

CHESS MOVES

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ECF County Championships 2010



He's the arbiter - he knows the score

The County Championships Final Stages ended as last year's, at Moat College in a heat wave!

We were again fortunate in obtaining the services of Sir Peter Soulsby M.P., the member for Leicester South in whose constituency the College is found. His opening speech was the epitome of brevity, wit and awareness of the game of chess. We are grateful for his support of the ECF and its campaign to restore the cuts imposed by the DCMS ... now read on!

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Editorial



This will be the last Chess Moves that I shall be editor of. I will be setting aside my pen and retiring at the end of September. I have been employed by the BCF/ECF for 26½ years - a lifetime. The

changes that have taken place in the chess world over this time have been incredible. When I began with the BCF we were receiving sponsorship from a lot of the banks and financial houses and most of the major events had a glitzy reception or prize-giving. Internet chess has been another enormous change.

It has been suggested to me that I should write a book on my life in the chess world, 'Chess from the Inside Out' - perhaps if I become bored with my easy life I shall do so. Some of the chess personalities that I have met will stay in my memory forever.

I shall be remaining as a Trustee of the John Robinson Trust and also be responsible for liaising between the ECF and the UCH staff in maintaining the National Chess Library, so I will not fade away completely.

Finally, a thank you to all of the chess friends that I have made over the years, and especially those that have given their support in the difficult times that the office has been through
- *Cynthia Gurney*

The President's Diary



It has been a phenomenally busy couple of months but English chess should have a lot to show for it. The Darwin Strategic Staunton Memorial Dinner at Simpson's in the Strand will be a huge event, attended by World Champions Garry Kasparov and

Anatoly Karpov and a host of world class players and luminaries. The event aims to raise funds for Karpov's bid for the FIDE Presidency but will also attract publicity and sponsorship for charity, the domestic chess scene and future events.

In connection with this, I'm making it a personal mission to ensure the British Chess Championships 2011 will be the strongest ever. I've secured the participation of over 10 Grandmasters already, including Michael Adams and Nigel Short and I'm working towards a well funded and memorable tournament. The sight of all Britain's top players battling it out should be a great spectacle and I hope you're all as excited by this prospect as I am. However, despite these successes, we can't ignore some of the difficulties in English chess at the moment, especially with our juniors and women players who are underfunded and lacking encouragement and opportunities. I am hoping to attract investment for both and have invited players to attend the Staunton Dinner in the hope of keeping their precious spark alive - *CJ de Mooi*

ECF News

Nominations for Election at the ECF AGM

The voluntary posts to be elected at the AGM on 16 October 2010 are:

- President;
- Chief Executive;
- Director of Finance;
- A minimum of 2 Non-Executive Directors;
- Up to 5 Executive Directors;
- International Chess and Junior Chess and Education);
- The FIDE Delegate;
- The Chairman of the Finance Committee;
- Members of the Finance Committee;
- The Chairman of the Governance Committee;
- Members of the Governance Committee.

Each candidate for a post must be either:

(a) A retiring Director, FIDE Delegate or Chairman of a Standing Committee seeking re-election to the same Post; or (b) A nominee of the Board for a Post; or (c) A person proposed by any of the following full* members:

- (i) any Director;
- (ii) the FIDE Delegate;
- (iii) the Chairman of a Standing Committee;
- (iv) any two Trustees;
- (v) any Representative Member of a Constituent unit;
- (vi) any two Representative Members of Counties;
- (vii) any two Direct Members' Representatives;
- (viii) any two of a Trustee, a Representative Member of a County and a Direct Members' Representative; or
- (ix) any five Individual** Members or Representative Members.

* Full Members are Constituent Units, County Associations, Chess Leagues, Chess Congresses, Other Organisations, the Directors, the FIDE Delegate, the Chairmen of the Standing Committees, the Trustees (of the Permanent Invested Fund), Patrons, the Past President and the Past Chief Executive.

** Individual Members are any of the Full Members listed above.

Updated brief job descriptions for these posts setting out the responsibilities envisaged by the Board will be published on the website at:

<http://www.englishchess.org.uk/> no later than 16 August 2010 and will be available in hard copy form from the Office. A note of which incumbents will be seeking re-election, will be similarly available from that date and will be sent to each earlier enquirer automatically.

To be eligible for election, nominations with the required level of support, must be received at the ECF Office, The Watch Oak, Chain Lane, Battle, East Sussex TN33 0YD no later than 13:30 on Wednesday 8 September 2010. Managers and other Officers are appointed by the Board and by individual Directors and are not subject to election by Council. However, this is an appropriate time for anyone interested in this type of essential work to indicate their interest to the Board through the ECF Office.

Copy deadline - 10th September 2010

Proposals for Discussion and Decision at the AGM

It is open to full members as specified in (c) (i - ix) above to submit proposals to the AGM of ECF. It is recommended that proposers should consult the Chairman of the Governance Committee to ensure that their proposed papers are in an appropriate format and are sound from a constitutional point of view. John Philpott may be contacted by e-mail at chair.GovernanceCommittee@englishchess.org.uk or by telephone at reasonable hours on 020 8527 4063.

For inclusion in the agenda for the AGM final papers must be received at the ECF Office, as above by 13:30 on Wednesday 8 September 2010.

Player of the Year!



This has been won by David Howell for the fourth consecutive year! His winning the British Chess Championship with 9/11, having led from start to finish, must have counted very heavily with the voters.

The Staunton Memorial Dinner

On 8th September, a black and white gala event will be held at Simpson's in the Strand (the historic venue where the 1851 'Immortal Game' was played) as a fundraiser for Anatoly Karpov's campaign for the FIDE Presidency. In deference to the venue and England's great 19th century player, this will be titled the Staunton Memorial Dinner.

The evening will include an art show by Barry Martin, the official artist of the 1993 and 2000 World Chess Championships, a sumptuous dinner and seats to watch 2 consultation games. Although many Grandmasters and luminaries are attending, these one hour games will be the highlight of the event and people are invited to bid to play in consultation alongside each of the players. One game will be between top English players Michael Adams and Luke McShane but the other is an amazing opportunity to join the combatants of the 1993 contest as Nigel Short once again faces Garry Kasparov.

Please contact CJ de Mooi at president@englishchess.org.uk for a flyer but be aware that tickets cannot be reserved and are not guaranteed until payment is received

British Championship 2010 - entrants

As at the 28th July 2010, there are 780 entrants in this year's British Championships in Canterbury

International NEWS

Completed tournaments

Canadian Open Chess Championship 10-18 July

Congratulations to Luke McShane who won with 8/9 performing at 2780. Adam Ashton & Alan Walton also played and finished on 6.5 and 6 respectively.

Scottish Championship 11-17 July

Congratulations to Andrew Greet who won with 7.5/9. David Patrick and Tarun Malhotra both finished on 5.

Turkish Is Bank Chess League 29 June - 8 July

Michael Adams played board 2 for ISEK AQUAMATCH S.K. scoring 8.5/9 and performing at 2857. Despite this his team finished 3rd on 18 match points from 13 games whilst the two winners both scored 25! One feature of the league is that a number of boards are reserved for female and junior players.

FSIM July Budapest (HUN), 5-13 July

Mark Lyell finished on 5/10 in the IM section.

Swiss Championship Main Event 8-16 July

Simon Williams finished 5th= with 6.5/9 whilst Aly Wilson finished on 5.

7th South Wales International 10-15 July

Vladimir Georgiev of Macedonia won the event with 7.5/9, half ahead of Keith Arkell with 7. Peter Wells was 3rd= with Krasimir Rusev from Bulgaria on 6.5. Yang-Fan Zhou, Ali Jaunooby, Jeremy Menadue and Allan Pleasants were amongst the group of players on 5.5.

Second International Chess Tournament Rethymnon 13-20 July

Lorin D'Costa, Peter Poobalasingam, Paul Townsend, Sarah Hegarty, Selina Khoo, Ravi Haria and Tim Adams all played. Lorin, Peter & Ravi finished on 5.5, Paul & Sarah 5, Selina 4 & Tim 3.5. Ravi, in particular, can be very pleased with his performance and he also won the Under 12 trophy as well as gaining 27 rating points.

15th Annual Pacific Coast Open California 15-18 July

Simon Ansell finished 2nd= on 4.5/6 whilst Maria Yurenok finished on 3.5/6 gaining another 9 rating points to continue her excellent form.

Tournaments in progress

2nd International Tournament Artemis Cup, Leros 13-20 July

Dagne Ciuksyte is playing her first tournament since the 2008 Olympiad and is currently on 5 out of 8.

43rd Biel International Chess Festival 19-29 July

David Howell is playing in a 10 player all-play-all where the oldest player is aged just 22. He is currently on 0/1.

Heini Olsen Memorial 20th -26th July 2010

Gawain Jones is playing in the all-play-all event and is currently on 1/1.

Helmut Kohls It Dortmund (GER), 15-25 July

Laurence Webb is on 1.5/3.

In addition to the individual websites the latest international chess news can be found at the following link: <http://www.chesscenter.com/twic/twic819.html>

- Lawrence Cooper, Director of International Chess

Back to the actual games. In the Open, Lancashire made their traditional pilgrimage to the Finals, and defeated a very strong Sussex team 11-5. An excellent result in the circumstances.

The Minor Counties saw Hertfordshire come with their trophy and defend it successfully against Middlesex 10-6.

The newer grading bands threw up some interesting matches. An all-Midlands match saw Warwickshire clash with Nottinghamshire in a match with no fewer than 8 draws, Warwickshire getting home by 9-7.

Yorkshire were again defending their County 3rd team trophy in the U160s against Suffolk. The East Anglians defeated their higher rated opponents by 9½- 6½.

The U140s was the closest match of all, with Hampshire drawing 8-8 with Nottinghamshire, another match with 8 draws with Hampshire winning on board count.

The U120s was an all SCCU affair, with the men of Kent defeating Hertfordshire 8½- 3½ in a match which ended surprisingly quickly. The "new" u100 saw a weakened Warwickshire team succumb to Essex, also 8½- 3½.

I must thank David Welch, Adrian Elwin, John Shaw and John Wickham for their quiet work as a very good arbiting team. Peter Cresswell worked tirelessly in the back ground, and we thank him. Julie Johnson excelled herself in providing food and drinks for all present.

I took this task on at the request of some friends to prevent the changes of controller having a deleterious effect on this event. I told Adam Raouf that I would do this for one year, and so I walk away, accompanied by Julie. I will offer help and advice to anyone who seeks to take this most rewarding of jobs on, but warn that from the end of March to early July, they must make themselves available for queries, contacts and to act as the successor to Solomon. My thanks to Julie for putting up with this, and to my friends who attended the finals, and to Moat College for their help

- Cyril Johnson



Bob receives the U160 trophy - won by Suffolk



The Suffolk team



Cyril Johnson and Sir Peter Soulsby MP



Play gets underway in the Open



Open winners Lancashire



Receiving the Minor trophy

Junior NEWS

Yateley Manor National Schools Championship 2009-10, sponsored by Yateley Manor School <http://www.yateleymanor.com>

The competition had an increased entry of 165 teams. The Zones and Last Chance Saloons (see further down) were complete by mid February, and the National stage quarter-finals were played on schedule by early May. The last four in Plate and Championship met after the exams, on Thursday 8th & Friday 9th July, at Uppingham School, our host for five consecutive years now. The only newcomer to the Finals this



year was Homefield Prep School from Sutton, who are active at EPSCA and IAPS level but had never played in the Yateley Manor before.

The semi-finals took place on the Thursday evening. In the Championship Wilson's School, Plate Champions for the last two years and at Uppingham for the third time, met the very strong Haberdashers' team who deservedly won 4-2. (Haberdashers' are also serial attenders but, in this century, have always reserved it for the even-numbered years.) Manchester Grammar School, the most prolific of attenders over the years, had not reached the Finals since 2007 when they won the Plate; but they have been building up their strength again and have been very strong this year. Unfortunately they were much below full strength at Uppingham. Nevertheless they made the Champions Wellington College work hard to secure the 4 points they needed.

The Plate, unusually, had two very young teams: Homefield and Aughton St Michaels, third-time attenders and still the only primary school to have got this far. They never met. In the semi-finals Aughton succumbed 5 - 1 to a strong Millfield School team, who just overcame the age handicap; while Homefield scored a winning 2 points - ½ more than they needed - against the much older King Edward Camp Hill playing without their number one.

The Finals and Third Place Play-offs began at 9 o'clock on Friday morning. In the Plate, Camp Hill scored 6 against Aughton to take third place (and "first place" out of all eight teams on game points, with a massive 10/12). Homefield, again requiring 1½ to win on age handicap, gave themselves a chance against Millfield by picking up an early point on board 4. When they later secured a big advantage on board 3 it was only a question of not doing anything silly. Some would have been tempted to settle for the draw which was there for the taking, but the Homefield player went on to win. Millfield took the remaining games, but of course it was not enough.

Manchester Grammar School were always struggling against Wilson's after the latter took an early 2 - 0 lead, converted after a while to 3 - 0. Winning the remaining three for a victory on age handicap was never a real possibility, and Wilson's took the match 5½ - ½. The Championship Final went the way of the form book. Wellington's 4 - 2 win to retain their title, on level terms by age, was pretty much what the teams' relative grades predicted. There can rarely have been a stronger team than the current Wellington College one. David Welch, ECF Chief Arbiter, officiated as always. The prizes were presented by Andrew Martin, representing the sponsors. He announced that the Yateley Manor sponsorship will continue next year
- *Richard Haddrell*



Results ROUND-UP

NATIONAL COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

(for a full report see the front cover)

U100

ESSEX	SCORE	WARWICKSHIRE	SCORE
Dean Ellis	0.5	Sam Doran	0.5
George Horan (J)	1	DEFAULT	0
David Wilson	1	Alan Sturch	0
Russell Fisher	1	John Clulee	0
Hugh Tanton	1	Bramwell Garner	0
John Ellis	1	Bob Hillman	0
Jody Gorham	1	Eddie Brown	0
Steve Haggerty	1	Peter Kearns	0
Adam Taylor (J)	1	Paul Heeney	0
Dan Ball	0	Gary Wickett	1
Jonathan Newby (J)	0	WB Yeomans (Bill)	1
John Chapman	0	Craig Mills	1
	8.5		3.5

U120

HERTFORDSHIRE	SCORE	KENT	SCORE
MOUNTFORD Corinne	0	Kevin Hornden	1
MARSHALL Duncan	1	Phil G Clinker	0
ELANGO Madhi	0	Duncan Bell	1
HARRIS John	0	Patrick Smith	1
MAGEE Ed	1	George Hollands	0
ELDER Kidge	0	Douglas J Smith	1
LEIGHTON Ian	0	Dominic Oram	1
HARRISON Bob	0.5	Oliver Petrick	0.5
RIDDOCH Ian	0	Alan D Evans	1
BAKER Peter	0.5	James C Robertson	0.5
EVA Harold	0	Paul Andrews	1
BREWIS Alan	0.5	Julian Petrick	0.5
	3.5		8.5

U140

HANTS	SCORE	NOTTS	SCORE
JOHN WATTS	1	James Thomson	0
MATTHEW CHAPMAN	0.5	Robert Willoughby	0.5
BARRY KOCAN	0.5	Norman Davies	0.5
NORHIDAYAH AZMAN	1	Barry Redburn	0
STEPHEN LEFEVRE	0	Peter Gorecka-Marshall	1
BOB CLEAVE	0.5	Neil Graham	0.5
LOUIS PAYNE	1	Michael Zhang	0
DAVID CULLIFORD	0	Greg Paxton	1
EWART SMITH	0.5	Robert Garnett	0.5
TOM SLATER	1	Mike Nailard	0
PHILIP GETHING	0.5	Andrew Garside	0.5
JONATHAN YOUNG	0	Alan Robinson	1
BARRY DIAPER	0.5	Ashton Alfred	0.5
RICK SMITH	0	Graham Gibson	1
JAMES BARNETT	0.5	Allan Brown	0.5
ALEX BEANEY	0.5	Arun Maini	0.5
	8		8

U160

SUFFOLKSCORE	YORKSHIRE	SCORE	
Conrad SIMONS	0.5	Louis BRIJMOHUN	0.5
Luke HILL	0	James BOWLER	1
Richard LAMONT	1	Andrew BAGLEY	0
Edward VENMORE-ROWLAND	1 /	Richard BOYLAN	0
Stuart TATE	1	Robert DEAN	0
David E BROWN	1	Paul HOWDEN	0
John WHEATLEY	0.5	Randy DONAHUE	0.5
Martin FOGG	1	Ben CUARESMA	0
Yury TSISCHANKA	0	Paul JOHNSON	1
Robert W STEPHENS	0	Robin BROWNE	1
Philip W REVELL	0.5	Rupert JONES	0.5
Colin A ROBERTS	0	David HIRST	1

Robert L JONES	1	Stan ALEKSANDROWICZ	0
Ed KIRKHAM	0.5	Tim HILL	0.5
Jakob TULIC	1	Nick MAHONEY	0
Mark S BETTLEY	0.5	Ian STRICKLAND	0.5
	9.5		6.5

U180

NOTTS	SCORE	WARWICKSHIRE	SCORE
JOHN SWAIN	1	Martin Smyth	0
DAVID LEVENS	0	Alan Lloyd	1
PETER MERCS	0.5	Dave Ireland	0.5
JOHN HARRISON	0.5	Richard Smith	0.5
GEOFF GIBSON	0	Joey Stewart	1
RICHARD TRUMAN	0.5	Alan Agnew	0.5
ALEXANDER COMBIE	0	Rob Wallman	1
KEVIN HARVEY	1	Richard C Reynolds	0
IAN KINGSTON	0.5	Rob Hearne	0.5
BRIAN THOMPSON	0.5	Mike Doran	0.5
TIM LANE	0.5	Simon Williams	0.5
STEVEN BURKE	0	Simon Smith	1
WILLIAM PLACE	1	Amrik Singh	0
JONATHAN DAY	0.5	Anthony Green	0.5
BRIAN HAYWARD	0.5	Gary Hope	0.5
ROBERT TAYLOR	0	Ed Goodwin	1
	7.0		9.0

Minor

HERTFORDSHIRE	SCORE	MIDDLESEX	SCORE
S. Knott	0.5	Richard Bates	0.5
S. Swanson	0.5	Jochen Wittmann	0.5
J. Rudge	0.5	Mark Rich	0.5
P. Byway	0.5	Colin Mackenzie	0.5
J. Fraser-Mitchell	1	Peter Ackley	0
M. Boyce	0.5	Steven Coles	0.5
J. Sharp	1	Philip Makepeace	0
S. Tovey	0.5	George Dickson	0.5
B. Morris	0.5	Nevil Chan	0.5
C. Majer	0.5	D. Ian Calvert	0.5
T. Thurstan	0.5	Charles MacAleenan	0.5
S. Law	1	Martin Crichton	0
A. Burrows	1	Neville Blackie	0
B. Toper	0	Anthony Fulton	1
J. Barnes	0.5	Richard Thursby	0.5
D. Bower	1	Keith Jones	0
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Open

LANCASHIRE	SCORE	SUSSEX	SCORE
PAUL LITTLEWOOD	1	LUKE E RUTHERFORD	0
GRAHAM MORRISON	1	FELIKS J KWIATKOWSKI	0
BEN HAGUE	0.5	BRIAN J DENMAN	0.5
BRETT LUND	1	GARETH ANTHONY	0
HOWARD HUGHES	1	PETER G FARR	0
NICHOLAS IVELL	1	KENNETH I NORMAN	0
MARTIN MITCHELL	1	DOMINIC LAWSON	0
PETER JOWETT	0.5	PETER D KEMP	0.5
TIM DICKINSON	0.5	GEOFFREY H JAMES	0.5
RAY STARKIE	0	DAVID S NORTON	1
MALCOLM PEACOCK	0.5	RICHARD J ALMOND	0.5
ROBERT NEWTON	0.5	DAVID N ROBERTS	0.5
PHILIP ALMOND	1	RASA NORINKEVICIUTE	0
MARK WHITEHEAD	0.5	MARTIN O COSTLEY	0.5
PETER ROBINSON	0.5	PAUL A BATCHELOR	0.5
JOHN COOPER	0.5	BRIAN P DONNELLY	0.5
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NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

(for a full report see page ...)

GL = Golden Lane SY = Syston

Major Cup (GL)

Wanstead Maidstone

1) 178 Larry Marden (w) 114905C draw 197 Ian R Watson 121212G

- 2) 180 David Spearman 144163C draw 168 Oliver Gill 148031F
 - 3) 174 Ian D Reynolds 193699C 0 - 1 164 David R Heath 112436F
 - 4) 173 Terry Whitton 121577C 1 - 0 150 Robert E Lane 114052J
 - 5) 167 Ian Hunnable 113229F 1 - 0 140 Michael Turner 253922G
- 3 - 2

Major Plate (GL)

Metropolitan Athenaeum

- 1) 189 M Perez-Carballo (w) 278727B 1 - 0 177 Daniel Farkas 277816G
 - 2) 181 Tony Peterson 117010H 1 - 0 170 Charles McAleenan 259304L
 - 3) 172 Ian Calvert 107896D draw 168 Kevin Millward 115576D
 - 4) 156 Peter Doye 190850A draw 163 Jonathan Kay 156230H
 - 5) 145 Noel Stewart 119725D 1 - 0 150 Geoff Hermes 243892G
- 4 - 1

Intermediate Cup (GL)

Bedford Snodland

- 1) 162 Michael Botteley (b) 225693K 1 - 0 167 David Nicholls 116208E
 - 2) 158 G Valerio 120792B 1 - 0 156 Matthew Bunn 241015B
 - 3) 143 John Harbour 160543E 1 - 0 137 David Fowler 253169A
 - 4) 116 J Nigel Staddon 119558L draw 117 Nick Allen 270010E
- 3.5 - 0.5

Intermediate Plate (SY)

Bushbury Hackney

- 1) 151 P Baggot 264335C 0 - 1 154 P Burgoyne 107678E
 - 2) 147 P Staley 119572E 0 - 1 136 S Tracey 265912J
 - 3) 143 S Harris 263578B 1 - 0 99 M Gonzales 271231D
 - 4) 135 J Button 179093G 1 - 0 86 C Hays 274961A
- 2 - 2

Minor Cup (GL)

Hastings Chipping Campden

- 1) 144 Roy Harper (w) 112141J draw 138 Gordon Mills 115561B
 - 2) 127 Omer Namouk 116059L 1 - 0 132 Peter Drury 109879C
 - 3) 108 Ollie Willson 276301B 1 - 0 112 Bill Nash 175999G
 - 4) 99 Gary Willson 277244K 1 - 0 Default
- 3.5 - 0.5

Minor Plate (SY)

Forest of Dean Bushbury

- 1) 127 S Rogers 118136B 0 - 1 113 J Fenby 185108B
 - 2) 117 R Francis 110858L draw 107 J Whitehead 143862B
 - 3) 115 D Lomax 255665A 0 - 1 114 D Buckley 107599J
 - 4) 101 I Jenkins 227191G draw 94 S Jones 113908D
- 1 - 3

Report from Julie Johnson

Wanstead & Woodford retained the Major Championship, but not without a valiant fight from Maidstone. It appeared early on as if Wanstead were cruising to victory as their team was stronger than Maidstone on 4 of the 5 boards. But a win on board 3 by Maidstone suddenly turned the tide, if Maidstone could win on board 2 they would win the match on board count. Maidstone started to get a slight positional edge, but Oliver Gill ran very short on time and had to settle for a draw - giving the match win to Wanstead

The Major Plate saw Metropolitan overcome fellow London Leaguers Athenaeum, without losing a game. This feat was emulated by Bedford, who denied Snodland a second successive winning trip to the capital in the Intermediate Championship.

The Intermediate Plate was in contrast a much closer affair, only settled in favour of Hackney on board count. The Hackney win was remarkable because their average grading of 118 was significantly lower than the 144 of opponents Bushbury. But for the grading of the Hackney top board, the team would have been eligible for the Minor section.

The Minor Championship final has been a cause of much consternation, with Chipping Campden only able to raise 3 players from their small club, too many players having booked their holidays - perhaps lacking confidence in the team reaching the finals? Already down a board from the start, the Cotswold side could only muster a draw, leaving Hastings & St Leonard's comfortable winners. As the current rules fail to address this situation, there is currently much deliberation over rule amendments to clarify matters for next season.

Forest of Dean out-graded their opponents in the Minor plate, but were quickly a board down to Bushbury when their board 3 overlooked the fact that Queen could be pinned to King. They failed to recover from this early shock, with Bushbury winning 3-1 without losing a board & thus gaining compensation for their narrow loss in the Intermediate.

My thanks to Brian Smith for organizing the Southern venue; and to Cyril Johnson for acting as arbiter and assistant sandwich maker. Thanks are also due to Guy Greenland & Mike McNaughton as section controllers in the Intermediate & Minor sections respectively.



Open winners Wood Green (above) and all the finalists (below)
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ECF U13/U18 - report by Organiser Neill Cooper



This year the ECF U18/U13 County Championships were held at Wilson's School, Wallington on Sunday 27th June 2010. Despite the rival attractions of England playing Germany in the world cup, 196 players took part, 96 in the U18, 96 in the U13 and 4 reserves in a small reserves tournament. The U18s played a 2 round Jamboree with 75 minutes per round whilst the U13s had 4 rounds with 30 minutes each on the clock. As in previous years the U18 open was a 12 board event with the teams having an even spread of ability – Berks, Kent, Sussex and Warwicks all had average grades in the range 150 to 145. After the first round the event still looked close with Berks and Kent leading with 8/12 followed by Sussex and Warwicks on 6½. The second round, though, was much more one sided – only Berkshire had a positive score, with 8 wins and 4 draws, resulting in a clear victory by 4 ½ points from holders Kent. This appears to be the first time Berkshire have won this event since its inauguration in 1950. There was only one entry in the U18 Girls event, so Surrey won this title by default. This team then competed in the U18 minor tournament, which they won but were ineligible for the title which was taken by Sussex. There were eight entries for the 6 board U13 Open, with Surrey 1st team being favourites with an average grade of 143 compared to second ranking Kent and Berks at 133. After 3 of the 4 rounds it was still very close – Surrey had scored 13½/18 point compared to Kent's 13 and Berks 11½. However a strong last round by Surrey 1st team in which they only lost points the Surrey 2nd team led them to finish first with 18½/24 ahead of Berks coming second with 16 points. In the merged U13 Minor/U13 Girls event, Kent Girls quickly built up an unassailable lead by winning all their games in the first two rounds. This was not surprising – on a purely grading basis they were too strong to play in this event, but with only two entries the sections were merged. Going into the last round of the minor Hants were just in the lead from two Surrey teams. However, Hants fell at this last hurdle to see the two Surrey teams tie for first place, with the trophies going to Surrey (EO) from the Surrey (GC) on board count. (The two equal teams were distinguished by the initials of their respective board 1s.) Dr John Nunn GM, ex British Chess Champion and World Problem Solving Champion, kindly presented the trophies to the winning teams. Chris Howell was a very effective arbiter on the day. Sue Maguire, Lawrence Jones and Nigel Dennis ensured the sections ran smoothly and all the results were correctly recorded. Kent Junior Chess Association provided a great refreshment stall. Wilson's School, as well as providing playing halls and team rooms, and also showed the football match (and Motor Grand Prix) in their lecture theatre. However, many of the team members preferred to play chess rather than watch England's performance against Germany.

U18 Open (12 board): 1st Berks 18/24; 2nd Kent 13.5; 3rd = Warwicks and Sussex 12 5th Hants 8.5, 6th Surrey 8

This is the first time that Berkshire have won this tournament

U18 Minor (6 board): 1st Surrey Girls (U18 Girls Champions) 9/12; 2nd Sussex 8.5 (U18 minor Champions) 3rd Hants 3.5 4th Kent 3

U13 Open (6 board): 1st Surrey I 18.5/24; 2nd Berks 16; 3rd Kent 15; 4th Surrey II 14; 5th Warks 9.5; 6th Greater Manchester 9, 7th Bucks 7.5; 8th Sussex 6.5

U13 Minor (6 board): Kent Girls 18.5/24 (U13 Girls Champions); 2nd = Surrey GC and Surrey EO (Surrey EO U13 Minor Champions on Board Count); 4th Hants 14.5, 5th Kent 9.5, 6th Sussex 9, 7th Greater Manchester 8.5, 8th Greater Manchester Girls 4

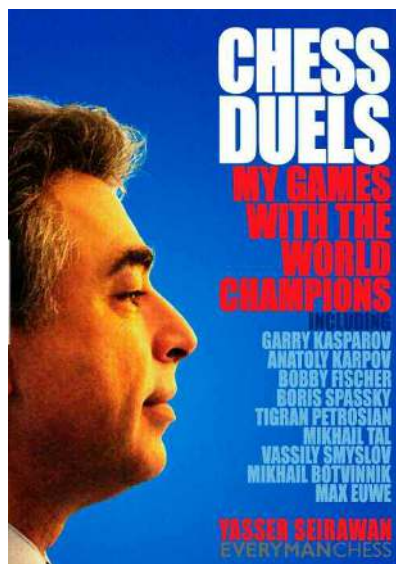
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If you wanted to dream up a spokesman to promote chess then Seirawan ticks all the boxes. A smart, charismatic grandmaster who understands the need for good presentation by turning up at the board in a suit

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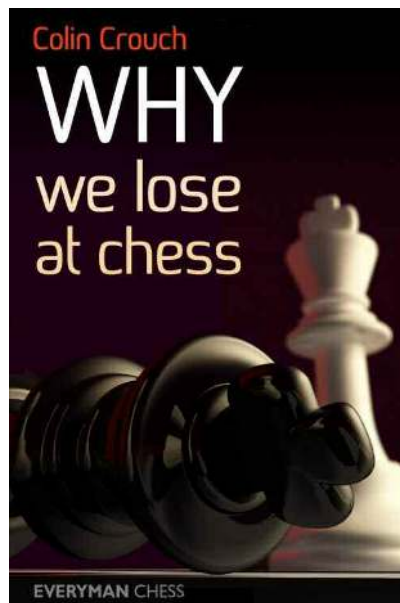
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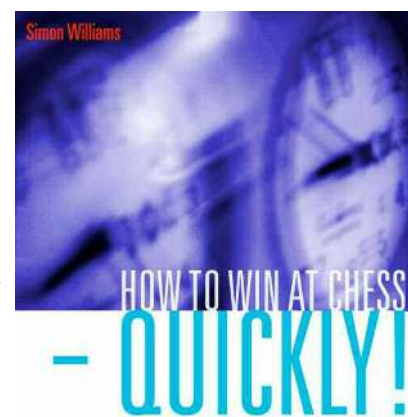
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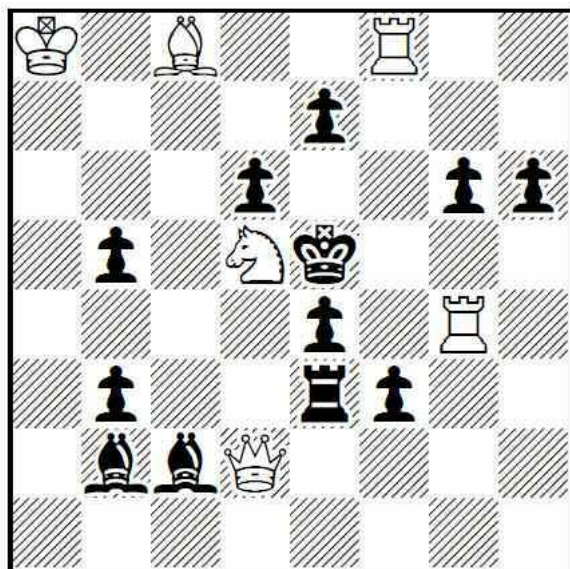
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Here's the next problem ...

Godfrey C Quack

The Observer, 1956

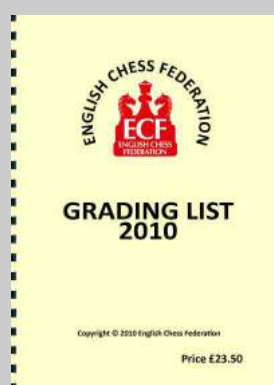
White to play and mate in 2



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Cut in DCMS Grant and ECF Office savings

In May, the DCMS announced a cut of 25% in the ECF grant that amounts to £15,000. Prior to this the ECF Board had already identified the need for savings which kicked off a strategic review of the office by Andrew Farthing and building an amount for contingencies into the April 2010 budget. At the meeting of the Board on 18th June, the excellent interim report from Andrew was reviewed and the impact of the cut in the DCMS grant discussed. The following key points were agreed:

1 - When Cynthia Gurney retires in September, the Office will reduce to three permanent members of staff. This will be achieved in the main through efficiency savings and the avoidance of unnecessary activities such as mailing out Council papers, congress packs etc.

2 - Tina Weddell has been appointed Deputy Office Manager with effect from 1st July, with a view to her taking over from Cynthia from the end of September.

3 - Given the savings identified and the contingency in the budget, the Board does not believe that further measures are required at this time.

The Board is continuing to seek to identify ways in which the Federation can be run more efficiently. I would ask for tolerance from the chess public towards the Office staff at what is a difficult time. I am sure that the Office staff will continue to provide their present high level of support for the Federation.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Cynthia for graciously agreeing to delay her well-earned retirement by three months to help us through the review period

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Junior Prix

	Name	Club/Area	Pts
1	Jones, Steven A	Grappenhall	661
2	Murphy, Conor E	Kent Junior Congresses	660
3	Ynojosa, Felix Jose	Reading	656
4	Jones, Victor GL	Kent Junior Congresses	638
5	Wadsworth, Matthew J	Maidenhead	617
6	Kenyon, Mark A	West Nottingham	600
7	Jain, Akash	Wellington College	595
8	Clarke, Brandon GI	Littlethorpe	586
9	Bowler, James P	Yorks Copper Works	584
10	Claridge-Hansen, William	Aylesbury	581

Graded Prix (160-179)

	Name	Club/Area	Pts
1	Bryant, Richard	BETelepost (Shrewsbury)	579
2	Staples, Daniel J	Battersea	568
3	Kelly, Paul J	Hastings & St Leonards	555
4	O'Gorman, Brendan	DHSS	551
5	Cutmore, David A	Wood Green	549
6	Patrick, David A	Courier Halifax	535
7	Doran, Chris	Chester	529
8	Key, Eric A	York RI	525
9	Price, Andrew	Leamington	522
10	Greator, Roger	Llangollen	521

Graded Prix (140-159)

	Name	Club/Area	Pts
1	Bishop, Geoffrey L	Chislehurst	610
2	Desmedt, Richard E	Netherton	589
3	Clegg, Robert	Huddersfield	581
4	Hartley, Dean M	Amber Valley	552
5	Wright, Jonathan	London	540
6	Jackson, Paul G	Coulsdon CF	538
7	Connor, Michael I	Great Lever	529
8	Gartside, Carl	High Peak	529
9	Goodfellow, Russell R	Tunbridge Wells	515
10	Pearce, Neville R	York RI	508

Graded Prix (120-139)

	Name	Club/Area	Pts
1	Allen, Timothy S	Battersea	584
2	Sandercock, E Barry	Buckinghamshire	573
3	Crouch, Timothy J	Kings Head	562
4	Gilbert, David J	DHSS	548
5	Buckell, David J	Pendle	530
6	Foley, Phil T	Upminster	529
7	Stone, Mark R	Petts Wood & Orpington	523
8	Torrance, John	Metropolitan	517
9	Egan, William J	Scunthorpe	514
10	Yiamakis, Albert	Guildford	508

Graded Prix (U120)

	Name	Club/Area	Pts
1	Fraser, Alan R	Beckenham & Bromley	617
2	Miles, Barry S	South Norwood	579
3	McKeon, John E	Milton Keynes	564
4	Bailey, Gregory L	Netherton	556
5	Brooks, Harry J	Great Lever	554
6	Robson, Caroline J	Barnet Elizabeth	547
7	De Santos, Andrew R	Preston	491
8	Billett, Stephen J	Portsmouth	482
9	Coleman, Patrick N	Lytham ex-Servicemen	482
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Hackney with their trophy



The Major Plate winners



The Major winners

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

~ **24-25 Jul | 2nd Worcestershire Open Chess Congress**, University of Worcester, Conference Centre, St John's Campus, Henwick Grove, Worcester WR2 6AJ Contact: Andrew Farthing Email:

andrew.farthing@btinternet.com Entry form and website:

<http://home.clara.net/collett/worcs/worcsch.htm> Organiser's address: 9 Peninsula Road, Brockhill Village, Norton, Worcester WR5 2SE

~*#@ **25 July - 7 August | The British Chess Championships, University of Kent, Canterbury**

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

~ **7 August | Golders Green Rapidplay**, Golders Green Parish Church Hall, West Heath Drive, Golders Green, London NW11 7QG Contact: Adam Raof Website: <http://goldersgreenchess.blogspot.com/>

~ **11-15 Aug | e2e4 Uxbridge International**, De Veres Hotel, Denham Grove, Tilehouse Lane, Denham, Nr Uxbridge, Buckinghamshire, UB9 5DU Contact: Sean Hewitt Email: info@e2e4.org.uk Website: www.e2e4.org.uk/international/uxbridge Organisers Address: 22 Stafford Road, Swinton, Manchester M27 4BW

~* **14 Aug | 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

~* **20-22 Aug | Steve Boniface Memorial Congress**, Filton Sports & Leisure Centre, Elm Park Bristol BS34 7PS Contact: Graham Mill-Wilson Email: tugmw@blueyonder.co.uk Organiser's address: 8 Lyndale Road, Yate, Bristol, BS37 4DD - 5 round Swiss, 3 sections - Open, Major (U160), Minor (U130) Entry form/website: www.chessit.co.uk

~ **20-22 Aug | 41st Thanet Chess Congress**, Canterbury Christ Church University, Broadstairs Campus, Northwood Rd, Broadstairs CT10 2WA Contact: Tony Hargreaves Email: tony.hargreaves@sky.com Website: www.thanetchess.org.uk ECF Graded Organiser's Address: 1 Medina Avenue, Whitstable CT5 4EN

21-22 Aug | The British Land UK Chess Challenge TERAFINAL, Warwick School Contact: Mike Basman Email: ukchesschallenge@aol.com

~@ **21-29 Aug | Jessie Gilbert Celebration International Festival**, 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/>

@~ **28-30 Aug | 4th FIDE Leyland Chess Congress**, Wellfield Business and Enterprise College, Yewlands Drive, Leyland PR25 2TP Open, Major Minor - Contact: David Clayton Email: dgclayton@btinternet.com Website: <http://www.leylandchess.org.uk/congress/index.htm>

#@ **28-30 Aug | Berks and Bucks Congress**, Polehampton C of E Junior School, Kibblewhite Crescent, Twyford, Berkshire RG10 9AX Contact: Nigel Dennis Email: nigelwdennis@btinternet.com

~ **30 Aug | CCF Rapidplay & CCF Blitz 7x10**, 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/>

~ **1-3 Sep | First Jorvik Chess Congress**, Wheatlands Lodge Hotel, York

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