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SCCU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive met on Friday 13th September 1996 at the Durham Castle. Only 10 attended, and the agenda was a small one. Main points:

- (1) **Minute Secretary.** Adrian Laurence was co-opted to the Executive (with voting rights) as Minute Secretary.
- (2) **Chess and the DNH.** It was reported, with what degree of assurance we can't say, that chess has a fair chance of becoming a Sport within the next six months. The DNH is being cautious lest tiddlywinks muscle in. A bridge player said bridge wasn't tiddlywinks, and the word was that bridge should be OK as well. Don't know any details.
- (3) **MCCU Challenge Match.** This looks like going ahead, to mark the MCCU centenary in 1997. Probably towards the end of the year. They're also talking about a WECU Challenge, marking the WECU's 50th anniversary as well as the MCCU's 100th.
- (4) **Grading.** Martin Cath reported that, as far as he could tell, all SCCU events had gone in. The National list was published on time at the start of August, as you'll know; the SCCU one was still hanging fire through delays at the printers' but was expected imminently. It was agreed that we really ought to be selling it at the British; especially next year with the British on our patch. (Printer must have given the Kent list a higher priority, because Martin produced some copies at the meeting. Kent *had* asked for it urgently at almost no notice.) Sales and orders, for both BCF and SCCU lists, looked reasonably healthy.

Questions for the future: If and when the BCF list goes twice-yearly, do we follow suit with the SCCU one? How about attaching a Rapidplay list?

Graders please note: if you sent amendments to players' details in summer 1995, they may have got lost in the BCF's hard disk crash. Don't be too surprised if you have to send them again. (Apparently they lost their list of graders as well.)

(5) **SCCU U180 KO.** We reported last time that one match had been played; Oxon had reached the final but Kent and Sussex were bogged down at the semi-final stage. We'd heard, perhaps wrongly, that Sussex were likely to default. In the end nothing happened about the unplayed semi-final and Oxon were declared winners by default. It was agreed that the event should be a jamboree next year if we can find a slot for it in the calendar.

(6) **BCQ places at SCCU congresses.** The Essex Congress may well be enlarged and enhanced next year and there was some discussion of allocating one of our three BCQ places to it. Which would mean taking it away from somewhere else. In the end it was thought that the BCF would probably award an extra place if asked nicely.

(7) **SCCU County Matches 1996-7.** The fixture list had unfortunately not been circulated yet; it should be out imminently. (Later note: it's on page 7.) Nearly everyone had opted for 16 boards in the Open; this really does look like becoming the norm in a year or two.

(8) **Juniors.** Nigel Dennis sought guidance on what activities were required. He had already said, at the Council Meeting, that he was unlikely to be as visible as his predecessor. In addition, an organiser who had been mooted as unofficial NWD-assistant was no longer available. It was agreed that, apart from the National U18 Qualifier, no event was indispensable. If we run no others, what do we do with the balance of the junior budget? There was a sort of consensus that we should not pour money into events, locally or nationally based, that were already healthy and were going to happen anyway. Better to sound out the organisers and look for gaps in the provision, or events in danger of folding. Whatever we did we should ensure that money spent would increase the provision of junior events.

It was noted that, through no fault of the BCF's, our three nominations for BCET schools awards in 1996 had never reached them. This is why the recent awards (see next item) include no SCCU names.

(9) **4th SCCU International 19-27 August** had been successfully completed, with 45 entries. The top few results were reported but, as usual with oral reports and the SCCU International, your Editor had trouble with names and decided to wait till he had them on paper. They're on page 5. Once again there had been a financial loss which David Sedgwick had borne personally. He has done this four times, as well as arranging the event, and will not continue on the same basis next year. The future of the event is doubly uncertain because other international events are mooted for August next year.

(10) **BCF Congress 1997.** As this was being held in our area, at Hove, it was felt we ought to put on some sort of an SCCU show. Maybe, like Notts this year, we could do a Rapidplay event on the day before the congress for people who turned up early; or man an SCCU information stall during the event. (And sell SCCU grading lists!)

(11) **BCF Management Board.** Initial re-structuring proposals have come from the BCF. The Executive had a (fairly) quick look at them with the following week's BCF Council Meeting in mind, but came to no real conclusions. More in the next item.

(12) **Future meetings.** Executive Friday 7th March 1997; and provisionally Friday 16th May. Council Saturday 5th July 1997.

BCF MEETINGS

at Warrington, 21st September

The BCF Council meeting was preceded, as always, by a short meeting of the Management Board. Well, short compared with its seven-hour marathons. Largely it was preparation for the afternoon's meeting, and not much happened that needs reporting. Or anything, really. 50-odd attended the Council meeting, armed with we don't

know how many proxies. It was a pretty peaceful affair. Business, pared of the routine and the things we've overlooked:

(1) **Game Fee.** Everyone paid eventually, for 1995-6.

(2) **Presidents Awards** for Services to Chess went to Bob Blake (Kent) and Richard James (Richmond), who have both made a lasting mark on junior chess in their areas; and to Stan Lovell of the BCA. **BRITISH CHESS EDUCATIONAL TRUST AWARDS** went to two junior schools in the NCCU and WECU; for SCCU nominations, see item 8 in the previous article. **CLUB OF THE YEAR** is Guildford, and **PLAYER OF THE YEAR** is Michael Adams.

(3) **Publicity Director** asked who'd seen anything about chess in the last week in the press, on Teletext, and on the Internet. Answers were respectively lots, lots, and a handful. People complained about the awful service on Teletext.

(4) **Jobs.** It was agreed to rename the Chairman of the Management Board Chairman of the BCF, and see the role of the President as an ambassadorial one "outside the framework of detailed organisation". And we have a prestige **PRESIDENT:** Steve Davis the snooker player, whose interest in chess is well known, had agreed to put his name forward and Council elected him something like unanimously. **CHAIRMAN OF THE BCF** is Stewart Reuben. **DIRECTOR FOR CONGRESS CHESS** is Tim Wall. There was a contested election for **DIRECTOR OF HOME CHESS** between Alan Atkinson of Kent, who has been running the National Club, and Nigel Johnson of Slough and the 4NCL. Both had been interviewed by the Management Board in the morning but the MB, recognising the merits of both, made no recommendation to Council. After a short address by each candidate, and prolonged discussion, Alan Atkinson was elected by a substantial but not huge majority. He will continue his National Club job as well. Neither candidate wanted to take on that part of the job which involves the Yearbook; someone will have to be found to do this.

(5) **Womens Chess.** Well, the Director of Womens Chess proposed it. It was agreed to set aside £4000, in case it was needed, for a mixed event in London in 1997 to mark the centenary of the first ever womens tournament (an international sponsored by the London club). It is intended that norm opportunities should be available.

(6) **Yorkshire** applied for, and got, re-admittance to the Federation.

(7) **Restructuring of Management Board.** This actually got past a hurdle, admittedly a rather preliminary one. The working group appointed in April came back with some radical outline ideas and sought approval to develop them into concrete form with a view to proposals next year. It got approval, by a pretty large majority, though many expressed serious reservations. Your Editor, like Paul Buswell who said it, dislikes trendspeak like "Mission Statement" and "core values" and "own the vision for the organisation"; and he got bored during the presentation (with compulsory OHP) because he'd read the paper when it was circulated. However, he's tried not to let this influence his summary of the proposals. Briefly, the MB and Directors would be elected by Council. Directors would just get on with their jobs, with no automatic place on the MB. The MB would be a small body responsible for longer-term overall planning, financial management, and communication with major outside bodies like governments and sponsors. It would include one member (eventually on a full-time salary?!) responsible for overseeing the work of Directors. No one would have delegates on the MB; the delegate body would be Council.

(8) **Counties Championship.** The NCCU had a motion on the agenda calling for the exclusion of ungraded players from the U100. They withdrew this, at least until next year, when Council passed the SCCU's proposal requiring match captains to get the controller's permission, providing evidence of strength where possible, before using an ungraded player in any of the grading-limited events.

SCCU proposal on Minor Counties eligibility was agreed (counties to nominate by 31st Oct, and MB to confirm by 30 Nov).

(9) **European Club Cup.** It was agreed that English nominees for 1997 and 1998 could be selected on the basis of National Club and 4NCL. Someone suggested that this might be against the (European) rules, since it would look as though we had two national championships.

(10) **1997 Council Meetings:** April Birmingham, September London.

The meeting ran from 1.30 to 5.30 p.m. Your Editor would have got home fresher, and probably earlier, if British Rail or whatever they're called hadn't concealed the existence of a through train from London. Warrington's a long drive from Tunbridge Wells.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Richard,

22.8.96

Thank you for my first subscription copy of the SCCU Bulletin. I had not expected to read an article where I figured quite so prominently.

Your reporting of a casual conversation which we had at East Grinstead has caused me some embarrassment and the need to explain my comments to both David Sedgwick and Richard O'Brien. You will, I believe, have already received correspondence from them.

I believe you have taken a comment I made and elaborated it for your journalistic purposes.

I did tell you that I had run 7 tournaments using the Fischer timings without any major or minor problems. Not a single game had reached a point where it had to be stopped because it was going to interfere with the start of the

next round.

I did tell you that out of a conversation with David Sedgwick, there was the possibility that they might enter and should they be paired there might be the possibility of their game going to the time control, just to see what I would do - a test for me! This was a light-hearted comment and no way taken seriously by myself and should not have been reported by you - and certainly not in the way that you chose to state it. Neither player said they would only turn up on Sunday and fix a game.

I would appreciate your correcting this article in the next issue.

POINT OF INFORMATION: In my weekend congresses the games would be stopped "sometime" after 3½ hours. Your article could have been read to mean at 3½ hours they are stopped by me.

Although only 53 played at East Grinstead, on the following weekend at the 10th Mill Hill Congress there were 132 players and again no problems.

Fischer timings in my opinion offer an opportunity for a much more relaxed ending to a game of chess where both players display their knowledge of endgame play (often missing the blitz finishes).

I shall try to be clearer in my conversations with you in future and look forward to receiving the next issue of the SCCU Bulletin.

Yours sincerely,
TONY (CORFE) Potters Bar

Dear Richard,

21.8.96

As one of those involved in the preparation of the BCF Millennium Awards Submission, I would like to thank you for the tribute in the July Bulletin. I was rather less ecstatic when I read the extraordinary remarks which you make about me in your report of the Millstream Congress. Let me state for the record that I have never even discussed, let alone reached, any arrangement with Richard O'Brien along the lines which you allege, whether in relation to the Millstream Congress or to any other event. Since I became BCF International Director, I seem to have been rather too busy to go around the place causing trouble.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID SEDGWICK Croydon

Dear Mr Haddrell,

19.8.96

I refer to your article in the July edition of SCCU Bulletin headed "Fischer Timing, and DGTs".

Personally I find the reference to myself offensive as well as being grossly untrue.

(1) At no stage did I ever consider playing at the East Grinstead tournament. I was out of the country at the time which I had planned to be several months in advance. Your implication, at least to those who played at East Grinstead, that I didn't turn up on the Sunday as planned is thus false.

(2) Your assertion that I, a FIDE Arbiter, would prearrange a tournament game in this country, let alone with David Sedgwick, I find objectionable.

(3) The reason that in the past I (& David Sedgwick!? according to you) have been called "troublemakers" is due to gross misreporting by the likes of you. I note that on the inside cover of the magazine you claim "Facts we try to get right" - clearly this is untrue and is the responsibility not just of you but of the Southern Counties Chess Union.

As you are probably aware I make my living from chess and dishonest comments made by the likes of you do not help my business. Fortunately false stories put around have not stopped me running bookstalls at Maidstone, Hastings and the British Championship (where I am currently writing this letter) etc.

I trust that I will receive a full apology in writing from you within 7 days and a published apology. Hopefully this will be in the same edition which you announce your resignation as editor.

I recently saw David Sedgwick and he made it clear that he was "unhappy" with your comments.

Should I not hear from you the matter will be placed in the hands of solicitors.

You imply that the DGTs are a success. I understand that the average entry of DGT related weekend tournaments such as those run by Spectrum and at East Grinstead is considerably less than 100 so I am not sure that really indicates they are as popular as you indicate. Indeed I believe the Spectrum entries only reach the figures they do because of the excellent playing conditions they provide and not because of the equipment used.

You may be interested to note that at the time of writing I have sold 29 clocks at this year's British Championship. Only 2 were DGTs. This, in fact, is a higher percentage than I anticipated. The sight of two senior and excellent arbiters, Stewart Reuben and John Robinson, having to go close to the top boards (boards 1-5 are fenced off from the rest) due to the very poor time display on the clock has probably not helped sales, nor indeed the delay in resetting the clock following an illegal draw claim.

Yours sincerely,
RICHARD O'BRIEN Saltdean

Ed: - I do seem to have put my foot in it. The "facts" I reported in the last issue were clearly quite wrong, though I believed them at the time. I'm sure the misunderstanding was my fault. I wrote light-heartedly; I did not mean to accuse anyone of malpractice or troublemaking, and if it looked that way I'm sorry. Believe it or not, nothing was further from my mind than giving offence! I regret having done so, and I apologise for any offence and embarrassment caused.

Dear Richard,

rec 8.8.96

A few comments arising from SCCU Bulletin 230. Firstly, I gave next year's dates for the National stages of the Counties Championship to the BCF Office last month, for inclusion in the chess calendar, & for your information they are: preliminary round April 26, quarter-finals May 17, semi-finals June 7 and Finals June 28.

Secondly, in the report of the SCCU Annual Council Meeting you say that it was reported that "there were mutterings from the other side when Sussex played in this year's Final...". I assume that the "other side" means Wiltshire & I can assure you that at no time did Wiltshire make any complaint or criticism to me regarding their opponents & I feel that this suggestion is unfair to them.

Thirdly, I have some sympathy with Essex in their comments re 20 board matches but the simple fact is that other Unions play 16 board tournaments as far as I am aware. In previous years I have said that 20 board matches at the finals would be acceptable if agreeable to both sides but with the advent of the Under 100 competition space is becoming a problem & I decided, this year, that we could not handle any 20 board matches at the present venue. Mind you there have only been two or three occasions at most when 20 boards have been asked for & some of these not in the Open!

Fourthly, I was a little surprised at the comment attributed to "a Kent source" that their win in the open was "a little bit easier" than it appears to be (see match score on page 230:6). After all, scores were tied & board count is really only a penalty shoot out.

Sincerely,

JEFF (DOUGLAS)

Oxted

wearing my BCF Counties Championship hat

Ed: - Naturally the "other side" meant Wiltshire. The other side *was* Wiltshire! I'd have named them if I'd thought it mattered. Like my source, I was just trying to illustrate the point that some counties thought Sussex were too strong for the Minor Counties. Of course no one suggested Wilts had approached the Controller.

I didn't understand the Kent source's remark either, but it might make sense if you knew the circumstances.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTIES

ESSEX 1995-6 with acknowledgments to *Chessex*

League Division I play-off: Eastbrook (formerly Barking, but they live in Dagenham) beat Wanstead 6-4. Can't discover that we ever published the rest of the Essex league results; don't think we've seen them. **Essex Team Blitz** (13 teams of 4): 1 Cavendish 35/48; 2 Southend 33; 3 Writtle 32½... **Individual Lightning** (20 pl) 1-3 P Rossiter (Cavendish), R White (Writtle), P Barclay (Wanstead) 4/5; 4-6 K Mah (Wanstead), Z Harari (Cavendish), L Marden (Wanstead) 3½... We hear the county took division 1 of the Counties & Districts Correspondence with 26/30, 8 points ahead of the runners-up.

HERTS 1995-6 with acknowledgments to Herts CA Newsletter

Leagues: Div 1 Hertford I 20/24, 2 St Albans I 17...; Div 2 1 Royston I 21/24, 2 Barnet I 20...; Div 3 1 Letchworth I 20/24, 2 Bumbles Green 17...; Div 4 1 Stevenage II 19/24, 2 Hoddesdon II 18; Div 5 1 Hertford III 19/24, 2 Hemel Hempstead II 18; Div 6 1 Barnet III 21/24, 2 Royston II 18...; Div 7 1 Watford IV 19/24, 2 Hertford IV 18...; Div 8 1 WGC III 15/20; 2 St Albans VII 14... **Club KO Tournaments** (Finals): RUSSELL TROPHY Watford 3½ 2½ Hertford; UNDER 125 Barnet 3½ 1½ Royston; SHARP TROPHY Hertford *3 3 Old Elizabethans. **Individual KO**: CAPEL CUP Final: Paul Byway 1 0 Alastair Simpson; BURN CUP was APA because only four entries: 1 Peter Bunce 2/3... **Secondary Schools League** in its first season had 7 entries: winners St Christopher School, Letchworth. But there seems to be a **Herts Schools Chess League** as well: UNDER 18 Haberdashers; UNDER 16 Watford Boys GS; UNDER 14 Haberdashers. Herts Grader reports that his most active player had 81 games, and that's just internal Herts games. Also that Division 5 of the county leagues was stronger than Division 4.

KENT Individual titles: OPEN IR Watson, but we said that in May; MAJOR NSW Alfred; INTERMEDIATE DC Eden; MINOR TR Jefferies. **Summer Quick-play** final is between Hastings and one of the three Maidstone teams. (We know which, but if we said Maidstone C it wouldn't mean a lot.)

SUSSEX 1995-6 with acknowledgments to *Sussex Chess*

County Championships "were marred by some quite serious disputes" (*Sussex Chess*, tantalisingly). **Sussex Championship** (10 played) Bernard Cafferty beat Feliks Kwiatkowski 2½-1½ in the Final. **East Sussex Queen** (4 pl) RR Harper; **West Sussex Queen** (5 pl) IP Judd; **Veterans** (6 pl) FW Brown.

McArthur Cup Northern The Holt; Western Chichester, Worthing; Central-Eastern Hastings. Final: Brighton beat Worthing 4-2. Brighton seem to have a habit of going straight to the semi-finals, no doubt because they're usually the defending champions.

Mid-Sussex League Div I (11 teams) 1 Brighton I, 2 Hastings I... Div 2 (11) 1 Lewes II, 2 Hassocks I after a

play-off with Crowborough I... Div 3 (11) 1 Eastbourne III, 2 Crowborough II... Div 4 (11) 1 Eastbourne V, 2 Hassocks II... "At the Mid-Sussex AGM Eastbourne V declined their promotion [to Div 3] and it was agreed that Brighton III would be promoted in their place." You weren't *allowed* to decline promotion in Metropolitan Kent, maybe that's one of the reasons we abolished it. (Teams used to default matches to avoid promotion.)

Jamboree (10 teams) 1 Worthing; 2 The Holt...

Junior Championships: U18 1-2 Robin Clark, Glen Parker; U14 1 Thomas Rendle; U11 1 Joseph Carthew; U9 Wayne Chim; U7 Felix Sullivan. School teams: U18 (8 pl) Christs Hospital Horsham; U16 (10 pl) Cavendish School, Eastbourne; U14 (11 pl) Downlands School, Hassocks; **Secondary Girls** (3 pl) Ratton School; **Primary** Great Walstead

CHILTERN LEAGUE was won by Herts for the second year running. Unusually, we haven't seen the full league table.

INSURANCE CC

Individual Major Championship went to Geoff Naldrett in the end. He won a play-off 1½-½ against Steve Fenyvesi. **Durham Trophy** was still stuck at the Final last we heard (6.6.96): IOB v Bain Hogg. We get the impression there were only three entries and Bain Hogg got to the Final by means of a bye in the semi-final.

CONGRESS RESULTS

THAMES VALLEY CHESS LEAGUE CONGRESS 4-6 May 1996

Open 1-2 Bogdan Lalic, Matthew Sadler 5½/6; 3-6 John Emms (Beckenham), Kevin Richardson (Surbiton), Jovica Radovanovic (Ealing), Nick von Schlippe (Ealing) 4...

Under 170 1 Paul Kelly (Hendon) 5½/6; 2 Tony Wheatley (Ealing) 5; 3-5 Gordon Cadden (Hampstead), Mark Ruston (Lewisham) 4½...

Under 135 1 Angus James (Surbiton) 5½/6; 2 Anthony Fulton (St Albans) 5; 3 John F McKenna (Beckenham) 4½...

Under 105 1 Leighton Powell (Richmond Juniors) 5½/6; 2 Derek Birt (Hayes) 5; 3-5 Oliver Cooley (St Olaves GS), Shekhar Kulkarni (Hounslow), Oliver Luen (Esher) 4½... Results Adrian Laurence

RICHMOND RAPIDPLAY 23rd June 1996

Open (16 pl) 1 Bogdan Lalic (Sutton) 6/6; 2 Andrew Ledger (London) 4½; 3 Gavin Wall (London) 4...

Under 170 (16 pl) 1-2 Michael Duggan (Twickenham), Martin Taylor (Rainham) 4½/6; 3 Chris Clegg (Kingston) 4...

Under 130 (28 pl) 1 Daniel Hutson (Twickenham) 5½/6; 2-4 Andrew Morgan (Twickenham), Marcus Ogden (Cambridge Univ), Tommy Stubbington (London) 4½...

Under 95 (32 pl) 1 Matthew Down (Twickenham) 5½/6; 2 Roland Rattray (Cheim) 5; 3-4 Marc Pollitt (Hampton), Jonathan Zoubaida (London) 4½... Results Richard James

4th SCCU INTERNATIONAL at Golders Green, 19-27 August 1996

David Sedgwick writes: "The schedule was changed this year to 1 round per day and 7-hour sessions. The difficult arbiting decisions in quickplay finishes which so affected the 1995 event did not recur; the availability of a seventh hour of play almost certainly contributed substantially to this." The 45 contestants, from 11 countries, included two from Sierra Leone who were the first representatives of their country at international level. There were 4 IMs, 2 FMs and 16 other rated players. Richard Bates made his second IM norm. Tournament bulletin £5 from Monica Vann, 1 Kennedy Close, Marlow, Bucks SL7 3JA.

1-2 Richard A Bates, Mathew J Turner 6½/9; 3-5 Mark Ferguson, James R Poulton, Ryad Rizouk (Algeria) 6; 6-9 Mehmet Ali, Colin S Crouch, Daire J McMahon (Ireland), John R Richardson 5½; 10-17 Adway Chowdhuri, Shyamol Dutta, Kishan Chand Joshi (all India), Hysni Pellumbi (Albania), Tania Sachdev, Arpi Shah (both India), Andrew J Whiteley, Melvin J Young 5... **WOMENS PRIZE** Tania Sachdev, Arpi Shah

WRITTLE 24-25 August 1996 (for the Essex Championship, we think) attracted 33 players.

1-4 (and will play off) Eddie Dearing (Perth/Writtle), Bill Saunders (Ilford), Russell White, Andrew Brett (both Chelmsford) 4/5; 5-7 Jim Burnett (Doncaster), Howard Grist (Southend), Kerry Chilvers (Writtle: takes U150 trophy) 3½... **GRADING** Matthew Cain (Basildon) 2½; **JUNIOR** Eric Saunders (Ilford); **BEST GAME** Robin Slade (Chelmsford)

BERKS AND BUCKS at Maidenhead, 24-26 August 1996 had 16 players in each section.

Championship 1-2 GW Lawton (Birmingham), Miroslav Houska (Maidenhead) 4/5; 3 JP Conlon (Reading) 3½...

Challengers 1 F Duvall (Sandhurst) 4/5; 2-4 ACP Milnes (Maidenhead), PJ Gregory (Hemel Hempstead), S Menon (age 14: Richmond) 3½...

Reserves A 1 AG Kelly (High Wycombe) 5/5; 2 PJ Colby (Reading) 4...

Reserves B 1 N Harris (Charlton) 4½/5; 2 SC Pride (Cambridge) 4...

Reserves C 1 Mario Houska (Maidenhead) 4½/5; 2 S Essen (Oxshott) 4; 3 MG Porter (Reading) 3½...

Reserves D 1-3 TA Dickerson (Maldon), P Staneland (Southall), Koichi B Nicholas (age 12: Stoke Poges) 3½/5...

Reserves E 1 GS Gill (Southall) 5/5; 2 MC Price (Northolt) 4; 3-4 D Birt (Hayes), MK Dent (Caversham) 3½...

Reserves F 1 Catherine L David (age 11: Oxford) 4½/5; 2 R Dawson (Crowthorne) 4; 3-4 Julian Smith (Staines), G Trent (Slough) 3½...

Mrs Stean Cup for best U14 performance: Matthew Broomfield (S Norwood) 2½/5 in the Challengers

Lightning 1 C Briscoe (West Molesey)

Results Nigel Dennis

THANET at Broadstairs 30th August - 1st September 1996

Open (22 ent) 1 Michael Adams (Falmouth) 5/5; 2-4 DM Moskovic (Charlton), A Jackson (Brit Airways), M Brief (Edgware) 3½... **GRADING U185** N Alfred (Beckenham)

Under 165 (41 ent) 1-2 MR Taylor (Rainham), A Luaces (Kings Head) 4½/5; 3-5 M Broomfield (South Norwood), SJ Pullinger (Whitstable), A Stille (Cambridge) 4... **BEST THANET** Heather Richards (Whitstable); **GRADING U145** F Carlucci (Whitstable)

Under 130 (48 ent) 1 K Carter (Hastings) 4½/5; 2-5 D Hartley (Chesterfield), M Feld (Ashtead), P Titmas (Maidstone), JF McKenna (Beckenham) 4... **BEST THANET** F Cole (Herne Bay); **GRADING U115** J Green (Dover)

Under 100 (36 ent) 1 K Smyth (Folkestone) 4½/5; 2-3 Emily Manuel (Grantham), J Thanesan (Maidstone) 4...

BEST THANET P Ruffle (Westgate)

Special Prizes: LADIES Kate Feld (Ashtead); SENIORS (60+) BW Atkinson (Slough); JUNIORS A Habibi (Maidstone)

Results Tony Hargreaves. We were going to edit out the sexist first names till we noticed Michael Adams is male.

From the 4th SCCU International:

White JR Richardson, **Black** H Pellumbi

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 Nf3 d6 5 g3 0-0 6 Bg2 Nc6 7 0-0 a6 8 h3 Bd7 9 e4 e5 10 d5 Ne7 11 c5 Ne8 12 b4 a5
13 Qb3 axb4 14 Qxb4 Qc8 15 Kh2 f5 16 Ng5 f4 17 Bd2 Bh6 18 gxf4 exf4 19 Nf3 g5 20 e5 g4 21 e6 gxf3 22 Bxf3 dxc5
23 Rg1+ Ng6 24 Qb1 Ba4 25 Rxxg6+ hxxg6 26 Qxxg6+ Bg7 27 Be4 Rf6 28 Qh7+ Kf8 29 Rg1 Rh6 30 e7+ Kf7 31
Rxxg7+ Nxxg7 32 Qxxh6 Qh8 33 Qxxf4+ Kxe7 34 Qxxc7+ Kf6 35 Bg5+ 1 - 0

White D McMahon, **Black** M Turner

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 Bd3 0-0 6 Nge2 e5 7 d5 c6 8 f3 b5 9 cxb5 cxd5 10 exd5 Bb7 11 Qb3 Nbd7 12
Be3 Nb6 13 Be4 Nfd7 14 Rd1 f5 15 Bb1 Bh6 16 Bf2 Rc8 17 a4 Nc4 18 Qb4 Be3 19 0-0 Qb6 20 Rd3 Bxf2+ 21 Rxf2 a5
22 Qb3 Nc5 23 Qxc4 Ne4 24 Qxe4 fxe4 25 Nxe4 Rc4 26 N2c3 Bc8 27 Rdd2 Bf5 28 Kf1 Bxe4 29 Bxe4 Rfc8 30 Rc2 Qe3
31 Rfe2 Qh6 32 Kgl Rd4 33 h3 Qf4 34 Kf2 Qh4+ 35 Ke3 Rb4 36 Rcd2 Rxc3+ 37 bxc3 Rxe4+ 38 Kd3 Rxa4 39 Re4
Rxe4 40 fxe4 Qe1 41 c4 a4 42 Kc3 a3 0 - 1

White M Turner, **Black** AJ Whiteley

1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 g6 3 g3 Bg7 4 Bg2 0-0 5 e4 d6 6 Nge2 e5 7 0-0 Be6 8 d3 Nc6 9 f4 Qd7 10 Nd5Ne8 11 Be3 Bg4 12
Qd2 Nd4 13 Bxd4 exd4 14 f5 Bxe2 15 Qxe2 Nf6 16 Nf4 g5 17 Nh5 Nxxh5 18 Qxxh5 Bf6 19 Qxxh5 Bf6 20 e5 dxe5 21 g4 h6
22 Qxxh6 Qe7 23 Rae1 c6 24 Qh5 Kg7 25 g5 Bxxg5 26 f6+ Bxxf6 27 Qg4+ Bg5 28 Rf5 f6 29 Rxxe5 Qd6 30 c5 Qd8 31
Rxxg5+ fxxg5 32 Rxxg5+ Kf7 33 Rg7+ 1 - 0

Why does one of the English players write his moves in French?

JUNIOR NEWS

BERKS Secondary Schools League 1995-6: SENIOR 1-2 Reading School, Meadway; UNDER 15 1 Charters; UNDER 13 1-2 Dolphin, Eagle House. Don't know how many teams competed.

RICHMOND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 6-7 July 1996

Under 18 (20 pl) 1 Max Rich (SW4) 5/6; 2-3 Andrew Bamford (Twickenham), David Edwards (Worcester Park) 4½...

Under 9 (12 pl) 1 Murugan Thiruchelvam (New Malden) 5½/6; 2 Jonathan Zoubaida (SW19) 5; 3-4 Jay Dienn (Richmond), Jamie Yardley (Kingston) 4...

Under 8 (17 pl) 1 Jonathan Zoubaida (SW19) 5/6; 2-3 Robert Heaton (New Malden), Jamie Yardley (Kingston) 4½...

Reserves Tournaments (age limits not specified): ROOKS A John Foster (Richmond) 5/6; ROOKS B Natasha Ighodaro (Hampton) 5/6; KNIGHTS A Trevor Pettit (Hounslow) 6/6; KNIGHTS B Hayley Glover (Twickenham), Kaita Moore (SW14) 5/6; PAWNS A Toby Davis (W6), Andrew Sellars (SW19) 5/6; PAWNS B Stephen McMahon (Hayes Middx), Georgia Neesham (Kingston) 5/6

Results Richard James

KENT UNDER 14 SQUAD CHAMPIONSHIP at Sevenoaks, 8th September 1996

28 played. 1-2 Stephen Casement, Tal Wood 4/5; 3-8 Alex Blake, Richard Cheeseman, Oliver Cooley, Paul Higgins, Steven Pretty, Robert Wilson 3½...

Results Sue Casement

SURREY: RUSSELL TROPHY JAMBOREE at RGS Guildford, 13th September 1996

1 St Pauls 6½/8; 2-3 Hampton, RGS 6; 4-5 Tiffin, Whitgift 5; 6 KCS 3; 7 Sutton 2½; 8 Howard of Effingham 2; 9 Westminster 0

Results AJW Thorn

BASMANIC INTEL TOURNAMENT is to run next year after all, we hear.

SCCU UNDER 18 JAMBOREES
(Qualifiers for BCF U18 Championships)
VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!!

The Jamborees are due to be held on Saturday 1st March 1997 and volunteers are sought to provide a suitable venue and organise equipment and arrangements on the day. There are three sections, which need not all be held at the same venue:

Major Counties 12 boards, room needed for 24 games
Minor Counties 12 boards, room for 30 games
Girls 6 boards, room for 21 games

If you can offer venue and organisation for one, two or all of these, please contact the SCCU Junior Organiser: Nigel Dennis, Boundary House, 230 Greys Rd, Henley on Thames, Oxon RG9 1QY 01491 576052

This appeal has gone to the county junior organisers direct and is printed here as a fail-safe device, but anyone else interested is cordially invited to respond. (Just don't ask the Editor which counties are Major and which are Minor. He assumes they'll know.)

SCCU COUNTY MATCHES 1996-7

Teams entered:

	Br	Bu	C	E	H	K	M	O	Sy	Sx
Open	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
U175				*		*	*		*	*
U150				*	*	*	*		*	*
U125				*	*	*		*	*	*
U100				*	*	*			*	

All counties except Berks, Essex and Kent have opted to play 16 boards in the Open. Whether these three will actually play 20 among themselves, we don't know.

	Open	Under 175	Under 150	Under 125	Under 100
Oct 5		ME		EH	
12	OBr EH SxSy MBu		ME		
19		KM SySx			KE
26	CK			KSx OSy	
Nov 2	SyC HSx KO BrM BuE		HSy KM SxE		ESy HK
9		EK MSy			
16	CM SxBr EK HSy OBU		KH SySx		HE KSy
23		SyE SxM		SxE	SyH
30	SyE KSx BrC MO BuH		EK SyM	HO	
Dec 7	OC KH	ESx SyK		KE OSy SyH	
14	BrE BuSy	SxK			EH
Jan 11		MK SxSy		EO SxSy	
18	SyK EM HBr SxO CBu		EH SxK		EK
25		KE		SyK	
Feb 1	BrSy MH CSx KBu		KSy MH		KH
8	OE	ESy MSx			SyK
15	EC HO SyM KBr BuSx		HSx SyE		HSy
22		SyM SxE			
Mar 1	(SCCU U18 qualifier)	EM KSx		HSx	SyE
8	MK OSy CH SxE BrBu		SxM	OK SyE	
15	MSx	KSy			
22				HK	

Match captains next page

Addresses:

County Match Controller DR Sedgwick, 23 Tierney Court, Canning Rd, Croydon CR0 6QA 0181 656 7682

Bulletin Editor RJ Haddrell, 48 Southview Rd, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 9BX 01892 532361

Match captains:

- Berks O NW Dennis, Boundary House, 230 Greys Rd, Henley on Thames, Oxon RG9 1QY 01491 576052
- Bucks O MS Vann, 1 Kennedy Close, Marlow, Bucks SL7 3JA 01628 486676
- Cambs O J Parker, Emmanuel College, Cambridge CB2 3AP
 Outside term time: 10 Greenhill Place, Edinburgh EH10 4BR 0131 447 6364
- Essex O JR Cooke, 35 The Crescent, Loughton, Essex IG10 4PY 0181 281 1083
 175 JA Philpott, 50 Cranston Gardens, Chingford, London E4 9BQ 0181 527 4063
 150 D Smith, 21 Chigwell Rd, London E18 1LR 0181 530 2118
 125 RP Joyce, 215 Waterhouse Moor, Harlow, Essex CM18 6BW 01279 434028
 100 A Trent, 52 Barncroft Close, Loughton, Essex IG10 3EU 0181 502 3187
- Herts O JVA Franks, 90 Park Avenue, Ruislip, Middx HA4 7UP 01895 639367
 150 MM Wali, 56 Rowans, Welwyn Garden City, Herts 01707 331833 (work 01707 326318 ext 4280)
 125 Q Latif, 13 Daltry Rd, Stevenage, Herts 01438 352405
 100 A Brewis, 5 Cedar Close, Ware, Herts SG12 9PG 01920 463698
- Kent O G Botley, 26 Crescent Rd, Bromley, Kent BR1 3PW 0181 464 1357
 175 LR Gurr, 13 Neath Court, Northumberland Rd, Maidstone, Kent ME15 7JS 01622 758448
 150 GF Steele, 50 Ramsgate Rd, Margate, Kent CT9 5SA 01843 297045
 125 IC Smith, 6 Little Paddocks, Molehill Rd, Chestfield, Whitstable, Kent CT5 3PR 01227 794790
 100 LR Jones, 243 Worsley Bridge Rd, Beckenham, Kent BR3 1RW 0181 650 4042
- Middx O RJ Pearce, 43 Sinclair Rd, London W14 0NS 0171 602 0756 (work 0171 920 9409)
 175 WB Haase, 28 New End, Hampstead, London NW3 1JA 0171 435 3189
 150 N Bye, 134 St Thomas's Rd, Finsbury Park, London N4 2QP 0171 226 9653 from 4 pm;
 mid evening 0181 956 1234 and ask for Millbridge Wing
- Oxon O DG Hackett, 16 Hollis Close, Witney, Oxon OX8 6SW 01993 778374
 125 D Metcalfe, 9 Roosevelt Rd, Long Hanborough, Witney, Oxon OX8 8JG 01993 883044
- Surrey O PD Dupré, 13 Russell Rd, Walton on Thames, Surrey KT12 2JZ 01932 887097
 175 FC Manning, 44 Willow Rd, Wallington, Surrey SM6 0PF 0181 647 0063
 150 N Clifton, 114 Windermere Rd, Coulsdon, Surrey CR5 2JB 0181 660 8564
 125 D Parsons, 3 Fir Tree Grove, Carshalton Beeches, Surrey SM5 4NG 0181 647 7279
 100 RG Davey, 1 Greville Park Avenue, Ashted, Surrey KT21 2QS 01372 813576
- Sussex O P Watson, Flat 7, Regency Court, Withdean Rise, London Rd, Brighton, E Sussex BN1 6YG
 01273 505480
 175 RD Hirsch, 5 Orde Close, Pound Hill, Crawley, W Sussex RH10 3NG 01293 883244
 150 P Watson as above
 125 MA Bryant, 88 Manor Rd, Hastings, E Sussex TN34 3LP 01424 428830 (U125 team secretary
 P Buswell, 51 Kenilworth Rd, St Leonards on Sea, E Sussex TN38 0JL 01424 444321)

NOTES TO MATCH CAPTAINS

David Sedgwick's notes to match captains haven't got here in time for publication, but we guess they're similar to last year's:

Match results: Result sheets must be sent to DRS within one week of the match, and should also be sent promptly to the Bulletin for publication.

Ungraded players: In the grading-limited divisions, ungraded players may play only if cleared with DRS in advance. He's confirmed that where a player's last published grade is above the limit and relates to 1991 or later, he does not intend to grant clearance. Beyond this he will proceed on a case by case basis.

Draw claims: Match captains should note the BCF's "additional rules" which apply if there is no arbiter present. A scoresheet must be submitted if 2(b) and 4 apply. Even if they don't apply, either side may still submit a scoresheet or other evidence provided they do so *at the outset*. The Arbiter will expect the claimant to have moved at a reasonable speed up to the time of the claim.

Bulletin. Your Editor would add: Please do send all your result sheets to the Bulletin, even if you're sure your opponents will. I need both copies as a check. Try to be prompt. And *please* be legible, and give full initials (and grades) for all players. Accuracy is important because the grader works directly from the Bulletin. If a player's just moved into your county, or hasn't played county chess before, add a note first time round saying where he's from. BCF reference number is helpful too, and if he hasn't got one say so. No need for reference numbers generally, unless you think confusion's possible.

CONGRESS DIARY

- Oct 3 HENDON BLITZ (10 min each). Yes, it's still a Thursday. 7.15 - 10 p.m. at Golders Green Church Hall. Adam Raof, PO Box 1962 NW4 4NF 0181 202 0982
- 5 BASINGSTOKE Rapid. J French, 31 Brocas Drive, South View, Basingstoke RG21 2LS 01256 472537
- 5 HERTS YOUTH CA inaugural congress at St Albans. JG Jones, 28 Hay St, Steeple Morden, Royston, Herts SG8 0PE 01763 853873
- 5 MAIDSTONE JUNIOR. U18 Major/Minor; U12/10/8. MPJ Whitwood, 8 Iden Crescent, Staplehurst, Tonbridge, Kent TN12 0NU 01580 892005
- 5-6 METROPOLITAN, London. Open; U161/126. Bishopsgate Institute, 230 Bishopsgate EC2 4QH 0171 247 6844
- 5-6 SPECTRUM WORCESTER. U200/160/120. Les Day, 10 Oaklawn Court, Barton Rd, Torquay, Devon TQ1 4EN 01803 212136. Or N Went, 53 New Zealand Way, Rainham, Essex RM13 8JT 01705 551617
- 5-6 CHEPSTOW *Adults Only* Rapidplay. U2000/1600 Saturday; U1800/1400 Sunday. Kevin Staveley, 57 Treharne St, Cwmparc, Rhondda CF42 6LH 01443 772750
- 5-13 MONARCH INTERNATIONAL, Isle of Man. Open; U175/120. DB Hemsley, 18 St Marys Avenue, Port St Mary, Isle of Man IM9 3ET 01624 833742
- 6 ESSEX OPEN JUNIOR Rapidplay at Colchester. RD Sharman, Trefoil, Crown Lane North, Ardleigh, Colchester CO7 7RA 01206 231025
- 6 CHALK FARM Rapid. BH Birchall, 26d Colville Square, London W11 2BQ 0171 792 8031
- 11-13 MAIDSTONE Open BCQ; U159/129/104 + Rapidplay Sunday. NC Mackett, 74 Peel St, Maidstone, Kent ME14 2SD; or phone Lyndon Gurr 01622 758448
- 11-13 LEICESTER. C & J Johnson, 105 Central Avenue, Syston, Leicester LE7 2EG 01162 609012
- 11-13 LIVERPOOL. JM Harrison, 24 Glenwood Drive, Irby, Wirral L61 4UH 0151 648 1390
- 12 WESTMINSTER Rapid. JM Sargent, 903 Longbridge Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2BU 0181 270 9106
- 12 OXFORD CITY Rapid. P Vainker, 35 St Bernards Rd, Oxford OX2 6EH 01865 57562
- 12-13 IPSWICH JUNIOR. Mrs A Durnford, 20 Bucklesham Rd, Ipswich IP3 8TJ 01473 727790
- 13 INVICTA KNIGHTS Rapid. LR Gurr, 13 Neath Court, Northumberland Rd, Maidstone ME15 7JS 01622 758448
- 13 ASHTEAD Rapid at Leatherhead. R Davey, 1 Greville Park Avenue, Ashtead, Surrey KT21 2QS 01372 813576
- 13 KENSINGTON Rapid. D Agble, Flat 15, Beit Hall, Prince Consort Rd SW7 2BB 0171 594 9456
- 13 ROYSTON JUNIOR. JG Jones, 28 Hay St, Steeple Morden, Royston, Herts SG8 0PE 01763 853873
- 16-24 WREXHAM INTERNATIONAL. N Davies, 9 Greenfield, Rhosddu, Wrexham, Clwyd LU1 2NR 01978 366911
- 18-20 DORSET at Weymouth. AD Rookes, 6 Milton Close, Weymouth, Dorset DT4 7NB 01305 767252
- 19 JOHN HARRADENCE MEMORIAL, London. N Went, 53 New Zealand Way, Rainham, Essex RM13 8JT 01705 551617
- 19 SOUTHWATER JUNIOR U11 near Horsham. S Deere, 11 East Beeches Rd, Crowborough, E Sussex TN6 2AU 01892 654495
- 20 SOMERS TOWN Rapid. BH Birchall, 26d Colville Square, London W11 2BQ 0171 792 8031
- 20-26 GUERNSEY INTERNATIONAL. S Naftel, PO Box 23, St Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands
- 25-27 SCARBOROUGH. K Jones, 24 Lightfoots Avenue, Scarborough, N Yorks YO12 5NS 01732 352044
- 25-27 WEST WALES at Swansea. L Philpin, 59 Cecil Rd, Gowerton, Swansea SA4 3DF 0172 874984
- 26 ASHFORD (KENT) JUNIOR. U18 Major/Minor; U14/12/10. MPJ Whitwood, 8 Iden Crescent, Staplehurst, Tonbridge, Kent TN12 0NU 01580 892005
- 26 GOLDERS GREEN Rapidplay. Adam Raof, PO Box 1962 NW4 4NF 0181 202 0982
- 26-27 LETCHWORTH. N Camp, 93 Saturn Way, Hemel Hempstead HP2 8ND 01442 399611
- 27 WESTMINSTER Rapid. JM Sargent, 903 Longbridge Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2BU 0181 270 9106
- Nov 7 HENDON BLITZ (10 min each). 7.15 - 10 p.m. at Golders Green Church Hall. Adam Raof, PO Box 1962 NW4 4NF 0181 202 0982
- 9-10 ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL GUILDFORD. U18 Open; U18 U105; U13/U12A Saturday; U14/U12B Sunday. David Wilks, Royal Grammar School, Guildford GU1 3BB
- 15-17 TORBAY at Torquay. Open; U155/125/100. VJ Dunleavy, 59 Belle Cross Rd, Kingsbridge, Devon TQ7 1NL 01548 857623
- 26 GOLDERS GREEN Rapidplay. Adam Raof, PO Box 1962 NW4 4NF 0181 202 0982
- 30 MUSWELL HILL Rapidplay. Michael Davies, 325 Green Lanes, Palmers Green N13 4YB 0181 882 9491

Arbiters Corner

Suggested by the Herts CA Newsletter. Rapidplay. White played an illegal rook move, not noticing he was in check. Black, who (also) had less than 5 minutes left, called the controller and claimed an extra minute as the rules allow. Then White played a king move instead. But this was illegal too, because he could have got out of check by moving the rook. Black didn't notice the second illegality, or if he did he kept quiet. (It was a blunder, and the legal rook move wouldn't have been.) But "What would have happened had this been spotted? Does the controller add another minute? How many times can this happen?" Five, presumably!

Talking of illegal moves and rapidplay, no one's yet answered the question from Dave Vigus which we published a year ago. If White has two kings, how many of them does Black have to checkmate?

Quote

"This was my anus horribilis."

Suppose that had to happen, in the run-up to the millenium. Couldn't find the funny mistake which Paul Watson tells us is in *Sussex Chess* (from which you'll gather that the above is not from *Sussex Chess*, and before we get a writ from Buckingham Palace we'd better say it wasn't from there either). Noticed one thing that came out of Sussex. *ChessMoves* may have changed colour but it's still got the same date on the front.

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BCF STAGE COUNTY MATCHES 1997. Dates, in case you missed it on page 4, are: preliminary round April 26; quarter-finals May 17; semi-finals June 7; and Finals June 28.

JUNIOR ORGANISERS, in case you missed it on page 7: please note the important appeal for help with the U18 jamborees.

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