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Afraid the sub has gone up again, inevitably. The Bulletin is supposed to be self-supporting, but lost £30 or so last year.

You can help to make this a better Bulletin by contributing to it. We like to hear from you! County and Club news, opinion, anything publishable so long as it's about chess. We enjoy controversy when we can get it.

SCCU GRADING LIST

The 1982 List should be available in the first half of September, price £1.70 (or less for bulk orders). The order form on the front of this issue can also be used for ordering Grading Lists. It helps if you get your order in in good time, but remember the publication date is not absolutely certain.

The Grading List is sold separately from the Bulletin. Bulletin subscribers do not get a copy automatically.

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual Council Meeting of the Union was held on Saturday 19th June 1982 at the London School of Economics. 30 attended. Only Essex and Kent had their full complement of 3 delegates, and Norfolk and Oxon were quite unrepresented. The minutes will go to all Counties, but the main points of an unusually brief Meeting were:

(1) Accounts. We had improved on recent forecasts by showing a deficit of only £33, and this attributable to an unbudgeted contribution of £40 to the London Junior Championships. Grading List sales were down again (about 800), but this had been more or less offset by improvements elsewhere.

The Accounts were adopted nem con.

(2) Budget 1982-3.

(a) Bulletin sub £2.30. Nobody argued. (b) Grading List £1.70, with a 20p reduction for orders of 10 or more copies. Some thought the budgeted deficit of well over £200 on grading services was excessive; most thought it acceptable in view of indirect revenue from the BCF Congress Affiliation scheme. Recent history suggested that raising the price of the Grading List tended to be counterproductive anyway. (c) Levy £8 per point. The Treasurer had originally suggested £8 but thought we could afford to come down to £7.50 if we wanted. The Meeting decided to play safe, partly because of fears about appeals against levy assessment.

(3) Inter-County competitions 1981-2. Mr Douglas reported a good season from an organiser's point of view, though the loss of Oxon and Norfolk was regrettable. Adjudications and appeals were both down.

(4) Grading. Mr Locke said things seemed well in hand for the 1982 List. Time could be saved by a new facility for omitting new players with less than 5 games. The SCCU policy of accepting results only from affiliated congresses appeared to be working well.

(5) Individual Championship. Mr Manning said there was a danger of financial loss in future unless he tailored the prizes more closely to entries, instead of guaranteeing a prize based on an entry of 24 as in recent years. This year Kent and Surrey between them had provided 18 of the 22 entrants; some Counties seemed uninterested. It was thought there was little to be done about this.

(6) Berks Juniors. Predictably, this came up under "Junior Organiser's Report". There was much sympathy for Berks's wish to get into the "Metropolitan" 40-board league, against the apparent wishes of the 4 Counties already in it. There are, of course, genuine problems. The obvious possibilities are two extra dates to accommodate the extra fixtures involved (difficult); and a replacement of the existing matches by jamborees (not popular with the 4). The Executive was asked to look at the problem urgently.

(7) SCCU Equipment. The Union possesses 48 clocks and 40 sets and boards. These live in Surrey and are rarely used except by Surrey, though Suffolk are to borrow them for a junior event in the coming season. Some commented that we ought to make sure any organisation using SCCU equipment, including Counties, paid a realistic fee to offset depreciation and insurance. Others wondered if we really ought to have this equipment at all. The Executive was asked to consider the pros and cons of selling it.

(8) Elections. Names and addresses those elected are inside the front cover. The Meeting expressed its warm appreciation for the work of the retiring President, Jeff Douglas. (The minute secretary - RJH - has culpably forgotten to note this fact in the Council minutes and hopes someone will remember to put it in officially next year.)

(9) Tournaments for 1982-3. The Executive has set up a sub-committee to study possible reorganisation of the MJ, including regionalisation. No proposals are envisaged before next year's Council Meeting, if then. However, Mr Dennis felt the issues needed an airing and explained them in some detail. He would, indeed, have liked some decisions

on the spot but the Meeting thought this would be premature. (Mr Dennis's ideas are sketched in issue 144 of the Bulletin though he has revised them slightly since.)

The Meeting took about 2½ hours - a whole hour less than the previous year's. Does this herald a welcome trend?

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The SCCU Executive, in contrast with BCF practice, meets after the Council Meeting. (Must be a moral there somewhere.) To be honest, business is usually confined to appointing BCF delegates and fixing the date of the next meeting. On this occasion, though, the Executive spent some time on the Individual Championship and Berks Juniors issues. It aims for rapid progress on the latter. It also resolved to send complimentary copies of the Bulletin to all County Secretaries.

COUNTY SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE

Just in case you've not received the BCF notice for any reason: deadline for Yearbook copy is the 9th August. "Due" for publication 11th October, price to Counties £2, or £1.80 before 31 Aug.

LETTERS

Dear Richard,

In the company of Harry Golombek, County President; David Anderton, BCF President, and his wife, and others, my wife and I were privileged to be guests at the Golden Jubilee Dinner of the Buckinghamshire County Chess Association.

This was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and reflects the greatest credit on George Parker and his County colleagues.

Some 70-80 people sat down to dinner and afterwards Harry Golombek presented the trophies for the season's County competitions. David Anderton then proposed the toast of "the Bucks County Chess Association". The County Chairman proposed "the guests", to which I responded.

I also took the opportunity of presenting the Fleming Trophy to George.

Towards the end of the evening everyone present was given a copy of a County History which had been prepared by Alan Cox.

I would like, publicly, to pay tribute to the Bucks Association and all its Officers and Members for the work they have put into the various events arranged as part of the celebrations of this Jubilee and wish them every success and good fortune for the next 50 years.

Sincerely,
AJ Douglas (retiring) President, SCCU

Dear Mr Haddrell,

It is possible to be given a win after claiming a draw from an adjudication. (See last issue. -Ed)

At the end of the 1978-79 season I adjourned the exchange up but as the match did not depend on the result and I could not see an immediate way of exploiting the advantage I offered my opponent a draw. He thought, however, that he had winning chances and insisted on claiming a win. In due course the result came back as a win for me!

I do not know whether the County retrieved its deposit, but it would have been very unfair, in my opinion, to lose one's deposit in such circumstances.

1978-79 was a good season for adjudications from my point of view. I scored 4 out of 3½!

Yours sincerely,
Alan Cox Reading

Ed: Bad news. We've checked with Hugh Phillips, BCF Adjudications Secretary, and the official answer is that you don't get your money back if you claim a draw and receive a win. Seems wrong to us. What happens if the reluctant winner says "I'm quite happy with the draw I claimed, thanks very much, and how about my money back?"? Not so silly, if you're more concerned about your pocket than your grade and only sent it up in the first place because the other fool insisted.

Might be tidier if the rules made it impossible to claim a draw and get a win. Any views? And what is the position with non-BCF adjudications?

Dear Mr Haddrell,

I enclose current issue of Sussex Chess News, with compliments... In 5 games for Sussex III last year, I won 3 by default - possibly some kind of record for a non-match-captain. In the last of these my opponent on board 1 was the only player not to arrive, and I didn't even have the courtesy of an explanation, let alone apology, from the captain...

Best regards
Paul Watson Brighton

Ed: We've counted about 85 defaults this season, excluding a couple of "block" ones presumably notified in advance. This is probably about par.

"The Bulletin offers its own prize of YOUR NAME IN PRINT to anyone who can tell it what 'p.l.c.' means." - Ourselves, last time. Verse...

Dear Mr Haddrell,

We lesser mortals rarely shine,
And I am no exception,
But yesterday, the 20th May,
You raised my expectation.
The prospect of my name in print,
And on the front page too,
Or if that is too much to ask,
Perhaps page 2 will do.

In letters of a height I think,
That catches all attention.
I'll leave the actual size to you,
But with some apprehension.
Now to the heart of the matter,
I'm a little surprised you see,
For Lloyds Bank p.l.c.
Means public limited company.
JA Leake Harpenden

And worse:

Lloyds Bank Ltd

Have a new style which I think rather grim. It'd
Have been better

If they could have stuck to the good old traditional name and saved me all the bother of
typing an abbreviation with a full stop after every letter.

So for p.l.c.

I'll put PIC

Which is not only full-stop-less but also comma-less,

And if this happy solution is felt by purists to constitute an anomaly, I shall beg to
remain anomalous.

And this correspondence is CLOSED! -Ed

Alan Cox and Paul Watson have both written to point out an error in the adjudication
results given last time. Kent III v Sussex III 27.2.82 should have read: 2 Atkins 1
Green; 3 O'Connor $\frac{1}{2}$ Butt; 4 Callow $\frac{1}{2}$ Sheldon... No need to tell the grader, Alan Cox is
the grader. He also spotted the match we published twice.

There has been considerable debate, both in Council and in the Executive Committee, on
the ailing Montague-Jones competition. Nigel Dennis has proposed radical new ideas to
combat the travel problem, and an Executive sub-committee has been set up to consider all
the possibilities. We have just learnt that the Cambs committee has ideas of its own.
What follows is obviously very much in the preliminary stages, and we must emphasise that
Cambs have not yet consulted any of the other Counties named. The Cambs AGM has authorised
its committee to proceed with consultations.

AN EAST ANGLIAN CHESS UNION?

by Robert Richmond (President, Cambridgeshire CA)

Over recent years the second team has been a permanent problem to Cambs. We have enough
players provided a suitable competition can be found. Playing in the Montague-Jones has
proved impossible. There are too many fixtures over too many boards and over all, too
much travelling to London. An unofficial East Anglian League has failed to provide
enough matches. The only long term solution, it seems to Cambs, is the formation of an
East Anglian Union. It is a very noticeable feature of the West of England Chess Union
that all the smaller counties successfully run two teams over 16 boards. Cambs, Norfolk,
Suffolk and Beds have all tried and failed to run two 20-board teams. I have accordingly
been instructed to take soundings from neighbouring counties.

Possible outline of Union: Membership - The minimum viable unit is Norfolk, Suffolk,
Cambs, Herts and Beds. Bucks might be interested but it is inconceivable that Essex, with
its strong metropolitan base, would join. To maintain links with rural Essex the North
Essex League could join. The League might run a team in the second division and its mem-
bers participate in other Union events - without prejudicing the basic interests of the
County. The Bury League ran the Suffolk II team in the East Anglian League. Giving them
membership would surely facilitate the re-appearance of this team. It would be useful to
allow Cambs to split into County and University, at some future date, allowing the Univer-
sity to run a second team. Hunts and Peterborough might be interested, particularly if
they could have dual membership of the MCCU and East Anglian Union. This would allow
them to run their first team in the MCCU and the second in East Anglia.

County matches: Any new Union will be judged primarily on its effect on county
teams. Travelling will be reduced. There will probably be fewer matches. The quality
of opposition will be reduced for teams established in division I, remain on average the
same for teams oscillating between divisions I and II and be improved for teams in divi-
sion II. The minimum number of boards would be reduced to 16, but most division I matches
would probably continue to be played over 20. The long term advantage would be the
establishment of a second division.

Other events: An East Anglian Union could run events that the SCCU is unable to do.
A club knock-out similar to the National Club and Minor Club is an obvious example. Other
possibilities are a Union Congress (similar to the WECU) and county team jamborees. These
events would provide compensation for the reduction in county matches for keener players.

Privileges of Union: The Union would naturally seek representation on the Manage-
ment Board and the right for Union champions to play in national events. There would

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probably have to be a re-organisation of the counties championship. At present each Union nominates two teams. Adding two East Anglian teams would require an extra round. As a consequence only one Eastern team will be admitted, at the expense of the second Western team. East Anglia has tended to suffer by being part of the strongest Union. For example only Hertfordshire (1976) and Cambridgeshire (1982) have reached the quarter-finals in recent years.

Cost: An Eastern Union grading list, with at most 1000 names, will obviously be cheaper. Since the grading is unlikely to be computerised there will be no deficit on this activity, unlike the SCCU. This will be offset by relatively higher administrative expenses.

WE ARE NOT ALONE

"It is felt that unless something is done - and quickly - the players who have to travel an all round trip of nearly 200 miles in one day may find it impossible. Already Cornwall are stipulating that they cannot travel farther than Exeter - and other counties have long hauls to a suitable venue." - Ralph Newman in "Westward Ho!", official bulletin of the WECU.

Proposals, or maybe just ideas, were before the WECU Council 5th June for turning the WECU county competitions into a series of weekend "congresses" - each county to take part in (say) two of them, playing three matches per congress. Travel costs would be cut, but hotel bills might take some of the gilt off. We don't know if any decisions were made, but we can think of one or two Kent players who have a round trip of nearly 140 miles for home matches.

REVIEW

RAY KEENE'S GOOD MOVE GUIDE Raymond Keene and Andrew Whiteley: Oxford University Press 141 pp £4.95 paperback. Short algebraic.

No, I don't know why it isn't called "Ray Keene and Andrew Whiteley's Good Move Guide". This is a companion volume to "Bent Larsen's Good Move Guide" reviewed issue 144, and to my mind it suffers by comparison. That book knew what it was; this one falls between two stools. It is a collection of 70 critical positions chronologically arranged 1843 (Saint Amant - Staunton) to 1980. The reader is asked to pick his move each time, and the various possibilities are analysed. Not all are tactical positions, by any means. In some cases the "critical" move is so positional that it isn't even clear whether it is really winning or not. Fair enough; and Keene fans will expect the odd couple of games where the key move is N-R1. So far, so good. But the other stool is that the authors have tried to turn the book into a game collection as well by giving all the moves, on facing pages. Entirely without notes. I'm all for annotated games, and I'm all for annotated positions, but this is neither; and the noteless moves take up a good deal of space. Poor compromise.

I was briefly amused by the novel symbols, including dunces' caps for the blunders. But they're only a gimmick. For one thing, they take up more room than question marks and have to be consigned to the margin. Buy the Larsen book.

RJH

CONGRESS RESULTS

33rd ILFORD 29-31 May

Open 1-2 AC Kosten, J Plaskett 5½; 3-5 C Cooley, S Macaulay, JN Briggs 5... 79 pl
Grading 179-170 JN Briggs; 169-160 J Laskowski, R Kane, NW Faulks 4; U160 PM Chapman, JA Feavyour, D Goorvitch, LW Prescott, WP Tickner 3. Junior N Carr, IL Thomas 4
Major A 1-2 H Bhatia, K Grove 5; 3-5 C Costello, SVF Dickinson, G Worsfold 4½... 50 pl
Major B 1 A Summerscale 5½; 2-6 E Batstone, J Franklin, B Kemish, RL Middleton, NJ de Peyer 5... 47 pl
Major C 1 DC Wedge 5½; 2-3 RW Griffiths, JA Philpott 5... 48 pl
Sunday QP Dr J Nunn 5½; 2 K Bowden 5; 3-4 K Barnes, JH Hodgson 4½... 38 pl
lightning 1 L Baker 5½; 2-5 J Emms, N Carr, HJ Waterman, GM Hayes 5... 50 pl

3rd KINGS HEAD QP 12 June 1982 attracted 181 entries - about 50 down on the previous average - including 5 IMs.

1 ML Hebden (Leicester) 6/6; 2-10 Arkell (Rugby), Basman (Chessington), Harman (Basingstoke), Jacobs (Slough), Iarge (Drunken Ns), Lawton (Leicester), Norman (Wood Green), O'Brien (Lewisham), Surtees (London) 5; 11-18 Bellars (Exeter), Gillam (Streatham), Johansen (Sweden), Kwiatkowski (Ks Head), Plaskett (Bedford), Pullinger (London), Schiller (Ks Head), Taulbut (Charlton)... Grading 180-199 O'Brien; 160-179 Bellars; 140-159 Pullinger; 120-139 Brewer (Charlton), 100-119 Barlow (London), Cornwell (Roding), Prince (Portsmouth). Batsford Junior U18 DB Rosen (Ashtead); U16 A Scrivens (Merthyr Tydfil); U14 M Josse (Richmond); U12 H Johaadien (Battersea); special extra U12 D Cook (South of the Thames).

A "very poor turnout of only 80 competitors", but an exciting last round with AJ Miles, needing a win, falling to FOMC Teichmann. 1 FOMC Teichmann 7/7; 2-3 S Reuben, K Gregory 6... Under 146 1 PA Mitchell-Doggett 5; 2-4 A Brocklehurst, W Thurl, D Agnos 4½. Grading: D Lee, PJ Moulton, J Gregg, D Keegan.

12th CITY CHESS QP (date unknown) was the last in the series. The entry of 142, though not the largest, was by far the strongest with 15 players 200+. Late entries at 52 were desperately needed but the organisers put in a plea for prompt entry to spare their ulcers.

1-2 ML Hebden, G Flear 6½/7; 3-8 MJ Basman, E Formanek, A Lind, P Saariwoma, A Smith, P Vargas 6... Grading A Smith, P Vargas, D Collins, J Rayner, A Lind.

Grand Prix winners: 199-185 JG Gallagher 54 pts; 184-170 NL Carr 53½; 154-140 C Forbes; 169-155 KJ Thurlow, P Harbott 51½; 139-125 AR Smith; 124-110 CK Lai 38½; 109- JM Baldwin 32½; Ungraded BA Khan, W Stanton 46. Junior IL Thomas 44; Ladies T Needham 52½ (?42½).

1st CITY CHESS QP (Second series) 20.6.82 attracted 140.

1 J Plaskett 7/7; 2-5 LJ Pinto, IL Thomas, I Upton, N McDonald 6... Grading U190 SR Gil- lam; U170 JR Denton; U150 JP Sharp, AP Summerscale, DA Wood; U130 PJ Hughes, SB Brougham 4½; U110 DC Wedge 4½; Ungraded DA Farndon 5½.

Congress organisers please note: Plyers' clubs or towns aid identification. Supply them if you can.

ROUND THE COUNTIES

KENT: Club tournaments - County Cup Charlton; Lewis Cup Charlton III; Stevenson Cup South of the Thames; En Passant Cup Charlton VI; Harvey Cup Gravesend III; 6th Division Metropolitan South of the Thames III. County Individual Championship is (?was) between AC Kosten and NF Dickenson; Major M Ali; Intermediate J Cunningham; Minor P Lloyd. Metro- politan Champion RW O'Brien; Mid Kent P Lloyd; East Kent RP Fullager, MH Micklethwaite. Ladies Championship was not competed for. (And Kent has two ladies trophies!)

Thanet Chess League champions are Margate. Mid Kent League Maidstone South.

Kent had an almost luxurious venue at the Wellcome Club, Dartford, for its Finals Day 1982. Virtually all the finals, team and individual, were played there 23.5.82.

Charlton CC (must get one of those programmable typewriters) are to hold a series of monthly events to mark their 50th anniversary in 1983. Plans include 5 min and QP tour- naments, simuls, a study evening and problem competition, and a (confirmed) international tournament 6-15 Apr.

SUSSEX: County Champion FJ Kwiatkowski; W Sussex Queen REA Jackson; E Sussex Queen P Watson; Veterans HC Hughes. MacArthur Cup, last we heard, was between Brighton and Worthing. Mid Sussex League Div I E Grinstead; II Seaford; III South Eastbourne; III N Crawley Argumentatives. Best Average Tankard S Smith, CE Fellows. (What's an average t- ankard? About a pint, we suppose.) KO Shield Sussex Univ. SCCA Jamboree (15 teams) went to Worthing. Sussex Lightning Tournament G Kenworthy.

BUCKS: No recent news, but the beautifully produced Bucks CA History, to go with the Jubilee year, is available at £1.25 including postage from George Parker, Honeywood, Kiln Lane, Bourne End, Bucks. Compiled by AJ Cox, with numerous contributions from others. A must for Bucks fans.

JUNIOR NEWS

4th WEALD OF KENT JUNIOR At Cranbrook 15-16.5.82

Under 18 1 J Tooley (Cranbrook) 4½/5; 2 G Ellis (Ashford) 4; 3-4 S Scott, C Williams (both Cranbrook) 3½... 14 pl

Under 13 1 R McQuirke (High Halden) 6/6; 2 T Finch (Cranbrook) 4½; 3-5 R Dentten (Maid- stone), N Haywood, D Rice (Cranbrook) 4... 17 pl

GIRLS EVENTS at Westergate 5.6.82

Jamboree: 1 London U11 7/10; 2 (bd count) Surrey 7; 3 Hants 3½; 4 Sussex 2½

Under 11 match: Hants 10½ London 9½ (10 bd double-round).

Hope we've got this right. It looks as though the London team was the only U11 one in the jamboree, but both were U11 in the match.

ENGLISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS at Newton Abbot 22.5.82

1 London 38½/54; 2 Kent 37½; 3-4 Manchester, Northants 34; 5 Coventry 29; 6 Lincs 28; 7 Liverpool 27; 8 South Devon 26; 9 East Lancs 25; 10-11 Cleveland, Notts 24½; 12 Corn- wall 23½; 13 Wolverhampton 22½; 14 Barnet 20½; 15 Birmingham 18½; 16 Wycombe 18. 3 rd jamboree, teams of 18.

ENGLISH CHAMPION PRIMARY SCHOOL comes from Cornwall, we believe. John Ball (Blackheath) were runners-up.

JUNIOR CONGRESS at Glyn School "1982" (Sure we ought to know where Glyn School is. Surrey, anyway.)

Under 18 1 AN Watt (Trinity) 5½; 2-3 APH Kinsman (Tiffin), PE Johnstone (Hampton) 4½; 4-7 GM Stearne (Reigate), SG Walker (Sutton Manor), AG Mitchell-Baker (Hampton), TJ Houghton (RGS) 4... 28 pl

Under 15 1-2 SN Khan (Emanuel), C McHale (Glyn) 5; 3-4 MP Robinson (Glyn), JJ Pamphlett (Sutton Manor) 4... 20 pl

Under 16 1-2 RJ Blackwell (Whitton), NR Hackers (Rutlish) 5; 3 M Tighe (John Fisher) 4; 4-6 S Walker (Nonsuch), GM Lee (Glyn), RG Mead (RGS) 3½... 15 pl

Under 14 1-3 AMW Arundale (Colet Court), C McElligott (Trinity), RE Pamphlett (Sutton Manor) 5; 4-5 IS Ahmad (Trinity), PA Lingard (RGS) 4½... 42 pl

Under 13 1-3 BA Barlow (S Manor), CJT Lambert (Donhead), MAN Rose (Colet Ct) 5; 4-5 J Cook (Trinity), JA Leake (Beverley) 4½... 33 pl

Under 12 1 B Beake (Hampton) 5½; 2-5 J Baxendine (Nonsuch), RJ Snelling (Auriol), JH Maxwell-Scott (Donhead), MS Howser (Wray Common) 5... 58 pl

Were these the Surrey Junior Championships? Results Surrey Chess News

MORE FROM THE COUNTIES

BERKS/BUCKS: Berks League winners, for the first time, are Farley and Winnersh; Bucks League, for the 15th, Slough. These two clubs met 25.5.82 in the final of the Berks Premier Precision Cup - Farley and Winnersh won 4-1 +1a. (Slough are eligible because they are now in Berks. The E and W team, for that matter, included 5 current or former Bucks players.) Bucks Individual Champion is Andy Robbings; Berks Individual Champion Ron Banwell. Results AJ Cox

SURREY league winners: Alexander Cup Streatham; Surrey Trophy Streatham; Beaumont Cup Streatham II; Ellam Trophy Croydon; Centenary Trophy Coulsdon II; Minor Trophy Streatham IV. Individual championships are not due to finish till late 1982 (?1983).

Kingston recently took on Wimbledon in an 8 board double-round 5-minute Scheveningen. Kingston won 80-48.

BCF STAGE COUNTY MATCHES

Second teams Competition

Semi-Final:		5.6.82		Lancs II	
Middx II					
1 C Blackwell (W)	1	0	N Rutter		
2 def	0	1	D Norwood		
3 G Wolfarth	1	0	D Rutter		
4 DJ Stewardson	½	½	D Cowley		
5 MK Bennett	½	½	S Barnes		
6 DJ Faldon	½	½	P Cousin		
7 GH Govas	= a	+	S Mulligan		
8 DR Macdonald	0	1	P Seery		
9 MD Brougham	½	½	A Bryce		
10 BJ Benjamin	1	0	K Derbyshire		
11 SH Band	0	1	T Rose		
12 D Nicholls	0	1	J Tennant-Smith		
13 NW Faulks	0	1	S Appleby		
14 AH Donkin	1	0	F Clough		
15 MD Houghton	1	0	K Shaw		
16 RS Walker	½	½	C Timmins		
17 N Louth	½	½	S Bevan		
18 S Farrier	0	1	M Williams		
19 BA Smith	0	1	P Hughes		
20 R Jennings	½	½	D Pownall		
(Birmingham)	(8½ 10½)				

Semi-Final:

Kent II		5.6.82		Somerset II	
1 NR Oliver (W)	1	0	J Tuck		
2 S Wood	½	½	D Farndon		
3 A Richardson	1	0	N Rutter		
4 A Raoof	0	1	T Wallis		
5 GM Brown	1	0	GN Jepps		
6 TH Stonehouse	½	½	A Hibbitt		
7 R Sefton	½	½	D Stone		
8 MJ Reddie	½	½	DJ Holmes		
9 M Robertson	1	0	JE Fewkes		
10 D Reilly	1	0	M Steadman		
11 CM Brown	½	½	BT King		
12 J Allan	½	½	P Helbig		
13 RCA Lee-Pentecost	+ a	=	A Hill		
14 MH Micklethwaite	1	0	D Woodruff		
15 IA Trangmar	½	½	D Wood		
16 R Williamson	½	½	D Gough		
(Basingstoke)	(10 5)				

Final:

Kent II		3.7.82		Lancs II	
1 NR Oliver (B)	½	½	D Cowley		
2 IM Pickett	½	½	S Barnes		
3 MCl. Read	1	0	D Rutter		
4 A Richardson	1	0	S Mulligan		
5 NR Keene	½	½	P Cousin		
6 N McDonald	1	0	T Rose		
7 GM Brown	1	0	J Howarth		
8 RW O'Brien	1	0	A Bryce		
9 HC Thomas	½	½	A Clough		
10 TH Stonehouse	½	½	S Appleby		
11 RS Sefton	½	½	F Clough		
12 MJ Reddie	½	½	J Tennant-Smith		
13 RCA Lee-Pentecost	1	0	K Shaw		
14 D Morris	½	½	P Cawte		
15 NM Robertson	½	½	J Bevan		
16 MJ Pitt	½	½	M Williams		
17 PR Price	1	0	M Stuart		
18 D Reilly	1	0	B Shearer		
(Coventry)	13 5				

Congratulations to Kent on taking the Second Teams title in its first year, and at the same time taking revenge on Lancashire for what they did in the Championship. To go through a match (and a Final at that) without losing a game must be rather unusual.

Minor Counties

Semi-Final:

<u>Sussex</u>	24.4.82	<u>Cornwall</u>
1 GH James	1 0	PJ Williams
2 JC Henshaw	1 0	J Menadue
3 G Kenworthy	1/2 1/2	J Anstead
4 FJ Kwiatkowski	1 0	J Grime
5 JIP Simpole	1 0	KGP Gunnell
6 J Cornforth	1 0	J Saqui
7 RV Elliston	1 0	D Barnes
8 D Frost	1 0	A Meakes
9 D Graham	1 0	J Nicholas
10 LJ Cannon	1/2 1/2	P Hutchings
11 DJ Hopson	1 0	C Tylor
12 I Rutherford	1 0	J Pilling
13 JP Munday	1/2 1/2	S Leaver
14 RH Williams	1/2 1/2	G Wells
15 BH Richards	1/2 1/2	J Hampton
16 PH Benson	1 0	M Crouse
(telephone)	13 1/2 2 1/2	

We notice Sussex also achieved a no-loss result! Everything seems to have gone wrong in the Final, though Leics were very strong.

Final:

<u>Sussex</u>	5.6.82	<u>Leics</u>
SC Conquest	0 1	ML Hebden
JC Henshaw	0 1	G Lawton
GH James	0 1	S Finlayson
G Kenworthy	1 0	A Byron
FJ Kwiatkowski	0 1	AJ Morley
JIP Simpole	0 1	P Davis
J Cornforth	0 1	OH Hardy
RV Elliston	0 1	A Barton
D Frost	0 1	JK Robinson
SON Hawes	1 0	J Cragg
D Graham	1/2 1/2	A Ward
AB Bamford	1/2 1/2	M Walker
ML Roberts	1/2 1/2	P Horspool
DJ Hopson	0 1	J Mitchell
P Fallon	0 1	P Lucas
RH Williams	0 1	A Hyslop
RTF Williams	0 1	J Toon
JP Munday	0 1	G Kendall
BH Richards	0 1	P Clarke
RD Hirsch	1 0	P Hogan
(Highbury Hill S)	4 1/2 15 1/2	

SCCU COMPETITIONS

One last MJ result:

<u>Beds</u>	8.5.82	<u>Kent II</u>
1 A Berry (W)	1/2 1/2	NR Oliver
2 WA Cordon	1 0	def
3 A Perkins	1/2 1/2	RW O'Brien
4 P Habershon	0 1	GM Brown
5 RS Jones	1/2 1/2	G Botley
6 S Brocklesby	0 1	TH Stonehouse
7 P Kendall	1/2 1/2	RF Sefton
8 JN Wingfield	1/2 1/2	MJ Reddie
9 W Osborne	0 1	M Robertson
10 M James	1/2 1/2	M Ali
11 H Ingham	1/2 1/2	D Reilly
12 R Woods	1 0	J Allen
13 A Carabin	1 0	CM Brown
14 Quince	0 1	MJ Pitt
15 P Gill	1/2 1/2	PB Cook
16 C Watson	1/2 1/2	T Baldwin
17 M Trask	0 1	Z Mehmet
18 M Joseph	1 0	RCA Lee-Pentecost
19 P Copperwheat	1/2 1/2	R Williamson
20 J Perry	0 1	IA Trangmar
(Bedford)	9 11	

Still no result for Surrey II v Suffolk.

ADJUDICATIONS from last time:
 MJ Surrey 8 1/2 11 1/2 Middx 3.4.82: 3 Holland 1/2 Batchelor; 6 Walker 1/2 Brougham; 20 Cross 0 Jennings
 Surrey 11 1/2 6 1/2 Herts 17.4.82: 1 Jones 0 Simmons; 2 Westwood 1/2 Dyer
 E Surrey 9 1/2 10 1/2 Kent 3.4.82: 5 Batchelor 1/2 Gurr
APPEALS Two successful appeals, coincidentally, from opposite sides in the same match:
 C Middx 8 1/2 11 1/2 Kent 23.4.82: 6 Hill 1 Laird; 8 Lynch 0 Lambshire. Both had been adjudicated drawn; match score unchanged.

Correction: for Kent III v Sussex III, see page 3.

MJ and E final tables below; C and A appeared in the last issue.

<u>MONTAGUE-JONES</u>	K	E	B	M	Sk	Sy	H	GP	MP
1 Kent II		11 1/2	11	10	13	13	16 1/2	75	5 1/2
2 Essex II	8 1/2		14	8 1/2	14	12	13 1/2	70 1/2	4
3=Beds	9	6		10 1/2	11 1/2	15 1/2	11	63 1/2	4
3=Middx II	10	11 1/2	9 1/2		11	11 1/2	10	63 1/2	4
5 Suffolk	7	6	8 1/2	9			11 1/2	42	1
6 Surrey II	7	3	4 1/2	8 1/2			11 1/2	34 1/2	1
7 Herts II	3 1/2	6 1/2	9	10	8 1/2	6 1/2		44	1 1/2

<u>EBONY</u>	K	E	Sy	K	F	Sy		
1 Kent IV		12	13		9 1/2	10 1/2	45	3
2 Essex IV	8		13	10 1/2		9 1/2	41	2
3 Surrey IV	7	7		9 1/2	10 1/2		34	1

QUOTE: "My feeling is that the main justification (of Newsflash) is its contribution to Mr Buswell's job satisfaction." - Report to Council 1982 of BCF Director of Home Chess and Services.

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We give the provisional fixture list for 1982-3 once again. Only the Championship dates are the same as those published last time.

Date	Championship	M-Jones	Amboyna	Ebony	J	At last Berks
Oct 9					*	have got into
16	BuC MSy HK BdBr ESx		ESx SyK			the Junior
23		MSy HK SkE		KSy		"Metropolitan"
30	CSx BrE KBd SyH BuM		KE SxM			League. The
Nov 6					*	other counties
13	MC HBu BdSy EK SxBr		MK ESy			have agreed to
20		SyE KSk MxH		SyE		the extra dates
27	CBr KSx SyF BuBd MH		SyM KSx			but it is not
Dec 4					*	yet known who
11		HSy SkM EK		EK		is playing who
18			SxSy ME			when - hence
Jan 8					*?	asterisks. We
15	HC BdM EBu SxSy BrK		SxF KSy			are not sure
22		SyK ME HSk		SyK		about 8 Jan,
29	CK SyBr BuSx ME HBd		EK MSx			could be 15th.
Feb 5					*	
12	BdC EH SxM BrBu KSy		KM SyE			
19		SkSy EH KM		ESy		
26	CSy BuK MBr HSx BdE		MSy SxK			
Mar 5					Jam.U18	
12	CE SxBd BrH KM SyBu		SySx EM			
19				KE		

Will all Counties agreeing to alter these dates please inform Nigel Dennis, and the Bulletin, so that an updated list can be published in September.

3rd MANOR TYRES CONGRESS at Bristol 25-27 June 1982 attracted 211 competitors, slightly less than last year.

Open 1 AJ Miles 5/5; 2 MG Chandler 4½; 3-7 J Miles (B'ham), A Martin (London), J Anstead (Truro), G Anthony (Gloucester), L Smart (London) 4; 8-14 T Fox (Bristol and Clifton), A Ashby (Bristol), M Brigden (Downend), AC Kosten (Reading), PK Wells (Portsmouth), C McSheehy (London), PJ Rossiter (Portsmouth)... 62 pl Grading 170-179 DG Hackett (Oxford), MI Davis (Gloucester), D Smith (Caerphilly); U170 PJ Rossiter

Under 160 1 G Sage (Weston-super-Mare) 4½/5; 2-9 DV Jones, S Elliott (both Bristol), K Bloodworth (Plymouth), R Wilcox (Wimbledon), J Humphreys (B'ham), C Costello (Ealing), J Rice (Swansea), K Kinsman (Wimbledon)... 68 pl

Under 130 1-3 C Burgess (London), R Garrett (Bristol), D Foley (Burnham) 4½/5; 4-8 K Jones, W Cruickshank (both Bristol), A Willis (Exeter), C Caxton (Portsmouth), G Sharpley (Bristol) 4... 71 pl

Novice U85 was contested by 10 players. This section was a new departure - is it the lowest ever grading limit?

THE LATE CE WILLIAMS (1907-1982)

Many tributes were paid to the late Ellery Williams at the SCCU Council Meeting on the 19th June. His obituary has been published already in both the BCF Newsflash and Surrey Chess News. Nevertheless, the Union would like to acknowledge their appreciation of his distinguished services to chess and express their condolences to his family on their bereavement. John Poole writes:

I first met Ellery Williams in the late 1940s when he was involved with the formation of the Eastcote chess club. Subsequently I had the privilege of serving and working with him on many committees and like all who knew him recognised not only his charm, courtesy and keen sense of humour but also his wise counsel and guidance. He was always ready to help and encourage those who sought his advice.

Ellery moved south of the Thames and for 21 years captained the Wallington and Carshalton club. In 1953 he became Surrey Treasurer and in 1966-7 President of that county. He was also auditor and later Treasurer of the SCCU and was elected President of the Union in 1970-1. But perhaps he was best known as Secretary of the London League from 1964 to 1980: upon relinquishing that office he was elected League President in 1980-1.

Ellery Williams was a strong supporter of the British Chess Federation and represented the London League on both Council and Executive. He served on many BCF committees and was Chairman of the Executive in 1967 and 1973-6. It was during the latter period that the BCF reorganisation was developed and subsequently implemented. He was elected President of the Federation in 1976 and retired in 1968.

In private life Ellery Williams was a professional accountant and director of a publishing group. He was married with two daughters and five grandchildren. But his

later years were saddened by his wife's and his own deteriorating mobility and health. The chess world has indeed lost a great friend and wise administrator.

SCCU GRADING SERVICES

The published Grading List available from the Editor (see order form on front cover) is printed and bound and covers all players in the Union with at least 18 games in the last two seasons, including at least 8 in the last season. The Union also offers the following additional items, which come in computer print-out form and can be obtained from the Union Grading Programmer:

HT Jones, Flat 2, 11 Guildford Rd, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1SW.

Though the Grading Programmer and the Editor both live in the same town, we do not guarantee prompt transit from one to the other of incorrectly addressed orders!

Club List (provisional): A list of all players in a given club, including those with too few games to get into the published list. Produced in advance of the September list, and subject to amendment. Price £1 plus SAE about 9" x 4". No repeat orders. Mr Jones will be selling these at various summer congresses, including the BCF one, and the over-the-counter price may be lower.

Club List (final): Same as above, but the final version produced after the September List. Price £2 plus SAE 9" x 4".

County Lists: All players in a given county, arranged alphabetically, or by clubs, or in grade order, or how you will. Price £5, with a reduction for duplicate copies run at the same time. Juniors-only is possible, with the caveat that the computer does not always know who is a Junior. Ages are given where known. (For Juniors, that is.) Won't fit SAE.

Itemised print-outs: Print-outs for one or more players, giving details of events included. (Number of games and points scored for each event.) Price £1 per player, minimum £5, plus SAE 9" x 4".

Cheques should be payable to SCCU. Be careful about the SAE where requested - without it your cheque and order are liable to go straight into the waste paper bin. Mr Jones has only so much time.

Mr Jones regrets that he can no longer enter into correspondence with individuals about the correctness of their grades. Queries should be taken up with the Union Grading Secretary: BG Locke, 51 Queensway, Horsham, Sussex RH13 5AP.

GRADERS WANTED!

Brian Locke, Grading Secretary, appeals for volunteer graders to do County match/congress/junior work. The Union's grading force is stretched to capacity if not beyond. No special mathematical knowledge is required, and the job can obviously be tailored to the time you have available. Contact BG Locke, 51 Queensway, Horsham, Sussex RH13 5AP.

While we're on the subject of grading: We note that the BCF Director for Congress Chess recently proposed at the Management Board that the other Unions be recommended to adopt the policy of not accepting unaffiliated-congress grading. Representatives of the other Unions demurred, not too surprisingly. (GEF of Charlton CC points this out with some glee, but actually we'd noticed.)

HERTS Champion Club is St Albans; KO was retained by Watford. Div 2 Pin Green I, Div 3 Hilltop II, Div 4 Pin Green II, Div 5 Hoddesdon II. Sharp Trophy for works teams went to Marconi. County Individual Champion Phil Gregory; Minor Champion Steve Law.

Results JA Leake

LLOYDS BANK NEWS

Viktor Korchnoi will be top seed for the Lloyds Bank 1982 (25 Aug to 2 Sep). Spectator admission £1 per session.

4th Annual Solving Championship has attracted a large entry. There will be a delay because of the rail strike, but successful entrants will get the postal bit within a few weeks.

Bill Hartston gave this year's Lloyds Bank City Trophy Simul against members of City clubs. He scored +18 =3 -3 (MJ Reddie, R Bodily, ME Hewitt).

BCF National Squad Championships:

Under 9 1 M Walker (Hants) 5/6 (tie-break); 2-5 A Hon, E Ionides, A Selkirk (all London), J Purrington (Herts); 6-13 P Hennigan, M Isaacs, C Tanner (all London), G Haslinger (Middx), J Luckhurst (Kent), S Lees (Merseyside), D Chapman (M'chester), J Jamall (Warks) 4
Girls: A Green (London), J Wilson (Merseyside) 3. 36 pl
Under 8 1 A Keehner (Essex) 7/7; 2 J Poulton (Northants) 6; 3-5 D Keegan, D Keen (Middx), K Rist (Warks); 6-9 F Holland (Hants, Girl Champion), S Pain (Derbyshire), M Pibworth (Herts), M Scott (London) 4½... 34 pl

Edward Lee (14, Barkingside) set a world record for simultaneous play in June when he beat GM V Korchnoi in a 34 board cross-channel simul laid on by Sealink to publicise their Dover-Dunkirk service. This was his seventh successive simul win against GMs rated 2500+.

BCET SCHOOL SHIELDS

The SCCU exceptionally made two nominations this year for British Chess Educational Trust School Shields - a BCF award for outstanding attainment. We are delighted to announce that the BCF has just approved both nominations. The schools are:

Westergate Comprehensive School, Chichester. Westergate will need no introduction - they have been active in chess for only two or three years but in that time have made a very considerable impact. Under Peter Barton they have laid on a World Girls event and two ARC Young Masters tournaments, contributing significantly to England's status in the junior field. The school's teams themselves have become quite strong, reaching more than one Sussex final this year (sorry, we don't know whether they won them). But the truly remarkable thing about the school is the tremendous organisational energy Peter Barton has generated in parents and pupils alike.

St Olaves Grammar School, Orpington. For attentive Bulletin readers St Olaves will need little introduction either, but their achievement has been less spectacular and more conventional. St Olaves have been one of the strongest chess-playing schools in Kent for at least the last 12 years, winning 11 Kent titles in that time. They are currently Kent Champions at the U18, U16 and U13 levels; and as the Bulletin Editor has cause to know, all these competitions are large (40-70 teams each) and strong. Kent 40 board junior teams are usually 20% St Olaves. James Foster, their teacher i/c chess, claims little personal credit but we suspect he's being modest.

Two other awards were made to schools outside the Union. Normally there are only two or three awards a year.

BCF ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

This was held at Burlington House 17.7.82. 43 (we think) were present. There will obviously be an account of the Meeting in the August Newsflash - which will appear, despite threats to the contrary - and we are not reporting one major item, since we think it right that the BCF should be the first to announce it. But otherwise:

Money: Of the £6000 surplus for 1981-2, £2000 goes to the Levy Equalisation Fund and the remainder is earmarked for a general reserve fund which will be set up subject to the approval of the May Council Meeting. The Director for Congress Chess wanted an additional allowance for the BCF Congress in return for last year's surplus, but this is against the Federation's established policy.

Counties Competitions: Council agreed in principle to provide mementoes for the members of winning teams. What form these should take was not decided. A proposal to change the rules so that any player appearing in the BCF stage must have played in that team at least twice in the Union stage was quite heavily defeated.

Travel Grants: The NCCU proposed the restitution of travel grants for teams reaching the BCF stage. Strong feelings were expressed both for and against, but the motion was lost heavily. (It was suggested that the Unions could look after travel grants themselves if they thought fit. This would avoid VAT liability. The Bulletin would add that, in its opinion, remarks about "extra" expense were red herrings. What's involved is a redistribution of expense among the counties.)

Minor Counties: On a proposal from the NCCU, there are to be two nominees from each Union in future.

Interim Grading List: This has not sold well, and the 1982 one was additionally bedevilled by a (?total) lack of information from the MCCU. The MCCU - whose lack of co-operation had not been deliberate - suggested that the interim list should be discontinued for lack of interest. It was agreed to refer this to the Management Board.

British Championship: It is well known that Stewart Reuben wishes to replace the BCQC by a series of weekend congresses (one has already been held). A straw poll split Council right down the middle. The BICA had previously proposed to the Management Board that 4 places in the Championship be reserved for women; the MB had rejected the proposal and offered one place; and the BICA now asked Council to refer this decision back to the MB. This it unaccountably did. Opinion seemed to favour 2 women's places.

"Services to Chess" Medals: The MB proposed a new and highly prestigious award for the most outstanding services. It was authorised to go ahead with this.

Affiliation of Leagues: The necessary constitutional amendments received their two-thirds majority.

Levy System: Middx proposed that the MB review the system completely, with a view to a possible overhaul taking effect Jan 1985. While some felt that Middx's specific problem might best be solved by applying for a reduction in levy number, there was general agreement that the time was ripe for taking stock. The MB will look at the levy system in conjunction with individual registration.

H Golombek was elected by acclamation an Honorary Life Vice-President of the Federation. He has just stepped down as FIDE delegate and his other services have been long and meritorious.

Officers: A general reshuffle. Readers will know who the MB nominees were; they all got elected.

On a personal note: The Meeting lasted 4½ hours, in a hot stuffy room. Your Editor, who went to conduct business and has a low boredom threshold, could have wished it shorter. No one would begrudge a tribute to Harry Golombek or a presentation to Sir Stuart. But a further half hour for Vote-of-Thanks-to-Retiring-Officers and Other Polite Remarks? Suppose it's only once a year.

NOTICES

TIMES SCHOOLS KO for teams of 6, with age handicap. Entry is still possible. Contact BCF office.

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP/NATIONAL MINOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP. Entries close 1 September. Contact BCF office.

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING COMPETITION. Entries close 1 Sep. Contact BCF office. There will no doubt be weekend Swisses as well.

BCF TREASURER is JDH Nicholas, 37 Waldeck Rd, London W13.

HERTS Magazine Editor is J Foster, 21 Dimsdale St, Hertford.

Quote: "Any player using undue force may, after a warning, be penalised by the loss of the game." (Well, we did once see a fist-fight in a chess club.) From a new set of Quick-I rules apparently just produced by the BCF, but seen by us only in the WECU Bulletin. The context very definitely does not make it clear that the reference is to clocks, though common sense does. Why can't rule-drafters say what they mean?

CONGRESS DIARY

- Jul 30-1 CITY CHESS MINOR at Highbury Hill School N5. U140. IG Goodwin, 63 Aberdeen Park, London N5 01 226 9932.
- Aug 2-14 GRIEVESON, GRANT BCF CONGRESS at Torquay. Two-week and one-week events; entry still possible. Contact BCF office.
- 7 KNUTSFORD Open; U160; U130; U100. RJ Hanbidge, 15 Northfields, Knutsford, Chester WA16 8JN
- 13-15 MARYMASS at Irvine. F Park, 6 Fintry Place, Bourtreehill, Irvine.
- 15 CITY CHESS at Highbury Hill School. IG Goodwin as above.
- 28-30 NORTH LONDON (NW1). U180; U151; U121. IG Goodwin as above.
- 25-2 LLOYDS BANK MASTERS (EC2). 9 round Swiss, entry fee up to £100 depending on grade. No fee given for players graded below 150, which probably means they aren't eligible. R Beville, Flat 8, 111 St George's Square SW1.
- 3-5 THANET at Ramsgate. Open; U156; U121. MR Croft, 37 Upper Dane Rd, Margate, Kent CT9 2NA
- 5-11 DEVON at Paignton. Over 159; U170; U126; graded APAs U170; Over 60 (age, we think); QP 10th. PS Short, Blue Horizon, Nut Bush Lane, Shiphay, Torquay TQ2 6LD
- 10-12 LEWISHAM U191; U135. RW O'Brien, 55a, Streatham High Rd SW16
- 17-19 CLEETHORPES Open; U161; U121. MH Colebrook, 105a Station Rd, Healing, Grimsby, S Humberside.

The BCF office requests that congress organisers send it at least a couple of dozen entry forms, and more for easily-accessible towns. Also advance notice, for the Congress Calendar (theoretical closing date 26th July, but we're sure that's flexible).

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: BCF Newsflash for June and July; Bucks CCA History; Check Mate for July; Mailers Oracle for May and June; MCCU Chessletter for May; Passed Pawn (Kilndown) for June; Surrey Chess News for June; Sussex Chess News for June; Westward Ho! End-of-season and Congress Editions.

Addendum: We forgot to say in the BCF Council report above that plans for centralised grading by computer, having developed somewhat since last year, are now expected to come before Council in 1983 with luck. The delay has meant that hardware prices have come down. Anyone running a book on implementation-year?

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