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## NEWS AND VIEWS

Welcome to the latest issue of our magazine which is coming out slightly earlier than usual to give details of our July Congress.

**CONGRESS:** When the last magazine was published in January we had 20 people booked for this. For some reason we have had a spate of withdrawals and the number is now down to 13 which is pretty critical. If it drops any lower it will either have to be cancelled, or we will have to pay extra to compensate for the low number. If anyone else is able to join us to make up the numbers I can accept late bookings up to July 6th. The congress runs from July 13th - 16th. The cost is £38.00 per person, but if you have paid a deposit that is deducted from this figure. Fuller details of the congress can be found elsewhere in this magazine.

**RESULTS:** Please may I have your results for the current season as soon as possible. There are an awful lot outstanding at present - too many to print a list. The season ends on July 31st, but it would be nice to have as many results as possible in before the Congress. Should the overall winner be there we can present the Shield during the congress.

**CHESS POSTCARDS:** Anyone who plays in other postal competitions where scorecards are not acceptable may like to note two offers. Firstly, our Secretary has started to produce British Correspondence Chess postcards (see advert) at reasonable rates. Secondly, Brian Eley have a supply of slightly sub-standard International Chess Postcards. They will send a quantity FREE to anyone sending a 24p stamped addressed envelope. See their insert for the address.

**MAGAZINE TITLE:** There obviously is some interest in our magazine having a title. Following the comments by Ivor Davies in the last magazine I have had a number of other suggestions. Ivor, you remember, suggested "Parson's Gambit". Another suggestion is "Clerichess". On the twin analogy of fellowship and chess victory comes "Clergymate". Finally, one that appeals to my sense of humour was "Chess Minister!" Do let me have your comments in time for the October magazine which will bear the most popular of these titles...

**LOGO:** Bill Lockett has redrawn his design for the club, and this appears on the cover of this magazine. The full title is now incorporated, though he has sent a copy without this in case it needs to be reduced very small for some occasions. He regrets that the long word 'Correspondence' to some extent unbalances the design, though if it were changed to a shorter word it would spoil the Four-C of our title!

**GAMES:** A number of you have sent in games for the magazine, for which grateful thanks. Because of the Congress news these will not all appear in this issue, but they will appear in future. Don't let this put you off sending in more games - they will all be published sooner or later.

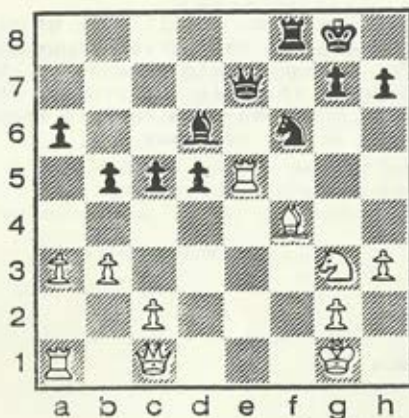
**BPCF NEWS:** John Gowing continues to represent us on the BPCF Executive Committee. Their time is still being taken up at present with the proposed new rules and constitution. They also want someone to take over the printing and distribution of their quarterly magazine. Should anyone be able to do this they should contact A.M. Anderson, 3 Winterfield Gardens, Duns, Berwickshire. TD11 3EZ.

Elsewhere in this magazine you will find a list of PAST WINNERS of the CCCC; news of our MATCHES; details of the CONGRESS; and some GAMES to re-play.

Bruce Carlin

Brian Shephard has sent in this game as a tribute to the Late Paul Richmond:

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	exd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	Nc6
6	Be3	a6
7	Be2	Ne5
8	Qd2	Be6
9	h3	c5
10	Nxe6	fxe6
11	0-0	Be7
12	f4	Nf7
13	f5	exf5
14	Rxf5	0-0
15	Bf3	b5
16	e5	Nxe5
17	Bxa8	Qxa8
18	a3	Nc4
19	Qc1	d5
20	Ne2	Qe8
21	Ng3	Bd6
22	Bf4	Qe7
23	b3	Ne5
24	Rxe5?	



The game continued to move 33 before I resigned. However, the crucial position is above and Paul suggested we replay the game for interest from this position, but allowing white to make a better 24th move. Unfortunately his death prevented this. Any suggestions?

(No one suggested a way for white to win in Carlin v Stewart - last magazine, just a few more ways to draw -Ed.)

An entertaining little game submitted by Alan Mackenzie who has written the notes:

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bc4	Nf6
4	Ng5	d5
5	exd5	Nxd5

Black's usual move is ...Na5. The move played allows white to play an old variation known as the "Fegatello" attack. (Fegatello means 'Little Fry', though I have also seen this opening called the 'Fried Liver'!). Something prompted me to try this for the first time in my life in a match game, so here we go...

6	Nxf7?	Kxf7
7	Qf3+	Ke6
8	Nc6	Nce7

All this is forced if white wants to hang on to his N advantage. Now things can get both risky and complicated.

9	d4	Qd6
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Other possible moves for black are 9...c6; or 9...b5 leading to 10...c6, but in a position like this (almost) anything can happen.

10	Bg5	exd4
11	Bxe7	Qe5+
12	Ne2	Bxe7
13	Bxd5+	Qxd5
14	Nf4+	...



With Black's Queen doomed he resigned at this point.

COMPUTER v HUMAN!

On the back cover of this issue you can read some comments about the psychology of Postal Chess. But what about the psychology of computer chess? I know that many of our members have chess computers, or chess programs for their micros, so I thought for a bit of light relief I would include this game. Even if you haven't got a computer it is worth playing through just for a laugh - look at the final position!!!

It is a game you should be able to recreate on most chess computers. Since you are playing black you may have to reset the machine two or three times until it chooses this opening from its random book, but once you have reached move 3 the rest is practically forced on most computers, though very recent models may not fall into it.

The reason it works is that most computer programs rely too heavily on material considerations rather than positional ones. This is because material can be precisely defined mathematically, whereas position is to some extent abstract and open to interpretation, something which computers can't do! Thus most programs would not even sacrifice a pawn for the weightiest positional advantage. The game below takes this materialism to comic proportions - try it against your computer...

1 e4 e5  
2 Nf3 Bc5

objectively bad, but wins by force against most computers.

3 Nxe5 Bxf2+ !?

A hopelessly unsound sacrifice against any worthy opponent, but...

4 Kxf2 Qh4+

Anyone with even limited chess knowledge will realize that white should allow his e pawn to be taken and concentrate on securing his King position with 5 Kg1 or

5 g3. But most computers will do anything for a pawn, so...

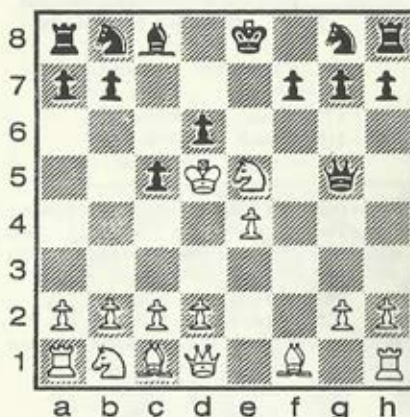
5 Ke3 ?? Qg5+

and black's sacrifice doesn't look nearly so unsound now. It still isn't too late for 6 Kf2 Qxe5; 7 d3 or Nc3, but now it isn't just a matter of a pawn being threatened, but a whole knight, so...

6 Kd4 ?? c5+

Most human players, even if they had wandered this far with the king, would by now recognize the futility of trying to hang on to the knight and would begin to beat a hasty retreat with 7 Kd3, but not our computer. I think by now you can probably guess what comes next...

7 Kd5 ?? d6



There is little point in continuing from here. If

8 Kxd6 Qe7+ etc.

Otherwise there is no sound defence against the threat of

... Be6+  
Kxd6 Qe7 mate

This is of course an extreme example of a computer's weakness for material advantage, but bearing the lesson in mind you can exploit the principle against most programs by offering a sacrifice that will lead the computer into a weak position. But just make sure your sacrifice IS sound, because there is no computer around that will fail to take a piece you shouldn't have given!!!

HURT v SAUL

Arnold Hurt has submitted this game from our match against the NCCC. The opening was Queen's Gambit refused, and we join it after move 14:



- 15 d5 Na7
- 16 Bc2 c6
- 17 dxc Nxc6
- 18 Ne2 Rc8
- 19 Ng3 Re8
- 20 Nf5 ...

Hoping to launch an attack, possibly a mate with two supporting knights and Bishop

- 20 ... Bb8
- 21 Bg5 Qxd1
- 22 Raxd1 Nxb4

A move I had overlooked making my Bishop en prise.

- 23 Bb1 Nc2
- 24 Bxc2 Rxc2
- 25 Bxf6 gxf6
- 26 Nf3h4 Ba7
- 27 Rf1 Bc5
- 28 Nd6 Bxd6
- 29 Rxd6 Bxe4

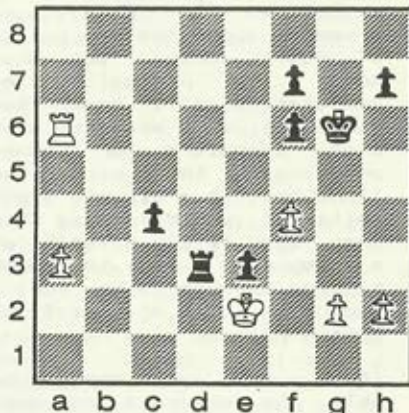
Bishop on e4 hampers my use of remaining knight.

- 30 Rxa6 Kg7
- 31 f4 Bd3
- 32 Rf3 Rc1+
- 33 Kf2 Rf1+
- 34 Kg3 e4
- 35 Rxf1 Bxf1
- 36 Kf2 Bc4
- 37 Nf5+ Kg6
- 38 Nd6 e3+
- 39 Ke1 Rd8
- 40 Nxc4 ...

Squares d2,f2 covered by pawn; e2 & f1 by bishop too dangerous.

- 40 ... bxc4
- 41 Ke2 Rd3

Black offered a draw at this point, which I refused.



- 42 a4 Kf5
- 43 Kf3 Rc3
- 44 g4+ Kg6
- 45 g5 e2+
- 46 Kxe2 Rc2+
- 47 Kd1 Rxh2
- 48 Rxf6+ Kg7
- 49 Rc6 Rb2
- 50 Rxc4 Rb7
- 51 a5 f6
- 52 gxf6+ Kxf6
- 53 a6 Ra7
- 54 Ra4 ...

Black's Rook is now tied to prevent pawn on a6 advancing, while white's R will soon be free to move on the a file.

- 54 ... Kf5
- 55 Ke2 Kg4
- 56 Kd3 h5
- 57 Ke2 Kg3
- 58 Kf1 h4
- 59 f5 ...

Freeing R from defending f pawn which might be needed to draw R from a7.

- 59 ... h3
- 60 Kg1 Rc7
- to move a7 allows Rc1 mate.
- 61 Ra3+ Kg4
- 62 Ra1 Resigns.

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Arnold has also submitted a game from this years CCCC championship in which he firmly defeated yours truly! I have held this over to the next issue partly for lack of space, and partly because you must be getting sick of my games! - Ed.

This game comes from John Morris, where he is playing White in a Battersea Club game. In this adjourned position he has sealed

37 f5



Perhaps h5 would have been better. However, when play resumed we continued...

37 ... Rd7  
38 f6+ Kh8  
39 h5 Rg8  
40 hxg6 Rxc6  
41 Kf3 h6  
42 Rh2 Qd1  
43 Qf4 ...

Unnecessarily cautious? I was troubled by the threat of Qxf6 when my g pawn was needed to recapture on h6.

43 ... Qg8

This was a won position for white. All that was needed was to double the rooks on the h file, e.g. by Rh5 followed by the R on e5 to h2 via e2, when black has no answer to Rxh6+. I did not reach this conclusion at the time though...

44 Rxh6 Rxh6  
45 gxh6 Qg1  
46 Qg5 Qxg5

Black must have decided that going for a draw by perpetual check was too risky, or was still hoping for a win.

47 Rxg5 Kh7  
48 Kf4 Kxh6  
49 Rg7 ...

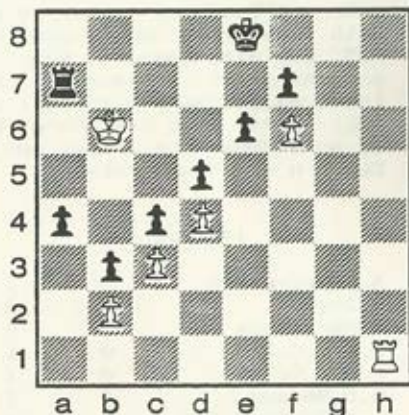
A definite mistake, made because I had hopes of forcing mate with K & R. In fact there is no such possibility unless Black

obligingly blunders. Correct was Rg8, as I saw after I had pressed the clock, so as to go to a8 or b8 hitting the black queenside majority pawns in their dangerous majority.

49 ... a5  
50 Ke5 b4  
51 Rg3 b3  
52 Rg1 a4  
53 Ra1 Ra7  
54 Rh1+ Kg6  
55 Rg1+ Kh7  
56 Rh1+ Kg8  
57 Rg1+ Kf8

Black has decided to retreat his King behind his own pawns to reinforce them from the rear, perhaps also with the idea of guarding the foot of his magnificent pawn chain should the black R need to come down from a7 to force the break through to a queening square.

58 Rh1 ...  
threatening Rh8 mate, so  
58 ... Ke8  
59 Kd6 Ra6+  
60 Kc7 Ra7+  
61 Kb6 ...



Whereupon, fortunately for me, Black resigned! Maybe he felt tired and wanted to go home. After Kxa7, a2 would have secured at least a draw, for the white R cannot leave the back rank and the black pawn chain in unbreakable. A somewhat inglorious victory for me therefore.

### MATCH NEWS

Our match against the NCCC finished in January with a decent victory for ourselves by 16.5 to 11.5. Full results are given below:

Fisher	11	v	00	Ashford
Stevenson	11	v	00	Flay
Davies	11	v	00	Collins
Mackenzie	11	v	00	Greenwood
Hodgess Roper	11	v	00	Upton
Lewis	NR	v	NR	Ainsworth
Taylor	00	v	11	Collins
Hurt	10	v	01	Saul
Morris	11	v	00	Wallace
Loxton	10	v	01	James
Gowing	00	v	11	Wilkinson
Smith	00	v	11	Andrews
Carlin	11	v	00	Willingham
Stewart	00	v	11	Taylor
McIntyre	0½	v	1½	Goide

Clergy CCC            16½    11½    National CCC

We are currently fielding a team of 13 against the Social Correspondence Chess Association. This only began in March so there is little in the way of results. Just two games have been finished, both being wins for CCCC. We have apparently played them twice before. On the first occasion in 1973 they beat us by 8.5 to 4.5 over 13 boards with one game per board. We played them again in 1974/5 over 7 boards with 2 games per board and reversed the result, CCCC winning by 8.5 to 5.5. So, with honours even, the current match can be viewed as something of a decider. Since many of our existing players were involved in these matches I give the results below, giving only the CCCC name with his score first, then that of his opponent. Apologies if some names are wrong, but the results sent to me by the SCCA Captain are handwritten:

#### 1973 match

#### 1974/5 match

A.F.Mackenzie	0	1
M.Joy	0.5	0.5
T.Partridge	1	0
H.W.R.Cullen	0	1
P.G.L.Cole	0	1
G.D.Geddes	0	1
L.J.Clifton Joy	0	1
G.J.Johnson	1	0
S.Roberton	0	1
N.W.Raybould	0	1
H.Sargent	0	1
E.P.James	1	0
M.C.Felderhof	1	0

G.Johnson	1.5	0.5
G.D.Geddes	0.5	1.5
H.B.Platts	0.5	1.5
E.A.Bailey	2	0
L.J.Clifton Joy	1	1
D.Thomas	2	0
E.B.Wood	1	1

CCCC lost            4.5    8.5            CCCC won            8.5    5.5

Many of the names above are familiar as current players. Does anyone know what has happened to those who are no longer members of CCCC?

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AND FINALLY ...

Geoffrey Harper of Division 1 has submitted a game against Ruggles Fisher, our winner for the past two seasons. The game itself has been held over but will be published in the next issue. However, he adds a footnote which is worth quoting here:

"Why is it that in two seasons in Division 1 I do well against the champion and struggle hard against the other players? There must be a book to be written on the Psychology of Postal Chess."

Well, if not a book, at least an article or two perhaps? Has anyone got any thoughts on the subject of the psychology of postal chess? If so let me have them for the next issue.

For myself, I find the lack of continuity difficult, especially in a game played by post rather than phone. Unless I have made notes about what my plans were, then having waited a week or more for the reply to my move I have lost the thread of the game and can't remember what I am supposed to be doing next! Or, because of the delay I have lost my visual memory of the board, and then (partly because I use pocket sets to keep them all set up) I overlook my opponent's Bishop and promptly award him a Queen for nothing...

No doubt other members have interesting or amusing stories of moves being mistranscribed, pieces being wrongly placed on the board (I do get the occasional one to adjudicate over...), or occasions when the cat or cleaner altered the position without you realizing! Perhaps you can explain why former winners get relegated and then stuck in Division 2 for years, or why I have twice won promotion from Division 3 only to be annihilated in Division 2 (there can't be that much difference can there?). Let us have your views.

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DON'T FORGET TO SEND ME YOUR RESULTS FOR THE CURRENT SEASON BY 31ST JULY AT THE LATEST, THOUGH THESE WOULD BE APPRECIATED SOONER SO THAT NEWS CAN BE GIVEN AT ECTON.

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