

CHESS minister !



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Welcome to the July issue of 'Chess Minister!'

I was away for the last half of June on an in-service training course, and as always returned to a 'knee-high' pile of mail, hence this issue is a little later in the month than I would have liked. Some of the mail awaiting my return was from our members reporting results of this season's games, but there are many more outstanding. May I remind you that our season finishes on 31st July, and it would help to have results in by then, or as soon as possible thereafter.

Though totally irrelevant to chess, my course took me to Italy as I was taking part in the Rome Summer School run by CORAT. After a couple of days break in Venice (an absolutely remarkable place) and a long and uncomfortable train journey to Rome, I joined the course on the subject of Authority in the Bible and Tradition. Our main lecturer was Peter Baelz, formerly Professor of Moral Theology at Oxford, and until last September our Dean here in Durham. He led a daily Bible study, and gave the main lectures, but other lecturers were invited in to help the course. Field trips were included to give us a feel of Rome and its surroundings, including a memorable day in Assisi (where I was privileged to celebrate the Eucharist for our group in St. Francis' Basilica), and a private viewing of the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel. The course concluded with attendance at the Papal Mass in St. Peter's on the feast of Ss. Peter & Paul where we had more or less the best seats in the church! 5 nations and 6 denominations were represented on the course, though the majority in each case were Americans (who can afford to do this kind of thing every year!) and Anglicans. If you have any in-service training funds left, or can persuade your diocese or church to sponsor you, it is worth considering this course which takes place at this time each year.

Anyway, enough of this - back to CHESS.

Best wishes to our President, Ivor Davies, upon his retirement. His new address and phone number are on the back cover of this magazine.

A number of you are behind with your subscriptions to the Club - some well behind. If so, you will receive with this issue a letter from our treasurer, who would be delighted to receive from you a cheque for your outstanding subs. Alternatively you could enrol as a Life Member for the once only payment of £22 (this will go up £1 from September) and never have to worry about subs again!

I am hoping that we can enter a team in the forthcoming BPCF Club championship, starting in October. There is a £200 prize for the winning club and if we can field our 10 strongest players then could that be us? In a moment of folly I agreed to act as tournament secretary for this championship and I think that it would help other clubs to accept my impartiality if I were NOT also captain of the CCCC team. So, would someone please offer to be our team captain for this occasion - it should not involve a great deal of work.

Unfortunately we narrowly lost our recent match against the Scottish Correspondence Chess Assn. Full results are elsewhere in this issue. We have a team currently playing the Civil Service CA, but practically no results are in from this yet.

In our internal competition, enough results are in from Division 1 for it to be certain that John Morris has retained the championship. Congratulations to him. Both second divisions remain open at present, but Bailey, Caldwell, and Smith have won promotion from their respective 3rd Divisions. At the time of writing I do not have a single result from Division 3D or Division 4. Do please send me your outstanding results as soon as possible.

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We now have a short close season before the 1989/90 season begins in October. If you know of any chess playing colleagues who would like to join us, please ask them to contact me before 1st September. If any of our non-playing members wish to return to full time competition please also let me know by that date. Also, if any of our existing players do NOT wish to play next year, please let me know, but say whether or not you wish to remain in the Club as a non-playing member.

As you know we have become corporate members of the English Chess Association. One of the benefits of this is that all our members are entitled to a 10% discount on purchases from Eureka Electronics, one of the main dealers in chess computers. If you order anything from them, say that you are a member of CCCC when you order and claim your discount. They are at 26 Castle Street, Brighton, BN1 2HD.

The idea of CCCC sweatshirts apparently didn't appeal to members, but I will repeat the offer in case it was lethargy rather than disinterest. We could have sweatshirts printed with the Club logo at £8 each including postage (sizes S.M.L.XL) or t-shirts at £5 each. If enough were ordered the unit cost to us would drop and there would be a surplus towards club funds. Let me know if you would like either, sending a cheque for the full amount by 1st September. I will hold cheques unbanked until there are enough orders to justify going ahead.

There was also little response to Ivor's proposals for a committee to run the CCCC. Those who did respond seem largely happy with the way the club is presently run, but the overall silence either indicates that so does everyone else, or no one cares!

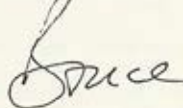
You will remember that we held our first residential congress a couple of years ago. I thought we might repeat it to celebrate our Silver Jubilee in 1992 (perhaps with the EEC significance of that date we should consider holding it in France?), but John Morris (the winner of our first congress) is anxious for a crack at retaining his trophy (or as he modestly puts it letting someone else take it from him) sooner than that and is persuading me to organize a congress next year. I am willing to do this if enough members are interested in attending. We will have to move fairly soon as retreat houses will be getting booked up for 1990 by now, so if you would support a 1990 congress (Mon-Thur) please let me know by 1st September and suggest what time of year would be best.

A couple of years ago we managed to complete a list of all our past winners. I think it would be nice if we could complete our club records with a list of past Officers. Can any of the present or past officers let me have a list of who has been President / Secretary / Treasurer of our Club and the years they held the post in question?

There is a lot in this that requires replies from you, so I am looking forward to a number of letters from you in time to report back on these things in the October magazine.

Do enjoy the rest of the magazine, and enjoy your summer holidays.

Best wishes,



MATCH AGAINST THE SCOTTISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION

Our match against the Scottish Correspondence Chess Association was completed in February. Unfortunately we narrowly lost the match by 16 - 14. Full results are given below:

<u>SCOTTISH CCA</u>		<u>CLERGY CCC</u>	
Campbell	W L	L W	Fisher
Penman	W W	L L	Hodgess Roper
Carty	L L	W W	Morris
Gillespie	D W	D L	Mackenzie
Inglis	W W	L L	Hurt
Mitchell	D L	D W	Foster
Parsons	D L	D W	Loxton
Stallard	W D	L D	Hulme
Sneddon	D D	D D	Bailey
Grant	W L	L W	Lewis
Thompson	W W	L L	Carlin
Gibbs	L W	W L	Gowing
Goodwin	W W	L L	McIntyre
Ross	L L	W W	Bickerstaff
Waugh	L L	W W	Caldwell
	16	14	

CLERGY CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CLUB : 1988 / 89 SEASON

At the time of writing the following results were outstanding in our current internal competition. I would be grateful for these results by 31st July, or soon after please. Please speed up your games by using 1st class post or phone. If there is no hope of them being completed soon after the closing date then please send in for adjudication - both players should send a diagram of the position and their claim.

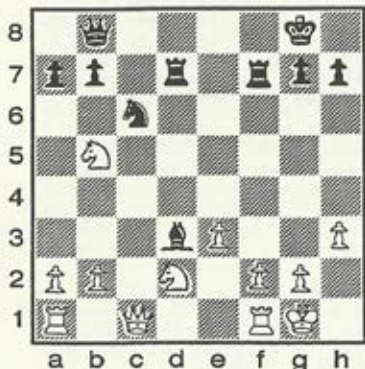
1.	DAVIES	v	Hulme	Stevenson
	HULME	v	Davies	
	STEVENSON	v	Davies	
2A.	H.ROPER	v	Partridge	
	McINTYRE	v	Partridge	
	PARTRIDGE	v	H.Roper	McIntyre
2B.	GEDDES	v	Shephard	Waterfield
	SHEPHARD	v	Geddes	Waterfield
	WATERFIELD	v	Geddes	Shephard
	WRIGHT	v	Shephard	
3A.	BAILEY	v	Wiltsher	
	WILTSHER	v	Bailey	
3D.	CULLEN	v	Hutchison	Norris
	HUTCHISON	v	Cullen	Norris
	NORRIS	v	Cullen	Hutchison
	WILLIAMSON	v	Cullen	Hutchison
				Norris
4.	JOY	v	Goode	Gowing
	GOODE	v	Joy	Gowing
	GOWING	v	Joy	Goode
	SMITH	v	Joy	Goode
				Smith
				Smith
				Smith
				Gowing

HURT v McINTYRE (DIV.2A)

Notes by Arnould Hurt:

I thought this game might be of some interest for the battle between Rooks and Knights in the end game.

1	d4	d5
2	c4	e6
3	Nc3	e5
4	dxc5	Bxc5
5	oxd5	exd5
6	Nf3	Nf6
7	h3	O-O
8	e3	Qa5
9	Bd2	Bf5
10	Nxd5	Qd8
11	Nc3	Nc6
12	Be2	Qd6
13	O-O	Rad8
14	Nb5?	Qb8
15	Qc1	Rd5
16	Bc4	Rd7
17	Bxf7+	Rxf7
18	Qxc5	Ne4
19	Qc1	Nxd2
20	Nxd2	Bd3!



So far I had felt fairly happy, 2 pawns up. I saw this move coming, but too late to prevent this Bishop fork. Which to do? Loose a piece, or a Rook for a minor piece. I decided on the latter.

21	Nc3	Bxf1
22	Nxf1	Qd8
23	a3	Qf6
24	Ne4	Qe5
25	Nfg3	Kh8
26	f4	Qb5
27	Ng5?	Rfe7

28	Nf1	h6
29	Nf3	Rd5
30	Rb1	Red7
31	Qc2	Qd3
32	Rc1	Qxc2
33	Rxc2	Rd1
34	Kf2	Kh7
35	g4	Ne7

I had to start making use of my strong King's side pawns.

36	f5	R7d5
37	e4	Rb5
38	e5	Rb1
39	b4	Nc6

I needed to get my Knights up the board to harass black's King. This gave me the chance

40	N1d2	Rh1
41	Kg2	Ra1
42	Nc4	Rd1
43	Nd6	Rb6
44	Nf7	Rd3
45	Ra2	Ra6?
46	b5	Raxa3
47	Rxa3	Rxa3
48	bxc6	bxc6
49	e6	Kg8
50	N3e5	Kf8
51	Ng6+	Kg8
52	Nd6	Re3
53	e7	a5
54	e8=Q+	Rxe8
55	Nxe8	Kf7
56	Nd6+	Kf6
57	h4	Resigns

Black's King cannot move. His only hope is to push the a-pawn, but...

57	...	a4
58	Kf3	a3
59	Kf4	a2
60	g5+	hxg5+
61	hxg5+mate	

If on move 56 Black's King had moved to g8, the game would have been prolonged. My Knights would have had to chase Black's pawns - one to hold them up while the other came over and took them. That would have been easy, but rather long winded.

Thank you Arnould for the game - more please from other members for future issues -Ed

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

FRED SYDENHAM (3C): I am a retired Methodist Minister. After serving in the war in the Royal Artillery I was at College in Birmingham. I have worked in Leeds (where I met my wife), Mansfield, Rugby, Hull, Heanor, Penzance, Alfreton, and Lostwithiel to which I have returned after four years 'active' retirement in Bournemouth, to be near my youngest daughter. I have two other daughters and a son. I obtained a degree from the Open University while in Penzance.

JUSTIN CALDWELL (3B): I was born in Warrington in 1929 and educated at Ampleforth, where I joined the community in 1947. I read French and Spanish at Oxford and was ordained in 1956. Whilst at Gilling Castle (Ampleforth's Prep school) I became interested in chess and formed a school chess club. From 1971-81 I was headmaster of the prep school, interrupted by a heart attack in 1974! I did a few years parish work in Preston area and then became R.C. Chaplain to Wymott Prison, then at St. Catherine's Hospice, Lostock Hall, and back to Wymott and Garth Prisons in 1988, and am also temporary chaplain to Risley Remand Centre. I suppose there is some overlap in these spheres of work since prison is another sort of boarding school, and one does find a few rogues at prep schools... Apart from chess, my hobbies are walking and music.

ARNOULD HURT (2A): I was born in Wellingborough in 1904 but grew up around the Potteries. I read Civil Engineering at Manchester University and worked for a time as Salford Borough Engineer's assistant before feeling called to the priesthood. After training at Cuddesdon I was ordained in 1928/29 in Blackburn Diocese. My second curacy was in the slum parish of St. John Sunderland. It was 1930 with high unemployment and pitiful dole, but they were wonderful people. My first parish was Shirebrook in Derbyshire where I worked throughout the war. I then did 8 years at Woodville, and after 10 years at Cleethorpes I went to British Honduras (now Belize) where for 6 hectic years I was head of a boys secondary school and on the Cathedral staff. I returned to England in 1968, to Scunthorpe before retiring for the first time in 1971. After 18 months in CHeshire I accepted a post-retirement post as priest in charge of a little Episcopal congregation in Innerleithen in the Scottish Borders. During my time here my wife died, and after 5 years I retired again and moved to Liverpool to be near my eldest son and his family. After another 5 years I did a most unusual thing, and returned here to take up my old work as P-in-C of St. Andrew's Innerleithen where I am still happily functioning! I have two sons and a daughter, and derive a little reflected glory from my second son, John, who has made a name for himself as an actor.

[Since receiving the above from Arnould, our treasurer Gordon Geddes sent me a cutting from the Sunday Post which included an interview with Arnould, a photo of him, and a family group including son John. According to this article Arnould is the oldest working priest in the Episcopal Church of Scotland. Congratulations are also due to Arnould as he celebrates the Diamond Jubilee of his ordination this year.-Ed.]

WILLIAM NICHOLL (2B): I was born in Londonderry in 1926. Leaving school at 14, I went to work in Belfast. At the age of 20 I entered the Methodist ministry. After two years at Edgehill Theological College I have worked in various Circuits all over Ireland, and two years in Glasgow. Working part time for a while, I did a London B.D. and an M.Th. at Queen's Belfast. In 1954 I married Jean, and we have four children dispersed around the world. Last year I returned to the Circuit where I was ordained and met my wife, hopefully to retire from here in a few years time.

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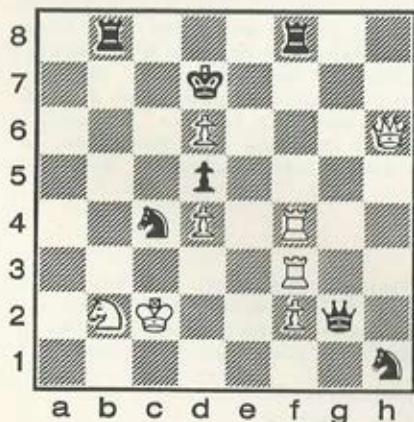
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Unlikely perhaps, but Mephistopheles has lent his name to a make of chess computer, so why not? I am indebted to Justin Caldwell for sending me this amusing little chess fantasy!

It is Faust's last night. Mephistopheles comes to collect him. To while away the time until midnight Faust challenges Mephistopheles to a game of chess, 'double or quits' as it were! Mephistopheles agrees, but naturally insists on having the black pieces! He plays with fiendish cunning and soon Faust finds his hopes fading. As midnight draws near they reach the position shown below and Mephistopheles announces mate in seven.



"Show me," says Faust. "We still have time to play it out." So they continue...

1. ... Rxb2+
2. Kc3 ...

(if 2.Kd3 Qf1+, 3.Kc3 Qc1+, 4.Kd3 Qd2 mate).

2. ... Qxf3+
3. Rxf3 Rxf3+
4. Qe3 Rxe3+
5. f2xe3 Nf2
6. e4 Nxe4+
7. Kd3 ...

Whereupon Mephistopheles triumphantly plays

7. ... Rd2

and announces "Checkmate!"

"Maybe so," says Faust, "but I think that position, looked at from your point of view, means you have lost!"

Mephistopheles looks again at the board, snarls viciously, and runs away as the clock strikes midnight and Faust gives heartfelt thanks to the Lord!

Our friend Mephistopheles also makes an appearance in Bill Hartston's entertaining little book, 'How to Cheat at Chess', though there he appears to stick to his more usual games!

And whilst on the subject of religion and chess (were we on that subject?) I received a letter from Mike Fox, one of the authors of 'The Complete Chess Addict' which I reviewed here last year. You may have read elsewhere the suggestion that amongst his many accomplishments Pope John Paul II is reputed to be a fine chess player. However, all attempts to verify this have so far been frustrated (see pp.14/15 of this book). Mike Fox now points out a line in Batsford Chess Openings (page 51 note 15) where the player of the black pieces, a certain Wojtyla, is claimed to be the present Pope. Sadly, however, this apparently turns out to be another hoax. We know the Pope is an accomplished linguist and sportsman amongst other things, but does he play chess??? Perhaps this will remain a mystery.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

BILL LOCKETT (NPM): Born within the sound of Bow Bells during a zeppelin raid. Life in the '20s and '30s centred around the Holy Redeemer church, Clerkenwell, where the sisters of Bethany held 'tea-time' classes in Scripture, Art, Architecture, Algebra - and Chess!

Studied Architecture for 5 years, then Art at the Royal College for four years including teacher training. There followed a few years of bewilderment in various occupations - designing for industry (especially furniture and fabrics), teaching occupational therapy, Army camouflage, ambulance work during the blitz and nurse at hospital casualty department, teaching life painting, telecommunications, war artist, Army education and schoolmaster at Cranbrook, Kent.

In 1943 I went to Lincoln Theological College, was ordained in 1945 and spent two years in the parish of St. Mary's Beddington. Married Cecilia Mary who had studied art and theology. Three children - a teacher, architect, and a PhD. musician.

I spent 8 years lecturing in teacher training colleges (theology, art, craft, education) at Bath then St. Katharine's Liverpool. From 1956-82 Senior University Lecturer in the History of Art at Liverpool University and Canon Theologian at Liverpool Cathedral. (My brother followed a similar training in art and architecture, was ordained in 1964 and became a Canon of St. Albans.)

During my time at Liverpool I conducted many art and architecture university study tours in Europe, and pilgrimages to the Holy Land. Made a member of the Florence Academy. Published in America, Spain, Germany, Italy, England including 'Church Architecture and Social Responsibility' and 'The Modern Architectural Setting of the Liturgy' (Mowbray). Associated with the work of the Council for the Care of Churches and DACs for 44 years, and for 18 years was Aesthetic Advisor for St. George's Chapel Windsor.

Now in enforced idleness.

[Bill of course designed our club logo which appears on the front of our magazine. He feels unable to play a full CCCC season at present, but is always willing to play a 'friendly game' against another member without pressure of time limit, so if anyone is interested, get in touch with him. - Ed.]

Once again, that uses up all the biographies of members that I have received to date. Since beginning this series we have profiled over a third of our membership. Many have led interesting lives, and I feel it helps us to get closer to each other - to feel that we know our fellow members as a little more than a signature on a letter or a voice on the phone, even if we rarely meet. There are still several of you who have not yet been featured in this series, so come on - put pen to paper and let us know a little about yourself.

I have a couple of games in reserve at present - thanks to those who responded to my appeal. But don't let this state of affairs induce complacency. I am always willing to receive games from members for publication in Chess minister! Send me the moves, suggest a point for a diagram, and include a bit of annotation. Your work will NOT be in vain. Every game sent will be published sooner or later!

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