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EDITORIAL

Sorry about the sub-standard front cover: the second running, for some of you. A temporary hiccup. Sorry, also, if I seem to have concentrated on BCF affairs. They've been keeping the SCCU titbits away from me.

I'm a bit confused about the position of the counties under Direct Membership. Will they gain or lose? They may lose the odd member who used to register purely to play in congresses (though not many, I shouldn't think, because registering through a county will still be the cheaper option). Otherwise it's £2 per DM gain (the county's commission), until the DMs start saying, "Hang about, we're already BCF members. Why should we pay the BCF component of our county dues?". The BCF component is theoretically £4, though I doubt if many counties put it that way when they set their dues, so the county would be £2 out of pocket. I'm told that in the days of "Full Members" or whatever they were called, a county used to be able to deduct £4 from its levy for each one of them. Not any more, with DMs. But the number of players registering through the county would go down, so eventually they'd be able to apply for a lower levy number, and maybe get it in a year or two. I'd be interested to know what policies counties are adopting.

Transitional arrangements are bound to be messy, so how about the long-term objectives? Bryan Fewell tells me he's not given much thought to them - well, that's what he seemed to be saying - so let's get in our own time machine. It's 2001, and the DMS is a resounding success, and county levies have been abolished. Every county, unless it's a club or congress, receives £20 commission per DM. (Hard to believe it was in 1990!) Counties still have their own affairs to run, so they still charge (reduced) individual subscriptions. To counter the freeloaders, or mean sodding bastards as we call them affectionately, counties charge non-DMs £20 more. A few counties insist on DM registration for all their members, so there aren't any freeloaders, and these counties charge £20 less for everyone than they would have done without the commission. The scheme is a masterpiece of reason and justice. The DM pays the BCF £200, the BCF gives £20 of this to the county, and the county (effectively) gives £20 back to the DM. Except that if the sponsor was a club, the county checks its records and charges the DM £20 more after all, and the club charges him £20 less. And if it was a congress, the organisers plough the £20 back and the freeloaders benefit after all.

Some people who play in the Kelloggs Counties Championship are freeloaders, so there is a second-class tier of registration costing only £40, paid through the counties. Some counties are irritated by the extra complications this makes in their book keeping. There are even a few loony radicals who propose abolishing Direct Membership and charging the basic £40 only. What they stubbornly refuse to see is the fact that people who wanted free Chess Feelygrams and discounts on toasters would be forced to go and buy ChessMoves separately.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr Haddrell,

10.10.90

BCF Year Book of Chess 1990-91

I have been sent a copy of your editorial in the Southern Counties Bulletin for September 1990. Perhaps you would also publish this letter by way of response.

My thanks for the book review and observations - due purely to my phantom benefactor I am able to respond. For five years now I have been asking readers to write to me - I do not receive copies of all the various bulletins produced around the country!

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder - one man's mess is another's... Not long ago there were no congress results. I can only print material that I receive or obtain from somewhere. The Times is a generous sponsor - I attempt to acknowledge as many sponsors as possible. I also tend to concentrate on junior chess - it is our future after all! The Accounts are not out of date - the year ended April 1990 figures are not ratified until the September AGM - this is BCF policy. The Editor's lot is not a straightforward one! One book review is one more than previously and remember we are all going into Europe - why not chess terms in six languages? Three problems (?studies) are quite easy if I tell you who is going to win - a challenge with a difference. My post box to date does not seem to indicate too much difficulty.

The Year Book is just that - an annual. Therefore it should remain much the same as ever. If we want merely a list of names and addresses then this could be produced in diary size [yes, please! - Ed] and much more cheaply. If all readers wrote and told

the BCF their views and personal wants from the Year Book, we could act accordingly. In the meantime, we have to continue - straw-clutching or trying new ideas - as I said before, one man's mess is another's...!

Finally, I know the Rules are not in - a BCF Management Board decision to keep the printing cost of the Year Book down and make room for more results. The rules can be obtained separately - the costs of annual updating are minimal and the two books complement each other.

Yours sincerely,  
 Brian Concannon Editor, Year Book of Chess

Dear Richard,

4.10.90

As ever an entertaining SCCU Bulletin even if [sic] we overlook the occasional inaccuracy.

The Corporate Vice Presidents membership does NOT cease on 31st Oct. It's the offer of 15 months for the price of 12.

Council approved a Middx proposal that until 31.7.91 Counties would receive a 10% commission on direct members' subs in addition to the named sponsor, i.e. the County in which the member is resident. One payment of commission only to a County even if named as a Sponsor.

I have some sympathy for your game with the Constitution on affiliation. My initial aim is to make the DMS a success and not titivate the Constitution. Basically Counties are the main BCF affiliates and it seems to me a reasonable inference to say that a club which is actually operating in a County (e.g. playing in the County league) can itself be regarded as an affiliate.

Sorry you appear not very supportive of the DMS. It actually got off to a "fairly good start" (said he, modest as ever). 500 members in 8 weeks so we do have some satisfied customers!

Best wishes,  
 Bryan (Fewell) Director of Home Chess & Services

Ed: - Oh dear, wait till he sees the Editorial. Sorry about the "occasional inaccuracy" on Corporate VP membership, but I was accurately quoting ChessMoves for August! Bryan has given me a later figure (21.10.90) of about 580 DMs. Two-thirds are players not previously registered (which may be misleading because most renewals of existing membership had not yet fallen due: 31st October is a crunch date). I'll reserve judgment on the "satisfied customers" claim. If it means "satisfied with the BCF so far" it can only apply to a third of the 580; and if it means "satisfied with the DMS" we'll have to wait and see. The DMS is budgeted to break even in its first year, though the Council decision to pay counties £2 even if they weren't nominated won't help.

#### BCF GRADING: SCCU BIAS SHOCK HORROR SENSATION!

"The grading list does contain a lot of names with unrealistic grades... because 35% plus of the names are SCCU, whose grades are 10-15% higher than the rest of the country." Roger Edwards, BCF Grading Director, writing in the BCF ChessMoves. This can't be right, we thought. You don't express one grade as a percentage of another! So we rang him up, and he said the second percent sign was a printer's error. It should have read "10-15 points".

The rest of this account is drawn partly from our telephone conversation, and partly from a top-level graders' meeting held on the following Saturday (3rd November) at which Martin Cath, SCCU Grading Secretary, was present. Frankly your Editor thinks it a pity that the thing should have been sprung on us in a casual throw-away remark in ChessMoves, without even telling the Union grading officers first. Martin Cath was as startled as we were. Anyway. The BCF computer has surveyed about 18,000 players in the published list. It split the scale into 10-point chunks, and counted how many players fell within each chunk. Results for the SCCU were markedly different from those for the other Unions. The SCCU peaks around the 140 mark, and the others around 125. This differential holds all the way up the scale. At 170-plus or so, half the players are SCCU. When you get over 200-210 the numbers are too small to draw conclusions. (Practically everyone over 230 is in the south, but that could reflect player-migration rather than grading bias.) At the other end of the scale, grades for the other Unions go down further than ours. The WECU has 50 players graded below 50; we only have 20-odd, despite our greater size. This could be because the WECU grades all its U11 events, and we certainly don't; which in turn could go some way towards

explaining why SCCU grades are higher. Another possible source of bias is the fact that, by and large, SCCU graders don't enter data for new players with less than 5 games. The MCCU enters players with 1 game, and the other Unions, while not usually going as far as that, are less selective than us. This will not, admittedly, have had much effect on the sample. Otherwise Mr Edwards could offer no explanation for the differential, beyond the fact that it seems to have been already there when grading was centralised in 1987. We should stress that no one suggests the SCCU graders are getting their sums wrong, or using the wrong rules. They are doing their grading the same way as everyone else.

You will have gathered that the figures need a much closer look before anyone starts drawing firm conclusions. Mr Edwards agrees, and he is on the look-out for a tame statistician. If you are one, and are willing to help, please contact him. His address: RJ Edwards, 490 Chell Heath Rd, Stoke on Trent, Staffs ST6 6QD (0782 81560).

It is always possible that SCCU players are 10-15 points better than the others, though the Bulletin doesn't believe it. Differing cultural influences, and gravitation of strong players towards the home counties, might have a small effect. Otherwise, we're reduced to "SCCU drinking water 10-15% healthier". And we remember Mike Croft's comment after Kent had lost their second successive Third Teams Final, against a side they outgraded comfortably. "After two seasons of playing in the BCF Tournaments... I am convinced that there are anomalies in the gradings from different areas. Either the SCCU are 15-20 points too high, or the MCCU and NCCU are too low."

If the bias is real, it must be to some extent reflected in the performances of SCCU players in "foreign" congresses (and vice versa). Doubt if anyone's done the research; Mr Edwards hasn't. Caution would be needed anyway, because regular congress players will be less affected than most by any Union bias that may exist.

Mr Edwards tells us that the evidence of Union bias emerged accidentally from an exercise designed to investigate grading inflation. It seems that published grades have increased nationally, on the average, by about 1| points per year over the last four years (which is as far back as the computer can go). The mean has risen, in that time, from 121 to 128. The only reason he could suggest was that the 10-point addition for juniors might be unrealistic. In fact junior grades seem to go up by about 5| points a year, so the 10-point rule will be mildly inflationary. (U10s do go up 10 points but it tails off rapidly, as you'd expect, and U18s go up hardly at all.) Mr Edwards did not think this could be the only reason for inflation. If it were, then if we've got our sums right maybe one-third of all graded games (half-games, to be precise) would have to be against juniors. Perhaps they are, but it seems unlikely. This needs looking at. The tame statistician will also, presumably, have to compare the numbers of junior games graded in the different Unions. Maybe over-generous estimates for new players also come into it somewhere? Our contribution to the figures is some 1984 ones produced by the old Grieveson, Grant (or Kleinwort Grieveson, or Kleinwort Benson) computer. They were published in issue 159 of the Bulletin, but in case you haven't got that handy: a sample, probably pretty comparable, of 5242 SCCU players had a mean grade then of 131, and mode of 122. Why these two figures were so far apart we don't know, and they coincided meekly enough when you included the one-game merchants. We get the impression that most of the Edwards "averages" are modes. But whichever 1984 figure you accept, the inflation looks to have galloped since. (And the Bulletin thought it was maintaining its grade...)

Action contemplated? Mr Edwards intends to propose to the BCF Management Board that the junior increment should be calculated on a sliding scale according to age. At the moment the 10 points are added by individual graders, when they don't forget. (Grader forgetfulness is counter-inflationary.) You can't really ask graders to apply a sliding scale, so if the proposal is adopted the computer will do it for them, adding the correct amount to the grade before publication. What it will do for juniors of unspecified age we don't know, but we're sure it's a sensible computer. And no, the result will only look like inflation!

Naturally the graders' meeting discussed the possibility of deducting (say) 10 points from all SCCU grades (or, more acceptable perhaps, adding 10 to everyone else's). It will not recommend this. We may eventually have to do some such thing, but certainly not before the tame statistician's had his go at the figures.

Some minor changes: "E" grades (10 games in the last 3 years) will in future require at least 1 of the 10 to be in the most recent season. And it is hoped that the BCF computer will soon be able to accept data on 3|-inch floppy discs. The Spectrums which supply data on cassette tape (still in use, believe it or not!) will probably become redundant in a couple of years. Your Editor wishes his computer was compatible with the BCF one.

And if you think we've got problems...

In the same ChessMoves article Mr Edwards says, without explanation, that USCF grades are a laughing stock. He tells us that USCF grades are generally accepted to be

unreliable. According to ChessMoves, US players over 2400 are to have their grades reduced to relieve inflation; Mr Edwards's understanding was that all US players would, and that seems to make more sense. USCF grading, apparently, is confined to the congress circuit although club chess is played. We believe that grades are updated frequently (once a month?) and all players get their new grade printed on the address label when their magazine comes. (Yes, all rated players are members of the USCF.) We don't know how often they publish a complete list, or what proportion of congress players are USCF members, or what they do about games played against non-members. Lester Millin (who is a member) has a USCF grade himself, if we've correctly understood his letter to ChessMoves!

#### SOME BCF ODDMENTS

We can't resist quoting from Roy Brown reporting David Jarrett at the latest BCF Council Meeting. "In recent years... it was clear that Directors (no longer in office) had contributed towards our current financial position. These include the Finance Director miscalculating the Levy... and the Junior Director spending the International Director's budget without telling anyone. He also managed to record a £1000 debit as a credit in his accounts without it being noticed." And reporting Ray Edwards: "There was also confusion regarding role definition among key officials (a good example being publicity, something which the outgoing Publicity Director did not necessarily see as being his responsibility!)."

ChessMoves is decidedly the best magazine the BCF's had since 1986 at least (though Roy Brown's piece wasn't in it).

#### BCF Rapid-Play Grading List

The latest one is out, and available from Martin Cath (address inside front cover) for £1.50 payable to SCCU. The list contains some 3000 names, and a growing proportion of SCCU ones.

#### Ladies Corner

We seem to have been inaccurate in our report of the woman-count decision at the recent Council Meeting. Woman-count will take precedence over bottom board elimination, but not over board-count. Which means, of course, that it will hardly ever be applied. Since it doesn't take precedence over point-count either, no rational match captain will be influenced by it. Could that be why Council voted for it? If so we misjudged them: they're not fools, just humorists.

From the British Womens Chess Association, to all county secretaries: "Please find enclosed BWCA players' list of all women and girl chess players currently in the BWCA database... The size and accuracy of the database is improving all the time. We would like your help to correct and add more information to our database." OK, one correction. Glynne J Jones of Stevenage and Pin Green should be J Glynne Jones.

#### Statistician required

In case you didn't read the article on grading: the BCF Grading Director is looking for a tame statistician to analyse grading results. Any statistician willing to offer his services is asked to contact RJ Edwards, 490 Chell Heath Rd, Stoke on Trent, Staffs ST6 6QD (0782 81560).

#### WORLD PROBLEM SOLVING CHAMPIONSHIP

was held in late September in Benidorm. The British team, sponsored by Lloyds Bank again, came 1st with the Soviet Union on 172/180. Ties are normally split on time taken, but that - for the first time ever - was a dead-heat as well. West Germany came 3rd on 156, and 10 teams competed. Jonathan Mestel was 2nd in the individual championship, behind a Russian. (Actually we don't know that he was a Russian, but what do you call a citizen of the USSR without fracturing the English language?) We spare readers the 5-mover Mestel couldn't do.

CHILTERN LEAGUE results:

Bucks U18 9 11 Bucks II 15.9.90; Bucks II 7 13 Herts II 29.9.90

SURREY JUNIOR results 1989-90, omitted last time:

U9 Champion Matthew Orme (Ditchling); U9 Girls Elizabeth Bennett (Ditchling), Vickie Ruffle (Hassocks), Susannah Baxter (Hove); U7 Benjamin Wood (Ditchling). Results Tim Greenhill, who adds that the Girls U16 school championship was won by a Primary School who only got as far as the semi-final of the Primary event. "What price girls secondary school chess in Sussex?"

KENT SUMMER QUICK-PLAY was won, for the 5th time in 6 years, by Charlton who trounced Hastings & St Leonards in the Final.

OXFORDSHIRE QUICKPLAY 30-30, held in Oxford 13.10.90

1 Charles Cobb (age 11: Swindon) 5½/6; 2 M Lucey (Reading) 4½; 3 G Alcock (Duston), James Cobb (13: Swindon), J Brookes (Bourne End), K Martel (Didcot), D Curtis (Bs Stortford) 4...

Under 130 1-4 P Fallon (Oxford City), P McLeod (Cowley), A Leach (Bicester), L Sibley (Morris Motors) 5/6... Results Lester Millin

COWLEY CC BLITZ (5 min) 1.10.90

1 P Wells 11½/12; 2 RJ Starkie 10; S Ansell 9½. 36 played; results ditto.

COUNTY MATCHES 1990-91

We're off again. The Bulletin's the only place you're going to see these results, so here's the annual Editorial injunctions to match captains. I've added a few comments underneath the matches themselves, where they're more likely to be noticed.

(1) Please send me copies of all your result sheets. Don't rely on your opponents to do it. An asterisk by a county's name means I have received the result from that side. You must, of course, also send a copy to Fred Manning as Tournament Controller. One (new) match captain has sent a result to Martin Cath this year, possibly assuming he'd grade it. In fact the grader is Alan Cox of Bucks, and you don't have to send results to him because he works from the Bulletin.

(2) Be prompt. Don't wait for adjudication results, I get those independently. Don't assume, because the official copy deadline's past, that you've missed the boat. You may not have. (Unofficially, the Bulletin nearly always goes out on a Sunday in the second half of the month and I'll squeeze results in if they come on the Saturday.)

(3) Give full initials for all your players, every time. I know the habitual offenders will infuriate me by ignoring this, but it helps the grader. Yes, honest. I am one. If you use a new player, add a note to say where he's from. I promise to copy it for the grader's benefit.

(4) Be legible! Don't assume that capitals aid legibility - they don't - and if you must use capitals try to distinguish between (for example) Macdonald and MacDonald. You may not care, and the grading list doesn't seem to, but I do.

(5) Try to spell names right. I try not to introduce any more of my own mistakes than I can help. Apart from obvious slips of the pen, my policy is to copy the spelling given by the player's own match captain. Even when I don't believe it. "Sic" (or "so") in brackets after a player's name means I really have typed what I was given. If it doesn't say that and the spelling looks dubious, suspect an error on my part.

A note for sexists. I refuse to print first names given purely because the player is a woman. They will be edited down to initials. (So make sure you give all the initials!) Likewise "Mrs", "Miss" and "Ms" will be omitted, unless they're necessary to avoid confusion.

(6) If there are adjudications, tell me the claims or probable claims (your own side's, at any rate). A simple "+" or "=" next to the result column is fine. I'm sure readers want to know. And please put the (provisional) scores at the bottom of the sheet. People nearly always do. It helps me, and Fred Manning as well I should think.

Results agreed a few days after the match may sometimes come out looking like adjudications. This is because no one's kept me posted, or if they have I've not noticed.

There are no adjudication results through yet (17.11.90) for this season's matches.

NOMINATED PLAYERS 1990-91

Nominated players may not play in a lower team than that specified.

Players asterisked are people who played less than two games last year, so do not count towards the 18 (or 14) required. In some cases the asterisk has been supplied by the county, in others it's ours, and in others again we don't even know if anyone's counted, though we assume it. We guess the only person with all the information handy under one roof is the grader.

<u>Middx I</u>	<u>Middx II</u>	<u>Sussex I</u>	<u>Essex I</u>
1 *Speelman JS 252	Hon A 192J	Denman BJ	Martin AD
2 *Levitt JP 236	Foster NE 200	James GH	Bowden K
3 *Agnos D 232	Rayner F 198	Kwiatkowski FJ	Carr NL
4 *Cavendish J 216J	Quinn JM 192	Graham DB	Kenworthy G
5 Berry SH 220	Okike DC 191	Webb L	Coleman D
6 Whiteley AJ 217	Llewellyn JD 184	Norman KI	Sherman D
7 Crouch CS 217	Alldritt N 180	Elliston RV	Twyble MS
8 *Shovel K 216	Rosenberg D 177J	Newman SJ	Manley JP
9 Wade RG 209	Wall NCT 179	Hawes SON	Hodgson JH
10 McMichael RJ 206	Peters NA 175	Nicholas MD	Baer B
11 *Lukey S	Alabi AO 175	Farr PG	Goldberg JA
12 *Lee DL 203	Bennett MK 173	Kelly IG	Moore JC
13 Forster MCF 197	Wheatley AI 172	Frost DP	Myall IJ
14 Ward JT 197	Barnes KR 171	Lewis APR	Smith IBN
15 Nellist JR 196	Ball DC 170	Almond R	Ellames R
16 Vlahos K 195	White GA 168	Hoxey T	Hasson P
17 Thomas RH 192		Cannon LJ	Fleury M
18 Lynch DP 192		*Pickersgill AO	Tredinnick AJ
19 Lyell M 191			
20 Yerbury P 190			
21 Anthony G 187			
22 Rose CNJ 185			
23 Sharp JR 185			
24 Mackenzie C 184			
25 Mackle DJC 183			
26 Duckers HL 174			
27 Arnold SD 170			

Pickersgill is not technically eligible for nomination, because he didn't play twice last year. He wasn't around. He's already played twice this year, and the Sx match captain thought it sensible to ignore the rule. You will remember that the rule wasn't supposed to exclude players new to a county, it just came out that way. We must put it right one of these AGMs.

<u>Kent I</u>	<u>Kent II</u>	<u>Kent III</u>	<u>Surrey I</u>
1 Sadler MD	Ali M	Wood SJ	Allcock RA
2 Ward CG	Adkins M	Horton DJ	Bass JW
3 McDonald NL	Taylor DC	CGJ Wright	*Benjamin MJ
4 Stebbings AJ	Dickenson NF	Wood JA	*Blackwell C
5 Cooley CM	Scholes JE	Tidmarsh GR	Cath HM
6 Ady JJ	Botley G	Barnes DJR	*Granat RG
7 Morris PJ	Armstrong AI	Percival F	Harris RA
8 Watson IR	Howell CI	Allan JM	Holland CKD
9 Sugden JN	O'Donovan PJ	Barnes DJR	Kemp PD
10 Hanreck AE	Wager JD	Donovan NP	Linton WA
11 Eales RG	Pickett LM	Gurr LR	Macdonald AT
12 Hammons A	Robertson MM	Morris DR	Pinto LJ
13 Ward JP	Smart LJ	Wooldridge LM	*Prendergast CM
14 O'Kelly RMR	Milner-Barry PS	Oliver NR	*Roche PJ
15 Trangmar AG	*Whipp EJ	Pitt MJ	Rosen DB
16 Cook MP	*Heaven PJ	Mehmet Z	Sedgwick DR
17 Johnson JA	*Anderson J	Williams JS	Shepley JM
18 Smith AP	*Atherton JB	*Munford DA	Singleton MPF
*King DJ	*Blackstock LS	*Brown GM	Stockwell RJ
*Chandler MG		*Pountney IM	*Sullivan PJ
*Barber HJ			Upton TJ
*Richardson JR			Walker SG
*Clark GM			Webster Andrew
*Chandler CR			Wilkinson STK
*Wood DA			
*Giddins SW			
*Carey PE			
*Wicker KJ			



## CHAMPIONSHIP

Essex*	6.10.90	Herts*	Cambs*	15.10.90	Sussex*
1 K Bowden	½ ½	SJB Knott	JG Wilson (B)	½ ½	BJ Denman
2 NL Carr	1 0	S Swanson	JD Lee	0 1	GH James
3 G Kenworthy	0 1	PV Byway	P Widjaja (r)	0 1	DB Graham
4 D Sherman	1 0	JG Foulger	M Thornton	½ ½	L Webb
5 MS Twyble	0 1	PG Maguire	R Vujatovic	0 1	KI Norman
6 JP Manley	1 0	PAJ Brown	SAM Foister	1 0	MD Nicholas
7 JH Hodgson	1 0	JF Rudge	PAN Webster	0 1	SON Hawes
8 JA Goldberg	1 0	KR Clark	PJ Crocker	½ ½	SJ Newman
9 D Smith	0 1	AM Simpson	GF Thompson	½ ½	PG Farr
10 JC Moore	1 0	W Tabakiernik	SD Smith	0 1	IG Kelly
11 IJ Myall	1 0	HL Tebbs	SJL Rix	1 0	MR Stott
12 IBN Smith	½ ½	JR Denton	DP Johnson	0 1	R Almond
13 R Ellames	0 1	S Law	NK Regan	½ ½	DR Oates
14 P Hasson	½ ½	CE Majer	AG Cooper	½ ½	T Hoxey
15 M Fleury	1 0	D Drakeford	CJ Howell	1 0	AO Pickersgill
16 I Pheby	½ ½	JG Jones	K Freeman	1 0	RH Williams
17 RP White	1 0	J Cook	A Ponting	0 1	PR Selby
18 AJ Tredinnick	1 0	TJ Turner	S Lovell	0 1	A Hall
19 A Hayler	½ ½	A Atkinson	JT Totty	1 0	M Lenton
20 CR Ramage	1 0	TA Sinkinson	T Vout	½ ½	LJ Cannon
(Wanstead)	13½ 6½		(Caius Coll)	8½ 11½	

Middx II*	13.10.90	Middx I*	Kent*	6.10.90	Surrey*
1 A Hon (W)	0 1	AJ Whiteley	PJ Morris (B)	0 1	A Webster
2 D Rosenberg	½ ½	SH Berry	JJ Ady	½ ½	APH Kinsman
3 T Gavriel	½ ½	RJ McMichael	JN Sugden	+	WA Linton
4 K Barnes	½ ½	S Lukey	IR Watson	1 0	DB Rosen
5 M Crichton	0 1	F Rayner	RMR O'Kelly	½ ½	PM Stimpson
6 D Ball	0 1	S Spivack	AG Trangmar	1 0	HM Cath
7 CJ Stephenson	1 0	RH Thomas	MP Cook	½ ½	RGR Harris
8 P Griffiths	½ ½	DP Lynch	NF Dickenson	1 0	CRA Clegg
9 GA White	½ ½	C Mackenzie (r)	JE Scholes	½ ½	RJ Wilcox
10 J Franks	½ ½	J Burke	JA Johnson	1 0	PR Archer
11 A Ethelontis	0 1	PS Cawte	MA Adkins	1 0	CPL Parker
12 L Fincham	0 1	RJ Pearce	G Botley	1 0	PE Barnard
13 J Simons	0 1	AO Alabi	JA Wood	1 0	RJ Kearsley
14 J Nyman	1 0	D Tarbuck	AI Armstrong	0 1	M Baker
15 D Griggs	½ ½	A Gilfillan	MM Robertson	1 0	B Blackburn
16 D Lawrence	= +	A Dunn	LM Wooldridge	1 0	FC Manning
17 M Kobylka	½ ½	D Field	DJR Barnes	½ ½	KN Mehendale
18 J Glenister	1 0	B Birchall	DR Morris	1 0	JJ Skielnik
(Warrington Hotel)(7 10)			PS Milner-Barry	½ ½	DA Baldock
Match 18 boards by agreement.			w/o	1 0	def
			(Sevenoaks)	(14 5)	

Surrey*	3.11.90	Middx II*	Sussex*	3.11.90	Kent*
1 Andrew Webster	1 0	N Alldritt (B)	BJ Denman (B)	½ ½	NL McDonald
2 APH Kinsman	1 0	M Paley	GH James	½ ½	PJ Morris
3 WA Linton	0 1	K Barnes	FJ Kwiatkowski	½ ½	AE Hanreck
4 JC Benjamin	1 0	CJ Stephenson	DB Graham	½ ½	JN Sugden
5 JM Bennett	1 0	M Crichton	L Webb	0 1	RMR O'Kelly
6 RA Allicock	0 1	A Dunn	KI Norman	1 0	AG Trangmar
7 DB Rosen	1 0	D Ball	RV Elliston	0 1	JA Johnson
8 MJ Benjamin	½ ½	J Franks	MD Nicholas	0 1	NF Dickenson
9 RA Harris	1 0	T Donnelly	SON Hawes	1 0	MA Adkins
10 PM Stimpson	½ ½	S Dickinson	SJ Newman	0 1	SJ Wood
11 DR Sedgwick	0 1	A Gillfilan*	PG Farr	0 1	JD Wager
12 M Anderton	0 1	B Stuart	R Hughes-Hallett	0 1	AI Armstrong
13 S Macdonald-Ross	1 0	M Kobylka	IG Kelly	+ +	LJ Smart
14 JW Bass	½ ½	L Fincham	J Graham	½ ½	PJ O'Donovan
15 RJ Stockwell	1 0	D Griggs	MR Stott	1 0	MM Robertson
16 Richard A Bone	0 1	A Ethelontis	R Almond	0 1	GR Tidmarsh
17 CRA Clegg	½ ½	R Copeland	T Hoxey	0 1	SJ Pullinger
18 PJ Gibbons	1 0	D Lawrence	AO Pickersgill	1 0	DA Munford
19 PE Barnard	½ ½	P Kennelly	PR Selby	0 1	PS Milner-Barry
20 AT Macdonald	1 0	A Laurence	A Hall	1 0	LR Gurr
(Sutton)	12½ 7½		(Crowborough)	(7½ 11½)	

\* Take your pick.

Middx	3.11.90	Essex*	Herts	3.11.90	Cambs*
1 AJ Whiteley (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	NL Carr	NH Bradbury (B)	a	E Holland
2 RJ McMichael	+ +	G Kenworthy	SJB Knott	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JG Wilson
3 S Lukey	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	D Sherman	C Jones	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JD Lee
4 JT Ward	0 1	JP Manley	SJ Roe	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AR Baker
5 R Sagall	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JH Hodgson	S Swanson	1 0	M Thornton
6 RH Thomas	+ =	JA Goldberg	JDH Sachs	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	PJ Crocker
7 def	0 1	JC Moore	JF Rudge	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	SJL Rix
8 C Forbes	1 0	B Baer	KR Clark	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AG Cooper
9 A Raoof	0 1	B Kemish	AM Simpson	a	K Freeman
10 P McKenzie	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	IJ Myall	JR Denton	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	J Allinson
11 P Cawte	1 0	IBN Smith	HL Tebbs	1 0	A Watkin-Jones
12 NCT Wall	0 1	M Fleury	GA Hollis	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Ponting
13 C Mackenzie	0 1	RP White	S Law	0 1	P Fallon
14 RJ Pearce	0 1	CR Ramage	CE Majer	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	S Lovell
15 AO Alabi	0 1	S Robertson	TJ Turner	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DN Kraiss
16 F Oris	1 0	DJ Millward	SW Ruthen	0 1	TM Mortimer
17 P Dargan	+ =	GF Yates	B Morris	1 0	JT Totcy
18 R Brown	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JR Cooke	TA Sinkinson	1 0	P Best
19 C Duddy	+ +	GF Dorn	RJ Arnot	0 1	D Shaw
20 J McVicar	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	J Page	RD (so) Judkins	1 0	IR Gooding
(London W9)	(6 10)		(Welwyn)	(10 8)	

MONTAGUE-JONES

Kent II*	27.10.90	Kent III*	Bucks I*	27.10.90	Oxon I
1 J Johnson (W)	1 0	SJ Wood	DK Smith (E)	0 1	D Gweck (?)
2 L Pickett	0 1	GR Tidmarsh	SP Finn	1 0	V Hansasz
3 G Botley	0 1	TH Owens	ACP Milnes	0 1	M Piper
4 CI Howell	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DJR Barnes	RDW Marsh	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	E Newman
5 MM Robertson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	LR Gurr	RD de Coverly	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JJ Hastings
6 L Smart	1 0	PC Rutland	DR Woods	1 0	RJ Starkie
7 AI Armstrong	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JS Williams	J Beedle	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DD Hubbard
8 D Morris	+ +	R Sefton	RD Lancaster	1 0	R Dixon
9 M Houska	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	MI Micklethwaite	EN Bramley	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	NJ Stayt
10 RW O'Brien	0 1	RT McCorry	J Alster	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	E Bix
11 Z Mehmet	=	MD Brougham	J Springall	1 0	GW Chapman
12 MJ Pitt	0 1	JH Lewin	A Dunlop	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	MJ Nightall
13 D Mukoro	0 1	PW Eldridge	RP Ginger	1 0	LR Millin
14 HEJ Dobson	0 1	MJ Peddie	PJ Taylor	1 0	T Thompson
15 SJ Jacob	1 0	GF Steele	LJ Charlwood	0 1	D Bruce
16 AR Wise	0 1	SC Scott	MK Chojnachi	0 1	C Evans
17 CM Brown	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DF Hill	DJ Turner	0 1	NJ Hepworth
18 RJ Winterburn	1 0	RC Shilling	J Poole	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	MAJ Searle
19 T Nguyen	+ +	BJ Westover	P Lovick	0 1	D Heron
20 Mario Houska	0 1	RF Pooley	A Weaver	0 1	GP Alcock
(Sevenoaks)	(6 $\frac{1}{2}$ 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ )		(High Wycombe)	(9 $\frac{1}{2}$ 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ )	

Mr Mehmet please add the points up!  
 Not received: Berks-Sussex 27.10.90

Oxon match captain telephoned the  
 totals through: postal strike in Oxon!

AMBOYNA/EBONY

Surrey II*	20.10.90	Essex II*	Middx III	10.11.90	Surrey II*
1 S Macdonald-Ross	= +	IM Pheby (B)	AM Dunn (B)	0 1	S Macdonald-Ross
2 RGR Harris	1 0	J Cooke	A Stewart	0 1	KFH Inwood
3 JR Bell	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DJ Millward	T Donnelly	1 0	RGR Harris
4 DN Bellis	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	R Rodie	J Simons	1 0	JR Bell
5 EJ Brodie	0 1	TD Whitton	R Sagall	+ =	DN Bellis
6 CRA Clegg	0 1	C Ramage	CICH Wallace	1 0	JS Tynms
7 RJ Wilcox	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JS Wood	J McVicar	0 1	EJ Brodie
8 PJJG Gibbons	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	R Heppinstall	L Fincham	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	CRA Clegg
9 CPL Parker	= +	Daniel Harvey	M Kobylka	= +	RJ Wilcox
10 RE Wilkinson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AJ Clark	V Sood	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	PR Archer
11 PD Dupré	0 1	M Rahaman	R Brown	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	CPL Parker
12 ND Grey	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	F Dorn	M Cresswell	1 0	def
13 PE Barnard	= +	M Bird	D White	0 1	PD Dupré
14 RJ Kearsley	0 1	PR Barclay	J Nyman	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	PE Barnard
15 DM Woods	0 1	LJ Crane	R Copeland	1 0	RJ Kearsley
16 RG Rusha	= +	G Lowe	C Duddy	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JG Lopes
17 B Blackburn	0 1	David Smith	T Crouch	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	B Blackburn
18 FC Manning	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Parsons	P Catt	0 1	KN Mehendale
19 KN Mehendale	0 1	A King	K Aziz	0 1	JED Hale
20 E Weimann	0 1	P McCarron	S Myall	1 0	E Weimann
(Sutton)	(4 $\frac{1}{2}$ 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ )		(Maida Vale)	(9 9)	

Kent IV*	20.10.90	Middx III	Essex IV*	10.11.90	Kent IV*
1 BMH Hong	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	Mike Paley	IM Pheby (B)	1 0	ELA Ionides
2 ELA Ionides	1 0	J Stephenson	S Robertson	0 1	MV Houska
3 MV Houska	0 1	Paul Griffiths	DJ Millward	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	S Barr 154
4 S Barr	1 0	Terry Donnelly	TD Whitton	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	Bob Lane 151
5 MA Bone	0 1	Jerry Simons	R Rodie	1 0	P Childs
6 PL Childs	1 0	Bruce Birchall	C Ramage	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	N Mackett
7 Paul Latimer 139	a	Charles Wallace	JSA Wood	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	T Nguyen
8 Jonathan Walton	1 0	Leon Fincham	DP Harvey	0 1	James Vigus 140
9 Ian Underwood	0 1	John McVicar	R Heppinstall	0 1	Steven Ruben 137
10 S Pierce	0 1	Roy Brown	M Keane	1 0	P Poland
11 Jeffrey Titmas	1 0	Chris Fewtrell	S Harris	1 0	M Snashell 123
12 PD Poland	0 1	John Nyman	NH Twitchell	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	Peter Moor 122
13 Paul Fenn 125	0 1	DJ Lawrence	M Rahaman	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	Richard Barry 122
14 M Snashell	1 0	Phil Lucas	F Dorn	1 0	P Underwood 112
15 Peter Moor	0 1	Tom Black	PR Barclay	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	Brian Rosier 111
16 Richard Barry	0 1	Steve Myatt	M Bautista	1 0	AD Hargreaves
17 Jeremy Knowles	1 0	Ron Crooks	G Lowe	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	David Vigus
18 Marcus Taylor	0 1	Mark Huba	AJ Parsons	1 0	Geoff Broadhead
19 Geoff Broadhead	1 0	def	A King	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	Alex Steer 95
20 Alex Steer 95	1 0	def	PDG McCarron	1 0	P Fahy
	( $9\frac{1}{2}$ $9\frac{1}{2}$ )		(Wanstead)	$12\frac{1}{2}$ $7\frac{1}{2}$	

Mr Fenn please give full initials! First names alone may not help the grader. (Is Bob Lane the same as RE? Probably, but graders are conservative creatures who like to stick with the names they know!) Normally I'd edit the first names out, but a lot of the players looked new. For what it's worth, all the Kent players v Middx and all but 17 and 20 v Essex were credited with grades. The ones I've printed may fall off the edge of the page.

#### SCCU COUNTY MATCHES: DATES 1990-91

We give what's left of the fixture list. There don't seem to be any more changed dates. For a correction to the match captains list, see next page.

	<u>Championship</u>	<u>Montague Jones</u>	<u>Amboyna/Ebony</u>
Nov 24		SxK2	
Dec 1	SyE SxM2 HK M1C		
8		K20 BrK3 BuSx	
15			KSy EM
Jan 12		K2Br*	
19	SxSy CK M1H M2E		
26		K3Sx	
Feb 2			MK ESy
9	SyM1 HSx KM2 EC		
16		OK3 BrBu*	
23			SyM KE
Mar 2	HSy EK M1Sx M2C		
9		BuK2 Sx0	SyK ME

#### RGS GUILDFORD JUNIOR 10-11 November 1990

Under 18 (32 pl) 1 A Webster (Sutton Manor) 6; 2 RA Smalley (RGS)  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3-7 SW Langdon, JC Mansson (both RGS), ME Osborne (Wallington), S Sarkar (Sutton Manor) 4...

Under 15 (31 pl) 1 T Hinks-Edwards (Hampton) 5; 2-4 JG Foster (Dr Challoners), J Johnson (Wilsons), J Walton (Trinity)  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ...

Under 13 (32 pl) 1 CA Baker (Hampton)  $5\frac{1}{2}$ ; 2-5 NJ Coates (Yateley Manor), NJ Harmer (RGS), P Hobbs (High Wycombe), GS Reyatt (Ryeish Green)  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ; 6-7 C Webster (Sutton High), SK Williams (St Peters) 4...

Under 11 Saturday (24 pl) 1 A Bentall (Chalfont) 6; 2 NG Foster (Chesham) 5; 3-4 CP Hoffman (Danes Hill), W McKie (Downside)  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ...

Under 11 Sunday (44 pl) 1 T Walton (Trinity) 6; 2-3 M Duggan (Chase Bridge), DW Smith (St Peters) 5; 4-6 MC Campbell (Cranmore), D Haynes (Hamilton), P Seet (Caterham)  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ...

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RICHMOND JUNIOR 3-4 November 1990

Under 12 (80 pl) 1-3 Andrew Bamford (The Mall School/Richmond J), James Clifford (ditto), Luke McShane (Oakfield School/Richmond J) 5½/6...

Under 10 (80 pl) 1-3 Andrew Bamford, Luke McShane, Nick Wolfenden (Sheen Mount School/Richmond J) 5½/6...

Under 8 (27 pl) 1 Matthew Tillet (Honeywell School/Streatham J) 7/7...

Results Richard James

CONGRESS DIARY

- Nov 30- 2 TORBAY Open; U156; U126; U101. AJL Wade, Linton, Kingsgate Close, Torquay TQ2 8QS 0803 324970
- Dec 1. HAYES JUNIOR (London Junior qualifier). DJ Brown, 32 St Johns Rd, Petts Wood, Orpington, Kent BR5 1HX 0689 21854
- 1 SITTINGBOURNE JUNIOR. U18 (+ parents); U12/10/8. MPJ Whitwood, 8 Iden Crescent, Staplehurst, Kent TN12 ONU 0580 892005
- 2 STEVENAGE QP (not Rapid: well resisted!). Stuart Lee, Pin Green Chess Club, 134 Leaves Spring, Stevenage SG2 9GB 0438 745576
- 8- 9 LONDON JUNIOR U10/8 at Southgate. PE Morrish, 3 Elmside, 55 Stoneyfields Lane, Edgware, Middx HA8 9SG 081 959 1758
- 28-30 LONDON JUNIOR U12/14/16/18/21. U12 as U10/8 above; others LJCC, 51 Borough Way, Potters Bar EN6 3HA
- 28-13 FOREIGN & COLONIAL HASTINGS Premier + various. C Power, 418 Harold Rd, Hastings 0424 431970

Please note

Essex II match captain has incorrect initials and postcode in the circulated fixture list (hence also in the last Bulletin). Correct details:

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