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The Grading List issue is with us again... At the time of typing this I do not know exactly when the List will be ready; apologies if it is late. I know how much time Trevor Jones, the Grading Programmer, puts into the job to ensure that it is completed as soon as possible, and even when he has done his bit there is still the business of getting the whole thing printed.

It is usual for the September Editorial to include a reference to the numerous unpaid graders who make the Grading List possible. So usual, in fact, that it is in danger of becoming a sort of ritualistic tradition. It must never be that. Most of the grading work which has gone into the new List must have been over by, I suppose, the end of April; even now some of the graders will be at work on next year's List. Spare them a thought!

LETTERS

Dear Mr Haddrell,

You ask for views on the desirability of including county match details in the Bulletin.

I have no doubt that this is essential information not only to readers but especially to other county officials. As a past county match captain I can say that one must know the detailed performance of other teams, and their players.

Any departure from the present way in which the results are set out would be undesirable: one really cannot absorb results if not tabulated; presentation and ease of reading are surely more important than space. The image of an excellent news bulletin would be damaged if tabulation was discarded.

Hope these views will be helpful and will prevail!

Regards,

John Poole

Northwood, Mdx

Dear Mr Haddrell,

I think the SCCU Bulletin excellent, as a chess columnist for local newspapers I find the scores of the county matches most helpful, indeed essential for my purposes, please do not change or omit them. The scores you publish are often the only source for this information and you are remarkably up to date.

Kind regards,

Harry Woolverton

East Ham

Dear Mr Haddrell,

I certainly think the county match results should go in the Bulletin and that they should remain in tabular form. I also see no reason why non-Union match results should be omitted altogether.

RG Rodie

Chelmsford

Similar views from Kevin Thurlow ("sometimes it is the only way to get adjudication results!") and Ian Hunnoble. All right, I give in. -Ed

Dear Richard,

I have read your comments on "match defaults" in the latest SCCU Bulletin. I feel that where a team ties on match points, then if either team won a match by default this result should be deleted, also the defaulters' corresponding match against the other county tying should be deleted and the remaining game points would be decisive, i.e.

Middlesex $101\frac{1}{2} - 20 = 81\frac{1}{2}$

Kent $95\frac{1}{2} - 13 = 82\frac{1}{2}$

Another way is to divide the games total by the number of matches actually played, i.e.

Middlesex $81\frac{1}{2} / 7 = 11.64$ games per match

Kent $95\frac{1}{2} / 8 = 11.94$ games per match

In each case Kent would be champions.

Regards, Bob MacBrayne Petts Wood

Dear Mr Haddrell,

Payment for grading: - Anomalous grades arise if not all games are included. Recently, Cambridge did not send in results and at least one player who should have been graded about 170 played in an U130 tournament, scored 6/6 and walked off with first prize of about £100. This problem is bad enough already without it being worsened deliberately. Some players would be very happy if they were ungraded and I find Oxfordshire's action in distorting grades absolutely disgusting.

Despite all this, I see no reason why tournaments or leagues should not pay for grading. Anyone who plays in a tournament or plays for a club pays for the privilege, so funding should not be a problem.

Sincerely,

Kevin Thurlow Redhill

(What Oxon have done is to refrain from sending in grading cards for unregistered players. -Ed)

Dear Mr Haddrell,

...As payment for grading has been agreed by most London congresses including LARA at 5p per game I feel the main problem would be the leagues, who for the most part are too poor to pay, and clubs who send up their internal results but will not if they have to pay.

TB Packham

London SW11

Dear Mr Haddrell,

I would just like to emphasize one point which I don't think you made in connection with your comments on the proposed grading payment.

The main reason that I proposed deferment for a year at the SCCU AGM was that the scheme did not appear to have been fully considered before the plan was put to Council. In particular, it seemed that a substantial amount of money would be raised without a clear idea of how it would be apportioned and used. It was primarily on the financial logic (or lack of it) that I felt that the planners should go back to the drawing board...

I do agree that all organisations sharing in the benefits of grading should contribute and have no objection to a grading levy as such provided it is directed primarily at those organisations not otherwise contributing and the estimated revenue is identified and its allocation properly considered and agreed in Council so as to further chess activities.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely,

Bryan Fewell (President, Herts Chess Assn)

REPORT ON THE 1979 GRADING LIST

We must thank and congratulate our team of graders this year on an excellent job in calculating all the grading in time to be included in the list this year. All county results have been received, all the usual leagues except the Hillingdon League, and, as far as I know, all congress results except the big Aaronson Congress. The full list is given below.

As I write Trevor Jones is putting the finishing touches to a system of handling alterations and corrections to this year's grading by computer. Hopefully this will enable us to produce the grading list earlier than before. Even if we are not earlier this year, we should produce it earlier in subsequent years as a result of this year's work. I should mention that the main work involved is amending the names and initials of players who are new to the system, so that their results coming from different sources are correctly added together or, where appropriate, the grading for different people with the same name is kept separate. Over 500 amendments to details of new players sent in by graders are involved and it is the handling of these amendments which has delayed publication in the past.

The National List of players of 200+ has been carefully agreed with the Director of National Grading. In addition the BCF have made it their responsibility to co-ordinate the grading of players to a level which this year has been lowered to 175. Until the new computerised alteration system has been perfected, there may be items of grading which we have been unable to advise to the National Grader for players between 175 and 199, and so the grades we publish may differ from the list prepared by him but hopefully there will only be a handful this year.

I would like to emphasize the importance of match captains and other responsible county and club officials showing players' names correctly spelt with full correct initials and to send in results promptly. The better this work is done, the better the grading list will be.

We could still do with some further assistance with grading of congresses and

county match results, together with junior competitions, and I would appreciate hearing from anyone who is prepared to undertake this work.

BG Locke
Grading Secretary

Results included

- (1) Competitions within all 13 Counties
- (2) Junior and Senior County matches and the Chiltern League
- (3) The following independent leagues: Banks, Barnet, Basingstoke, Civil Service, Croydon, Insurance, Legal, London, London Commercial, Mid Kent, Mid Sussex, NALGO, North Circular, North Essex, Surrey, Hants border, Thames Valley, Southend
- (4) The British Championships at Ayr and the following congresses: Aaronson Masters, Basingstoke, Borehamwood, Charlton, Chelmsford, City of London, East Anglia, Evening Standard, Folkestone, Hastings, Hitchin, Ilford, Islington, LARA, Lloyds Bank Masters, Park Lane, Portsmouth, Southend, Surrey 1978 and 1979, Thanet, Thetford; together with congress results from MCCU, NCCU (East and West), WCU, WECU and SCA. The London Boys (Evening Standard) Championship (and some preliminary events) were included except the Under 8's.

GRADING OF GAMES PLAYED ABROAD

Could all players competing abroad who wish to have their results graded send prior notice and then their results to:

Peter Sowray
44b Sutton Court Rd
London W4 4NJ

FRIENDS OF CHESS

Harry Golombek, Chairman, reports that expenditure for 1978/9 exceeded income by over £1000, despite an increase in income. Nearly £4000 was paid out: £3300 for team events and tournaments (four international tournaments in this country, and four British teams in events abroad) and £546.50 to assist individuals (Speelman, Nunn, Goodman, Plaskett, Jackson, Caldwell) to travel to foreign events.

There were 198 Friends and 40 Patrons in 1978/9. Both figures were increases on the previous year's, but new members are always sought after. Prospective members should write to the Treasurer, Friends of Chess, Juniper Cottage, South Park Crescent, Gerrards Cross, Bucks SL9 8HJ. Minimum subscriptions: Patron £30, Friend £8.

ROUND THE COUNTIES

Not much from the Counties this time. Let us hope that no news is good news.

KENT: Club Tournament results - County Cup is down to the final between Charlton and Gravesend; Lewis Cup Thanet beat Charlton III on board count in the final; Stevenson Cup Chislehurst beat Medway II; En Passant Cup Swanley; Harvey Cup Silent Knights

Club Correspondence Championship: 1=Lewisham, Sittingbourne 8/12; 3 Ashford 7½... (13 teams played)

The Kent Schools Chess League now has four sections (U11, U13, U16, Senior) and entries for 1979/80 have hit a new record of 219 teams from 126 different schools.

Kent Festival of Sport (Chess Section): 1 Gravesham 9; 2 Medway 7; 3 Sevenoaks 6... (7 teams competed; ***** were penalised 3 points for not attending!!!)

ESSEX: Essex Championship - 1 JR Harradence 5½/7; 2 GF Yates 5½ (Harradence won the play-off 1½-½); 3-4 W Stirling, K Warren 5...

Essex League: Div 1 Upminster (for the second year running); Div 2 Harlow; Div 3 Brentwood; Div 4 Roding

Essex Commercial League was won by May and Baker.

Essex KO Trophy: Upminster have won the title for the third year running, beating East Ham 4½-1½ in the final.

North Essex League: Div 1 1= Chelmsford A, Wickford A 10½/13; Chelmsford A won on game points. Div 2 1 Chelmsford D 8½/11; Div 3 1 Chelmsford E 9½/11.

Individual Premier Tournament 1 IJ Myall (Chelmsford) 6/6; Indiv. Challengers 1 K Butcher (Braintree)

Arthur J Morrell died recently. He was a leading Essex and Ilford (London League) player during the fifties and sixties and had been Secretary of the Essex Chess Association for five years.

DAVID WOOD MEMORIAL TRUST

GL Smith, Secretary of the Trust, has sent an account of its activities. Your Editor knew nothing about the Trust until a couple of weeks ago - which probably proves more about your Editor than it does about the Trust; but in case there are others, in Essex and elsewhere, who share his ignorance we reproduce below a substantial extract from the Trust's recent publicity sheet.

Since the David Wood Memorial Trust was founded in October 1969 many Essex junior players have benefited from our financial support. The Essex junior team now has its own sets, boards and clocks, provided by the Trust; we have provided a number of trophies for the junior competitions; supported training for promising players and also provided grants towards juniors' participation in Union and National level events.

The Trustees believe that in the light of the experience of the first 10 years the Trust fills a need in the promotion of junior chess in Essex. During those 10 years Essex junior chess has come on in leaps and bounds (though the Trust cannot claim all the credit!)... The Trustees are constantly looking for ways to expand their activities and to do this we need to increase the capital investment of the Trust. The recent Wanstead "30-30" Tournament was a fund raising venture for the Trust and, though limited in its size, the event... added approximately £110 to the Trust's capital investment.

But we are not only concerned with getting money in - our principal task is to spend it. Our current level of cash available for expenditure is just over £100 annually. In the last year we have provided a prize for the best junior score in the Chelmsford Major 1978; provided another six clocks for junior use and made available a sum of money to assist a team in travelling to the U14 jamboree in Walsall where they finished equal second. A grant towards expenses of participation in the BCF Congress at Chester has been accepted by a junior candidate. Projected expenditure includes the purchase of further clocks and also prizes of £5 each for the best game played by an Essex junior in the U18 and U15 categories in the 12 months commencing 1st September 1978...

Currently the Trustees find they have to take the initiative in discovering where their financial support is needed, and feel that if their activities were more widely known, those responsible for the organisation of junior chess in Essex, whether in schools or clubs, could approach the Trust where financial assistance is required...

The Trust is a registered charity. Mr Smith's address: Chase Cottage, The Chase, Shenfield Common, Brentwood CM14 4JH

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

<u>Oxford Univ</u>		<u>Brighton</u>	
1 JDM Nunn (W)	1 0	NJ Holloway (B)	
2 J Speelman	1 0	BJ Denman	
3 DSC Goodman	1 0	P Henshaw	
4 PJ Sowray	0 1	GH James	
5 NR Benjamin	1 0	JIP Simpole	
6 JW Branford	0 1	JW Cornforth	
	4 2		

NATIONAL PLATE TOURNAMENT FINAL

<u>Mushrooms</u>		28.7.79	<u>Maidenhead</u>	
1 RA Harris (W)	1 0		JE Syner (B)	
2 RMR O'Kelly	1 0		JR Verling	
3 RL Johannes	1 0		TN Parrott	
4 M Prizant	1 0		NW Dennis	
5 WA Linton	1 0		WH Norris	
6 TW Pelling	1 0		TA Lane	
	6 0			

SUNDAY TIMES SCHOOLS TOURNEYFINAL

<u>St Pauls School</u>		<u>Bolton School</u>	
1 JM Hodgson	1 0	A Beardsworth	
2 WJ Watson	1 0	MJ Edwards	
3 RF Holmes	1 0	RS Scott	
4 MJ Benjamin	0 1	GD Jackson	
5 DB Rosen	1 0	M Derbyshire	
6 K Shovel	0 1	DR Keene	
	4 2		

THIRD PLACE MATCH

<u>Methodist C Belfast</u>		<u>K Edward VI</u>	
1 RG Frew	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AJ Griffiths	
2 RJ Williams	1 0	TM Joslin	
3 AM McCullough	1 0	SD Bell	
4 TG Boreland	0 1	MC Jackson	
5 NPJ Greer	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AGH Kluth	
6 JPA Smith	1 0	JA Forder	
	4 2		

COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

The final result of Middlesex's match against Lancashire on the 7th July was Middlesex $11\frac{1}{2}$ Lancashire $8\frac{1}{2}$.

Adjudications: 3 AP Law $\frac{1}{2}$ B Cafferty; 5 D Rumens 0 D Lees; 10 PG Large 1 NW Ivell

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CONGRESS RESULTSTHANET CHESS LEAGUE: FIRST THANET JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

at St Augustines College, Westgate 20th May 1979

Open 1 Graham Tidmarsh (Herne Bay) $3\frac{1}{2}/4$; 2 Paul Floyd (Chatham House GS) 3;
3 Nicholas Lawrence (Chatham House) 2; 4 Simon Ruckert (Chatham House) $1\frac{1}{2}$ Under 16 1 Seong Aun Chew (St Lawrence College) $5\frac{1}{2}/6$; 2 Paul Salakov (Chatham House) 5; 3 Hon Bing Hoh (St Lawrence College) $4\frac{1}{2}$; 4-7 Neil Dee (Chatham House), Nicholas Edwards (Chatham House), Jeremy Halse (Chatham House), Timothy Hill (Hartsdown) 4... 23 entriesUnder 13 1 Deborah Warren (Clarendon House) 7/7; 2-3 Richard Bray (Chatham House), Jonathan Horton (Chatham House) $5\frac{1}{2}$... 20 entriesUnder 11 1 Nigel Dee (Drapers Mills) 7/7; 2-6 Rory Bateman (Chilton), Francis Bray (St Lawrence College Junior School), John Catlow (Upton), Alan Clewley (Drapers Mills), Anthony Epps (Upton) 5... 28 entries

Prizes given by National Westminster Bank, Marks and Spencers, Winters Ltd, Boots, John Brown Ltd, Dreamland, Sharps Ltd, Albion Bookshop

SEVENTH CHARLTON CONGRESS 6-8 July 1979 at Thames PolytechnicOpen 1 NE Povah (Streatham) $5\frac{1}{2}/6$; 2-6 R Bellin, JG Nicholson (Streatham), ID Wells (Cumbria), J Kinlay, JN Sugden (Cambridge Univ) 5; Grading 175-190 S Quigley (Islington); Grading U175 PK Wells (Portsmouth) 4; Junior U18 G Crawley (Richmond), DJ King (Hayes) 4; Highest placed London Borough of Greenwich resident LS Blackstock (Charlton) 4 113 played.Major 1 P Harbott (Barking) 6/6; 2-7 BL Baer (Muswell Hill), DD Cox (Crystal Palace), A Gaffney (Hackney), P Neatherway (Medway), RC Pentecost (Lewisham), I Sherman (Hightown ACR) 5; Grading 135-150 LWD Baker (Chadwell Heath), AJ Parsons, P Smyth (East Ham); Grading U135 PG Christmas (Bognor); Junior U14 JM Emms (Norwich) $4\frac{1}{2}$ 151 played.Minor 1 SE Lazarus (Finchley) 6/6; 2-3 T Barber (Heath House), NH Twitchell (Ilford) $5\frac{1}{2}$; 4-9 MP Covington (RAF Mildenhall), W Maynard-Smith (Rainham), PJ Rositer (Portsmouth), B Ruane, AR Smith, C Conquest (Hastings) 5; Grading U110 K Cartmel (S Norwood), FRJ Martin (Belvedere Dons); Junior U14 JE Duggan (Wanstead), MJ Hills (Muswell Hill), AR Wise (Lewisham) 4; Junior U12 Karina Holly (Charlton), JW Franklin (Wanstead), DA Wood (Medway) $3\frac{1}{2}$; U10 H Bakhshi (Ilford) $2\frac{1}{2}$ 144 pl.EIGHTH EVENING STANDARD CONGRESS 27-29 July 1979 at the Cunard International

Hotel, London. The total entry of 777 was a European record for 1979.

National Bank of Dubai Open 1 Z Klaric (Yugoslavia) $5\frac{1}{2}/6$; 2-7 G Botterill (Wales), AD Martin (East Ham), JDM Nunn (Oxford), AH Perkins (Islington), CW Pritchett (Scotland), ND Short (Bolton) 5; 8-16 B Kurajica (Yugoslavia), LA Schneider (Sweden), E Formanek (USA), MG Chandler (NZ), U Avner (Israel), NE Povah (Streatham), B Rogulj (Yugoslavia), R Britton (Sheffield), MV Lambshire (Harrow) $4\frac{1}{2}$... 175 playedNational Bank of Dubai Amateur 1-5 N Bradbury (age 15, Borehamwood), A Hall (Worthing), GW Lane (age 14, Paignton), P Lucas (Leicester), P Taylor (Hayes, Kent) $5/6$... 165 playedLondon Major Championship 1-3 M Lee (Finchley), J McDonnell (Athenaeum), P Smyth (East Ham) $5\frac{1}{2}/6$... 202 playedLondon Novice Championship 1-2 P Eldridge (Maidstone), G Geuna (Islington) $6/6$... 235 played

More than 100 players received prizes (Cutty Sark Whisky, Grants of St James's Claret, RHM chess books, Lee's of Holborn Cine cameras and a Tolinka game recorder).

SIXTEENTH BERKS AND BUCKS CONGRESS at Amersham Community Centre, 24-27 August 1979

(166 entrants)

Invitation Masters 1-2 CG Flear, PC Girdlestone $3\frac{1}{2}/5$; 3 KI Norman $2\frac{1}{2}$; 4-5 B Eley, PW Hempson 2; 6 G Moore $1\frac{1}{2}$

Invitation Junior (supported by the Slater Foundation) 1 K Arkell $4/5$; 2 CA Frostick $3\frac{1}{2}$; 3-4 MR Beauchamp, DM Jamieson 3; 5 K Yeomans $2\frac{1}{2}$; 6 NE Martin 2; 7-8 S Barratt, MJ Church 1

Premier 1 GD Pearce 4; 2-3 MH Hawley, JF Rudge $3\frac{1}{2}$...

Challengers "A" 1-2 DR Carless, MV Taylor 4; 3 EN Bramley $3\frac{1}{2}$...

Challengers "B" 1-2 I Murray-Watson, E du Puget 4; 3-6 P Bevan, JP Knee, MF Redmond, CR Webb 3...

Reserves Sections: A 1 RN Dixon $4\frac{1}{2}/5$... B 1-4 MT Bolan, M Lucey, H Manning, T Woodman $3\frac{1}{2}/5$... C 1-2 Mrs O Chataway, AM Dunlop $4/5$... D 1-2 JF Gregson, AC Reid $4/5$... E 1 N Pilkington $4\frac{1}{2}/5$... F 1-2 PB Nathan, REW Scopes $4/5$... G 1 S Scopes $4\frac{1}{2}/5$... H 1 SK Cable $5/5$...

Late Sections: A 1 PA Lamford $5/5$... B 1 G Bonham $4/5$...

The Lightning Tournament was won by Mrs DM Wright who beat G Cabaj in the Final. JC Saunders beat CA Frostick in the play-off for third place.

A trophy donated by Mrs J Stean for the most promising U14 player was awarded to Andrew Melvin, aged 10, of Maidenhead who scored $4/5$ in Reserves H.

The Bucks Free Press tripartite shield was won by the Bourne End club.

SURREY EASTER CONGRESS 1979 at the Central Library, Sutton 13-16 April

Open 1-2 MJ Franklin (Richmond), D Rowson (Kingston) $6/7$; 3-6 BA Cheal (Streatham), R Emerson (Streatham), SJ Popham (Oxford Univ), PJ Sullivan (Sutton) $5\frac{1}{2}$... Grading prizes: U175 P Taylor (Hayes, Kent); U160 RP Nye (Glyn School) 5. Junior prize: P Johnstone (Richmond) $4\frac{1}{2}$ 85 played.

Major U145 1 Miss TM Needham (London W10) $6\frac{1}{2}/7$; 2-4 M Lyell (Acton), JJ McDonnell (Athenaeum), PJ Needham (W10) 6; 5-6 I Graham (Hackney), R Kane (Willesden) $5\frac{1}{2}$... Grading prizes: U130 P Thomas (Slough) 5; U115 M Ruston (Charlton S) 5; Junior U18 R Hillman (Glyn S) 5; U16 AP Pickering (Guildford) 5 108 played.

Main Tournaments (8 player APA): A 1 DD Cox (Crystal Palace) 5; 2 JDM Tymms (Stoneleigh) $4\frac{1}{2}$... B 1 G Hutchinson (Fulham) $5\frac{1}{2}$; 2-3 SM Mason (Coulson), JB Wharmby (Richmond) 5... C 1-2 G Sherman (Putney), D Patterson (W Wickham) 6...

Main Tournaments (6 player APA): E 1-2 DV Booth (Crystal Palace), Dr KW Lovel (DHSS) $3\frac{1}{2}$... F 1 Miss SK Walker (Banstead) $4\frac{1}{2}$; 2 JD Hilton (Forestdale) 4... G 1 JE Plummer (Sutton) $4\frac{1}{2}$; 2 L Fraser 4... H 1 G Veglio (Richmond) $4\frac{1}{2}$; 2 KH Kinsman (Richmond) 4... J 1 HM Lawrance (Hammersmith) $4\frac{1}{2}$; 2 IK Cross (Hampton) 4... K 1-2 P King (Wimbledon College), D Summers (Forestdale) 4...

Novice Tournaments (6 player APA): M 1 L Houghton 4; 2-3 C Goode (Sutton), MA Holder (Dorking) $3\frac{1}{2}$... N 1 J Okosieme (Charlton) 5; 2 JS Borrill (Eccleshall) 4... P 1 R Blakesley (Putney) 3; 2-4 R Doe, MS Harris (Woodcote Junior S), PFO Hollowday (Coulson) 2... (5 players only) Q 1 LJ Charlwood (Glyn S) 4; 2 CR Jones (W Wickham) $3\frac{1}{2}$... R 1 AJ Waters (Dulwich College) $3\frac{1}{2}$; 2 A Davidson (Dorking) $2\frac{1}{2}$... (5 players only) S 1-2 H Granat (Rutlish S), R McLoughlin (Acton) 4... T 1 I Waters (Dulwich College) $4\frac{1}{2}$; 2 W McLaughlin $3\frac{1}{2}$... U 1 S Collett 4; 2-4 D Burford (Wimbledon), P Colvin (Wallington High S), P Rogers (Wallington High S) 3... V 1-2 D Bell, PW Donnelly 4... W 1 Mrs P Armstrong (Ashted) 4; 2-3 H Kelly, DRC Sim (Streatham) $3\frac{1}{2}$... X 1-2 A Dryden (Kingston), SR Port (Alcazar) 4...

TENTH THANET CONGRESS at St Lawrence College, Ramsgate 31 Aug - 2 Sep 1979 (5 rd)

Open 1-2 B Eley (Rotherham), AC Kosten (Folkestone) $4\frac{1}{2}$; 3-6 G Botley (Lewisham), GM Brown (Folkestone), P Morrey (Reading), DLL Springate (Gillingham) 4... 52 ent. Thanet Prize and highest placed Junior prize: GR Tidmarsh (Herne Bay) 3 (Brian Eley has now played in 7 Thanet Congresses, finishing =1st 3 times, =2nd twice and =3rd once.)

Major 1-2 C Kostic (Chester; also highest placed Junior), GJ Mason (London) $4\frac{1}{2}$; 3 P Heatherway (Gillingham) 4; 4-16 RG Blake (Ashford), NR Calver (Dartford), H Dobson (Lewisham), WT Franklin (Ilford), NC Lawrence (Broadstairs), SJ Pullinger (Canterbury), TA Ricketts (Margate), Mrs Roodzant-Glimmerveen (Holland), RC Shilling (Ashford), V Stevens (Hythe), P Tatham (Margate), H Thomas (Gillingham), MR Wiltshire (Dartford) $3\frac{1}{2}$... 51 entered

Minor 1 NH Twitchell (London) 5; 2-4 NJ Edwards (Dover; highest placed Junior), N Lister (Brighton), P Reed (Chester) 4; 5-12 JM Baldwin (Gillingham), MA Brewer (London), FN Copping (Whitstable), F Dusetti, P Giddins (Chatham), JMC Gilbert (Chatham), AJ Thorogood (Petts Wood), AJ Youell (Folkestone) $3\frac{1}{2}$... 49 entered

Highest placed Juniors won BCM vouchers.

"We get a lot of regulars now, and they seem such a cheerful bunch." - MR Croft (Secretary/Treasurer)

You are White in the diagram position. It is your move, and you have just touched your opponent's Bishop. You regret this, because you have now seen that QxB is not a very good move. The Controller is watching, and it is obvious that you touched the Bishop on purpose. You did not say anything that could plausibly be passed off as "j'adoube". What do you do? (Quickly!)

							(K)
			B	(B)			
						Q	K

Answer: Without the least hesitation you touch your own Bishop. You can now play the only winning move: Bf6 mate. When your opponent's howls of protest have subsided, you draw his attention (and the Controller's) to Article 8.2 of the Laws of Chess: "If the player having the move touches one of his own pieces and one of his opponent's pieces, he must capture his opponent's piece with his own piece; or, if this is not possible, move his own piece." Experienced rule-riders will know that speed is of

the essence here, since any delay in touching your own Bishop will almost certainly induce the Controller to break the rules in your opponent's favour, and you don't want all the bother of appealing to FIDE.

Speaking of FIDE, when are they going to re-write the Laws? (Yes, this is your Editor off on one of his hobby-horses again.) This particular loophole seems easy enough to plug. I vaguely remember - but have not checked - that the Laws used to say you had to move or capture the first piece touched which could be moved or captured. They say so now, if the pieces touched are all of the same colour. I don't understand why this can't apply when you've touched pieces of both colours; except when you've touched a piece of each colour "simultaneously", in which case the present rule seems reasonable and just. Maybe this case is what FIDE had in mind; if so they should have said so. It is not hard to draft a simple and workable definition of simultaneity. As the rules stand, it is perfectly legal to pick up an opponent's piece, put it back, think for twenty minutes and then not take the piece at all.

The Advanced Cheat does not confine himself to legal ploys. The most sophisticated Cheating technique I have personally experienced is known as "petomania".* It actually infringes Rule 19.1c, but no player subjected to it is likely to think of that at the time. I came across the technique a few years ago when invited to an acquaintance's house for some "friendly" games. He had a large Alsatian dog which lay under the table throughout the session. Without dwelling on what the Alsatian did under the table, I will say that it did nothing to improve the atmosphere between me and my opponent.

* because it calls for the use of a pet animal

BCF COUNCIL

The 75th annual Council Meeting held on the 14th July seems to have been largely taken up with uncontroversial routine matters. If you missed it, there is a full report in the August News Flash. Things got controversial when it got to PFG, of course. We quote from News Flash: "The West of England, Northern Counties and Midland Counties are all reported to favour a principle of grading all available results, but actually publishing the grades of players who had registered. The Southern Counties regard this as administratively impossible, and prefer to publish all grades but to include in the calculation only data from contributing events. The various arguments pro and contra were brought out again, with particular emphasis from West and Northern delegates both on grading as a privilege and on the propriety of the South maintaining its position when in a minority. Eventually a moderate resolution was taken to the effect that the Board report be noted, without further mandatory action, but that the South be asked - if unable to go along with the recommendations of the other three Unions - to ensure that their procedures were not "in conflict" with the other Unions'." (Some chance! -Ed.)

The Budget Meeting of the Council will be in Birmingham on Saturday 26th April 1980, and the next Annual Meeting on 12th July, also in Birmingham.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

The board 16 game went to adjudication (see July issue), but there was a discrepancy between the positions sent in by the two sides. Essex II's claim for a win was disallowed when it was found that the discrepancy was their fault. Result: SJ Abbott $\frac{1}{2}$ EG Sparke; match result Essex II 13 Devon II 3. Thanks to Paul Buswell for this information.

BCET SCHOOL SHIELDS

We congratulate Newbury Park Primary School, current London Primary Champions, on their award of a shield from the British Chess Educational Trust. Newbury Park were the SCCU nominee for a shield this year.

The SCCU Executive considers nominations each year at its meeting nearest to December. Nominations should be sent to the SCCU Secretary without delay.

TO ALL COUNTY SECRETARIES AND MATCH CAPTAINS

AJ Douglas, Tournament Secretary, reminds all Counties that they must send him their lists of nominated players (i.e. those who may not play for a lower team) before the start of the season.

You are also reminded that with effect from the 1st September 1979 the adjudication fee is £2 and the appeal fee £3. (See also page 9)

GAMES

The following brevity was runner-up for the brilliancy prize at the Evening Standard Congress. White MJ Yeo (Mitcham) Black A Erdal-Smith (Southend)

1 c4	g6	6 Bd3	Bb7	11 f5!	gf5	16 Bg5+	N7f6
2 d4	Bg7	7 O-0	Nd7	12 Nf7!	Kf7	17 Qc1	Kf7
3 Nc3	d6	8 e5	b4	13 Ng5+	Ke7	18 Be6+	Kg6
4 f4	a6	9 Ne4	d5	14 Ne6!	Ke6	19 Qg3	Ne4
5 Nf3	b5	10 N4g5	e6	15 Bf5+	Ke7	20 Bf7 mate	

And the catastrophe on the right overtook a player in the Leicester Open.

White JE Scholes Black Anon

1 c4	e5	5 Nxd4	Qf6.
2 Nc3	f5	6 N4b5	Kd8
3 Nf3	Nc6	7 Nxc7	Bb4
4 d4	ed4	8 Bg5	

and White won.

Your Editor likes short games because (a) they're easy to type and (b) he doesn't understand the long ones.

SCCU OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

It has been suggested that names and addresses should appear in each issue. They can't go inside the front cover without making a mess of it - it's been tried - but we'll try to squeeze them in each time.

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* Note Mr Cox's new address.

The Executive meets on Friday 21st September. The meeting will be reported in the November issue - unless the Grading List gets unexpectedly delayed, in which case it could be on a later page in this one...

Some more reminders from Jeff Douglas, in addition to the ones on page 8:

- (1) Send results to him promptly (the rules say within 7 days). This applies also, and especially, to adjudication claims. Late claims will not be accepted.
- (2) Note adjudication and appeal fees, £2 and £3 respectively.
- (3) Be precise in following the adjudication rules. Make certain your diagrams are legible, with Black at the top end and Black pieces ringed. State the number of men on each side, and who has the move. Also whether castling or an e.p. capture is possible.
- (4) If you or your County Treasurer wish to use the "deposit" system this year the new BCF Adjudications Secretary is quite agreeable. Suggested amounts are £20 - £30 per team to cover adjudications, any residue to be returned at the end of the season. Cheques should be payable to Dr RHS Phillips and crossed "BCF Adjudication Account". Send them to Jeff Douglas.

LLOYDS BANK MASTERS TOURNAMENT

at the Ivanhoe Hotel, London

1-3 MG Chandler (NZ), A Haik (France), H Westerinen (Finland) 7/9; 4 B Jansson (Sweden) 6½; 5-14 GS Botterill (Wales), M Petursson (Iceland), V Ravikumar (India), D Friedgood (Charlton), S Knott (Hammersmith and Cambridge Univ), DJ King (age 16, Bromley), AP Law (Acton), PE Littlewood (Daventry and Skelmersdale), S Odendahl (USA), CS Crouch (Harrow and Cambridge Univ) 6... 94 played
Murray Chandler won the Lloyds Bank Trophy on tie-break.

LLOYDS BANK JUNIOR

1 Lawrence Pinto (Edmonton) 6½/7; 2-5 N Bradbury (Boreham Wood), CP Garwood (Luton), JA Giltrow (Wood Green), A Rizvi (Pinner and Pakistan) 5½... 80 played

The Lloyds Bank Masters is the major event in the Bank's £12 000 support of British chess, which also includes the Oxford v Cambridge University match, the annual BCF Junior Squad Championships, national tournaments for ladies and girls, and the first British Chess Problem Solving Championship.

A Tournament Bulletin of the Masters is available from Peter Morrish, 3 Elmside, 55 Stoneyfields Lane, Edgware HA8 9SG. It contains a full report and about 150 selected games. Price £2.50 payable to the London Chess Association.

The Lloyds Bank National Ladies Chess Tournament (with a very high junior entry) is on Sunday 23rd September at Finsbury Park, just after the England v Wales Ladies International (22 Sep), also supported by the Bank.

A game from the Lloyds Bank Masters: White GS Botterill (Wales) Black R Kraidman (Israel)

1 d4	Nf6	11 e5	dxe5	18 Bd5	Be6	(25	cx d4
2 c4	c5	12 fxe5	Ng4	19 Bxe6	Rxe6	26 Rxc8+	Kh7
3	d6	13 0-0	(better	20 Ne4	h6?	27 d7!	wins)
4	g6	than the older Bg5)		21 Rcl		26 Rxc5	Nc6
5 e4	Bg7	13	Nxe5	(21 Bxh6?	Qh4)	27 Rxc6!	Rd8
6 Bc2	0-0	14 Bf4	Nbd7	21	b6	(27...Rxc6	28 d7)
7 f4	a6	15 d6	Nxf3+	22 b4!	Rc8	28 Nf6+	Kf8
8 a4	e6	16 Bxf3	Bd4+?	23 bxc5	bxc5	29 h3	a5
9 Nf3	exd5	(weakens the defences)		24 Bxh6!	Qh4	30 Qb6	Ra8
10 cxd5	Re8	17 Kh1	Ne5	25 Qxd4!	Qxh6	31 d7	1-0

FROM THE NEW LIST

Players on 220+ in the 1979 SCCU Grading List are listed below. (Culled from a quick glance at the computer print-out: hope no errors!)

246 Nunn JDM (+11)	235 Mestel AJ (-3)	222 Plaskett HJ (+17)
244 Stean MF (+4)	230 Webb S (-1)	221 Taulbut SM (+2)
242 Littlewood PE (+18)	227 Chandler MG (+5)	220 Bellin R (-1)
238 Hartston WR (-1)	225 Keene RD (-6)	
236 Speelman JS (+4)	223 Basman MJ (+3)	

A POSSIBLE GRADING SERVICE

The computer records in Tunbridge Wells contain a great deal of information on players past and present. Most of it does not get into the published Grading List. It is possible to extract this information, or parts of it, in any number of different ways and Trevor Jones, the Grading Programmer, has been wondering whether there is a potentially useful service to be gained from this.

Briefly, organisations or individuals could commission special print-outs of selected information. There would obviously be a fee, and the proceeds would go to

offset the Union's grading expenses. (These are no longer fully covered by sales of Grading Lists.)

To give an idea of the sort of thing that could be produced, here are some possibilities:

Statistical calculations: average grade of all players, or of juniors by ages; standard deviations, changes from year to year, numbers of games.

Input information: lists of players changing clubs; itemised grading input for all players in a given club or county.

Master information: lists for a county or club of its players giving any desired information, printed in numerical, alphabetical, club or grade order - could be a selective list (e.g. minimum grade or minimum number of games, or active players only.)

A quite separate possibility - independent of the current SCCU grading system - is the development of programs for the grading of leagues or tournaments. Mr Jones already has one for his own use, but it would need modifying to make it suitable for general use. This could be done if there was sufficient interest among congress organisers willing to pay for it.

Any organiser interested in pursuing these thoughts is invited to write to HT Jones, Flat 2, 11 Guildford Rd, Tunbridge Wells, Kent (SAE please). Do remember that we are only sounding out interest at this stage: we make no promises that anything will come of it.

FORTHCOMING CONGRESSES

- Sep 28-30 CHELMSFORD: Open; U161. PC Elliott, 211 Broomfield Rd, Chelmsford CM1 4HE
 28-30 HULL: Open; U150; U110. JP Lawson, 355 Wold Rd, Hull HU5 5PU
 28-30 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE EVENING TELEGRAPH: Open; U160; U130; U14; U11.
 K Ball, 259 Deeble Rd, Kettering
- 28-30 LIVERPOOL: Open; U150; U120. J Johnson, 7 Hetherlow Towers, Liverpool
- Oct 5-7 WORCESTERSHIRE: W Watson, 18 Lyttelton Rd, Droitwich
 5-7 GREATER MANCHESTER: Open; U165; U125. C Pinel, 1 Sinclair Avenue,
 Manchester 8
 5-7 PERTH: AP Borwell, 3 Broomhill Avenue, Perth
 5-7 NORTH DEVON: U161. MEE Clarke, Oakdale, Bush, Bude, Cornwall
 6-7 SOUTH LAKELAND: Open. J Billsborough, 102 Holborn Hill, Millom
 12-14 NORTH DEVON: Open; U141. MEE Clarke, Oakdale, Bush, Bude, Cornwall
 12-14 BASINGSTOKE: Open. RE Boxall, 91 Campsie Close, Buckskin, Basingstoke
 RG22 5DQ
 13 LLOYDS BANK MIDLAND GIRLS: Ages 11-19. T Osgerby, Etone School, Leicester
 Rd, Nuneaton
- 14-20 GUERNSEY INTERNATIONAL: Open. Chess Secretary, PO Box 23, St Peter Port
- 19-21 SCARBOROUGH: Open; U161; U136; U18. D McGregor, 61 Redscar Lane, Scarborough
- 20-21 HERTFORDSHIRE: Open; U161; U131. Hitchin Chess Congress, 7 Kipling Close,
 Hitchin
- 20-21 LONDON JUNIOR TEAM: U21; U16; U12. LG Goodwin, 63 Aberdeen Pk, Highbury
 N5 2AZ
- 26-28 LARA: Open; U160; U130. WL Bush, 63 St Johns Rd, Newbury Park, Ilford
 IG2 7BD
- Nov 3-4 KENT JUNIOR CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS at Tonbridge: U18; U16; U14; U11; U10; U9.
 DJ Brown, 32 St Johns Rd, Petts Wood, Orpington 21854
- 16-18 OXFORD CITY CENTENARY: Open; U170; U140. F Wood, 2 Silver Birches,
 Stanton St John, Oxford.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

BCF News Flash for August and September; Kent Chess for August.

AN APPEAL FROM THE EDITOR

Two appeals, really:

(1) Will all County match captains please send me their full results for publication. A carbon- or photocopy of the one you send to Jeff Douglas will do fine. The graders work directly from results as published in the Bulletin, so that matches not sent to me will not get graded. I am not prepared to copy Championship results out of News Flash.

I am always glad to hear news from other County and Club officials, not to mention congress organisers.

(2) I am sending complimentary copies of the Bulletin to all known editors of County newsletters, and I would be grateful to receive not too infrequent copies of their publications in exchange.

Some Counties publicise themselves much more loudly than others. Lately the two most noticeable publications ("strident" is more the word for one of them!) have been the two very newest. Long may they continue.

Speaking of publications, Charlton Chess Club's Annual Report passed through my hands some weeks ago. It is a truly monumental document. I wonder how many other clubs produce a report running to 34 pages of A4...

SCCU FIXTURE LIST 1979/80

This list was correct on the 7th August 1979 though there may be subsequent alterations. The home team is named first.

Teams competing:

Championship - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Kent, Middlesex, Oxfordshire, Surrey, Sussex

Montague-Jones - Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire II, Essex II, Hertfordshire II, Kent II, Middlesex II, Norfolk, Suffolk, Surrey II, Sussex II

Amboyna - Essex III, Kent III, Middlesex III, Surrey III, Sussex III

Ebony - Berkshire II, Essex IV, Kent IV, Kent V, Surrey IV

Date	CHAMPIONSHIP	MONTAGUE-JONES	AMBOYNA	EBONY
Sep 22		MN		
29	MBu	SxSy, BdK		BrSy, K4K5
Oct 6	KH, SxE	ESk	SxM	
13	SyM, BrBu			
20		ESx, SkH, CBd, KM, NSy		SyK4, EBr
27	SxC, EBr, BuK		ESx	
Nov 3		SyK, MC, BdSk, HE		K4E, K5Sy
10	CM, OH, SyBu, KE, BrSx		KE, SyM	
17		HSx, EBd, SkM, CSy		EK5, BrK4
24	BrC, SxK, ExSy, BuO, HM		ESy, SxK	
Dec 1	CO	HC, MSx		
8		KN, BuBd (Fleming)	SySx, KM	K5Br, SyE
15	OE		ME	
Jan 5		SySk		
12	SySx, KBr	BdH	MSx, SyK	
19	CH	SxK, NC, ME		SyBr, K5K4
26	KC, BrSy, SxO, EM, BuH		MK, SxE	
Feb 2		BdSx, HM, ESy, SkN, CK		K4Sy, BrE
9	CBu, HE, MSx, OBr, SyK		EK, MSy	
16		SxC, KSk, NE, SyH, MBd		EK4, SyK5
23	SyC, KO, BrM, SxH, EBu		SyE, KSx	
Mar 1		BdSy, HN, EK		K5E, K4Br
8	EC, BuSx, HBr, MK, OSy	SkC	SxSy, EM	
15				
22		SxN, CE, KH, SyM		BrK5, ESy
29	MO, HSy			
Apr 5				
12		NBd, SxSk	KSy	

Congress organisers are reminded that the "permanent" fixture list was published in the Bulletin for July 1979. There are, of course, some differences between this and the 1979/80 list above. Nigel Dennis, Fixtures Secretary, suggests that in general the dates of Champ. and MJ matches will follow the permanent list quite closely but Amboyna and Ebony dates will tend to get changed. (But a fair number of County Championship and MJ matches seem to have got moved this year. -Ed) A and E matches will usually be on the same dates as C and MJ respectively.

JUNIOR FIXTURE LIST

40 board County matches (U18):

Nov 17	Middlesex v Surrey, Essex v Kent) All at St Brides except Essex v Middx which is at Highgate School.
Dec 8	Essex v Surrey, Kent v Middlesex	
Feb 2	Kent v Surrey, Essex v Middlesex	

Jamborees:

Feb 16	Metropolitan Counties U18 (20 boards)
Mar 1	SCCU U18 (12 boards)
Apr 26	SCCU U14 (20 boards) - open to all Counties: contact Fred Manning

Other events:

Mar 8	National U14 team championship (10 boards) in London
Mar 29-30	SCCU/BCF Junior Squad: U10/U12; U16
Apr 18-20	" U14; U18; Girls U18
Apr 11-13	North London Junior Championships (G Goodwin, 63 Aberdeen Pk, London N5)

Please remember that Peter Morrish (3 Elmside, 55 Stoneyfields Lane, Edgware HA8 9SG) is trying to co-ordinate congress dates. If you are running a congress he would like to know about your dates.