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EDITORIAL

Congratulations to Kent, Middlesex and Sussex on keeping the BCF county titles in the Southern Counties - see pages 8 and 9.

It's been a talkative couple of months, as you'll see in a minute if you didn't already know. Fortunately we still have organisers who organise chess. I wouldn't wish to suggest that the talkers don't; to my own knowledge a lot of them - us - do. Nor that meetings aren't necessary. But while we were looking into the future, someone or other was getting off his backside and arranging a last-minute venue for the USSR v World match, with huge sponsorship from the London Dockland people and others. Full marks.

Your Bulletin doesn't organise chess, but at least it reports some of the results. Your subscription expires with this issue. An order form for next season is enclosed with this issue. The price has been held, for the second year running. I will make my usual request to send the form off straight away before you forget. There is also an order form for the new SCCU Grading List, due out in September. As last year, the two orders have to go to separate addresses. County Secretaries are being sent lots of Grading List order forms and it is hoped they will distribute them to clubs. The more we sell, the longer we can keep the price down.

LONG TERM PLANNING AND THE SCCU

Bryan Fewell, SCCU President, writes:

In March, as reported in Newsflash, the BCF Management Board held a one-day meeting to talk about the future of chess in this country and to make a start on developing long-term plans to strengthen the BCF organisation and expand its membership and activities. It was felt it would be important for the SCCU Executive Committee to hold its own meeting on long-term planning and this took place on 9 June. A copy of the draft minutes is enclosed.

There is a growing awareness amongst national chess organisations that they should take a more strategic view of the development of chess in this country rather than focus solely on current activities. Long Term Planning is a discipline by which chess environmental trends can be investigated, organisational strengths and weaknesses identified and an assessment made of the way the needs of chess players are changing.

Long Term Planning is a continuing process. It will take time for plans to be developed but there is a strong feeling amongst those that have taken part in these meetings that the result will be more and better chess activities to the benefit of all players.

Ideas are most welcome and all chess players should be encouraged to make their suggestions known to club and county officials for discussion at SCCU and BCF meetings.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES CHESS UNION

Draft minutes of Executive Committee held on Saturday 9th June 1984 in the Queensway Room of the Fairway Inn Hotel, Princes Square, Bayswater

Present: BA Fewell (President), PI Clemow, EE Croker, NW Dennis, AJ Douglas, RJ Haddrell, C Lean, G Kenworthy, FC Manning, J Poole

- 1 The President opened the meeting at 1545 by explaining that the aim was to examine the role of the Union in the longer term. Discussion would be loosely structured and should concentrate on major issues and trends.
- 2 In general discussion, the first point made was that the SCCU had a limited active role: mainly arranging inter-county matches, grading and organising certain junior events.
- 3 Major elements of the current chess scene in the South were excluded from the ambit of the SCCU. These included civil service, business house and other leagues (in particular the London League); also congresses. Some felt that the Union should extend its ground to include them and delete "Counties" from its title. However, the Union would have to offer something useful to these other organisations; the smaller congresses would hardly welcome the approach otherwise.
- 4 It was pointed out that the counties of the SCCU differed widely in their needs. Chess activity in the metropolitan counties highlighted certain differences as compared to activities outside London. This had a lot to do with the relative ease of communications in the London area which allowed a higher concentration of chess activities.

- 5 Some saw a division of chess players into amateurs and semi-professionals. The latter entered for congresses in the hope of winning prize money and were less interested in playing for their counties.
- 6 Were Unions an anachronism? It was agreed that some intermediary was necessary between the Counties and the BCF. However, was the SCCU too big? Should the intermediate bodies consist of clusters of three or four Counties?
- 7 The role of the SCCU had to be seen in conjunction with those of the Counties and of the BCF. Together they made one structure for the organisation of chess. The SCCU and other Unions had a role in interpreting grass roots feelings to the BCF. The problems of the SCCU were the problems of the BCF and vice versa. It would be better to come forward with proposals than to sit back and wait for the BCF to make them.
- 8 To achieve some of the advantages a weekend congress, Mr Manning suggested an experiment with some county matches. If four counties played their mutual fixtures at the same venue over a weekend, a jamboree atmosphere could be generated, with two matches on Saturday, one on Sunday with perhaps a simultaneous exhibition on the Sunday afternoon.
- 9 A view was expressed that London should be chess entity on its own.
- 10 Several speakers commented on the need for better communications. There should be more dialogue between the BCF and the Counties. Perhaps a member of the BCF Management Board should offer to attend club or County AGMs. Likewise, Leagues could be invited to send representatives to the SCCU AGM.
- 11 The following action points were agreed, with no set time limit but progress reports at the September meeting:
 - (a) To contact and start a dialogue with leagues and other organisations, including LCA via Mr Reuben. (Fewell)
 - (b) To assess the feasibility of additions or changes to competitions including an inter-counties chess weekend (e.g. Middlesex, Essex, Kent, Surrey) and of inter-county quick-play or lightning competitions. (Kenworthy and Manning)
 - (c) To look at junior organisation and training. (Croker)
 - (d) To Talk to Mr S Reuben re possible sponsorship for a central Individual Tournament. (Fewell)
- 12 The President declared the meeting closed at 1800 precisely.

SCCU ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Council met on the 23rd June in Bayswater, and mercifully it wasn't as hot as last year. 26, or thereabouts, attended. Formal minutes will naturally go to the Counties, but this is your Editor's version of what happened:

(1) Accounts. The audited accounts, showing a surplus of £180-odd, were adopted. A remarkable feature was the large income from Trevor Jones's special grading services.

(2) Budget. There was considerable debate on the amount that should be set aside for engraving/valuing the trophies. (They will sooner or later have to be re-valued for insurance purposes.) After various adjustments it was agreed to budget for a (probably pessimistic) deficit of £125, and hold the County levy at £6 per levy point. There are to be some rationalisations to the selling price of the Grading list (see order form).

(3) Grading. Philip Clemow reported that the 1984 List (unlike the 1983 one) was not expected to have any serious omissions. Discussion naturally turned to the BCF's centralised grading plans (of which more elsewhere) and it was suggested that the players' reference numbers ought to go into the published List. This could make it hard to fit things in. It was agreed, however, to give free copies of the List to graders. There was some surprise that this was not already the practice. Though graders obviously get the master list, it has tended not to appear until six weeks or so after the published one. (This delay will probably be reduced anyway.)

The Grading Programmer, Trevor Jones, had over the last couple of years found his job less and less rewarding; partly because it had become more and more of a routine clerical operation, and partly because another voluntary cause was making more demands on his time. He would have liked to resign, but recognised that this would put the Union in a spot as it does not have many people working in the Grieveson, Grant office where the computer lives. The Executive accordingly had decided to propose an honorarium to Mr Jones in the hope of retaining his services until the computer became redundant. Council agreed a sum of £100. Mr Jones, in accepting, said he would give the money to his other interest.

(4) County matches. Jeff Douglas, retiring Controller, reported a pretty trouble-free season though a couple of matches had been declared void after breakdowns of communication between Counties. The number of adjudications was down. (One match captain in particular had not submitted a single claim all through the season; which was unfortunate because his opponents had.)

(5) BCF matters. The Chairman made a general report on BCF long-term planning. He also reported that the SCCU delegates to the BCF Council had supported the proposed figure of £85 for County levy. (The BCF Treasurer, at the Council meeting, had been cagily forecasting a possibly substantial loss. This afterwards turned into a healthy surplus. Some were surprised that delegates should be asked to fix a budget before the previous year's accounts were done.)

(6) Election of Officers and Executive. No great surprises, except that we have a Junior Organiser again. Mr Blackman controlled the SCCU U18 jamborees this year, to general satisfaction, and has been doing the inter-Union jamboree for some time. Jeff Douglas's successor as Tournament Controller is Dr DJ Opie, the Sussex II match captain. Jef Page tendered his resignation as Publicity Officer and no volunteer sprang forward. (All names and addresses are inside the front cover.)

(7) Trophies were presented to Kent I (Championship), Middx II (MJ) and Kent III (Phillips and Drew Amboyna). The Phillips and Drew Ebony was still with Kent who had retained it anyway. After presentation the trophies were handed straight back for engraving/valuation. It was agreed that in future all trophy holders should be required to sign for them.

The Mystery of the Phantom Trophy, in its SCCU form, made one of its occasional appearances. It was decided, as usual, that the Executive would look into the whole question of what we have, where it is and what it's for.

(8) British Chess Educational Trust nominations. The Executive had made our nomination, in the regular way, but it turned out that, without our knowledge, a different nomination had also been forwarded, irregularly, direct to the BCF by an SCCU County. The BCF were ready to consider this if the Union would endorse it. While not, as a whole, feeling very strongly about it the Council decided that such a step might set an unfortunate precedent.

There was no Other Business, and the threatened discussion on grading of unaffiliated leagues did not materialise. (Rightly, in your Editor's opinion.) They are, of course, currently graded.

The Executive met briefly after the AGM but its business was routine. The next Executive meeting is on Friday 21st September, and for those with long-range diaries next year's AGM is on Saturday 22nd June.

BCF COUNCIL MEETING

An extremely brief note on the Birmingham meeting 14th July. (We weren't there.) There seem to have been no particular surprises. The NCCU proposal to forbid membership of more than one Union (aimed at Cambs) was heavily defeated. The rate of play in BCF stage County matches next year will be 54 in two and a quarter hours (or 54 in 2| by agreement), then 12 per half hour. The British Youth Chess Association (who?) were accepted for BCF membership.

JUNIOR NEWS

'll get the Meeting out of the way first, then down to business. Readers will know that a number of Counties boycotted the SCCU U18 jamborees last season after misunderstandings about the venue. A meeting of junior organisers, and others, was held on the 9th June to sort things out for this year. Beds, Essex, Herts, Kent, Middx, Surrey and Sussex were represented; which means Bucks and Oxon (and Cambs) were not.

After much discussion it was agreed, for 1984-5 only, to hold two events with a play-off. One (the "metropolitan" counties plus Herts) would be in London and the other in Berks or Bucks. Sussex would be prepared to travel to this, and the Union could provide financial assistance as last time.

It seemed quite likely that the National Westminster Bank, who sponsor the BCF jamboree, would like the idea of enlarging it. If so we might well persuade the BCF, in the longer term, to accept more than one SCCU nominee and the play-off would become unnecessary. It was agreed to make approaches in the right quarters.

The arrangements described above do not apply to the Girls events.

"Times" Schools KO

Quarter Finals: St Pauls 4-2 Haberdashers Askes Elstree; RGS Newcastle 5-1 Nottingham High School; Plymouth College 4-2 King Edwards Southampton; Queen Marys Walsall* 3-3 Manchester GS

The Semi Finals and Final were held at the St Ermins Hotel, London, on the 12th and 13th July. Semi Finals: Plymouth College 4-2 Queen Marys Walsall; RGS Newcastle 3½-2½ St Pauls. Third place play-off: St Pauls 3½-2½ St Marys. Final: RGS Newcastle 5-1 Plymouth College.

"Metropolitan" U18 matches should take place next year as usual, on the first Saturdays of November, December and February.

Surrey Junior Championships 1984

Under 18 (21 pl) 1 IM Sim (Sutton Manor) 6; 2 SK Walker (Nonsuch) $4\frac{1}{2}$; 3 C McHale (Glyn) 4; 4-8 WM Gray (Beverley), SN Khan (Emanuel), PA Lingard (Godalming SFC), PR Loosley (Glyn), MP Robinson (Glyn) $3\frac{1}{2}$...

Under 16 (29 pl) 1 P Quan (Glyn) 6; 2 J Cavendish (Sussex House) 5; 3-4 JC Inwood (Hampton), JA Leake (Beverley) $4\frac{1}{2}$...

Under 15 1 MS Nash (Glyn) $5\frac{1}{2}$; 2-3 TJ Herring (Trinity), JPR Cook (Trinity) $3\frac{1}{2}$...

Under 14 (19 pl) 1 S Dishman (Trinity) 5; 2-3 ND Ranson (Oak Farm), A Walden (Trinity), J Baxendine (Nonsuch) 4...

Under 13 (23 pl) 1 AL Mack (Trinity) 5; 2-4 AEJ Dias (John Fisher), DP Johnson (Sutton Manor), JC Turner (Hampton) $4\frac{1}{2}$...

Under 12 (77 pl) 1 JH Maxwell-Scott (Donhead) 6; 2-6 MN Anderton (RGS), ZN Catsaras (Danes Hill), S Danji (Christ Church), SP McGivern (Danes Hill), A Webster (St Marys) $4\frac{1}{2}$; 7-10 ZJ Brech (Donhead), JS McGivern (Danes Hill), GJ Sotheran (Pyrford), AJ Stedman (RGS) 4...

Lloyds Bank BCF junior championships at the Central YMCA, 26-27 May 1984

Under 9 (44 pl) 1 A Tahid (E London) $6\frac{1}{2}/7$; 2 D Kumaran (Middx) 6; 3 M Jacob (Hants) $5\frac{1}{2}$; 4-8 C Bates, L Healey, D Rahamim (London), K O'Sullivan (Middx), M Phipers (Derbys) 5... Girls 1 E Holland (Hants) $4\frac{1}{2}$; 2 J McElwee (B'ham) $3\frac{1}{2}$; 3-4 K Holleran (Manchester), S Joy (Durham)

Under 8 (39 pl) 1 N Hon (Barnet) 8/9; 2-4 D Dobbs (Middx), S Longley (Hants), L Whittaker (Kent) 7; 5-7 A Eyton (Glasgow), D Rosenberg (Middx), M Rowbury (Devon) 6.

Girls 1 Caroline Green (Hants) 6. (Nicola Hon, who won the U8 title ahead of all her boy rivals, is thought to be only the 3rd British girl to do this in a tournament of national status.)

Under 7 (12 pl: incorporated in U8; the "youngest national title competed for in any game or sport") 1 D Hennigan (Middx) 6/9; 2-3 P Saffer, H Shah (Middx) 5, 4-7 M Brief (Middx), K Fullen (Durham: Girls Champion), P Griffiths (London), P Janew (Warks) 4...

Lloyds Bank National Girls School Team Championship at Fulham, 12th May 1984

Under 18 1 Westergate 7/8; 2 N London Collegiate 6; 3 Croydon High $4\frac{1}{2}$... 6 teams Under 13 1 Westergate D 10/12; 2 Godolphin and Latymer 8; 3 N London Collegiate $6\frac{1}{2}$... 6 teams Under 11 1 Ravenbury (Manchester) 11/12; 2 King Street (Durham) $9\frac{1}{2}$; 3 St Weonards (Hertford) $9\frac{1}{2}$; 4 Sacred Heart (Hammersmith) 9... 16 teams

English Primary Schools CA: Inter-Association U11 Championship 26th May 1984

1 Manchester 45/60; 2 NW London; 3 Hants; 4 SE London; 5 Northampton; 6 Lincs; 7 Lancs; 8 Wandsworth... 16 teams

EPSCA Inter-region U11 tournament 9th June 1984

1 London $62\frac{1}{2}/80$; 2 South and South West 46; 3 North West $36\frac{1}{2}$; 4 W Midlands $34\frac{1}{2}$; 5 South East $31\frac{1}{2}$; 6 E Midlands 29

Under 11 Girls National Team Championship at Fulham, 30th June 1984

1-2 Lincs, SE London $28\frac{1}{2}/36$; 3 Hants 25; 4 Kent 24; 5 Liverpool $23\frac{1}{2}$; 6 "London" 21... 15 teams of 12

SCCU juniors abroad: BCF has selected Chris Ward (16, Kent) for the Barbados U20*; Andrew Kinsman (19) and Susan Walker (18, both Surrey) for the Open and Girls groups in the ECI U20 in August; Benjamin Beake (14) and Dharshan Kumaran (9, both Middx) for the recent Paris U15. Neil Dickenson (19, Kent) is just back (we think) from three weeks' intensive training in the USSR. Susan Walker plays in the European Girls U20 in Poland in September. Neil Dickenson has just finished 2nd in the Hamburg U20. Funds from, among others, the Friends of Chess, the BCET and the NatWest Bank.

*Chris is just back with 2 huge trophies for taking first place. He comments on the tremendous sponsorship, and media coverage. "My name on the sports pages in bigger letters than the footballers." (Or was it cricketers?)

KASPAROV gave a 10 board clock simul on Sunday 1st July against 5 UK and 5 USA juniors, following the USSR v Rest of the World match. Kasparov and the British juniors were in the Isle of Dogs, with a specially installed satellite link to New York. Kasparov scored +7 =3 (HL Carr, G Lane, M Adams) -0. The English losers were S Conquest and C Forbes. The Americans, if you hadn't worked it out, all lost.

USSR team captain Krogius gave a junior simul on the previous day and we are indebted to Leonard Barden's column in the Guardian for the news that he "lost" +9 =6 -10. The first time a Soviet GM has lost a simul outside the USSR. No names: we only know one.

And we hear Acorn Computers will sponsor a new individual U11 championship; later stages on KO lines (and with computer rather than telephone links). Hope this is right.

CONGRESS RESULTSEARLEY Saturday 12th May 1984

1-5 AJ Aslett (Camberley), DH Cummings (Finchampstead), SAM Foister (aged 13: Maidenhead), AMJ Robbings (Slough), SM Taulbut (Earley) 5/6. Taulbut on tie-break took the Berkshire QP Championship trophy. Grading U160 E Tweeddale (Marlow); U130 A Mikurenda (Penn). Junior U18 D Lee (Oxford); U15 S Roberts (Wokingham).
results AJ Cox

12th CITY CHESS QP 13th May (also final of Grand Prix)

1 KC Arkell 6/6; 2 DM Norman 5½; 3-6 T Chapman, AR Corkett, TM Needham, G Wall 5... Grading 140-169 R Demming 4½; 120-139 JM Shepley, L Rodrigues 4; U120 L Faizi 4½; ungraded NJ Edwards 4½

Grand Prix winners: 190-199 IL Thomas 45 pts (10 events, 60 games); 180-189 P De La Mothe 44½ (10); 170-179 W Stanton 37½ (10); 160-169 DM Norman 38 (10); 150-159 PG Hughes 36 (9); 140-149 PJ Needham 37½ (10); 130-139 E Todorow 36 (10); 120-129 M Sadler 28½ (9); 110-119 R Willmoth 36 (10); U110 R Harvey 33 (10); ungraded DA Edwards 32 (10)

5th CITY CHESS NOVICE U131 19-20 May 1984

1 Terry Donnelly (Hackney) 6/6; 2 Robert Willmoth (Hackney) 5½; 3-6 R Allicock (Battersea), J Nyman (Ks Head), J Maltby (Kingston), MJ Godwin (Tunbridge Wells) 5... Grading G Swithick (Hackney), I McLeod (Ashtead), T Craig (Tiffin) 3½; Junior A Webster (Sutton) 4; J Phillipsz (Muswell Hill) 4½. Special award to Michelle Johnson (Blackheath) aged 9.

1st CITY CHESS QP (4th series) Sunday 17 June 1984

1 PG Large 6; 2 DJ King 5½; 3-7 A Pein, PJ Sowray, AR Corkett, R Demming, D Thakrar 5 Grading R Demming, D Thakrar 5; BA Barlow, RG Willmoth 4½; NC Edwards 4

2nd CITY CHESS QP Sunday 8 July 1984

1-3 K Arkell, J Levitt, P Wells 5½/6... Grading PB Musgrove 5; JM Lendrowski 4½; BA Barlow, D Ramsey, D Redfern, R Harvey, RP Willmoth, A Alabi, H van der Wyst 4
results G Goodwin

12th CHARLTON CONGRESS at Charlton House, 13-15 July 1984

Open (86 entries) 1-5 P Wells (Portsmouth), P Halpin (Australia), I Watson (Canterbury), W Watson (CentYMCA), P Rossiter (Waterlooville) 5/6... Grading 180-190 A Corkett (Streatham), G Anthony (Glos/Camb Univ), G Borrowdale (Bracknell) 4; 170-179 S Lazarus (Finchley), N Rutter (Sun Life), I McAllan (Sidcup/Hendon), A Lewis (Lewisham/Hastings), A Gaffney (Islington) 3; U170 M Ruston (Charlton) 4. U18 PJ Morris (South of the Thames) 4½. Highest placed Charlton member A Aaron 4.

Major (108 entries) 1 RS eames (Stapleford, Notts) 6/6; 2-5 EA Key (Barnet), BA Pittman (Crystal Palace), F Wang, M Lyell (Acton) 5... Grading 140-150 EJ Whipp (New Cross), RR Goodfellow (Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge/Hadlow) 4½; 130-139 S Land (Ks Head) 4½; U130 K Fillmore (Lewisham) 3½. U14 AE Tucker (Chislehurst/Colfes) 4. Highest Charlton MA Seton, CR Davis.

Minor (87 entries) 1 R Willmoth (Hackney) 6/6; 2 D Greene (Hackney) 5½; 3-4 CK Lai, JM Robinson (Morley College) 5... Grading 100-115 DN Cook (South of the Thames) 4½; U100 DL Staples (Kingston) 4½. U14 I Moroney (Chislehurst) 4½; U12 S Denyer (Adamsrill) 4; U10 Selim (Mayflower) 2½. Highest Charlton P Burns-Sweeney, JS Riley, P Rule 3½. Results GE Fifield

2nd DENGIE QP at Burnham on Crouch attracted 34 entrants.

1-2 Ivan Myall, Ben Thomas (Chelmsford) 5½/6; 3 Dave Millward (Marconi) 5; 4-6 Robert Hammond (Witham), Mark Kinsmore (Dengie) 4½; 7-9 Michael Roberts (Colchester), Robert Tokeley (Dengie), Richard Middleton (Chelmsford) 4... Grading 140-101 R Middleton; U101 M Kinsmore. Junior R Tokeley/M Roberts results C Mann

KINGS HEAD QP Saturday 9th June 1984 attracted 237.

1-2 G Hjorth, J Hodgson 5½/6; 3-13 JC Benjamin, AJ Berry, S Berry, JW Branford, JG Gallagher, CKD Holland, D James, PG Large, MB Pein, JC Saunders, AP Summerscale 5... Grading 185-199 JC Benjamin, AJ Berry, CKD Holland, JC Saunders 5; 170-184 A Gaffney, G Crawley 4½; 155-169 AP-Summerscale 5; D Agnos 4½; 140-154 G Patterson 4½; BA Barlow, SW Berkley, BA Khan, GCB Liska, JJ McDonnell, PJ Needham, G Quillan 4; 125-139 PL Szabo, AF Zoefitig 4; 110-124 JC Inwood, RJ Maltby, R Willmoth 3½; U110 DL Staples 3½; MJ Cherry, R Hermann, M Huba, G Swanepoel 3. Junior age 17 AN Raooof 4; 16 JC Inwood 3½; 15 BA Barlow 4; 14 AP Summerscale 5; 13 D Agnos 4½; 12 LBT Jones 3; U12 no entries. results WA Suttill

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF CHESS TOURNAMENT at London Central YMCA, 3rd June 1984 commemorated 100 years of chess at the CentYMCA. It attracted 124, including 50 juniors.

1 M Janata (Czechoslovakia) 6/6; 2-3 CE Hill (Athenaeum), A Kitchlew (Clapham Common) 5½; 4-9 CM Cooley, GC Stevens, DA Farndon (all CentYMCA), JG Gallagher (Wimbledon), S Reuben (Islington), CKD Holland (Battersea) 5...

Grading 150-169 DI Taylor (CentYMCA) 4½; 130-149 NJ Dixon (London Univ), MC Smith (CentYMCA), J Swallow (Greenford), BA Khan 4; U130 J Cavendish (CentYMCA) 4

Top woman player: SK Walker (Sutton and Cheam), C Forbes (CentYMCA) 4. Top U18 PG Hughes (CentYMCA) 4½; U16 JP Sharp (CentYMCA), AP Summerscale (Fulham) 4; U14 D Agnos (CentYMCA), MT Hennigan (Muswell Hill) 4; U12 GJ Haslinger (CentYMCA) 3½; U10 AC Keehner (CentYMCA) 3; U12 Girls C Haslinger, R Rahamim (both CentYMCA) 2.

Results MW Wills

USSR v REST OF THE WORLD 24-29 June 1984

The match, sponsored by the London Docklands Development Corporation and by Vladivar Vodka, came to London at extremely short notice (6 days, apparently!) after at least one foreign venue had fallen through. The Bulletin is vague about the details, but offers wholehearted congratulations to the BCF officers involved. It is only a pity that there was no time for proper publicity; one has visions of 20 top grandmasters playing an important match to an empty gallery. (No, the Bulletin didn't make it.)

The USSR, if you haven't heard, won the match 21-19 (5-5, 6-4, 5½-4½, 4½-5½). The match bulletin (all the games in figurine algebraic) is available at £2.50 from RW O'Brien, 48 Tierney Rd, London SW2. This is 50p less than the price advertised by the BCF; we assume it's the same bulletin? Our (RVOB) one also gives the junior simul games played by Kasparov - see Junior pages.

ROUND THE COUNTIES

BERKS leagues: Division 1: 1 Earley, 2 Reading. Div 2: 1 Smiths Industries (Basingstoke), 2 Basingstoke B. Div 3: 1 Camberley. Earley's three wins in three years is a post-war record.

Premier Precision Cup: Reading beat Crowthorne in the Final. Jubilee Plate: Maidenhead beat Smiths Industries. Results AJ Cox.

HERTS leagues: Division 1 Watford; Div 2 Watford II; Div 3 St Albans III; Div 4 Pin Green III; Div 5 Hilltop IV. The Herts KO went to Barnet, and the Sharp Trophy for works teams to IDEC. Individual County Champion is Phil Maguire; Minor Champion John Simmons. Results JA Leake.

BUCKS leagues: Division 1: 1 Bourne End, 2 Slough. Div 2: 1 Gerrards Cross, 2 Slough 3. Div 3: 1 Hazells (Aylesbury) 4, 2 Hazells 3. Bourne End's win in the club championship was their first. They were founded in 1967 and joined the league in 1972.

Individual championship: Division 1: 1 Dr EN Branley (Slough), 2 A Robbings (Slough). Div 2: 1 M Woodcock (High Wycombe), 2 Dr J Alster (Gerrards Cross). Div 3: 1 NA Sweetman (Gerrards Cross), 2 WR Moore (Bourne End). Eric Bramley won the individual title for the 13th time. The first was in 1945-46!

Bucks won the Chiltern League 1983-4. (We do not know the other positions.) results AJ Cox (again!)

KENT league Finals were played at Finals Day 13th May. County Cup: Charlton I beat Sidcup I. Lewis Cup: Charlton II beat Charlton III. Stevenson Cup: Canterbury III beat Charlton IV. En Passant Cup: Charlton VI beat Lewisham IV. Harvey Cup: Welling II beat Charlton VIII.

Individual Finals (also played at Finals Day): JD Wager beat IR Watson for the County Championship. In the Major, MH Micklethwaite v R Hyde was played late and we have not heard the result; in the Intermediate, CJ Soltysiak beat MR Croft; in the Minor, AR Bellinger beat DN Cook. The Ladies Champion is SC Scott; the Owen Dixon Trophy (Ladies) is shared by SC Scott and M Fowler. East Kent Champion is MH Micklethwaite; Mid Kent Champion P Lloyd.

Summer Quick-play Tournament is down to the Final. Canterbury beat Maidstone in one semi-final, and Charlton beat Tunbridge Wells Boys GS in the other. Only 22 teams entered this year.

An U18 tournament at Beckenham 7.7.84 was won by CG Ward (7oaks) with 5½/6 ahead of TE Farndon (7oaks), MD Tottman (Bromley) and RE Walker (Orpington) 4.

SURREY leagues: Alexander Cup: Wimbledon beat Guildford in the Final. Surrey Trophy went to Mitcham with 10/10; Beaumont Cup to Coulsdon; Ellam Trophy to Redhill II; Centenary Trophy to South Norwood; Minor Trophy to Wallington II.

SUSSEX: We can confirm that the County Champion is FJ Kwiatkowski. East Sussex Queen went to MD Nicholas, West Sussex Queen to TJ de Buriatte, Veterans title jointly to HC Hughes and J Richmond.

MacArthur Cup: Central section went to Brighton I, Northern to Crawley, Western to Worthing. Brighton beat Worthing heavily in one semi-final, and Hastings (not sure where they came from) beat Crawley almost as heavily in the other. The Final is to be played late July.

The Sussex lightning championship was won by FJ Kwiatkowski, and the Sussex Jamboree by Brighton II.

Junior update: U19 cup went to William Parker from Westergate, U16 to Dorothy Stringer from William Parker, U14 to William Parker from Oathall. There are primary competitions as well but we tend not to hear the results.

Mid Sussex League: Div 1 Seaford I; Div 2 Brighton I; Div 3S Brighton II; Div 3N Christs Hospital. KO is between Crawley Args and Sussex Univ. The MSL AGM sounds to have been fun, with a long discussion devoted to the appearance for Seaford of one J*1**n H*dgs*n. Sussex Chess News tantalisingly refers to "certain rumours" and reveals that the player in question, a Streatham and Middx man, had played only in away matches and had never visited the club. As far as we can make out the meeting decided he was eligible, then changed the rules. For good measure the meeting also recorded complaints about venues, and two divisions (probably) won and lost on the strength of match defaults.

ESSEX-HANTS-SUSSEX-KENT... Clint Mann and Martin Taylor, two members of the Dengie Chess Group - a small but thriving chess club based at Burnham on Crouch, Essex - are to do a cycling/chess-playing tour of SE England. They aim to start from Portsmouth on the 31st July and to pass through Chichester, Bognor Regis, Littlehampton and Worthing, arriving in Brighton for a tournament 3-5 August; thence via Eastbourne and Bexhill to Hastings, possibly adding Folkestone and Dover if time permits. They return to Essex 8th August. (Whether they're cheating at each end with bike-on-train we don't know!) They will attempt to play as many games of chess as possible during the tour, visiting chess clubs en route, and are being sponsored according to the number of opponents met. They will be wearing T-shirts reading "DENGIE CHESS TOUR - SOUTH COAST '84". So stop them and challenge them! Itinerary flexible according to supply and demand. Grades about 100-115.

INSURANCE Chess Club league and KO titles both went to Ibis (as usual, we gather).

And further afield, the International Hexagonal Chess Federation announce that the first European Team Championship (incorporating the second European individual championship) will be held in Hungary in August.

GRADING

We have to report the death of Bob MacBrayne, the Kent grader. He had been doing the job for years and will be missed. His successor, at least for one year, is Bryan Threadgall who previously held the post before moving on to become Director of National Grading.

Some inaccuracies in the May issue. We erroneously said that the BCF national scheme was scheduled to come in "in a year's time". Not so, it should be with us in 1985-6. And the guinea pig Union, scheduled for attention a year earlier, is the MCCU.

We think we have a vague idea how the system will work. Presumably the central computer would be able to supply information such as that advertised below, but we don't know whether it's planned.

SCCU SPECIAL GRADING SERVICES

You are reminded of the special club lists available from Trevor Jones, Grading Programmer:

(1) Itemised club list. All the members of a specified club, with results broken down by event (number of games, and number of points, per event). Price "5.

(2) Club list (provisional). Gives overall results only (total of games and points for each player, plus grade). Produced before the official September List, so subject to amendment. Price "1, first come first served.

(3) Club list (final). Same as (2) but produced after the September List. Price "2.

Mr Jones expects to be selling (2), and maybe (1), at the Brighton Congress. If you wish to shop by post his address is inside the front cover. Cheques payable to Southern Counties Chess Union, please, and enclose SAE.

BCF STAGE COUNTY MATCHES

Championship Semi-Finals

Kent*		2.6.84		Gtr Hcr		Yorks		2.6.84		Essex*	
1	AD Martin (W)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	DA Jackson	JC Howell (W)	1	0	K Bowden			
2	M Fuller	1	0	PA Lamford	SC Brown	0	1	AJ Stebbings			
3	JJ Ady	0	1	JT Farrand	AJ Dunnington	1	0	ES Lee			
4	AE Hanreck	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	P Kane	MJ Haygarth	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	SJ Lowe			
5	RCA L-Pentecost	0	1	S Doherty	P Botto	1	0	JA Goldberg			
6	AG Trangmar	1	0	H Lamb	J Burnett	1	0	AM Simpson			
7	JN Sugden	1	0	JA Lambert	N Littlewood	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	JB Howson			
8	MF Dickenson	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	R English	CC Shephard	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	AT Marshall			
9	TW Pelling	0	1	P Siddall	A Kawalec	0	1	TD Coote			
10	PS Milner-Barry	0	1	EN Hawkins	BA Jones	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	KW Spurgeon			
11	R Webb	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	DA Sheridan	JE Vickery	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	S Triggs			
12	AP Smith	1	0	S Tranter	S Barrett	1	0	JC Moore			
13	NR Oliver	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Gardner	R van Kamenade	0	1	GF Yates			
14	W Giblin	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	P Dean	RD Westra	1	0	IBN Smith			
15	NR Keene	1	0	A Robinson	MV Taylor	0	1	R Heppinstall			
16	JD Wager	1	0	P Kurbyn	DR Markham	0	1	ID Hunnable			
(Coventry)		9	7		DA Fletcher	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	G Moore			
					RC Cannings	1	0	SH Kalinsky			
					D Firth	1	0	DN Bellis			
					MCD Knapton	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	BS Virk			
					(Coventry)	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$				

Championship Final

Yorks		7.7.84		Kent*	
1	WJC Howell (W)	1	0	AD Martin	
2	R Britton	0	1	M Fuller	
3	AJ Dunnington	0	1	JJ Ady	
4	MJ Haygarth	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RG Eales	
5	SC Brown	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	IR Watson	
6	P Botto	0	1	AE Hanreck	
7	J Burnett	1	0	RNR O'Kelly	
8	N Littlewood	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	AG Trangmar	
9	CC Shephard	0	1	JN Sugden	
10	B Guero	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	MV Lambshire	
11	BA Jones	1	0	R Webb	
12	JE Vickery	0	1	TW Pelling	
13	A Kanalec	0	1	AP Smith	
14	S Barrett	1	0	PS Milner-Barry	
15	RD Westra	1	0	N McDonald	
16	S Deighton	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	DH Powell	
(Coventry)		7 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$		

Second Teams Semi-Final

Merseyside		2.6.84		Middx II*	
1	W Cottam (W)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	SJ Rodericks	
2	G Parsonage	0	1	JT Ward	
3	J Hawkins	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	KR Clark	
4	G Quillan	0	1	DA Farndon	
5	D Pearcey	0	1	JS Walton	
6	M Hardman	0	1	F Rayner	
7	R Harrison	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	SJ Tovey	
8	N Martin	0	1	PM Rice	
9	F Barker	0	1	DA Hick	
10	M Calvert	1	0	S Devereux	
11	A Samples	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	AH Donkin	
12	G Cannon	0	1	H Francois	
13	D Craggs	0	1	BJ Benjamin	
14	P Cameron	0	1	JP Gorgol	
15	A Boggis	1	0	MD Brougham	
16	G Jackson	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Makin	
(Coventry)		4 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$		

Second Teams Final

Middx II*		7.7.84		Yorks II	
DL Lee (W)	1	0	K Dawson		
PD Yerbury	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	G Frost		
SJ Rodericks	1	0	M Denison		
DA Farndon	1	0	P Dunnelly		
JT Ward	0	1	R Hughes		
RJ Pearce	1	0	S Mann		
JS Walton	1	0	J Bycroft		
AP Summerscale	1	0	J Trafford		
PM Rice	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	B Halliwell		
JA Hunt	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	P Madden		
R Kane	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	S Curry		
DA Hick	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	P Swanson		
AH Donkin	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Bramson		
BJ Benjamin	1	0	L Tatar		
S Devereux	1	0	M Fox		
M Francois	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	G Coulson		
(Coventry)	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$			

Minor Counties on next page. Congratulations to Kent, Middlesex and Sussex who have done a clean sweep, bringing all the BCF titles to the Southern Counties for the second year running if memory serves. One only wonders how long Sussex can remain a "minor" County. They clearly aren't one any more, on a commonsense definition, but building common sense into rules is hard. (The criterion, if you remember, is that you mustn't have been nominated for a Championship quarter-final in the last 5 years.)

Minor Counties

		Quarter-Final				Semi-Final					
Sussex*		28.4.84		Durham		Northd		2.6.84		Herts*	
1	DH Cummings (B)	0	1	DP Mooney	J Foulger (W)	1	0	PJ Gregory			
2	FJ Kwiatkowski	1	0	KP Neat	P Oakley	0	1	S Swanson			
3	GH James	1	0	P Rowntree	J Wheeler	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	PG Maguire			
4	JC Henshaw	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Dunn	H Panchen	0	1	H Murphy			
5	G Kenworthy	0	1	PR Bielby	J Turnock	0	1	W Tabakiernik			
6	BJ Denman	1	0	N Solomon	SJ Hooker	1	0	ND Willmott			
7	RV Elliston	1	0	R Sayers	R Plater	0	1	J Denton			
8	JIP Simpole	1	0	J Sams	M Baston	0	1	J O'Loghlen			
9	APH Kinsman	1	0	R Simpson	P Eastlake	1	0	C Majer			
10	D Graham	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	DD Turner	J Killen	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	B Morris			
11	L Rutherford	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	J Siggins	J Clarke	1	0	TM Thurstan			
12	DGA Shallcross	1	0	A Fuster	H Nicholson	1	0	S Law			
13	SON Hawes	1	0	M Hazelton	L Whittle	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	C Purdon			
14	MD Nicholas	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	S Mitchell	F Moon	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Harley			
15	P Fallon	1	0	I Walton	J Liddle	1	0	R Lee			
16	RH Williams (Hassocks)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	G Wade	E Jarah (Bawtry)	1	0	def			
		11 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$			9	7				

		Semi-Final				Final					
Sussex*		2.6.84		Dorset		Sussex*		7.7.84		Northd	
1	FJ Kwiatkowski	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	SJ Shutler	DH Cummings (B)	1	0	JG Foulger			
2	JG Nicholson	1	0	MBA Isaacs	G Kenworthy	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	PJ Oakley			
3	BJ Denman	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Freeman	JC Henshaw	1	0	JD Wheeler			
4	G Kenworthy	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	P Varley	BJ Denman	1	0	H Panchen			
5	RV Elliston	1	0	N Ramsey	GH James	0	1	JF Turnock			
6	JIP Simpole	1	0	CW Johns	RV Elliston	1	0	SJ Hooker			
7	APH Kinsman	0	1	BN Hirsch	JIP Simpole	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Platen			
8	D Graham	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Kinnersley	L Rutherford	1	0	MA Bastow			
9	L Rutherford	1	0	J Anderson	DGA Shallcross	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	JS Clarke			
10	DGA Shallcross	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	IC Clark	DW Fryer	1	0	P Eastlake			
11	SON Hawes	1	0	HD Needham	MD Nicholas	1	0	M Nicholson			
12	DW Fryer	1	0	MJ Roth	P Fallon	1	0	L Whittle			
13	MD Nicholas	1	0	DK Bevis	LJ Cannon	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	E Jarah			
14	P Fallon	0	1	R Valentine	AB Bamford	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	G Ainsley			
15	LJ Cannon	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	JF Tilney-Bassett	RH Williams	1	0	def			
16	RH Williams (Portsmouth)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	CI Romero	RTF Williams (Coventry)	1	0	def			
		10 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$			12 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$				

NEXT SEASON'S SCCU FIXTURE LIST

date	Championship	M-Jones	Phillips and Drew Amboyna	Other events
Sep 29		MK OH		
Oct 6	MSy HK CBr ESx			
13			M4E M3Sx K4K3 Sy3Sy2	
20		KO EM		
27	BrE KC SyH BuM			
Nov 3			Sy3M4 K3M3 Sy2K4 SxE	
10		OE HK		
17	HBu CSy EK SxB			
24			M4Sx M3Sy2 K4Sy3 E3K3	Nat U16 (Upminster)
Dec 1		EH MO		
8	KSx SyE BuC MH			
15		HM KE		
Jan 5		KM HO		
12	CM EBU SxSy BrK			
19			K4M4 Sy3M3 Sy2E K3Sx	
26	SyBr BuSx ME HC			
Feb 2		OK ME		
9	EH SxM BrBu KSy			
16			M4K3 M3K4 ESy3 SxSy2	
23		EO KH		
Mar 2	BuK MBr HSx CE			SCCU U18 jamborees
9			M3M4 K4E Sy3Sx Sy2K3	Nat U14 W'hampton
16	SxC BrH KM SyBu			
23		HE OM		
30			M4Sy3 EM3 SxK4 K3Sy3	
Apr 6				
13		MH EK		

REVIEW

NEW IN CHESS: a new monthly magazine available from Chess Combination, 22 Rippleside Commercial Estate, Ripple Rd, Barking, Essex IG11 05A (?). Subscription £18.25 p.a., or £6.50 for the first 4 issues. Figurine algebraic.

With the sad demise of "Chess Express" there is room for another magazine - though this one is very different. What I have is the "free introductory issue"; the real thing is to start in August. It is an international venture, to be published in Dutch and English (but Dutch-based, and it shows in some of the English...). Raymond Keene is one of three International Editors.

The magazine is part of a computerised database set-up, with yearly storage of 5000 - 6000 international games. Other offshoots are a "Keybook" on openings 1970-82, and a Quarterly and Yearbook which will also be devoted to openings. I know nothing of these - indeed, the two last have not appeared yet - and they sound a bit high-powered for me anyway.

What's in the magazine? Well, the "zero issue" runs to 66 pages, A5 plus, with no, repeat no, advertisements. It is produced to high professional standards. It carries tournament reports from Wijk aan Zee, Hastings, Indonesia and Baku; in-depth analysis of selected games and the moves of many others; Sosonko on Trends in Openings; and three articles of "general interest" (interviews with Botvinnik, an analysis of a famous combination with a hidden twist, and a review of chess archive systems over the last 150 years.

I am not qualified to assess the standard of the analysis, or the room in the market for an international magazine like this. Let's just say it impressed me as being both thorough and interesting. RJH

A game from the above; notes much abbreviated.

White Suba Black Sax: Hastings 1983-4

1 c4 Nf6 2 Nf3 c5 3 Nc3 d5 4 cd5 Nd5 5 c4 (recently the height of fashion) Nb4
 6 Bc4 Nd3 7 Ke2 Nf4 8 Kf1 Ne6 9 Ne5!? (9 b4 cb4 10 Ne2 has also been causing Black a lot of trouble) Qd6 10 f4 Nc6 11 Qa4 Nd8 (...Bd7 is essential) 12 d4! cd4 13 Nb5 Qb8 14 Nd4 f6 15 Ndc6 bc6 16 Bf7 1-0

And a game from the Lloyds Bank Jersey International 12-18 May 1984 (won by AC Kosten):

White H Trepp (Switzerland), Black R Bellin 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 d4 exd4 6 0-0 Be7 7 Re1 b5 8 Bb3 d6 9 Bd5 Nxd5 10 exd5 Ne5 11 Nxd4 0-0 12 Nc3 Bg4 13 f3 Bd7 14 a4 b4 15 Ne4 a5

Varying from ...Re3 played in Makarychev-Kholmov, USSR 1983

16 b3 Ng6 17 Qd2 Re3 18 Bb2 Bf8 19 c3 Re5 20 Nb5 Ne7 21 c4 Rh5 22 Ng3 Rh6 23 Nd4 c5 24 Dxc6 Nxc6 25 Ndf5 Rg6 26 Rad1 Nb8 27 Qf4 Na6 28 Ne4 Bxf5 29 Qxf5 Qc7 30 Rd5 Nc5

Black defends his very weak d pawn, but at the price of his f7 pawn.

31 Nxc5 dxc5 32 Rd7 Qc6 33 Qxf7+ Kh8 34 Qxe3 Qxf3!

A surprise defence, but White keeps cool and finds a winning reply.

36 Rd2! Kg8 37 Rf2 Qd1+ 38 Rf1 Qd6 39 Qf7+ 1-0

acknowledgments Lloyds Bank

A chestnut from last year's Walpole Festival which nobody solved.

White to play and mate in three, and beware the trap which caught 50% of solvers.

(P)	P					(P)	
(R)	(P)	P			P		
(K)	(P)				R		
(P)						R	
(P)						P	
P					K		

THE WEST OF ENGLAND CHESS UNION, whose late President Ralph Newman was among other things the Editor of the Union's house magazine Westward Ho!, are considering ways of turning it into a really professional publication. One of the possibilities is that it might go automatically via club secretaries to every registered player in the Union. The Bulletin turns green with envy at the very idea. (They already claim a circulation bigger than ours, dammit.)

CONGRESS DIARY

- Jul 20-22 HEREFORD. J Coxwell, 24 Siddons Rd, Tupsley, Hereford
 21 KNUTSFORD Open; U170; U135; U100. D Smith, 10 St Johns Court, Knutsford, Cheshire
- 21-28 WALPOLE FESTIVAL in Walpole Park W5. Simuls daily 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Also 22nd: lightning (10 sec) tournament 11 a.m.; 23rd: junior tournaments U15, U11 10.30 a.m.; 24th: problem solving 11 a.m.; 25th lecture "How good is your chess?" 12 a.m.; 26th: lecture 12 a.m., simul at Ealing CC 7.30; 27th: junior U18 10.30; 28th: Dannys Travel QP 10 a.m. Parks and Amenities Office, 22/24 Uxbridge Rd W5 2BP: 01 579 2424 Ext 3321
- 28-29 CITY CHESS MINOR at Highbury Fields. U141. LG Goodwin, 63 Aberdeen Park H5
- 30-11 GRIEVESON, GRANT BCF CHAMPIONSHIP CONGRESS at Brighton. You're late but the Bulletin has never failed to squeeze into a 5-day tournament by turning up on the first day. Apply BCF office, Hastings 442500.
- Aug 4 COMET CIRCLE N4. U175. CK Lai, 12 Lagan House, Sumner Rd SE15
- 17-19 HARYMASS at Irvine. Premier; U151; U126; U101; ungraded; U15/12.
 F Park, 6 Fintry Place, Bartreehill, Irvine, Ayrshire
- 19 CITY CHESS OPEN QP at Highbury Fields. LG Goodwin as above.
- 22-30 LLOYDS BANK W1. Open, but expensive for rabbits. Jill Triggs, 33 Trevellance Way, Garston, Herts. Closing date just passed.
- 24-27 TYNE AND WEAR at Newcastle. F Fenwick, Green Law East, Mickley Square, Stocksfield, Northd
- 25-27 BERKS AND BUCKS at Amersham. Graded sections. RJ Pidgeon, 12 Birch Grove, Windsor
- 25-27 NORTH LONDON SUMMER NW1. LG Goodwin as City Chess above.
- 25-27 CHORLEY Open; U170; U130. Chess Congress, Public Baths (?), Union St, Chorley, Lancs
- 26 BASINGSTOKE QP. RE Boxall, 91 Campsie Close, Basingstoke RG22 5DQ
- 31- 2 THANET at Ramsgate. Open; U156; U121. MR Croft, 37 Upper Dane Rd, Margate, Kent
- 31- 2 GREATER LONDON at County Hall. Open (£1000 top prize); Women; U151; U18. Chequers, 18 Chalk Farm Rd NW1
- 31- 3 TEACHERS at Bangor. Open; U166; U136. The Teachers, 18 Garth Rd, Bangor, Gwynedd
- Sep 2- 8 PAIGNTON Open; U170; U126; APAs U170; Over 60. PS Short, Blue Horizon, Nut Bush Lane, Shiphay, Torquay, Devon TQ2 6LD
- 15 CHARLBURY Open QP; U125; U16/12. HS Lebb, 18 The Green, Charlbury, Oxford OX7 3QA

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Solution from previous page: 1 P-N8=B!
 if ...PxP 2 B-B4 P-N5 3 B-Q2
 if ...P-N3 2 B-Q6 PxR 3 BxM4
 if ...P-N4 2 P-M4 P-N5 3 B-B7
 Not 1 P-N8=M? 2 HxR KxM 3 RxP+ PxR

And don't forget to send off your order forms for next season's Bulletin and Grading List. County Secretaries are particularly requested to distribute Grading List order forms to their clubs.

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