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EDITORIAL

Happy new season. Sorry this issue is so brief (well, if you won't send me things to put in it...), and late. Sorry, too, if there are more misprints than usual. That's not my fault! The computer has developed a habit of sending very occasional, and totally random, misprints to the printer. I'll get it put right sooner or later, when I can spare the beast long enough for them to do the job. Bear with me. The printer itself has been getting dodgy of late (you may have noticed), and I've had it fixed (hope you'll notice). In the last resort, I haven't thrown my steam typewriter away.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive met at St Brides on Friday 19th September 1986. Points of general interest:

(1) County matches. The Montague-Jones is down to two teams, Kent II and Middx II. Not sure what happened to Essex II but no doubt it's the old Vanishing Match Captain trick. The competition will be played anyway. The Amboyna/Ebony remains at six teams (and Essex III are still called Essex III).

The BCF propose an official Third Teams championship, in the wake of the unofficial MCCU-inspired one which Middx won last year. The SCCU will support the idea; it is understood that the MCCU will and the NCCU may. The inter-Union stage could be a jamboree. Whether Essex III would qualify is unclear! One imagines that Middx IV would.

There had been comments at the SCCU Council Meeting in June, and letters in the Bulletin before that, about incorrect positions submitted for adjudication. There were several cases last year of conflicting diagrams, and the Match Controller in each case ruled "game void" without investigating. Not surprisingly, the question came up at the Executive meeting. On the one hand it was recognised that tournament controllers have only so much time; on the other it was suggested that asking the match captains for a complete game score would impose little extra burden on the controller. (On the match captains, yes; but that's where it belongs. -Ed) A proposal was made that the Controller should try to establish which position was correct, and that any team submitting an incorrect diagram should forfeit its claim. This proposal was lost by 3 votes to 6, and it was agreed that the Controller should use his best judgment.

(2) Grading. The Grading Secretary, Martin Cath, reported that the SCCU list should be available by early October. The BCF computer was expected to be hard at work on its final job all through the week beginning 22nd September, after which the SCCU part of the national list would be sent to Mr Cath for photographic reduction and printing. He had arranged to get this done in the amazingly short time of a week (we think he actually said five and a half days). The SCCU list will have the same format as last year. Costs will be partly offset by advertising revenue.

The only important omission in the SCCU is the Civil Service League (results not received). Unfortunately, the Northern Counties have submitted no results at all (so SCCU players with Northern results will not have had those results counted). There will, it is assumed, be a separate Northern list. Your Editor does not know why the NCCU remains aloof, but he thinks it a great pity. This apart, the new system seems to be running more smoothly than some had feared.

(3) Juniors. The Junior Organiser, Peter Morrish, produced his junior calendar for the year (reproduced on a later page), and reported on a recent SCCU training event for 12 juniors which had been grafted onto a Wey Valley Under 11 event.

The Executive spent some time on the question of training events for the smaller and weaker counties. There was much sympathy for the view that they were getting a raw deal. It may or may not be right for the Union's training to be centred on London, and to concentrate on the stronger players; but it was agreed that if this is the way we do things, we should be prepared to give financial and other support to the weaker counties, even though they may have to do the basic organising themselves. Berks, indeed, have an event coming up and players from surrounding counties are to be invited. Mr Morrish was asked to draw up a list of "local" events which the Union might organise or support.

The BCF has appointed Junior Training Co-ordinators for each of the English Unions. Well, roughly. In fact they have put Essex in the East Anglian area, and Sussex in the Western one. (They'll be surprised in St Leonards.) The Executive thought that ignoring Union boundaries could only make liaison difficult. Anyway, the "SCCU" Co-ordinator is Dr John Hennigan and he had been invited to address the meeting. He gave a summary of the things he would like to do, and made it clear that the main problem is money.

The BCF has also given thought to the new "Minor Counties" Under 18 Championship. Last year's experimental arrangements, which ended with Kent qualifying as "minor" and not bothering to go, were unsatisfactory. (At least, your Editor thought so and he assumes the BCF came to the same conclusion.) For the coming season, certain counties have been designated "minor" and there will be separate Open and Minor competitions. All SCCU counties are "minor" except Essex, Kent, Middx and Surrey.

(4) K v K. You may remember that Council empowered the Executive to spend up to £100 on publicity. Rest easy. It spent about £2.

(5) BCF matters. It was reported that the Yearbook should be out by the end of October. Traditional Bulletin scepticism would be out of place: the Yearbook's under new management. (And we hear Oxon are in!)

The new-style BCF Newsflash (news flash, sorry) was to be discussed at a Management Board meeting the following day. The Executive talked about it briefly. Those who had seen it were disappointed.

Philip Clemow has resigned as SCCU Deputy President. He is moving to Hampshire.

The next meeting is on Friday 21st November.

#### OBITUARY

Essex CA inform us of the death on 18th August of Harry Woolverton, an active member of the Association for more than 50 years. He was 75.

We knew Mr Woolverton by name as a long-standing County player (and Bulletin subscriber), but others will remember his administrative work and his playing achievements. He was Essex Champion several times, and in the 1950s and 60s usually qualified for the British Championship finals. He was British Veterans Champion ten years ago. He had been chess correspondent of the "Recorder" group since 1971.

#### GRADING BY COMPUTER

GMA Smith has sent us print-outs from his grading work (as International Grader) on the British Championship Congress at Southampton. We were particularly interested to see these as they give the complete tournament tables for the British, British Ladies and Major Open, and we hadn't seen these elsewhere. They also give all relevant information on grading output. Mr Smith just typed in the original grades, and the results round-by-round off the pairing cards, and the computer did the rest. The programs (for BBC B) have been developed by Clifford Hilton to Mr Smith's specifications. The version he used is for FIDE grades, but we believe a BCF version is available.

We understand that the programs may be made available to congress organisers. Mr Smith has offered to print a table of any tournament (sorted into finishing order) for £5 if there are less than 100 players, £7.50 for 100+. You would have to send him the pairing cards, with all relevant details on. His address: 41 Westwood Gardens, Hadleigh, Benfleet, Essex SS7 2SH.

Editor's note: I shan't be taking Mr Smith up on his offer, because I had already written my own programs which do much the same thing. (Wonder how many other people have done the job!?) I assure you that a fiver isn't expensive, for typing in 99 sets of tournament results.

#### ROUND THE COUNTIES

HERTS leagues: Championship Hilltop; Division 2 Bishops Stortford; Division 3 Letchworth & Baldock; Division 4 Allenburys, Division 5 Bishops Stortford II; Division 6 British Aerospace. Individual Champion is Paul Byway, Minor Champion Ian Nelson.

KENT Individual Champion is IR Watson. Summer Quick-play, a competition running from March to September, was won for the second consecutive year by Charlton. Schools League entries are down for the sixth consecutive year (114 teams from 70 schools; about half the 1980 peak).

SURREY leagues: Surrey Trophy 1 Streatham 8½/9, 2 Mitcham 7½... Beaumont Cup 1 South Norwood 6½/9, 2-3 (tie-split) Crystal Palace, Dorking 6½... Ellam Trophy 1 Wallington 7/8, 2 Kingston II 6½... Centenary Trophy 1 Horley 8/10, 2 Croydon II 8.. Minor Trophy 1 Sutton V 9/10, 2 Streatham III 8½...

"Yes, that 7½-0 is right; there was an ineligible player." They play 8 boards. Your Editor is trying to work out what the rule can be.

SUSSEX; McArthur Cup sections were won by Brighton, Worthing, and Crawley. They were joined in the semi-finals by Hastings, the holders. Semi-finals: Brighton 3½ 2½ Worthing; Hastings 5 1 Crawley. Final: Hastings 4½ 1½ Brighton. Individual Championship (16 entries) was won for the first time by Steve Newman who beat L Rutherford in the Final. Veterans Champion is RD Hollands. West Sussex Queen went to David Clarke, East Sussex Queen was not awarded (games not played on time).

Sussex Lightning Championship 12th April had a reduced, but very strong, entry. Final section: 1 John Henshaw 5½/7; 2-3 Steve Newman, Felix (sic!) Kwiatkowski 4½... Consolation section: 1 Mike Nicholas 5½/6; 2 Andrew Cooper 4½...

SCCA Annual Jamboree 10th May achieved 15 teams "despite the rival attraction of the Cup Final". 1 Brighton A 6/6; 2 Seaford A 5...

Juniors: The teachers' dispute made it impracticable to run the Secondary competitions. Primary schools also showed a "general lack of enthusiasm", but: Sussex Girls Trophy went to Tollgate, Eastbourne, and the new Sussex Under 11 Championship went to Daniel Elliott (Tollgate) from Nicola Nunez (Tollgate!).

Hastings CC designated one of their rooms a no-smoking area part-way through last season. The effect on tournament entries has not been wholly beneficial. The AGM was held outside the club, for the first time ever, to cater for both camps.

INSURANCE CC Inter-office KOs: Bowring-King Champions are Bacon Woodrow who beat Municipal Mutual 3½-2½ in the final; Durham Trophy Mercantile & General who beat Pearl 2½-1½. ICC played a friendly v Hastings 17.5.86, losing 2-5. Which reminds us: Tunbridge Wells CC played a friendly v Hastings 21.9.86, winning 5-5 (there is a trophy for this match going back to about 1066, and TW were holders).

#### CONGRESS RESULTS

ESSEX BLITZ INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP "1986" (exact date unknown: 40 played in this 10-second buzzer tournament) 1-2 D Sherman, D Millward 5½/6; 3-4 NL Carr, L Marden 5; 5 GM Hayes 4½; 6-12 KM Chilvers, CF Harding, M Inzani, JP Manley, K Spencer, KP Warren, R White 4...

ESSEX BLITZ TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP "1986" (14 teams) 1 Wanstead & Woodford 37½; 2 Writtle "B" 36; 3 King & King 34; 4 Ilford "A" 31; 5-7 Writtle "A", Woodbridge Newcomers, Woodbridge Originals 27... We note that the Evans Gambits came bottom, by a mile. This can only be an accident.

We don't know whether these two events were combined in any way.

#### 14th CHARLTON CONGRESS 18-20 July 1986

Open (97 entries) 1 AC Kosten (Eastleigh) 6/6; 2-3 MG Chandler, HJ Plaskett 5½; 4 NR Davies (Charlton) 5... Grading 180-190 JP Manley 4½; 170-179 RF Willmoth, G Szaszvari 4; U170 NA Down (Flying Teapots!!! and that is the last time we will comment on peculiar club names) 4. Junior U18 MD Sadler (Rainham Kent) 4... Highest Charlton Member E Whipp 3...

Major (101 entries) 1-5 S Bibby (Maidstone: age 11), M Clancy (GLC), R Hyde (Charlton), A Marcham (Welling), D Millward (Marconi/Writtle) 5/6... Grading 140-150 M Eagles (Streatham), J Shepley (Godalming) 4½; 130-139 MR Croft (Thanet) 4½; U130 RC Ball (BP), S Johnson (Newcastle Univ), N Geere (Hayes) 3½. Junior U18 I Moroney (Hayes) 4. Highest Charlton Member N Cummings.

Minor (93 entries) 1-2 P Heighway (Southall), NJ Hills (Highgate) 5½/6; 3-4 A Alimohamed (Erith), P Grant-Ross (Ks Head) 5... Grading 100-115 JM Baldwin (Black Lion) 4½; U100 FW Sadler (Ilford) 3. Junior U14 LR Kemmis (St Josephs Academy) 3½; U12 M Brown (Charlton) 2; U12 DJ Hennigan (Muswell Hill) 1½. Owen Dixon Disabled Player Prize: AF Reed 3½. Highest Charlton N Norman 4½

#### 23rd BERKS AND BUCKS CONGRESS 23-25 August 1986

Championship (14 pl) 1 SM Taulbut (Earley) 4/5; 2-3 P Cunningham (Ascot), I McAllan (Sidcup) 3½...

Premier (16 pl) 1-2 RD de Coverly (Bourne End), S Mitchell (Leeds: which? - Ed); 3 SAM Foister (Maidenhead) 3½...

Challengers (16 pl) 1 EJ Smith (Basingstoke) 4½; 2 N Reeder (Wendover) 4; 3-4 GJ Ellames (High Wycombe), H Steen (Hemel Hempstead) 3½...

Reserves "A" (14 pl) 1 JM Haslinger (Hayes somewhere); 2 JF Taylor (Oxford) 4; 3 N McBride (Dunstable) 3½...

Reserves "B" (14 pl) 1-4 FC Manning (Wallington), EB Sandercock (Gerrards Cross), L Sibley (Bicester), GP Try (Gerrards Cross) 3½...

Reserves "C" (15 pl) 1 JH Fleischer (London) 4½; 2 DM Forbes (Wooburn Green) 4; 3 FG Day (High Wycombe) 3½...

Reserves "D" 1 Miss N Regan (Gerrards Cross) 4; 2-3 S Salvage (Stone), D Woods (Seer) 3½...

Reserves "E" (14 pl) 1 A Crafts (Oxford)  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ; 2-4 P Bizzell (Abingdon), R Keane (Watford), J Wijatyk (Slough)  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ...

Reserves "F" (14 pl) 1 DRR Smith (Watford)  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ; 2-3 M Riley (Chalfont St Peter), C Screen (Cheltenham) 4...

Late Entries (16 pl) 1 M Yianni (London)  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ; 2-3 J Butler (London), J Green (Huddersfield)  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ...

Lightning (48 pl) 1 SAM Foister (Maidenhead); 2 CT Callow (Wokingham); 3 G Moore (Chalfont St Peter); 4 J Green (Huddersfield).

Bucks Free Press Tripartite Trophy: Bourne End CC.

Mrs J Stean Trophy (most promising U14): Duncan Woods (Seer Green), Matthew Turner (South Humberside)

Results AJ Cox

17th THANET CONGRESS at Broadstairs, 29-30 Aug 1986

Open (23 entries) 1 (and Thanet Prize) IR Watson (Canterbury)  $4\frac{1}{2}/5$ ; 2 P Dawes (Folkestone) 4; 3-4 G Botley (Lewisham), DA Wood (Maidstone)  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ...

Major (36 entries) 1 ED Gardiner (Canterbury)  $4\frac{1}{2}/5$ ; 2-3 S Harwood (Southend), A White (SE London) 4; 4-7 RG Blake (Ashford), I Joseph (Ramsgate), C Pemberton (Boston, Lincs), RC Shilling (Ashford)  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ...

Minor (42 entries) 1 C Judges (Rainham)  $5/5$ ; 2 GC Taylor (Gillingham)  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3-4 R Ayers (SE15), SA Black (Herne Bay) 4...

All the Special Prizes for outright winners were won. Results MR Croft.

CROWBOROUGH U131 QP 14.9.86 (66 pl)

1 James Constance (Pembury)  $5\frac{1}{2}/6$ ; 2-6 Adrian Pilkington (Sevenoaks), Glenn Harvey, Dave Smith (both William Parker), Graham Salmon, Michael Amor 5... Ladies Susan Scott (Kilndown)  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ; Veterans L Schwartz, WE Hollingdale (both Eastbourne)  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Under 11 Kublai Hoare (London) 3. Team Prize William Parker. We forgot to ask who won the Best Dressed Competitor prize.

Results Bob Hanna

ASHFORD (KENT) JUNIOR 27.9.86

Under 11 (54 pl) 1 Jeffrey Titmas 6/6; 2-5 Paul Fenn, Arunes Sarkar, Richard Albert, Martin Catchpole 5; 6 Dominic Nash  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ...

Under 9 (29 pl) 1 Joel Newman 7/7; 2 Nicholas Mantell 6; 3-5 Christopher Lang, Miles Houghton, Tracey Brown 5...

Results RG Blake

#### REVIEW

ROYCROFTS 5-MAN CHESS ENDGAME SERIES: Q and Pb7 v Q

A series of computer analyses produced by KL Thompson. Published by Chess Endgame Consultants and Publishers, 17 New Way Rd NW9 6PL 16 pp soft covers: £4.00

This is the third pamphlet to appear, in a projected series of 38. When we received the first two, we published a review by an expert. By way of contrast, here's one by me. I'm a bit puzzled. Not by the squirrel on the back cover, nor by the fact that the first three pamphlets to appear have been Numbers 6, 2 and 7, in that order. Well, those things as well, I suppose, but really it's the contents. The pamphlet deals with three positions, "selected... to show maximum variety", with the common factor that white has Q and Pb7 against Q. In each case the computer has worked out how many moves are required, with optimal play, to force a win (which means a winning promotion or Q-swap, or capture of black's Q, or checkmate). At each turn it gives the optimum move for both sides, plus a list of all winning variants for white and some variants for black. I don't know how the black variants were selected for attention. They include some ridiculous moves, but not others. With each variant, a number in brackets shows by how many moves it lengthens (or shortens) the solution. That's it. No explanations. I couldn't see the patterns, or make sense of some of the figures. I am sure, and no irony is intended, that the fault is mine; though it might have helped if some of the elucidations provided in the earlier pamphlets had been repeated in this one. That Mr Thompson is fallible is proved by the MISTAKE, and no I didn't find it myself, it's acknowledged in the introduction. There was a similar computer study, as the introduction tells us, carried out in Moscow in 1974. It "happened" to start with a position identical to one of those treated here, and there are significant divergences in the analysis. "We do not know whether (the Soviet scientists) are 'right' or whether (Thompson) is 'right'. It may even be that both are wrong, or that both are right." I see.

We have received from Chequers about twenty issues of "Zugzwang", their free daily journal, or maybe it costs 50p, it says both. It is a readable mix of tournament results, games and commentary, sometimes acid. I didn't understand all the politics, and I wasn't sure whether I recognised all the people in the cartoons. I should think it's unrivalled as a source of up-to-date, if selective, information.

We also received issues 1-3 of the new "weekly" BCF news flash, and then they stopped sending it. We're not missing much.

RJH

### JUNIOR DATES 1986-7

Nov	1	Metropolitan Under 18 matches
Dec	6	Metropolitan Under 18 matches
		Berks Junior Training
	27-30	Batsford/TCS London Junior Championships U21/18/16/14/12/10/8
Jan	18	Essex Junior Training
	24	SCCU U14 Jamboree (30 boards)
Feb	7	Metropolitan Under 18 matches
	21	London Primary Schools CA Inter-area Team Jamboree U8/9
	27-28	ARC Junior Congress at Uppingham
Mar	7	SCCU U18 Open Jamborees plus Girls (BCF qualifiers)
	14	National U14 Team Championships
		LPSCA Inter-area Jamboree U11
	21	LPSCA Inter-school Finals
	28	SCCU U18 Minor Jamborees plus Girls (BCF qualifiers)
		English Primary Schools CA Inter-area Qualifier U9
Apr	3-5	Lloyds Bank BCF Junior Squad/SCCU Championships, all events
	11	BCF U18 Team Finals (Open and Minor)
May	2	EPSCA Area Team Finals U9
	9	Lloyds Bank Girls School Team Championships
	16	EPSCA Area Team Finals U11
	23-24	Lloyds Bank Championships U9/8/7
Jun	6	EPSCA Inter-schools Team Finals (Girls U11)
	20-21	EPSCA Inter-schools Team Finals U11
	27	EPSCA Inter-area Team Championships U11
Jul	9-10	"Times" Schools Finals

### COUNTY MATCH FIXTURES 1986-7

	<u>Championship</u>	<u>MJ</u>	<u>Amboyna/Ebony</u>
Sep 27	BuO MSy HK ESx		
Oct 4	CBr		
11			SyE KSx M3M4
18	OSx BrE KC SyH BuM		
25		ME	
Nov 1			EM4 SxM3 SyK
8	MO HBu CSy EK SxBr		
15		KM	
22	OBr KSx SyE BuC MH		
29			KE M3Sy M4Sx
Dec 6	CM	EK	
13	HO EBU SxSy BrK		
Jan 10	OK SyBr BuSx ME		
17	HC		
24		EM	
31	CO EH SxM BrBu KSy		
Feb 7		MK	
14			ESx SyM4 KM3
21	OSy BuK MBr HSx CE		
28		KE	
Mar 7	EO SxC BrH KM SyBu		
14			M3E M4K SxSy

We have left the Essex II matches in just in case they come back, but at the time of typing (20 Sep) they are out. Match captains: please tell the Bulletin if you change any dates. Please send detailed results as well, for publication. A photocopy of the official result sheet is fine. Be prompt, and don't wait for adjudication results, we get those direct.

One Championship result: Essex 11 6 Sussex (+3) 27.9.86. Details next time.

## CONGRESS DIARY

The Bulletin asks Congress Organisers to include in their leaflets a telephone number for enquiries. It is impossible to publish complete details here, and readers may wish to know more. Usually at the last minute! It makes your leaflet easier to read (for the Bulletin, anyway) if the address to send entries to actually appears on the entry form itself. Elsewhere too by all means, but there anyway.

- Sep 26-28 CHELMSFORD STARS BARRED. U191/181J; U141/131J. 1986 grades throughout if available. Entry £11/9J; £9.50/7.00J. First prizes £200/120. B Thomas, 48 Berwick Avenue, Broomfield, Chelmsford CM1 4AS. 22 Sep.
- 26-28 TYNE AND WEAR at Newcastle. Open; U151/U141J; U121/U111J (1985 grades). Entry £10/9/8/7; first prizes £150/100/75/50. FJ Fenwick, Green Law East, Mickley Square, Stocksfield, Northumberland NE23 7BU. 24 Sep.
- Oct 4 CHEQUERS U155 30-min. Chequers, 18 Chalk Farm Rd NW1 01 485 1696
- 5 BRIGHTON QP (30 min). Open; U150; U120. Entry £9.50, first prize £80 per tournament. Brighton Chess Congress, 19b Sussex Heights, Brighton BN1 2FR. Leigh GP double points. 29 Sep.
- 5 WARLEY QUIMBORNE QP (30 min) at Birmingham (easy access M1/M6). U130/120J (1985 grades). Entry £5/£3J, certain reductions for newcomers; first prize £60. Mrs Clark, 10 Woodridge Rd, Halesowen, West Midlands B63 3SA. Details 021 550 0473.
- 11 ASHFORD (KENT) JUNIOR U18/14/12. RG Blake, 96 Manorfield, Ashford, Kent TN23 2YP (Ashford 39372)
- 12 Highbury Fields 30-min. LG Goodwin, 5 Carlisle Rd N4
- 12-18 GUERNSEY. The Secretary, International Chess Festival, PO Box 23, St Peter Port, Guernsey
- 18 RAINHAM (KENT) QP with time handicap. Individual/teams of four+. Entry £6 individually, less in numbers. First prize (indiv) £60+. LR Gurr, 350 Canterbury St, Gillingham, Kent ME7 5JP: Medway (0634) 56297. 11 Oct.
- 18-19 HERTS at Hitchin. Open; U150; U125. (Juniors add 10 to 1986 grades, 20 to 1985 grades.) Entry £10/9/8; first prize £180/150/120. Herts Chess Association, 9 Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin, Herts SG5 1PA (Hitchin 54171). 11 Oct.
- 24-26 SCARBOROUGH. DCG McGregor, 59 Pollard Gardens, Scarborough, N Yorks YO12 5JQ 0723 378196
- 25-26 ROCHDALE. R Plant, 7 Harrow Avenue, Bamford, Rochdale, Lancs
- 26 BRITISH OPEN LIGHTNING, don't know where. Jill Triggs, 535a Watford Rd, Chiswell Green, St Albans, Herts 0727 32035
- Nov 14-16 CIVIL SERVICE SW1. Open; U150; U120. J Sargent, 903 Longbridge Rd, Becontree Estate, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2UB
- 14-16 BEDWORTH U165. Derek Evans, 47 Dalehouse Lane, Kenilworth 0926 58500
- 21-23 TORBAY. Bob Liggitt, 39 Spencer Rd, Paignton, Devon TQ3 3SZ
- 30 STEVENAGE QP (40 min). Open; U160/150J; U125/115J (most recent available grade). Entry £6, first prize £50 per tournament. D Stapleton, 2a Ickniel Way, Baldock, Herts SG7 5DE. Enquiries: Baldock (0462) 894456. 23 Nov.

We have only seen entry forms for about half of these; the rest are copied from a couple of publications we happened to receive. This was always the way, except that for "a couple of publications" you could read "BCF Newsflash". That source has dried up, and we can't rely on the others. Congress organisers please note: If you want to go in, send us your leaflet! Players please note: If you want a full Congress Diary, prod the organisers!

### Quotes

"...another unsavoury incident after the tournament finished, which... has resulted in the necessity to ban alcohol from future events."

"An historic victory! The BCF finally staggered into the 20th century last week..." - BWCA, on guess what event.

"There were 18 entries for the best game prize, roughly half of them containing illegal, illegible or ambiguous moves." - Surrey Chess News

"Every respectable English household owns a Bible, a volume of Shakespeare - and quite often a chessboard as well." - A Russian chess journalist, quoted in Zugzwang.

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