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#### EDITORIAL

I'm glad to say the front cover hiccup is cured. Actually I couldn't decide which of the new ones to use: the red one's nicer but the blue one's opaquer. I tossed a coin. I have nothing else of moment to say, except Happy New Year.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Richard, 21.11.90

It's now pretty well guaranteed that you will get the wrong end of the stick about something connected with the new Direct Membership Scheme. If only you would give me a bell before proceeding to print, time might be saved for everyone.

August ChessMoves says on Corporate VPs: "Join now and obtain 15 months initial

membership as a special offer. The offer closes on 31 October 1990."

A steady growth of members continues and we now have substantially more members in the new Scheme than we had in the old one. Members "new" to the BCF are still running at over 60% of the total. Our claim is we have some satisfied customers meaning satisfied with what they are getting from the Direct Membership Scheme. The degree of satisfaction with the BCF has not been assessed but what I do know is that tte a few new members have joined the Scheme as an expression of support for the BCF. The Federation takes a lot of criticism and some of it is justified. No one pretends we can't improve and we are trying. It's good to know that there are chess players who believe in what we are trying to do to the point they are willing to make a direct financial contribution.

I guess you enjoyed writing your fantasy about 2001 - it's always good to see a new fairy tale. Actually you have got it wrong again to say that we have not given the longer term some thought. Our strategy is founded on bringing about a fundamental improvement to the Federation's finances by a growth in Direct Membership and at the same time to improve the accountability of the Federation to its membership. In turn this should help to provide more facilities and opportunities for chess players within clubs, counties and other local organisations. By improving communications, e.g. through ChessMoves, the Federation will not be viewed as some remote structure, far away from ordinary chess players.

The achievement of these objectives will obviously take time and a lot of hard work and commitment from Federation officers, chess officials throughout the country and everyone interested in success for chess into the 21st century.

We have made a start with the new Direct Membership Scheme. The transition from old ways will not be easy and we will have to alter things or fine-tune our Scheme as gain experience and depending on the feedback from our members. We need to run at least a year to allow time for a reasoned assessment, before we make firm judgments.

We cannot determine the exact shape of 21st-century chess in this country and its structure from a base in 1990 but what we can do is to try to ensure we establish a healthy Federation which provides a lead for all chess players and which is receptive to new ideas. This is the challenge and all chess players need to help in whatever way they can, even Bulletin editors!

> Kind regards, Bryan Fewell Harpenden

c.c. Mr J Poole

Ed: - But they will, I hope, be allowed the free use of their understanding. I wasn't wrong about the August ChessMoves - it carried two conflicting articles on the same page - and if I seem to have got the wrong end of the stick I must have expressed myself badly. I understand what Bryan is trying to do. I also knew his reasons for not looking too closely at the long-term objectives; he told me them when we discussed it over the phone. (Yes, the phone.) Maybe I should have mentioned them, and I'm sorry if he feels misrepresented, but his aims and reasons had no bearing on what I wanted to say. To find out what that was, you'll have to look at the last issue.

Dear Mr Haddrell.

22.11.90

My letter to ChessMoves seems to have caused a stir. I received a letter of support from Cornwall supporting all of my views particularly re the Junior Database and Junior

I am surprised you did not realise the London area of the SCCU grades were 10-15 points too high. We have argued (amicably) with Peter Morris for years that grading U9, U8, U7 tournaments after giving all contestants estimated grades of 50 upwards fed through to adult grades and increased them. Juniors in the rest of the SCCU suffered grade wise as a comparison [especially as London estimates are updated

frequently during the year.]

...[Some Oxon Juniors] have suffered with non-selection for England Junior teams (Ull) and low seeding in the British Championships. Cornwall Juniors have also suffered in this way. In efforts to combat the non use of BCF grades before 1988, other Junior Organisers used their own up to date grades... Oxon have always refused to do this, and have forced the BCF to use BCF grades in the Junior Sections of the British Championships, by writing rude letters to Reuben, Jarrett, Littlewood etc. Laurie Walker set up the Junior Data Base to combat the London Junior Grades. It is an excellent idea, but until it is advertised in advance what events are included, it is worthless...

Mr Edwards is wrong to think that just a sliding scale according to age will improve matters. A 14 year old just beginning will improve quicker than an experienced 14 year old. Surely the answer is to add 10 to BCF grades of children graded under 150, and 5 to children graded 150 to 200, nil to 200+? Also do not grade Primary age children unless they play with children of Secondary age or adults. A Junior's age becomes unimportant once over 11, which could be a problem with Mr Edwards's idea. I realise it would be better to be graded 149 than 150 under this scheme, but [alternatives are complicated].

...Re American grades, the top 5 in the August list are Kamsky 2780, Seirawan 2733, Gulko 2727, Miles 2717, Dlugy 2681 (Millin 1628). These are too high... Extract from (USCF) Chess Life, November issue: "The new Policy Board approved

the creation of a number of new committees including:- Strategic Planning, Market research, Sponsorship, Chess and Media, Chess Development Fund, 'Chess Life' Advisory, Foreign Affairs, International Policy Advisory." Does this not suggest the overload we put on our own individual Directors?

From the October issue: "Approximately 50% of the readers who responded to our survey rated 'Chess Life' as the membership service most important to them. Ratings were second with about 24%, and chess merchandise discounts and postal chess tied with 11% each." [Ed: Yes, but the ones who throw "Chess Life" straight in the bin won't have responded, will they?]

It appears to me that the British Chess Magazine should be included as part of the Direct Membership Scheme, and drop ChessMoves, good as it is. The gradings should then form part of the August issue of the BCM, and not cost £8 more. If this entailed the DM fee being raised to £30, it would seem a better idea than the present one...

> Best wishes Lester Millin 0xon

Ed: - Suspension points (...) indicate Editorial excisions. The bits in square brackets, apart from the one that starts "Ed", are summaries of LM's drift. It was a long letter!

Dear Richard,

14.12.90

# BCF Yearbook and Grading

I was pleased to read that the Yearbook editor welcomes letters. I wrote at least two years ago to point out that the two addresses given for Shaun Taulbut in the then current edition were both out-of-date. Unfortunately, both are still there in the 1990-91 issue (page 22 and page 102).

I applaud Martin Cath's spirited comments on Roger Edwards's remarks which appear in the November 1990 issue of "ChessMoves". Mr Edwards needs to look at a computer system which does funny things to people who play few games in a season. Ray Bott's grading is 10 points up in 1990, compared with 1989, yet he died in July 1988. Do not, however, look upon this as a novel way of increasing your grade; his club colleague, Roger Buzzard, who sadly passed away at about the same time, dropped a few points last

Yours

Alan Cox Lower Earley

PS Both deaths were reported to the BCF via Martin Cath.

Dear Richard,

Grand Prix

\*J Hodgson (W London)

20 \*J Nunn (SW London)

23.11.90

Two quickies from this month's Bulletin:

Page 5: I had not previously realised Hastings & St Leonards were in Kent. Page 4: I suggest you might, without fracturing the English language too much, call a non-Russian USSR citizen a Soviet (or is that a table napkin?).

Jack Speigel

W12

Prixette

8= R Barlow

R Coulstock

P Morris

S Pepe

\*D Helsby (SE London) \*S Khan (Mitcham)

\*J Nyman (Kings Head)

\*D Rutter (Herts)

S Arkell

Ed: - You haven't been paying attention. The previous issue acknowledged that Hastings wasn't in Kent. Being a broad-minded county, we've allowed them to play in the Kent Summer QP since way back. Crowborough played as well, the year before. Whether we'd let them win it is another matter. Being vaguely aware of what a soviet is, I haven't yet learned to apply the term to a USSR citizen; I daresay it'll come with time.

J Glynne Jones of Stevenage and Pin Green has written assuring us that he is a man.

LEIGH GRAND PRIX 1990

Petit Prix

K Arkell

#### 2 \*H Hunt (age 12) K Arkell (Derby) 2 J Howell M Adams (Truro) 3 3 \*S Jackson (E London) M Adams M Suba (Sunderland) 4 C Flear 5 C McNab 5 M Haslinger M Hebden (Leicester) J Howell (Harrogate) 6 6 \*G Sullivan (Islington) J Emms P Large (SW London) 7 G Flear 7 \*S Scott (Kilndown) 8 C McNab (Dundee) 8 A Ledger 8 \*F Webster (Sutton) 9 \*C Crouch (Harrow) 9 D Knox 9= H Milligan 10 \*P Wells (Oxford) 10 D Walker L Orton J Emms (Norwich) 11 J Horner 12 12 \*N McDonald (Gravesend) M Suba Amateur Prix 13 V Knox 13 \*A Martin (Hounslow) P Shand 14 \*J Gallagher (Streatham) 14 S Conquest 2 \*H Roberts (SW London) 15 \*M Chandler (SW London) 3 J Toscano 16 G Flear (Leicester) Junior Prix 4 D Amour 17 J Plaskett (Bedford) 1 M Adams V Lewis J Speelman (NW London) 2 \*A Summerscale (Richmond) 6 J Wagenbach \*C Ward (Sevenoaks) 3 \*A Webster (Sutton) 7 A Murphy

6 \*M Sadler (Chatham)

9 \*S Ansell (Oxford)

11 \*M Bautista (Ilford)

10 \*H Hunt (Oxford)

8 \*M Hennigan (N London)

\* SCCU

# LEIGH NATIONAL CLUB (SCCU only, and excuse geography; details JA Leake)

4 G Quillan

5 J Parker

G Buckley

Open Round 2: Bedford 2 4 Powder Mill; Cowley Centre 2 4 Streatham & Brixton; Tunbridge

Wells  $1\frac{1}{2}$   $4\frac{1}{2}$  Cosham. 20 teams out of 28 had byes. Round 3 pairings (by 17 Feb): Cambridge Univ v Barbican; Richmond & Twickenham v Oxford Univ; Charlton v Basingstoke; Streatham & Brixton v Gravesend; Cosham v Brighton; Gosport v Hackney A; Slough (Lady Haig) v Kings Head A; Powder Mill v Wood Green. Plus 8 other matches.

Open Plate round 1: Fulham\* 3 3 Southbourne; Ashstead 3 3 Hounslow\*; Hastings & St Leonards scr w/o Kingston; Sutton & Cheam  $3\frac{1}{2}$   $2\frac{1}{2}$  Bourne End; Maidstone  $3\frac{1}{2}$   $2\frac{1}{2}$  Hackney B; Kings Head B 5 1 Bs Stortford; Writtle  $2\frac{1}{2}$   $3\frac{1}{2}$  Mushrooms; Cavendish 5 1 Ipswich. 5 teams out of 27 had byes.

Round 2 pairings (17 Feb): Kings Head B v Hounslow; Mushrooms v Fulham; Kingston v Maidstone; Rhyddings v Sutton & Cheam. Plus 4 others.

Major round 2: Fulham 4 1 Tunbridge Wells. 31 out of 33 had byes (what's he got against Tunbridge Wells?).

Round 3 pairings (17 Feb): Cambridge Univ v Barnet; Bs Stortford v DHSS; Kings Head v Slough (Lady Haig); Reading v Kingston; Gravesend v Hackney A; Fulham v Ilford. Major Plate round 1: Oxford Univ w/o scr Milton Keynes; Metropolitan  $1\frac{1}{2}$   $3\frac{1}{2}$  Berkhamsted; Saxmundham w/o scr Rainham; Chichester Regnum  $3\frac{1}{2}$   $1\frac{1}{2}$  Woking; Maidstone v Worthing (Hill Samuel); Margate\*  $2\frac{1}{2}$   $2\frac{1}{2}$  Ashford; Hastings & St Leonards\*  $2\frac{1}{2}$   $2\frac{1}{2}$  Hackney B; Charlton w/o scr Streatham & Brixton.

Round 2 pairings: Oxford Univ v Whaddon; Berkhamsted v Margate; Hastings & St Leonards v Charlton; Chichester Regnum v Worthing or Maidstone. Plus 4 others.

Also received (PC Gibbs): round 1 results and round 2 pairings in the Intermediate. We shan't give these as they're rather out of date, but we hope to publish later results in the next issue. Minor too, if received, and we're sure they will be.

CHILTERN LEAGUE results

Berks II  $13\frac{1}{2}$   $6\frac{1}{2}$  Bucks II 13.10.90; Bucks II  $17\frac{1}{2}$   $2\frac{1}{2}$  Berks U18 3.11.90. These are the results sent direct. We also have a Chiltern League Table in Nigel Dennis's handwriting and dated 21.12.90 which appears to put Berks II, Herts II and Bucks U18 in the most favourable positions. We'd say it's anyone's league.

INSURANCE CC Lightning Championship 26.9.90 was won by R Sayers from a good field of 12 players. A match Sussex II v Insurance CC scheduled for 6th October ran into hideous venue complications on the day, and the spot, and has been re-scheduled as Insurance CC v Sussex II. There is now an ICC SATVA (Sussex Abortive Trip Veterans Association) to go with the H(astings)ATVA established a few years back.

#### JUNIOR RESULTS

SUSSEX UNDER 9 CHAMPIONSHIPS 1990 (date unspecified, but before 19th November) Championship Section: 1 Sir Henry Fermor (Crowborough)  $18\frac{1}{2}$ ; 2 St Margarets Ditchling  $14\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3 Tavistock & Summerhill 3. Intermediate Section: 1 Cuckfield CEP  $16\frac{1}{2}$ ; 2 Queens Park CP (Brighton)  $11\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3 Stonegate CEP 8. Minor Section: 1 St Pauls CEP Hastings 20; 2 Telscombe CP Peacehaven 4. Scoring was 3 points per game, in traditional Sussex Junior style. Results Tim Greenhill.

NATIONAL UNDER 14 JAMBOREE at Wolstanton High School (North Staffs) 24.11.90 1 Manchester  $27\frac{1}{2}/36$ ; 2 Warwicks 24; 3 Surrey  $23\frac{1}{2}$ ; 4 Kent 22; 5 South Bucks  $20\frac{1}{2}$ ; 6 Hants 16; 7 Somerset 12... 23 teams played.

BASINGSTOKE UNDER 18 JAMBOREE 8.12.90

1 Surrey  $30\frac{1}{2}/40$ ; 2 Hants 25; 3 South Bucks  $19\frac{1}{2}$ ; 4 Berks 5. Teams of 20; boards 11-20 played 2 games, scores doubled on 1-10. Results AJW Thorn.

ESSEX JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (Under 12 and below). Date of event unspecified - seems to be catching - but before 17.12.90.

Under 12 (40 pl) 1 John Peters (Ipswich)  $5\frac{1}{2}/6$ ; 2-3 Adam Capal (Ilford: highest Essex), Robin Clark 5; 4-5 Aleksander Trifunovic, Eleni Hassapis  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ... Highest Essex Ull Jay Allen (Colchester) 4.

Under 10 (37 pl) 1 Richard Pert (Ipswich)  $5\frac{1}{2}/6$ ; 2-3 Cammil Taank (Ilford: highest Essex), Edmund Player 5; 4-5 Karl Mah, Ellen Walker  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ... Highest Essex U9 Simon Armour (Southend) 4.

Under 8 (incorporated) Open Champion, and highest Essex, Peter Kemp (Coggeshall) 4. Highest Essex U7 Graham Walker (Southend) 2. Though the U8 tournament was incorporated in the U10 for lack of sufficient entries, the U8s who had specifically entered the U10 were ruled ineligible for the U8 prize.

Results Peter Walker

1st MAIDSTONE CONGRESS 12-14 October 1990 attracted 96 players.

Open 1-3 CM Cooley, IR Watson (both Maidstone), N McDonald (Gravesend)  $4\frac{1}{2}/6$ ; 4-7 JJ Ady (Barbican), DJ Coleman (Harlow), PJ Morris (Gravesend), CG Ward (Tunbridge Wells) 4... Under 160 1 H Grist (Southend) 5/6; 2-4 DC Eden (Dartford), JA Speigel, SL Wedlock (both Southend)  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ...

Under 125 1 R Springett (Rainham: grade 81) 5/6; 2-4 A Karel (Kingston), ME Taylor (Sittingbourne), DH Warrick (Kilndown)  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ... Results CI Howell

# COUNTY LEAGUE TABLES including all results received to 26.1.91

CHAMPIONSHIP								11.000	
Cambs Essex Herts Kent Middx I Middx II	C 10+2 7½+1 6+1	E  5\frac{1}{2}  8\frac{1}{2}  7\frac{1}{2}+1  8\frac{1}{2}	H 8+2 13½ 8+5 10+2 7+2	Κ 7+5 5½ 5	M1 $10\frac{1}{2}+1$ $11\frac{1}{2}$ $8+2$ $14\frac{1}{2}$ $7\frac{1}{2}$	M2 $11\frac{1}{2}+1$ $11+2$ $10\frac{1}{2}$ $12\frac{1}{2}$	Sy 13+1 10½ 15	Sx $8\frac{1}{2}$ 10 $11\frac{1}{2}+1$ $7\frac{1}{2}$ 8+2	MP 2:3 $4\frac{1}{2}$ :5 1:2 3:3 1:4 0:5 1:4
Surrey Sussex	$11\frac{1}{2}$	10		$7\frac{1}{2}+1$		$12\frac{1}{2}$	10+2	0+2	$2\frac{1}{2}:4$
MONTAGUE-JONI Berks Bucks Kent II Kent III Oxon Sussex II	<u>ES</u>	Br  7+1  6½  12½  8	Bu 10½+1 10½ 10	K2 11+1 11½ 8½	K3 13½ 8½+1 8½	0 7½ 9½	Sx 12 10 11½+1		MP 3:4 \frac{1}{2}:3 1:3 2:3 2:2 \frac{1}{2}:3
AMBOYNA/EBON Essex II Kent IV Middx III	<u>Y</u>	$7\frac{1}{2}$ 7 1	K M 2½ 13 10	Sy 15 7½ 9+2	F	E K	М	Sy	MP 3:3 \frac{1}{2}:3 \frac{1}{2}:2

Please tell the Editor if you spot errors in these tables.

 $12\frac{1}{2}$ 

Correction: Issue 196 page 8, Middx III v Surrey II: Middx board 20 was S Myatt.

Missing matches: K2O 8.12.90 has not reached either Fred Manning or the Bulletin. may have been postponed. Two result sheets (M2H and BrSx) have reached Fred but not the Bulletin; we give the scores above, and will publish scrounged details next time. As a matter of fact the M2H sheet (match played 17th November) only reached Fred a couple of days ago. From just one side, of course. With two adjudication claims. Bulletin knows what it would tell them to do with the adjudication claims.

Surrey II

Adjudications from last time  $\overline{C}$  Middx  $\overline{II}$   $7\frac{1}{2}$   $10\frac{1}{2}$  Middx  $\overline{I}$  13.10.90: 16 Lawrence  $\frac{1}{2}$  Dunn Kent 15 5 Surrey 6.10.90: 3 Sugden 1 Linton (Surrey conceded)

Middx I  $8\frac{1}{2}$   $11\frac{1}{2}$  Essex 3.11.90: 2 McMichael 1 Kenworthy; 6 Thomas 1 Goldberg; 17 Dargan  $\frac{1}{2}$  Yates; 19 Duddy 0 Dorn

Kent II  $8\frac{1}{2}$   $11\frac{1}{2}$  Kent III 27.10.90: 8 Morris  $\frac{1}{2}$  Sefton; 11 Mehmet 1 Brougham;

19 Nguyen ½ Westover Surrey II 5 15 Essex II 20.10.90: 1 Macdonald-Ross 1 Pheby; 9 Parker 0 Harvey; 13 Barnard O Bird; 16 Rusha O Lowe (the last three conceded by Surrey) Kent IV 10 10 Middx III 20.10.90: 7 Latimer  $\frac{1}{2}$  Wallace

Autumn adjudications still missing:

Championship: Sussex-Kent 3.11.90 (bd 13); Herts-Cambs 3.11.90 (bds 1,9). Amboyna/Ebony: Middx III-Surrey II 10.11.90 (bds 5,9).

Neither Herts nor Middx have yet (26.1.91) sent their claims. The tournament controller has chased them, expects them, and is being very indulgent.

Adjudications here and on the following pages were up to date 26.1.91.

# CHAMIONSHIP

		CHAMIO	<u>ONSHIP</u>	-	
Essex*	17.11.90	Sussex*	Cambs*	17.11.90	Currou*
1 K Bowden (W)	0 1	BJ Denman	P Rajendra (W)		Surrey* def
2 G Kenworthy	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	GH James	A Hessenbruch	0 1	WA Linton
3 D Coleman	1 0	FJ Kwiatkowski	JG Wilson	1 0	DR Sedgwick
4 D Sherman	0 1	DB Graham	JD Lee	+ =	J Benjamin
5 MS Twyble	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	L Webb	AR Baker	1 0	CPL Parker
6 JP Manley	1 0	KI Norman	SAM Foister	0 1	S Macdonald Ross
7 JH Hodgson	0 1	SON Hawes	MH Thornton		CRA Clegg
8 JA Goldberg	0 1	MD Nicholas	PJ Crocker	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DB Rosen
9 JC Moore	1 0	SJ Newman	SJL Rix	$\stackrel{\scriptstyle 2}{1}$ $\stackrel{\scriptstyle 2}{0}$	HM Cath
10 B Baer	0 1	PG Farr	SD Smith	1 0	FC Manning
11 B Kemish	$\frac{1}{2} + = \frac{1}{2}$	IG Kelly	PAN Webster	1 0	def
12 IJ Myall	1 0	J Graham	DP Johnson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JM Shepley
13 M Fleury		MR Stott	NK Regan	o i	PJ Roche
14 P Hasson	1 1	R Almond	AG Cooper	0 1	JS Tymms
15 IBN Smith	121212121212	AO Pickersgill	T Townsend	1 0	def
16 RP White	1 1	P Watson	CJ Howell	1 0	def
17 S Robertson	$\frac{\tilde{1}}{2}$ $\frac{\tilde{1}}{2}$	PR Selby	J Allinson	1 0	def
18 AJ Tredinnick		A Hall	K Freeman	1 0	DA Baldock
19 A Hayler	0 1	LJ Cannon	P Fallon	1 0	def
20 SM Kalinsky	1 0	PH Benson	A Watkin-Jones	_	AT Mcdonald
(Wanstead)	10 10		(Caius Coll)	$(1\frac{2}{3}  6)$	
(			(00-00 00-1)	(15 0)	
Surrey*	1.12.90	Essex*	Sussex*	1.12.90	Middx II*
1 A Webster (B)	0 1	K Bowden	BJ Denman (W)	1 0	K Barnes
2 APH Kinsman	$\frac{1}{2} + = \frac{1}{2}$	NL Carr	GH James	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	N Alldritt
3 WA Linton	1 0	G Kenworthy	FJ Kwiatkowski		A Laurence (r)
4 CKD Holland	0 1	MS Twyble	DB Graham	1 0	G Szazvari (so)
5 DB Rosen	0 = +1	JP Manley	L Webb	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	P Dargan
6 RA Harris	1 0	JA Goldberg	RV Elliston	$\begin{array}{ccc} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{array}$	CJ Stephenson
7 PM Stimpson	0 1	B Kemish	SON Hawes	$\bar{1}$ $\bar{0}$	A Dunn
8 DR Sedgwick	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	IJ Myall	MD Nicholas	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JVA Franks
9 def	0 0	def	PG Farr	$\bar{1}$ $\bar{0}$	A Stewart
10 M Anderton	0 1	IBN Smith	SJ Newman	0 1	A Gilfillan
11 B Whyte	1 0	RP White	IG Kelly	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	B Stuart
12 PJ Roche	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	C Ramage	J Graham	ĩ õ	R Page
13 RJ Stockwell	1 0	S Robertson	R Hughes-Hallet	tt 0 1	M Crichton
14 PD Barasi	0 1	SM Kalinsky	MR Stott	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Kobylka
15 JS Tymms		DJ Millward	R Almond	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	LJ Fincham
16 CRA Clegg	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RA Walker	AO Pickersgill	$\bar{1}$ $\bar{0}$	A Ethelontis
17 RJ Wilcox	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JR Cooke	TA Hoxey	0 1	S Pooley
18 R Bone	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	SD Harvey	CJ Arthur	$\begin{array}{ccc} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{array}$	J McVicar
19 STK Wilkinson	0 1	S Harris	PR Selby	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	C Duddy
20 JJ Skielnik	1 0	CF Dorn	LJ Cannon	ī ō	P Chadwick
(Sutton)	$8\frac{1}{2}$ $10\frac{1}{2}$		(Brighton)	$12\frac{1}{2}$ $7\frac{1}{2}$	
Surrey have appear	aled on boa	rd 2.	, ,		
					100
Kent*	17.11.90	Middx I	Middx I	1.12.90	Cambs*
1 CG Ward (W)	0 1	CS Crouch	AJ Whiteley (B)		JP Sharp
2 NL McDonald	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AJ Whiteley	def	0 1	JG Wilson
3 PJ Morris	1 0	def	S Lukey	0 1	JD Lee
4 JJ Ady	1 0	RJ McMichael	T Farrand	1 0	AR Baker
5 AJ Stebbings	1 0	def	DP Lynch	1 0	SAM Foister
6 AE Hanreck	$\begin{array}{ccc} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 \end{array}$	JT Ward	def	0 1	MH Thornton
7 JN Sugden 8 IR Watson		T Clarke	J Nellist	1 0	PJ Crocker
9 RMR O'Kelly	_	DP Lynch	R Sagall	1 0	SJL Rix
	1 0	S Spivack	P Yerbury	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	NK Regan
10 AG Trangmar 11 MP Cook	10	P Mackenzie*	P McKenzie*	1 0	AG Cooper
	$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{array}$	def	PS Cawte	0 1	DP Johnson
12 NF Dickenson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	J Nellist	NCT Wall	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	CJ Howell
13 SJ Wood	1 0	PS Cawte	HL Duckers	1 0	P Fallon
14 JE Scholes	0 1	J Llewellyn	C Mackenzie	0 1	K Freeman
15 JD Wager	1 0	C Mackenzie	AO Alabi		S Lovel1
16 LJ Smart	1 0	AO Alabi	D Field	0 1	TM Mortimer
17 JA Wood	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	SD Arnold	def	0 1	T_Voub
18 NP Donovan	1 0	D Field	def	0 1	JT Tobby
19 PS Milner-Barr		J McVicar	def	0 1	A Watkin-Jones
20 SJ Pullinger	$\frac{1}{1/\frac{1}{1}} \frac{0}{51}$	def	def	0 0	def
(Sevenoaks) *Take your pick.	$14\frac{1}{2}$ $5\frac{1}{2}$		(London) (	$7\frac{1}{2}$ $10\frac{1}{2}$	- + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +
rake your pick.					

Herts	1.12.90	Kent*
1 SJB Knott (B	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	PJ Morris
2 PV Byway	0 1	JJ Ady
3 S Swanson	1 0	AJ Stebbings
4 JG Foulger	+ =	IR Watson
5 JDH Sachs	0 1	AE Hanreck
6 JF Rudge	0 1	JN Sugden
7 PG Maguire	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RMR O'Kelly
8 KR Clark	1 0	MP Cook
9 JR Denton	0 1	NF Dickenson
10 HL Tebbs	= +	JE Scholes
11 W Tabakierni	k = +	PJ O'Donovan
12 GA Hollis	1 0	CI Howell
13 S Law	1 0	NR Oliver
14 AG Burrows	1 0	NP Donovan
15 CE Majer	0 1	PS Milner-Barry
16 J Cook	1 0	JM Allan
17 TJ Turner	0 1	LR Gurr
18 JG Jones	+ =	Z Mehmet
19 S Weston	0 1	PW Eldridge
20 BD Judkins	= +	NC Mackett
(Hitchin)	(78)	0.05-111
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Middx I*	19.1.	91	Herts
SH Berry (B)	1	0	S Swanson
RJ McMichael	1	0	JDH Sachs
T Farrand	1	0	JF Rudge
S Lukey	0	1	B McCamon
JR Nellist	$0$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $0$	1 2 1	PG Maguire
DP Lynch	$\frac{1}{2}$	1 2	W Tabakiernik
P Yerbury	0	1	AM Simpson
P Mackenzie	1/2+	1 2	JR Denton
J Burke	1+	0	ND Willmott
J Sharp	1	0	HL Tebbs
C Mackenzie	1	0	AG Burrows
C Young	0	1	S Law
RJ Pearce	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	CE Majer
AO Alabi	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	TJ Turner
CJ Stephenson	0	1	J Cook
DC Ball	1	0	def
JCH Nyman	0	1	TA Sinkinson
S Pooley	=		B Macreamoinn
J McVicar	+		BD Judkins
LHJ Fincham	1	0	S Charles
(Wrrngtn Hotel	)(10	8)	
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		Essex		19.1.	91		1	Middx II*
	N	Carr (B)		1	0	)	A	Hon
		Kenworthy		1	0	)	N	Alldritt
3	D	Sherman		1	0		M	Tasker
4	M	Twyble		$\frac{1}{2}$	1 2		T	Gavriel
5	J	Manley		1	0		K	Barnes
6	J	Hodgson		1	0			def*
7	J	Goldberg		1/2	1 2		K	Bowmer
8	I	Myall		1	0		J	Eva
		Baer		0	1		G	White
10	II	3N Smith		0	1		G	White
11	R	Ellames		$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		A	Dunn
12	RF	White		$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ 0	0		T	Donnelly
13	Ι	Phelby (sic)	)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		M	Crichton
		Tredinnick		Ō	1		В	Stuart
15	C	Ramage		0	1		M	
		Kalinsky		1/2	1/2		M	
	R	_		0 \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} 1	1 1212		D	Griggs
18	S	Harris		ī	Ō			Fewtrell
19	G	Yates		+	=			Brown
	P	Williams		1/2	1/2		M	Rogersen
		stead H)	(	$11\frac{1}{2}$		7½)		9
		st Middx II		lefaul	t			matches!"

We hear that Kent had about five defaults v Cambs 19th January, after two unconnected travel disasters. (A speeding ticket was mentioned.) Likely result after adjudications, according to the Kent match captain, is 10-10 with Cambs having some winning chances. Result sheet not yet received.

### MONTAGUE-JONES

Sussex II 1 DW Fryer (W) 2 J Graham 3 D Hirsh (sic)	$\begin{array}{ccc} 24.11.90 \\ 0 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 \end{array}$	Kent II AI Armstrong G Botley CI Howell	Kent III* 17 F Percival (W) LR Gurr JS Williams	.11.90 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DR Smith ACP Milnes
4 CJ Arthur	0 1	MM Robertson	RS Sefton	$+ = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}$	RD de Coverly DR Woods
5 P Watson	0  1	LJ Smart	MH Micklethwaite		
6 RD Hollands	0 1	I Pountney	RT McCorry	1 0	
7 G Zubreczki	0 1	LM Pickett	MD Brougham	1 0	
8 I MacLeod	0 1	D Morris	AVH Sands	1 0	
9 I Edgson	1 0	def	PW Eldridge	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	EN Bramey
10 DG Ratcliffe	0 1	NR Oliver	MJ Reddie	0 1	SC Scopes
11 PH Benson	0 1	Z Mehmet	SC Scott	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RP Ginger
12 R Carthy	1 0	MJ Pitt	DF Hill	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	PJ Taylor
13 DW Lee	1 0	A Ropek	RC Shilling	0 1	LJ Charlwood
14 RH Saunders	1 0	def	RE Lane	0 1	MK Chojnacki
15 MR Hickman	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	SJ Jacob	BJ Westover	1 0	-
16 LKG Eastoe	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	CM Brown	RF Pooley	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	BV McDonagh
17 RA Lanzer	1 0	AR Wise	NC Mackett	ĩ ô	
18 JW Hall	0 1	R Winterburn	P Latimer	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	R Korzeniewski
19 MR Curtis	1 0	def	MR Croft	0 1	
20 T Woods	1 0	def	GL Mingay	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	E Bolduc
(Crawley)	$8\frac{1}{2}$ 11	$\frac{1}{2}$	(Sevenoaks) (1	$0\frac{1}{2}$	$(8\frac{1}{2})$

Oxon*	10.11.	90	Berks	Bucks*	- 8	3.12.	90	Sussex II
1 D Glueck (W)	1	0	PJ Sharpe	DR Smith (W)		$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	P Watson
2 W Hanasz	1	0	ID Thompson	SP Finn		1	0	RD Hollands
3 M Piper	1	0	MV Taylor	RDW Marsh		1	0	M Lenton
4 ST Ansell	$\frac{1}{2}$	1 2	D Roberts	ACP Milnes		-1	0	IS McLeod
5 T Brown	1	0	I Duval	A Robbings		0	1	DG Ratcliffe
6 N Jackubovics	1	0	M Marlow	RD de Coverly		$\frac{1}{2}$ a	$\frac{1}{2}$	PH Benson
7 AJ Toll	- 1	0	B Millis	DR Woods		$\frac{1}{2}$ +	$\frac{1}{2}$	RH Saunders
8 JJ Hastings	1	0	G Maigure	J Brookes		$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Sherlock
9 RJ Starkie	1/2	$\frac{1}{2}$	S Gilmour	J Beedle		1	0	MR Hickman
10 DD Hubbard	0	1	J Townsend	EK Tweeddale		$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	LKG Eastoe
11 R Dixon	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Buckland	R Fox		1+	0	JW Hall
12 JN Stayt	0	1	A Fountain	EN Bramley		$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RD Hirsch
13 R Smith	$\frac{1}{2}$	1/2 1/2	M Redmond	P Taylor		1+	0	KA Lucas
14 LR Millin	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	WP Tickner	RP Ginger	77.	0	1	D Langridge
15 A Mushens	1	0	R Stec	A Dunlop		0	1	EJ Schumacher
16 C Evans	Ó	1	J Cade	J Springall		0	1	T Woods
17 HAJ Searle	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Musker	J Horstmann		1	0	R Mortlock
18 NJ Hepworth	0	1	M Johnson	K Chojnacki		0	1	PD Britton
19 D Heron	1	0	M Saunders	B McDonagh		0	1	A Pelling
20 M Ramenadin	1/2	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Yarwood	MS Vann		0	_1	C Hooker
(Mary Hare)	12½	7		(H Wycombe)		10	10	
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Berks	8.12.9	Λ	Kent III*	Kent II*	12.1.	01	Berks	
1 PJ Sharp (B)		0	def	LJ Smart (B)	0	1	PJ Sharp	
2 ID Thompson	Ō	_	J Horton	PJ O'Donovan	ĭ	0	def	
3 N Davey		0 G	R Tidmarsh	CI Howell	0	1	N Davey	
4 DS Tucker	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ F	Percival	G Botley	1 2	$\frac{1}{2}$	DS Tucker	
5 MV Taylor			H Owens	MM Robertson	1	0	MV Taylor	
6 I Duval	0	1 D	JR Barnes	LM Pickett	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	S Knight	
7 D Deane	1	0 L	R Gurr	Miroslav Houska	a 1	0	def	
8 S Gilmour	0		T McCorry	Z Mehmet	1	0	A De Alins	
9 G Maigue	1 2	$\frac{1}{2}$ M	D Brougham	R O'Brien	0	1	B Millis	
10 N Staples	$\frac{1}{2}$	_	H Lewin	A Ropek	0	1	S Gilmour	
11 J Townsend	_		W Eldridge	M Pitt	0	1	A Buckland	
12 A Buckland	_	0	def	def	0	0	def	
13 M Likeman			G Barr	JP Lewis	0	1	M Sapiecha	
14 A Fountain	$\frac{1}{2}$		C Shilling	J Gibb	$\frac{1}{2}$	1/2	E Smith	
15 M Redmond		-	E Lane	H Dobson	=	+	M Redmond	
16 Ewart J Smith	_	$\frac{1}{2}$ id	A Bone	C Brown	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	WP Tuckner	(sic)
17 J Delderfield	0		J Westover	R Winterburn	0	1	J Hickman	
18 M Sapiecha		0 A		S Jacob	0	1	G Forester	
19 WP Tickner			F Pooley	T Nguyen	1	0	def	_
20 J Hickman			R Croft	Mario Houska	0	1	NA Johnson	
(Bracknell)	$13\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{2}$		(Sevenoaks)	(7	11)		

# AMBOYNA/EBONY

	Kent IV*	15.12.	90	Surrey II*	Essex II*	15.12.90	Middx III*
	BMH Hong (B)	0 =	1	S MacDonald-Ro	ss IM Pheby (W)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	SV Dickenson
	MV Houska	0	1	KFH Inwood	DJ Millward	1 0	J Simons
	S Barr	0	1	RGR Harris	TD Whitton	1 0	CICH Wallace
	MA Bone	1	0	JR Bell	RG Rodie	1 0	BH Birchall
	P Childs	0	1	DN Bellis	JSA Wood	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	R Brown
	T Nguyen	1	0	JS Tymms	M Ashdown	1 0	A Laurence
	Nigel Norman	0	1	EJ Brodie	M Keane	0 1	M Cresswell
	James Vigus	1	0	RJ Wilcox	DP Harvey	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	G Ball
	Jonathan Walto	n 0	1	PR Archer	SD Harvey	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	C Fewtrell
	S Pierce	1	0	def	R Heppinstall	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	J Nyman
11	Paul D Fenn	0	1	CPL Parker	NH Twitchell	ı î	P Kennelly
	Jeremy Knowles	0	1	RE Wilkinson	F Dorn	$\frac{1}{2} = +\frac{1}{2}$	I Graham
13	P Poland	1	0	PD Dupré	PR Barclay	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DJ Lawrence
14	D Tame	$\frac{1}{2}$	1/2	PE Barnard	LJ Crane	1 0	R Maddock
15	D Shipp	Ō	ī	B Blackburn	G Lowe	1 0	J Rusz
	M Snashall	0	1	FC Manning	A King	0= +1	P Catt
	Peter Moor	$\frac{1}{2}$	1 2 1 2	KN Mehendale	PDJ McCarron	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	D Gordon
	Richard Barry	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	JED Hale	P Walker	$\stackrel{\scriptstyle 2}{1} \stackrel{\scriptstyle 2}{0}$	A Luaces
19	Marcus Taylor	0	1	PM Shaw	David Smith	1 0	
20	Alex Steer	1	0	E Weimann	Ms JE Walker		D Merryweather
(Se	evenoaks)	$7\frac{1}{2}$	$12\frac{1}{2}$		(Wanstead)	$\frac{0}{13}$ 7	L Breeze

#### REVIEW

MASTER CLASS: PLANNING IN CHESS John Littlewood £3.50 DEFENCE IN CHESS Neil McDonald £2.95

Published by Master Class Publications, 8 Adelina Mews, Kings Avenue SW12 OBG. There are three other titles to date.

What <u>is</u> a Master Class? I suppose it's a single lesson with a great virtuoso, exploring a narrow theme in intricate detail. This little batch of books disagrees. Their expansive subjects are desultorily dismissed by the "virtuosi" in a mere forty pages apiece. (And they're sparse pages at that.) Actually I exaggerate the number of pages in McDonald's pamphlet - unless you too count the cover. Let's not be over carping, though. For £2.95 these days most publishers wouldn't send their book - just their computer ad. Also, if you overlook the bombastic titles, these are entertaining collections of games - mostly new to me. Look at Geller-Dreev in Littlewood's effort. It's absurdly irrelevant to the book's theme, but fresh, surprising and exciting. Sadly the paper and print quality reflects the price. Even the Russians do better nowadays, and give you ten times as much chess for the same money.

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This sort of booklet should be on topics like "Sneaky Traps" or "Wildly Sacrificial Attacks" - lite bites with tasty titles. They'd sell better too. Hugh Kelsey's Master Bridge series hit the jackpot with "Snares and Swindles" and similar little books. When Master Class editors Byron Jacobs and Andy Martin go that way I'll

buy some more of their slim volumes.

FRENCH: TARRASCH

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From the same address:
TOURNAMENT CHESS volume 38 (1990) Ed RG Wade £11.95
TRENDS: EXCHANGE GRUNFELD Jon Tisdall £3.50
SPANISH: MARSHALL Malcolm Pein £3.50

Many players find books on random games boring and instead of playing all of them through merely select those with relevance to their opening repertoire. However, "Tournament Chess" covers several top tournaments including all the games from an Interzonal World Championship Qualifier. Many opening secrets are revealed as the stakes are so high and indedd a summary of the new theory is included at the beginning. Although it is an expensive bulletin for games without annotations, if you have the money and the time, the extremely high quality of the games makes it a worthwhile investment.

Andrew Martin

The hypermodern strategy of the Grunfeld Defence, though considered a little risky, has never been refuted, and has in fact become very popular in recent years due to World Champion Gary Kasparov's adoption of the opening. This book examines white's most direct winning attempt and, while reaching no single conclusion, certainly supplies the reader with the latest ideas. Used as a study aid it is invaluable for any serious Grunfeld player, but it is not sufficient for learning the opening from scratch.

The Marshall booklet is fun even for those who have nothing to do with this exciting variation. For serious Marshall players this collection of 100 recent games could save a lot of points and certainly a lot of time on the clock. Clearly, annotations (not provided) would be extremely useful, although in most of the lines the assessment would probably be "unclear". The introduction is slightly inconsistent with the main text but it is especially good to see top players' games with both sides.

The Tarrasch booklet, on possibly the most popular line against the French Defence, offers black some interesting deviations as well as supplying the latest games with the main lines. A major criticism of the Trends series is the lack of summations, and while these shouldn't be taken as gospel even when given by a strong player, surely the occasional assessment of materially equal positions would not go amiss. It is often dangerous to place games without assessments in one's repertoire on the often misleading assumption that the winner was better throughout, especially when as in this case the average club player may be unaware of the players' strengths and thus the standard of the games.

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

		Championship	Montague Jones	Amboyna/Ebony
Feb	2			MK ESy
	9	SyM1 HSx KM2 EC	OK3 BrBu*	
	23			SyM KE
Mar	2 9	HSy EK M1Sx M2C	BuK2 SxO	SyK ME

One of the Middx first division matches 9th Feb, forget which, has been brought forward to the 2nd. Middx have undertaken not to use anyone in both matches.

#### CONGRESS DIARY

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Feb	16	MIDDLESEX JUNIOR 6 rds. W Ransome, 25 Jacksons Lane N6 5SR 081 348 7882 KENT JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS at Maidstone. U10/9/8/7. MPJ Whitwood, 8 Iden	
	16	Crescent, Staplehurst, Tonbridge, Kent TN12 ONU 0580 892005	•
	16-17	1st BWCA BRITISH GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIPS at Ipswich. U21/18/16/14/12/10/8.	
		Mr & Ms Orton, 18 Warrington Rd, Ipswich, Suffolk IP1 3QU 0473 259597	4
	17	WARLEY QUINBORNE RAPID. Open + Junior U16 (on day of tournament). J Lewis, 405 Court Oak Rd, Harborne, Birmingham B32 2DX 021 427 4988	
	23	KENT JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS at Beckenham. U18/16/14/11. DJ Brown,	
	23	32 St Johns Rd, Petts Wood, Orpington, Kent BR5 1HX 0689 21854	
Mar	29	SOUTHLANDS JUNIOR at New Romney (Kent). U8/10/12;U18+parents. RG Blake.	
		96 Manorfield, Singleton Village, Ashford, Kent TN23 2YP 0233 639372	
	29- 1	SOUTHEND EASTER. Open 7 rds; Open/U126 5 rds; Junior U12 30th only. QP	
		30th p.m. GMA Smith, 41 Westwood Gardens, Hadleigh, Benfleet,	
		Essex SS7 2SH	
	29- 1	SURREY EASTER at Sutton. Open (FIDE rated, for the first time); U170; U145;	
		U120 2x2 days; U100 2x2 days. A non-smoking congress, except in the	
		analysis room. FC Manning, 44 Willow Rd, Wallington, Surrey 081 647 0063	
		1st QUINBORNE EASTER. Open; U170; U135. John Lewis as 17 Feb.	
Apr	2- 5		
		Maidenhead, Berks SL6 4QU	
	13	TUNBRIDGE WELLS JUNIOR. U18/16/14/12(KENT CHAMPIONSHIP)/11/10. RJ Haddrell,	
		48 Southview Rd, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 9BX 0892 32361	

BRIAN DENMAN is writing a history of chess in Sussex from 1842. (We thought he said that was the year the Sussex Chess Association was founded, but we must have misheard him. The BCF Yearbook has 1882.) The one big gap in his documentation is a "Southern Counties Chess Journal apparently published from 1893 to 1896 under the editorship the Rev EI Crosse, SCA secretary. We had never heard of this publication; which pronothing except our ignorance. There are contemporary references to it, and Ken Whyld says it's in the British Library but the British Library denies it. It's a long shot, but if any reader knows anything about the Journal he is asked to contact Brian Denman, Flat 4, 55 Hove Park Villas, Hove, East Sussex BN3 6HH (0273 738014).

Mr Denman also tells us of an "SCCU Yearbook" which first appeared in 1929 or 1930.

We'd be interested to hear about this. Your present SCCU Bulletin only goes back to

October 1958.

From a congress leaflet: "A player who exceeds the time limit loses the game unless the opponent does not have sufficient material to <u>force</u> checkmate, in which case the game is declared a draw. (Our emphasis.) Is this new? If so, is it deliberate? It seems to mean you can't lose on time unless you were losing anyway, and the adjudicators will have a field day.

The BWCA aims to make itself redundant. When the number of girls and women reaches 50% of the chessplaying population, we believe that the strength will be equal to the men, and the BWCA will no longer be needed.

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