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Very brief issue this time. Let's kick off with the Meetings.

SCCU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive met on Friday 4th September 1998 at the Durham Castle, London W2. 16 attended.

(1) European Team Championships 1999. The President said he would be keen to run an "SCCU Executive" team in a sideshow event. Some people expressed interest. Teams of four, we think it is, plus one (presumably optional) reserve.

(2) Grading. The Grading Secretary said the data for the SCCU (and SCCU County) lists was complete. The SCCU list was not yet with the printer (but with any luck you'll have yours by now). The lucky ones were people who'd asked for electronic lists: he expected to be posting to them very soon. There would, once again, be some differences between the BCF and SCCU lists. This was due partly to corrections, but mainly to the inclusion of late results from Lancs and Cleveland. Probably fewer than 50 SCCU people would be affected. The SCCU list, if you hadn't worked it out, is the accurate one. That's the advantage of coming out later.

There was philosophical discussion, but no vote or agreement, on whether corrected grades should count for eligibility in county matches. Legally, at the moment, what counts is your highest grade published "for the start of the relevant season". Whatever that means. As an aside, Kent have just entered an U100 team. They were able to do so because their secretary's grade has come down to 99 and he volunteered as match captain. If he goes up to 100 as the result of a correction, do you tell him he can't play? Risk is, the team goes with him. That's an extreme case, but extreme cases are a good test of rules. Later: he didn't, but that's as it happens.

(3) SCCU County matches. The County Match Controller had been pleased with the counties' prompt entries, and the fixture list had been out on the 28th August. There were 31 teams altogether, two more than last year. We had 3 qualifiers in the Open and U125, but in the U125 it depended on no one defaulting any matches.

(4) Juniors. For the new U14 +U90 competition, entries had been received from Berks, Bucks and Oxon. Herts and Essex were still looking for organisers, and Kent had said no. Not sure about the other counties.

The U18 Jamborees 1999 would be at RGS Guildford on the 6th March.

SCCU U18 and U14 titles 1998-9 would be awarded at the Surrey Congress 1999; the U18 no doubt in the Open and the U14 to be decided. The U11 would be at the London Junior Championships 1998. No firm plans beyond this season, but we might go to U10 or lower.

Trouble in Middx. This one runs and runs. Middx, noting from the last Bulletin that they had joined the English Counties Girls Chess Federation, wondered why they didn't know about it. Turned out that the ECGCF had approached BH Birchall, rather than the organisation we call Middx. BH Birchall is not an accredited Middx officer. Having accepted a "Middx" entry from BHB, the ECGCF would not entertain one from Middx. The ECGCF is an independent body and it was not clear that the Union could do anything about this. Someone suggested withholding publicity/results in the Bulletin, and the Editor said no way. A complicating factor is that the ECGCF is being administered, for the time being, by the Surrey Girls Chess League which appears to be affiliated to an SCCU member county. We say "appears" because at the meeting no one was very sure of the SGCL's status within the county. It was resolved to write to the Surrey President asking what his county's position was.

(5) BCF Matters. The Executive discussed some things that were coming up at the September Council meeting, but the interesting bits are in the next Report down.

(6) Essex Centenary Match. Progress is being made, and lots of people should be getting invitations to play.

(7) SCCU Website. Progress here as well. The Union actually hopes to have a website fairly soon. It even has some ideas about what's going to go in it, but suggestions will be welcome.

(8) Herts Open team. Herts have abolished the rule which gave their County Champion the right to play on top board! Editor's note: the rule did not conflict with SCCU rules, but potentially it placed severe restrictions on Herts team selection. Perhaps that's why they abolished it.

BCF COUNCIL MEETING

Council met in Bristol on Saturday 26th September 1998. Management Board met in the morning as well, but we have no report of that (as if you wanted one). Council meeting, though firmly chaired for once, was inordinately long. From 1.30 nominal to 6.38 actual and still, inevitably, it didn't get through the business. Voices were only raised once, to speak of. Now, what did it do? Very selectively, and reflecting your Editor's views on what's interesting, and in no particular order:

(1) Elections. In a contested election for Chairman the meeting preferred the incumbent, Stewart Reuben, to Bruce Holland. Voting was 124 to 86 with a few abstentions (and one vote, of probably humorous intent, in favour of someone who was not a candidate). Council created a new post of Marketing Director and elected Mario Houska to it.

(2) Hastings International Chess Centre. Council endorsed the Federation's plans and gave the go-ahead for various necessary actions; bearing in mind, of course, that the whole thing is contingent on Lottery money and that

in its absence we are committed to nothing and have lost nothing. The BCF would have to raise about £300,000 (or it may be £400,000, the figure's in the papers somewhere). An MCCU delegate observed, with some reason we think, that the plan seemed to have been snowballing for a long time now without ever coming before Council. It really was for Council, and not the Management Board or a few individuals, to say whether we *wanted* an International Centre. And, if so, where we wanted it. Some were sceptical of the Centre's value. We wouldn't say there was a consensus, but a clear majority was impressed by the commitment of the Hastings Council (who had already bought the premises) and the work that had gone into negotiations over the last couple of years. No similar opportunity elsewhere was remotely visible, or ever had been. Many were genuinely excited by the prospects on offer. And Council endorsed it. The Lottery decision will not be known for some months, but informed quarters said that the things we proposed were bang in line with Heritage requirements. There was no guarantee that the BCF would be able to raise its £300,000 or £400,000 anyway, and if it didn't nothing would happen. It would mean sponsorship. There was quiet, but unspecific, optimism about sponsorship.

This is not the place to detail the BCF's vision for the Centre. (Did you notice we'd slipped a buzz-word in?) Your Editor has long felt that the Federation has done itself less than justice in getting the message across. It's got a magazine and a website.

(3) Objects of the BCF. Well, your Editor likes rules. These got crowded out last time. This time the reason they got postponed was that the agenda included an Amendment to the proposed Objects, but unfortunately not the proposed Objects themselves. So the postal voters were disenfranchised. Look forward to it next time.

(4) Grading (and Game Fee). The Director proposed a number of things, mostly more or less related to the new system currently being introduced. In some cases he had no special preference but wanted to know the views of Council; and in all cases (we think) the final decision is for later. Costings as regards Game Fee had not been done. (a) Rapidplay Game Fee to go up from 50% of Standard to 75%. No. (b) Grades in the half-year list to be fully re-calculated, rather than just reprinted from August with corrections incorporated. Yes. There were some who thought one grade a year was enough, and some were worried because the problem of which-grade-to-use-for-borderline-date-congresses would happen twice a year instead of once. (c) DMs to be exempt from Game Fee in all events rather than just congresses. No. It was not clear how DMs would benefit in leagues, where payment was not by individuals anyway. (d) Juniors to be exempt from Game Fee in all events, rather than just all-junior events. No. In both (c) and (d) there was some feeling that the proposals, administratively convenient in the new system, would have the tail wag the dog. (e) Game Fee to be introduced for internal club games, initially at one-third of standard rate. Yes. That surprised even the Director. A similar proposal was rejected by Council about a year ago. Your Editor is betting it will be re-rejected before any of this becomes law. (f) Internal club games to have one-third the weighting of other games in calculating your grade, irrespective of decisions about Game Fee. Council: on your bike.

(5) Juniors. Fair bit of sniping here (following a rather lively public meeting during the British, we believe). There was some concern about a £2000 debt which we had run up with the BCF Junior Squad. Speaking of the Junior Squad, people queried the division of responsibilities between it and the BCF when it came to selection. Those who did not already know may have been interested to learn that the BCF Junior Squad is really the "BCF" Junior Squad. It is autonomous and makes its own selections for the events it enters. However, it has by long-standing arrangement had the BCF's permission to use the BCF name in its title. Some thought this misleading to say the least. The Management Board has been aware of the problem, but we think no one said what it's doing about it.

BCF selection came under fire. Somebody wanted to raise the question of a Sussex junior, well under 10, who might very plausibly have been entered for the World U10, but had not been. The question was ruled off limits. The player was not named, for reasons of confidentiality, but someone associated with the Junior Squad has been less inhibited in the national press. One worrying thing is that two people at the top table said they had heard independently, from members of the BCF selection committee, that the committee had never been asked to consider the U10 selections. The Junior Director said they had. Your Editor has no idea who's right, and the best he can hope is that it's a misunderstanding.

(6) NCCU Centenary 1999. The papers of the meeting contained a proposal to give a sum of money to the NCCU for their centenary. The NCCU said this was the first they had heard of it, they hadn't requested it, and they were not aware that other Unions had been so subsidised. The proposal was dropped.

(7) Reports. We said this account would reflect what your Editor finds interesting. Council discussed and accepted all sorts of reports, on matters often financial, and while not sufficiently interested to cover them we do not for a moment deny their importance. Interested readers are referred elsewhere.

(8) Council venues 1999. April: London. September: Birmingham. A suggestion to start these meetings earlier, in an attempt to get through the business, was not taken up.

ROUND AND ABOUT

ESSEX Champion is Graham Reid (Billericay). They have a proper two-day tournament for it, and this year's was 18-19 July at Writtle. Not a very representative entry, but that happens in county championships. 2nd = were Russell White and Tom Winter, and Tom Winter (147) took the Minor Championship.

KENT Summer Quickplay (with grading handicap) has gone to Maidstone who gleefully beat Hastings (at last) in the semi-final. They went on to beat Lewisham on board count in the Final at the end of August. Teams of 4, but Scheveningen so 16 boards overall, and board count means a close match. Final often seems to go to board count.

SUSSEX results 1997-8:

McArthur Cup: 9 clubs competed altogether. Northern The Holt; Western Worthing; Central/Eastern Hastings who, once again, had no opponents. Brighton went straight to the semi-finals. They beat Worthing in one of them, and Hastings beat The Holt in the other. Final: Hastings 3 3 *Brighton. (Ed: - if the Champions get free passage to the semi-finals, as seems to be the case, and Hastings get there by default anyway, how do you get four teams into the semi-finals when Hastings *are* the Champions? Perhaps it's not allowed.) **Mid-Sussex League** appears in *Sussex Chess* under "News from the Leagues", suggesting that it's not actually run by the SCCA. That was already our impression. Whatever its status, its size always makes it look like the "real" Sussex Championship. It has a scoring system which we worked out a few years ago but had forgotten. Think it's Games at 1 for a win and ½ for a draw, *plus* Matches at 2 for a win and 1 for a draw. Don't know how they split ties. Div 1 (11 teams) 1 Lewes 52½; 2 Brighton 51½; 3 Hastings 51½... Div 2 (11 teams) 1 Eastbourne II 52½; 2 Worthing 42; 3 Brighton II 41½... Div 3 (9 teams) 1 Crawley II 35½; 2 Horsham II 35; 3 Woodpushers (formerly Brighton & Hove 6th Form College) 32... Div 4 (10 teams) 1 Crawley III 46; 2 Hassocks II 41; 3 Brighton IV 38½... **South-West Sussex League** (5 teams) 1 Bognor & Arun 11/16; 2 Emsworth 9... **Sussex Jamboree** (13 teams) 1-2 Aldrington House, Brighton I. **Individual:** County Champion LE Rutherford; Veterans RH Williams; West Sussex Queen PS Smith; East Sussex Queen JA Dodgson. **Juniors** (sorry if you've had any of this before): Championships 2-3 May 1998 U18 (6 pl) 1-2 John Bryant, Edward Lamb; U14 (20 pl) 1 Sang Nguyen; Ann Gammans Cup Grace Yip; Best U11 Danny Glebocki. And U11 22nd November 1997 (88 pl) 1 Matthew Moore; 2-3 Wayne Chim, Zak Nathan... And teams: U11 (42 teams) Seaford A; U9 (14 teams) Sedlescombe; U7 (3 teams) Dorset House, Bury; U11 Girls (9 teams) St Thomas Groombridge. No report of competitions for school teams at secondary level, unless we've missed it.

Idiosyncratic enough for you, Paul?

Results *Sussex Chess*

LONDON LEAGUE

You may remember we remarked on the odd-looking relegations in Division 2 last time. It turns out that a couple of teams tried to disguise some double-defaults by putting fictitious results in. Draws, presumably. They did this because defaults can incur penalties. So the committee relegated them. We're speculating about how they found out.

Charlton aren't exactly withdrawing from the League, they're being absorbed by Beckenham. Charlton fans needn't worry, the club is alive and kicking and has lots of teams in the Kent leagues.

The London League is losing its Bishopgate venue at the end of the year.

Oh, and **Corrections.** **National Club** 1997-8. We reported that, in the HANDICAP RAPIDPLAY FINAL, Cowley had beaten Guildford on handicap. In fact Cowley were the higher-graded team, they needed to win 4½-3½ or better, and 4½-3½ is what they got. In the MINOR PLATE FINAL, Reading *lost* on board count. The footnote was wrong, not the results.

CONGRESS RESULTS

GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY 15th August 1998

Open (13 pl) 1 GM Jim Plaskett (Barbican) 6/6; 2 IM Michael Basman (Chessington) 5; 3-4 Chris White (Cavendish), Abimbola Adelaja (Hampstead) 4...

Major U160 (20 pl) 1 Alfredo Luaces (King's Head) 5/6; 2-3 Dave Faldon (Hendon), E Michael White (Downend and Fishpond) 4½; 4-5 Paul Kelly (ISH), Donny Muter (Richmond), Nick de Peyer (Hampstead) 4...

Minor U130 (35 pl) 1 Alan Hughes (Kentish Town) 5½/6; 2 Ivo Tzenov (Imperial College) 5; 3-4 Walter Thorpe (London), Michael Connock (St Albans) 4½...

Amateur U100 (28 pl) 1-2 Stephen Guy (Ramsgate), David Everitt (Haywards Heath) 5/6; 3-4 Joseph Al-Malah (Danson), Clive Blackburn (Northampton) 4½...

Results Adam Raouf

3rd HAMPSTEAD CHESS FESTIVAL 10-23 August 1998 at University College School, Hampstead

Sponsored by the British Chess Federation and the Friends of Chess.

GM Group (16 pl) 1 J Plaskett ENG 2455 11/15; 2-3 B Kreiman USA 2455, K Sashikiran IND 2470 10½; 4 T Hillarp-Persson SWE 2410 9½; 5 L Kaufman USA 2400 9; 6-7 D Gormally ENG 2400, P Szekely HUN 2465 8; 8 M Houska ENG 2375 7½; 9-11 A Dunnington ENG 2365, E Dearing SCO 2295, R Burnett USA 2395 7; 12 N McDonald ENG 2490 6½; 13 D Ippolito USA 2430 6; 14 J Aagaard DEN 2420 5½; 15 D Kopec USA 2400 5; 16 R Kaufman USA 2230 2.

IM Tournament (12 pl) 1 Simon Knott ENG 2340 8½/11; 2 Karl Mah ENG 2330 8; 3 Simon Williams ENG 2335; 4-5 Thomas Bree GER 2175, Richard Palliser ENG 2175 6; 6-7 Claude Adrian FRA 2310, John Naylor ENG 2240 5½; 8 Robert G Wade ENG 2200 5; 9 Andrew Whiteley ENG 2240 4½; 10 Endre Vegh HUN 2340 4; 11 Arpi Shah IND 2030 3½; 12 Paul Georghiou ENG 2230 3

Open (21 pl) 1 Ilya Shevelev ENG - 6½/9; 2-3 Shanker Menon ENG 2170, Stanislav Larski RUS 2190 6; 4-8 Ihab Salem PLE 2185, Peter P Taylor ENG 2150, Craig Hanley ENG 2010, John H Hodgson ENG 2245, Ninad Ravi Konaknanchi IND 2080 5½...

Results Adam Raof. Six players achieved FIDE part ratings. Five free places in the chess section of the Mind Sports Olympiad, courtesy of David Levy, awarded to Danny Gormally, Boris Kreiman, Karl Mah, Ilya Shevelev and Thomas Quilter. Pairings for the Open, and admin, were done with the help of Swiss Perfect 97, written by Robert Rozyki. All games available from WWW - <http://www.cableinet.co.uk/users/jsaunders/nclindex.htm>

29th THANET at somewhere in Thanet, 21-23 August 1998. Thanet's in Kent.

Open (20 entries) 1 ST Ansell (Bristol) 4½/5; 2 PV Griffiths (Invicta Knights) 4; 3-4 CM Cooley (Maidstone), CE Tippleston (Northampton) 3½... GRADING U185 DS Tucker (Dartford)

"Major" Under Something or Other (29 ent) OK it was U165, but handout *doesn't say*. 1 AJ Bigg (Hayes Kent: age 15) 4½/5; 2-4 A Horton-Kitchlew (Int Students House), RJ Everson (Dartford), JV Kaye (Finchley) 4... GRADING U145 M Owen (Folkestone); Best Thanet BJ Westover (Ramsgate)

Under 130 (38 ent) 1 IK Cross (Hampton) 4½/5; 2-4 S Schreiber (Margate), Lucy Broomfield (South Norwood), RG Page (Broadstairs) 4... GRADING U115 H Hosking (Broadstairs); Best Thanet P Havens (Broadstairs)

Under 100 (30 ent) 1-4 L Garfield (Birchington), N Lang (Hayes Kent), R House (Medway), G Clewley (Margate) 4/5... Best Thanet MP Smalling (Ramsgate)

Special Prizes: JUNIOR J Wassermann-Fry (Whitstable); SENIOR (Over 60) RC Shilling (Ashford) it says here but he's the Charlton secretary

Score of 54% or better by a female player: suppressed

Results Tony Hargreaves

BERKS & BUCKS at Twyford, 29-31 August 1998

Championship (grades 170+: 14 pl) 1 SK Williams (Farnham) 4/5; 2-4 JP Conlon (Reading), JH Hodgson (Woodford Green), SG Peters (Aylesbury) 3½...

Challengers (152-167: 14 pl) 1-2 M Mashayeleh (Maidenhead), KS Ellis (Wheatthampton Herts) 4/5; 3 Philip Thomas (Leighton Buzzard) 3½...

Reserves A (140-151: 16 pl) 1 Koichi B Nicholas (Stoke Poges) 4½/5; 2 JE Hickman (Bracknell) 4...

Reserves B (124-140: 16 pl) 1-4 RA Brown (Earley), JB Hawson (Worcester Park), SC Pride (Cambridge), IG Matthew (Southsea) 3½/5...

Reserves C (111-124: 14 pl) 1 SG Williams (Aldershot) 4½/5; 2-3 JHM Smith (Congleton), A Duncan (London) 3½...

Reserves D (93-109: 16 pl) 1 MK Dent (Reading) 4½/5; 2-3 SM Thacker (Peterborough), AP Challenger (Wendover) 4...

Reserves E (84-93: 16 pl) 1 TK Matilal (Oxford) 5/5; 2-3 DAS Buckland (Oxford), C Kay (Guildford) 3½...

Reserves F (84 and below: 13 pl) 1-2 D Hitchens (Oxford), MR Marquis (Reading) 4/5... Results Nigel Dennis

HENDON 10-MINUTE BLITZ 3rd September 1998 attracted 40 players.

1 Danny Gormally (Hackney) 6/6; 2-4 Nathan White (Finchley), Tryfon Gavriel, Paul Georghiou (both Barnet) 5; 5-12 Aaron Summerscale (Slough), Oliver Williams (London), Paul J Kelly (Chess & Bridge), Ilya Shevelev (Wood Green), Mike Tasker (Hackney), Alecos Ethelontis (Muswell Hill), Roy Sagall (Hampstead), Nicholas Tarlton 4... These tournaments take place on the first Thursday of each month at Hendon Chess Club. Results Adam Raof

19th RICHMOND RAPIDPLAY 13th September 1998

Open (21 pl) 1 Gavin Wall (London) 5/6; 2-4 Graeme Buckley (Wolverhampton), Peter Large (London), Simon Williams (Farnham) 4½... GRADING U200 Peter Varley (Addlestone) 3½; U180 Simon Buckley (Bath) 4

Under 160 (21 pl) 1-5 David Edwards (RJCC/Worcester Park), Sam Essen (Oxshott), Matthew George (High Wycombe), Ross Rattray (RJCC/Cheam), Ilya Shevelev (London) 4½/6... GRADING U140 Ben Chamberlain (Surbiton/RJCC) 3½

Under 120 (43 pl) 1 David Howell (Seaford) 5½/6; 2-3 Naveen Mittell (RJCC/Isleworth), Peter Szabo (Ilford) 5... GRADING U100 Alex Kelly (Caterham), Robert Skinner (Twickenham) 4

Under 80 (24 pl) 1 Paul Kendal (London) 5½/6; 2-3 Azizur Rahman (London), Terry Williams (Dagenham) 5... 2-generation family prize: Miroslav and Ivana Houska (Maidenhead) 8/12. Results Richard James

2nd POWDERMILL RAPIDPLAY at Bumbles Green, 13th September 1998

Premier U183 1 Lorin D'Costa (Royston: 145) 5/5; 2 Thirumurugan Thiruchelvam (Richmond Juniors: 157) 4; 3-4 Caius Turner (Powdermill: 126), Lawrence Trent (Ilford Juniors: 131) 3...

U143 1 Peter Turner (Royston:131) 6/6; 2 Howard Berlin (Ilford: 96) 4½; 3 Stewart Trent (Ilford: 90) 4; 4 Byron Alexandrou (Powdermill: 113) 3... **GRADING U123** Andrew Alexandrou (Powdermill: 82: age 8) 2½; U103 Jamie Berlin (Ilford: 98) 2½
Results Gary Kenworthy

GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY 19th September 1998

Open (13 pl) 1 GM Aaron Summerscale (Slough) 5½/6; 2 Paul Georghiou (Barnet) 4½; 3 Tryfon Gavriel (Barnet) 4...

Major U160 (25 pl) 1 Ilya Shevelev (Wood Green) 5½/6; 2-4 Dave Faldon (Hendon), David Cutmore (Wood Green), Donny Muter (Richmond) 4½...

Minor U130 (26 pl) 1-2 CJ de Mooi (London), Walter Thorpe (London) 5/6; 3 Lucy Smith (Oxford City) 4½; 4-5 Paul Kennelly (Hammersmith), E Barry Sandercock (Bucks) 4...

Amateur U100 (22 pl) 1 John Bussman (Wood Green) 5/6; 2-4 Clive Blackburn (Northampton), Nick Burrows (Bolton), Thomas Dineen (Hendon) 4½...
Results Adam Raof

JUNIOR NEWS

Correction: 242:5. The EPSCA U11 Finals were Girls Finals. We knew that, but forgot to say. What we didn't know was that they were the 1997 Finals, sent in error. 1998 version, if we've got it right now, goes 1 Wey Valley 30/36; 2 Essex 26; 3 Kent 25½... 18 teams.

Don't seem to have published the "Boys" Finals at all, but they were played 9.5.98 at Basildon and they went 1 Kent 48/60; 2 Richmond 46½; 3 Essex 44... 16 teams. And the U9 "Boys", while we're about it, was 25.4.98 at Basingstoke: 1 Richmond 31½/36; 2 Somerset 26½; 3 Hants 24½... 16 teams.

EPSCA SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Finals were end of June in London. U11 winners Northbridge House (Camden); 2 Aldro (Surrey); 3 Temple Sutton (Southend); 4 Garden Suburb (Hampstead). U9 winners Colet Court (London).
Results Peter Walker

MIDDLESEX GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIPS 28th June 1998 had 80+ competitors.

Under 18 1 Iva Anguelov 6/something (Champion for the 3rd time in a row); 2 Disa Leadon 5; 3 Hannah Storer 4; 4 Leigh Johnson 3... U14 title Naomi Attar 4 (so =3rd?); U12 Shefali Maher

Under 11 1 Rachel Lambert 4; 2=4 Anneka Treon, Janany Arunchalam, Stephanie Silverston 3...

Under 10 1 Danielle Gross 6; 2 Mala Kapatee 5; 3-5 Helen Scarlett, Thulasi Navveenan, Sarah Verrall 4...

Under 9 1 Georgina Draper 6; 2 Sussanah Pritchard 5; 3-4 Meera Desai, Meera Shah 4...

Under 8 1 Stephanie Barraclough 6; 2-7 Daijal Taank, Jade Ferrari, Adina Gamse, Louise Northrop, Mia Day, Abigail Manson 4...

Under 7 1 Abigail Cohen 6; 2 Anna Reid 4½; 3-4 Lilian Knight, Mona Naqvi 4...
Results Zoë Ryle

ROTARY TERAFINAL at the Mind Sports Olympiad: Hammersmith 29th August 1998

Terafinal: 1 Adam Hunt; 2 Richard Jones; 3 Chris Dorrington; 4 Iva Anguelov...

Challengers: 1 Matthew Broomfield; 2 Peter Levermore; 3 Ezra Lutton; 4 Lucy Broomfield...

The Bulletin doesn't understand the result table in the press release, but the Terafinal was a 16-player KO, and as you got knocked out you were transferred to the (originally) 14-player Challengers event. Table gives "New Grades 1998". These can't be BCF; there *are* no BCF New Grades 1998. Not Rapidplay, that is. Press release doesn't explain. Perhaps they're grading performance for the event, or perhaps they're unofficial updated estimates.

Batsford Chess Scholarships totalling £1100 have been awarded to the best players from 11 different areas. Batsfords also awarded £1000 worth of books at the Megafinals.

RUSSELL TROPHY JAMBOREE at RGS Guildford, 11th September 1998

1 St Pauls 8/8; 2 Tiffin 7; 3 KCS 5; 4-5 Hampton, RGS 4; 6 Westminster 3; 7 Croydon H 2½; 8 Whitgift 1½; 9 Kingston 1. Teams of 8. Hope you can solve the abbreviations; the Bulletin *thinks* it can. Results AJW Thorn

FIVE COUNTIES U13 GIRLS JAMBOREE 19th September 1998

turned into Four Counties because Essex had something else on. 1 Surrey 18/24; 2 Middx 13; 3 Kent 12; 4 Sussex 4. So either our information is wrong or there was a double default. Don't know whether the event had anything to do with the English Counties Girls Chess Federation, and not sure it matters. (ECGCF now has 11 members: Essex, Berks, Kent, Middx, Oxon, Surrey and Sussex; and, outside the SCCU, Hants, Somerset, Wilts and Yorks.)
Results Chris Higgins

"A problem arose at the British Chess Championships when an U10 appeared to be offered a bribe. A coach was also alleged to be passing tips to a player via the junior's mother. The BCF are dealing with it." - From some county minutes. Hadn't heard about that.

SCCU COUNTY MATCHES 1998-9

Teams entered:

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

All matches are over 16 boards except in the Under 100 (12 boards).

In the fixture list below, the home side is named first. Dates are final unless otherwise agreed by match captains.

Matches asterisked are on dates already changed by agreement. Will match captains please remember to tell the Controller, and also the Bulletin, if they agree changes.

	Open	Under 175	Under 150	Under 125	Under 100
Oct 3					
10	BrH BuK ESy				
17		SxM			ME KH
24	(4NCL)	*SyE		HSx KSy	
31	HC KBr SyBu SxE		SxE HSy KM		
Nov 7	CO	MSy ESx		OK SyH SxE	
14	BrSy BuSx CK OH			MO	EK SyM
21	(4NCL)			*SxK	
28	EBu KO SyC SxBr		SxM EH KSy		KSy HE
Dec 5		SySx EM		SyM	
12					
Jan 9		MSx ESy		ESy KM	
16	BrE CSx HK OSy			HO	
23	(4NCL)	SyM SxE		MH SySx	
30	BuBr EC SyH SxO			OE	SyH MK
Feb 6				*EH	
13	CBu HSx KSy OE		HSx EK SyM	*MSx	
20		SxSy ME		KE	
27	BrC BuO EH SxK		SxK SyE MH	OSy	
Mar 6	(SCCU U18 qualifier)				
13	HBu KE OBr SySx		SySx ME KH	SxO	HM ESy
20				EM HK	

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NOTES TO MATCH CAPTAINS

Remember that the home captain should contact the away captain to confirm arrangements at least one month in advance (or two weeks, for matches played before 13th October).

Match results: Result sheets must be sent to DS 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 DS in advance.

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 has 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.

Richmond Rapid 13.9.98: Best Game

Ashish Mittel - Raith Al-Samarrai

Notes anonymous

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.Be3 e6 7.Qd2 Nge7
 8.Bh6 0-0 9.Bxg7 Kxg7 10.f4 a6 11.Nf3 b5 12.g4 Qc7 13.h4 f5 14.h5
 fxg4 15.hxg6 gxf3 16.f5

(*diagram*)

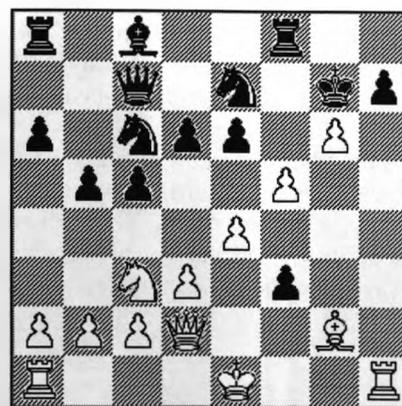
16...Kf6 (...hxg6 was the last chance. [Ed: Fritz, after four hours contemplation, thought this was winning for Black.]

17.e5+ Nxe5

If 17...Kxe5 18.Qe3+ Kf6 19.Ne4+ Ke5 20.Ng3+ Kf6 21.Nh5+
 Kxf5 22.Qf4+ Kxg6 23.Qxf8

or 17...Kxf5 18.Qh6 Kxe5 19.Qg7+ Rf6 20.Rh5+ Nf5 21.Kf2

18.Ne4+ Kg7 19.Qh6+ 1-0



Black to play

Golders Green 19.9.98: Desmond Tan - Aaron Summerscale

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 dxe5 5.Nxe5 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.c4 Nb6 8.Nc3 0-0 9.0-0 N6d7 10.Nf3 Nc6 11.Be3
 e5 12.d5 Ne7 13.b4 h6 14.c5 Nf5 15.Bd2 e4 16.Ne1 Nf6 17.Bc4 Re8 18.Nc2 b6 19.Ne3 Nxe3 20.Bxe3 Ng4
 21.Bd4 Qh4 22.h3 Ne5 23.Bb5 Nf3+ 24.gxf3 Bxh3 25.Be3 Bxc3 26.Bxe8 Rxe8 27.Re1 Bxa1 28.Qxa1 exf3 0-1

CONGRESS DIARY

- Oct 11 ASHFORD (Kent) JUNIOR U18,14,12,10. MPJ Whitwood, 8 Iden Crescent, Staplehurst, Tonbridge, Kent TN12 0NU 01580 892005
- 18 BUCKS JUNIOR at High Wycombe. Under 12,10,8 (LJQ). David Balderson, 116 Woodside Rd, Amersham, Bucks HP6 6NL 01494 722069
- 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. Bulletin's advice: work number recommended. He's never at home and he doesn't answer messages.
- 17 GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY. Adam Raof, 21 Golderton, Prince of Wales Close, Hendon, London NW4 4QZ
- 24-25 1ST RICHMOND WEEKEND CONGRESS. Richard James 0181 898 1190 (H) or 0181 891 7547 (W).
- 26-1 2nd HAMPSTEAD OPEN 9rd FIDE rated. Adam Raof, 21 Golderton, Prince of Wales Close, Hendon, London NW4 4QZ
- Nov 7-8 RGS GUILDFORD. Two-day U18: Open, U105. One-day U14,12. Nicholas Coates, Royal Grammar School, Guildford GU1 3BB
- 14 GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY. Adam Raof, 21 Golderton, Prince of Wales Close, Hendon, London NW4 4QZ
- 14-15 BERKSHIRE SCHOOLS at Wokingham. Under 18,13,12,11,10,9,8. JP Sutherland, 47 Hatherley Rd, Reading, Berks RG1 5QU. Enquiries John Hann 01344 486644
- 21 MUSWELL HILL RAPIDPLAY U200; U130. Michael Davies, 325 Green Lanes, Palmers Green, London N13 4YB 0181 882 9491
- Dec 5 PICCOLA ITALIA NW11 Time Handicap Rapidplay, U220 and U150 plus grading prizes. (Don't the handicaps nullify grading differences, then? Must admit handicaps usually don't seem to.) Adam Raof, 21 Golderton, Prince of Wales Close, Hendon, London NW4 4QZ
- 5 WHITSTABLE RAPID. Susan Richards, 12 Somerset Close, Whitstable, Kent CT5 4RA 01227 265457
- 5-6 HERTS at Hitchin. Open; U170,145,120. Plus Junior U18,12,10,8 (last three LJCC qualifiers). John Denton, 43 Wordsworth Close, Royston, Herts SG8 5TG 01763 247758
- 12 GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY. Adam Raof, 21 Golderton, Prince of Wales Close, Hendon, London NW4 4QZ

Did you know there's a new **Agency Chess Club**? The club, based at the Agency Club in St Martins Lane, London, was founded "to provide a pleasant venue for people who work in media, advertising and public relations to play chess". For details contact contact Martin Loat on 0171 636 6300 (W) or 0171 289 5671 (H): email martin@propcoms.com. They played their first match on Monday 21st September 1998, beating Kings Head 2½-1½. Not a full-strength Kings Head side, we hasten to add.

National Club 1998-9

Closing date for entries is 12th October 1998. Entry forms from BCF office.

Quotes

- (On a proposal to charge Game Fee for internal club games at one-third of standard rate, and give them one-third the weighting in your grade) "You don't need to worry about this, because the system will take care of it automatically."
- "BCF gradings mean little in speed chess." - *Chessex*
- "We approve this award despite the fact that the nomination came from Essex." - BCF Council meeting
- "That's the way it goes in meetings, isn't it?" - "Not the ones I run, Mr Chairman." - *ibid*
- "This year, some [grading] anomalies were picked up so quickly that it was possible to include them in an errata sheet at the back of the list itself. This included the relatively new West Country player who had his published grade of 528 reduced to 53." - *paper, ibid*
- "We leave it to the goof management of those concerned to ensure that posts are widely advertised." - *another paper, ibid*

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