	Nettleton, Charlie B	Hayes (Middx)	340
12	Ynojosa, Felix Jose	Reading	330
13	Kalairajah, Shyam	Kent Junior Congresses	328
14	Wadsworth, Matthew	Maidenhead	321
15	Foster, Chantelle L	Cowley	317

Graded Prix (160-179)

	Name	Club/Area	Pts
1	Bryant, Richard BE	Oswestry	435
2	Keogh, Edward	Preston	432
3	Clegg, Robert	Huddersfield	308
4	Garnett, John S	Elmwood	259
5	Cutmore, Martin J	Wood Green	242
6	Davies, Peter L	Cardiff	240
6	Heaton, Paul	Writtle	240
8	Jackson, Paul G	Coulsdon CF	239
9	Talbot, Mark A	St Helens	232
9	Hayward, Alan	Streatham	232
11	Stewart, Ashley	Cambridge City	229
12	Bunn, Matthew	Snodland	224
13	Kennedy, Craig	East Ham	222
14	Campbell, Eoin S	Edinburgh	203
15	Taylor, Robert K	Preston	201

Graded Prix (140-159)

	Name	Club/Area	Pts
1	O'Gorman, Brendan	DHSS	520
2	Desmedt, Richard E	Netherton	493
3	Hartley, Dean M	Amber Valley	470
4	Pride, Stephen C	Cambridge City	416
5	Bishop, Geoffrey L	Chislehurst	355
6	Gartside, Carl	High Peak	355
7	Papier, Alan	Bristol & Clifton	352
8	McCarthy, Damian	Padgate	309
9	Dean, Robert A	Pudsey	294
10	Ribbands, Patrick C	Cambridge City	285
11	Connor, Michael I	Great Lever	269
12	Clegg, Chris RA	Kingston	262
13	Gilbert, David J	DHSS	259
14	Sandercock, E Barry	Buck'shire*	243
15	Wiggins, Andrew S	Greenlands	240

Graded Prix (120-139)

	Name	Club/Area	Pts
1	Foley, Phil T	Upminster	479
2	Allen, Timothy S	Battersea	425
3	Crouch, Timothy J	Kings Head	424
4	Stone, Mark R	Petts Wood & Orpington	414
5	Davis, John G	Ashted	379
6	Howes, David J	Coulsdon CF	367
7	Crockett, Stephen A	B'mingham*	366
8	Horman, Paul A	Morecambe	332
9	Turvey-Cross, Syringa	Lyn Colwyn Bay	304
10	De Santos, Andrew R	Preston	287
11	Gardiner, Colin J	Falmouth	270
12	Norman, Nigel	Charlton	268
13	Rush, Steven J	Rhyl	231
14	Robson, Caroline J	B'net Elizabeth	226
15	McKeon, John E	Milton Keynes	197

Graded Prix (U120)

	Name	Club/Area	Pts
1	Fraser, Alan R	Beckenham & Bromley	474
2	Waddington, James	Bolton	325
3	Billett, Stephen J	Portsmouth	294
4	Wadsworth, James MF	Maidenhead	273
5	Brent, Derek	Urmston	271
6	Smith, Mark J	Scotland	268
7	Winter, Malcolm J	Shoeburyness*	249
8	Miles, Barry S	South Norwood	248
9	Everitt, David	St Francis & Hayw'ds Heath	237
10	Calderbank, Stuart	Blackpool*	207
11	Robertson, Alan B	Isle of Man	206
12	Smith, Roger N	Ipswich	202
13	Oyama, Harunobu	Cambridge City	189
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September 2010

~ **19 Sep 25th Crowborough Rapidplay**, Beacon Community College, North Beeches Road, Crowborough, East Sussex TN6 2AS Contact: David Fryer Email: david@brackenhurst.org 6-Round Swiss tournaments with 30 minutes per player per game - Open & Minor (U140) sections Max. RP grade 215

#~@* **24-26 Sep e2e4 Runcorn Congress**, Holiday Inn Runcorn, Wood Lane, Runcorn, Cheshire WA7 3HA Contact: Sean Hewitt Email: sean@e2e4.org.uk Organiser's address: 267 Adswood Road, Davenport, Stockport, Cheshire SK3 8PA Entry form: <http://www.e2e4.org.uk/runcorn/Sep2010/Runcorn2010.pdf> Website: <http://www.e2e4.org.uk/runcorn>

~ **24-26 Sep Isle of Man Chess Congress**, Cherry Orchard Aparthotel, Port Erin, Isle of Man Contact: Alan Robertson Email: alanbruce@manx.net Website: <http://www.iomchess.com> Organiser's Address: Dunelm, Somerset Road, IM2 SBA

~ **24-26 Sep Northumberland County Chess Congress**, The Parks Leisure Centre Howden Road Royal Quays North Shields NE26 3BL Contact: David Watson Email: davidmwatson@blueyonder.co.uk Website: www.northumberlandchess.co.uk Organisers Address: 7 Deneside Court, Woodburn Drive, Whitley Bay NE26 3BL

25 Sep Richmond Junior Chess Club Blitz, ETNA Community Centre, 13 Rosslyn Road, East Twickenham TW1 2AR Contact: Peter Sowray Email: psowray@googlemail.com Organiser's address: 62 Latymer Court, Hammersmith Road, London W6 7JE Entry form: www.rjcc.org.uk/blitz100925.pdf Website: www.rjcc.org.uk

25 Sep Welsh National Youth County Championships U18 and U14, Abraham Darby Academy, Telford Contact: Kevin Staveley Email: kevin.staveley@btinternet.com Organiser's address: 57, Treharne St., Cwmparc, Rhondda CF42 6LH Open to all, not just Welsh players

~* **25-26 Sep Spectrum Chess - 5th Portsmouth Congress**, Hilton Hotel, Portsmouth PO6 1UN Contact: Norman Went Email: spectrumchess@hotmail.com Players may enter online, via our website - the facility for paying for an accommodation package or a straight entry fee is now live! Website: www.spectrum-chess.com Organiser's address: 53 New Zealand Way, Rainham, Essex RM13 8JT

October 2010

@# **1-3 Oct Leicester Chess Congress (H E Atkins Memorial)**, Regent College, Regent Road, Leicester LE1 7LW Contact: Sean Hewitt Email: sean@leicesterchess.co.uk Website: www.leicesterchess.co.uk Organisers Address: 22 Stafford Road, Swinton, Manchester M27 4BW

~ **01 - 03 Oct 4th Whitby Chess Congress**, Conservative Club, Upgang Lane, Whitby, North Yorkshire YO21 3DT Email: nboustred@yahoo.co.uk Contact: Noel Boustred Organisers Address: Robert Batten, 13 Caroline Gardens, Howden, Tyne and Wear NE28 0BZ

~ **2 Oct Richmond Junior Chess Congress**, Twickenham Prep School, Beveree, 43 High Street, Hampton, Middlesex TW12 2SA Contact: Peter Sowray Email: psowray@googlemail.com | Entry form | Website: <http://www.rjcc.org.uk>

~ **2 Oct CCF Rapidplay**, 84-90 Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon, Surrey CR5 3BA Contact: Scott Freeman Email: chess@ccfworld.com Tel: 020 8645 0302 Fax: 020 8645 0412 Website: <http://www.ccfworld.com/Chess/>

3 Oct Ormskirk Rapidplay, Ormskirk Civic Hall, Southport Road, Ormskirk, Lancs. Contact: Steve Jacquest

Email: ormskirkrapidplay@btinternet.com 173 Green Lane, Maghull, Liverpool L31 8BD Tel: 0151-531-7541

3 Oct Winchester College Hampshire Junior Congress, Winchester College, College Walk, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 9NG. Contact: Joe French Email: joefrench33@msn.com Contact address: 31 Brocas Drive, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG21 5LS Tel: (01256) 472537 Website: <http://hampshirejuniorchess.co.uk>

3 Oct HSCA Chess Championships, Bowmansgreen Primary School, Telford Road, London Colney, St Albans AL2 1PH Contact: Yogesh Email: HSCA@Live.Co.Uk Website: www.hertsjuniorchess.org.uk | Entry form and details here

4/10-14/03 Wiltshire Open Championship, Brown Jack Public House, 1 Prior Hill, Wroughton, Swindon, Wiltshire SN4 0RT Contact: Tony Ransom Email: chesssalsa@aol.com

7 Oct First Thursday Hendon Blitz, Golders Green Parish Church NW11 7QG Contact: Adam Raoof Email: adamraoof@gmail.com Website: <http://www.hendonchessclub.com> Entry form: <http://www.hendonchessclub.com>

~ 8-10 Oct Hull Congress, Endsleigh Centre, Beverley Road, Hull Contact: Bryan Hesler Tel: 01482 504579 Email: bhesler@bhesler.karoo.co.uk Website: www.hullchess.com

~ 8-10 Oct Bournemouth Bicentenary Chess Congress (incorporating the 45th Dorset Chess Congress, previously in Weymouth), Bournemouth International Hotel, Priory Road, Bournemouth BH2 5DL Contact: Norman Mackie Email: norman.mackie@btinternet.com Website: dorsetchess.org.uk Organiser's address: 19 Gwynne Road, Poole, Dorset BH12 2AR

~ 9 Oct CCF Junior Rapidplay, 84-90 Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon, Surrey CR5 3BA Contact: Scott Freeman Email: chess@ccfworld.com Tel: 020 8645 0302 Fax: 020 8645 0412 Website: <http://www.ccf-world.com/Chess/> [LJCC Qualifier]

~ 9 Oct Golders Green Rapidplay, Golders Green Parish Church Hall, West Heath Drive, Golders Green, London NW11 7QG Contact: Adam Raoof Website: <http://goldersgreenchess.blogspot.com/>

~ 10 Oct York Junior Chess Congress, Wigginton Primary School, York YO32 2FZ Contact: John Hipshon Email: jr.hipshon@ntlworld.com Organiser's address: 1 Norfolk Close, Leeds LS7 4QB Part of the Yorkshire Junior Grand Prix Entry form | Website: www.yorkshirejuniorchess.co.uk

~ 10 Oct 3rd Brentwood Rapidplay, Brentwood Chess Club, Bardswell Social Club, Bardeswell Close, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4TJ Contact: Jeff MacWain Email: jeffirrie@yahoo.com Organiser's address: 18 Ganel's Road, Billericay, Essex CM11 2TG Various sections available - online entry available! Entry form: <http://www.brentwoodchessclub.org/BCCRapid10.pdf> Website: <http://www.brentwoodchessclub.org/brentwoodrapid.html>

~ 15-17 Oct Dundee & Angus Congress, David Lloyd Leisure, Ethiebeaton Park, Monifieth by Dundee Contact: Keith Rose Email: director@dundee-congress.co.uk Website: www.dundee-congress.co.uk

~*# 15-17 Oct KJCA Caterham Congress, Caterham School, Harestone Valley Road, Caterham, Surrey CR3 6YA Contact: Sue Maguire, 36 Sherwood Road, Croydon CR0 7DH Tel: 0208 656 6420 Email: sue.maguire@btinternet.com Website: www.kjca.org

15-17 Oct 43rd West Wales Congress, The Glamorgan Arms, Pontlliw, Swansea Contact: Les Philpin Email: newsilure@hotmail.com Organiser's address: 59 Cecil Road, Gowerton, Swansea SA4 3DF - 5 round swiss tournament with Open, Major and Minor sections

16 Oct Witney Chess Club Junior Tournament, The King's School, New Yatt Road, Witney, Oxfordshire OX29 6TA Contact: Mike Truran 01993 708645 Entry form available from the following link: www.oxford-fusion.com/oca/documents/ef.doc

16 Oct Richmond Junior Chess Club Blitz, ETNA Community Centre, 13 Rosslyn Road, East Twickenham TW1 2AR Contact: Peter Sowray Email: psowray@googlemail.com Organiser's address: 62 Latymer Court, Hammersmith Road, London W6 7JE Entry form: www.rjcc.org.uk/blitz101016.pdf Website: www.rjcc.org.uk

***~16 Oct London Rapid Play**, Cardinal Hinsley Math & Computing College, Harlesden Road, Willesden, London NW10 3RN39 Contact: Sainbayer Email: londonrapidplay@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 07525 031843 Website / entry form: www.londonrapidplay.co.uk - This tournament has a special junior ONLY section with 4 age groups and grade restriction called "Get my first Grade" will aim to bring more junior new players. There is also U130, U165 & Open section for stronger players

~*#@ 17-23 Oct 36th Guernsey International Chess Festival, The Peninsula Hotel Guernsey, Les Dicqs, Vale, Guernsey, Channel Islands GY6 8JP Contact: Fred Hamperl Email: hamperlfred@hotmail.com

Website: <http://www.guernseychessclub.org.gg/>

~*# **22-24 Oct 34th SCARBOROUGH CONGRESS**, The Ocean Room, Spa Complex, South Bay, Scarborough. A Butterworth, 3 Kitson Drive, Monk Bretton, Barnsley S71 5RL (Tel: 01226 211501, Email: scarboroughchess@googlemail.com, website: www.scarboroughchesscongress.co.uk)

~ **22-24 Oct The Jonathan Latham Memorial Congress**, Gordano Community School, St. Mary's Road, Portishead, Bristol BS20 7QR Contact: Ben Edgell Email: edgellben@hotmail.com Organiser's address: 10 Redgate Street, Bridgwater, Somerset TA6 5BG All profits from this event will be donated to the RNLI

~***23 Oct Ealing Rapidplay**, St Thomas The Apostle Parish Hall, 182 Boston Road, Ealing W7 3HL Contact: Sainbayar Tserendorj Email: londonrapidplay@yahoo.co.uk Website: www.londonrapidplay.co.uk

~ **23 Oct Sussex Junior Worth Rapidplay**, Worth School, Paddockhurst Road, Turners Hill, West Sussex RH10 4SD MAP Contact: Paula Payne Email: entrymanager@sussexjuniorchess.org Organiser's address: 222 King Edward Avenue, Worthing, West Sussex BN14 8DL - 10:00 - 5:30 (Registration 9:45am), 6 rounds rapidplay, LJCC qualifier, Sections: U8, U10, U12, U18 Entry form:

<http://www.sussexjuniorchess.org/Forms/GP2WorthOct.pdf> Website:

<http://www.sussexjuniorchess.org/index.htm>

~* **23-24 Oct Spectrum Chess - 2nd Clacton-on-Sea Congress**, Laxfield Hotel, Beach Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex CO15 1UG Contact: Norman Went Email: spectrumchess@hotmail.com Website: www.spectrumchess.com Organiser's address: 53 New Zealand Way, Rainham, Essex RM13 8JT

~ **24th Oct 14th Birmingham Rapidplay Tournament**, Quinborne Community Centre, Ridgeacre Road, Quinton, Birmingham B32 2TW Contact: John Pakenham 348 Thimblemill Road, Smethwick, West Midlands B67 6PU Tel: 0121 601 3920 (9.30am-8.30pm) Email: jpakenham@btinternet.com

@~*# **24-28 Oct e2e4 Young Masters**, De Veres Denham Grove Hotel, Tilehouse Lane, Denham, Buckinghamshire UB9 5DU Contact: Sean Hewitt Email: sean@e2e4.org.uk Organiser's address: 267 Adswood Road, Stockport, Cheshire, SK3 8PA Entry form -

http://www.e2e4.org.uk/international/2010/Young_Masters/Uxbridge_Young_Masters.pdf Website -

http://www.e2e4.org.uk/international/2010/Young_Masters/index.htm - a 9-round FIDE rated swiss for players of all strengths and nationalities born on or after 1st January 1989, with excellent prizes, playing conditions and hotel discounts

@~*# **24-28 Oct e2e4 Uxbridge Premier**, De Veres Denham Grove Hotel, Tilehouse Lane, Denham, Buckinghamshire UB9 5DU MAP Contact: Sean Hewitt Email: sean@e2e4.org.uk Organiser's address: 267 Adswood Road, Stockport, Cheshire, SK3 8PA Entry form:

http://www.e2e4.org.uk/international/2010/Young_Masters/Uxbridge_Premier_Young_Masters.pdf

Website: http://www.e2e4.org.uk/international/2010/Uxbridge_Premier/index.htm | A 9 round FIDE rated swiss for players of all strengths and nationalities. GM / IM / WGM / WIM norms will be available, subject to entry

~* **30 Oct Chipping Sodbury Rapidplay**, Chipping Sodbury Town Hall, Broad Street, Chipping Sodbury MAP Contact: Graham Mill-Wilson Email: tugmw@blueyonder.co.uk Website: www.chessit.co.uk 6x25 min.

rounds in 3 sections - Open, U165, U130 Organiser's address: 8 Lyndale Road, Yate, Bristol, BS37 4DD

~ **30-31 Oct 28th Bury St Edmunds Congress**, The Apex, Charter Square, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk Contact: Bob Jones Email: bobjoneschess@btinternet.com