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Just for once page 1 is getting typed late (or re-typed, to be accurate: the original stencil got mangled on the duplicator) so I can be reasonably up to date with the editorial. Not that I've very much to say. Some of the things left in the air by the SCCU Council Meeting are clearer now; the East Anglian Union has been accepted for BCF membership - after all, rejecting them would have meant forfeiting the levy money - and we have a volunteer who will almost certainly take over as Grading Secretary (see page 7). What we still lack is a Junior Organiser, and he may not be easy to find. Is it just my impression, or are volunteers becoming scarcer these days? I've been shedding one or two jobs myself.

One I have not shed yet (sorry) is that of Bulletin Editor. All subscriptions expire with this issue, and an order form for next season is attached to the front cover. Send it off straight away, if you wish to renew. You'll forget otherwise, if you're anything like me. The price has not gone up! County Secretaries, and known magazine editors, receive free copies automatically but County match captains do not. It is strongly suggested that their Counties subscribe on their behalf. Some always do.

There is also an order form for the new (September) Grading List. You will note that the two forms have to go to different addresses this year; which will mean two separate cheques. Sorry about that.

SCCU ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING 11.6.83

The Council met at a hotel in a very pleasant Bayswater square (though alas the room was small and not air conditioned). 29, we think, plus the Auditor attended. The official minutes will go to County Secretaries, but this is more or less what happened:

(1) Inter-County competitions. Jeff Douglas commented on the number of defaults this season. (We've counted 83 odd ones, which is not unusually high, but there do seem to have been a lot of large-scale "block" defaults and complete match defaults.) Some said County matches just did not seem to meet customers' requirements any more. Jamborees, or 16 board matches, were suggested. The Secretary thought points should be deducted for defaults.

(2) Grading. There was still no volunteer to replace Brian Locke as Grading Secretary. Trevor Jones, Grading Programmer, reported on the current situation. It should still be possible to produce the 1983 List more or less on time, though corners might have to be cut. It was doubtful whether the Bulletin Editor was prepared to go on distributing it unless paid. For his own part Mr Jones had less and less time to spare for his job, and found it less and less interesting as the initial programming jobs were succeeded by tedious clerical ones. He had little incentive to go on improving the system, in view of the forthcoming BCF centralisation which would make it redundant.

(3) Juniors. Mr Morrish, in a report read out by the Chairman, referred the Meeting to full reports of junior activities which had appeared in the Bulletin. He regretfully tendered his resignation in view of the heavy workload imposed by the job. No volunteer sprang forward, and it was left to the Executive to find a replacement.

(4) Individual Championship. Fred Manning reported that there had been only 12 entries, with the result that the Championship had been incorporated in the Upminster Open event. The winner was BA Jacobs with 5½/6 (fortunately the Open winner as well). RG Granat and A Martin had tied 2nd= with 5. Most of the participants had come from Essex. It was agreed that the Executive should set up a sub-committee to look at the possibility of an annual event specifically organised by the Union.

(5) Accounts for 1982-3. Mr Richmond presented accounts showing a very large surplus for the year. To some extent this was hard to explain. (The Editor accepts his share of responsibility: he can explain some but not all of the savings on Bulletin production and Grading List distribution.) The Auditor said he was broadly quite satisfied though there were still some points of detail which he had not had time to check. The Accounts were adopted.

(6) Budget. The Meeting agreed: County levy £6 per point (down from £8); Grading List £1.70, bulk orders £1.50 (no change); and Bulletin sub £2.30 (no change).

(7) Elections. Names and addresses of those elected are inside the front cover. The Treasurer, whose County is half-seceding from the Union, resigned and was succeeded by WA Suttill. Mr Suttill is Treasurer of the Kings Head Club. AJ Douglas continues as County Match Controller "for one more year", but he always says that. JJ Lauder declined nomination for the Executive but it was agreed that as the Union's first and only Life Vice-President he should have an open invitation to attend Executive meetings.

(8) East Anglian Chess Union. A problem. Cambs wished to belong to both Unions, paying a full levy contribution to each. Their first (or University) team would play in the SCCU competition. The problem was that the NCCU and WECU had told the Management Board they would not accept an arrangement whereby Cambs belonged to two Unions. Indeed some reservations were expressed by the SCCU Council. Jeff Douglas, in particular, said he thought it wrong for a County to be eligible for qualification via the SCCU if it belonged to another Union as well. Sussex's feeling appeared to be similar. Others thought it reasonable that the first team, which is strong, should stay in the Union providing strongest opposition. As far as your Editor could judge, the Meeting as a

whole was sympathetic to Cambs; though it was hard to tell because a motion to accept Cambs "whether or not they belonged to another Union" was not voted on. At all events arrangements are going ahead for a match programme including Cambs in the Championship division. A resolution was passed, massively, supporting the EACU and urging member Counties to do the same at the BCF Council Meeting.

It was agreed nem con that the Union should give £100 to the new Union as its notional share of present SCCU assets. It had been suggested that we give them two trophies as well; however, it is still not clear which trophies are spare and the Executive was asked to find out, with a mandate to offer two if it finds them.

(9) County Match Fixtures. An old Cambs problem instantly resurfaced. The fixture list is always adjusted to allow Cambs to play all their matches in the University term. Some thought this unfairly favourable to Cambs. However it was pointed out that any other arrangement would be unfair to the Counties that had to meet Cambs in term time.

Some members, largely if not entirely from Kent, felt that the practice of staggering first and second team matches so that they do not coincide was wrong. They had two reasons: first, it is wrong to allow second teams to be hugely reinforced by first team players; and second, it is better to play as many County matches simultaneously as you can, thereby avoiding clashes with other events. A proposal to this effect was lost by 6 votes (? all Kent) to a lot.

It was agreed that the MJ competition, considering the small number of teams in it, should be double round. This would give 8 matches. An unprecedented, we think, step was taken when it was decided to combine the Amboyna and Ebony leagues. Whether this is against the rules is debatable (they stipulate "four divisions") but we feel sure there will be some startled match captains around.

(10) Publicity Officer. This should have gone under (7), but we forgot. Jef Page was appointed to a new Office, with responsibility for publicity and sponsorship.

(11) Rule Changes. Two of these:

a) It was proposed to add to Rule 1 a requirement that the Union should be non-profit-making. The reason given was that this might have tax advantages. The Auditor denied this. The proposal was lost by 11 votes to 8, failing to meet the two-thirds requirement.

b) It was proposed to delete the names of Beds, Norfolk, and Suffolk from Rule 2. This proposal, to take account of the new EACU situation, was carried by 20 votes to 1.

(12) Congresses. It was proposed that the Union be prepared to donate money to congresses run by the SCCU Counties. This proposal was lost.

Problem Corner: win a free subscription!
 Last issue, we were inundated with a request for more problems. An appeal for problems by readers has fallen on stony ground, so here's the Editor's latest effort. Afraid it's retro-analysis again, but to encourage solvers we make an UNREPEATABLE offer: the first correct solution opened wins a one-year subscription to the Bulletin. Just send your solution with your order form. All correct entries received by 20th August 1983 will go into a hat, and the lucky winner gets his money back.

The problem:
 It is Black's move, and both sides can castle. What happened to Black's missing Pawn?

Black 13 pieces

(R)				(K)			
	(P)	(Q)	(N)	(P)	(P)		
	(P)	(P)				(P)	(P)
						P	
			P	P			B
	P	P	(N)		P	P	
R				K		(B)	

White 10 pieces

r3k3/lpqnp2/lpp3pp/8/6P1/3PP2B/1PPn1PP1/R3K1b1

BCF ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING 9.7.83

From Our Own Correspondent. (We managed to give it a miss this year, and hearing it took 5½-6 hours are not sorry.)
Accounts were adopted. This was a lengthy process; the Treasurer took the Meeting through the accounts in some detail and it had not been possible to circulate them in advance.
Presidents Awards were made to TJ Beach, BP Reilly and BH Wood.
East Anglian Chess Union. To cut a long story short, the new Union was accepted by a comfortable majority after a sometimes acrimonious discussion. All they have at the moment is a vote in Council; a sub-committee will report on the practicality of letting them into the BCF stage of the Counties Championship, but that will not happen until 1984-5 at the earliest. NCCU objections to the new Union, supported by the WECU, seem

to have been based partly on the smallness of it (it has less levy points than a couple of Counties) and partly on the unwisdom of acting too quickly. Editor's note: The BCF Newsflash for July has it that the SCCU secessionists went with SCCU consent. This is strictly wrong as consent is not required. What they had was our good will.

We can't resist this bit: It appears there was much debate whether a two-thirds majority was required for admitting a new Union. In the end the Chairman adopted the simple expedient of having a vote to decide. We think the decision was that you need two-thirds for writing them into the constitution, but not for admitting them. They got the two-thirds on admission anyway, and no vote was taken on the constitution. (On a cursory reading we can't see that the constitution needs changing.)

Rule changes. Two changes to the Counties Championship rules. In the BCF stage, the rate of play will henceforth be 40 in 2 hours and 55 in 2 hrs 15 min. Whether there is any requirement for 2½ hrs or beyond we don't know, not having seen the precise wording. And at Sussex's instigation there is to be a tightening of the eligibility rules preventing a player from representing more than one County in the Union stage.

Officers. No palace revolutions, all were re-elected.

Grading. Studies continue.

Levy system. This is still under review, and the threatened census is to happen later this year.

Trophies. None of the County ones were awarded, as all Finals depend on adjudications.

British Chess Educational Trust Awards went to St Michaels RC Secondary School, Stevenage; Royal Grammar School, Guildford; and a couple of schools in Falmouth and Hartlepool. The first two were the SCCU nominees. (It now seems to be accepted, in effect, that the SCCU is "entitled" to two nominations.)

ROUND THE COUNTIES

KENT: Finals Day held at Dartford 22.5.83 produced the following winners - County Cup Charlton I; Lewis Cup Canterbury II; Stevenson Cup Beckenham and Bromley IV; En Passant Chislehurst II; Harvey Cup Tonbridge (in their first season). County Champion M Ali; Major Champion AVH Sands; Intermediate Champion C Soltysiak; Minor Champion MP Mourant. The Club Correspondence Champions are Rainham.

Kilndown CC celebrated their 5th birthday with a friendly against a Rest of Kent side, losing 7½-11½ (but they did lend a player to the Rest, and he won). Charlton CC, just ten times as old, lost 16-18 to the Rest but their loans were more considerable. A match Kilndown v Charlton was fixed for the 25th June but we have not heard the result.

A tournament held 15.5.83 as part of the Kent Festival of Sport was won by Thanet, the hosts, with 20½/30 ahead of Swale 19½.

MIDDIX: Ealing CC have acquired a marquee (or will play under clear skies "if there are any") at the week-long Walpole Festival to be held in Walpole Park W5 23-31 July. Ealing players will take on all comers any afternoon, and other events are: RD Keene simul 24th; Junior tournament U14/12/10 25th; Problem solving tourney 26th; Improve Your Chess lecture 27th; Junior U18/16 28th; Assess Your Chess lecture 29th; Open QP 30th; Lightning tourney 31st. Except for simul and QP, entry fees are 50p or less. All events start at 10 a.m. and finish at 4 p.m. (simul and QP 6 p.m.). Sounds enterprising and deserves to succeed. Details from, and entries to, A Bowles-Bevan, London Borough of Ealing, 24 Uxbridge Rd W5 2BP 01 579 2424. We guess entries will also be accepted on the spot.

Chequers, "London's only chess café", operates in Chalk Farm Rd NW1 and we hope that puts it in Middx. It produces a monthly magazine called Chequers Chess @ £8.40 a year, or £4.20 a half-year if you're wary. Details 01 485 1696. This place, with tournaments every Saturday and Sunday evening (entries taken on the spot) does sound worth a visit. The magazine, or at least the June issue, contains some 17 pages of chess and 13 of photos/advertisements.

NORFOLK: League winners - Div I East Kingside; Div I West Morley Movers; Div II Central Heath House "A"; II East Norwich Union "B"; II West Morley Mites. Norfolk and Norwich won the Norfolk section of the Norfolk and Suffolk Cup but lost the Final on board count against Ipswich. Williamson Cup went to Kingside who beat Norfolk and Norwich 2½-1½ in the Final. Bureau Tournament, in its first year, was won by R Hughes.

SURREY: We are losing an Editor. JJ Lauder, whose name will be known to readers, has decided it is time for him to hand on Surrey Chess News to somebody else. We have not heard whether a successor has yet been appointed.

League winners: Alexander Cup Streatham (runners-up Guildford); Surrey Trophy Streatham I; Beaumont Cup S Norwood; Ellam Trophy Crystal Palace; Centenary Trophy Mitcham II; Minor Trophy Wallington II (runners-up Ashted III).

Nothing else from the Counties this time, unless something else squeezes in under the deadline. But we would like to comment briefly on an issue raised in one of the County magazines we have received. Player A, in a match of some importance, refused to play because his opponent B arrived a couple of minutes after the default deadline. B accused

him of cowardice and worse, but to no avail. The Bulletin is firmly on A's side, and believes B's moral pressure was immoral. What next? "Yes, I know my flag's down but I was just about to play the move. If you were a gentleman you'd play on. After all, we're here to play chess!"

BCF STAGE COUNTY MATCHES

Second Teams

Quarter Final:

<u>Kent II</u>	23.4.83	<u>Merseyside II</u>
1 NR Oliver (B)	1 0	D Boyes
2 LJ Smart	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Hardman
3 LM Pickett	1 0	F Barker
4 G Stevens	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	F Findlater
5 PR Price	1 0	J Lambert
6 GHF Tredinnick	0 1	M Calvert
7 A Richardson	1 0	M McNoughton
8 def	0 1	A Samples
9 GM Brown	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RA Barton
10 M Reddie	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	E Harris
11 D Morris	1 0	G Burgess
12 D Reilly	1 0	P Catheron
13 M Ali	a	DA Craggs
14 MJ Pitt	0 1	P Leeson
15 A Raof	0 1	J Fleetwood
16 RCA L-Pentecost	1 0	A Fleetwood
(Coventry)	(9 6)	

Semi Final:

<u>Middx II</u>	4.6.83	<u>Yorks II</u>
1 DP Lynch (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Dennison
2 KR Clark	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	P Blackman
3 C Blackwell	0 1	S Mann
4 A Jackson	0 1	G Frost
5 R Jennings	0 1	T Pogson
6 JM Quinn	1 a 0	L Deighton
7 JS Walton	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	K Hogan
8 J Ward	1 0	P Donnelly
9 RJ Pearce	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	J Rycroft
10 SJ Wood	0 1	P Swanson
11 PM Rice	$\frac{1}{2}$ a $\frac{1}{2}$	M Fox
12 GH Govas	1 0	T Slinger
13 MD Houghton	1 0	F Brown
14 MD Brougham	0 1	P Madden
15 N von Schlippe	1 0	D Milton
16 AH Donkin	1 0	P Beckett
17 JP Gorgol	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	G Coulson
18 JVA Franks	1 0	K Milton
(Coventry)	10 8	

Semi Final:

<u>Kent II</u>	4.6.83	<u>Gtr Mcr II</u>
1 NR Oliver (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Gardner
2 R Webb	1 0	A Holden
3 def	0 1	D Sheridan
4 NR Keene	1 0	P Macklin
5 JD Wager	1 0	M Roberts
6 G Stephens	1 0	P White
7 PR Price	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	B Rhodes
8 A Richardson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	L Smith
9 TH Stonehouse	1 0	D Stuttard
10 GM Brown	0 1	J Ridgway
11 GHF Tredinnick	0 1	A Stobo
12 D Reilly	1 0	A Robinson
13 RF Sefton	1 0	D James
14 DA Patterson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	C Fielding
15 LA Trangmar	1 0	N Dunn
16 RCA L-Pentecost	1 0	A Beresford
(Coventry)	11 5	

Final:

<u>Middx II</u>	2.7.83	<u>Kent II</u>
1 R Colston (W)	1 0	SJ Jacobs
2 DP Lynch	0 1	D Paterson
3 KR Clark	1 0	RW O'Brien
4 DL Lee	+ a =	MCL Read
5 SJ Tovey	0 1	DC Taylor
6 PD Yerbury	1 0	NR Keene
7 JM Quinn	0 1	JD Wager
8 C Blackwell	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	G Stevens
9 A Jackson	+ a =	PR Price
10 RT Blackwell	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Richardson
11 J Ward	0 1	D Morris
12 RJ Pearce	0 1	D Reilly
13 CHJ Orton	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	TH Stonehouse
14 BJ Benjamin	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	GM Brown
15 GH Govas	+ a =	G Tredinnick
16 MD Houghton	= a +	M Reddie
(Highbury)	(5 7)	

Championship

Semi Final:

<u>Kent</u>	4.6.83	<u>Gtr Mcr</u>
1 DJ King (W)	1 a 0	VW Knox
2 AC Losten	1 0	J Naujokas
3 RG Eales	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	OA Jackson
4 JJ Ady	1 0	T Farrand
5 IR Watson	0 1	P Kane
6 AE Hanreck	0 a 1	H Lamb
7 RMR O'Kelly	1 0	JT Farrand
8 AG Trangmar	1 0	JA Lambert
9 PS Milner-Barry	1 0	P Adams
10 M Macdonald-Ross	1 0	AJD Baruch
11 JN Sugden	1 0	PL Siddall
12 J Sommerville	0 1	J Sharp
13 AP Smith	0 1	DA Knox
14 DH Powell	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Krawczuk
15 SW Giddins	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	PG Moore
16 J Dodgson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Winrow
(Coventry)	10 6	



WOT NO CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL?

Sorry, we just haven't received the result. The match was played all right, on the 2nd July, but we don't even know the score except that it depended on adjudications. Try the August Newsflash.

Minor Counties

Quarter Final:

Sussex	23.4.83	Ches/N Wales
1 S Conquest	1 0	M Townsend
2 BA Jacobs	1 0	RW Musson
3 BJ Denman	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	P Bennett
4 G Kenworthy	1 0	T Bennett
5 JC Henshaw	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AM Hynes
6 GH James	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	G Morris
7 JIP Simpole	0 1	D Palmer
8 FJ Kwiatkowski	0 1	TC Borland
9 DGA Shallcross	1 0	AP Davies
10 RV Elliston	1 0	CL Higgle
11 SON Hawes	1 a 0	Paul Bennett
12 D Graham	1 0	SJ Murphy
13 L Rutherford	0 1	D Dugdale
14 LJ Cannon	1 0	M Peel
15 P Fallon	void*	AG Harp
16 SR Boniface	0 1	G Trueman
(Runcorn)	$9\frac{1}{2}$ $5\frac{1}{2}$	

Semi Final:

Sussex	4.6.83	Leics
JC Hawsworth (B)	1 0	PR Davies
BA Jacobs	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RA Barton
BJ Denman	0 1	A Byron
G Kenworthy	1 0	A Ward
JG Nicholson	0 1	IG Cragg
GH James	1 0	OH Harding
JIP Simpole	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JK Robinson
FJ Kwiatkowski	1 0	G Hutchinson
DGA Shallcross	0 1	JR Mitchell
RV Elliston	1 0	BM Walker
SON Hawes	0 1	M Salisbury
D Graham	1 0	def
L Rutherford	0 1	A Hyslop
P Fallon	1 0	PC Clarke
RH Williams	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	BA Foreman
RTF Williams	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	R Burgess
(Highbury)	9 7	

Final:

Sussex	2.7.83	Bucks
JC Hawsworth (B)	1 0	A Robbings
JC Hawsworth	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	H Golombek
G Kenworthy	0 1	RB Edwards
JC Henshaw	1 0	GM Boyce
BJ Denman	+ a	RCS Newton
GH James	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JC Saunders
def	0 1	PC Girdlestone
JIP Simpole	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Townsend
RV Elliston	+ a	P Hackman
DGA Shallcross	0 1	GJ Nicholas
D Graham	1 0	RDW Marsh
SON Hawes	1 0	DA Bennett
AB Bamford	0 1	CA Frostick
L Rutherford	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	KG Hyde
P Fallon	0 1	RD de Coverly
LJ Cannon	+ a	EN Bramley
RH Williams	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Niedzwiedzki
CE Cropp	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AJ Cox
DJ Hopson	0 1	PD Porter
RTF Williams	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JE Povey
(Guildford)	$(7\frac{1}{2}$ $9\frac{1}{2})$	

*Bd 15 Sussex v Ches/N Wales declared void "due to transcription error, detected much later in the game". We don't pretend to know what this means.

Amboyna: two last adjudication results. Kent III $12\frac{1}{2}$ $7\frac{1}{2}$ Middx III 12.2.83: 5 Sherriff 1 Abiaw; 7 Phillips 1 Louth (no Middx claims)

And a correction. Surrey III 9 11 Sx III 12.3.83 - not as shown in the league table last time.

Final Amboyna standings:	GP	MP
1 Essex III	93	6
2 Sussex II	$89\frac{1}{2}$	$5\frac{1}{2}$
3 Surrey III	75	$3\frac{1}{2}$
4 Middx III	73	3
5 Kent III	$69\frac{1}{2}$	2

The Fleming Trophy:

Beds	11.6.83	Bucks
A Berry (B)	0 1	H Golombek
A Perkins	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	GM Boyce
JN Wingfield	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	GJ Nicholas
PSN Kendall	1 0	RDW Marsh
J O'Loughlen	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	KG Hyde
R Bodily	1 0	EN Bramley
J Keen	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Niedzwiedzki
P Hatton	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AJ Cox
T McDade	0 1	PR Rawcliffe
J Shaw	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JE Povey
M James	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	G Ellames
def	0 1	J Guaschi
R Woods	1 0	AW Hill
P Gill	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	D Dawson
R Quince	1 0	M Chojnacki
P Moulton	1 0	EA Hackett
J Staddon	1 0	R Ginger
C Watson	1 0	FG Day
N Beveridge	1 0	REW Scopes
G Valerio	1 0	CJ Stapley
(Bedford)	13 7	

You have been warned

We see from the BCF Council papers that the study on centralised grading should be complete by the end of 1983. Seems graders will be able to submit results on magnetic tape if they have access to suitable micro-computers, "assistance being provided by Unions in the other cases". We don't know to what extent the Unions have been consulted on this but it hasn't come up in SCCU Executive meetings yet.

Though scepticism lingers, the Bulletin does favour centralisation. But we would put in a plea for some user-friendly handouts from the BCF.

Quote from the same papers:

"A first slip would be for all the above organisations (sc chess events) to appoint a publicity officer."

Once again the Phantom Fixture List. Will all Counties agreeing to change these dates please contact Nigel Dennis (and it helps if you tell the Bulletin as well).

Date	Championship	M-Jones	Phillips and Drew Amboyna	No Junior dates yet, but then there is no Junior Organiser yet. The new combined PD Amboyna/Ebony league (and we assume E4, K4 and Sy3 compete for the Ebony Trophy) may pose eligibility problems. There is no rule against playing for two different teams in the same competition, but as far as we know the possibility has never arisen before. It will now.
Oct 1		MK OH		
8	SyM KH BrC SxE			
15			E3E4 SxM K3K4 Sy2Sy3	
22		KO EM		
29	EBr CK HSy MBu			
Nov 5			MK3 K4Sy2 E3Sx E4Sy3	
12		OE HK		
19	BuH SyC KE BrSx			
26			Sy2M Sy3K4 K3E3 SxE4	
Dec 3		EH MO		
10	SxK ESy CBu HM			
17		HM KE		
Jan 7		KM HO		
14	MC BuE SySx KBr			
21			MSy3 E3Sy2 SxK3 E4K4	
28	BrSy SxBu EM CH			We also lack a rule for deciding who wins the Ebony. Do all matches count, or just the ones between Ebony teams? (Or maybe the Ebony will not be awarded this year?)
Feb 4		OK ME		
11	HE MSx BuBr SyK			
18			K4M Sy3E3 Sy2Sx K3E4	
25		EO KH		
Mar 3	KBu BrM SxH EC			
10			E4M E3K4 SxSy3 K3Sy2	
17	CSx HBr MK BuSy			
24		HE OM		
31			ME3 K4Sx Sy3K3 Sy2E4	
Apr 7		MH EK		

two competitions. We just think it was a bit sudden. And while we're in the vein, just one more comment. The declining interest in County chess obviously has something to do with the weekend congress circuit. Now we have only three leagues, was this not an opportunity to cut the number of Saturdays and avoid some of the more important clashes? Simultaneous matches would also help to give each team more of an identity by reducing the number of people playing for two or more teams, but the Editor admits he seems to be in a minority in wanting that. He also admits he hasn't spoken to Nigel Dennis before making these comments. This space is yours next time, Nigel, if you want it.

CONGRESS RESULTS

EAST ANGLIAN at the University of E Anglia 8-10 April 1983

<u>Premier</u>	1-2 C Cubitt, OM Hindle 4½/5; 3-4 SJ Gregory, J Wells 3½... 20 pl
<u>Reserve</u>	1 LR Gurr 4½/5; 2 PH Spratt 4; 3-5 R Dickson, K Hindle, N Larter 3½... 22 pl
<u>Major 1</u>	1 MJ Hindle 4½/5; 2 PJ Colville 4; 3-5 P Smith, B Stevens, GR Wright 3½... 22 pl
<u>Major 2</u>	1 RN Smith 5/5; 2-3 W Algar, PT Fuller 4; 4 S Kassell 3½... 22 pl
<u>Minor</u>	1 T Mantripp 5/5; 2 G Bishop 4; 3-5 KD Bix, DW Moore, C van Blerk 3½... 22 pl

CHARLTON JUBILEE QP 14 May 1983 (30 min/game)

1 P Large 6½/7; 2-3 C Crouch, AJ Stebbings 5½; 4-8 MG Chandler, JW Branford, JD Wager, W Watson, T Chapman 5... 42 pl Grading U165 AVH Sands 4½; ungraded T Chapman 5

JUNIOR NEWS

NORFOLK SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS at Norwich 5th and 12th March 1983

Under 18 1 C Paul 5/6; 2 (tie-break) M Hindle 5; 3-4 G Coleman, A Connolly 4½. All from Paston School. 23 pl

Under 15 1 KE Hindle (Cromer) 5½/6; 2 N Gorvin (Sprowston) 5; 3-4 J Booth (Ks Lynn), P Sneddon (Sprowston) 4½... 50 pl

Girls (in U15) 1 S Coe (Thorpe)

NORFOLK SCHOOLS LEAGUE: Senior Paston 86% from Wymondham 69%... 11 teams. Junior Cromer 73% from Sprowston 71%

5th WEALD OF KENT JUNIOR 14-15 May 1983

Under 18 1 DJ Edwards (Kilndown) 4½/5; 2 MPR Veck (Kilndown) 3½... 8 pl

Under 11 1 N Comerford (Kilndown) 7/7; 2 P Cooper (Kilndown) 6; 3-6 T Jarvis (Sandhurst), D LeBargy (Biddenden), J Martin (Benenden), T McDonnell (Kilndown) 5... 30 pl

LLOYDS BANK SQUAD CHAMPIONSHIPS 28-29 May 1983

Under 9 1 MD Sadler (Kent) 6/7; 2-3 A Jamal (Essex), J Merriman (Merseyside) 5½; 4-8 P Bird, C Haslinger (Girls title), D Keen (all Middx), A Keehner (Essex), E Neill (Kent) 5... 41 pl

Under 8 1 D Kumaran (Middx) 7½/9; 2-3 D Dobbs, D Hassapis (both Middx and joint U7 ch) 7; 4-5 S Florence (Northumberland), A Salim (Essex) 6½... 32 pl. Girls: E Holland (Hants) 5; J Smith (Lincs) 4

LLOYDS BANK GIRLS SCHOOLS TROPHY at Coloma, Croydon 30 April 1983

Under 18 1 Coloma 7/8; 2 N London Collegiate 6½; 3 Westergate 6... 7 teams

Under 13 1 Coloma Queens 10/12; 2-3 Coloma 2, Westergate 9... 11 teams

Under 11 1 Ravensbury (Manchester) 9/12; 2-3 Dorchester A, Adamsrill (Sydenham) 8... 11 pl

UNDER 11 INTERNATIONAL (the first!) was held at Manchester 25th June 1983. England and Scotland met over 40 boards, double round, and England won massively by 70 points to 10. This was part of the chess programme of the NATWEST Bank, who made substantial travel grants available to both teams. They are also putting money into overseas competition for top juniors.

SCCU JUNIOR ORGANISER

Who? Well, your Editor was asked, after Peter Morrish's resignation, to try and find a successor for him. He's had no success. Part of the problem is that it's not very clear what the "Metropolitan" Counties want. If they want to continue the big Highbury-style get-togethers, the job is going to be hard to fill. If they will settle for home-and-away fixtures with just the occasional jamboree, it should be easier. All we've discovered so far is that Middx are happy with the status quo, and Kent won't consider anything else except that if Berks are involved it has to be jamborees and not matches. (Kent, indeed, would not think it disastrous if there were no "Metropolitan" matches.) Berks would accept home-and-away. Surrey we don't know, and Essex have no junior organiser. And that's about where it stands. Anyone interested in taking over, on a Highbury-style basis, please give the Editor a ring!! Up to midnight.

SCCU GRADING

Mr Philip Clemow has agreed to take on the job of Grading Secretary. He will also be arranging for the printing of the September list, and will be responsible for its distribution. Readers will find an order form, returnable to him, attached to the front cover.

Mr Clemow is a member, and ex-secretary, of the Kingston and Thames Valley club. He is also President of the Thames Valley League, and Minute Secretary to the BCF. His new job is a big one and he has not undertaken it lightly, knowing as he does that it will take him some time to learn his way around. We welcome him aboard. His address:

PI Clemow, 7 The Fairway, New Malden, Surrey KT3 4SP: tel 01 942 8040

It still looks likely that the September list really will be produced in September, but readers will understand that it cannot be guaranteed.

SPECIAL GRADING SERVICES

In addition to the full list obtainable from Mr Clemow, the Union offers a number of special services which come, computer-fresh, direct from the Grading Programmer. The Grading Programmer is:

HT Jones, Flat 2, 11 Guildford Rd, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1SW: TW (0892) 32361.

The services:

Club list (provisional). A list of all players in a given club, including those with too few games to get into the published list. Produced in advance of the published list, so subject to amendment. Price £1 plus SAE about 9" x 4". Only one copy per club, no repeat orders. Mr Jones expects to be selling these at various summer congresses, including the BCF one, and the over-the-counter price may be lower.

Club list (final). Same as the above, but the final version produced after the published list. Price £2 plus SAE about 9" x 4".

County lists. All players in a given County, including those with few games. These lists are specially produced to order, so can be arranged how you like within reason (for example: by clubs, or in grade order, or alphabetically). Price £5, with a reduction for duplicate copies run at the same time. Do not send SAE, it's most unlikely to fit.

Itemised print-outs. Print-outs for one or more named players, giving details of events included (number of games, and points scored, for each event). Price £1 per player, minimum £5, plus SAE about 9" x 4".

The last two of these services can be provided at any time and may include late information not available when the September list is produced.

Cheques should be payable to SCCU. Be careful about the SAE where requested. Mr Jones regrets that, beyond producing itemised print-outs, he cannot answer individual enquiries about grading. Ideally, the person to answer enquiries is your local grader. If you don't know who he is, your County Secretary will.

11th CHARLTON CONGRESS at Charlton House, 15-17 July 1983

Open (75 entries): 1-2 SM Taulbut (Charlton/Reading), P Littlewood (Rugby) 5½/6; 3-6 JC Pigott (Streatham), G Kenworthy (CentYMCA), JT Farrand (Wood Green), P Large (Mitcham) 4½... Grading 180-190 CK Holland (Battersea); 170-179 PJ Rossiter (Portsmouth);

U170 DR Bell (Sittingbourne) 3½. Junior U18 N McDonald (Gravesend) 3½

Major (82 entries): 1 P Needham (Ilford) 5½/6; 2-4 S Land (Ks Head), FCW Chin (London Univ), Y Dewan (Forest Hill) 5. Grading 140-150 R Hyde (Charlton) 4½; 130-139 D Orr (Welling); U130 A Connolly (Morley) 3; Junior U14 AL Mack (Hayes Kent) 2½

Minor (111 entries): 1 J Benyones (Reading) 6/6; 2 CK Lai (SE15) 5½; 3-5 C King (Scotland), BC Moore (Colchester), J Philpott (Wanstead) 5... Grading 100-115 M Howe (Woodlands Laindon); U100 HJ Williams (Wimbledon), D Leivers (Maidstone) 4; Junior U14 C Allard (Charlton) 4½; U12 I Moroney), U10 M Sadler (Black Lion) 4; U8 R Wiltshire (Dartford) 2

Results GE Fifield

LLOYDS BANK PROBLEM SOLVING CHAMPIONSHIP 1983-4

The Bank has announced the correct solution to the problem published last time. It was Bg6. All entrants with this solution will shortly receive, if they have not already, the second (postal) stage. Winners from the postal stage, probably about 14 of them, will compete in London for the Championship.

There were only 4 entries from the Bulletin. While all were correct, we can't help feeling you're letting the side down. Even N*wsfl*sh had 13, and only one wrong. Oddly enough, the Grauniad was well beaten by some journal whose name we have forgotten.

HASTINGS CONGRESS 1983?84 will be sponsored this year by ACE (Advanced Consumer Electronics Ltd). ACE is the UK distributor of the Scysis range of computer chess games, and the Congress Committee has expressed its pleasure in attracting the interest of a sponsor actively interested in the development of chess, particularly among young people. The Congress will be known as the ACE 59th Hastings International Chess Congress, and will take place from 28th December to 12th January.

A game from the Lloyds Bank Jersey Open:

White DJ King Black GD Lee - French defence

1 e4 e6
2 d4 d5
3 Nd2 c5
4 Ngf3 cxd4
5 exd5 Qxd5
6 Bc4 Qd6
Better 6...Qd8 (Hübner-Petrosian, Bugojno 1982) permitting quick development of the B to the active square c5: 7 O-O Nc6 8 Nb3 Nf6 9 Nfxd4 Nxd4 10 Nxd4 a6 11 c3 Bc5 12 Be3 Qc7 with an early draw.

7 O-O Nf6
8 Nb3 Nc6
9 Nbx d4 Nxd4
10 Nxd4 Bd7
10...a6 cuts out later WN excursions to b5, but Larsen-Seirawan (Mar del Plata 1982) still gave W an advantage by 11 Bb3 Bd7 12 c3 Qc7 13 Qf3 Bd6 14 h3 Bh2+ 15 Kh1 Be5 16 Be3 O-O 17 a4 11 b3 Be7 12 a4! Qb8
The threat was 13 Ba3. If 12...Qb6 13 a5 with advantage.

13 Re1 O-O
14 Bb2 Qf4
Or 14...Rd8 15 Qf3 maintains the pressure.
15 g3 Qg4
16 Be2 Qh3
17 Bf1 Qh5
If 17...Qg4 18 Bg2 Qxd1 19 Raxd1 Rab8 20 Nf5
18 Qxh5 Nhx5
19 Bg2 Rab8
20 Rad1 Rfd8
21 Nb5 Rbc8
22 c4 Bxb5

Under pressure, B loses patience; but 22...a6 23 Nd6 is also strong.
23 axb5 b6
24 Bb7

Now W's splendid B pair harry the B Rooks into defeat.

24 Rb8
25 Bf3 Nf6
26 Be5 Rbc8
27 Bb7 Rc5
28 Rxd8+ Bxd8
29 Bd6 Rf5
30 Bc6 Ng4
31 f3 Nh6
32 Ral 1-0

Acknowledgments Lloyds Bank.

The tournament was won by Julian Hodgson with 8/9. Daniel King was second with 7½.

The Lloyds Bank Guernsey International Chess Festival takes place 16-22 October.

We see the manageress of the English Faber Cup team was Suzzane Wood. What did she do, make the sandwiches? (BWCA please note: the Bulletin, having failed so far to make Naked Ape, is making an all-out attempt on Bare Bishop.)

ODDMENTS

London Primary Schools team championship was won by John Ball, for the 4th year in a row and the 5th time in 6 years. Adamsrill (Sydenham) were second. Adamsrill are Kent Champions, John Ball were Kent runners-up...

West of England Chess Union will now publish grades for U14s even if they are not BCF-registered. (They still must be WECU-registered, though.) Readers will know that the SCCU publishes any old grade, registered or not, but will not grade unaffiliated congresses. (Does this apply to unaffiliated leagues as well? We don't know.) The SCCU restrictions do not apply to junior events. Lord knows what the rules will be when we have a unified national grading system. Or should we say if? The Bulletin prefers the SCCU philosophy to that of the other Unions, but we think we've said that before.

The WECU has asked the BCF for a 5-point increase in levy figure. Devon, Dorset, Hants, Somerset and Gloucestershire will accept one more point each.

Your Editor, for the first time, finds himself running a tournament in which all players must be registered. Checking on registrations is a ***** nuisance. Admittedly this is a Kent tournament and the remedy is in the County's own hands, should it wish to take it. But doesn't the BCF find the system cumbersome too? Abolish individual registrations, say I. Ecrasez l'infâme!

Kent Schools League (no, this is your Editor's sane tournament) is struggling to make 100 schools for 1983-4. The peak was 132 in 1980-81. Why the decline? Are others feeling it?

CONGRESS DIARY

- Jul 29-31 CITY CHESS MINOR at Highbury. U140. IG Goodwin, 01 226 9932
 30-31 SOUTHAMPTON CENTENARY QP Open; U175; U150; U16/14/12/10. 11 rds. Also
 Over 50 5rds, slower. P Marshall, 57 Janson Rd, Southampton 774464
- Aug 6 COMET QP N4. C Lai, 12 Lagan House, Sumner Rd Estate SE15. 30 Jul.
 6 KNUTSFORD QP Open; U170; U135; U100. RJ Hanbidge, 15 Northfields, Knuts-
 ford, Cheshire.
- 8-20 GRIEVESON, GRANT BCF CHAMPIONSHIPS at Southport. BCF, 9a Grand Parade,
 St Leonards, E Sussex TN38 ODD
- 20 CHARLTON JUBILEE QP TEAM. 7 rds, teams of 4. 10 min/player/game.
 GE Fifield, 22 St Alfege Rd, Charlton SE7
- 21 CITY CHESS at Highbury. IG Goodwin, 63 Aberdeen Pk N5. 13 Aug
- 24-1 LLOYDS BANK W1. J Triggs, 33 Trevellance Way, Garston, Watford, Herts.
- 26-29 TYNE AND WEAR at Univ of Newcastle on Tyne. Open; U160; U135; U110.
 FJ Fenwick, Green Law East, Mickley Square, Stocksfield, Northumberland.
- 26-29 BERKS AND BUCKS at Amersham. Premier; graded sections. A Niedzwiedzki,
 14 Bois Lane, Amersham, Bucks (A 3911). 6 Aug
- 27-29 BASINGSTOKE. RE Boxall, 91 Campsie Close, Basingstoke.
- 27-29 CHORLEY Open; U170; U130. Chess Congress, Public Baths(!), Union St,
 Chorley, Lancs
- Sep 2-4 THANET at Ramsgate. Open; U156; U121. 5 rds. MR Croft, 37 Upper Dane Rd,
 Margate, Kent CT9 2NA
- 17 CHARLBURY (Oxon). Open QP; ages U12; 12-16. HS Lebb, 18 The Green,
 Charlbury, Oxon OX7 3QA
- 24-25 MAIDSTONE SCHOOLS. Team 24th, individual 25th. C Greaves, 27 Woodville
 Rd, Maidstone, Kent (M 63066)
- Oct 1-2 ASHFORD JUNIOR individual. RG Blake, 260 Hythe Rd, Willesborough,
 Ashford, Kent. (Ashford 39372)

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 (Goudhurst 211140).

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 May; Passed Pawn for Jun; Surrey Chess News for Jun; Westward ho! Congress Edition.

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