

## BOOK OF THE YEAR 2008 PRIZE GIVING



*From the left Sue Edwards, Ray Edwards, Wilmer Hoogland, Allard Hoogland Proprietor of New in Chess, David Friedgood, Julian Farrand, Brenda Farrand*

**Book of the Year 2008 – London to Elista Evgeny Bareev and Illya Levitov published by New in Chess.**

It's worth commenting that the Book of the Year attracts the owner of the world's best chess magazine and publisher to collect his prize. We all had an excellent evening!

*Ray Edwards*



Above: October 2004 Council Mailing

I am very sad to report that Sophie will be leaving the ECF office at the beginning of June. Sophie has been with the ECF for nine years, starting as a school leaver taking on the task of Membership Secretary. Her role has developed hugely during her employment with the ECF, being responsible for the website and all IT within the office.

She has been a delightful, hardworking and cheerful colleague and a key member of the team at Battle. If she does as much for her new employer as she has done for the ECF they will be fortunate indeed.

Good luck Sophie you will be missed by us all.

*Cynthia Gurney*

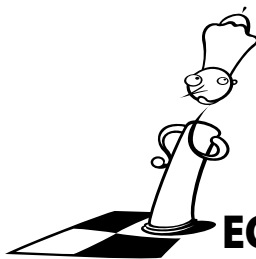


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**Copy Deadline  
10th July 2009**



## ECF Vacancies

**Director of Finance:** Manages the preparation of the annual statement of Accounts of the Company and presents it on behalf of the Board, duly audited, to the Annual Meeting of Council. Oversees the records kept by the ECF Office, ensures they are accurate and adequate for accounting purposes and for the preparation of VAT and other statutory returns. Guides the work of the accounting staff in the Office. Prepares the Federation's annual budget, in liaison with the individual ECF Directors, the Board and the Finance Committee. Produces for the Board periodic management information and forecasts of income and expenditure; takes remedial action, as may be required, in consultation with the Chief Executive and the Board. Is responsible for the collection of Game Fee by the Manager of Finance and Management Services and office staff and provides forecasts of Game Fee income. Evaluates the various risks to which the ECF is exposed and proposes to the Board the appropriate course of action, including, as appropriate, insurance. Provides general advice to the Federation on financial matters, taxation, statutory accounts and reporting requirements. Must possess, and provide evidence of, an appropriate accounting qualification.

Develops the ECF approach to membership (of all types), membership fees (including Game Fee) and benefits (including grading and representation) attaching to membership.

**Manager of Congress Chess:** This is a marvellous chance for the person taking this job to help define the job. Congresses are one of the three strands of chess in this country, along with County Chess and League Chess.

The successful applicant should have experience of running successful congresses and be an organiser in general good standing. The willingness to help events, offer advice and source assistance would be of prime importance.

Anyone wishing to discuss this post should

contact the Director of Home Chess on [director.homechess@englishchess.org.uk](mailto:director.homechess@englishchess.org.uk) or 0116 260 9012.

**Manager of Prisons Chess:** There are more people on prison now than ever before. Chess is viewed by HMG as being an aid to resettlement of offenders and teaching many of the same values which are encouraged in our chess for schools program.

There is a need for someone to set up and co-ordinate chess in the prisons in England. The needs and opportunities vary from establishment to establishment. Preliminary contact has been made with the Dept for Justice and the successful candidate would be expected to build on the initial contacts and with assistance from others organise teaching and support for the inmates.

Anyone wishing to discuss this post should contact the Director of Home Chess on [director.homechess@englishchess.org.uk](mailto:director.homechess@englishchess.org.uk) or 0116 260 9012.

### 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
- The 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.

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## Direct Member Representatives

Nominations are invited for Direct Member Representatives to take office for a period of one year after the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held on 17 October 2009. For the purpose of the election of Representatives, Direct members are grouped into the following four categories:

- (a) Honorary Life Vice Presidents, Vice Presidents, Corporate Vice Presidents, Honorary Life Members and Life Members.
- (b) Full Direct Members, Family Members, Veteran Members, Student Members, Special Members and Members with Disabilities.
- (c) Standard Members and Junior Members.
- (d) Basic Members and Basic Junior Members. Each of these four categories is entitled to elect two Representatives.

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

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

Currently there is a full complement of Representatives, who are eligible to stand for re-election if they so wish. New nominations need to be made by a Direct Member who is in the same group of members as the nominee and accepted by the latter. To be eligible, signed nominations and acceptances must be received at the ECF office by noon on Friday, 28 August 2009.

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## ECF Awards

Don't forget to put forward your favourite Club, Small Club, Congress and Magazine, as nominations are still invited. Nominations for Presidents awards are also still open. For more details please see the January/February issue or go to [www.englishchess.org.uk](http://www.englishchess.org.uk)

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

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## Training Arbiters

The following people are experienced and have the necessary skills to run a weekend training course for arbiters in conjunction with the Chief Arbiter and Manager of Arbiters. They are now designated as Training Arbiters.

If anyone else wishes to be considered for this list, could they please contact me (Cyril Johnson – 0116 260 9012, director. [homechess@englishchess.org.uk](mailto:homechess@englishchess.org.uk)). We would expect successful candidates to have at least 8 years experience as an arbiter. *David Welch, Lara Barnes & Alex MacFarlane, Geoff Jones, Adrian Elwin & John Shaw, Peter Purland*

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## Two important chess news services are being either discontinued or curtailed

Please write in to comment and complain. If enough people do so, the decisions will be reversed.

This week the London Evening Standard have cut Leonard Barden's columns from daily to one a week. This is a crime against humanity for what is the longest-running chess column in the world. It is true that the column will continue to be available online, but that will not bring people into chess.

The contact details are: Editor Geordie Greig, [letters@standard.co.uk](mailto:letters@standard.co.uk); Evening Standard, PO Box 2309, London W8 5EE.

This week The Times online has discontinued displaying Ray Keene's chess column. Please write in asking it to be reinstated. The link is [http://entertainment.timesonline.co.uk/tol/arts\\_and\\_entertainment/games\\_and\\_puzzles/article6225551.ece](http://entertainment.timesonline.co.uk/tol/arts_and_entertainment/games_and_puzzles/article6225551.ece)

All chess publicity must be defended fiercely at all times.

**Stewart Reuben**

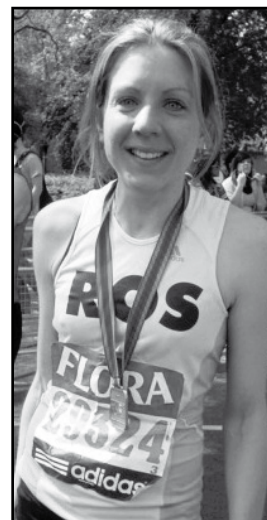
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## The Fastest Chess Player in the World!

Rosalind Kieran, a former women's world amateur champion and member of the Pride & Prejudice 4 Nations Chess League team is now the fastest chess player in the world!

Completing the 2009 London marathon in 2 hours 53 minutes and 30 seconds, running each mile in less than 7 minutes, she finished the women's race in 29th position. An amazing achievement. Congratulations Rosalind!

**Claire Summerscale**





# HOLLOID PLASTICS

## **ECF Partners Holloid Plastics in ground breaking chess project for English Schools**

**As part of a new Chess for Schools initiative, Holloid Plastics will finance and project manage the manufacturing and distribution of 100,000 free chess sets to 10,000 schools.**

May 2009: The English Chess Federation's flagship project for the coming year is Chess for Schools – an endeavour to put chess sets in every school in England, and then follow up with the objective of establishing new school chess clubs. The original concept for the project came from the child of a Holloid employee bemoaning the lack of chess facilities at their school.

"This is a chess project on a scale never previously attempted in England, involving the delivery of thousands of free chess sets and supporting material – an opportunity that comes thanks to the generous leadership and sponsorship of Holloid Plastics", says the ECF's Chief Executive, Chris Majer.

Holloid Plastics has put together a specialist team to work on the Chess for Schools project. Project Manager Caroline Morris is supported by Emily Watts as Project Assistant. Public relations is being conducted by Clive Couldwell (Account Director, SE10) and sponsorship coordination by Jonathan Steffen (Managing Director, The Corporate Story). The project's Production Manager is Keith Elliott, Holloid Plastics' Technical Sales Director.

During the first year of the project it is planned to provide approximately 100,000 free chess sets to those schools that have registered. The proposed method of distribution is to hold regional launch days during which the recipients of the sets will collect their sets. Three or four small preliminary events in Surrey, Hampshire and Oxfordshire will be held in May and June 2009. Further details will be published in due course. The events will officially start in September 2009 and the chess sets will be manufactured by Holloid Plastics.

Henning von Spreckelsen, Holloid Plastics' Executive Chairman, says "Working with the English Chess Federation and our sponsors, we are committed to making the Chess for Schools project a resounding success. Uniquely, this project offers me an ideal opportunity to give something back for the support I have received from others in the past."

Says Chris Majer: "This initiative is the largest sponsorship that English chess has received. Thanks to Holloid Plastics' meticulous planning I am confident that the Chess for Schools programme will be a great success."

## **New Medieval gallery at the British Museum**

***The Paul and Jill Ruddock Gallery devoted to the Museum's pre-eminent collection of medieval material***

***Opened 25 March 2009 • Gallery 40 • Admission free***

The third of four new galleries opening at the British Museum this year, the Paul and Jill Ruddock Gallery of Medieval Europe is devoted to the British Museum's pre-eminent collection of medieval material. This gallery will place this great collection in its fullest historical context, integrating art with archaeology, covering the period from 1050–1500 AD. Some of the Museum's greatest British, European and Byzantine treasures will form the centrepieces for this new permanent space.

Unique, spellbinding objects such as the celebrated Royal Gold Cup, made in Paris between about 1370–80 AD under the patronage of the (princely) Jean duc de Berry, will act as gateways to the wider world of noble pursuits afforded by rare survivals of royal art from the Palaces of Westminster and Clarendon. The intricately carved citole, a unique medieval English musical instrument, will serve as a platform from which to understand the rituals and protocols surrounding aristocratic amusement. Centre stage within this context are the world famous Lewis Chessmen (around 1150–1200 AD), poignant survivals of a sophisticated courtly culture that existed along the seaboard of northern Europe.

Sacred art is equally well represented illustrating the major devotional developments of the age. The flourishing of the monasteries from the mid-eleventh century to their dissolution in the sixteenth is a topic given dramatic treatment from the Museum's rich resource of objects associated with abbeys, priories and convents. The magnificent tiled pavement from Byland Abbey, North Yorkshire, will be displayed alongside important monastic sculpture from Lewes Priory in East Sussex. The fundamental notion of religious images acting as an aid to devotion is developed by combining precious objects from the Byzantine world with contemporaneous pieces from western Europe in a stirring analysis of how the divine was represented in two different but related Christian cultures. Icon painting and ivories are juxtaposed with wooden figure carvings and jewellery to explore the imagery of Christ and the Virgin and to illustrate the periods of iconoclasm which affected Byzantium and western Christendom equally.

The Byzantine Empire was one of the major pivotal points on the medieval map. A section dedicated to Byzantium and its Neighbours examines its role as a trading capital and as a centre of intellectual and artistic ferment. Related displays developing the theme of internationalism demonstrate the vast movement of people and commodities around the medieval world at any one time by focussing on topics such as trade, pilgrimage and Crusade. All of the narratives are emphatically object-led and showcase many of the world's greatest medieval treasures.

For further information or images please contact Katrina Whenham on +44 (0)20 7323 8583 or [kwhenham@thebritishmuseum.ac.uk](mailto:kwhenham@thebritishmuseum.ac.uk)

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# International News

by **Lawrence Cooper**

## Final 4NCL

**May 2nd-4th** <http://www.4ncl.co.uk>

Congratulations to Wood Green Hilsmark Kingfisher who won the 4NCL Division 1 title after an exciting 4-4 draw with Guildford 1 in the final round played yesterday. This was a very hard fought and close match with 3 wins for either side and I was especially pleased to see 9 English players (albeit only two for Wood Green) involved in such a prestigious match.

### Board 1:

GM Igor Kurnasov (2658) GM Bogdan Lalic (2508) 1-0

### Board 2:

GM Nick Pert (2537) GM Alex Baburin (2541) 0.5-0.5

### Board 3:

GM Luke McShane (2596) IM Stephen Gordon (2540) 1-0

### Board 4:

GM David Howell (2613) GM Pia Cramling (2528) 0.5-0.5

### Board 5:

GM James Plaskett (2491) GM David Berczes (2513) 1-0

### Board 6:

GM Stuart Conquest (2549) GM Ketevan Arakhamia (2492) 0-1

### Board 7:

GM Mark Hebden (2510) IM Krisztian Szabo 2518 0-1

### Board 8:

IM Susan Lalic (2342) IM Andrew Greet (2431) 0-1

Guildford were white on odd boards with an average rating of 2537, compared to Wood Green's 2509.

I would also like to congratulate Stephen Gordon who achieved his final GM norm in round 9 of this year's 4NCL. His results over the first 8 rounds allowed him the luxury of knowing by arriving at the board in round 9 and facing a GM was sufficient for his final norm. Facing Michael Adams, Jonathan Speelman and Luke McShane is not the most relaxing way of celebrating a GM title but I'm sure he found time for a celebratory drink or two!

Guildford 2 finished third whilst White Rose and Barbican finished 4th and 5th. There are three places open to English clubs at the European Club Cup so in theory this would be Wood Green, Guildford and White Rose. It remains to be seen if all three take up their place although in previous years Wood Green and Guildford have turned it down. This would mean that White Rose, Barbican & Pride and Prejudice would be the three eligible teams.

In the "Demotion Pool" the bottom four teams were relegated and heading into the weekend North West Eagles, Bristol, Richmond and Sambuca Sharks were all three points or more from safety. In a crucial match in round 9 South Wales Dragons defeated Bristol 4.5-3.5 and this effectively sealed the fate of the bottom four.

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## Commonwealth Chess Championship 2009

We have received the news that the Commonwealth Chess Championship that was due to take place in July in Malaysia has been cancelled. Instead putatively it will take place in Singapore 9-15 December 2009. Further details will be available in July.

Oxford won the Division Two title on game points from Pandora's Box whilst Poisoned Pawns recorded two wins and a round 11 draw to claim 3rd place. 4th place was only decided after six and a half hours when Alexis Harakis ground down Gavin Lock to give Jutes of Kent a 4.5-3.5 victory over Wessex and edge out Kings Head on game points who had narrowly lost 4.5-3.5 to Oxford.

The Demotion Pool saw Anglican Avengers, FCA Solutions, Wessex 2 and South Wales Dragons 2 start the weekend in the bottom four with only Brown Jack in realistic range. There was no real change to the league table and Brown Jack remained two points clear of the drop zone.

## XXII Open Benidorm (ESP)

**24 iv-3 v 2009** <http://www.chessbenidorm.com/>

Stewart Haslinger scored 7/10 with a 2461 performance to finish a point behind Grandmasters Iturrizaga, Kempinski and Arizmendi who shared first. His round by round results were as follows:

White v De Abreu Orlando (1974) WIN

Black v Nordenbaek Jan (2221) WIN

White v FM Fenollar Jorda Manuel (2373) DRAW

Black v FM Salgado Allaria Carlos (2369) DRAW

White v FM Stokke Kjetil (2323) WIN

Black v GM Bellon Lopez Juan Manuel (2439) LOSS

White v WIM Cori T Deyi (2262) WIN

Black v GM Bhat Vinay S (2475) DRAW

White v Pardo Simon David (2289) DRAW

Black v IM Meszaros Michal (2397) WIN

## French League Group B

<http://www.echecs.asso.fr/Equipes.aspx>

Tony Kosten and Glenn Flear both represented Montpellier in the French League. Tony scored 2/4 on board five and Glenn scored 2.5/4 on board 7. Montpellier topped group B with 19 match points from 11 matches.

## Sydney International Open

<http://www.chessaustralia.com.au/index.cfm?site=open>  
[www.chess-results.com/tnr20980.aspx?art=1&rd=9&lan=1&m=-1&wi=1000](http://www.chess-results.com/tnr20980.aspx?art=1&rd=9&lan=1&m=-1&wi=1000)

Congratulations to Gawain Jones who recovered from a slow start to win his last four games and finish 1st= on 7/9 with a 2539 performance.

## Final Ranking after 9 Rounds

Rk.	Name	FED	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	GM Johansen Darryl K	AUS	2452	7,0	41,5	52,5	39,50
2	IM Xie George Wendi	AUS	2402	7,0	41,0	50,5	37,75
3	GM Kunte Abhijit	IND	2513	7,0	40,0	50,5	38,75
4	GM Jones Gawain C B	ENG	2550	7,0	39,5	50,5	37,75
5	GM Zhao Zong-Yuan	AUS	2583	6,5	41,5	53,0	37,25
6	GM Deepan Chakkravarthy J	IND	2482	6,5	39,5	50,0	34,25
7	IM Akshayraj Kore	IND	2404	6,5	38,5	49,0	34,00
8	IM Mas Hafizulhelmi	MAS	2425	6,5	38,0	49,0	34,00

## Gawain's round by round results:

Rd.	SNo	Name	Rtg	FED	Pts.	Res.
1	53	Gibbons Robert	2067	NZL	4,0	w 1
2	26	Chow Sam	2299	AUS	5,0	s ½
3	25	WGM Mohota Nisha	2304	IND	6,0	w 1
4	14	IM Mas Hafizulhelmi	2425	MAS	6,5	s ½
5	17	IM Xie George Wendi	2402	AUS	7,0	w 0
6	36	Setiawan Akwie	2185	INA	4,0	s 1
7	24	FM Rej Tomek	2308	AUS	6,0	w 1
8	12	IM Satyapragyan Swayangsu	2428	IND	6,0	w 1
9	10	IM Sriram Jha	2453	IND	6,0	s 1

Gary Lane (IM), who was born in Torquay and lived in England for many years before marrying the daughter of Brian Jones and settling in Australia scored 6 for a 2330 performance.

## First Saturday April Tournaments (Budapest)

<http://www.firstsaturday.hu/>

Mark & Meri Lyell, Tristan Cox and Diana Mihajlova competed in all play all events.

In the IM Tournament A congratulations to Meri who finished with 5/11, a WIM norm and a 2225 performance, including 2 successive wins against FM Gabor Bacso and WGM Anya Corke in rounds 7 and 8. Anya, who holds a British passport, finished with 6 and a 2283 performance.

In the IM Tournament B Mark finished with 5.5/10 and a 2271 performance and Tristan scored 1 for a 1911 performance. (please note that two results are missing from the IM Tournament B event but the completed table is shown on [www.chesscenter.com/twic/twic754.html](http://www.chesscenter.com/twic/twic754.html) no.6)

Meanwhile, in the FM Tournament B, Diana scored 2/9 for a 1553 performance.

## Southend Easter Congress 2009 – Jack Speigel Memorial

[www.southendchessclub.co.uk](http://www.southendchessclub.co.uk)

8 English GMs battled it out playing two games a day from 10-13 April. A sixth round loss for top seed Keith Arkell to Glenn Flear allowed John Emms and Simon Williams to share 1st= with 4.5/7. Simon, in particular, did very well to bounce back from a first round defeat to Glenn.

## Easter Congress 2009 - Jack Speigel Memorial (FIDE)

		Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	C	D	E
1	Simon Williams	2512	X	1	½	0	1	½	½	1	4½	2474	3.86	0.64
2	John M Emms	2487	0	X	½	1	½	½	1	1	4½	2477	3.6	0.9
3	Keith C Arkell	2517	½	½	X	0	½	1	1	½	4	2473	3.92	0.08
4	Glenn C Flear	2485	1	0	1	X	½	0	½	1	4	2477	3.58	0.42
5	Peter K Wells	2489	0	½	½	½	X	1	½	1	4	2477	3.62	0.38
6	Chris G Ward	2422	½	½	0	1	0	X	½	½	3	2486	2.88	0.12
7	Neil McDonald	2405	½	0	0	½	½	½	X	1	3	2489	2.7	0.3
8	Mark L Hebden	2510	0	0	½	0	0	½	0	X	1	2474	3.84	-2.84

**C** Average rating of rated opponents.

**D** Expected score against rated opponents.

**E** Actual score less the expected score. Multiply by K to calculate the change in rating

**K** = 25 for up to 30 FIDE rated games; then K = 15 until rating reaches 2400 when K = 10.

The FIDE open held alongside the GM event may have been won by Adam Ashton on 6/7, half a point ahead of Andrew Lewis but the outstanding performance came from Alexandra (Aly) Wilson who scored 5/7 against an average of 2213 and finished 3rd= gaining 35 rating points. It is great to see a young English lady perform so well in such a big event although ironically she is currently registered for the Swiss Federation and is therefore not currently eligible to play for England.

Her performance included wins against Gavin Lock and IM Richard Tozer and she was joint leader going into the last round before a loss to FM Andrew Lewis prevented her from an even better result.

For the record, she shared 3rd with Philip Bonafont, Alexandros Ethelontis, Jonathan Arnott, David Haydon and Giampiero Amato.

## Doeberl Open, Canberra Australia

<http://www.doeberlcup.com.au/>

Gawain Jones finished 1st= with IM Deep Sengupta and GM Deepan Chakkravarthy on 7/9. Despite their names they are Indians not computers! Going into the last round Sengupta was on 7/8 with Gawain on 6.5 and several players on 6. Sengupta lost to Chakkravarthy which meant a draw for Gawain left the three of them sharing 1st on 7. Gawain had a typically mixed tournament; a surprise loss in round 2 left him with a difficult task but he managed a 6/7 finish including a draw with Sengupta, who had lead throughout and he actually scored 4/4 with black and 3/5 with white. His tournament performance was 2575 and his round by round results are shown below:

Rd.	SNo	Name	Rtg	FED	Pts.	Res.
1	36	Hu Jason	2196	AUS	3,5	s 1
2	25	FM Rej Tomek	2308	AUS	5,5	w 0
3	26	WGM Mohota Nisha	2304	IND	5,5	w 1
4	28	Ikeda Junta	2261	AUS	5,0	s 1
5	18	Ambrus Endre	2375	AUS	3,0	w 1
6	8	IM Sengupta Deep	2466	IND	7,0	w ½
7	12	IM Rathnakaran K	2427	IND	5,5	s 1
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4	IM Xie George Wendi	AUS	2402	6,5	42,0	52,0	35,75
5	IM Smerdon David	AUS	2489	6,5	38,0	49,0	31,25
6	GM Johansen Darryl K	AUS	2452	6,5	38,0	48,0	32,00
7	IM Sriram Jha	IND	2453	6,5	37,5	48,0	33,50
8	GM Kunte Abhijit	IND	2513	6,5	37,0	47,5	33,50
9	GM Reinderman Dimitri	NED	2560	6,0	37,0	47,5	27,25
10	IM Satyapragyan Swayangsu	IND	2428	6,0	36,5	47,0	29,50

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## Interview with Stewart Reuben

To read an extensive interview with Stewart Reuben, the ECF Director of International Chess, please see the May issue of Chess Magazine.

## ECF EMAIL ALERT

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**www.englishchess.org.uk**  
 to receive news items as soon as they are known to us

## European Seniors

<http://www.chess-results.com/tnr19361.aspx>

England sent two teams to the 9 round event in Austria. England 1 comprised Geoffrey James, Michael MacDonald-Ross, James Scholes and Stewart Reuben and England 2 was represented by Peter Wood, Clive Pemberton, Leonard Harris and John Rety.

The first team were seeded 23rd and finished 21st with 10 match points (2 points for a win and 1 for a draw) whilst the 2nd team were seeded 49th and finished 50th out of the 54 teams with six match points. Russia convincingly won the event with 17 match points out of 18.

Bo.	Name	Rtg	FED	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Pts.	Games	RtgAvg	Rp	rtg+/-
1	James Geoffrey H	2199	ENG	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	0	½	4,0	9	2247	2227	5,3
2	Macdonald-Ross Michael	2169	ENG	½	½	1	1	0	½	0	½	½	4,5	9	2146	2177	1,5
3	Scholes James E	2110	ENG	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	1	4,5	9	2093	2139	5,1
4	Reuben Stewart	2102	ENG	0	1	1	½	1	1	1	0	0	5,5	9	1903	2033	27,3

Bo.	Name	Rtg	FED	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Pts.	Games	RtgAvg	Rp	rtg+/-
1	Wood Peter C	1965	ENG	0	0	½	0	0	0	0	+	0	1,5	9	2094	1671	-49,8
2	Pemberton Clive H	1908	ENG	0	½	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2,5	9	1975	1846	-11,6
3	Harris J Leonard	1840	ENG	0	0	0	½	0	1	1	½	½	3,5	9	1963	1917	20,5
4	Rety John	1903	ENG	0	+	1	½	0	0	½	1	½	4,5	9	1900	1863	-10,2

## A Short Common Sense Note on the Nutrition of Chess Players

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- Chess players should try to have breakfast daily.
- Avoid heavy eating before games. The last main meal before a game should be at least three hours before the start of play. If a player wishes to have something to eat nearer the start he/she may choose among fruits (whole ones, fruit salad or juices, raisins), cereal bars, pretzels, cookies, low fat yogurt with fruit or cereals, sports drinks.
- During the games drink fluids as required. Water is the preferred drink; fruit juices, tea, coffee, sports drinks are alternatives. The best strategy is to drink small quantities at regular intervals, and avoid being thirsty. It is also important to begin the activity properly hydrated.
- Eating during the game: cereal bars, fruits, raisins, dry fruits (almonds, e.g.), chocolate, cereal cookies, can be chosen. In all cases, eat and drink in moderation.
- Some characteristics of the urine can show the state of hydration, which gives players a very good reference. If at any moment of the day the color of the urine is dark yellow, it is small in volume and has a strong smell, then all these signs could be showing that the chess player might not be properly hydrated and, consequently, should drink plenty of water or fluids containing water in considerable proportion.
- It would be advisable for the elite chess players to take nutritional advice to cope with all the requirements that top-level chess entails. Nutrition plays a significant role in the sport performance.
- Physical activities should be considered as a component of the chess player training. For older players, regular walking is excellent. Consult your doctor or other professional as required.

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# Junior News

## Midlands Junior Chess League 2009

The MJCL 09 continued where it left off, producing high quality fun chess from juniors throughout the Midlands. Cardiff were unable to defend their plate title due to transport difficulties, but 2 newcomers to the tournament in Bristol and Worcester Sixth form, certainly added to the competition.

It was Bristol who caught the eye first, showing lots of strength in depth. Worcester Sixth Form College also made impressive starts and after 3 matches both teams were sitting 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively. The defending Champions, WJCA 1, almost went unnoticed as they took apart every team they faced to win all their league games and finish a comfortable 3 points ahead of the rest. The Championship 2<sup>nd</sup> place did though go down to the wire, with both of the teams, as the draw would have it, playing each other for the honour of who faced the mighty WJCA. It was Bristol who came out on top of this exchange although Worcester led 5.5-2.5 with four games remaining.

In the Plate Jamboree, Malvern didn't enter due to lack of support. Last year's runners up in the plate were bottom of the league and lacked the guile to see it through the competition; though many did stay for the refreshments that Malvern College put on for all the players, parents and officials. The surprise package of the Jamboree was WJCA 3 who notched up 2.5 point from their 6 boards although 2 of them were defaulted (as they had done throughout the tournament) due to lack of numbers. The Plate came down to the last game with WJCA 2 trailing 3-2.5 with one game to go. Unfortunately for the Worcester Sixth Form Captain, he was unable to stop WJCA 2 matching the extra pawn and so, although WJCA 2 didn't reach the heights as they did in 2008 (Coming 2<sup>nd</sup>), they did take an unlikely plate away from the favourites, Worcester Sixth Form.

The Championship, was an equally close affair. On paper, the WJCA 1 would smash Bristol like they did in the league 10-2 (League – Rapidplay both players play against opponent with both colours. In final, only one game per person but longer time controls). WJCA 1 started terribly with three out of the bottom four losing queens very quickly, fortunately, of the one that didn't a quick victory meant WJCA 1 were only 2-1 down and board five Jason managed to out fox his opponent to score checkmate with 2 rooks, before Queen and rook had time to react. 2-2 and game on. The top 2 boards were very close, going down to the wire on time and on material. Board 2 scored the victory and board 1 closed out a close game to draw and give WJCA 1 the victory.

It was a fantastic day out for everyone. The Bristol team played very well and have already pledged like WJCA and Malvern to return next year as I hope many more do to. The equipment was ably provided by Chessmaze International and I thank

them for doing that. I would also like to thank Malvern College, the sponsors of the event for another excellent venue and catering. John Knee deserves a special thanks for all his hard work behind the scenes at Malvern, preparing their team and helping with the competition/ setup/ pack away, etc. He is retiring from the College at the end of the School year and I, with everyone else, wish him well in his retirement. Further thanks should also go to Ray Dolan, the president of the Midlands Junior Chess League and Matt who controlled the tournament well throughout. I would also like to thank the parents for bringing them and juniors for playing making this tournament so special to so many people.

For your chance to represent your club at the 2010 event, contact Andrew Moore on 07824 394683 or e-mail [info@wjca.org.uk](mailto:info@wjca.org.uk)

### Final League Table

Team	Win	Draw	Loss	Diff	Pts
WJCA 1	47	3	10	37	10
Bristol	35	5	20	15	7
Worcester 6 <sup>th</sup> Form College	34	5	21	11	6
WJCA 2	28	5	27	1	5
WJCA 3	12	4	44	-32	1
Malvern	11	3	46	-34	1

### Plate Jamboree

(30 Minutes per person per game; 1 game per person)

Worcester 6<sup>th</sup> Form College = 3 pts

WJCA 2 = 3.5 pts

WJCA 3 = 2.5 pts (4 Bd played)

### Championship Final

(30 Minutes per person per game; 1 game per person)

WJCA 1	Score	Bristol
Ashley	0.5-0.5	Aiden
Peter	1-0	Tom
Ben	0-1	Gareth
Joseph	0-1	Adi
Jason	1-0	Tom
Nick	1-0	James
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.5-2.5</b>	

WJCA retain the Moore Dolan Championship trophy for another year.

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## Junior Squad Championships 2009

The event was held this year at John Moores University, I M Marsh Campus, with the support of the Liverpool Culture chess fund. There were about 100 players competing in four age groups and as this was the last event in the John Robinson Grand Prix there was some keen competition. The Under 16 group saw Saravan Sathyanandha attempting to overtake James Foster at the top of the leader board. To do this he needed to get a minimum of 4.5 and hope James did not get over 3.5. This he accomplished in style winning the tournament with 5½ followed half a point behind by Jean-Luc Weller with Martin Brown, Rhys Cumming and Nathan Talbot on 4. The U14 was dominated by Brandon Clarke. Although Felix Ynojosa had already won the Grand Prix Brandon was determined to prove himself a worthy second and did so with a perfect score. In joint second on 4 points were George Fortune, Henrik Stepanyan, Nathan Talbot and Georg Vikanis. The U12s has proved a really close tournament and this event was no exception. Four of the top players failed to win their first round games thus leaving the field wide open. However, they fought their way back and going in to the final round any one of 6 players could have won the event. Wins for Henry Broadley, Isaac Sanders and, crucially, Roy Zhang, meant that Roy took the Grand Prix by half a point from 5 players! From the tournament point of view however, he had to share the title with Henry, Isaac and Ravi Haria (playing up as he was the U10 World Representative). The U10 event was also very close. With Ravi playing up there were some excellent long games before Raphael Kalid triumphed with 5 points, half a point ahead of Conor Murphy and Matthew Wadsworth. I would like to thank Marc Shaw for his work both in arbiting and computing, Alec for taking the entries and running the finances and also for his work with Fiona Green, making it possibly the first Father and daughter arbiting team. Such was the efficiency that I did not do a single draw all weekend! Finally, my thanks to the parents for making yet another trip to Liverpool, (fine city though it is), and the players for conducting themselves in a sporting manner even when under extreme pressure. Next year we hope the event will be held in Wolverhampton, as usual on the weekend after Easter.

## Trip to Frydek Mistek 2009

After a break of a year we once again headed for the Czech Republic and the annual Tournament of Young Talents, now in its 30th year. Two groups left England, from Stansted and Manchester meeting at Prague. The players were Henry Broadley, Jonathan Burch, Mitchell Burke, Oliver Demeger, Andrew Garside, Gabriel Gendler, Peter Gerlagh, Conrad Green, James Jackson, Victor Jones, Phillip Knott, Jacob Manton, Aidan McGiff, Dominic Norcliffe-Brown, Isaac Sanders, Gordon Scott, Ben Slater and Chris Yates, with Victor Cross, Nancy Mortimer, Peter Purland and Glynis South. Public transport across the Czech Republic was successfully

negotiated and we all arrived on time at the Hotel Centrum where we settled in, ate, had our first meeting and turned in after a long day. Our first two days in the Czech Republic were social and cultural and we met in the lobby after a buffet breakfast. We visited the Tatra Motor Museum in Kopřivnice in the morning where Victor gave us a guided tour then, after lunch in a Medieval style tower, we went swimming in Friedland. The final assignment was a walk to Mistek to give the players an early view of the town. Our second social day saw us go with the Belarus team to Ostrava. We had a very good tour round the Anselm mine seeing the mine rescue display (and trying our hand at getting through confined spaces) then going underground and having both old and new mining techniques described to us. After a meal in the Miners' Tavern we went to a shopping park where the players had their last chance to buy presents before returning home.



An international soccer match was played against Belarus and we booked ourselves in to the tournament. After a fairly quiet evening we were up bright and early and in for the first round. Only two of our U14s were top half and therefore we only had one player on 1.5 after round two but none on zero. The U12s also had two in the top half and had one on 2 and one on 1.5 whilst the FIDE rated had two on 2, both of whom were top half. There was an evening trip to the Aquapark and nine of our players took advantage of it and had a great time there. Day two we did well in the chess with Gordon Scott and Isaac Sanders standing fifth in their respective tournaments and the team getting ahead of their targets. As usual, football was enjoyed at lunch time and in the evening, at Millionaire, our youngest room, Henry, Jake and Philip got to £500,000 and won. I wonder how many people know what Petr Svidler's favourite sport is! Saturday was our best day so far with the U14s and 12s scoring 19 out of 30. We have Isaac in second place and Gordon and Henry seventh. The lunchtime football had a true international flavour with Slovaks, Belarussians and Germans joining in.



The evening was the talent show with a Ninja display, a magician and a whip expert as well as the unveiling of a mate for the mascot. There are now two rampant rooks! Sunday was another early start as we had a trip to Ostrava at lunch time to see the world in miniature. This was good and there was also a children's playground. The morning round was another good one but the afternoon proved harder. We did have a couple of notable successes with Gordon getting the

best game prize for Saturday and Isaac beating the runaway leader in the U12s. This left him second whilst Gordon was third and Aidan fourth in the U14s. The score for the day was 18, keeping up the good run. The evening was spent in preparation for the final round and an early night was taken to give us a good sleep before another early start. The final morning proved a hard one but our top three players all secured draws and ended up second (Isaac), fifth (Gordon) and sixth (Aidan). Just outside the prize list were Dominic (seventh) and Henry (eighth). It has been a very good tournament and the lads have exceeded our expectations.

After the prize giving, we spent the afternoon enjoying ourselves, firstly with a game of soccer with the Germans. This was followed by the usual town trail which was very closely contested (and equally well done) and was won, on tie break, by Andrew, Peter and Isaac. We then went to the bowling alley where we met the Holusa family and spent a very pleasant couple of hours bowling and chatting (and in the case of the kids stuffing themselves with ice creams and chips!) Then it was back to the hotel and packing before our journey back to England. This was accomplished without major incident and the two parties said their goodbyes at Prague airport.

*Peter Purland, ECF Director of Junior Chess & Education*



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# Littlewood's Choice

□ **Jim Plaskett (2410)**

■ **John Littlewood (2350)**

**British Championship, Ayr (Round 5), 11.08.1978**

*Ruy Lopez C65*

Since I will almost certainly be playing in the British Championship this year for the last time, along with my son, Paul, who has been totally lost to bridge, may I indulge in a moment's nostalgia. Here is the most hair-raising game I have ever played, unannotated by me until now because it's too complicated and too long!

**1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 Nf6 4 0-0 Bc5 5 Nxe5 Nxe4 6 Qg4 Nxe5 7 Qxe4 Qe7 8 Nc3 f5!?**

Trying to gain time for development. It's interesting to note that, 12 years later, Casa was to use the same idea against Fernandez, although he lost!

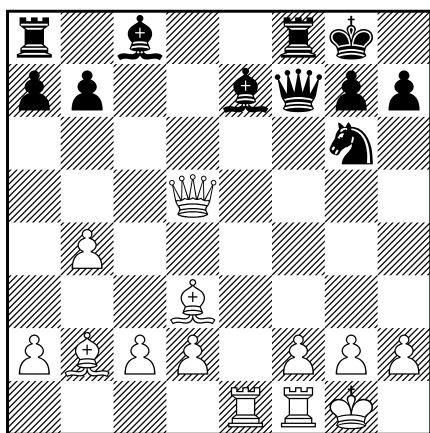
**9 Qxf5 c6 10 Qe4 Qf6**

Preventing d4.

**11 b4**

Alternatives are 11 d3 or, as played by Fernandez, 11 Kh1.

**11...Be7 12 Bb2 Ng6 13 Bd3 0-0 14 Rae1 d5 15 Nxd5! cxd5 16 Qxd5+ Qf7**



**17 Bxg6!?**

This is Jim's extraordinary idea which I hadn't thought possible. An alternative which gives him the edge is 17 Qxf7+ Kxf7 18 Bc4+ Ke8 19 Bxg7, etc.

**17...Qxd5**

Not of course 17...hxg6 18 Rxe7 Qxd5 19 Rxg7+ Kh8 20 Rd7+ winning back the queen with four pawns up.

**18 Rxe7 Rd8**

After 18...Rf7 19 Bxf7+, White will be three pawns up.

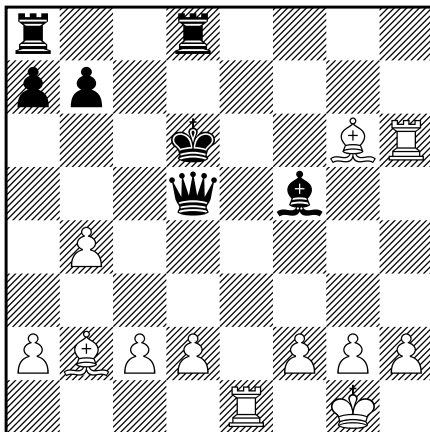
**19 Rxg7+ Kf8 20 Rxh7 Bf5**

The alternatives 20...Qxd2 21 Bf6! or 20...Qg8 21 Rh8 look most unpromising, whilst the desperate 20...Rd7 fails to 21 Re1! Rxh7 22 Re8 mate.

**21 Rh8+ Ke7 22 Re1+ Kd6**

White's best move now was probably 23 Be5+ Ke6 24 Bc7+ with a slight edge, but at first sight Jim's move seems highly dangerous.

**23 Rh6!?**



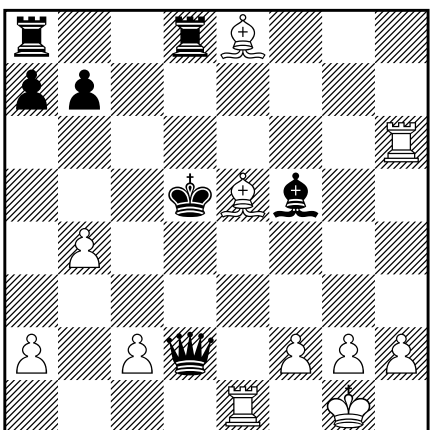
**23...Qxd2!!**

I am not keen on exchanging bishops immediately, so I attack both rooks and have a move up my sleeve that my opponent has missed.

**24 Be5+ Kc6??**

Not of course 24...Kd7 25 Bxf5+ winning at least the queen, but for reasons both players missed, however, I had to play 24...Kd5! immediately to carry out my plan, the point being that b5 would not then be denied to my king.

**25 Be8+! Kd5**



**26 Bf7+?**

Both of us must have felt sick when we looked at this game at home and found that 26 c4+! wins at once after 26...Kxc4 27 Rh4+! Rd4 27 Rxd4+ Qxd4 28 Bxd4 with three pawns up, or even worse 27...Kd3 28 Bb5+ Kc2 29 Rc4+ followed by mate, a most remarkable king hunt.

**26...Be6!**

We are now back in my planned line.

**27 c4+!**

But not 27 Bxe6+ Kc6 (the point) 28 Bd7+ Kxd7 winning.

**27...Kxc4 28 Bxe6+ Kb5 29 a4+ Kxa4**

Not of course 29...Ka6?? 30 Bc4 mate, but 29...Kb6! was a sound alternative, to maintain my double attack on the two rooks, although I had had enough of complications and wanted to win the two Q-side pawns!

**30 Ra1+ Kb5 31 f4**

Stopping the mate on d1. There is still a lot of work for me to do but I give the rest of the game without comment, in case any reader wishes to see how it finished.

**31...Qe2 32 h4 Rd2 33 Rg6 Qf2+ 34 Kh2 Qxh4+ 35 Kg1 Qf2+ 36 Kh2 Re8 37 Rg5 Kb6 38 Rg6 Rxe6 39 Rxe6+ Kb5 40 Rg6 Rd7 41 Rg3 b6 42 Rb1 Qe2 43 Rbb3 Qd1 44 Rb2 Qe1 45 Rbb3 Rd1 46 Rge3 Qh1+ 47 Kg3 Rd2 48 Kg4 Rxg2+ 49 Rg3 Qd1+ 50 Rbf3 Re2 51 Kg5 Qd8+ 52 Kg6 Qg8+ 53 Kf6 Qf8+ 54 Kg6 Qe8+ 55 Kf6 Re4 56 Rg5 Kxb4 57 Rgg3 Qf8+ 58 Kg6 b5 59 Rd3 Ka5 60 Ra3+ Kb6 61 Rgd3 b4 62 Rab3 a5 63 Rd6+ Qxd6+ 64 Bxd6 Re6+ 65 Kg7 Rxd6 66 f5 Kc5 67 Re3 a4 68 Re5+ Kc4 69 Re4+ Kc3 70 Re3+ Kd4 71 Re1 a3 72 Rh1 Kc3 0-1**

Phew! You can see that Jim could have won and deserved at least half a point for his splendid aggression!

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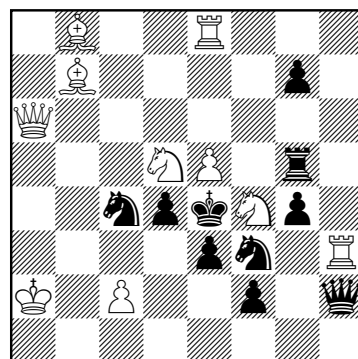
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**Brian Harley *The Field*, 1935**

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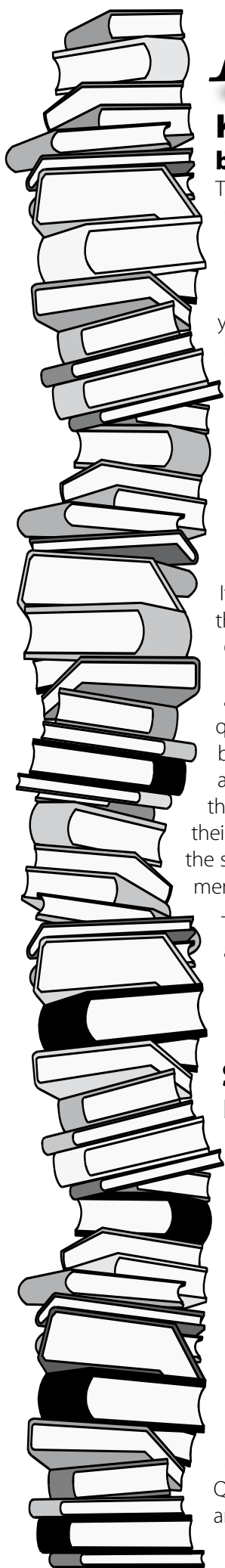
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# ***Book Reviews*** by Gary Lane

## **Kasparov: How His Predecessors Misled Him About Chess** **by Tibor Karolyi and Nick Aplin, Batsford, £14.99.**

The thing that the average person thinks when he sees the words Kasparov and predecessor is that it must be a new book in the award winning series. However, an amusing article for the English satirical magazine *Kingpin* has been allowed to expand to a whopping 271 pages. Basically, Karolyi analyses Kasparov's losses and continually jokes that it is Kasparov himself writing the notes, although Aplin translates the Hungarian he sometimes seems to have trouble explaining the humour. Confused? Well, you should be but it just about works for experienced players because the instructive notes are to a high standard. A big plus is that old games by world champions are introduced with similar positions to Kasparov's and the discussion on how best to play continues. If the book had been called *How to Beat Garry Kasparov* it would have saved everyone a lot of time and probably tripled sales.

This is worth checking out for players who want to know more about a great World Champion.

## **Rampant Chess**

**by Geoff Chandler and Keith Ruxton,  
distributed by Quality Chess, £14.99.**

It is unusual for any self-published chess book to do well because hardly any high-street shops will stock them and unless there is a famous name on the front cover few will trust the analysis. I suspect *Rampant Chess* will be the exception. The enthusiastic amateurs asked thirteen leading players in Scotland to submit five of their best games and fill in a short profile of their life. All the games that arrived with analysis were soon put under the microscope of Chandler and Ruxton to be replaced by jokes, little quips and witty tales. It sounds like a recipe for disaster but it works well with Chandler coming across as being genuinely funny as long as you appreciate something like *Monty Python*. The notes to the games are sufficient and you can sense their admiration of some great examples. At the British championships the Scotch do far too well considering their numbers so it is a timely opportunity to sneak a look into their psychology. Andy Muir might well be aggressive on the board but his favourite piece of music is the sentimental *No Matter What* by Boyzone, Roddy McKay says he likes *The Clash* while Jonathan Rowson mentions Indian flute music especially by Hariprasad Chaurasia.

They have thought about marketing because Rowson is the famous name that writes the Foreword, all profits go to *Chess Scotland* and extra analysis is available for free in an Edinburgh pub called Sandy Bells.

An amusing way to spend some time admiring Scottish chess.

## **Secrets of Endgame Technique**

**by Mark Dvoretsky and Artur Yusupov,  
published by Edition Olms £18.00**

I was alerted to this book by a friend who had finally got round to reading it. This is the thing with books by Dvoretsky that the author comes with a good reputation for producing works for top players but the majority of buyers can't follow what is going on. I have to record that this is another fine effort on the ending but it is aimed at people with ratings of at least 1800 because there is an assumption that you already have a good knowledge of the ending. If you think that your level of play ticks those boxes then this is a treat for readers who want to know how to win when they have an advantage in the ending. The examples are generally well chosen and the instruction top class. The only snag for my friend who had started reading the book was the realisation he had previously tried and failed to absorb it before under a previous title *Technique for the Tournament Player* published in 1995. There is admittedly new material but some of it is rather odd. For example a long ending is given only for someone to add the note that the resulting position is not a win because "...John Nunn and Graham Burgess checked the concluding position of this variation on a computer, and it transpired that after 24 Qb8+ Black cannot avoid perpetual check". It begs the question why are pages devoted to a faulty line and not replaced with something new?

An interesting read for experienced players.



# Results Round-Up

## Frodsham Congress

**13-15 February 2009**

**Major:** Chris Doran, Chester, 165, 4; Liam Rabbitte, Heywood, 162, 3½; Paul Evans, Blackpool, 160, 3½; Simon Hughes, Oswestry, 160e, 3½; Mark Whitehead, Rochdale, 165, 3; Simon Edwards, Cheddleton & Leek, 156, 3; Michael Rabbitte, Heywood, 156, 3; John Reed, East Cheshire, 147, 3; Steven Potter, St Helens, 139, 3; Robert Hughes, Warrington Central, Grappenhall, 132, 3; Glenn Trueman, Marple, 160, 3

**Intermediate:** Steve Edwards, Boldmere St Michael, 114, 5; Neil Coward, Blackpool, 125, 4; Andrew Sangster, Beckenham and Bromley, 120, 3½; Robert Mitchell, Daventry, 115, 3½; Tim Allen, Battersea, 107, 3½; Roger Stephens, Frodsham, 107, 3½; Stuart Ridgway, 104, 3½; Richard Fox, Bolton, 101, 3½

**Minor:** Matthew Wyza, Cheddleton & Leek, 85, 4½; Harry Brooks, Great Lever, 81, 4; Eliot, Green, Hassell, 76, 4; Brian, Slater, Bolton, 79, 3½; Marvin, Hayes, Chester, 75, 3½; James, Waddington, Bolton, Great Lever, 75, 3½; David, Biddulph, Stockport, 80, 3½

## Leyland Chess Club -

### Rapidplay Congress

**22 February 2009**

Michael Connor, Great Lever, 5½, £75.00; Thomas Fielding, Preston, 5½, £75.00; S Jones, Grapenhall, 4, £17.00; B Brown, Clitheroe, 4, £17.00; D McCarthy, Padgate, 4, £17.00; Matthew Walsh, Leyland, 4, £25.00; David Innes, Knights United, 4, £25.00; Chris Fielding, Preston, 4, £50.00; Elliot Green, Hassell, 3, £15.00; Stephen Chung, Skelmersdale, 3, £15.00; Christopher Riley, Preston, 3, £15.00; Barry Bourn, Morecambe, 3, £15.00; Darren Laurence, Preston, 3½, £30.00

Harry Marsden Trophy, highest scoring Leyland Player, Matthew Walsh

## Doncaster Congress

**27 February - 1 March 2009**

**Open:** Andrew Ledger, Sheffield, 4, £200.00; Jonathan Hawkins, Leam Lane, 4, £200.00; Brett Addison, Hartlepool, 3½, £20.00; Martin Mitchell, Blackpool, 3½, £20.00; Chris

Ross, New England, 3½, £20.00; Jos Woolley, York RI, 3½, £20.00; Peter Anderson, Leeds, 3½, £20.00; Jim Nicholson, York RI, 3, £16.66; Peter Mercs, Gambit, Nottingham, 3, £16.66; P. W. Hempson, Sheffield, 3, £16.66

**Major:** Andrew Price, Leamington, 4½, £250.00; Brandon Clarke, Littlethorpe, 4, £125.00; Richard Cowan, York University, 4, £125.00; Thomas Pitcher, Wombwell, 3½, £25.00; Carl Head, Morecambe, 3½, £25.00

**Intermediate:** Christopher Chambers, Catholic Club, Doncaster, 4½, £250.00; Richard Desmedt, Wombwell, 4, £62.50; Ashley Littlewood, Rotherham Juniors, 4, £62.50; Paul Robson, Eldon Square, Newcastle, 4, £62.50;

Farshid Ai, Phoenix, Sheffield, 4, £62.50; Philip Ellis, Ecclesall, Sheffield, 3½, £50.00

**Minor:** Saeed Hassani, Phoenix, Sheffield, 4½, £200.00; P. Gorecka-Marshall, Gambit, Nottingham, 4½, £200.00;

James E Grist, Holme Valley, 4, £33.33; Stephen Lee, Sasca, Sheffield, 4, £33.33; Benjamin Hobson, Gambit, Nottingham, 4, £33.33; John Gibbs, Barnsley, 4, £50.00; Macdonald Bilyard, Doncaster, 4, £50.00

## KJCA Dulwich Junior

### Rapidplay

**8 March 2009**

**Under 18:** Robert Maguire, Beckenham & Bromley CC, 134, 4; Jasdeep Gahir, Lewisham CC, 119, 4; Sheila Dines, West Wickham, 151, 3.5; Tim Weaver, Maidstone CC, 107, 3

**Under 14:** Barnaby Paul, Beckenham & Bromley CC, 112, 4.5; Raunak Rao, Beckenham & Bromley CC, 88, 4; Raphael Kalid, Anerley, 88, 4; Patrick Smith, Westerham CC, 65, 4; Orlando Devoy, Clapham, 56, 4; Baven Balendran, Beckenham & Bromley CC, 102, 3.5

**Under 11:** Oliver Petrick, Sevenoaks CC, 58, 5.5; Owen Messere, Lewisham CC, 55, 5.5; Mano Sathyamurthy, Herne Bay CC, 43, 5; Yasmin Giles, Lewisham CC, 65, 4.5; Sophie Wahts, Maidstone, 43, 4.5; James Meredith, Dulwich, 40, 4.5; James Wagstaff-Hall, Sidcup, 33, 4.5; Rohan Rao, Orpington, 32, 4.5; Chris Button, Weald of Kent CC, 17, 4.5

**Under 9:** Alexander Selway, Bromley, 38, 5.5; Zara Hussain, Westerham CC, 15, 5.5; Rohan Datta, Tonbridge, 20, 5; James Elgar, Westerham CC, 0, 5; Alexander Law, Muswell Hill, 5; Harry Chathli, Dulwich, 0, 4.5; Anantha Anil-Kumar, Croydon, 0, 4.5

## 127<sup>th</sup> Varsity Match

The 127th Varsity Match took place 14 March in its now traditional home at the RAC Club in London. This chess match between Oxford and Cambridge Universities is the longest running chess event in the world and possibly only second to the Boat Race in all sporting activities. Oxford was outrated on every board by a considerable margin so that it was a turn up for the book that they won 5-3. After the chess there was a formal dinner. What a delightfully old-fashioned event. Long may it continue.

*Stewart Reuben*

## KJCA Tonbridge Junior

### Rapidplay

**4 April 2009**

**Under 18:** Victor Jones, Lewisham CC, 171, 3.5; Sheila Dines, West Wickham, 151, 3.5; Jasdeep Gahir, Lewisham CC, 119, 3

**Under 16:** William Jones, Lewisham CC, 167, 4.5; Robert Maguire, Beckenham & Bromley CC, 134, 3.5

**Under 14:** Raphael Kalid, Anerley, 88, 4.5; Rohan Shiatis, Beckenham & Bromley CC, 97, 3.5; Justin Brown, Beckenham & Bromley CC, 76, 3.5; Alexei Davis, Lewisham CC, 91, 3; Simon Leung, Dulwich CC, 62, 3

**Under 12:** Nicholas Clanchy, Lewisham CC, 120, 5; Raunak Rao, Beckenham & Bromley CC, 88, 5; Patrick Smith, Westerham CC, 65, 4.5; Oliver Petrick, Sevenoaks CC, 58, 4.5; Hector Huser, Balham, 59, 4; Mano Sathyamurthy, Herne Bay CC, 43, 4; Charlie Keen, South Chailey, 41, 4; Folarin Ogunsola, Weald of Kent CC, 24, 4

**Under 10:** Cosima Keen, South Chailey, 43, 6; Thomas Morton, Lewisham CC, 29, 4.5; Alexander Selway, Bromley, 38, 4; Chris Button, Weald of Kent CC, 17, 4; Rachel Smith, Westerham CC, 0, 4; Arul Gupta, Bromley, 4

**Under 8:** Andrew Smailes, Weybridge, 0, 6; Michael Petrick, Sevenoaks, 0, 5; Francesco Bernardini, Bromley, 3, 4

## Bolton Easter Congress

**10 April 2009**

**Open:** Stewart Haslinger, Formby, 229, 4, £116.67; M Mitchell, Blackpool, 190, 4, £116.67; Mike Surtees, Bolton, 189, 4, £116.67; Mark Ellis, St Helens, 168, 3.5, U180GP £60

**Major:** Richard Bryant, Telepost, 159, 4, £56; Chris Vassiliou, Chorlton, 154, 4, £56; Martin,

Burns, Stockport, 144, 4, £56; Carl, Heald, 137, 4, £56; Barrett, Matthew, Manchester Area, 70, 4, £56; David, Patrick, Courier, 140, 3.5; Pickering, Carl, Kenilworth, 136, 3.5, U140GP= £25; Neil, Coward, Blackpool, 125, 3.5, U140GP= £25

**Knights:** Daniel, Broughton, West Bridgeford, 112, 4.5, £120; David, Wells, York RMI, 112, 4.5, £120;

Sam, Towse, Three Cs, 113, 4, £13.67; Joseph, McPhillips, Bolton, 109, 4, £13.67; David, Connolly, Great Lever, 107, 4, £13.67; Paul, Horman, Morecambe, 93, 4, U100GP= £25; Lawrence, Harold, Manchester, 86, 4, U100GP= £25; Stephen, Lloyd, Chester, 114, 3.5; Dave, Hartley, Cleveleys Area, 82, 3.5; Alan, Stokes, East Cheshire, 71, 3.5, U80GP= £25; Matthew, Fanning, Atherton, 33, 3.5, U80GP= £25

## WECU Easter Congress

**10 April 2009**

**Open:** D Cutmore, Wood Green; G Taylor, Gloucester; J F S Menadue, Truro; GP: P Aston, Weymouth; S Bartlett, Newquay

**Major:** M V Abbott, Exmouth; R Thompson, Newton Abbot; B G Gosling, Sidmouth/Exmouth; GP: J O'Connor, Guernsey, E B Sandercock, E Varley, Downend

**Minor:** G Lingard, Bude; A Richards, Cheltenham; Farthing, Worcester; M Stinton-Brownbridge, Plymouth; GP: A Billings, Torquay Boys Grammar School; S Stone, Sidmouth

## Surrey Congress

**10-13 April 2009**

**at Nonsuch High School, Ewell Road, Sutton SM3 8AB**

**FIDE Open:** James Adair, Reading, 6/7, £500.00; Graeme Buckley, Wimbledon, 5½, £175.00; Rafal Tymrakiewicz, Wimbledon, 5½, £175.00; Felix Ynojosa, Reading, 5 £50.00; Stephen Berry, Wimbledon, Roger de Coverly, Bourne End, Dominic Foord, Willesden & Brent, 4½; Marco Fernandez-Espana, Kings Head, Andrew Green, Edinburgh, Scotland, John Hodgson, Ilford, Daniel Hunt, RGS Guildford, £50.00, Simon McCullough, Sandhurst, Julien Shepley, Guildford, Sainbayar Tserendorj, Ealing, 4

**FIDE Major u2000/u175:** Peter Andreev, Richmond Juniors, 5½/7, £200.00; Ian Deswarte, Guildford, Anand Krishnan, Wilsons School, Martin Page, Insurance, Dale

Taylor, Ashted, 4½, £37.50 each; Paul Jackson, Coulsdon, Arthur Mulholland, Hamilton, Scotland, Manibharathi Periasamymanjula, Ashted, 4

**Intermediate u130:** Adam Taylor, Ashted, Martin Wallman, Camberley, 5½/7, £125.00 each; Ray Kearsley, Wimbledon, Seth Levine, Kings Lynn, Mark Stone, Petts Wood & Orpington, 5, £17.00 each; Geoffrey Bishop, Chislehurst, 4½; Timothy Allen, Battersea, David Howes, Coulsdon, Geoff Naldrett, Insurance, Dominic Pozzo, Ashted, 4

**Challengers u120:** Matthew Wadsworth, Maidenhead, 4½/5, £75.00; Martin Oliver, Cirencester, Daniel Sutton, Great Walstead School, 3½, £37.50 each; Kumar Sambhav Aggarwal, East Grinstead, James Hall, East Grinstead, Krishna Mehendale, Ashted, 3

**Minor u90:** Albert Yiamakis, Guildford, 4½/5, £75.00; Paul Collis, Guildford, 4, £50.00; Michael Adams, Guildford, Nishant Bommayya, Homefield Prep, John Davis, Ashted, 3½, £8.50 each; David Archer, Godalming, George Chantry, Walton-on-Thames\*, Caroline Foster, Conquistadors, Timothy Foster, RGS Guildford, Mark Harman, Sutton Library, 3

## County Durham Congress

**17-19 April 2009**

**Open:** Jonathan Hawkins, Consett, 4½/5, £200; Robert Patla, Penrith, 4, £100; Pete Jowett, Preston, 3, £50

**Major:** Ian Marks, Cumberland, 4½/5, £150; Carl Heald, Morecambe, 4, £75; Andy Corbyn, Cramlington, 3, £6; George Ellames, Alnwick, 3, £6; Cyril Fomin, Gateshead Libs., 3, £6; Anthony Higgs, Horsham, 3, £6; Ron Plater, King's, 3, £6; Leslie Wells, York RI, 3, £6; Kevin Wilson, Darlington, 3, £6

**Minor:** Bryan Bainbridge, Bishop Auckland, 4/5, £112.50; Peter Wells, Gateshead Libs., 4/5, £112.50; Eggert Fruchtenict, Penrith, 3½, £28; Graham Marshall, Hartlepool, 3½, £28; Sri Sriharan, York RI, 3½, £28; David Walshaw, Jesmond, 3½, £28; David Wrigley, Tynedale, 3½, £28

## Golders Green Rapidplay

**9 May 2009**

A total of 101 enthusiastic players competed over four sections!

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**Open:** Won by International Master Lawrence Trent with 5.5 points (£60) from the 6 games and FIDE Master Giampaolo Buchicchio came second with 5/6 and won £30.

The grading prize was won jointly by Ray Cannon and Craig Kennedy with 4.5/6.

**Major:** For players grade by the English Chess Federation under 160. This was won cleanly by John Daugman with 5/6 (£60). He was followed by Nathan Goldberg, Chris Davison and Peter Batchelor with 4.5/6.

The grading prize (Under 145) was won by Shane McCabe with 4/6.

**Minor:** For players graded Under 130 ECF. This was won jointly by Adrian Somerfield, Stephen Gilmour and Jonathan Landau with 5/6. They each won £30.

John Torrance, Tim Davison, Malcolm Winter and Tim Crouch each won £5 grading prizes for those players Under 115.

**Amateur:** For players grade under 100 ECF. This was won by Elliot Briery (98) with 5.5/6 (£60). Daniel Arnett was second with 5/6 (£30). The Under 85 grading prize went to Ivan Briery (74) and Patrick Abrams (82) with 4/6.

## 83<sup>rd</sup> Richmond Rapidplay

**10 May 2009**

There were 87 participants.

**Open:** Bogdan Lalic 5.5/6; Graeme Buckley 5/6; U180 GP: Alain Dekker & Robin Haldane 3.5/6

**Major (U160):** Chris Clegg & Simon McCullough 5/6; U140 GP: James Holland 4.5/6

**Intermediate (U120):** Matthew Dodsley 5.5/6; John Torrance, Stephen Moss, Michael Nightingale, William Foo, & Rohan Shiatis 4/6

**Minor (U80):** John Davis & Richard Dulle 5/6; 3<sup>rd</sup>=John White, Alfred Wong & Jamie Tilston 5/6

## York Schools

### Championships

**10 May 2009**

Bootham Junior School.

**Under 9:** 1<sup>st</sup> Matthew Paw, Hempland; 2<sup>nd</sup> David Noyvert, St Lawrence; 3<sup>rd</sup> Andrew Wand; Ralph Butterfield; 4<sup>th</sup> James Wilsom, Knavesmire; 5<sup>th</sup> Ojas Pandey, Fishergate; Merits, Charlotte Barker, GEGS; Owen Marshall, Wigginton; Andrew Mc Farlane,

Bootham Junior; Team Winners 1<sup>st</sup> Bootham ; 2<sup>nd</sup> Hempland

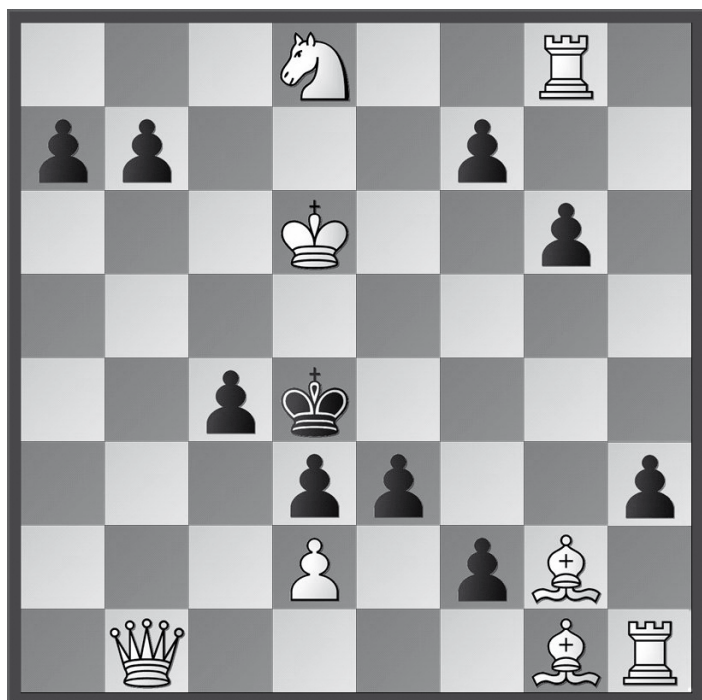
**Under 11:** 1<sup>st</sup> Jan Janczek, Bootham; 2<sup>nd</sup> James Nelson, Bootham; 3<sup>rd</sup> Paul Thompson; Ralph Butterfield; 4<sup>th</sup> Oscar Herring, Bramcote; 5<sup>th</sup> George Duncan, Bramcote; Merits Sarah Woodmansey, Heworth; Elliott Long, Bootham; Joseph Walker, Bootham; Team Winners 1<sup>st</sup> Bootham Junior; 2<sup>nd</sup> Bramcote.

**Under 14:** 1<sup>st</sup> Pierre Weller, All Saints; 2<sup>nd</sup> James Knighton, Archbishop Holgate; 3<sup>rd</sup> Richard Knighton, Archbishop; 4<sup>th</sup> Joe Towse, Millthorpe; 5<sup>th</sup> Chris De- Planta, St Olaves; Merit Awards Alex Dib; Bennett Bootham; Jonathan Fry, Manor; Andrew Woodmansey, Bootham; Team Winners 1<sup>st</sup> Archbishop Holgate, 2<sup>nd</sup> St Olaves

**Under 18:** 1<sup>st</sup> Jean Luc- Weller, All Saints

## Chess Problem

### Mate in One



I came across this problem over thirty years ago and just found it again. I recall it was in the Daily Mirror Christmas Supplement with the recommendation that you set it up on your chess board.

Solution next time

Gerry Walsh

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### Grand Prix 2008/9

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

#### Junior Prix

1	<b>Clarke, Brandon GI, Littlethorpe</b> .....	<b>687</b>
2	<b>Ynojosa, Felix Jose, Reading</b> .....	<b>678</b>
3	<b>Haria, Ravi, Barnet Knights</b> .....	<b>656</b>
4	<b>Murphy, Conor E, Kent Junior Congresses</b> .....	<b>639</b>
5	<b>Jain, Radha, Pinner</b> .....	<b>595</b>
6	<b>Jones, Victor GL, Kent Junior Congresses</b> .....	<b>592</b>
7	<b>Kalid, TL Raphael, Kent Junior Congresses</b> .....	<b>580</b>
8	<b>Shiatis, Rohan, Coulsdon CF</b> .....	<b>571</b>
9	<b>Wadsworth, Matthew J, Maidenhead</b> .....	<b>567</b>
10	<b>Foo, William J, Berkshire Junior</b> .....	<b>567</b>

#### Graded Prix (150-174)

1	<b>Bryant, Richard BE, Telepost (Shrewsbury)</b> .....	<b>665</b>
2	<b>Hayward, Alan, Streatham</b> .....	<b>553</b>
3	<b>Hjort, Helge, Hendon</b> .....	<b>551</b>
4	<b>Evans, Paul A, AXA Lytham</b> .....	<b>540</b>
5	<b>Shepley, Julien M, Guildford</b> .....	<b>522</b>
6	<b>Atako, Chino C, Atticus</b> .....	<b>515</b>
7	<b>Mayhew, Andrew, Bristol University</b> .....	<b>502</b>
8	<b>Combie, Alex B, Newark &amp; Southwell</b> .....	<b>486</b>
9	<b>Cutmore, Martin J, Wood Green</b> .....	<b>483</b>
10	<b>Newton, Robert A, Morecambe</b> .....	<b>467</b>

#### Graded Prix (125-149)

1	<b>O'Gorman, Brendan, DHSS</b> .....	<b>593</b>
2	<b>Goodfellow, Russell R, Tunbridge Wells</b> .....	<b>587</b>
3	<b>Clegg, Robert, Huddersfield</b> .....	<b>561</b>
4	<b>Desmedt, Richard E, Netherton</b> .....	<b>552</b>
5	<b>Price, Andrew, Leamington</b> .....	<b>523</b>
6	<b>Coward, Neil, AXA Lytham</b> .....	<b>501</b>
7	<b>Bishop, Geoffrey L, Chislehurst</b> .....	<b>496</b>
8	<b>Pride, Stephen C, Cambridge City</b> .....	<b>487</b>
9	<b>Potter, Karl H, Spinney Hill WMC</b> .....	<b>477</b>
10	<b>Price, Michael C, Hammersmith</b> .....	<b>466</b>

#### Graded Prix (100-124)

1	<b>Allen, Timothy S, Battersea</b> .....	<b>536</b>
2	<b>Greatorex, Roger, Coventry Herbert</b> .....	<b>520</b>
3	<b>Wiggins, Andrew S, Greenlands</b> .....	<b>509</b>
4	<b>Gilbert, David J, DHSS</b> .....	<b>505</b>
5	<b>Farthing, Andrew P, Worcester</b> .....	<b>497</b>
6	<b>Lloyd, Stephen M, Chester</b> .....	<b>496</b>
7	<b>Costeloe, C Andrew AJ, Muswell Hill</b> .....	<b>494</b>
8	<b>Walshaw, David, Jesmond</b> .....	<b>491</b>
9	<b>Foley, Phil T, Upminster</b> .....	<b>473</b>
10	<b>Buckell, David J, Pendle</b> .....	<b>466</b>

#### Graded Prix (U100)

1	<b>Horman, Paul A, Morecambe</b> .....	<b>559</b>
2	<b>Robson, Caroline J, Barnet Elizabeth</b> .....	<b>516</b>
3	<b>Miles, Barry S, Middlesex CCA</b> .....	<b>490</b>
4	<b>Fraser, Alan R, Beckenham &amp; Bromley</b> .....	<b>489</b>
5	<b>Sainbayar, Anurui, Ealing</b> .....	<b>468</b>
6	<b>Scorer, David M, Pendle</b> .....	<b>466</b>
7	<b>Stratford, Chris J, Huddersfield</b> .....	<b>465</b>
8	<b>Johnson, Stanley, South Shields</b> .....	<b>464</b>
9	<b>Billett, Stephen J, Portsmouth</b> .....	<b>456</b>
10	<b>Jackson, Paul Robert, Lancaster</b> .....	<b>456</b>

# Calendar of Events

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\* denotes English Chess Federation Grand Prix @ denotes FIDE Rated Event # denotes British Championship Qualifying Tournament ~ denotes ECF Graded Event

~\*# 5-7 Jun

## 13th South Lakes Open Congress

Cumbria Grand Hotel, Grange-over-Sands.

T Blower (Tel: 01229 472100, Email: [trevor.blower@talktalk.net](mailto:trevor.blower@talktalk.net))

~ 6 Jun

## Brent One Day Limited Grade Rapidplay Tournament

247 Willesden High Rd, NW10.

Anthony Fulton (Tel: 07974 238357, Email: [fulton790@aol.com](mailto:fulton790@aol.com))

~\*# 6-7 Jun

## EACU Congress

Turner Hall, Newmarket.

R Freeman (Tel: 01908 234014, Email: [richard@fcasolutions.co.uk](mailto:richard@fcasolutions.co.uk))

7 Jun

## All England Girls' Championship - Western Region

Barracuda Sports Hall, Millfield Senior School, Somerset.

M Turner (Tel: 01458 837557,

Email: [MatthewTurner@millfieldprep.com](mailto:MatthewTurner@millfieldprep.com))

~ 13 Jun

## County Championships – semi FINALS

Cyril Johnson (Tel: 0116 260 9012,

Email: [director.homechess@englishchess.org.uk](mailto:director.homechess@englishchess.org.uk))

~\* 13 Jun

## Golders Green Rapidplay

St Alban's Church Hall, NW11 7QG.

Adam Raoof (Tel: 07855 036537,

Email: [adamraoof+ecf@gmail.com](mailto:adamraoof+ecf@gmail.com))

13 Jun

## SJC Training Day & U7's Sussex Tournament

Fonthill Lodge School, East Grinstead.

Margaret Burch (Tel: 01483 534061,

Email: [ammjburch@hotmail.com](mailto:ammjburch@hotmail.com))

~@ 19-21 Jun

## Leicester FIDE Rated All Play All

14 Midland Court, Lutterworth.

S Hewitt (Tel: 020 3287 5553, 07845 518 972,

Fax: 0870 288 4393, Email: [sean@e2e4.org.uk](mailto:sean@e2e4.org.uk))

~\*@ 19-21 Jun

## 8th Yeovil Summer Congress

Parcroft School.

J Rudd (Tel: 07973 887123, Email: [jackkelshallrudd@aol.com](mailto:jackkelshallrudd@aol.com))

~ 20 Jun

## English Chess Challenge 2008 Finals

Coulsdon.

Howard Curtis & Scott Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302,

Email: [chess@ccfworld.com](mailto:chess@ccfworld.com))

20 Jun

## Richmond Junior CC - Kids Blitz Tournament

ETNA Community Centre, Twickenham.

P Sowray, (Tel: 07720 716336, Email: [psowray@aol.com](mailto:psowray@aol.com))

~\* 20-21 Jun

## 15th Heywood Congress

Heywood Civic Centre.

Bill O'Rourke (Tel: 01706 627874, Email: [worchess@ntlworld.com](mailto:worchess@ntlworld.com))

21 Jun

## All England Girls' Golden Final

Woodbridge School, Burkitt Rd.

A Hunt, (Email: [ahunt@woodbridge.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:ahunt@woodbridge.suffolk.sch.uk))

~\*# 26-28 Jun

## 1st Big Slick Chess Tournament

Big Slick Poker Club, Brighton Road, Purley.

S Williams (Tel: 07951 602440,

Email: [bigslickchess@gingerqm.com](mailto:bigslickchess@gingerqm.com))

26-28 Jun

## 12th Hawick Congress

Town Hall, High Street.

A Armstrong (Tel: 01450 374423, Email: [bazy96@aol.com](mailto:bazy96@aol.com)),

Enquires to M Keen (Tel: 01750 23171)

27 Jun

## Bristol Rapidplay

Filton Sports Centre, Elm Park.

G Mill-Wilson (Tel: 0776 5139540,

Email: [Tugmw@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:Tugmw@blueyonder.co.uk))

~\* 27-28 Jun

## Chester Congress

The Cheshire View, Christleton.

R Martin (Tel: 01244 535152, Email: [4richardmartin@talktalk.net](mailto:4richardmartin@talktalk.net))

~\* 28 Jun

## KJCA Kent Junior Grand Prix Final

Rose Hill School, Tunbridge Wells.

Sue Maguire (Tel: 020 8656 6420,

Email: [sue.maguire@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.maguire@btinternet.com))

~ 3-5 Jul

## Manchester Chess Federation Summer Congress

Uttley Hall, corner of Wilmslow Rd and Old Hall Lane.

Harry Lamb (Tel: 01204 63374,

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

~\* 4 Jul

## CCF Rapid Play

Coulsdon.

Howard Curtis & Scott Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302,

Email: [chess@ccfworld.com](mailto:chess@ccfworld.com))

~ 4 Jul

## County Championships – Finals

Moat College, Leicester.

Cyril Johnson (Tel: 0116 260 9012,

Email: [director.homechess@englishchess.org.uk](mailto:director.homechess@englishchess.org.uk))

4 Jul

## MCCU Junior Individual Tournament

Moat College, Leicester.

Cyril Johnson (Tel: 0116 260 9012,

Email: [director.homechess@englishchess.org.uk](mailto:director.homechess@englishchess.org.uk))

4-5 Jul

## UKCC Southern Gigafinal

Wellington College, Crowthorne.

M Basman (Tel: 07715 041320,

Email: [ukchesschallenge@aol.com](mailto:ukchesschallenge@aol.com),

website: [www.ukchesschallenge.com](http://www.ukchesschallenge.com))

~\* 11 Jul

## CCF Junior Championships

Coulsdon.

Howard Curtis & Scott Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302,

Email: [chess@ccfworld.com](mailto:chess@ccfworld.com))

~\* 11 Jul (p)

## Golders Green Rapidplay

St Alban's Church Hall, NW11 7QG.

Adam Raoof (Tel: 07855 036537,

Email: [adamraoof+ecf@gmail.com](mailto:adamraoof+ecf@gmail.com))

11 Jul

## 3rd Great Yarmouth Open Junior Congress

Herman Primary School, Bradwell.

A Sparkes (Tel: 01502 584320,

Email: [arthursparkes@madasafish.com](mailto:arthursparkes@madasafish.com))

~@ 11-12 Jul

## Leicester FIDE Rated All Play All

14 Midland Court, Lutterworth.

S Hewitt (Tel: 020 3287 5553, 07845 518 972,

Email: [sean@e2e4.org.uk](mailto:sean@e2e4.org.uk))

@ 11-19 Jul

## Open Scottish Championship

The City of Edinburgh City Chambers.

J Aagaard (Email: [jacob@qualitychess.co.uk](mailto:jacob@qualitychess.co.uk))

~ 12 Jul

## National Club Finals

ECF Office (Tel: 01424 775222, Email: [office@englishchess.org.uk](mailto:office@englishchess.org.uk))

14 Jul

## 10th North London Individual "Sam Black" Blitz

Wanstead House, E11 2NT.

G Cook (Tel: 020 8472 1999, Email: [nccdsecretary@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nccdsecretary@yahoo.co.uk))

~\*@ 16-19 Jul

## NCJS Young Masters

Millfield School, Somerset.

M Turner (Tel: 01458 837557,

Email: [matthewturner@millfieldprep.com](mailto:matthewturner@millfieldprep.com))

18 Jul

## 2nd Snodland Rapidplay Congress

(including the Kent Individual Rapidplay Championship),

The Wolfe Centre, Holmesdale School.

D Lettington (Tel: 07729 624141,

Email: [snodlandcongress@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:snodlandcongress@hotmail.co.uk))

18-19 Jul

## UKCC Northern Gigafinal

M Basman (Tel: 07715 041320, Email: [ukchesschallenge@aol.com](mailto:ukchesschallenge@aol.com))

~\* 19 Jul

## 84th Richmond Rapidplay

The White House Community Association, TW12 3RN.

James Coleman (Tel: 020 8661 0722, Email: [rapidplay@aol.com](mailto:rapidplay@aol.com))

~\* 25 Jul

## Ealing Rapidplay

St Thomas's Church Hall, Boston Rd.

S Tserendorj (Tel: 07525 031 843,

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

25-26 Jul

## 1st Worcestershire Open - Unofficial Pre British Championships Warm Up Congress

Catshill Village Hall, Bromsgrove.

A Farthing (Tel: 01905 358949,

Email: [andrew.farthing@btinternet.com](mailto:andrew.farthing@btinternet.com))

All money raised shall be donated to the PAR Charity (Plica Awareness and Research)

~ 26 Jul

## Renaissance Academy Rapidplay

(inc. the Antonio Fattorini Grand Prix),

Latvian Welfare Club, Manningham.

C W Wood (Tel: 0845 400 2429, Fax: 0845 400 2430,

Email: [the\\_renaissance\\_academy@hotmail.com](mailto:the_renaissance_academy@hotmail.com))

Open to players under 25.

## ~\*#@ 26 July - 8 August BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS

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