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EDITORIAL

Not so much an Editorial as an apology, in case this issue is strewn with infelicities and misprints. Parts of it have been put together in a hurry. But I have had the printer fixed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive met on Friday 3rd September 1993 at Tavistocks near Paddington Station. The advantage of this venue is that it has a bar, though your Editor still owes Tony Suttill a pint. The disadvantage is the 2-watt lighting. Fifteen attended. It was a boring meeting on the whole, consisting largely of Officers Reports on which no action was required or possible. You are getting this information in a more appropriate way (on paper, through the post) and if you still find it boring you have a remedy.

(1) European Club Cup is now revamped, with 7 groups of 8 teams playing preliminary knock-outs (including one hosted by Barbican which is already over as you read this, and we hear they got overrun in the first round). The 7 qualifiers join Hilversum in a Final event to be held there on a date to be fixed. The notional 57 teams is probably more like 50 because of gaps and/or withdrawals.

(2) National League has 6 teams: Barbican; Covent Garden (don't know who they are); Invicta Knights (formerly Maidstone); Slough; Bristol; and North West (which may or may not be the name they're actually going under). You will remember that they hoped for many more teams than 6; but it's a start. It is a professional league and the players will be paid. "Until the money runs out", as someone said.

(3) London Chess Festival (was to be "Times" but the money went away; hope this is right) has included various events which it would be vexatious to list. Ticket prices for the Championship itself tumbled after the original takeup was something like 800 tickets out of 27,000 printed.

(4) First SCCU International Tournament had picked up to 41 players after a slow start; the modest financial loss will be borne by DR Sedgwick in accordance with his original suggestion. 14 rated players had taken part, 10 had achieved part ratings, and the winner was IM Varugeesi Koshy (India) who picked up lots of rating points but then went and dropped them again at the Lloyds Bank. The players had expressed a wish that the event should be held again at the same time next year.

(5) Grading. No particular problems with the BCF List this year and our sales so far are about the same as last year. But the BCF's computer, exhausted with its efforts, keeled over and died soon after producing the list. It was beyond economic repair and will no doubt have been replaced by the time you read this. The Bulletin does not know what sort of computer it was but believes that the cost may have been something under £1000. The delay to the SCCU list was not due to this but to illness at the printer's. The Herts and Surrey lists also escaped. The Kent one, however, was still inside the computer when it died. (We do not mean this literally. We have no doubt that all grading data is still safely on disc with nineteen backups.)

Results from the Hillingdon League were submitted far too late to get into the List, the BCF has since accepted them and recalculated players' grades accordingly. The new grades may affect players' eligibility for county teams. They are not likely to be available until late October, by which time the matches will already have started. One member of the Executive doubted whether we should accept the corrections for SCCU qualifying purposes, but the majority thought we more or less had to since the BCF had accepted the results. Lists of corrections will be sent to match captains, and uncorrected grades will naturally apply until then.

One or two oddities. Ruth Bates of Richmond Juniors, who should have been somewhere round 119, came out as 24 (twenty-four) because of a typing error: an event went in as 56 games rather than 6, or something like that. (How on earth did the computer not notice?) And Jody Shuttlewood of Bourne End is listed, in the introductory pages, among the Top Twenty U18 Girls. He's a boy. Jody Saunders of Crowthorne, who isn't, is omitted. We have no information on the sex of the other Jody in the Girls list, nor on the spelling of his/her surname (different in the body of the List). The omission of Ruth Bates is regrettable but understandable. We have not been able to find a Top Twenty Women list with Glynne Jones in.

New grading is being held up somewhat because Martin Cath can't get a list of registered events out of the BCF. They hope to sort it out by the end of September. Unregistered events, of course, don't qualify for grading and no grader is going to do an event on the off chance it may turn out to be registered. (Definitive grading cannot be done anyway until the Master List appears, but much preliminary work is possible.)

(6) Grade-riggers. Still about grading, but it was time we had a new heading. Roger Edwards, National Grading Director, is relinquishing his Management Board post but will not be replaced because he intends to continue the job without it. The Executive has learned, through unofficial channels, that he has declared war on the grade-riggers. That is, people who throw games in order to stay Under X. Some games identified as thrown have not been graded this year. We understand that eight players or thereabouts,

throughout England, have got done. There was some feeling, on the Executive, that such a policy ought not to be implemented on the quiet (as it seems to have been).

The Bulletin agrees. It has every sympathy with the policy but wonders how it can be operated fairly. However sure a congress organiser is that someone's thrown games, he won't be able to prove it. Even if the policy can be operated fairly, has it been? If we're going to do it, then for consistency's sake all congress organisers must be told, and all must co-operate by reporting offenders. Players will have to know. A black list will emerge, officially or otherwise. (Unofficially we imagine it's already in circulation.) The riggers won't stop, but they'll have to get more subtle about it and remaining Under-X will be that much harder. The black list will have to be published, along with details of games not graded. Whoops. But if you succumb to the temptation to do everything on the quiet, the policy will lack teeth and be neither fair nor consistent.

This year's eight players, if it is eight, should be named. This comment, plus all of the preceding paragraph, is of course a hidden Editorial. Normal service will now be resumed.

(7) Cadogan Master Points. The SCCU List looks very like the BCF one because it has the same Cadogan front cover (and the same advertisement on the back). Another Cadogan innovation is the Master Points system. To give you an example: the Bulletin, were it a BCF Direct Member, would on past form be able to qualify as a County Master. It thinks this is a devaluation of the word Master, and at least one member of the Executive made a similar comment. The BCF mooted a Master Points system about three years ago but dropped it after a consultation exercise revealed little interest. The new system appears ill thought-out in some respects. For example, players submit forms detailing their results in a particular event. Each form must be validated by an official. If the official is a congress organiser in the throes of packing equipment away, his answer is all too predictable. Even at leisure it would be a time-consuming job. Then 80% of your opponents must have "established British grades". Which includes Welsh and Scottish ones, clearly, but what's an established grade? And events (5 required) must be over a period of not more than 5 years, but it's not clear whether you can backdate them to 1988. The BCF Management Board has spent little time on these questions, in meetings at any rate.

(8) Game Fee. The BCF September Council Meeting has to set the fee. The sum originally quoted was 20p per player per game, and R Brown intends to propose this though he thinks it's cutting it a bit fine. Lack of information makes the decision rather hit-and-miss anyway. Quite a lot of "independent" events have come in already, including some from disaffiliated counties, and it is understood that all but two of the congresses in the BCF calendar intend to register. But plenty of counties have not registered their events yet, and this hampers planning. They get free registration in the pilot year, apart from their congresses, but the BCF badly needs their figures. It has been stated that if they do not register they will not qualify for grading, even though it would have been free. This might be hard to implement, but the Bulletin and everyone else in sight urges them most strongly to get their skates on.

It is probably not true that the BCF Management Board is to be supplemented by a Game Fee Director. (But see next page...)

(9) BCF Qualifying places. The Bulletin had a letter from George Smith last time urging that the paid entry which goes with the qualifying place should turn into an SCCU Championship prize. The Bulletin made sympathetic noises and found itself invited, at the Executive meeting, to turn them into a proposal. So it did, and got no seconder. However, an anomaly was removed by a resolution to give the nomination to the highest-placed player not already qualified, and the paid entry to the highest-placed player not already having one.

Maidstone would still like to get into the Cartel but said they would "shut up for another year". Each Union has three places in its gift and it seemed reasonable that the SCCU, as the biggest Union, should have more. We would take this up with the BCF.

(10) SCCU County Matches. Bucks had withdrawn from the Open, which was the only division they were in. They would find it difficult to field a full 20-board team. They do, of course, have two teams in the Chiltern League (which is over 20 boards but at a lower playing level). It was agreed to write to Bucks to see if they might be interested in SCCU matches at (say) U175 or U125 next year. All other entries, including the Kent fifth team, looked to be firm except for the Surrey U125 team which would have to withdraw if it did not find a captain. (The Oxon U125 captain had turned out to be "grossly overgraded" so couldn't play, but the team would compete.)

The Fixtures Secretary said he would try to insist on earlier entries next year. This year's fixtures had been re-done half a dozen times because of late entries. It was agreed that very late entries were undesirable; however, it was not always possible for a county to be sure it had a match captain until the Grading List came out so things would inevitably be provisional until early August.

Sussex in the U175 are unwilling to go above 16 boards. Someone asked whether this meant other counties were not allowed to, and the answer had to be yes. Friendlies apart, obviously.

Someone else asked whether Cambs pay the full levy to both SCCU and EACU. They do.



- (11) Juniors. Not very much here, but please note that the deadline for BCET awards to schools has been changed to the end of February (was March). Nominations to BH Birchall. The SCCU Juniors v Seniors match is set to become an annual fixture.
- (12) Presidents Award for services to chess: one of the three recipients this year is AJ (Jeff) Douglas of Surrey, formerly Kent, who as you know runs the Counties Championship at the BCF level. In fact there were only two recipients because one declined the award "for personal reasons".
- (13) BCF Jobs. Bryan Fewell is not to seek re-election at Home Chess and Services (we know it's called something different now but don't like the new title). David Jarrett is willing to come out of retirement to fill the gap. Bruce Birchall is to stand as BCF President against AD Martin.
- (14) Trophies. Nearly forgot this one. Tony Suttill produced some, nicely valued and engraved, and they were (re-)presented. Some Trophies had never been handed back in the first place, and yet others have been missing for years. One of them was stated to be kept under Fred Manning's bed, for purposes unspecified, but as this was before he arrived he was not asked for confirmation.
- (15) Meetings. The Executive will meet on the 25th March and 13th May 1994 and Council on the 25th June. There was some discussion of venues for Executive meetings. The Friends House had been unavailable this time and would continue to be so on the first Friday of each month. However, at £36 it was cheaper than Tavistocks (£50) and the Free Church Federation HQ (£66). It was agreed to stick to the Quakers.

The meeting lasted two and three-quarter hours. Tavistocks has a later chucking-out time than the Friends House but this is not necessarily an advantage.

Correction to an item from last time: the SCCU's budgeted surplus for grading 1993-4 is £360, not £1350. (That was the budgeted income.)

#### BCF COUNCIL MEETING 15.9.93

Briefly, from two different accounts received: the meeting was "depleted by late arrivals and early departures because of the inaccessibility of the venue chosen". (Well, one account says that, neither says where it was, and the Bulletin hasn't the energy to check. But see page 8.) The business was something like this:

- (1) Club of the Year. No applications.
- (2) Management Board. The MB Chairmanship was established as a post directly elected by Council, the Grading Director is now just an Officer (at his own wish), and a proposal to downgrade the Publicity Director in the same way was defeated. There is no Publicity Officer. (Adam Black, who resigned some time ago, said he was willing to stand if anyone proposed him, but no one did.) In a determined effort not to streamline the MB, they created a new post of Game Fee Director; there is a volunteer from the Midlands but the post will be advertised. David Jarrett comes out of retirement to sort of replace Bryan Fewell as Director of Whatever It Is; BAF will continue to do much of the work. David Newell was, as expected, elected Junior Director. Jane Seymour replaces Lady Milner-Barry as Womens Director. And there was a contested election for President between AD Martin and BH Birchall: ADM 48, BHB 2, abstentions 12.

Game fee was set at 20p per player per game (QP 5p) for the first full year of implementation.

- (4) Inter-County Championships 1994-5. The U125 (currently 12 boards) will go up to 16 in the BCF stage. In any of the competitions a Union will only get one nomination, instead of two, unless it holds a qualifying event with at least three eligible entrants. We guess that's aimed at the Northern Counties. And the woman-count rule has gone; apparently someone tried to give it first priority before board count, and when that failed someone (?else) successfully proposed its complete abolition.

- (5) FIDE. Someone wanted our FIDE delegate mandated to oppose the re-election of Campomanes at the first opportunity. As that is not until November 1994 the matter was put off till a later meeting. For this year, David Jarrett was re-elected FIDE delegate. It was reported that the Omani prize money for Karpov-Timman had evaporated (we knew that) and that there is no Dutch prize money (we didn't know that).

- (6) BCF Council Meetings are intended to move around the country more in future, and the next one is to be in Bristol.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Richard,

I enclose my subscription for the coming year. With reference to the piece in "Quotes" on the last page of the current issue, it seems that the PCA (and the Bulletin?) is unaware that Judit Polgar played in the inter-zonal tournament; and that other women played in the preliminaries. Even so chess was not the first major sport to offer open competition between the sexes, e.g. show jumping in which men & women competed in the same event as long ago as the 1952 Olympic Games.

Yours sincerely,

John Parker

Crawley

(What about Miss Menchik? - Ed)

Richard, The next beer is on you by way of substitution for the Wimbledon Ladies Singles Final!  
Tony (Suttill) W11

Richard,  
Have tried (and failed) to arrange friendlies v Humpshire and Dumphshire. Directory Enquiries are flummoxed - can you help?  
Mick Croft Kent

Dear Richard,

...Your facile jibe about the U150 fixtures [212:9] misses the point. The Fixtures Secretary had failed to inform counties that he proposed a 10-fixture season when it became 6 teams, when Herts decided to enter an U150 team instead of U125. My understanding from previous seasons was that 5 teams was double-round and 6 was single (e.g the 2nd division two seasons ago). On learning that 10 fixtures would be involved, I pointed out that this would cause problems... I suggested the Fixtures Secretary consult to see if it posed problems for others - it did and it was changed.

Bruce Birchall W11

Ed: - When I make facile jibes I usually say who I'm talking about. My (?mis)understanding was that a county, not Herts, had entered but forgotten.

#### ROUND THE COUNTIES

BUCKS leagues 1992-3: Div 1 1 Poisoned Pawns, 2 Bourne End. Div 2 1 Bourne End III, 2 Slough II. County Champion is John Brookes (runner-up EN Bramley); Div 2 KF Hawkins (2 I Edmundson); Div 3 1-3 J Smith (who takes promotion on tie-break), AW Smith (promotion on play-off), PB Hicks.

HERTS League Div 1 1 Pin Green I, 2 Hoddesdon I. Div 2 1 Hertford I, 2 Barnet I. Div 3 1 Hertford II, 2 Stevenage I. Div 4 1 St Albans IV, 2 Hoddsdon II. Div 5 1 Borehamwood, 2 St Albans VI. Div 6 1 Hertford III, 2 WGC 2.

Puller Cup (end-of-season jamboree) attracted only four teams: 1 (board count) Hilltop; 2 St Albans.

Club KOs: Russell Trophy Hoddesdon beat Watford on some kind of tie-break in the final; U125 Barnet 3½ 1½ Hoddesdon; Sharp Trophy Watford 3 3 \*Hertford.

Junior: U19 Haberdashers; U16 Queen Elizabeths; U14 Haberdashers. Premier Cup Haberdashers; Schools Cup Watford Boys.

Individual: Capel Cup final Dave Faulkner 1½ ½ Paul Byway; Burn Cup Bob Arnot 1 0 Kevin Ellis; Burn Plate Anthony Kent 1 0 Dave Parrott.

KENT Ian Watson has won the Maidstone club championship and points out that this makes him the Champion Player of the Champion Club of the Champion County of England. Champion Player of the Champion County of England doesn't have quite the same ring to it, but he's that as well. He is believed to have scored 100% in winning his two titles.

"Summer" Quickplay final (13th October) is between Maidstone and Hastings. Again. Hastings, who have won this event two years running, have now sidled further into Kent by entering two teams in the mainstream leagues.

SUSSEX AGM in July 1993 set a new record at 28 minutes. Sussex AGMs being what they are we weren't sure, till we read it more carefully, whether this was a record low or a record high. It was a record low. The county adjudicators did 64 positions. (No, not at the AGM. At least we assume not.) This was 10 more adjudications than last year. About half of the claims contained errors of one sort or another. Told them last year what the solution to this is, they can't have been listening. There's an interesting quote from their County Secretary on the last page but one.

County Championship Final was a repeat of the two previous years, and Brian Denman ran out the winner 2½-1½ against Feliks K. East Sussex Queen JA Dodgson (runner-up RR Harper). West Sussex Queen IP Judd (runner-up WH Partridge). Veterans RD Hollands (runner-up RD Hirsch). McArthur Cup Northern Haywards Heath, Western Worthing, Central-Eastern Hastings; semi-finals Hastings ½ 5½ Brighton, Worthing 4½ 1½ Haywards Heath; Final Brighton 5 1 Worthing. Our guess is that the current Champions are exempt to the semi-final stage. Individual Lightning GH James, LE Rutherford. Jamboree President's Select. Junior KO: U18 (12 entries) Beacon Community College, Crowborough; U16 (8) Christs Hospital; U14 (13) Bexhill High School; Girls (2) Fermor Primary, Crowborough; Primary (37 schools, 52 teams) Fermor; Primary Girls (11 from 10) St Margaret's Ditchling; U9 Fermor. Junior Individual U18 Robin Clark, Ian Henderson;

U14 Glen Parker (Best Girl Cassie Franks, Best U11 Daniel Triggs); U11 Laurence Rackham; U9 Richard Brown, Jonathan Roberts; U7 Daniel Hare.

Mid Sussex League "This year, despite not losing a single match, Haywards Heath only finished second in [Division I], under circumstances widely resented within the club." We're at least as intrigued as you are. Anyway: Div 1 1 Brighton, 2 Haywards Heath; Div 2 1 Lewes I, 2 Crowborough I; Div 3 1 Hastings II, 2 Hassocks I; Div 4 1 The Holt II, 2 Crawley III. Ten teams in each division. KO Cup Lewes (runners-up Eastbourne). South-West Sussex League 1 Emsworth, 2 Worthing A. Jamboree Chichester A.

SCA Health Warning: Not smoking can seriously impair your morality. Two years ago some "No Smoking" signs disappeared at the Sussex Jamboree. This year it was six, and the county had to pay for replacements.

#### WESTMINSTER RAPIDPLAY 17th June 1993

Open 1 AJ Ledger (Bedford) 5/6; 2-5 Gary Kenworthy (Barbican), Jesse Kraai (Cowley & USA), Mat Fletcher (Gloucester), Dragan Milanovic (Yugoslavia) 4...

"Major" 1-3 M Daniels (Wallington), C White (Oxford), C Loades (Wimbledon) 5/6...

"Minor" 1 V Litivin (Camden) 6/6; 2 B Okrzeja (Metropolitan) 5; 3 P Seet (Oxted) 4½..

Results Gary Kenworthy. The event was larger and stronger than usual, particularly in the Open with players graded 200+ getting 2½/6.

#### WESTMINSTER RAPIDPLAY 14th August 1993

Open (19 pl) 1-2 MV Houska (Slough), G Kenworthy (Barbican) 5/6; 3 CJ Morrison (Barbican) 4½... Houska led with 5/5 but lost to Kenworthy in the last round.

"Major" (30 pl) 1-2 B Owen (Wood Green), WG West (Imperial College) 5/6; 3 H Elfin (Barnsley)...

"Minor" (38 pl) 1 G Gwilliams (W London) 6/6; 2-3 AG Kelly (High Wycombe), J Griffin (Watford) 5... Results Gary Kenworthy

#### THANET at Broadstairs 20-22 August 1993

Open (17 ent) 1-2 GM Brown (Ashford), FJ Ferrar (Aberdeen: ex-Ramsgate) 4/5; 3-5 MC Portwood, M Mortimer (both Folkestone), Z Mehmet (Lewisham) 3½... Best grading performance A Butterworth (Barnsley)

"Major" (51 ent) 1 RR Goodfellow (Tunbridge Wells) 5/5; 2-6 M Brief (Barnet), RM George (Ludlow), MS Kobylka, B Panic (both London), S Williams (Colchester) 4... Thanet Prize BJ Westover (Margate); grading prizes M Roberts (Dartford), J Sellen (Sittingbourne)

"Minor" (72 ent) 1 S Rowles (London) 5/5; 2-3 MR Croft (Margate), JB Farrell (London) 4½; 4-7 GJG Williams (London), GB James (Monmouth), J Lovegrove (Basingstoke), AM Stille (Maidstone) 4... Thanet Prize SM Guy (Ramsgate); Junior DJ Titmas (Maidstone); Ladies C Harvey (London); Seniors AB Walker (Dover); Grading WE Upton (Norwood) Results Mick Croft

#### FIRST SOUTHERN COUNTIES CHESS UNION INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT at Haverstock (do you keep wanting to say Haversack?) School, Chalk Farm NW1, 16-19 August 1993

1 Varugeese Koshy IM (India) 7/8; 2 Aaron Summerscale FM 6½; 3 Krishnamoorthy Murugan IM (India) 6; 4-9 Michael H Barnes, Richard Heasman, Justin C Marley, Neil AW Preece, John M Quinn, Stephen F Saunders 5... 41 played, plus 3 with one or two games. Bulletin with 40-50 games £4 from Monica Vann, 1 Kennedy Close, Marlow, Bucks. SL7 3JA. Results DR Sedgwick.

#### 29th BERKS AND BUCKS at Maidenhead 28-30 August 1993

Championship (16 pl) 1 PJ Holt (Solihull) 4½/5; 2 DH Cummings (Bracknell) 3½; 3-8 W Broome (Wimbledon), PS Cooksey (Newbury), RB Edwards (Jordans, Bucks), R Heasman (Basingstoke), SG Peters (Aylesbury), DL Roberts (Bracknell) 3...

Challengers (16 pl) 1 LS James (Worcester) 4/5; 2-3 PS Janota (Surbiton), MD Lucey (Thatcham) 3½...

Reserves A (16 pl) 1-2 KF Hawkins (Marlow), JB Hawson (Worcester Park) 4/5; 3-4 AS Weaver (Chalfont St Peter), IR Henderson (Earley) 3½...

Reserves B (16 pl) 1 SB James (Maidenhead) 4½/5; 2 D Hellewell (Worcester) 4; 3-4 RA Brown (Earley), AG Kelly (High Wycombe) 3½...

Reserves C (16 pl) 1 JW Roe (Ross on Wye) 4½/5; 2-4 A Heslop (Oxford), C Purry (Christchurch), J Stoneman (E12) 3½...

Reserves D (16 pl) 1-3 AP Challenger (Slough), T Rogers (Petersfield), GS Gill (Southall) 4/5...

Reserves E (16 pl) 1 L Broomfield (South Norwood) 4/5; 2-6 M Broomfield (S Norwood), BJ Gregory (Monmouth), JJ McGrath (Bracknell), M Warner (Ashted), A Zagozda (Ebbw vale) 3½...

Results AJ Cox. Congratulations to the organisers on getting an exact multiple of 16 players; they must have been tempted to make all the tournaments knock-outs,

43rd PAIGNTON CONGRESS 5-11 September 1993

Premier 1 G Lane (Paignton), 6/7; 2-4 K Arkell (Breadsall), PJ Rossiter (Denmead), V Koshi (India) 5½; 5 D Parr (Horsham) 4½... Grading S MacDonald-Ross (Wimbledon) 4½; R Grime (Godolphin). Veterans F Parr (Sutton), JM Soesan (Whoberley) 3½. Challengers 1 M Page (Insurance) 5½/7; 2-7 D Norman (Wokingham), K Francis (Mercia), RC Towers (Exeter), JF Coles (Chess Forum), D Jackson (Plymouth), A Brusey (Teignmouth) 5... Grading B King (Weston super Mare), C Brockwell (Torbay Juniors), P Carlucci (Morley College) 4½; RJ Hirons (Taunton), JE Allen (Totnes) 4. Veterans EN Bramley (Slough), J Gorodi (Teignmouth), J Springall (Slough) 4.

RUSSELL TROPHY (well, one of them) was a jamboree at RGS Guildford 17th September 1993. 1 RGS 7/8; 2 Hampton 6½; 3 Westminster 5½; 4 Glyn 4... 9 teams of 8 competed.

NATIONAL YOUTH CA U18 QP CHAMPIONSHIP at Newcastle under Lyme 25th September 1993  
1 Richmond 43/60; 2 Manchester 42; 3 Surrey 36; 4 Glamorgan 33½; 5 Warwicks 31; 6 Staffs 28½; 7 Humberside 27½; 8 Lancs 25½; 9 Leics 19½; 10 Lincs 12½. Res AJW Thorn.

TIMES National Schools KO is just under way with 384 teams compared with 399 last year.

SCCU COUNTY MATCHES: FIXTURES 1993-94

We give everything again, for the benefit of new readers. Some match captains and dates (asterisked) are new or changed. If you can't see what's new about a match captain, have a careful look at his address or phone number. The spelling of his name as well, in one case. Bucks (see Executive Report) have withdrawn from the Open. We tried to asterisk this change in the table below, but it didn't look right. Their decision was based largely, if not entirely, on the difficulty of finding 20 players.

## Teams entered:

	Br	Bu	C	E	H	K	M	O	Sy	Sx
Open	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
U175				*	*	*	*	*	*	*
U150				*	*	*	*	*	*	*
U125				*	*	**	*	*	*	*

	Open	U175	U150	U125
Sep 18		SyK		
25	SxH KM SyE		SxH EK	
Oct 2		KM		KaKb
9				
16	ESx BrSy HM OK			OKa ME
23		SxSy		SxSy
30	CE MO KH SxB		SxSy ME HK	MO
Nov 6		MSx EK		EKb SyKa
13	EM OSx BrH SyC			OSx
20	CO			*SxKb
27		SxE SyM		SyM
Dec 4	KE HO MSy CBr		ESy KSx HM	
11		ESy KSx		ESx KbSy
Jan 15	SySx BrK	EM		KbM KaSx
22	EO CH	KSy		EO
29		*ME	SyK EH MSx	
Feb 5		SySx MK		MKa SyE
12	HE MBr KSy SxC			
19		SxM KE		KaE SxM
26	BrO SyH CK SxM		SyH KM SxE	KbO
Mar 5		ESx MxSy		
12	EBr OSy MC KSx			OSy
19		SyE SxK		

\*SyM U150 to be arranged, probably after Christmas

The home team is named first. Details of venue to be supplied, with map, at least one month in advance.

Match captains' details on next page.



- Berks NW Dennis, Boundary House, 230 Greys Rd, Henley on Thames, Oxon RG9 1QY  
0491 576052
- Cambs Philip Best, Downing College, Cambridge CB2 1DQ
- Essex 0 JR Cooke, 35 The Crescent, Loughton, Essex IG10 4PY 081 508 3622  
175 D Smith, 21 Chigwell Rd, South Woodford E18 1LR 081 530 2118  
150 \*M Tucker, 130b Barking Rd, East Ham E6 3BD 081 471 5078  
125 D Filer, 5 Iris Close, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 5XS 0245 465057
- Herts 0 A Atkinson, 89 Cairo Rd, Walthamstow E17 3BB 081 521 9954  
150 MM Wali, 56 Rowans, Welwyn Garden City 0707 326318 ext 4280 (work)
- Kent 0 CI Howell, 16 Claire House, Lesley Place, Buckland Hill, Maidstone ME16 0UE  
0622 670169  
175 LR Gurr, 13 Neath Court, Northumberland Rd, Maidstone ME15 7JS 0622 758448  
150 RC Shilling, 184 Kingsnorth Rd, Ashford, Kent TN23 2LS 0223 629175  
125a IC Smith, 19 Osgood Gardens, Orpington, Kent BR6 6JU 0689 858568  
125b \*RG Blake, 96 Manorfield, Ashford, Kent TN23 2YP 0233 639372
- Middx 0 \*R Pearce, 43 Sinclair Rd, London W14 071 602 0756  
175 \*Tony Wheatley, 2 Marlborough Rd, Ealing W5 5NY 081 567 4833  
150 \*BH Birchall, 26d Colville Square, London W11 2BQ 071 792 8031  
125 R Crooks, 11b Crediton Rd NW10 081 969 2888 (home); 071 922 9541/2 (work)
- Oxon 0 JN Stayt, 6 Wagbullock Rise, Bracknell, Berks RG12 7QD 0344 426560  
125 IR Brooke (office) 174 Cowley Rd, Oxford OX4 1UE 0865 245447
- Surrey 0 FC Manning, 44 Willow Rd, Wallington, Surrey SM6 OPF 081 647 0063  
175 PD Dupre, 13 Russell Rd, Walton on Thames, Surrey KT12 2JZ 0932 241550  
150 FC Manning as above  
125 FC Manning as above
- Sussex 0 P Watson, Flat 7, Regency Court, Withdean Rise, London Rd, Brighton,  
E Sussex 0273 505480  
175 RD Hirsch, 5 Orde Close, Pound Hill, Crawley, W Sussex RH10 3NG 0293 883244  
150 Dr DL Roberts, Flat 1, 28 High St, Lewes, E Sussex BN7 2LU 0273 475275  
125 MA Bryant, 88 Manor Rd, Hastings, E Sussex TN34 3LP 0424 428830

Tournament Controller: FC Manning (see Surrey).

Fixtures Secretary: D Metcalfe, 9 Roosevelt Rd, Long Hanborough, Witney, Oxon OX8 8JG  
0993 883044

#### A MESSAGE TO MATCH CAPTAINS

Please send copies of all your result sheets to the Bulletin for publication. Don't rely on your opponents to do it, they may not. There's usually one or three that are less than regular. An asterisk by a county's name will show that the result has been received from that side.

Try to be legible, spell players' names right, and give full initials. Giving names exactly as in the grading list is helpful, unless the grading list has "J Smith" and you can do better. (But if you do, say who it is.)

It is important that all matches be published in full. Partly because the grader works from the Bulletin, partly because match captains need to see what's going on, and partly just for news value. And remember that the Tournament Secretary does not police the eligibility rules, he leaves it to match captains to pick up any apparent infractions and report to him.

Apart from the grading limit the only restrictions on eligibility are County qualification, by birth or otherwise, and the rule that says you can't play for more than one county no matter how many you were born in. And the two Kent U125 teams will be kept separate. (Not sure whether anyone's officially said so, but we have it from one of the match captains. Really it needs to be established at the start of the season if both teams are to be allowed to proceed to the BCF stage.)

Please inform the Bulletin of any changed dates, and tell us about any mistakes that slip through. They may be due to match captains' errors or illegibility, but the Bulletin is not itself infallible. All errors notified will be corrected in the next issue. With a rude remark, of course, if the error was your opponents' and you never sent the result in the first place. We draw the line at correcting mistakes in ChessMoves when you sent the result to them and not us.

New players. It helps very much if you send a list of all likely players who are new to your county teams (and update it as necessary during the season). Several match captains did this last season. The list will be published, largely (but not only) for the grader's benefit. One of the grader's biggest nightmares is the identification of new players. You may know that D Duck has just moved to the South-East for his health and is the same player as D Duck of Halifax, but the grader won't know unless you tell him. He can't just take it for granted, either. To be honest some graders sometimes

do, to judge from the occasional mishaps where two different players from quite different parts of the country get confused with each other and merged in the grading list. But a cautious grader will err the other way and Mr Duck will get two different grades, to his annoyance and the BCF's inconvenience.

Give BCF grading reference numbers where possible, but even so you should say where the player's from. Be as informative as possible, even if the player isn't in the grading list at all. He could well be in the graders' (private) master list.

The first County Matches of the season:

### CHAMPIONSHIP

Kent*	25.9.93	Middx*
1 NI McDonald 225	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	SH Berry 227 (W)
2 PJ Morris 220	1 0	PJ Sowray 212
3 CR Chandler 211	0 1	TA Fatin 210
4 AE Hanreck 203	1 0	RJ McMichael 203
5 Mehmet Ali 198	0 1	SSY Spivack 203
6 AP Smith 196	0 1	PS Cawte 204
7 JN Sugden 192	1 0	Mark Lyell 198
8 D Gormally 191	1 0	Chris Gant 196
9 G Botley 189	0 1	G Anthony 194
10 JE Vigus 182	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	R Vujatovic 191
11 NP Donovan 187	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	C McKenzie 187
12 RMR O'Kelly 185	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	ND Crabb 186
13 JD Wager 183	1 0	NRE Aldritt 186
14 AM Harakis 180	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	KR Barnes 185
15 LM Wooldridge 178	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RJ Pearce 183
16 JS Williams 179	1 0	A Trifunovic 182
17 MM Robertson 175	0 1	MR Collins 175
18 SJ Fullinger 164	1 0	Tony KH Lee 176
19 SJ Wood 174	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	John McVicar 158
20 Paul D Fenn 163	1 0	def
(Orpington)	$11\frac{1}{2}$ $8\frac{1}{2}$	

### UNDER 175

### UNDER 150

Surrey	18.9.93	Kent	Essex	25.9.93	Kent*
1 S Macdonald-Ross 171	1 0	BM Spink (B) 174	A Reid (W)	0 1	M Mortimer
2 PJJP Gibbons 172	0 1	DM Moskovic 173	A King	1 0	B Westover
3 KD Richardson 171	1 0	ME Taylor 172	RD Sharman	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RC Shilling
4 ME Osborne 170	1 0	TH Owens 169	A Drake	1 0	D Eden
5 KP Mynett 170	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	LR Gurr 168	SM Williams	1 0	R Lane
6 RJ Wilcox 170	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DA Munford 168	AJ Parsons	1 0	RW Parsons
7 CRA Clegg 161	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JR Bayford 168	A Brown	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RB Parkin
8 PD Dupre 152	1 0	PW Eldridge 167	P Zammit	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	I Underwood
9 FC Manning 147	0 1	PD Fenn 163	AD Hartland	1 0	P Poland
10 BC Patel 137	0 1	JH Lewin 166	Paul Barclay	0 1	T Reese
11 NK Wood 134	0 1	DIR Pagden 164	NK Rughwani	1 0	JPR Gale
12 S Fitzgerald 129	1 0	NJ Reddie 161	L Sargent	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	P Moor
13 S Gengadharan 125	0 1	PR Rutland 160	SD Bates	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Croft
14 PM Shaw 117	0 1	AB Mata 157	R Weeber	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	G Mingay
15 D Parsons 114	0 1	NC Mackett 156	RT Hare	1 0	R Dugdale
16 L Evboumwan 113	1 0	AC Waters 154	def	0 0	def
(Sutton)	$7\frac{1}{2}$ $8\frac{1}{2}$		(Wanstead)	10 5	

BCF Council Meeting 15.9.93 (see page 3).

Birmingham. Our third informant says so. He also adds one or two new items. In particular, "There was one substantive motion to reverse a change that Stewart Reuben had introduced to the National Club rules to award a tied 5 board match to the team with 3 blacks instead of using the old board-count system. This motion was carried; a decision that was very clearly not to Stewart's liking." SWR's change was news to us; the way we heard it (see Bulletin 209:3) he changed it so that in 5-board matches board count was abolished and bottom board elimination was applied immediately. This would have made little difference in practice. If the change was indeed as quoted by our informant, we approve it belatedly and would have joined SWR in regretting its reversal. Board count and elimination are arbitrary, but the disadvantage of having three blacks is real.

## QUOTES

A wider selection than usual, and for a change some of them are meant to be taken seriously. You have to guess which.

"An OPEN event for Girls!" - Surrey Girls Chess League

But they've heard about Equal Opportunities next door:

"The junior individual tournament had a limit of 64 entries including girls." - Sussex Chess News

"The new [county match] playing arrangements were an unqualified success, in my own personal opinion - no unfinished games, no long phone calls, no wrangling, no trading positions, no protracted and expensive adjudications, no unclear results tables. There were very few genuine hard luck tales in the quickplay finishes, and I believe these rules have made county chess more attractive - not least to match captains."

Paul Watson in Sussex Chess News

"The introduction this year of the new regime for inter-county competitions, with divisions organised on a grade limited basis, permitted the formation of a Sussex third team... This gave a good number of players their first chance to participate in county chess, and so broaden their experience of the game."

David Roberts, ditto

"With the introduction of rating limited matches members have had more reasonable games."

Daniel Hirsch, ditto

Chess Computer display. Refreshments and other entertainments, e.g. human chess." Barbican Festival leaflet

"The [BCF Council] meeting had lasted from 1.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. with one short break for tea. This seemed far too long, and inevitably some delegates were leaving before the end... There were a number of first-time delegates from organisations that had registered for Game Fee. I wonder what they made of proceedings? Talking to some first-timers at the tea break I gained the impression that they had expected something a little more professional. For example, there was an agenda item for Trophies and Awards for the County Championship, but the relevant Director did not have a list of the winners and was unable to announce these to the meeting." - John Philpott

"For most chess players, the BCF seems to be a remote, taxation-sucking, foot-shuffling, paper-distributing, elitist boring organisation that does nothing for them. This has to change." - BH Birchall: election manifesto for BCF Presidency, first sentence.

"There are about 40,000 members in British Mensa, but only 47 entered for their Chess Championship... It was won by Roy Hollands (BCF 155, IQ 150). This raises an interesting question as to the relation between IQ and chess ability. Are the numerous players with chess grades higher than 155 just not interested in joining Mensa, or are their IQs really not at the 130 and above needed to qualify?..." - Roy Hollands(!)

Maybe they've read the advertisements.

"John Major, whose name will go down in history as that of a callous coward, ever ready to betray his colleagues and the citizens of Britain... John Major, who.. can stand by and ignore the suffering of millions of people without work and the dignity and well-being that go with it... John Major, who supports the actions of US President Clinton in ordering raids which result in the deaths of innocent civilians, innocent civilians already suffering under the dominance of the madman Saddam Hussein." - Eric Nowell, writing in the Manchester & District CA Bulletin. About Nigel Short's allegiance to the PCA.

THIS SPACE COULD HAVE BEEN YOURS!

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Games, comments, ideas, grouses, anything short of libel (just)

## CONGRESS DIARY

- Oct 2 HENDON LIBRARY Open QP. Adam Raof, PO Box 1962, London NW4 4NF 081 202 0982
- 2 DOCKLANDS Rapidplay. U160; U120. K Groce, Docklands Congress, 30 Albury Grove, Cheshunt, Herts EN8 8NS 0992 640586
- 2 HAYES (Middx) U126. C Fewtrell, 77 Byron Way, Northolt, Middx UB5 6AZ
- 2 NATIONAL WOMENS QP SE19. Malena Griffiths, Flat 19, 17 Broad Court WC2B 5QN 071 240 0556
- 3 CITY CHESS. LG Goodwin, 48 Torrington Park N12 9TP 081 446 8569
- 3 ESSEX JUNIOR at Colchester. R Sharman, Trefoil, Crown Lane North, Ardleigh, Colchester CO7 7RA 0206 231025
- 8-10 MAIDSTONE Open; U160; U130; Junior U12 Saturday. NC Mackett, 74 Peel St, Maidstone, Kent ME14 2SD; enquiries Chris Howell 0622 670169 or (Junior) Bob Blake 0233 639372
- 8-10 GENERAL ACCIDENT at Perth. P Moir, 5 Cross St, Scone, Perthshire PH2 6LR 0738 52681
- 9 MILL HILL RAPIDPLAY. Adam Raof as Hendon 2 October.
- 9 OXFORDSHIRE at Cowley. I Brooke, 174 Cowley Rd, Oxford OX4 1UE
- 9-10 METROPOLITAN, London. Open; U161; U126. PL Szabo, 131 Roll Gardens, Ilford, Essex IG2 6TL
- 9-10 SURREY GIRLS CONGRESS at Croydon. U18/13/10. Neil Clifton, 114 Windermere Rd, Coulsdon, Surrey CR5 2JB 081 654 6228 day, 081 660 8564 evenings
- 9-10 BRITISH RAPIDPLAY at Widnes. KG Brown, 71 Lakeside Close, Widnes, Cheshire WA8 8RQ 051 424 0021
- 10 BARBICAN Speed Handicap. G Goodwin 071 382 7028
- 10 WARLEY QUINBORNE. J Lewis, 405 Court Oak Rd, Birmingham B32 2DX 021 427 4988
- 15-17 DORSET at Weymouth. Open; U156; U126; Junior U18. AD Rookes, 6 Milton Close, Weymouth, Dorset DT4 7NB 0305 774044
- 16 WESTMINSTER. John Sargent, 903 Longbridge Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2BU 081 595 5881
- 16-17 AXA EQUITY & LAW JUNIOR at High Wycombe. A Ackerman, 54 Roberts Ride, Hazlemere, High Wycombe, Bucks 0494 718452
- 17 BARBICAN QUICKPLAY as 10 Oct.
- 17-23 GUERNSEY Open 7rds; U1760 Elo (=U145 BCF) 6 rds. Secretary, International Chess Festival, PO Box 23, St Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands.
- 22-24 VILLAGE CONGRESS at Charlton. Open; U161; U125; Junior U14. TR Jefferies, 112 Austen Close, Thamesmead SE28 8AZ
- 23 JOHN HARRADENCE MEMORIAL Rapidplay, London. Over 159; 121-159; U121. Norman Went, 53 New Zealand Way, Rainham, Essex RM13 8JT 0708 551617
- 23 JUNIOR COACHING (p.m.) at the Barbican. Gary Kenworthy, 53 Abbots Drive, Waltham Abbey, Essex EN9 3HH 0992 715589. Coaching by Elo-rated and titled players.
- 23-24 ROCHDALE Open; U160; U120. A Catz, 19 Dicker Green, Rochdale, Lancs OL11 1TW
- 24 NUNEATON. R Woodcock, 188 Coventry Rd, Nuneaton, Warwicks CV10 7AU 0203 348097
- 25-29 SCCU OPEN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS NW1. U18(FIDE rated)/16/14 5 days; U13/11 29; U12/10/8 25-26; U9 27-28; U7 29th. WA Suttill, 7 Lonsdale Rd W11
- 29-30 SCARBOROUGH Open; U161; U136; U111. EP Jones, 24 Lightfoots Avenue, Scarborough YO12 5NS 0723 352044
- 29-31 LONDON U151. LG Goodwin as City Chess 3rd October.
- 29-31 WARWICKSHIRE. B Holland, 2a Bertie Rd, Kenilworth CV8 1JP 0926 53280
- 29-31 LIVERPOOL. J Harrison, 24 Glenwood Drive, Irby, Wirral 051 648 1390
- 29-31 WEST WALES at Swansea. L Philpin, 59 Cecil Rd, Gowerton, Swansea SA4 3DF
- 31 HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM Open; U150. T See, Community Recreation Dept, 181 King St W6 9JU 081 748 3020 x3553
- Nov 6 GOLDERS GREEN as Hendon 2nd October
- 7 SAFFRON WALDEN JUNIOR Open; U113; U82; U50; Novice(!). P Balbi, 21 Radminster Rd, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 3HU 0799 526940
- 7 BARBICAN. LG Goodwin as City Chess 3rd October
- 12-14 LLANDUDNO. RA Furness, 9 Cranwell Avenue, Culcheth, Warrington, Cheshire WA3 4JX 0925 762654
- 13-14 RGS GUILDFORD JUNIOR U18 both days, U15 Sun, U13 Sat, U12 take your pick. Mark Ferguson, RGS Guildford GU1 3BB
- 14 LEIGHTON BUZZARD. D Francis, 21 Plantation Rd, L Buzzard, Beds 0525 378929
- 14 CITY CHESS as 3rd October
- 19-21 TORBAY Open; U56; U126; U101. P Short, 4 Ellacombe Court, Ellacombe Church Rd, Torquay TQ1 1LJ 0803 214766
- 20 WESTMINSTER as 16th October.
- 27 JUNIOR COACHING as 23rd October
- Dec 11 WESTMINSTER as 16 October.