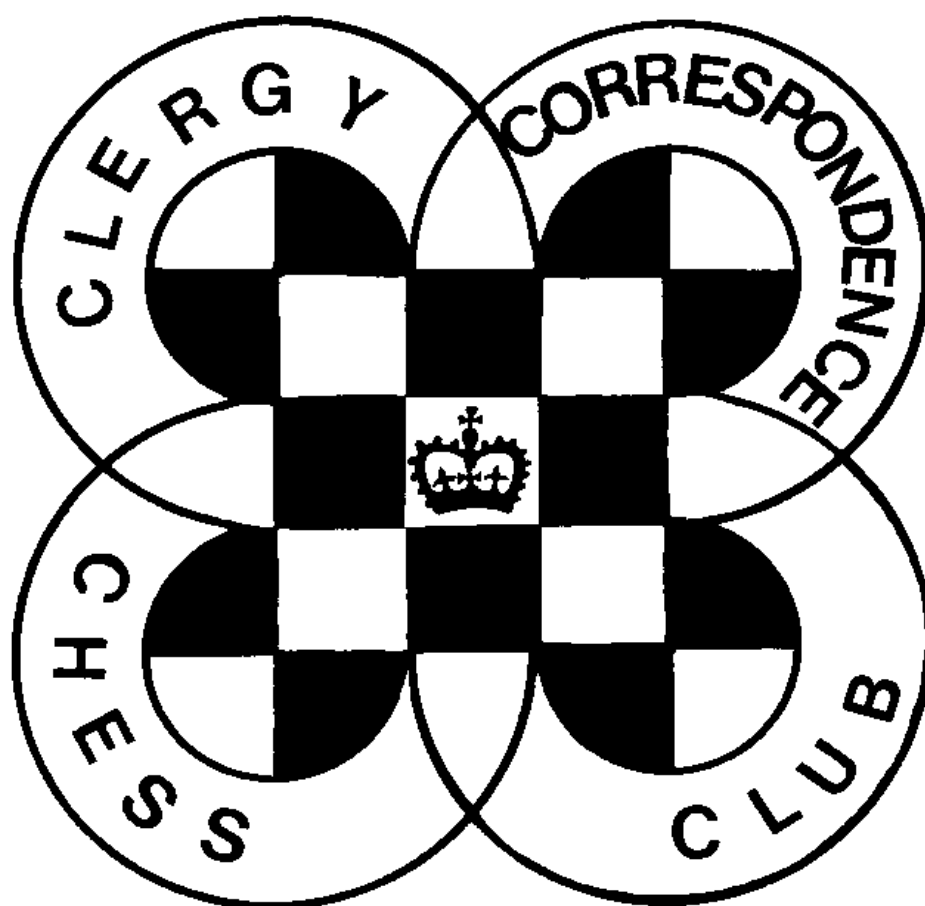


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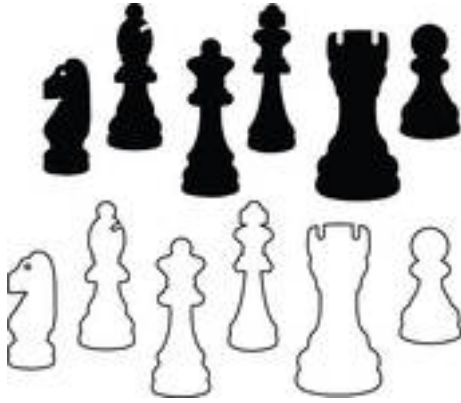
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CELEBRATIONS?

Next year marks the CCCC's 50th anniversary and I am wondering what we might be able to do to celebrate our Golden Jubilee.

In 1987 and 1992 we held midweek residential chess congresses to celebrate our 20th and 25th anniversaries, but suggestions of repeating this in recent years have not met with much enthusiasm. Perhaps it is time to raise the possibility once more and if anyone is interested in the idea please let the Secretary know, giving me an indication of when you would prefer it to be held and preferred duration. Previously we met Monday to Thursday, but it could be shorter, and we would need a new venue as the Retreat House we used for these has since closed.

For our 40th anniversary we had a bumper issue of the magazine with a celebratory supplement. I am not sure if there is all that much to add to this to create a further souvenir magazine, especially as most of our archive material is now on our web site. I can still supply an electronic (PDF) copy of this supplement to any members who have joined in the last ten years and so missed it.

Other suggestions have included a celebratory dinner, though given that we are scattered the length and breadth of the UK (and even in one case Poland!) I suspect most of us would need to stay at least overnight, but if it was held at a hotel that might be possible.

Any other ideas will be considered. Please let me know what you think.

GAMES

As always, my thanks to Michael Thistlewood for typing up games for the magazine, and to those who send them in. Any score sheet received will be considered for publication unless you say you do not want this, but please consider sending in games with annotations which are more interesting and instructive to other members.

SCHEMING MIND STANDARD CHESS LEAGUE

The current season is drawing to its close and we have had mixed fortunes.

We began badly with a defeat 7½ -2½ by The Chess Warriors but then beat Star Trek D Team by 6-4. Another heavy defeat by Apple Pie B 8½-1½ was followed by wins against Harrogate CCC 5½-4½ and Dreadnoughts, also 5½-4½.

We are currently playing our final match against New England B Team probably our strongest opponents this season and at the time of writing we are 0-4 down.

We will then have an extended break before the new season as there is a further round in which we have a bye as our opponents withdrew.

If anyone would like to join the Team for next Season please let the Secretary know. You must have internet access to play for this team.

MEMBERS' PHOTOS

Many of us have never met, and since email has largely taken over from phone as a means of communication some of us may not even have spoken to each other. The congresses mentioned above enabled some of us to meet, but years have passed since then and we are all older if not necessarily wiser. In any case not everyone was able to attend the congresses and others have joined the Club since then. Some years ago we had a Getting to Know You feature in the magazine where members wrote brief autobiographies. Embracing new technology one member suggested that we might now have a series of photos of members, either playing chess or poring over a correspondence game. If you have someone who can take it for you that is great, but otherwise take a 'selfie'. Email it to the Secretary with a few words about yourself and I can include it in a future magazine. Those who receive the magazine electronically will get the photos in colour, but I am afraid those who still take the printed version will have to make do with a monochrome copy as printing the magazine in colour would significantly increase the cost.



To set the ball rolling here is a photo of Antony Foster (left) and Bruce Carlin. We live only a few miles apart and meet at Antony's home from time to time to play a game of chess. Antony's board (pictured) was made by his wife, Juliet, and is embroidered, each black square unique, and framed under glass to protect it. I will try and get a better photo of this for a future magazine.

Antony writes: I first played chess when my father taught me as a boy. I remember my joy when I first defeated him! I played chess for my school in St Albans, and for my college, Downing, in Cambridge. When I went to Nigeria as a missionary teacher, I started a chess club, and found that the schoolboys very quickly became strong chess players. I have captained chess teams in Halifax in the Calderdale League. I have enjoyed my membership of the CCCC for many years, and particularly enjoyed the congresses in the 1980s. I prefer over the board games to correspondence chess. P.S. *added by Antony's wife*. Our children felt that Antony needed to make more 'non church' contacts and felt that chess might enable him to do this. But before our son could introduce him to Halifax Chess Club, Antony had made contact with the Clergy Correspondence_Chess Club!

Bruce writes: I am originally from Rochdale but have spent more of my life on the 'wrong' side of the Pennines. Ordained in Wakefield, after two curacies I moved north to Durham Diocese for 18 years before returning south to Ripon & Leeds. I now live in Elland, back in the Diocese where I started, albeit now as part of the Diocese of Leeds - West Yorkshire & the Dales. I too learned the moves of chess from my father, but he wasn't a serious player and it was at school that I really learned the game. I joined the CCCC shortly after ordination after seeing it mentioned in Church Times and took over as Secretary a couple of years later.

ACCOUNTS

As I will be away for most of February I wanted to get this issue out before I go (or it would be well into March). As a result of this the Accounts for last year have not been able to be included and will appear in the June issue instead.

**Bruce Carlin (1503)
berns (1650) [C68]**

Standard Chess League –
Season Nine SchemingMind.com

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6
4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.Nc3 d6 6.d4 exd4
7.Qxd4 Nf6 8.h3 c5 9.Qe3 Be6
10.0-0 h6 11.Re1 Qd7 12.e5
dxe5 13.Nxe5 Qd4**

[If we are going to exchange
Queens, I think I get a better
position if he initiates it.]

**14.Nc6 Qxe3 15.Rxe3 Bd6
16.Na50-0 17.Bd2 Rab8 18.b3
Rfd8 19.Nc6**

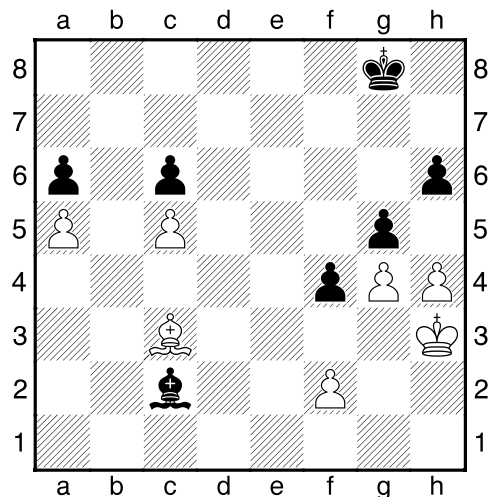
[I thought this was a good move,
forking the Rooks, but I
overlooked the reply.]

**19...Bf4 20.Nxd8 Bxe3 21.Bxe3
Rxd8 22.Bxc5 Bf5 23.Rc1 Nd5
24.Nxd5 Rxd5 25.Bb4 g5 26.c4
Rd3 27.Ba5 c6 28.Rc3 Rxc3
29.Bxc3 Bb1 30.a4 Ba2**

[I lose my pawn advantage and
with equal pawns and opposite
coloured Bishops it is starting to
look drawish.]

**31.a5 Bxb3 32.c5 Kf8 33.g4 Kg8
34.Kh2 Bc2 35.Kg3 f5 36.h4 f4+
37.Kh3**

[Draw offered and refused.]



**37...Kf7 38.Be5 Bd3 39.Bd4
Bf1+** [Perhaps he was right to
refuse the draw!]

**40.Kh2 gxh4 41.Be5 f3 42.Kg1
Bg2 43.Bf4 Bh3 44.Bxh6 Bxg4
45.Bg5 h3 46.Kh2 Ke6**

[With the Kingside at a standstill,
he moves across to the other side
of the board.]

47.Kg3
Threatens his Bishop, though I
can't actually take it at the
moment or he will promote his h
pawn.]

47...Kd5 48.Be7 Kc4
[This was a mistake as he
acknowledged at the end of the
game, since after Bd6, I can take
his Bishop.]

**49.Bd6 Kb5 50.Kxg4 h2 51.Bxh2
Kxc5 52.Kxf3 Kb5 53.Be5 Kxa5
54.Ke4 Kb5 55.f4 c5 56.f5 Kc6
57.f6 Kd7 58.Kf5 Ke8 59.Kg6 c4
60.f7+ 1-0**

Michael Williamson Stanley Hall [D00]

Division 2 – 2014-2015

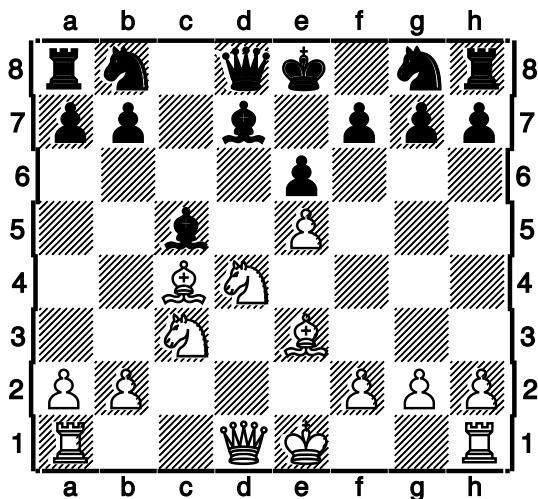
1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 e6
4.Bxc4 c5 5.Nf3 cxd4 6.Nxd4
Bc5 7.Be3 Nf6 8.Nc3

[Michael – possibly Nc2 and allow
for exchange of Queens.]

8...Bd7 9.e5

[Michael – surely this must be
good for White's development.]

9...Ng8



10.0-0 Ne7 11.Qg4 Ng6

[Stanley – I have wasted moves
by 8.Bd7 and was fortunate to get
away with it.]

12.Ne4 Be7 13.f4

[Michael – I think f4 both protects
and attacks.]

13...0-0 14.g3

[Michael – g3 a bit uninspired?]

14...Nc6 15.h4 f5

[Stanley – I knew ep. would follow
but thought it improved my
defence.]

16.exf6 Bxf6 17.Bxe6+ Bxe6
18.Nxe6

[Michael – Black evades the worst
outcome.]

18...Qc8

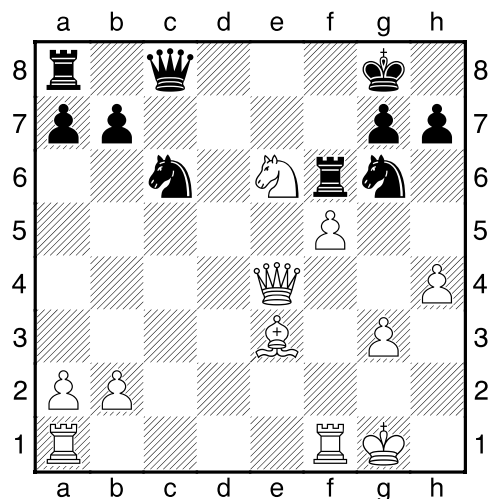
[Stanley – I was proud of this
move. Otherwise life would have
been desperate.]

19.Nxf6+ Rxf6 20.f5 Nce5
21.Qe4

[Michael – I did not see Nce5 and
was thrown by it.]

21...Nc6

[Diagram]



[Stanley – a desperate saving
move. Perhaps I should have
gone over to attack here.]

22.Qd5 Nge7 23.Qb3

[Michael – I sense a warning light
that the game is slipping away.
Qb3 tries to keep the pressure on,
but Na5 stops discovered check
and Nxf5 will probably regain the
pawn for Black.]

23...Na5 24.Qd3

[Michael – I would prefer when to exchange Queens! g4, Ng5, Bd4 and f6 are all useful attacking moves.]

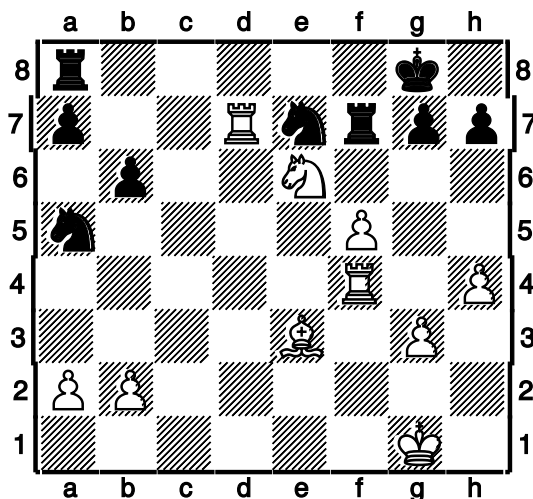
24...Qc4 25.Qd7

[Michael – Black's Nac6 and Qg4 must be taken seriously. Kg2 and Bg5 would help. Ng5 better.]

25...Rf7 26.Rf4 Qd5 27.Rd1

[Michael – I feel attack stalled. Emergency enquiry needed to see what to do. b6 allows me moment to think.]

27...Qxd7 28.Rxd7 b6



29.g4

[Michael – Ng5 would be better!]

29...Nac6 30.Bd2 Ne5 31.Rd6

[Michael – Bc3 would protect and attack. Move King forward.]

31...h6 32.Bc3 N7c6 33.Rd5 Re8 34.Bxe5

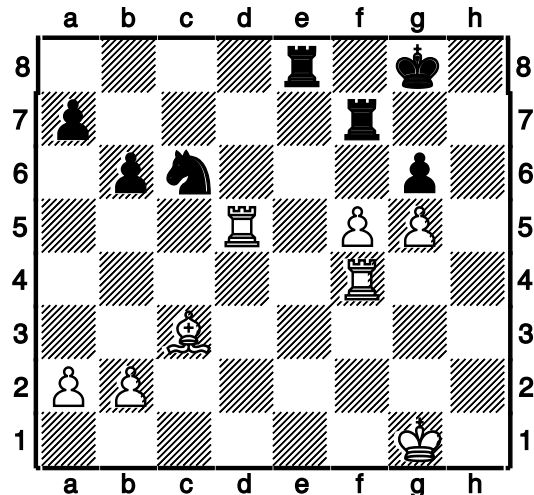
Michael – Black Knight duo broken.]

34...Rxe6 35.Bc3

[Michael – Missed fxe6; Rxf4 Bxf4!]

35...Re8 36.g5 [Michael – Best to begin major attack now before Black strengthens position.]

36...hxg5 37.hxg5 g6



38.f6 Rd8 39.Rxd8+ Nxd8 40.Re4 Nc6 41.Rh4 Rf8 42.Rh6 Kf7 43.Kf2

[Michael – Black King can slide round to protect g6 but Bd2 protects g5.]

43...Nd8 44.Ke3

[Michael – a mistake.]

44...Ne6 45.Rh7+ Kg8 46.Rxa7 Nxc6 47.Rg7+ Kh8 48.Rxc6

1-0

Both enjoyed the game and the struggle!

**CLERGY CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CLUB
RESULTS 2015 / 2016**

Division 1	Hu	Sm	St	Wi	Ya	Points	%
Hulme							
Smith							
Stevenson							
Williamson							
Yates							
Division 2A	Ny	Ha	Ca	Lx	Th	Points	%
Nye		½	1		1 ^B 1	3½ / 4	88
Hall	½ ^B			1 ^B 0	1	2½ / 4	63
Carlin	0 ^B					0 / 1	0
Loxton		0 1 ^B				1 / 2	50
Thistlewood	0 0 ^B	0 ^B				0 / 3	0
Division 2B	Pa	Ba	Lw	Pr	Cl	Points	%
Partridge			0 ^B			0 / 1	0
Battye			0 0 ^B 1 ^B			1 / 3	33
Lowe	1	1 ^B 1			½ ^B	3½ / 4	88
Procter		0				0 / 1	0
Cleaves			½			½ / 1	50

These are the results I have on 30th January 2016.

Surprisingly nothing from Division 1 so far this season, and insufficient from the other Divisions to show any clear pattern emerging, but it is early days yet particularly if people are taking advantage of the staggered start for their games.

You will notice that I have indicated in the table which player used the Black pieces. Now that we are playing two games against each other this may become an issue in a tie break so please let me know when you report results who was White & Black.