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SCCU ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

Council met at 2 p.m. on Saturday 25th June 1994 at Tavistocks near Paddington station. Tavistocks is a pub, fortunately. 28 attended, if we counted right; don't know whether all counties were represented. Alan Martin, BCF President, was in attendance. What follows is, of course, the Bulletin's own version of events; the official minutes will go to counties in due course. (We use that vague expression because we don't actually know when. With the notice of next year's AGM, possibly, though that seems a bit late. The Executive will doubtless get the chance to see them before that.)

(1) Minutes of the previous AGM 3.7.93 were approved, and no matters arose. So far good.

(2) Sutton inquiry. It was confirmed that David Welch, BCF Chief Arbiter, is to conduct an inquiry into the events at Sutton, aided by two other arbiters from the north. The inquiry is being undertaken for the SCCU, and the BCF is not involved. Findings should be available at some time after the British Championships and the Bulletin expects to publish a summary.

(3) BCF Year Book. Batsfords, who have taken over as publishers and sponsors, propose to omit certain results (corresponding to pages 80 to 98 of the current YB). It is not clear who, if anyone, they have consulted. There was some disquiet about this. Someone said the World Cup had bum referees, a remark whose relevance the Bulletin forgets.

(4) Menchik Memorial Tournament. Chris Howell was trying to get some BCF money for this.

(5) SCCU U180 KO. The Final, Herts v Berks, was due to be played next Saturday 2nd July at Stevenage.

(6) SCCU Individual Championship had gone to MD Sadler.

(7) Junior events. Most of this year's events have been fully reported in the Bulletin. However, BH Birchall mentioned an U14 Girls event, for teams of four, which had been held on the 11th June at Haverstock School. 26 teams, including seven from the WECU and four from the EACU, had taken part. Winners: Div 1 Suffolk; Div 2 Suffolk II; Div 3 Somerset II.

(8) Bulletin Editor's Report. This rarely gets a mention because it always says "Nothing to report". It did this year, by proxy at that because the Bulletin had wandered off to buy a pint, and it was astounded to hear when it got back that two people had wanted to Ask Questions. Never found out who they were.

(9) Game Fee. JA Philpott had been encouraged by the level of registration, but remarked that the BCF had not always been too communicative.

Ways had been proposed, and shelved, of giving Direct Members rebates on game fee in all events, up to a maximum of 20 games a year, on submission of a claim form. Council appeared sympathetic to unshelving. The Bulletin thought it sounded complicated and has not been sorry to learn, since, that the unshelving won't happen. DMs don't pay game fee in congresses anyway, assuming the congresses pass the savings on and one imagines they usually will. In leagues they pay.

R Edwards, BCF Grading Officer if that's the right title, had recommended game fee exemption for the Deaf and Blind Championships on the ground that these events were analogous to club championships. Alan Martin had rejected this because some of their events are open, but would reconsider.

(10) U150 Quarter-final. Sussex raised a matter which they felt had not been satisfactorily resolved by the BCF. Their quarter-final opponents, Cumbria, had been permitted by AJ Douglas, the Controller, to field a player graded 150. He had also been allowed to play in the NCCU stage. Sussex, who lost narrowly, had complained to the BCF and requested Mr Douglas's resignation. The BCF, accepting that an error had been made, had sent a formal apology to Sussex but rejected Mr Douglas's proffered resignation and expressed confidence in him. The Sussex delegates at Tavistocks repeated their conviction that the Controller should step down. AD Martin replied that he thought that unnecessary. It is understood that Sussex may raise the matter with the next BCF Council Meeting.

(11) Grading. Martin Cath said the SCCU list would now, like the BCF one, include the E grades (at least 1 game in the most recent year and 10 in the last three years). This might go some way towards repairing the decline in sales.

(12) Accounts. Council adopted Tony Suttill's audited accounts for 1993-4, showing a deficit of £912. The biggest upset to predictions was on grading lists, which made only £57 after a projected £360. There was no one obvious reason, though see above.

(13) Budget. Tony Suttill had budgeted for another loss, of £770. Some thought this odd, but he explained that the aim was to reduce the Union's liquid assets from their current figure of £2690-odd to something like £1000. They had previously been in that area before unforeseen events had pushed them, a year or two ago, over the £3000 mark. The Union was not in the business of building up large bank accounts and he was trying to rectify the situation. After surprisingly protracted discussion, Council agreed with him nem con and the County affiliation fee to the Union was set at £25, with an entry fee of £10 for each team entered in the Union's (main) competitions. This means the Open, U175 and so on but not the U180 KO or occasional jamborees.

(14) Address by BCF President. After its goodish start the Meeting had decelerated and Alan Martin, who had waited more than two and a quarter hours, was forced by another engagement to limit his address to little more than a couple of minutes. He spoke of the Federation's keenness to enhance the profile of chess in schools. Someone from Berkshire then addressed him at greater length on the Grass Roots, and the Bulletin went to buy another pint.

(15) The BCF and the Grass Roots. It was now 4.45 p.m. and your Editor proposed, at the Chairman's invitation(!), that this item should be deferred. It was, and the two dissenting votes came from Berkshire.

(16) Officers elected are named inside the front cover. The Equipment Officer will be appointed later when we know where the Union's principal venue is going to be. (Equipment is with Fred Manning at the moment.) There was discussion of a new post Congress Liaison Officer which might be filled at a later date. (See page 8.)

(17) Postal chess. Someone observed that the MCCU runs postal chess, or he may have said postal teams, so why not us? No proposal was made.

(18) Rule changes. Here goes.

(a) Principal Officers sub committee. Won't remind you what this was about, because the proposal was withdrawn when it became apparent that Council had some reservations about the draft and/or principle.

(b) Game fee. A new rule was added to the Constitution, requiring the Union's events to be registered.

(c) Claims and appeals. It was proposed that claims of ineligibility should be made within 14 days of the match or by the 31st December, whichever was later, and that the right to claim should be restricted to the match captains of the teams playing in the match concerned. Several points arose. Firstly, what is the significance of the 31st December? Secondly, why shouldn't the captains of other interested teams be able to claim? (The draft had recognised this point.) And thirdly, shouldn't the time limit be 14 days after the match result went in the Bulletin? The thing clearly wanted further attention, and was sent back to the shop.

A 14-day time limit was adopted for all other claims and complaints, for responses to them, and for appeals. In the case of appeals, the Rules and Appeals Sub-committee is now required to meet in the flesh, rather than by telephone, unless all parties agree otherwise.

(d) League structure. There will be a new SCCU U100 league over 12 boards. The U125 will in future be over 16 boards, for consistency with the new rule in the National stage. And where a county has two teams in a division, it will no longer be possible for anyone to play in both. (The old rules allowed it, with restrictions and disincentives; no county has ever taken advantage of the option.)

(e) Tie-breaks. The Rules stipulate board count and elimination in KO events but do not mention jamborees. A proposal to extend them to jamborees was withdrawn; not sure why unless it was because someone pointed out that you'd have to re-draft saying how to apply them.

Council also made numerous small tidying-up changes, bringing the Rules into line with current practice or common sense. The new County Match Rules should be sent to all match captains before the start of the coming season. The Constitution, or General Rules to be accurate, has suffered only tidying-up changes apart from (b) above, but we expect counties will be receiving the updated version.

The Meeting closed at 6.45 p.m. and someone, not your Editor, observed that this didn't compare too well with the previous year's 5.06.

SCCU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive had its annual post-AGM get-together. It appointed delegates to the BCF Management Board (DR Sedgwick, WA Suttill); delegates to the BCF Council (DRS, WAS, CI Howell, C Fewtrell); Rules and appeals sub-committee (DRS, NW Dennis, RCN Lee-Anderson, JA Philpott, D Metcalfe, RJ Haddrell); and the sixth member of the SCCU

Management Board (RJH). Your Editor's notes have a heading at the bottom saying "Meetings", which will have meant proposed dates for future ones. If any were proposed he didn't write them down. (He's since been told, and vaguely remembers, that the 2nd September was fixed for an Executive meeting.)

BCF EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Birmingham, 16th July 1994

with thanks to a county delegate.

Only 25 attended in person, not surprisingly perhaps in view of the purpose of the meeting, but another 40-odd had given proxies. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the constitutional changes prepared by Paul Buswell. Numerous amendments were proposed on the day, lots of them successfully, but still they managed to finish in three hours and ten minutes. You don't want to hear the details, except that an amendment to substitute "Chair" for "Chairman" throughout was lost when someone noticed the potentially unfortunate implications of the President taking the Chair.

There is now a Constitution Committee comprising Paul Buswell, Chris Lean, (Herts), Andrew Leadbetter (Staffs), Stan Peachey (Middx) and John Philpott (Essex); plus the President and Chairman (both currently Alan Martin) ex officio. Its first job is going to be drafting the amendments carried on the day, or most of them.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Richard,

3.6.94

Thank you for SCCU Bulletin 217 received today. I am glad to see it is up to its usual standard of being entertaining, informative and, where necessary, controversial! I am sorry that my National Club Intermediate results, delayed by my visit to Poland with the British blind team, arrived too late for inclusion. By the way, we finished in 9th/10th place. As I am not Controller of the Open (this is well handled by my colleague Philip Clemow) I write wearing my Arbiters hat. You mention the quarter-final match in the Open played between Maidstone and Dundee & Victoria.

You mention prize money and I enclose for your info. a copy of the current rules. No. 22 sets out the prizes. [Open: £1000, £500, 2 x £250; first prizes in the other events £400, £300, £250, lower prizes in same proportions as near as dammit. Plus chess clocks for last 8 in all four competitions.] It may be that you know the Rules For Telephone Matches verbatim. If not, you may find the enclosed of interest. I wonder if at Dundee in addition to a Controller there were both Stewards and telephone operators (plural). Of course it may well be that there were all such officials. I suppose with hindsight many of these points should be checked beforehand, or at any rate you should make sure that the same set of rules will be used. Again, this may well have been done.

Regards,

Peter (Gibbs) Hinckley, Leics

Dear Richard,

2.6.94

Sorry, but I must write a long letter. [Ed: - it's got shortened a bit, with Gary's agreement.]

Grading. Thank you for your comments, Richard. I am very concerned about kangaroo courts removing people from rating and grading lists, whether at the highest or moderate levels. Also about not grading games on hearsay without informing key individuals, including the players themselves, and blacklisting them without their knowledge, without giving a reason and without right of appeal.

Obviously, sanctions must exist for those who fraudulently enter tournaments. Offenders exist in the SCCU. They misspell their names and change initials and clubs in order to win prize money in distant events. There are several people who do rig their grades, mainly in club championships and evening leagues, in order to play the Leigh Amateur. They have to play for several clubs in order to throw the correct number of games. The correct procedure must be to challenge these people and investigate, not convict them in their absence and without their knowledge. People can be ill at a tournament and do badly - did anybody think of that reason?

Sussex-Oxon. I have been quite concerned over the handling of this matter, making a mountain out of a molehill. But reading David Sedgwick's reply to Mr Starkie, I think he made an excellent response. There have been precedents in SCCU matches. The role of match captains as arbiters has not been discussed. I would trust many match captains better than some arbiters and controllers.

Particularly irritating is your response to David Sedgwick's final paragraph. At last someone has congratulated Sussex on winning the SCCU. Bravo! Noticed at last! Well done Sussex. Still it was a sad affair and certainly scared Sussex because the judgment was so long in coming.

Eligibility. Several counties over the years have openly cheated, e.g in grading

restricted tournaments team captains have played BCF ungradeds or used the lowest of multiple grades. Surely the player knows his grade, and I know sometimes the team captain does beforehand. Foreign students and Elo rated players are frequently used. Complaints are made. It is discussed at the SCCU AGM. Too late to do anything now. Warning given. Couple of years later, happens again. Repeat performance. Couple of years later, happens again. Looking forward to the 1996-7 season and its subsequent AGM? What do you do? Don't say don't grade his games, and make the matter worse. Will it appear on the agenda after Missing Trophies?

Loss on time. When drafting legislation, consider this. You are winning a won game in a QP finish, your opponent loses on time, and a "neutral" yells out about the same time as yourself, claiming the game. Are you given a loss for fairly winning a won game? How neutral is the spectator? I would be cheated off being diddled out of my win.

National Club. Yes, Barbican were even worse treated than Maidstone by Dundee. The biggest problem was the biased arbiter, one of the most senior in the land. He came out with great ideas like, our team was not in grading order (so Dundee win). Or, it is illegal to substitute reserves in a team match once the team lists have been exchanged (so Dundee win). The repercussions were mega, and a very strong player left the club because of it. It was the hardest match ever to arrange. I could easily go on for twenty or thirty pages. We were robbed by gamesmanship. Expect a letter on pathetic arbiter work, it's getting awful.

Kind regards,
Gary Kenworthy — Waltham Abbey

PS Keep up the good work. The SCCU Bulletin is the most riveting read about, mainly because it deals with the issues.

Ed: - I've been called some things, but riveting's a new one. Two comments. There are procedures for complaining about ineligible players, aren't there? And penalties laid down. If you leave it till the AGM, of course it's too late. And on flag fall, naturally you don't automatically forfeit your won game just because a bystander speaks out of turn. Depends on the circumstances. In general I'd have thought you only forfeit it if there seemed a real chance that you might not have seen the flag was down before your own went. And even then I'd hesitate to do anything unless the bystander was, or appeared to be, on your side. Certainly wouldn't if he was on the other side! One other thing, obvious enough but maybe worth saying. In a telephone match the Arbiters (officially they're called Controllers) don't represent either side and certainly can't make claims on anyone's behalf. Moreover, while they may need to rule on the Laws of Chess, they have no final say on the rules of the competition. If Dundee want to claim, say, that Barbican are playing their team in the wrong order, their complaint goes to the man who's running the tournament. I'm sure Peter Gibbs would agree with this.

Dear Mr Haddrell,

I enclose £6 for a sub to your SCCU Bulletin. It looks mighty impressive! Just like the old-style Newsflash!

Kind regards,
James Pratt Basingstoke

BUCKS leagues 1993-4: Champions Bourne End; Division 2 Slough II. Individual Champion John Brookes (Bourne End); runner-up (after play-off) Kevin Hawkins (Bourne End). Div 2 Colin Davison (Bourne End); Div 3 Tony Kelly (High Wycombe); Div 3 Steve Baczkowski (Slough). Results AJ Cox

Eric Bramley, one of the longest-standing members and servants of Bucks CCA, died suddenly on the 27th May. He won the county championship a record number of times, the first being in 1946 and the last a couple of years ago. He was, at the time of his death, the county's honorary treasurer; a post he had held, we think, for at least twenty years.

ESSEX leagues 1993-4

Div I (13 teams, 10 boards) Powdermill on tie-break from Ilford. Div 2 (12,8) Bumbles Green from Billericay. Div 3 (11,6) Edmonton I from Ilford IV. Div 4 (9,6) Edmonton II from Eastbrook IV.

MIDDX have decided to set up a 6th, 4-board, U100 division in their county league next season. "It is hoped that new clubs and teams, including schools, may like to enter." Don't know about Middx, but the Kent adult leagues aren't well suited to school-based teams because teams are expected to provide their own premises and not many schools are open till 10 o'clock at night (or Saturday afternoons). We think only one school has ever entered a team in an adult Kent league and it borrowed the local club's premises to do it.

KENT Summer Quickplay is down to the semi-finals: Maidstone A v Charlton, Rainham v Kilndown. Individual Championship is between IR Watson and JD Wager, who are understood to have played quite a lot of their game. Major PD Fenn; Intermediate N Alfred; Minor D Hall. The county, whose leagues already go down to U100 (but that's mean grade) is to run an experimental 6th, 4-board, U80 division.

CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD, as you may know, has gone jointly to Barbican and Wanstead & Woodford (selected from 10 applicants, we believe). We've received Wanstead & Woodford's 50th-anniversary newsletter detailing the club's activities over the year and it's an impressive list. Though, as they say, they didn't actually win anything!

SOUTHEND & DISTRICT LEAGUE 1993-4

Div 1 Southend I from Rayleigh I; Div 2 Southend II from Wickford I; Div 3 Westcliff II (with a match to spare, which they never played) from Basildon who take the Div 4 trophy. We presume there isn't a Div IV.

Perriman KO final: Southend II beat Southend I. Team Lightning: Southend II. Senior Individual: Ken Clow (Hadleigh). Senior Plate Dennis Paul (Southend). Individual Lightning 1-3 Ellen Walker, Graham Worsfold, Alan Parsons.

LONDON LEAGUE 1993-4

Div 1 (12 teams) Wood Green I from Charlton I. Div 2 (11) Mushrooms from Mitcham. Div 3 (11) Wimbledon II from Metropolitan I. Div 4 (11) Wood Green II from Beckenham & Bromley. Div 5 (12) Kings Head V from Hammersmith. Div 6 (12) West London from Athenaeum II. Results Bob Turnham

NATIONAL CLUB FINALS

OPEN Paisley 4 2 Guildford; Plate Cavendish 3 3* Hayes

MAJOR Hastings & SL 4 1 Mansfield; Plate Maidstone 3½ 1½ Prescot & Knotty Ash

INTERMEDIATE Liverpool 2½ 2½* Portsmouth Univ; Plate Slough 1½ 3½ Tamworth & District

MINOR Abercynon 1 4 Rose Forgrove A; Prescot & KA ? ? Slough (results blank on our copy, we guess not played)

HANDICAP RAPIDPLAY Breadsall 3 5 Slough. Must admit we don't know how this works.

Results John Leake

INVICTA KNIGHTS RAPIDPLAY at Maidstone 8th May 1994

49 entered. 1-2 Chris Duncan (Pinner), Alexis Harakis (Hayes) 5½/6. Grading U165 Paul Fenn (Maidstone), Jim Bayford (Folkestone) 4½; U130 Bob Fenn (Maidstone), Bob Stradling (Dartford), Matthew Noakes (Maidstone) 3½; U100 Paul Soules (Maidstone) 3. Team Prize: 1 Maidstone 16½/24; 2 Hayes 16; 3 Dartford 15½. Results Sue Scott

VILLAGE CONGRESS at Charlton 8-10 July 1994

Open (35 ent) 1-2 AH Perkins (British Airways), DW Gormally (Charlton) 5/6; 3-5

PJ Rossiter (Cavendish), A Hon (Cambridge Univ), JG Wilson (Cobham) 4½... Junior

JE Vigus (St Dunstons College, Catford) 4.

"Major" (49 ent) 1 I Okosieme (Lewisham) 5½/6; 2-4 PN Best (Cambridge Univ), SJ Jaco^b (Lewisham), HT Parker (Cambridge Univ) 4½... Junior NSW Alfred (Beckenham), CP Lang (Hayes), TM Thrower (Sutton & Cheam) 3.

"Minor" (52 ent) 1-3 S Jerome (Sudbury), CJ Gardiner (Reading), C Edwards (Dartford & Swanley) 5/6; 4-6 J Brief (Barnet Knights), GE Walker (Dartford & Swanley), L Evbuomwan (Wimbledon) 4½... Junior D Hunt (Welling), S Menon (Richmond) 4.

Results Ty Jefferies

"TIMES" SCHOOLS KO

At the Charing Cross Hotel, 1st and 2nd July 1994:

Semi-finals: Ipswich School (13.10) *2 4 St Columbs College, Derry (17.4); Manchester Grammar School (15.8) 3½ 2½ Westminster School (15.8)

Third place play-off: St Columbs (17.4) *3 3 Westminster School (16.9)

Final: Ipswich *3 3 Manchester Grammar.

* means win on age handicap or board count. Ipswich School are the youngest ever winners.

Results Mitchell Taylor

We heard of a recent junior tournament where players without clocks had to be at least 3 "points" up in order to win on adjudication. Piece up for a pawn and obviously winning wasn't good enough. Logically speaking we imagine Queen up but not winning must have counted as a win. Well, it's one answer to the adjudication problem, and even simpler than the Sussex U11 one (winning, 3 points; maybe winning, 2 points; drawing, 1½ points; maybe losing, 1 point; losing, 0 points).

Anyone want a BBC Master computer with an unidentified internal disorder? How about the other one with the clapped-out keyboard? Well, we did think of the obvious answer but it was the last thing we wanted to be doing at 11 o'clock at night and a Bulletin not quite finished. BBC Masters have built-in keyboards. Must get that PC.

BCF STAGE COUNTY MATCHESOPEN

Semi-Final:

<u>Kent*</u>		4.6.94		<u>Warwicks</u>	
1 DJ King 233 (B)	½	½	A Webster 221		
2 CG Ward 234	1	0	JG Cooper 220		
3 N McDonald 225	½	½	CW Baker 209		
4 IR Watson 216	½	½	RG Evans 203		
5 CR Chandler 211	0	1	RS McFarland 198		
6 AE Hanreck 203	0	1	K Hern (r) 175		
7 S Bibby 199	½	½	D Mason 195		
8 AL Mack 197	0	1	J Nelson 190		
9 AP Smith 196	½	½	P Webster ?		
10 D Gormally 191	1	0	R Millward 194		
11 JN Sugden 192	½	½	A Baruch 194		
12 CI Howell 192	½	½	K Escott 175		
13 AM Harakis 180	1	0	RH Wildig 173		
14 JD Wager 183	1	0	W Purkiss 178		
15 NP Donovan 187	1	0	AD Lloyd 177		
16 DJ Horton 181	0	1	AJ Brown 175		
(Slough)	8½	7½			

Final:

<u>Kent*</u>		2.7.94		<u>Leics</u>	
CG Ward 234 (B)	0	1	GC Flear 234		
IR Watson 216	0	1	G Lawton 212		
CR Chandler 211	0	1	GD Lee 212		
NF Dickenson 204	0	1	RJ Richmond 205		
AE Hanreck 203	1	0	C Flear 187		
AL Mack 197	½	½	A Cohen 194		
AP Smith 196	0	1	P Davies 192		
D Gormally 191	½	½	A Morley 168		
JN Sugden 192	½	½	J Mitchell 182		
JE Vigus 184	½	½	J Robinson 176		
G Botley 189	½	½	H Nore		
JD Wager 183	½	½	L Robinson 167		
NP Donovan 187	½	½	A Ward 170		
RMR O'Kelly 185	1	0	R Ilersic 161		
AM Harakis 180	0	1	I Cragg 177		
LM Wooldridge 178	½	½	G Cohen 161		
(Birmingham)	6	10			

Sussex lost 9-7 to Leicestershire in their semi-final, but we have not received the detailed result sheet. Kent remark that all their drivers lost, in the Final, hinting darkly at a Leicestershire venue advantage.

MINOR COUNTIES

Semi-Finals:

<u>Surrey*</u>		4.6.94		<u>Suffolk</u>		4.6.94		<u>Middx*</u>	
1 APH Kinsman 229	0	1	K Bowden 223			R Cole 184 (B)	0	1	CS Crouch 222
2 Gavin Wall 218	1	0	S Gregory 201			A Greet 171	0	1	Ben Martin 2400
3 T Upton 218	1	0	M Cook 185			IM George 172	0	1	PJ Sowray 212
4 RA Bates 202	0	1	S Orton 184			J Mantle 162	0	1	PS Cawte 204
5 M Ferguson 191	1	0	A Charity 175			RJ Grime 159	0	1	RJ McMichael 203
6 WA Linton 198	0	1	S Munson 173			J Nicholas 156	½	½	SSY Spivack 203
7 R Abayasekera 196	½	½	R Pert 171			J Davis 150	½	½	G Anthony 194
8 FC Manning 147	0	1	I Wallis 168			D Onley 136	0	1	Chris Gant 196
9 S Retailing 143	1	0	J Feavours 164			G Lingard 149	0	1	ND Crabb 186
10 Oliver Rosten 159	1	0	D Pour 163			K Jones	0	1	C Mackenzie 187
11 RJ Stockwell 183	½	½	R Morschel -			C Sellwood 124	0	1	NRE Aldritt 186
12 JM Shepley 178	1	0	D Packham 166			S Bartleet 134	0	1	A Trifunovic 182
13 DR Sedgwick 173	½	½	T Lunn 159			A Barkhuysen 131	0	1	RJ Pearce 183
14 PM Stimpson 173	½	½	HR Holt 155			K Wilkinson 114	0	1	MR Collins 175
15 Kevin Hurst 172	½	½	C Gold 154			J Seale 114	1	0	SC Bell 165
16 KDRichardson 171	1	0	D Fleming -			R Kemp 101	0	1	J McVicar 158
(Wanstead)	9½	6½				(Somerset)	2	14	

UNDER 175

Semi-Final:

<u>Kent*</u>		4.6.94		<u>Warwicks</u>	
1 BM Spink 174 (W)	½	½	GN Stokes 171		
2 MD Brougham 173	0	1	D Kearney 165		
3 SJ Pink 171	½	½	PJ Briggs 158		
4 TH Owens 169	0	1	G Davies 161		
5 PW Eldridge 167	½	½	P Lawrence -		
6 JR Bayford 168	1	0	J Soesan 159		
7 GM Brown 165	½	½	I Fisher 155		
8 PD Fenn 163	1	0	GP Swatridge 153		
9 JH Lewin 166	0	1	M Probert 152		
10 PC Rutland 160	0	1	DR Thomas 152		
11 MJ Reddie 161	½	½	Rbrt Reynolds 150		
12 DJR Barnes 162	½	½	KL Forman 144		
13 SJ Jacob 157	½	½	FC Jimenez 142		
14 NC Mackett 156	0	1	GF Windows 138		
15 AC Waters 154	1	0	KP Millward 137		
16 AJ Sheriff 158	1	0	C Lund-Yates 132		
(Slough)	7½	8½			

We apologise, as usual, for missing results. Jeff Douglas, the National Controller, has supplied the bare details of what match captains didn't send. We did try to chase them.

Open: the Sussex semi-final result is given above.

Minor Counties: Middx beat Surrey 10½-5½ in the Final. The Bulletin has remarked, and it's not alone, that calling Middx a Minor County is, well, silly. They'll still be one, under BCF rules, next year. Jeff Douglas has actually suggested changing the rules so that no one's a Minor County who's won the Open Championship in the last 20 years. Which may be a bit extreme, but what's your solution? Grading limits? One answer might have been, "Middx decline nomination".

UNDER 150

Semi-Final:

Middx*		4.6.94		Cleveland	
1 R Aw 149 (W)	0	1		S Tighe 149	
2 CICH Wallace 137	0	1		J Garnett 148	
3 N Tarlton 143	1	0		A Kiddle 144	
4 VR Harper 143	0	1		M Hewitson 141	
5 A Bamford 149	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		E Lazenby 137	
6 M Williams 146	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		B Myers 136	
7 R Fries 147	1	0		M Welch 135	
8 G Brown 147	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		S Morgan 134	
9 D Agble 114	1	0		P Mitcheson 132	
10 L Bayly 141	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		R Rowe 128	
11 D White 144	1	0		P Welford 127	
12 S Smith -	0	1		J Etheridge 127	
13 CZ Tan 130	1	0		S MacCormack 119	
14 JCH Nyman 142	0	1		J Pallister 116	
15 T Black 129	1	0		J Wright 114	
16 I Moody -	0	1		S Benson 100	
(Derby)	8	8			

Cleveland won on board count.

UNDER 125

Semi-final:

Kent B*		4.6.94		Lancs	
1 P Zabrocki 106	1	0		B Standen 119	
A Kieran 114 (W)	0	1		P Raynor 124	
3 M Taylor 114	1	0		A Giles 121	
4 D Tan 119	1	0		C Fairclough 113	
5 S Coates 93	0	1		G Ashcroft 104	
6 R Reeves 109	1	0		W Thompson 116	
7 M Annear 113	0	1		K McMahon 116	
8 C Meric -	0	1		J Tresco 114	
9 M Meric -	0	1		R Ashcroft 112	
10 S Casement 102	1	0		B Ryan 123	
11 I Moore 91	0	1		P Horam 119	
12 A Kissoon 88	0	1		M Stankiewicz 113	
(Birmingham)	5	7			

Kent's top four boards were all absent on international duty.

Under 175 Final: no SCCU involvement, but Hants beat Warwickshire $11\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$.

Under 150 quarter-final: Sussex lost to Cumbria 9-7. The Final was Leics 9 7 Cumbria. Which doesn't square with what's on the left. What's on the left is correct. Leics did reach the Final, so Leics 9 7 Cleveland?

Under 125 Semi-final: Sussex lost to Cleveland, who went on to beat Lancs $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$ in the Final. (16 boards?) We believe the Cleveland side was largely juniors. Our sympathies are with Kent, who must have had a good chance of taking the title with their own junior team if their semi-final had not run into International clashes. They sent their results, top.

SCCU U180 KO: no details of the one missing result from the quarter-finals, or either of the semi-finals. You can work out at least some of the winners if you want. Two cheers for Herts, the losing Finalists, who sent the result.

Jeff Douglas comments on the dearth of women in the National Finals. Only two, out of 160 players. (So the U125 Final was over 16 boards.)

About the definition of Minor Counties. We said "Grading limits?" above, not meaning it. But why not a limit on mean grade? One accepts that MCs may have a few players over 200, maybe well over, but surely not a mean close to 200? (See Middx-Beds, quarter-final.) Worth thinking about, as an addition to the existing rule?

SCCU UNDER 180 KO

Quarter-Final:

Berks		8.5.94		Bucks*	
1 PS Cooksey 179	1	0		RD de Coverly 176	
2 RA Barton 176	1	0		St. Scopes 175	
3 JT Munday 172	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		E Tweeddale 164	
4 L Davis 168	0	1		AMJ Robbings 157	
5 M Bowhay 160	0	1		JH Springall 156	
6 WP Tickner 155	0	1		AJ Cox 153	
7 JE Hickman 151	1	0		EN Bramley 151	
8 JB Clifford 150	0	1		MK Chojnacki 152	
9 SG Gilmour 149	1	0		CD FLoyd 149	
10 K Savoy 136	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		AC Laurence 141	
(Bracknell)	5	5			

Berks won on board count.

Final:

Herts*		2.7.94		Berks	
C Majer 178 (B)	0	1		P Cooksey 179	
S Law 176	0	1		M Marlow 174	
J Cook 172	0	1		J Munday 171	
J Denton 165	1	0		P Tickner 148	
D Fewell 165	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		A Leech 143	
T Ray 163	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		P Colby 146	
T Sinkinson 155	0	1		E Smith 139	
A Atkinson 151	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		K Savoy 136	
B Judkins 144	1	0		B Cleves 122	
A Corper	1	0			
(Stevenage)	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$5\frac{1}{2}$			

AND FOR NEXT SEASON..

Bruce Birchall, with a Middx U150 hat on, wishes where possible to play county matches on Sundays rather than Saturdays in future to accommodate orthodox Jews. He would be grateful if other captains would tell him the implications for cost and convenience.

Ed: - Don't know the makeup of BHB's team, or potential team, but if on the whole it would prefer Sunday play I hope other match captains will oblige where convenient. Personally I'd attach no more weight to religious difficulties than to any others, like having to work on Saturdays. Or Sundays. Which day do readers prefer?

Entry deadline 1994-5

David Metcalfe, Fixtures Secretary, reminds all counties that their entries for the U175, U150, U125 and U100 leagues must reach him by the 15th August. Together with names, addresses and phone numbers of match captains. Including Open ones, if you've not sent them yet.

SCCU COUNTY MATCHES: OPEN FIXTURES 1994-95

Oct 15	BrS MH OE CSx	Jan 14	OBr CK SxSy EH	Open fixtures again, still accurate as far as we know. We'll repeat, in case you missed it, that entries for other divisions must reach Dave Metcalfe by the 15th August.
22		21		
29	EC HO SyM KBr	28	SyE KSx BrC MO	
Nov 5		Feb 4		
12	MK OSy CH SxE	11	CM SxBr EK HSy	
19		18		
26		25	KH BrE MSx OC	
Dec 3	HSx SyC KO BrM	Mar 4		
10		11	SxO EM HBr SyK	

Advertise in the SCCU Grading List

Martin Cath invites advertisements. Prices from £9.25 for a quarter of an A5 side (and pro rata). 25% discount if you undertake to advertise in next year's list as well. Probable sales 350-odd. List goes to the printers 17th August, so hurry. Finished copy preferred, but artwork can be done for you if your rough draft reaches Martin by the 13th. Contact him on 081 660 6252, or write to the address inside the front cover.

Proposed appointment of an SCCU Congress Liaison Officer

David Sedgwick writes:

At the SCCU Annual Council Meeting I was asked to set out why I considered it appropriate for the SCCU to appoint a Congress Liaison Officer.

I envisage the Officer having three main responsibilities: -

(a) to ensure that the views and concerns of congress organisers are represented on the SCCU Executive Committee and if appropriate pursued by the SCCU representatives on the BCF Management Board;

(b) to keep himself informed about congress activities in the SCCU area and to assist in avoiding clashes of dates and similar problems;

(c) to help the SCCU representative on the Game Fee working group to chase up outstanding registrations and payments from congresses.

The Executive will be considering whether to make such an appointment at its meeting on the 2nd September. Meanwhile I shall be pleased to hear from anyone interested in taking on the task.

DR Sedgwick SCCU President

STOP PRESSNigel Short: Olympiad

We have just heard that an Extraordinary Meeting of the BCF Management Board has been called for Sunday 7th August, at the request of the MCCU, to debate their motion that the England selectors should not consider Nigel Short for the Olympiad starting in November. We understand that Simon Brown, International Director (and chairman of the selectors) had declined to give an assurance to that effect.

The Bulletin doesn't know whether NDS would play anyway, or whether FIDE would have him. (Or how they'd grade his games.) David Sedgwick in a personal capacity comments that, while he does not agree with the MCCU, he has always respected their opinions. However, he feels that their action in convening this meeting at the last possible moment, and too late for the BCF Council to review any decision, is an abuse of proper procedure.

The selectors, for the record, are Simon Brown and Bob Wade, plus Susan Lalic for womens events and John Nunn for the rest.

Sussex-Cumbria

See page 1. It is understood that the Sussex AGM on the 9th July was dissatisfied with the BCF's actions and proposed to take matters further. Under the BCF's new constitution they can raise it in Council with the support of one other affiliate.

English Deaf Chess Association

has recently written to the SCCU asking if it can contribute to their expenses in the World Team Championships for the Deaf to be held in August. The President, having consulted the Treasurer, has replied that the Union regretfully cannot help.

4NCL, and Other Leagues

The Four Nations Chess League is losing its two strongest teams, Invicta Knights and Barbican, next year. There has not been enough money around to justify teams of their strength and it seems there is little prospect of getting more. The League is expected to continue, but maybe no team will have more than a couple of IMs and probably most will have none. (Invicta Knights may, indeed, continue to play, but not with last year's team.)

Invicta Knights have been talking informally with the French professional league and there seem good prospects of last year's 4NCL team, maybe strengthened(!), going into France in the coming season starting January. The French league had 16 teams last year, playing single-round APA. The top team is Lyon which starts Lautier-Anand-Kramnik and can field six 2600-pluses when it has a mind to. IK would probably be about 4th strongest. There could be real chances of their getting the necessary sponsorship, and we understand the French would welcome fresh entries and see publicity value in bringing in a foreign team. (Bit like the Tour de France coming to England for a day?)

CONGRESS DIARY

- Aug 1-13 BCF CONGRESS at Norwich. BCF, 9a Grand Parade, St Leonards, E Sussex TN38 ODD
- 12-14 MARYMASS at Irvine. Open; U163; U137; U106. SL Clark, 47 Sillars Meadow, Irvine, Ayrshire KA12 0LQ 0294 278638
- 13 WESTMINSTER. JM Sargent, 903 Longbridge Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2BU 081 595 5881
- 19-21 THANET at Broadstairs. U200; U160; U130; U100. AD Hargreaves, 1 Medina Avenue, Whitstable, Kent CT5 4EN 0227 274885
- 20-29 LLOYDS BANK MASTERS. DR Sedgwick, 23 Tierney Court, Canning Rd, Croydon CRO 6QA 081 656 7682
- 20-29 LLOYDS BANK JUNIOR. AC Corfe, 51 Borough Way, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 3HA 0707 659080
- 27-29 BERKS & BUCKS at Maidenhead. RJ Pidgeon, 12 Birch Grove, Windsor, Berks SL4 5RT 0753 863503
- 27-29 HEREFORDSHIRE at Hereford. Open; U151; U121. WG Davies, 13 Bechwood Court, Hereford HR1 1DX 0432 264434
- 27-29 CHORLEY Open; U165; U125. GM Jones, 27 Clarke St, Leigh, Lancs WN7 4HU 0942 604262
- 28 SPALDING. F Bowers, 4 Middle Lane, Whaplode, Spalding, Lincs PE12 6TW 0406 370166
- Sep 2- 4 BARBICAN. LG Goodwin, 48 Torrington Park N12 9TP 081 446 8569
- 2- 4 SHEFFIELD. G Brown, 6 Shoreham Rd, Morgate, Rotherham S60 3EF 0709 379515
- 4 ROLLS ROYCE at Crewe. RJ Edwards, 490 Chell Heath Rd, Stoke on Trent ST6 6DQ 0782 818560
- 4-10 PAIGNTON BCQ Open; U170; APAs U170 (graded sections of 8). SR Boniface, 11 Henrietta St, Lower Easton, Bristol BS5 6HU 0272 515869
- 10 GOLDERS GREEN Open. AN Raof, PO Box 1962, London NW4 4NF 081 202 0982
- 16-18 GREATER MANCHESTER. PJ Clissold, 4 Vale St, Turton, Bolton BL7 0EB 0204 852036
- 17 WESTMINSTER. JM Sargent, 903 Longbridge Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2BU 081 595 5881
- 17 CROWBOROUGH JUNIOR. SP Deere, 11 Beeches Rd, Crowborough, E Sussex TN6 2AU 0892 654495
- 17 RICHARD BOXALL MEMORIAL at Basingstoke. J Frrnch, 31 Brocas Drive, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2LS 0256 472537
- 17-18 NORTH ESSEX at Braintree. Open; U160; U130; U100. DJ Millward, 32 Fir Tree Rise, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 9HS
- 18 CROWBOROUGH as 17th Sep
- 18 LEAMINGTON LEAGUE at Leamington Spa. EH Goodwin, 32 Alderminster Rd, Coventry CV5 7JQ 0203 468709
- 23-25 TYNE & WEAR at Newcastle. D Wallace, 36 Glenluce Drive, Cramlington, Northumberland NE23 6PT 0670 731826
- 24 GOLDERS GREEN U150. AN Raof, PO Box 1962, London NW4 4NF 081 202 0982
- Oct 1 EDGWARE Open. AN Raof, PO Box 1962, London NW4 4NF 081 202 0982
- 7- 9 MAIDSTONE (no smoking) Open; U160; U130; U105; Junior Saturday. NC Mackett, 74 Peel St, Maidstone, Kent ME14 2SD; enquiries to Stephen Webb 0634 233322. Juniors MPJ Whitwood, 8 Iden Crescent, Staplehurst, Tonbridge, Kent 0580 892005
- 29 EDGWARE U150. AN Raof, PO Box 1962, London NW4 4NF 081 202 0982
- Nov 12 EDGARE Open. AN Raof, PO Box 1962, London NW4 4NF 081 202 0982

Quotes

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Chris Howell, SCCU Deputy President, is moving on the 20th-21st August to 28 Fowler Close, Maidenbower Village, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 7UN. He hasn't yet got a phone number.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: Chess Circuit 5.

Invoices knights have been taking informally with the French professional leagues and there seem good prospects of last year's WCL team being re-arranged (re-arranged) going into France in the coming season starting January. The French league did in teams last year playing single round AFA. The top team is Lyon which starts in the final round and can field six 1000-pipers when it has a hand to it. It would probably be about an average. There could be real chance of their getting the necessary sponsorship, and in fact the French would welcome fresh entries and the publicity value in bringing in a foreign team. (See like the Tour de France coming to England for a day.)

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Notes

For the first time in 15 years, there was a three team entry in what the division F title from their rivals. ... New county seats contracts should be looked at from all round of the SCU Ballot for the last 10 years.

Chris Howell, SCU County President, is writing on the 20th of August to ... (The text is partially obscured and difficult to read.)

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