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EDITORIAL

Someone reminded me, a while back, that this Issue would mark the end of my 20th year as Editor. I wish he hadn't. Well, to be fair, I think I'd have remembered. Is 20 years too long? Probably. An extended ego-trip is no substitute for fresh blood and new ideas. There *is* welcome fresh blood on the Executive, and we need more.

I congratulate Essex on winning the National U175 and U100 Championships. Also the players of the Kent First Team on retaining the Open Championship, and thank you to their opponents' match captain for telling me. Near misses for Herts, and the Oxon players, who lost their (Minor Counties and U125) Finals. Not to mention Kent who went out in the U150 semi-final on board count, to a side that went on to lose the Final in the same way.

ORDERS FOR NEXT YEAR

All Bulletin subscriptions expire with this issue, unless you're the one who's just renewed in advance. There's a renewal form in the envelope somewhere. Return it straight away if you want to renew. You know you'll forget otherwise. County Secretaries get a free copy automatically courtesy of the SCCU, so long as I know who they are. Other county officers receiving free copies, match captains for example, do so because their counties have subscribed on their behalf. I don't automatically know who match captains are and I don't send them free copies anyway. Prod your county treasurer or secretary if you think it prudent. All members of the SCCU Executive get a free copy if they choose not to pay. Some other people get free copies for odd reasons, and they need not renew unless I forget.

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The Bulletin form says Don't Staple your Cheque to Anything. The one subscriber who did, last year, got a September Bulletin with staples in funny places and I hope it took *him* ages to remove them.

SCCU ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 27th June 1998 at the Fountains Abbey, Paddington

20 attended, and every County was represented except Berks and Sussex (both of whom sent apologies). In more or less chronological order:

- (1) **Grading.** The Grading Secretary mentioned the efficiency (by and large!) of SCCU graders. He kept his SCCU hat on, so no revelations about the new BCF system. However, he paid special tribute to his unofficial Assistant Grading Officer (Mrs Howell) whose work had been extensive on both fronts.
- (2) **County match fixtures.** No one objected to just reversing last year's fixtures (which had always been intended, following the previous AGM). But one county said it would prefer not to meet all its strong opponents in one run, and it was agreed to review the fixtures for next time. Some thought dates should be published earlier.
- (3) **Essex Centenary match.** The Centenary Match (Sunday 11 Oct 1998 at Hornchurch) was envisaged as a two-round 50-board-ish friendly-ish match with grading bounds not yet determined. The Executive would seek volunteers to get an SCCU team together.
- (4) **Money.** The audited Accounts for 1997-8, showing a surplus of £534, were adopted. In the 1998-9 Budget it was agreed to add £100 to the Junior provision and provide £100 for trophy valuation. (Executive to handle that as it thought fit. More trouble than they're worth, these trophies.) Also £75 for an SCCU website.
- (5) **SCCU website.** There are maybe a hundred chess websites in the country, and there was some feeling that it was time we had ours. It could include names and addresses, up-to-date match results, and anything else that was suitable from Bulletins in preparation. It might cost £75 a year if we went via the BCF, or approaching £200 if we wanted to be independent. It was agreed to budget for £75. Nobody actually undertook to do anything about it (you need to catch your Webmaster). Your Editor supports this proposal strongly and has no idea what expertise Webmasters need.
- (6) **Trophies.** The Ebony (U125) and Harry Woolverton (U100) were not engraved yet. The Ebony was suitably presented, to Oxon, then taken back again. The Harry Woolverton, due for presentation to Surrey, was not at the meeting but it was in Surrey anyway. The Fleming Board and Anness Cup, two old junior trophies of uncertain history, were present. It was agreed that old trophies should always be re-cycled, given a sensible match between old and new functions. What we seemed to lack was a couple of trophies for U18 Girls teams.

(7) Elections of Officers. Chris Fewtrell was elected Deputy President, and David Smith (Essex U150 match captain, or he was last year) took over as County Match Controller.

(8) SCCU General Rules. The Rules had been re-drafted to accommodate the election to membership of organisations other than Counties. Proposed increases in quorums were rejected, but otherwise the draft was quickly accepted by many votes to none. This satisfied the two-thirds requirement.

Someone had reservations about the possibility of proxy votes. The existing rules allowed them, and no notice had been given of proposals to abolish them, so discussion was limited. (It seemed to be the case that this meeting was the first at which proxies had actually been used.)

(9) Applications for SCCU Membership. In anticipation of the above, three applications had been received. All were approved overwhelmingly. The new members are the Hastings International Congress; the Southend Congress; and the Maidstone Congress.

(10) SCCU Junior Individual Championships. There are none, and have been none for a decade. Should we reinstate them? It would have to be in association with existing congresses. At U18 level, it would be reasonable to go with the congress awarding the SCCU Championship title. At lower age levels we might look to (say) the London Junior Championships, if they would have us.

The principle of reinstating the championships, on some such lines, was approved nem con. We seemed to have no Junior Individual trophies, but books or money (supplemented with certificates) would do very well. It was suggested that we might use some or all of the £150 currently given to the BCF Junior Squad and EPSCA. However, Council agreed an additional junior allowance of £100 in the 1998-9 budget. We've already said that, but now you know why. The Executive would take things forward as it thought appropriate.

(11) SCCU Grading Lists. A BCF preamble first. The BCF was to inaugurate a six-monthly cycle of lists. It was said that presentation would be much improved. The August 1998 list would have certain embellishments, and the February 1999 one would have the works: a CD full of goodies, Rapidplay as well as Standardplay grades, Elo ratings for such as had them, and (apparently) fake Elos for such as hadn't. This last drew one or two disparaging remarks at the AGM. The August list would be at the old price, but the February one would cost maybe 10% more. Rapidplay grades would not be included in the August list, because the BCF still had a "May" Rapidplay list to sell. There would be no November Rapidplay list. Rapidplay would thereafter be in sync with the six-monthly cycle, and not published separately.

How should this affect the old annual SCCU list? The consensus was that at SCCU level a mid-term list, unlikely to affect eligibility for leagues, would not sell well. It was therefore agreed to do only an Autumn list this year, and push hard for SCCU sales of mid-term BCF lists. There was no risk attached to selling BCF lists on sale-or-return. It was stated incidentally that, although leagues were entitled to base eligibility on Autumn grades alone, grading calculations would use whichever (BCF half-year) grade was current. Eligibility for County matches will certainly be based on Autumn grades; the rules say so.

The meeting took something over four hours, and wasn't as tedious as AGMs sometimes are.

SCCU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive met Immediately after the AGM, as always, and as always it did routine things. Elections:

Representative to BCF Management Board: JA Philpott.

Representatives to BCF Council: JA Philpott, CE Majer, RJ Haddrell, C Lean.

Representative to London CA: DR Sedgwick.

Rules & Appeals Sub-Committee: JAP, CEM, RJH, JT Melsom, NC Mackett.

Next meeting: Friday 4th September 1998 (at the Durham Castle).

BCF MANAGEMENT BOARD

20th June 1998

(1) The meeting managed to cover an even smaller proportion of the agenda than usual. Still we have our priorities right and managed to spend time discussing drafting minutiae on the minutes of the previous meeting even though there is a clear policy only to consider amendments notified in advance of the meeting.

(2) Policy papers were presented for junior chess (held over from a previous meeting) and womens chess, but not for home chess (the director was absent), so the Counties Rapidplay is unlikely to obtain peripatetic status until next year.

(3) There was a discussion, not totally positive in nature, about the Hastings International Chess centre and the consultants' report. Brian Driscoll was commissioned to prepare a paper for the September Council Meeting.

(4) Stewart Reuben will miss the September Board and Council. Alan Martin will chair the Board meeting - Council can choose whoever it likes.

(5) The meeting endorsed the general principles of a preliminary report by myself on honoraria, and asked me to continue work on the subject.

(6) The three nominees for the Presidents Award were approved - I will not name them as I am not certain whether they have been approached, but one of them does come from the SCCU area.

(7) The question of whether the BCF should send teams to the Elista Olympiad in the light of the murder of Larissa Yudina was debated. A very full account of the debate appears in the July Chess Monthly, so I will simply indicate that the meeting did not vote to withdraw the teams.

John Philpott

CONGRESS RESULTS

18th RICHMOND RAPIDPLAY 7th June 1998

Open (14 pl) 1 IM Jonathan Parker (London) 5/6; 2-4 IM Susan Lalic (Cheam), IM Peter Large (London), Gavin Wall (London) 4... GRADING U200 1 Desmond Tan (RJCC/Mitcham) 4 (so 2-5 = DAMMIT; 2 Simon Buckley (Bath) 3

U180 1-2 Paul Dupré (Walton on Thames), Melanie Buckley (Bath) 2½

Under 160 (20 pl) 1 Ross Rattray (RJCC/Cheam) 5/6; 2-3 Ben Chamberlain (RJCC/Surbiton), Adrian Matthews (Leighton Buzzard) 4½... GRADING U140 1-2 Andrew Bigg (Oxted), Shane McCabe (London) 3

Under 120 (26 pl) 1-3 Thomas Kember (London), Gary Lee (London), Thomas Nixon (RJCC/Kew) 5/6... GRADING U100 1-2 Samuel Buckley (Bath), Robert Heaton (RJCC/New Malden) 4

Under 80 (40 pl) 1 Peter Watts (London) 5½/6; 2-3 Peter Alexander (RJCC/Surbiton), Jamie Yardley (RJCC/Kingston) 5...

2-Generation Family Prize: Hamid and Karim Habibi (Maidstone) 7/12

(Richmond) LATOKA GRAND PRIX

The six Richmond Rapidplays over the season went towards the GP. Scores in the first three tournaments were multiplied by 3, in the fourth and fifth by 5, and in the last by 6 (why?). The GP was in eight (?graded) sections, details not explained but it's clear that A was the strongest. We've looked the grades up, as a guide. Looked the Standardplay ones up by accident first, so you get those in brackets. See also page 9! **A** Peter Large 211 (212: London); **B** Desmond Tan 180 (188: RJCC/Mitcham); **C** Martin Taylor 166 (178: Rainham Kent); **D** David Faldon 142 (149: London); **E** Ben Chamberlain 124 (118: RJCC/Surrey); **F** Thomas Nixon 110 (108: RJCC/Kew); **G** Luke Pettit 91 (101: RJCC/Hounslow); **H** Trevor Pettit 76 (63: RJCC/Hounslow)

In addition, three merit awards were made: Kate Feld (Cobham): top female; and Harvey Murray-Smith (Hinchley Wood) and Peter Alexander, second and third respectively in section H. Section H was very tight at the top.

Results Richard James

GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY 20th June 1998

Open (22 pl) 1 Jim Plaskett (Barbican) 5½/6; 2-4 Jonathan Parker (London), Abimbola Adelaja (Coulsdon), Colin Crouch (Harrow) 4½...

Major U160 (22 pl) 1-2 Branko Pribanich (Northants), E Michael White (Downend) 5/6; 3 Peter Turner (NCI Cambs) 4½...

Minor U130 (31 pl) 1-3 Ian Brooke (Oxford City), Tyrone Woo (Barbican), David Bevan (Battersea) 5/6...

Amateur U100 (27 pl) 1 Ray Gosden (Whitstable) 5½/6; 2 Geoff Dennis (London SW2) 5; 3 Steve Hart 4½...

Results Adam Raof

1ST PICCOLA ITALIA RAPIDPLAY 27th June 1998

The Piccola Italia is a popular restaurant in Golders Green, co-owned by Salvatore Pepe of Barnet Chess Club.

1 Miroslav Houska 207 (Slough) 6/7; 2-3 Paul Georghiou 209 (Barnet), Abimbola Adelaja 202 (Coulsdon) 5½; 4 Costas Karayiannis 192 (Chingford) 5; 5-8 John Naylor 201 (Coulsdon), Tryfon Gavriel 199 (Barnet), Daniel Lam 198 (London Univ), Andy Horton-Kitchlew 171 (Battersea) 4½... 26 played.

Results Adam Raof

9th ISH CONGRESS 11-12 July 1998

Open (31 pl) 1 James Plaskett GM 230 4½/5; 2-4 Mark Ferguson IM 226 (Midland Monarchs), David Gunter 190 (ISH), Daniel Lam 175 (London University) 4... GRADING U175 Heather Richards 159 (Whitstable) 3½

Major U160 (41 pl) 1-2 Stephen Piper 157 (Newham), William Hughes 156 (Aylesbury) 4½/5; 3-5 Ioseph Okosieme 157 (ISH), JC Hannot 155 (Kings Head), Karl Forman 154 (Coventry) 4... GRADING U145 Timothy Woodward 116 (RJCC) 3

Minor U130 (51 pl) 1-2 Colin Derbyshire 116 (Met Police), AG Bynnersley 111 (W London) 4½; 3-4 Donny Muter 115 (RJCC), Andrew Hughes 127 (Aylesbury) 4... GRADING U100 Victorio Benzoni 96 (E London) 3½

Amateur U80 (22 pl) 1 Michael Snowden 72 (Dulwich) 5/5; 2 Jamie Hillman 44 (Barnet) 4; 3-5 Julian Smith 75 (Hackney), Malcolm Jamieson 70 (Eastbourne), Caroline Robson 68 (Barnet) 3½

Results Adam Raof

GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY 18th July 1998

OPEN (15 pl) 1 Jim Plaskett (Barbican) 5½/6; 2 Paul Georghiou (Barnet) 5; 3-4 Scott Wastney (New Zealand), Laurence Webb (Hampstead) 4...

MAJOR U160 (15 pl) 1 Dave Faldon (Hendon) 5/6; 2-3 David Cutmore (Wood Green), Nick de Peyer (Hampstead) 4½; 4 Alfredo Luaces (Kings Head) 4...

MINOR U130 (20 pl) 1-4 Joel Bird, Paul Kennelly (Hammersmith), CJ de Mooi, Salvatore Pepe 4½...

AMATEUR U100 (17 pl) 1-2 Stephen Guy (Ramsgate), Wilbur Francis (Metropolitan) 5/6; 3 David Everitt (Haywards Heath) 4½; 4-5 Victor Litvin (London), Edmund Birkhamshaw (Hayes) 4... Results Adam Raof

Tom Quilter - Paul Seet: Golders Green Rapidplay 20.6.98, Round 6 OPEN

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Bc4 Nc6 9.Qd2 Bd7 10.h4 Rc8 11.Bb3 Ne5 12.Bh6 Nc4 13.Bxc4 Rxc4 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.h5 Nxh5 16.g4 Nf6 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.Qh6+ Kf6 19.e5+ Kxe5 20.0-0-0 f5 21.Rhe1+ Kf6 22.g5+ Kf7 23.Qxh7+ Ke8 24.Qxg6+ Rf7 25.Rh1 1-0

Potopaev - Ferguson: ISH 7/98 Rd 4, 1998

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 Bf5 4.Bg2 e6 5.0-0 h6 6.c4 c6 7.b3 a5 8.Bb2 Be7 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne5 a4 11.Re1 Bh7 12.bxa4 Qa5 13.c5 Nbd7 14.Nxd7 Nxd7 15.e3 Bf6 16.Rc1 Qxa4 17.Qxa4 Rxa4 18.a3 Rb8 19.Rc3 Bd8 20.Nb3 b5 21.cxb6 Rxb6 22.Bc1 Be7 23.Nc5 Nxc5 24.dxc5 Rb7 25.Re2 Bf6 0-1

JUNIOR NEWS

Some of this is a catching-up exercise, for things that ought to have been in the last issue. We don't always get results very promptly (or at all, sometimes). Some of it is also catching-up on the file that got lost in the power cut. Well, we say file. Presumably we hadn't saved it. Our old notebook computer, obsolete but dragged out of retirement every so often when we want to be portable, would just have switched over to battery and we wouldn't have lost a thing. Get on with it, Richard.

ROTARY MEGAFINALS at the start of May involved 3449 players in 19 Areas. Here they are in order of size, for interest. 1 Surrey 505 players; 2 Middx 353; 3 Wessex 194; 4 Kent 193; 5 Anglia 186; 6 Mercia 176; 7 Essex 175; 8 Trent 172; 9 Southern 170; 10 Central 163; 11 Yorks 156; 12 Lancaster 150; 13 West Country 149; 14-15 Chilterns, Scotland 147; 16 Mersey 137; 17 Northumbria 124; 18 Wales 119; 19 N Ireland 33. Gigafinal qualifiers come from all counties except Dorset and Derbyshire. Whether they're rotten chess players in Dorset and Derbyshire, or just didn't enter, we don't know. Girls were very heavily outnumbered, except in Surrey and Middx (which also had much the largest Megafinals). 77% of players were from Primary Schools, and next year's tournament will attempt to target the Secondaries.

Gigafinals are 12th July in Nottingham; Terafinal 29th August in London.

LONDON v REST OF ENGLAND: U11 GIRLS 4th May 1998

The Rest of England won 26-6 (and the Reserves match 7-1).

LLOYDS BANK NATIONAL GIRLS SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS at Sheen Mount School, 10th May 1998

Under 13 (3 teams) 1 Croydon Girls 6½/8; 2 Lady Eleanor Holles 4...

Under 11 (18 teams) 1 Croydon Girls 11/12; 2-3 Bromley High, North Bridge House 9; 4 Danes Hill 8½...

Under 11 Reserves (22 teams. One was really a First Team, but that still seems to mean that some schools had more than one set of reserves!) 1 North Bridge House II 10½/12; 2 Sheen Mount II 9½; 3-5 St Marys I, Croydon Girls III (ah!), Wimbledon High III 9...

About 170 played, which meant some boards were in the open air (fine weather, fortunately). The Bulletin has a distinct impression that most schools, perhaps nearly all of them, were from a Surrey/Middx-ish sort of area. Sheen Mount is, isn't it? This would tend to confirm a comment made above. Results Neil Clifton

GIRLS U18 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS: NATIONAL FINALS, Solihull 23rd May 1998

Open 1 Surrey 5/6; 2 Notts 3; 3 Wilts 1

Second Teams also went to Surrey because there were no other entries.

Minor Counties 1 Surrey 2nd team (hors concours) 5½/6; 2 (and Champions) Middx 4

Results Neil Clifton

MORE GIRLS NEWS

FREEMAN TROPHY at Coulsdon, 20th June 1998

West Surrey Girls 26 4 East Surrey Girls (double round, 13-2 both times). Why? Best clubs? Best coaches? Best drinking water? "Some of the best East players unavailable" has been quoted but doesn't seem to be a real answer. Having 30 girls willing and able to take part was quite a feather in Surrey's cap.

SUSSEX v SURREY U11 FRIENDLY at Cuckfield 27th June 1998 was won 15-9 by Surrey. 12 boards, 2 rounds. The

Sussex team is new.

ENGLISH COUNTIES GIRLS CHESS FEDERATION is being set up, if it hasn't just been. U14 Zonal qualifiers are envisaged. We hear that (prospective) members are Essex, Kent, Middx, Surrey, Sussex.. and Yorks and Wilts.

"TIMES" FINALS at the Tower Hotel, London, 2-3 July 1998

Semi-finals Manchester Grammar 4 2 St Pauls London; Torquay Boys GS 5 1 Queen Elizabeths Wakefield

Third Place Play-off St Pauls 6 0 QE Wakefield

Final Manchester Grammar 4½ 1½ Torquay GS

KENT Schools League 1997-8

Primary Champions are Amherst CP Sevenoaks, breaking a three-year run by Barming Maidstone. Barming were runners-up. Unusually (see comments above...) the winning team had three girls in it, out of five. Including the top two boards. We think they were the *only* girls, in a 74-player Final Congress. The Primary section (49 teams this year, if you count the ones who didn't play any matches) seems to be coming out of the trough of the last ten or twelve years. Secondary ones haven't yet. Whether it will work through remains to be seen; activity depends at least as much on staff as on pupils. Results Us

And out of date, but no one sent it at the time:

EPSCA U11 FINALS at Corby, 18th May 1998

1 Wey Valley 31/36; 2 Devon 27½; 3 Kent 24½; 4 Liverpool 23½; 5 Notts 22½; 6 Wilts 19½; 7 Essex 19; 8 Somerset 18½; 9 NW London 17½; 10 Barnet 17½; 11 Manchester 16½; 12 Hants 15½; 13 Northants 13½; 14 Lincs 13½; 15 Suffolk 12; 16 S London 7½; 17 Herts 7½ Results Peter Walker

LONDON LEAGUE 1997-8

Division 1	GP	MP	Division 2	GP	MP	Division 3	GP	MP
1 Hackney I	84	9½	Richmond I	66½	8½ ↑	Intl Students I	54	7½ ↑
2 Charlton	82½	7	Wood Green II	56½	7	Kings Head II	63½	6½ ↑
3 Barbican I	73	6½	Athenaeum I	53½	7 ↑	Newham	59	6 ↑
4 Streatham I	60½	6½	Mitcham	58½	6½ ↓	Streatham II	54½	6
5 Wood Green I	73	6	Wimbledon I	49	4½	Richmond II	47	5½
6 Ilford I	67	6	Hackney II	46½	4 ↓	Hammersmith	52	5
7 Kings Head I	58½	4½	Barbican II	49	3	Cavendish II	47	4½
8 Beckenham & Bromley	53	4½	Wanstead I	44	3	Lewisham II	45½	3½
9 Cavendish I	60½	4	Gravesend	41½	3	Wimbledon II	45	3
10 Lewisham I	56	3	Metropolitan I	41½	2½	Barbican III	40½	½ ↓
11 Mushrooms	52½	3	Woodbridge	39½	2½	Stock Exchange	38½	½ ↓
12 Drunken Knights	56½	1½ ↓						
Division 4	GP	MP	Division 5	GP	MP	Division 6	GP	MP
1 Ilford II	52	8 ↑	Wimbledon III	58½	8 ↑	Ilford III	64	9½ ↑
2 Morley College I	56½	6 ↑	Beck & Brmley II	65½	7½ ↑	Capablanca	48½	7½ ↑
3 Metropolitan II	53½	5½ ↑	West London	51½	6½ ↑	Intl Students II	58½	7 ↑
4 Battersea I	49	5	Waltham Forest	46	4 ↑	Kings Head IV	51½	4½ ↑
5 Ateneo Monarchs	43½	4½	Barbican IV	48½	3	GLCC II	27½	1 ↑
6 Wanstead II	41½	3	London Deaf	43	2½	DHSS II	32½	½
7 Athenaeum II	40½	3	Morley College II	34	2	Barbican V	23½	-1
8 Willesden	38½	2½	GLCC I	34	1			
9 DHSS I	36½	1½ ↓	Metropolitan III	32	½			
10 Kings Head III	36½	1½ ↓	Battersea II	29	½			

No relegations in Division 5. (Isn't it going to be a bit big next year?) The odd-looking relegations in Division 2 were "by Committee decision", don't know what criteria they used. A note by Charlton in Division I says "withdrawn". They completed their fixtures; perhaps their withdrawal is for next season. Results Bob Turnham.

KENT Leagues 1997-8: Finals Day 31.5.98

County Cup Maidstone 3½ 2½ Charlton; Lewis Cup Rainham II *3 3 Dartford & Swanley II; Stevenson Cup Chislehurst II 4 2 Thanet II; En Passant Cup Hayes III 3½ 2½ Medway I; Harvey Cup Charlton V 5½ ½ Danson II; Tom Fuller Cup Sidcup V *2 2 Charlton VI. Individual: Open Ian Watson, again; Major Malcolm Mourant; Intermediate Steve Chick; Minor Alan Fraser.

NATIONAL CLUB

UNDER 175

Semi-finals Morecambe 1½ 3½ Guildford; Hastings 4½ ½ Southbourne

Plate semi-finals Bradford 1½ 3½ Huddersfield; Milton Keynes 3 2 Cosham

UNDER 150

Semi-finals Maidstone 3 2 Bourne End; Rose Forgrove 3 2 Thornbury

Plate semi-finals Hastings & St Leonards 2½ 2½ *Cardiff; Yorkshire Copperworks 1½ 3½ Kings Head

UNDER 125

Semi-finals Alwoodley 3 2 Rushall; Cowley 3½ 2½ Tunbridge Wells

Plate semi-finals Great Lever 2½ 2½ *Ashfield; Reading* 2½ 2½ Waltham Forest

UNDER 100

Full results, since we haven't given any yet and there were only ten entries.

Rd 1 Grays 1 4 Reading; Maidstone 4 1 Eastbourne; Coulsdon & Purley 2 3 Basingstoke; Finchley w/o scr Syston, who decided to play in the Plate; Grappenhall bye; and Rose Forgrove withdrew.

Rd 2 Grappenhall 3½ 1½ Finchley

Semi-finals Grappenhall 2½ 2½ *Basingstoke; Reading 4½ ½ Maidstone

PLATE

Rd 1 (or semi-finals) Eastbourne 2 3 Coulsdon & Purley; Syston w/o scr Grays. (Must be some records here. It can't be often a team gets all the way to a national final by means of two match defaults, one of which is its own. At any rate they *must* have beaten the record for Least Overall Travelling Distance. Controller slipped up there.)

HANDICAP RAPIDPLAY

Semi-finals Cowley (183) 4½ 3½ Keynsham (183); Guildford A (207) 6½ 1½ Slough (163). Slough were 235 when they beat Maidstone (231) in the quarter-final.

Plate Semi-finals Abercynon (163) 5½ 2½ Southampton Univ (150); Imperial College (186) 4½ 3½ Mushrooms (204)

AND THE FINALS at Ratcliffe College 5th July 1998. We've not seen these on the BCF website. Or the Counties Finals, come to that. Why? Huge SCCU representation, so we'll give results in full.

Open

Maidstone			Wood Green			Open Plate Charlton			Bedford		
1 AS Ivanov 228	½	½	John Emms 243			PJ Morris 223	½	½	AJ Ledger 223		
2 IR Watson 213	0	1	Jonathan Levitt 235			AJ Stebbings 203	½	½	DJ Ledger 203		
3 NF Dickenson 210	1	0	Paul Littlewood 211			AE Hanreck 201	0	1	SC Ledger 196		
4 CR Chandler 202	½	½	Andrew Law 206			JD Wager 193	0	1	I Bacon 152		
5 CM Cooley 205	0	1	Jim Poulton 219			NP Donovan 181	1	0	G Valerio 157		
6 CI Howell 186	1	0	Peter Sowray 213			RC Hyde 165	0	1	C Bullock 143		
	3	3					2	4			

Wood Green won on board count

Major

Hastings			Guildford			Major Plate Huddersfield			Milton Keynes		
1 RV Elliston	½	½	JM Shepley			D Firth	½	1	½	0	P Kendall
2 S Cunliffe	½	½	PM Stimpson			T Pogson	½	0	½	1	V Rumsey
3 A Lewis	0	1	M Smart			CP Booth	½	½	½	½	R Mahoney
4 S Blewitt	0	1	MJ Morgan			A Drabble	½	1	½	0	A Elwin
5 D Harvey	0	1	DKA Hughes			R Boylan	½	½	½	½	P Taylor
	1	4					2½	3	2½	2	

You've guessed. They needed a replay. Shouldn't think there's a rule saying the teams have to be identical in a replay, but they were anyway. How about colours reversed?! Don't know whether they were in fact; no colours supplied.

Intermediate

Maidstone			Rose Forgrove			Intermediate Plate Kings Head			Cardiff		
1 RE Lane 140	1	0	CW Davies 133			G Sweetland 149	1	0	C Fox		
2 AM Lawrence 139	0	1	G Smith 130			J Nyman 146	1	0	J Bourke		
3 PM Titmas 139	½	½	R Letton 133			C Fewtrell 146	1	0	T Tarling		
4 SC Mills 130	½	½	S Aleksandrowicz 135			G Brown 143	½	½	Bill Harle		
5 S Thanesan 122	½	½	T Wheldon			N Tomkin 139	½	½	P Keevil		
	2½	2½					4	1			

Maidstone won on board count

Minor

Alwoodley			
1 H Thornton 120	½	½	
2 M Oldham 119	½	½	
3 M Dow 121	1	0	
4 J Frankland 107	1	0	
5 S Johnson 105	1	0	
	4	1	

Cowley

W Tutty
A Collins
J Buchanan
C David
G Morris

Minor Plate

Reading				Ashfield
M Silman 121	0	1		RP Taylor
G Caskie 115	½	½		RM Sayer
CR Berry 113	1	0		D Wilson
MG Tarrant 110	½	½		M Jackson
S Collier 108	½	½		PK Wilkinson
	2½	2½		

Reading won on board count

Under 100

Reading			
1 A Bowhill 93	0	1	
2 B Cieves 90	½	½	
3 M Dent 88	0	1	
4 S Rush 81	1	0	
5 I Sayer 81	1	0	
	2½	2½	

Basingstoke

T Talbot 76
M Bowater 86
J Talbot 94
M Harbourne 89
A Talbot 79

Coulson

J Constable 88	½	½	
A Kelly 85	0	1	
D Morgan 82	½	½	
S Freeman 75	0	1	
E Freeman 14	½	½	
	1½	3½	

Syston

C Shortland 94
G Jarvis 76
P Pearson 96
J Jarvis 66
N Rathod -

Basingstoke won on board count

Handicap Rapidplay

Cowley beat Guildford on handicap. Imperial College won the Plate when Abercynon's handicap (food poisoning) occasioned their withdrawal.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES: SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS

OPEN

Semi-finals

Leics	13.6.98	Kent*	Sussex*	13.6.98	Gtr Manchester	
1 M Hebden 247 (W)	½	½	DH Cummings 208	1	0	AA Smith 208 (B)
2 G Lawton 225	0	1	FJ Kwiatkowski 204	½	½	M Firth 204
3 G Lee 214	0	1	DB Graham 204	1	0	C Beckett 197
4 A Hadzimonolis 197	1	0	LE Rutherford 198	½	½	RA Beach 190
5 V Clemic ¹ 193	0	1	GH James 197	½	½	DI Hulmes 187
6 A Morley 181	½	½	BJ Denman -	0	1	JL Powell 181
7 A Byron 183	0	1	B Cafferty 192	1	0	P Adams 187
8 S Allinson 193	1	0	M Broom 193	½	½	JP McKenna 185
9 PR Davies 178	½	½	SJ Newman 187	½	½	PG Brown 185
10 S Calderwood 181	½	½	PG Farr 179	0	1	AJ Walton 168
11 PJ Horspool 158	1	0	MR Stott 177	0	1	GP Burton 186
12 L Robinson 179	½	½	MO Costley 176	0	1	H Kampmann 183
13 R Burgess 178	½	½	RJ Almond 175	1	0	A Beveridge 185
14 O Hardy 170	½	½	MJ Reddie 168	0	1	H Lamb 184
15 D Bray 179	0	1	AO Pickersgill 169	½	½	A Longson 164
16 P Gibbs 174	½	½	IG Kelly 167	1	0	P Shand 151
(Stanion ²)	7	9	(Syston)	8	8	

¹ Bd 5: Can't identify. ² Can't identify. Could be St Anion, but we can't find that either. Definitely not St Onion.

Sussex won on board count.

Final

Sussex*	14.7.98	Kent	
1 DH Cummings 208	½	½	IR Watson 213 (W)
2 FJ Kwiatkowski 204	0	1	NF Dickenson 210
3 DB Graham 204	½	½	CR Chandler 202
4 GH James 197	0	1	AE Hanreck 201
5 BJ Denman -	1	0	J Naylor 201
6 B Cafferty 192	½	½	LR Gurr 201
7 M Broom 193	½	½	JN Sugden 196
8 MD Nicholas 192	0	1	D Farndon 194
9 SJ Newman 187	0	1	JD Wager 193
10 PG Farr 179	0	1	PP Taylor 191
11 MR Stott 177	0	1	NSW Alfred 190
12 MO Costley 176	1	0	PJ O'Donovan 190
13 RJ Almond 175	½	½	CI Howell 186
14 IG Kelly 167	0	1	JE Scholes 184
15 AO Pickersgill 169	½	½	RMR O'Kelly 183
16 PA Batchelor 168	0	1	NP Donovan 181
(Ratcliffe College)	5	11	

Correction from last issue

U175 quarter-final: Devon - Surrey 16.5.98. Surrey bd 12 was PR Archer 151. We had someone else down as playing 11 and 12 simultaneously. Good thing it was wrong, because the BCF have just made it against the rules. You can now play in two matches at once, but not two boards in the same match. The SCCU, by precedent at least, already don't let you play two boards in the same match. We *think* there's an older precedent banning the other thing as well. In case anyone's wondering, what the rule has in mind is people finishing their game quickly and then playing another one to avoid a default elsewhere. Don't know the BCF's position on players *literally* playing two games at once in adjacent matches.

MINOR COUNTIES

Semi-final			Final		
Worcestershire	13.6.98	Herts*	Suffolk	4.7.98	Herts*
1 GM Boyce 189 (B)	0 1	Simon JB Knott 226	Nick Pert 222 (B)	½ ½	Simon JB Knott 226
2 M Burrows 189	½ ½	Steve Swanson 201	Richard Pert 221	1 0	Steve Swanson 201
3 P Kitson 178	1 0	Phil G Maguire 198	Karl Bowden 223	1 0	Philip Borman "201"
4 R Thomas 176	½ ½	Paul V Byway 196	Mike Cook 191	½ ½	Phil G Maguire 198
5 J Edge 175	½ ½	Andrew Gilfillan 187	Ian Wallis 188	0 1	Paul V Byway 196
6 M Bissell 167	½ ½	Kevin R Clark 188	Shaun Munson 183	1 0	Andrew Gilfillan 187
7 D Joshi 163	0 1	Howard L Tebbs 182	Edmund Player 181	1 0	Kevin R Clark 188
8 I Howarth 161	1 0	JN Fraser-Mitchell 179	Steve Gregory 180	1 0	Howard L Tebbs 182
9 A Taylor 157	1 0	Chris E Majer 180	Paul Botham 176	½ ½	JN Fraser-Mitchell 179
10 G Herbert 157	0 1	John R Denton 177	David Spence 175	1 0	John R Denton 177
11 M Bethel 153	½ ½	Steve J Tovey 168	Alex Charity 165	1 0	Chris E Majer 180
12 J Foxall 153	0 1	Philip J Gregory 169	John Feavoyour 164	0 1	Steve J Tovey 168
13 E Horwill 147	½ ½	D Ross Brennan 175	Stephen Ruthen 164	0 1	Philip J Gregory 169
14 J Gittus 145	0 1	Barry Morris ¹ 161	Mike Taylor 163	½ ½	D Ross Brennan 175
15 J Peters 143	0 1	David E Bower 159	Tim Lunn 161	½ ½	Barry Morris 161
16 J Wilson 141	0 1	Steven Weston 150	Tony Rubin 154	1 0	David E Bower 159
(Long Hanborough)	6 10		(Ratcliffe College)	10½ 5½	

¹ Bd 14: our invitation to Marry Morris, made two issues back, was made without his consent. He's spoken for.

For what it's worth, both sides were somewhat over the 180 limit they're introducing next season. Last year's finalists were way over it.

UNDER 175

Semi-final			Final		
Essex*	13.6.98	Devon	Essex*	4.7.98	Yorks
1 Andrew R Brett 173	1 0	Peter CR Lane 170 (W)	Andrew R Brett 173	½ ½	D Firth 174 (W)
2 Trevor D Coote 173	1 0	Andrew M Dunn 167	Trevor D Coote 173	½ ½	AJ Slinger 168
3 George McNally 172	0 1	Alan W Brusey 166	Tim Hebbes 174	1 0	G Frost 172
4 William L Saunders 171	1 0	Dave Regis 164	Larry Marden 169	½ ½	CC Williams 167
5 Peter C Doye 170	0 1	Andrew Pickering 163	Roy Heppinstall 170	0 1	M Allison 167
6 Larry Marden 169	1 0	Chris J Bellers 161	WL Saunders 171	1 0	M Hankinson 163
7 David J Millward 168	0 1	Peter E Halmkin 159	Peter C Doye 170	1 0	T Braithwaite 171
8 Ivor BN Smith 161	1 0	Nick A Frost 156	Martin McCall 171	½ ½	SJ Mann 156
9 Ken W Clow 173	½ ½	Mark Blackmore 153	Ivan J Myall 169	0 1	B Hare 162
10 Colin R Ramage 167	0 1	Daniel Hill 153	Ivor BN Smith 161	1 0	J Hamm 171
11 Ian D Hunnable 166	1 0	Ewan TA Walton 152	David J Millward 168	½ ½	D Studdard 164
12 Les J Crane 164	0 1	John G Gorodi 150	Ken W Clow 173	½ ½	AJ Deighton 158
13 Roberto E Waldteufel 163	½ ½	Mark V Abbott 149	Ian D Hunnable 166	½ ½	MJ Clarke 157
14 Neville H Twitchell 160	1 0	Bill Ingham 144	Colin R Ramage 167	1 0	CS Dossett 154
15 Andy D Hartland 160	1 0	Steve Homer 144	RE Waldteufel 163	½ ½	Peter Shaw 151
16 Dave Pearse 158	½ ½	Ivor S Annetts 142	NH Twitchell 160	1 0	P Peck 135
(Wootton Bassett)	9½ 6½		(Ratcliffe College)	10 6	

UNDER 150

Semi-finals			Final		
Kent*	13.6.98	Cambs	Warwicks	13.6.98	Essex*
1 C Charles 149 (W)	1 0	P Ribbands 149	Robert Reynolds 148	½ ½	John White
2 D Helsby 149	0 1	N Greenwood 147	Mike Fox 149	½ ½	Steve Williams 147
3 G Steele 149	½ ½	PA Martin 145	Ian Fisher 149	0 1	Tom Winter 147
4 A Heard 148	0 1	J Daugman 145	Tony Hickey 148	1 0	Keith Jones
5 M Wiltshire 148	½ ½	L Barham 144	Joe Soesan 148	½ ½	Mark Murrell 146
6 M Finch 146	0 1	M Misson 143	Mark Drugan 144	0 1	Tony Drake 145
7 M Jordan 146	1 0	M Wells 143	Chris Charman 147	½ ½	Jason Roberts 145
8 K Kingston 146	½ ½	M Connolly 143	Ameet Ghasi 128	1 0	Alan Parsons 139
9 A Mata 146	1 0	P Barkas 142	Derek Reeves 131	½ ½	Phil Zammit 138
10 C Davis 145 ¹	0 1	S Manteghi 142	Will Harwood 136	0 1	David Bird 133
11 D Davis 145 ¹	0 1	R Donaghay 141	Warren Archibald 137	0 1	Ian McLachlan 132
12 P Titmas 139	1 0	M Szymanski 138	Paul Hufton 139	0 1	Barry Sheppard 130
13 I Hames 140	0 1	S Pride 138	Terry Walker 134	1 0	David Payne 132
14 S Casement 137	½ ½	H Tittel 134	Marek Sosynski 135	1 0	Iain Gunn 116
15 S Chick 128	1 0	R Newman 131	Glenn Windows 133	1 0	Bill Paterson 125
16 P Childs 128	1 0	S Hart 125	Arthur Kent 134	1 0	Terry Cole 123
(Charlton House)	8 8		(Bedford)	8½ 7½	

Cambs won on board count.

¹ Bds 10, 11: no error. They're both real.

U150 Final: Cambs 8 8 *Warwicks

UNDER 125

Semi-final: Oxon won

Final: Lancs 9 7 Oxon

Neither of these results received in detail, or from Oxon at all.

UNDER 100

Semi-final			Final		
Essex	20.6.98	Surrey*	Essex*	4.2.78	Merseyside
1 N Nice 99 (B)	1 0	Alec Palmer 99	Nigel Nice 99 (W)	0 1	Ben Shorter 76
2 P Daley 98	1 0	John Darling 98	C John Benton 99	½ ½	Martin O'Neil 86
3 J Sneesby 98	1 0	Ben Morgan 90j	Philip Daley 98	½ ½	Dave Hurley 94
4 J Winkworth 98	1 0	Bartek Jablonski 91j	John Sneesby 98	1 0	Kevin Matchett 89
5 K Bates 97	0 1	Oliver Wilson 99j	Julian Winkworth 98	1 0	Graham Moore 79
6 G Walker 96	1 0	Laila Tillett 98	Katherine Bates 97	½ ½	Bobby Holmes 88
7 M Bridger 95	1 0	Harvey Murray-Smith 96	Graham Walker 96	1 0	Ron Ellis 79
8 R Prickett 95	1 0	Lana Boztas 93	Michael Bridger 95	1 0	Mike Johnson 58
9 S Trent 93	1 0	Chris Chapman -	Ron Prickett 95	1 0	John Bendon 59
10 M Cain 90	0 1	Robert Hamilton -	Stewart Trent 93	1 0	Tom Loughlin 76
11 H Walker 77	0 1	Richard Davey 96	Mark S Jones 92	1 0	Bart McHugh
12 E Morris 77	0 1	David Wallis 91	Matthew Cain 90	1 0	Ted Mephram 49
(Basildon)	8 4		(Ratcliffe College)	9½ 2½	

And a reminder (incorporating a couple of corrections):

SCCU COUNTY MATCHES 1998-9: OPEN FIXTURES

Oct 10	BrH BuK ESy	Jan 16	BrE CSx HK OSy
17		23	(4NCL)
24	(4NCL)	30	BuBr EC SyH SxO
31	HC KBr SyBu SxE	Feb 6	
Nov 7	CO	13	CBu HSx KSy OE
14	BrSy BuSx CK OH	20	
21	(4NCL)	27	BrC BuO EH SxK
28	EBu KO SyC SxBr	Mar 6	(SCCU U18 qualifier)
Dec 5		13	HBu KE OBr SySx
12		20	

These fixtures are identical to last year's except that venues have been reversed. Dates should be firm by now. Counties have had plenty of time to make noises about them and we've not heard that anyone has. But don't re-arrange anything for the 6th March, that's the date of the SCCU U18 team qualifier. And do tell the Controller and Bulletin about re-arranged dates.

4NCL dates include the Sunday as well.

Other SCCU divisions: entry deadline 15 August.

BCF GRADING LIST will be a little late this year. It was to have been out for the start of the British, but we understand they didn't make it. More like half way through the British, the prediction is, and we've heard more pessimistic estimates. Not an auspicious start for the new system. There are some omissions, as usual, though none in the SCCU that we know of. Problem is, a grader may submit all his results at the end of the year, and only then do you discover that chunks from last autumn are missing. We're in transition, but even when the system's fully on stream it's hard to see what you do about the organiser who stalls you. At least this year the BCF seem to *know* what isn't in.

To change the subject completely, we looked some grades up the other day - 1997 ones - and found we'd got the wrong sort. Standardplay when it should have been Rapid. So we looked the right sort up as well, and it set us wondering. We talked to the Beast in the end, and it looked some more up. It checked everyone who appears in both the 1997 (standardplay) master list and the November 1997 Rapidplay list. It found 3718 of them. And it said, mean Standardplay grade (for those players) 83. Mean Rapidplay, 96. Players "better" at Rapidplay, 53½%. Better at Standardplay, 44½%. And 2% were ambidextrous.

Take these figures salted. The Standard grades included the two-game merchants, and the Rapid ones didn't. (Well, who plays two Rapid games?) But what really struck us was how low the grades were. The Bulletin thinks of your "average" (standardplay) player as being 120-ish, used to be more. Depends what you mean by average, and whether you include the two-game merchants. For people with 10+ games in the latest season, 1997 mean is around 118. But things are happening in Rapidplay. The highest (November) Rapidplay grade is an oddball 281, followed by a few in the 250s, but the lowest is 3 (five of them) and there's a hell of a lot of "weak" players there who just wouldn't have been on the circuit ten years ago. The organisers know this. How many U80 events did they run ten years ago? The Bulletin does not know how many of the low-graded people are juniors, but quite a lot it imagines, and it welcomes them whoever they are. SP events, for whatever reason, have suffered a downturn of 10%+ this year in terms of games graded; and to the best of our knowledge RP ones haven't. RP could be the future of English chess.

Lowest grade in the 1997 (standard) list is 1, based on lots of games, and it belongs to someone called J Hodgson.

You didn't think we'd leave it at that, did you? Our own RP grading this year - Kent juniors - came up with a few people who'd have been below zero if the system had allowed it. (It doesn't.) The zero needs to come down a bit. Say, add 100 to everyone's grade. Your Editor would quite like to be 252. No, we're serious. We've an impression that some people would think it mathematically wrong, but they're, well, wrong. When they invented the system, don't know how many years ago, the zero was probably in a sensible place. It isn't, any more.

On the Internet

There was comment at the SCCU AGM (see page 1) to the effect that the Union ought to have a website. We've been browsing, in a desultory sort of way, to see what's around. The BCF's long-promised website is now a reality. There isn't all that much in it, but you can see it's a building site. It's growing. At the time of writing, lots of things aren't in it that ought to be. Three-week-old Counties Finals results, for example. Suppose they can't include what no one sends. In the fulness of time they will, OF COURSE, put the list of names and addresses in, and update it when it changes. June Yearbook deadline, indeed. But they will have to train the counties, and the counties will have to train the clubs, to tell them when changes happen. Your Editor knows what club secretaries are, he is one. The BCF are at www.bcf.org.uk. Or www.bcf.ndirect.co.uk, seems to have changed. Hate those dots, you can't tell them from full stops. The one on the end is a full stop, and it goes with the sentence. Don't think addresses can end with dots.

The only SCCU county site we know of, but we're pig ignorant, is Essex Juniors at www.chess.ndirect.co.uk. It's worth a visit. And we've just found the Surrey Girls site with the daunting temporary name of http://vzone.virgin.net/qw.erty/sgc_home.htm. That's another thing with website names, they spill over onto the next line and you can't put a hyphen in. Spell check goes berserk, as well. You get into that one quickly once you've typed it.

The 4NCL website (www.cableinet.co.uk/users/jsaunders/nclindex.htm) hasn't exactly been of use to us, because we've had the results by email from Adam Raof: adam@circuit.demon.co.uk. The 4NCL links keep us waiting so long for (unwanted) pictures, in the interesting bits, that we've never had the patience to wait for them. Adam will also provide by email, for anyone who wants it, reams of info on forthcoming high-level events and results of recent ones. He'll swamp you. email's quick, and I refuse to give it a capital E even if it is the first word in the sentence. For wasted time by contrast, there's a Chess Monthly website (address withheld) which takes 15 minutes to load bits of pictures, then tells you nothing and invites you to subscribe.

The Bulletin hasn't got a website, but by email it's rjh@thefree.net. Mail is checked daily. Our website will be the SCCU one, when it has a webmaster. Bit Dungeony that, but it's a nice word.

CONGRESS DIARY

- Aug 15 GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY. Adam Raof, 21 Golderton, Prince of Wales Close, Hendon, London NW4 4QZ
- 21-23 THANET at Broadstairs. Open; U165,130,100. AD Hargreaves, 1 Medina Avenue, Whitstable, Kent CT5 4EN
- 29-31 BERKS & BUCKS at Twyford. 170+; U170; plus graded sections. NW Dennis, Boundary House, 230 Greys Rd, Henley on Thames, Oxon RG9 1QY: tel/fax 01491 576052
- Sep 6-12 PAIGNTON Open; U170,125 7 rds; U150 5 rds; Graded sections 7rds APA or nearly. EA Crickmore, 5 Hereford Close, Exmouth, Devon EX8 5QT
- 19 GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY. Adam Raof, 21 Golderton, Prince of Wales Close, Hendon, London NW4 4QZ
- Oct 16-18 MAIDSTONE BCQ. Open; U160,130,105; Rapidplay Sunday. NC Mackett, Claire House, Maidstone, Kent ME16 0UE. Enquiries to Lyndon Gurr, 13 Neath Court, Northumberland Rd, Maidstone ME15 7JS: home 01622 758448; work 01622 696543. Work number recommended; he's never at home and he doesn't answer messages. (That's not in the leaflet.)
- 17 GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY. Adam Raof, 21 Golderton, Prince of Wales Close, Hendon, London NW4 4QZ

Quotes

"Frankly I don't think the Board will contribute anything useful." - From an Officer's paper, circulated with the agenda of the BCF Management Board meeting 20.6.98.

"78% of [the juniors] were boys. Only 22% were girls." And from the ridiculous...

"I felt bored and depressed, and, not knowing what to do, I started reading Gauss's two memoirs on biquadratic residues, which I had never read before." - André Weil. Not chess, but we couldn't resist it.

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