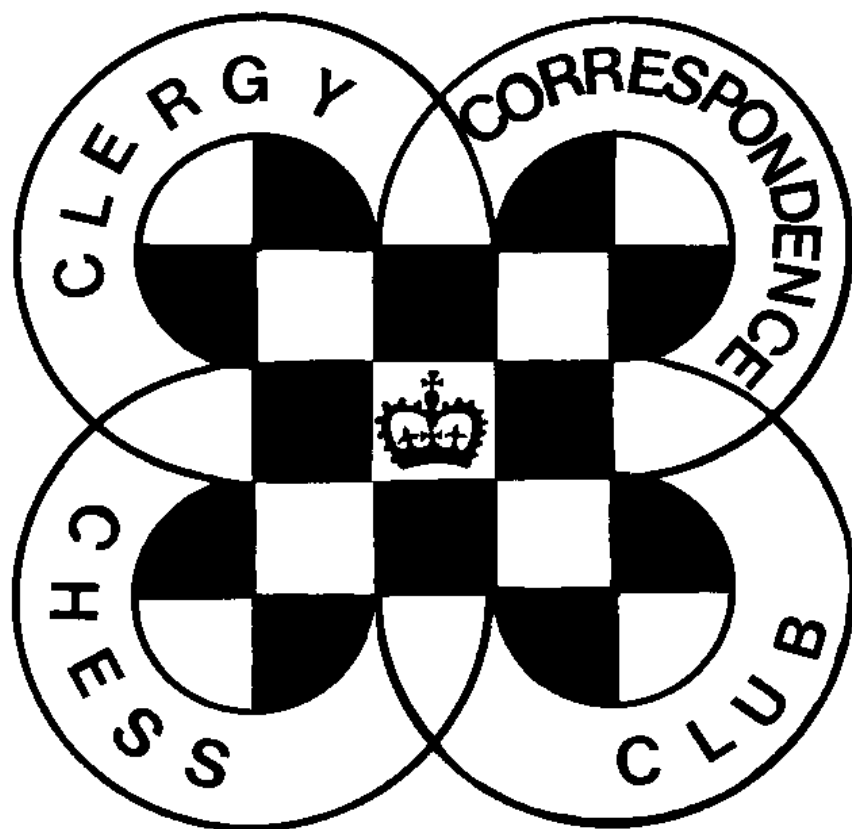


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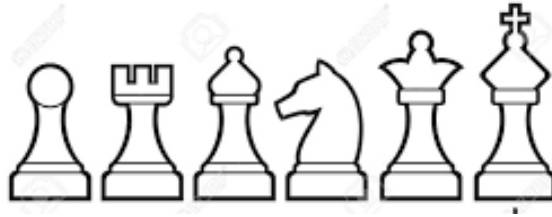
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**CLERGY CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CLUB**

# **CHESSE Minister!**

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### **CURRENT SEASON**

All games should now be underway in the current season even if you are taking advantage of the staggered starting dates allowed to those playing on Scheming Mind. If there are any games not yet underway please do get them started now.

Results so far received are later in the magazine. Please keep me informed of your results as they come in and I will post them on our Facebook page so you can keep up to date with what is happening in your Division.

### **NEWS OF MEMBERS**

Welcome to Jon Turner who joined us just as the season was getting started, but after I had sent out the last magazine. With the agreement of members I included him in Division 2B and revised the fixtures for that Division. He lives at 72 The Holloway, DROITWICH. WR9 7AX, his email is revjonturner@gmail.com, and his Scheming Mind alias is crytogenik. He has written a bit about himself for the magazine.

12 time Champion David Hulme has decided to withdraw from League play, but at least for the time being will continue in our Scheming Mind Team.

### **SCHEMING MIND CHESS LEAGUE**

Our match against Northern Trappers was already lost at the time of the last magazine, but we did pick up a final point to lose  $2\frac{1}{2}$  -  $7\frac{1}{2}$  before being beaten 0-10 by Apple Pie. However, things look brighter in our current match where we lead  $2\frac{1}{2}$  -  $1\frac{1}{2}$  against SCCA. We always knew this season was going to be tough after accepting promotion to a Division that is generally above our strength.

### **ACCOUNTS**

Accounts for the last year are elsewhere in the magazine. Our thanks to Charles for keeping careful control over the Club's finances.

**Jon Turner**, our newest member writes to introduce himself:

For the last four and a bit years I've worked for the Church of England, Birmingham as Director / Missioner for New Christian Communities - or in more easy to understand terms, I help the diocese with all things Church Planting. I was originally ordained in the Baptist Church and



for a season served as Associate Executive Minister for the Baptists of Atlantic Canada - again helping with Church Planting but across a much larger geographical area of North America. I'm married to Heidi and have two daughters, Michaela aged 14 and Alyssa aged 11. Regarding Chess, I've been playing 'over the board' games for 20 plus years and belong to Warley Quinborne Chess Club which plays in the Birmingham, Wolverhampton and Dudley leagues. Perhaps my most notable achievement was captaining Warwickshire County Chess team a few years back. I also had the pleasure of knowing the late great Tony Miles, Britain's first ever grandmaster as we were from the same area

growing up - alas he was on a different planet in terms of chess ability. Whilst I'm familiar with club level chess, correspondence chess is brand new to me, and I'm already finding out just how different it is to playing over the board. I can see there are very talented players playing for the clergy correspondence chess club and I look forward to playing with you in due course.

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## **Aron Nimzowitsch**

Aron Nimzowitsch is the subject of Michael Thistlewood's games pages later in the magazine (because no one from the Club has sent in any games for publication please note!) so with half a page to fill, here are a few key facts about the player.

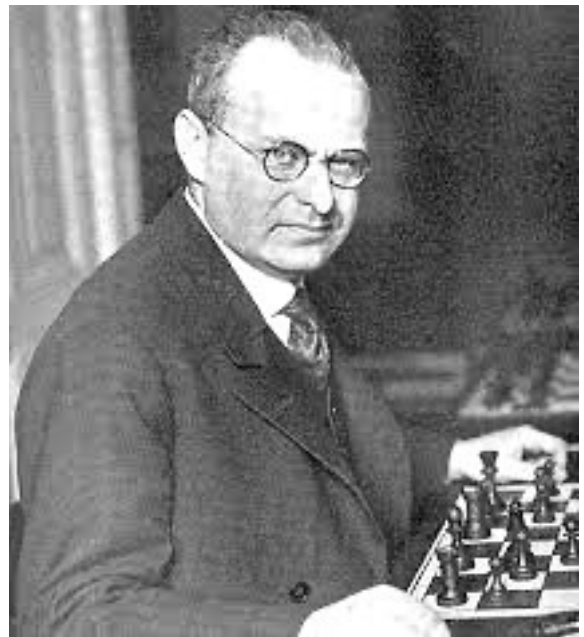
Born 1886, Riga, Latvia  
(then part of the Russian Empire)

He fled Russia during the revolution after feigning madness to avoid being conscripted, and escaped to Berlin where he used the first name Arnold to avoid anti-semitic persecution.

He ultimately settled in Denmark where he lived the last 13 years of his life and became a Danish citizen.

Died 1935, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Regarded as one of the three best players in the World in the late 1920s behind Alekhine and Capablanca (who he never actually beat in a game of chess), he is perhaps best known for his book on chess theory, *My System*.



## CCCC ACCOUNTS

### Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31.7.23

	<u>2022/23</u>	<u>(2021/22)</u>		<u>2022/23</u>	<u>(2021/22)</u>
<u>Income £</u>			<u>Expenditure £</u>		
Subscriptions	6.50	(166.50)	Secretary's Expenses	16.95	(16.58)
Bank Interest	1.19	(0.11)	EFCC Affiliation	28.00	(21.00)
Scheming Mind p'ments	18.00	(15.00)			
Alice book sales		(16.76)			
Deficit for year	<u>19.26</u>	<u>          </u>	Surplus for year	<u>          </u>	<u>(160.79)</u>
	<b>44.95</b>	<b>(198.37)</b>		<b>44.95</b>	<b>(198.37)</b>

### Balance Sheet as at 31.7.23

	<u>£</u>
Balances brought forward	1550.80
Less: deficit for year	19.26
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>1531.54</u></b>
<u>Represented by:</u>	
Santander UK plc Business Account	256.99
NS&I Investment Account (Life Membership)	1274.55
	<b><u>1531.54</u></b>

### Treasurer's Report on the 2022/23 Accounts

As I predicted last year, the era of CCCC surpluses is now at an end, at least until we recruit new members, as we currently have only two non-Life Members. This year's accounts show a deficit of £19.26: however, there is no cause for alarm, as I would expect our capital reserves to be able cover our annual running costs for many years.

At the end of the financial year 2022/23 the value of the Life Membership Fund stood at £57.93 per Life Member (previous year: £55.36).

NS&I pay their lowest rate of interest on their Investment Account, but it is much the most convenient one for the Club to hold. The rate has been rising, and as things are at the moment I would expect about £9.80 interest next year if I do not have to make withdrawals, a considerable improvement on this year's £1.19.

Thank you to those who support us financially by buying Scheming Mind tokens.

The EFCC affiliation fee went up 2 years ago after 11 years of no change, but has risen again this year, quite steeply in percentage terms. I hope this will not be repeated for a longer time.

Subs are all up to date.

**Charles Mason – Hon Treasurer, CCCC**

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**Michal Thistlewood does a great job in preparing games for this magazine, but he can only work with the material he has available.**

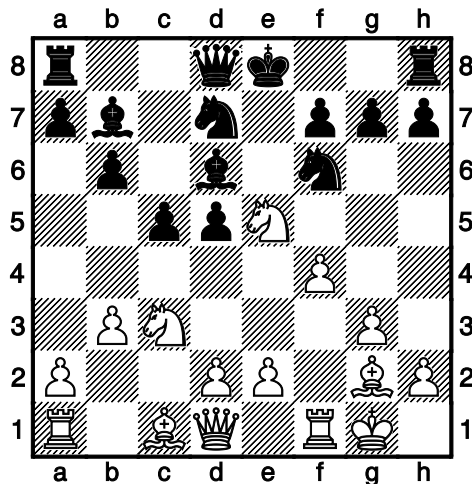
**Please consider submitting a game or two of yours, preferably with annotations, so that we can all enjoy playing through the games and learning from them.**

**Aaron Nimzowitsch was very influential in modern chess with his hypermodern style. So here are some of his games.**

**Alekhine,Alexander – Nimzowitsch,Aaron [A30]**

New York New York (1), 22.02.1927

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 b6 4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2 c5 6.0-0 Be7 7.b3 d5 8.Ne5 Nbd7 9.f4 Bd6 10.cxd5 exd5

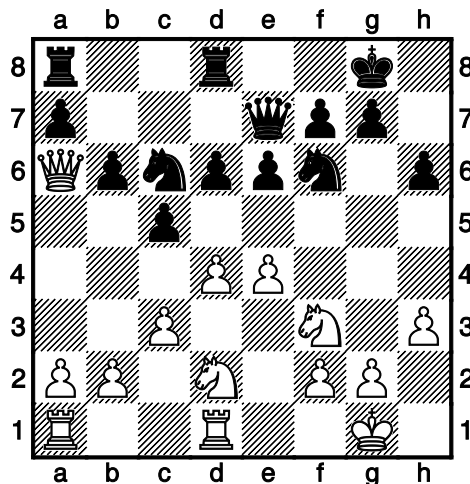


11.Nc4 Qb8 12.Nxd6+ Qxd6 13.d3 0-0 14.e4 dxe4 15.dxe4 Qd4+ 16.Qxd4 cxd4 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.exd5 Nf6 19.Bb2 Bxd5 20.Bxd4 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Draw

**Capablanca,Jose Raul – Nimzowitsch,Aaron [A46]**

New York New York (8), 01.03.1927

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bg5 h6 4.Bh4 b6 5.Nbd2 Bb7 6.e3 Be7 7.Bd3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 c5 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Qe2 Nh5 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Ba6 Nf6 14.Rfd1 Rfd8 15.e4 Bxa6 16.Qxa6



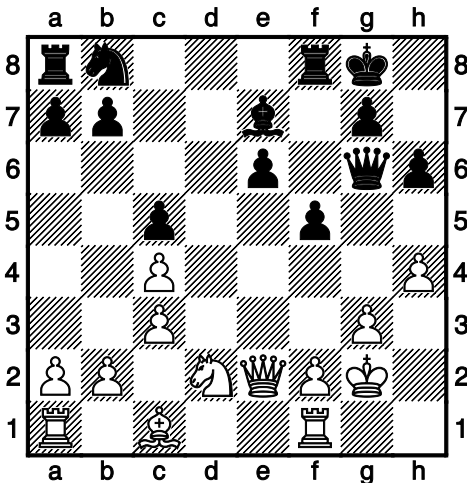
16...Qc7 17.Rac1 Rd7 18.b4 Rad8 19.Qe2 Ne7 20.Re1 Ng6 21.g3 Rc8 22.bxc5 dxc5 23.Nb3 cxd4 24.cxd4 Qb7 25.Rxc8+ Qxc8 26.Rc1 Rc7 27.Rxc7 Qxc7 28.Nfd2 Qc3 29.Qa6 Qc7 30.Qe2 Qc3 31.Qa6 Qc7

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**Bogoljubow, Efim –  
Nimzowitsch, Aaron  
[A19]**

British Empire Club Masters  
London (7), 1927

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.e4 c5  
4.g3 d5 5.e5 d4 6.exf6 dxc3  
7.dxc3 Qxf6 8.Nf3 h6 9.Bg2  
Bd7 10.Nd2 Bc6 11.Ne4 Qg6  
12.Qe2 Be7 13.0-0 0-0 14.h4  
f5 15.Nd2 Bxg2 16.Kxg2



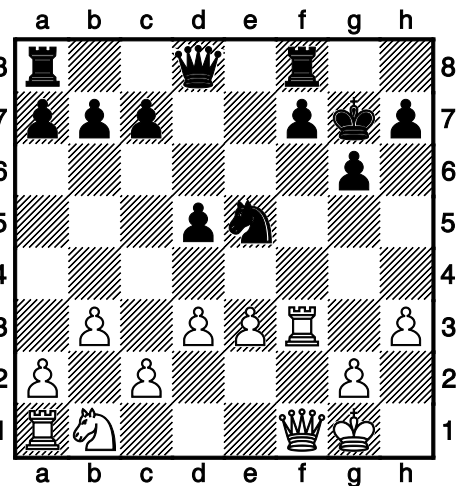
16...Nc6 17.Nf3 f4 18.Re1  
Rf6 19.Qe4 fxg3 20.fxg3 Bd6  
21.g4 Qxe4 22.Rxe4 Raf8  
23.Re3 Rf4 24.g5 Rg4+  
25.Kh1 hxg5 26.hxg5 Kf7  
27.Ng1 Rh8+ 28.Nh3 Ke7  
29.b3 Bf4 30.Rf3 Ne5

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**Nimzowitsch, Aaron –  
Euwe, Max [A02]**

Karlsbad Karlsbad (8),  
09.08.1929

1.e3 Nf6 2.b3 g6 3.Bb2 Bg7  
4.f4 d6 5.Qc1 0-0 6.Nf3 Bg4  
7.Be2 Nc6 8.0-0 e5 9.fxe5  
Nxe5 10.d3 Nxf3+ 11.Bxf3  
Bxf3 12.Rxf3 d5 13.Qf1 Ng4  
14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.h3 Ne5



16.Rg3 f5 17.Qf4 Qf6 18.d4  
Nf7 19.Qxc7 Rac8 20.Qxb7  
Qh4 21.Kh2 f4 22.Rf3 fxe3  
23.Nc3 Rxc3 24.Raf1 e2  
25.Rxf7+ Rxf7 26.Qxf7+ Kh6  
27.Qf8+

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## CLERGY CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CLUB RESULTS 2023 / 2024

<b>Division 1</b>	Y		H		W		N		C		Total	%
Yates			v	v								
Hulme	v	v			v	v	v	v	v	v	VOID	
Williamson			v	v								
Nye			v	v								
Cleaves			v	v								
<b>Division 2A</b>	H		P		T							
Hall					1	1*						
Partridge												
Thistlewood	0	0										
<b>Division 2B</b>	D		C		B		T					
Druce												
Carlin							0	0				
Boddy												
Turner			1	1*								

\* indicates a game won or drawn with the Black pieces.

Not many results are in at this stage of the season, but that is not unexpected especially now that we allow later starting dates for some games.

David Hulme has withdrawn from the League, leaving his Division 1 games Void.

Michael Hall has opened his score in Division 2A, while new member Jon Turner has started with two wins in 2B.



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## Subscriptions

Life membership £ 80.00  
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Our Membership Year is from October to the following September

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