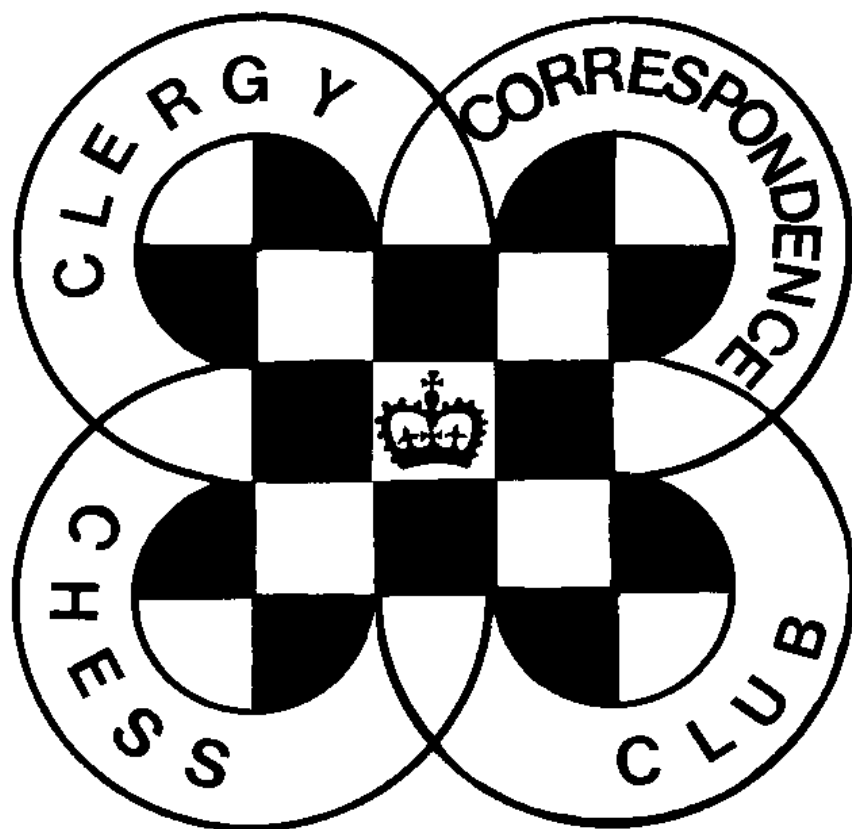


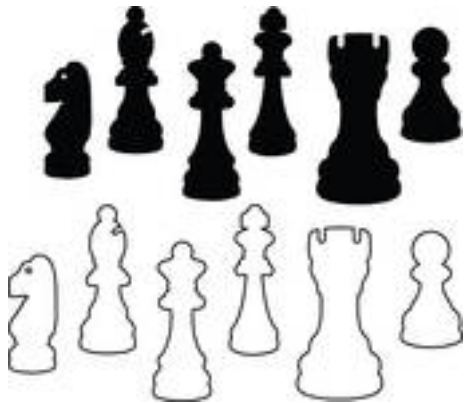
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CURRENT SEASON

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

GAMES

We remain short of games for the magazine, especially annotated ones which are much more interesting to our readers. Please, if anyone can spend a few minutes annotating a game that they have played, please do so and submit it for the magazine. As always, my thanks to Michael Thistlewood who edits and prepares the games for the magazine. He does an excellent job but can only work with the material you send in.

SCHEMING MIND STANDARD CHESS LEAGUE

We finished 4th in our Division in the last season of this tournament and are now underway in the new season. We began well with a 5-3 win over Knightworm78 and are currently leading Scheming Knights 5-3 with two to complete (so at worst we will draw this match). Round 3 will be getting underway as you receive this magazine.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Matthew Askey has moved to be Chaplain of Worksop College. His address is The Lodge, Worksop College, Sparken Hill. WORKSOP. S80 3AW.

ACCOUNTS

Accounts for the last year are elsewhere in the magazine. If you wish to make payments to CCCC for whatever reason a reminder of the bank details.

Bank	Santander plc
Sort Code	09-01-56
Account No.	12314006
Account Name	Clergy Correspondence Chess Club

If you make payments by this method, please use your name as a reference so that Charles can identify the payment, and please email him to let him know it's coming and what it's for (eg subs, Scheming Mind, book purchase, etc).

CCCC ACCOUNTS

Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31.7.19

	<u>2018/19</u>	<u>(2017/18)</u>		<u>2018/19</u>	<u>(2017/18)</u>
<u>Income £</u>			<u>Expenditure £</u>		
Subscriptions	24.00	(24.00)	Secretary's Expenses	18.17	(25.58)
Bank Interest	7.16	(5.15)	EFCC Affiliation	15.00	(15.00)
Scheming Mind p'ments	15.00	(30.00)	Printing of <i>Alice</i> book		(167.95)
<i>Alice</i> book sales	105.18	(25.93)	Scheming Mind tokens	50.00	
Donation		(50.00)	Surplus for year	68.17	
Deficit for year	_____	<u>(73.45)</u>		_____	_____
	151.34	(208.53)		151.34	(208.53)

Balance Sheet as at 31.7.19

	<u>£</u>
Balances brought forward	1055.93
Add: surplus for year	68.17
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>1124.10</u>
<u>Represented by:</u>	
Santander UK plc Business Account	106.53
NS&I Investment Account (Life Membership)	1017.57
	<u>1124.10</u>

Treasurer's Report on the 2018/19 Accounts

I am glad to report that we are back in surplus this year, thanks to a bulk sale of the *Alice* book to the organiser of a chess conference. However, there are still copies available, so please do recommend it to chess-playing friends and/or buy copies as presents.

As we are all aware, savings interest rates remain very low, though our bank interest has actually increased by almost 40%. However, when you look at the figures you realise this is not as exciting as it sounds.

On the expenditure side, thanks to electronic banking I have again be able to avoid expenses of my own, and our Secretary's are also significantly down. Our stock of Scheming Mind tokens is now quite high, which should help with the bottom line next time as long as members keep buying them.

At the end of the financial year 2018/19 the value of the Life Membership Fund stood at £42.40 per Life Member (previous year: £42.10).

Having held subscriptions at the same level for 5 years, we have had to make a small increase for 2019/20: £6.50 for Annual and £80.00 for Life. With electronic banking, there's no need for an envelope, a stamp, or a walk to the letterbox, so please try to keep up to date: at the end of the 2018/19 year there was one subs outstanding.

Charles Mason – Hon Treasurer, CCCC

CLERGY CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CLUB RESULTS 2019 / 2020

Division 1	Hu	Sm	Du	Wi	Ny	Points	%
Hulme							
Smith							
Dunning							
Williamson							
Nye							
Division 2A	Ya	Ca	Cl	Pa		Points	%
Yates		1*					
Carlin	0						
Cleaves							
Partridge							
Division 2B	Lw	St	Lx	Th		Points	%
Lowe		0	1	1	1*		
Stevenson	1		1				
Loxton	0	0					
Thistlewood	0	0					

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

Few results at this stage but that is only to be expected.

All games should now have been started.

Please let me have results as you complete your games.

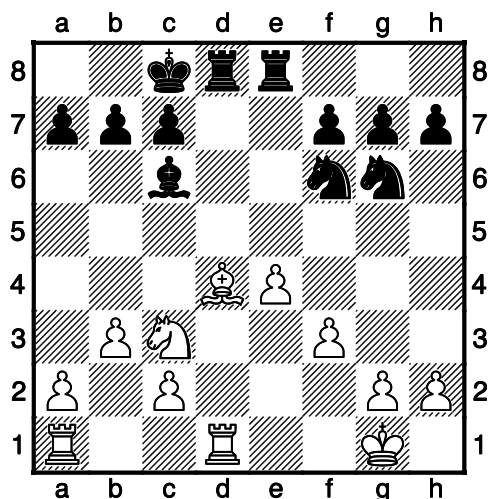
Results will be posted on our Facebook page
so you can keep up to date with what is going on.

**Michael Williamson –
Bruce Carlin [C42]**

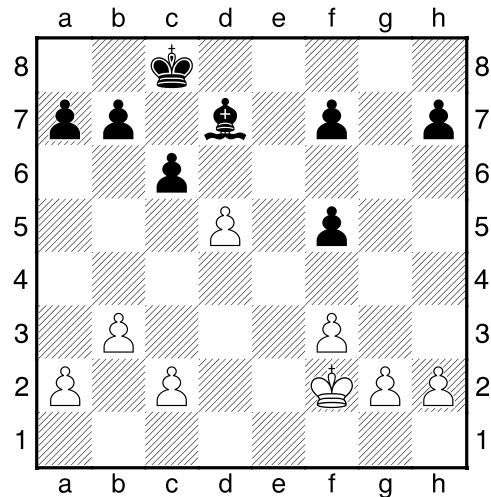
Divison 2b 18-19, 24.01.2020

1. e4 e5 [Last season we both won one game each – unusually with Black]

2. Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Nxe5 Nxe5 5.d4 Nxc4 6.dxc5 d6 7.cxd6 Qxd6 8.0-0 Qxd1 9.Rxd1 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.b3 Ne5 12.Bf4 Ng6 13.Be3 0-0-0 14.Bd4 Bc6 15.f3 Rhe8



16.Bxf6 Rxd1+ 17.Rxd1 gxf6 18.Nd5 Rd8 19.Ne3 Rxd1+ 20.Nxd1 Ne7 21.Ne3 Bd7 22.Kf2 f5 23.Nd5 Nxd5 24.exd5 c6 [Diagram



An early error by Michael gave me a piece advantage and it surprised me that he seemed happy to go on exchanging pieces which merely strengthened my advantage. Here we reach a King and Pawn endgame, but to be honest, despite my material advantage, these endgames are not my strongest suit and at the moment I have no clear plan. Perhaps Michael senses this as he isn't giving up yet.]

25. dxc6 Bxc6 26.Ke3 Kd8 27.Kf4 Bd7 28.Kg5 Ke7 29.h4 Ke6 30.Kh6 f4 31.Kxh7 [I could not stop Michael gaining another pawn here. Michael adds the comment – I thought I had a chance here!]

31...Kf6 32.h5 Kg5 33.h6 Bf5+ [I think this was my crucial move, and now I do have a

clear plan to get this game won. I can now sacrifice my Bishop if necessary as I then get his dangerous h pawn. He cannot take my pawn on f7 without allowing me to go and get his other Kingside pawns.]

34. Kg7 Kh4 35.Kf6 [This is a non-existent threat as the Bishop simply takes on c2, evening out our Queenside pawns and still covering h7.]

35...Bxc2 36.Ke5 Kg3 [I think this is the winning move. Michael can't move his King or I take both his Kingside pawns. His response is lame, inviting me to play the coup-de-grace of 37 ... f6+]

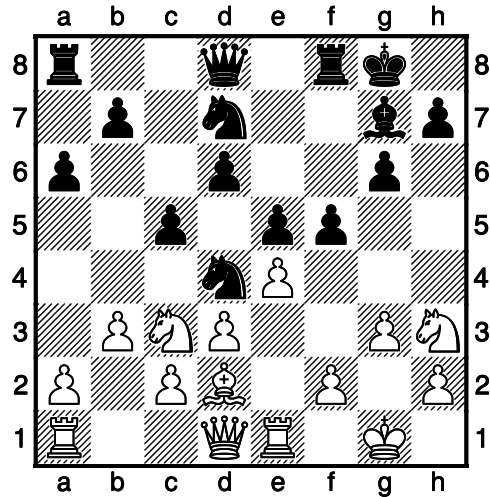
37. b4 f6+ [Michael summed up : It made for an exciting game but Bruce was not to be fooled!]

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Bruce Carlin – Michael Williamson [B00]

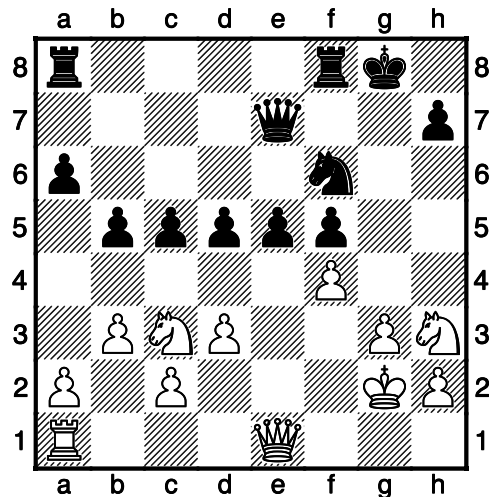
Division 2B 2018-2019,
25.01.2020

1. e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 d6 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.Nf3 g6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.d3 0-0 8.Bf4 e5 9.Bd2 Be6 10.Re1 a6 11.Ng5 Nd7 12.b3 Nd4 13.Bh3 Bxh3 14.Nxh3 f5



15. Bg5 Bf6 16.Bxf6 Nxf6 17.exf5 gxf5 18.f4 Qe7 19.Ne2 Nf3+ 20.Kg2 Nxe1+ [I would have resigned once I lost my Rook but since we were still playing the other game, I thought I might as well carry on just in case!]

21. Qxe1 d5 22.Nc3 b5

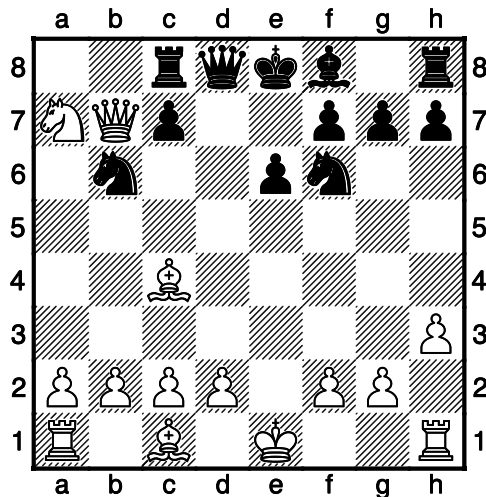


23. fxe5 Rae8 24.a4 b4 25.Na2
 d4 26.Kf1 Ng4 27.Qe2 Ne3+
 28.Kg1 Qxe5 29.Re1 Rf6
 30.Nf4 Rf7 31.Qh5 Rg7
 32.Ng2 f4 33.Qxe5 Rxe5
 34.gxf4 Rxc2+

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**De Castellvi, Francisco –
 Vinales, Narcisco [B01]**
 Valencia Valencia, 1475

1. e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3
 Qd8 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.h3
 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 e6 8.Qxb7 Nbd7
 9.Nb5 Rc8 10.Nxa7 Nb6



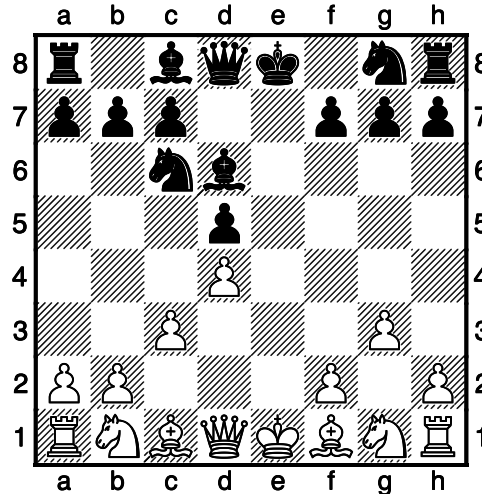
11. Nxc8 Nxc8 12.d4 Nd6
 13.Bb5+ Nxb5 14.Qxb5+ Nd7
 15.d5 exd5 16.Be3 Bd6
 17.Rd1 Qf6 18.Rxd5 Qg6
 19.Bf4 Bxf4 20.Qxd7+ Kf8
 21.Qd8#

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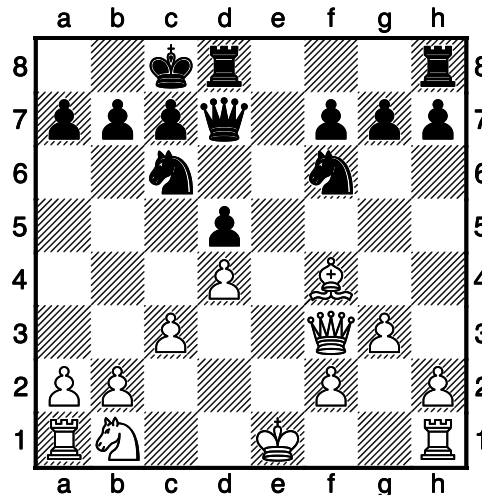
**Lucena, Luis Ramirez –
 Quintana [A00]**

Huesca Huesca, 1515

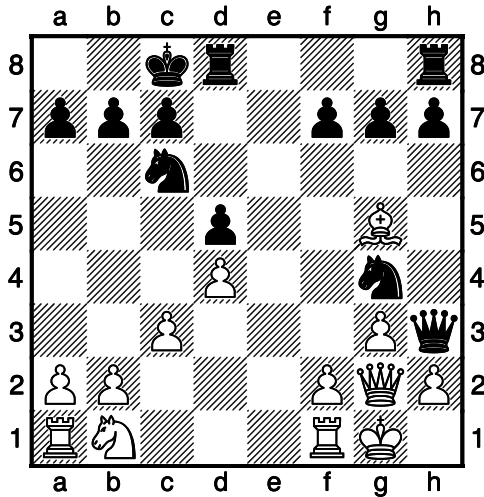
1. c3 Nc6 2.d4 e6 3.e4 d5
 4.exd5 exd5 5.g3 Bd6



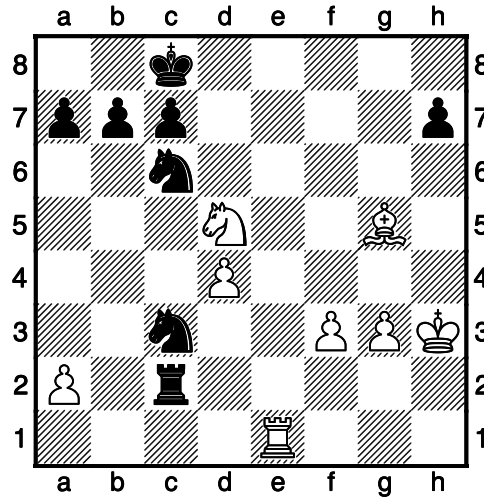
6.Bh3 Bxh3 7.Nxh3 Qd7 8.Nf4
 Nf6 9.Qf3 Bxf4 10.Bxf4 0-0-0



11.0-0 Qh3 12.Bg5 Ng4
 13.Qg2



13...Qxg2+ 14.Kxg2 f6 15.Bd2
Rhe8 16.Re1 Rxe1 17.Bxe1
Re8 18.Nd2 Nh6 19.Nf1 Nf5
20.Bd2 Nd6 21.h4 Ne4 22.Be3
g5 23.hxg5 fxg5 24.f3 Nd6



30. Re8+ Kd7 31.Nf6+ Kd6
32.Bf4+

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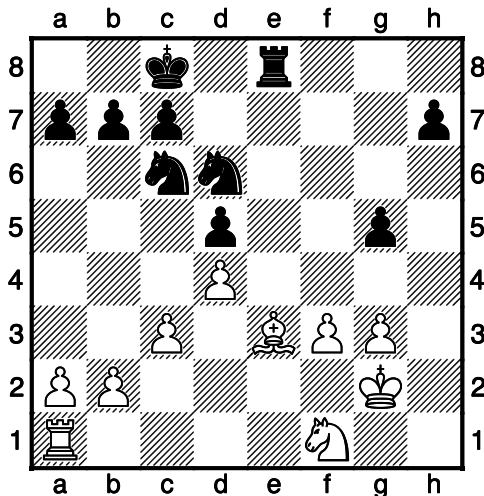
These games were played over 500 years ago. Those who played them had no idea that their games would appear in Chess Minister in 2020!

In the first game it is interesting to see the Centre Counter Gambit as the opening. Also I noticed that neither side castled.

An unusual opening in the second game and then after g3 White plays Bh3 rather than Bg2. Each diagram shows a fascinating formation.

Hope you enjoyed them.

Michael.



25. Bxg5 Re2+ 26.Kh3 Rxb2
27.Ne3 Nb5 28.Nxd5 Rc2
29.Re1 Nxc3

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