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EDITORIAL

This is, I think, the second time I've posted the Bulletin in the wrong month (2nd October, I fear). Sorry. Not a lot to put in it either. Mr Goldsmith on page 3 is rather kind. Keep writing.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The SCCU Executive met on Friday 16th September 1988. 11 attended. Main items:

(1) Money. The accounts for the year ending 30.4.88 have now been audited, and the surplus has been edited down to £250. Not sure why.

(2) Grading. The BCF and SCCU lists, after much scepticism, had appeared on time; but the postal strike had delayed distribution. (Can't win, can you?) You ought to have yours by now. Many thought the BCF should be congratulated. The SCCU run has been cut to 500 copies in anticipation of higher BCF sales; this does not harm us financially, because we get a cut from BCF lists sold by us.

Martin Cath, SCCU Grading Secretary, said there were some annoying faults in the lists. A lot of players have two or three clubs by their names; which is fine if the clubs are different but irritating if they're all the same(!). It seems the computer, when merging results from different sources, does not always notice if the same club name comes up more than once. Many clubs, as always, are years out of date and the BCF often seems to ignore notifications of change. The BCF player-reference numbers have changed again, much to the annoyance of certain members of the Executive who will have to re-type all of them in their computer records (and re-write chunks of coding as well, since the numbers now have a letter on the end which their computers will not accept). The letters are, in fact, check "digits"; why the BCF had used letters, despite pleas not to, was a mystery. (No one else uses letters; they're a nuisance to type.)

On the credit side, the NCCU results for last season (but not the previous one) have gone in. It looks as though the NCCU has joined the club at last. The NCCU has a new grading officer. It also looks as though all WECU players, not just the registered ones, have had their grades published this time. The old WECU policy was not universally popular with WECU graders.

The BCF list goes down to players with 10 games in the last three seasons. Graders will get a supplementary list containing the others. The SCCU had put in a plea for one single Master List with everyone in, to save graders the bother of looking in two lists. The BCF has rejected this on grounds of cost. (But see BCF Council report below.) Another grouse: the Master List we used to get in the old days, and they're not so old as all that, gave a detailed breakdown of games played, and points scored, in each season. Graders have not had this information lately, and they won't be getting it this year for the 10-game-plus people. Whether they will get it for the very occasional players - which is where it most matters - is not clear, at least to your Editor. The SCCU is to argue for it.

One disappointment, from the SCCU angle, was the decline in advertising space sold in the SCCU list. The very late appearance of last year's list may have something to do with it.

(3) Juniors. Peter Morrish said venues in London were getting harder and harder to arrange, and he was not even sure yet whether he had homes for the inter-county matches and jamborees.

(4) SCCU Championship, and British Championship Qualifiers. The question of moving the Championship around has been in the air for quite a while, and it came up again. There were not many congresses available, if we wanted a leisurely long-weekend affair; and at the very least we wanted an event with not more than two rounds per day. There was no particular reason why we could not hold the Championship earlier in the season, but no congresses came to mind except perhaps the Hastings weekend event.

There was some feeling that we needed a clear long-term policy (and weren't we saying that twelve months ago?). In the end, the Executive decided by 8 votes to 2 to stick with Sutton for this year. It is to be hoped they were not influenced by the fact that Sutton had already advertised the Championship!

The SCCU Championship carries with it an automatic nomination for the British Championship. We have two other qualifying places in our gift, to be allocated to one or more tournaments in our area. It was agreed to offer one each to Southend and Upminster. The BCF had made it clear that the sponsors would prefer both places to go with the same event; if this proved a major stumbling block, the SCCU Management Board would act as it thought best.

The SCCU Champion has, at least in recent years, received not only a trophy but also a cash prize which (apparently - your Editor hadn't realised) is intended to pay the entry fee for the British Championship. Of course the SCCU Champion may be already qualified for the British, in which case the nomination goes to the next eligible player down; but the money stays with the Champion. This was felt to be anomalous. Henceforth the Champion will take the trophy, and the money will go to whoever gets the nomination for the British; so it really will be a "free" entry. The old rule has probably caused some confusion over the years, and certainly appears to have done so in 1988; in fact our nominee incurred a late-entry penalty because he had assumed the SCCU would pay his bill. The Executive agreed to offer him his late fee.

There was report of a projected major tournament, to be organised by the Islington club, "some time in the spring". SW Reuben had talked of a possible five British Championship places to go with it, perhaps including the two SCCU ones. No doubt he would wish to consult the SCCU before grabbing its places. Where the other three places were coming from was not known.

(5) TV Play. Some Executive members were concerned about a recent chess-based drama on your Editor forgets which channel. This had apparently shown chess players in a very unfavourable light. (Your Editor started watching, but turned off when it became obvious that every move was going to be check, if it wasn't checkmate. White (disdainful): "Check." Black has not seen he could be checked. Slumps in seat. You know the sort of thing. They had the boards the right way round, though.)

The Executive plans to meet on the 10th March and the 5th April 1989. The SCCU Council Meeting (AGM) is planned for the 1st July.

BCF COUNCIL

Council met on the 17th September 1988. Your Editor was not there; this report is extracted from notes taken by an SCCU representative, who describes the meeting as a "pretty grim affair".

(1) Presidents Award. Peter Morrish received his Presidents Award for Services to Chess. Peter is too well known to need introduction here. The citation, listing his many contributions to chess, occupies a full side of A4. Peter first started running chess some 35 years ago, when as a schoolteacher he interested his pupils in the game. Things rapidly snowballed, especially but not entirely in Junior chess. He has been involved with the London Junior Championships since 1957, and the SCCU Junior Championships for nearly as long; often he has organised the England teams in the Glorney and Faber Cups, sometimes staging the whole event. You name a junior event in the SCCU, or a big BCF one almost anywhere, and there's a pretty good chance Peter will be there somewhere, either controlling, or providing the equipment, or running the bookstall. Or all three. Very often he will have arranged the venue, and will do the grading afterwards. He was the first, with Bob Wade, to import the plastic sets now effectively standard equipment throughout the country. Chess is his livelihood, and he has been involved full-time with the game for many years.

(2) Counties Quick-play Championship is to be held as a jamboree in Derby on the 7th May 1989.

(3) TV Tournament, a real one, is to be staged by Thames TV (but the regions will doubtless be frightened, as usual) late at night from the 19th January.

(4) Chess Cuttings from local press are sought by WR Hartston, Publicity Director. They will be useful in gaining sponsorship.

(5) Grading. Following SCCU representations, it appears that a limited Master List might be produced for graders in the Southern Counties. This could be a County or SCCU list, meeting the needs of some graders but obviously not all. Philip Clemow, the retiring Director of National Grading, was presented with a fine set and board (not at BCF expense!). His successor is RJ Edwards of the MCCU.

There was discussion of the use of E grades. (These are based on 10-14 games in the last 3 seasons; or more than 14 if fewer than 5 are from the most recent season. E grades are not published in the SCCU list.) A proposal not to use E grades for eligibility in the National Club events was defeated, but it seems likely that Controllers will use their discretion if E grades are silly.

(6) Accounts for 1987-8 showed a deficit of £5000+, partly through special difficulties such as the late issue of the 1987 grading list, and partly - to quote the Finance Director - through "the weak practice the BCF's budgetary controls". Levy income, representing about one eighth of BCF income, was down 6% on budget. The accounts - to quote our SCCU informant - were "passed, if not in detail understood". There is a question mark over junior training income, apparently swallowed up in something else if not mislaid altogether.

(7) Direct Membership. Your Editor hates reporting Direct Membership plans, because he hasn't yet worked out what it's about. This is probably his fault. Anyway, two enabling motions were passed. With little opposition, perhaps because the scheme will not supplant the levy until it starts to produce more income than levy-plus-affiliation. Suggested membership fee is £20 at the moment, and the Member's county would receive a 10% commission on his fee.

Timing was left to the BCF Management Board. WR Hartston said he hoped to get Direct Membership off the ground in twelve months, but there are still many details to be considered, including the benefits to be provided for direct members. A BCF consultative document, and we quote verbatim, envisages these as: Monthly Magazine; Year Book; Gradings; Membership Pack; Special offers, e.g. discounts on purchases; Reduced entry fees for competitors and spectators at registered events; Services, e.g. adjudications.

(8) Grading-related Game Levy. We've called it that because it's what it is, but the MCCU proposer, in a rambling 12-page document, called it a "Player Registration scheme". At any rate it has nothing to do with Direct Membership. The BCF would collect, from member organisations, a fee of 20p per graded game played. "Organisations" means counties and independent leagues; there is already a similar scheme for congresses. In return for the money, organisations would get address lists, calendars and grading lists; maybe computers to do the grading with. There seems to have been a widespread assumption, in Council, that non-contributing organisations would have their games excluded from grading calculations; or maybe their players' grades would not be published (though how you'd apply this is obscure!). In fact the document does not say either of these things; it avoids the question. (Your Editor is not sure what sanction is officially applied to non-paying congresses at present; he is sure there's no sanction in practice.)

SCCU people opposed this levy on two grounds: (1) being necessarily collected after the event, it would affect financial stability; and (2) it would be unfair to county-registered players in unaffiliated leagues. The second of these objections obviously makes the assumption referred to above. The SCCU has never favoured payment-for-grading, and even the WECU has back-tracked on it (see Executive report). The BCF would be ill placed to enforce PFG, because all it really does is to collate and publish; in many cases, the local league (or congress) does the grading itself.

Council decided to leave the proposal with the Management Board, for consideration. (Read, "Council decided to do nothing.")

(9) Timing of Council Meetings. A proposal, supported by the SCCU, to discuss the 1989-90 budget in the autumn (i.e. now) was defeated. The Budget Meeting will be held on the 8th April 1989, in London, and the "real" AGM on the 16th September, in Birmingham. One item in the Budget Meeting will be a proposal to increase the county levy from £121 to £130 per levy point.

It is not recorded that news flash was discussed. The "fortnightly" publication has not appeared since the 16th July, and we are starting to wonder if it's been abandoned.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr Haddrell,

In renewing my sub for the next batch of SCCU newsletters I'd just like to say how much your efforts are appreciated in making routine chess matters lively and interesting reading. Having edited a chess newsletter for the BBC for three years I know how difficult this can be, and I think that a mildly irreverent and humorous approach is just what is required. Chess, after all, is usually taken far too seriously by the tiny minority in charge of the game in this country, and I suspect that detailed analysis of openings, endings and game positions is utter anathema to 95% of the chess-playing population! Indeed, when I was a newsletter editor I made

it a rule never to include any games or positions in my missives, sticking to the belief that it's a game best played over the board rather than analysed on paper with the benefit of hindsight! Sacrilege to the Shorts and Speelmans of the world I know, but they are in an insignificant minority aren't they? (I never had any complaints anyway!) Perhaps it's time the BCF paid more attention to the silent majority too - and ploughed more time, money and effort into improving the game at club and week-end tournament level rather than concentrating on getting half a dozen grandmasters into the world top 20, or whether county A has fielded a couple of ineligible players against county B! Whatever happened to the Evening Standard Tournament for instance (by far the most important chess event in this country since the Second World War as far as the average player is concerned), and why doesn't the BCF concentrate on resurrecting a tournament of this standard ('scuse the pun) instead of allowing the game to rot at the lower level in uninviting, graffiti-ridden school halls in North London? If the chess authorities want to find out what the game in this country is really all about they could do a lot worse than to take out a subscription to the SCCU Bulletin instead of wasting their money on a glossy, erratically produced minority-interest brochure, last seen bogged down somewhere near the Wash!

More power to your typewriter and keep up the good work.

Yours sincerely,
Michael Goldsmith Twickenham

We asked, last time, whether FIDE titles have to be paid for.

Dear Richard,

SCCU Bulletin 182:5. The situation as at December 1986, presumably still, was that titles were all billable. I think that it was then 100 Sw Fr for FM/IM, 200 Sw Fr CM; that sort of order of magnitude. It was the duty of the player's federation to apply for titles, and the federation was invoiced. BCF was in the habit (Dec 1986) of checking with players that they would reimburse the BCF. Once in a while the BCF itself would pay, e.g. when a title was earned when representing BCF in an official event.

Yours sincerely,
Paul Buswell St Leonards

ROUND THE COUNTIES

ESSEX had a remarkable season in the County Correspondence Championship 1987-8. Just for interest: Division 1 (16 teams) 1 Essex 22½/30; 2 Berks 20½; 3 Warwicks 17½... Division 2 (14 teams, not including Essex) 1 Leics 23/?30; 2 Yorks 20; 3 Staffs 17½... Division 3 (14 teams) 1 Essex III 15½/20; 2-4 Essex II(!), Devon II, Warwicks II 12½... Division 4 (10 teams) 1 Essex IV 15/20; 2 Gloucs II 12½; 3 Yorks III 11...

KENT Summer Quick-play League 1988 has just (26th September!) been won by Tunbridge Wells who beat Maidstone narrowly in the Final. 25 teams played in the initial league stage. This is Tunbridge Wells's third title since the competition started in 1980, and it breaks a run of three wins by Charlton.

SUSSEX: McArthur Cup went to Brighton who beat Worthing 4-2 in the Final. The county Jamboree at Dorothy Stringer School 9.7.88 (15 teams of six) was also won by Brighton with 5½/6; 2nd Crowborough Albany 4½.

Mid-Sussex League was re-organised, Third Divisions North and South giving way to Divisions 3 and 4. Sounds familiar. Brighton won everything they entered (Divisions 1, 3 and 4 and the KO Cup). Crowborough Albany, the only club to field four teams, saw two of them promoted and one relegated. (And they still haven't got one team in each division.)

South-West Sussex League was won by Bognor & Arun. The grading limit in this league is not by player but by team - add them all up! This was an experiment, which "seems to have been very successful".

Worthing had to find new premises a while back when their hosts - a social club - went bankrupt. This season their new hosts also went bankrupt. So they've moved back to the old place, now re-opened. We're surprised anyone wants them!

Sussex AGM was the shortest on record (36 minutes). Can anyone beat that?

CHILTERN LEAGUE table 1987-7, lifted from Berks junior fixture list(!):

	O	Bu	H	Br	Br	Bu	O	Bu	H	Br	Br	Bu	GP	MP
1 Oxon II		12	13	13	12	17½		14	11	11	13	14	130½	10
2= Bucks II	8		10½	10½	13	16½	6		9½	12½	14	13½	114	7
2= Herts II	7	9½		10	11½	10½	9	10½		13	13	17	111	7
4 Berks II	7	9½	9		10	11½	9	6½	7		11½	14½	95½	3½
5 Berks U18	8	7	8½	10		10½	7	6	7	8½		8½	81	1½
6 Bucks U18	2½	3½	9½	8½	9½		6	6½	3	5½	11½		66	1

Any errors, blame your Editor's typing. Berks have a very full junior fixture list, incidentally, running U18, U14, U11 and U9 teams with a total of 24 matches and jamborees, or thereabouts, at inter-county level.

CONGRESS RESULTS

16th CHARLTON at Charlton House 15-17 July 1988

Open (88 entries) 1 M Adams (Truro) 6/6; 2-3 MD Sadler (Maidstone), GC Crawley (Richmond) 5; 4-9 JC Piggot (Streatham), PG Large (Mitcham), BD Beake (Richmond), FR Willmoth (Hackney), SD Singh (Cambridge Univ), PJ Morris (Gravesend)... Grading 180-190 DA Sands (Barking), IJ Myall (Chelmsford) 4; 170-179 RH Thomas (Kings Head); U170 M Benson (Finchley). Junior U18 R White (Chelmsford), G Haslinger (London Central) 3. Highest Charlton M Ali.

"Major" (114 entries) 1 R Whitehouse (Wanstead) 5½/6; 2-7 B Crouch, M Phillips (both Charlton), F Percival, AVH Sands (both Beckenham), N Davis (Oxford), DC Pugh (Keynsham) 5... Grading 140-150 LJ Crane (Upminster), N Twitchell (Ilford), J Cohen (Finchley) 4½; 130-139 GM Brown (Clevedon), EJ Goldring (Ashtead), MJ Likeman (Cambridge Univ), NS Bansal (Gravesend) 4; U130 J Akhurst (Sidcup) 4; ungraded S Watson (Charlton), R Parsons (Ashford/Sevenoaks), W Dillon (Kings Head) 3½. Junior U18 T Gavriel (Barnet/Wood Green) 4.

"Minor" (94 entries) 1-2 AC Lawrence (Ealing), D Gunter (UOS) 5½/6; 3-4 P Kennelly (Acton/Hammersmith), RR Harper (Willesden) 5... Grading 100-115 M Finch (Gravesend), R Hermann (Mitcham), J Riley (Charlton) 4½; U100 PR Sharp (Lamberhurst) 4; ungraded R Winter (Kings Head) 5. Junior U14 E Schumacher; U12 P Fenn; U10 M Taylor. Highest Charlton T Fuller 5. Presumably Messrs Fuller and Winter were =3rd; didn't notice their scores until we got to them. Must admit the Bulletin prefers to publish names in order of points scored, rather than Prizes Won. But every man to his taste.

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP CONGRESS at Blackpool attracted 860 players.

British Championship (70 pl) 1 Jonathan Mestel (Cambridge) 8½/11; 2-4 Murray Chandler (London), Glenn Flear (Oadby), Niaz Murshed (Bangladesh) 8; 5-7 Michael Adams (Truro), Julian Hodgson (NW10), James Plaskett (Bedford) 7½; 8-14 Stuart Conquest (Bristol), Mark Hebden (Leicester), Anthony Kosten (Eastleigh), Gary Lane (Paignton), Paul Motwani (Dundee), David Norwood (Bolton), William Watson (SW4) 7; 15-21 Viswanath Anand (India), Keith Arkell (Derby), Robert Bellin (Solihull), Victor Knox (Cheadle), Colin McNab (Dundee), Ali Mortazavi (London), John Pigott (Kent) 6½...

Under 21 Championship (and U18 Prize: incorporated in above) Michael Adams.

Ladies Open (12 pl) 1 Christine Flear (France/Oadby) 9/11; 2 (and British Ladies Champion) Cathy Forbes (SW9) 8; 3 Fenella Cohen (NW9) 7½; 4 Helen Milligan (Scotland) 7...

British Veterans Championship (6 pl) 1 Donald Baldwin (Halifax) 7½/10; 2 Joe Soesan (Coventry) 6...

British Under 18 Championship (29 pl) 1 Ian Mackay (Glasgow) 9/11; 2 Jonathan Rogers (Brentwood) 8½; 3 Diarmuid Simpson (Antrim) 7½...

British Girls Under 18 Championship (with above) 1 Natasha Regan (Gerrards Cross) 5½

British Under 16 Championship (38 pl) 1-2 Edward Holland (Waterlooville), Philip Whitworth (Oldham) 5½/7; 3-6 Roger Beckett (Belfast), Jonathan Catlow (Leeds), Ross Wilkinson (Ayr), Oliver Worsfold (Basingstoke) 5...

British Girls Under 16 Championship (with above) 1-2 Jane Eastwood (Street), Angela Lyton (Barnet Knights) 3...

British Under 15 Championship (29 pl) 1 Oliver Worsfold 6/7; 2-3 Harry M Lamb (Bolton), Mark Morris (NW7) 5½...

British Girls Under 15 Championship (with above) 1 Genevieve O'Farrell (Southampton) 3.

British Under 14 Championship (40 pl) 1-2 Simon Pain (Glossop), Darryl Woolstencroft (Blackpool) 6/7; 3-6 Stephen Calderwood (Elliston), Peter Hughes (Hull); John Merriman (Liverpool), Jonathan Pain (Glossop) 5...

British Girls Under 15 Championship (with above) 1-3 Emilia Holland (Waterlooville), Sarah Joy (Rotherham), Rachel Mothersill (Horncastle) 3½...

British Under 13 Championship (31 pl) 1-2 Simon Ansell (Headington), Matthew Turner (Scunthorpe) 5½/7; 3-7 Simon Bibby (Sutton Coldfield), Stephen Calderwood (Elliston), Peter Hughes (Hull), Nicholas Noden (Aberdeen), Selim (E14) 5...

British Girls Under 13 Championship (with above) 1-2 Sarah Joy (Rotherham), Claire Lusher (Fareham) 3½...

British Under 12 Championship (34 pl) 1 Andrew Eyton (Barnet Knights) 6/7; 2-4 Paul Griffiths (WC2), Iain Higgins (Radcliffe), Stephen Joseph (Stapleford) 5½...

British Girls Under 12 Championship (with above) 1 Fiona Webster (Sutton) 3½...

British Under 11 Championship (47 pl) 1 Blair Connell (Onslow) 6½/7; 2 Paul Janew (Coventry) 5½; 3-7 Stephen Cordy (Caerphilly), Paul Fenn (Sittingbourne), Paul Griffiths (WC2), David Hennigan (London), Mark Jackson (Oxshott) 5...

British Girls Under 11 Championship (with above) 1-2 Helen Burns (N Cheam), Ayesha Nathoo (E Twickenham) 4...

British Under 10 Championship (34 pl) 1 Andrew Calderwood (Elliston) 6/7; 2 Jonathan Walton (Timperley) 5½; 3-5 Stephen Cordy, Lee Jacobs (Stanmore), Ayesha Nathoo (also British Girls Under 10 Champion) 5...

British Under 9 Championship (49 pl) 1 James Vigus (Chislehurst) 6½/7; 2-4 Daniel Bisby (Reigate), Joseph Conlon (Reading: U8 Prize), Lee Jacobs (Stanmore) 5½...

British Girls Under 9 Championship (with above) 1 Amy Kieran (Kent) 4½...

Major Open (92 pl) 1 Richard Tozer (Werrington) 9½/11; 2 Dr Andrew Lewis (N12) 9; 3-4 Andrew Ledger (Bedford), John Sugden (NW6) 8; 5-9 Aaron Summerscale (SW15), James Cavendish (London), Andrew Harley (Ware), Matthew Piper (Penzance), Donald Mason (Solihull) 7½...

PA Blackburne (12 pl) 1 Tony Wheatley (W5) 9/11; 2 Ronald Harman (Southport) 7½...

PA Staunton (12 pl) 1-2 Roger Amran (France), John Hennigan (London) 8...

PA Atkins (12 pl: double rd) 1 Christopher Dossett (Bradford) 7½/10; Martin Kelly (Belfast) 6½...

P. Soanes (12 pl) 1 Peter Horlock (Godalming) 10/11; 2 Eric Knapp (London) 8½...

1 Day AM Week 1 (26 pl) 1 Derek Pugh (Keynsham) 4½/5; 2-5 Roger Beckett (Belfast), Brian Illari (Merthyr Tydfil), Richard McMaster (Antrim), Christopher Ray (Cramlington) 4...

1 Day PM Week 1 (12 pl) 1 Lawrence Glazier (N12) 4/5; 2-3 John Brew (Kleinwort Benson), Guy Dormand (Mitcham) 3½...

5 Day 2 rounds Week 1 (23 pl) 1-2 Graham Lilley (St Helens), Graham McInnes (Middleton) 7/9; 3 Ian Dutton (Warrington) 6½; Slow Starter Raymond Gamble (Derby) 5½

5 Day AM Week 2 "A" (25 pl) 1-3 David Carless (Hong Kong), John Holland (Hertford), Alec Toll (Whitney) 4/5; Slow Starters Kenneth Brown (Culloden), James Pratt (Odiham), David Vaughan (Newport) 2½

5 Day AM Week 2 "B" (23 pl) 1 Richard Fries (SW11) 4½/5; 2-4 John Foster (Headington), Timothy Lunn (Ipswich), Frederick Maris (Gt Dunmow) 4; Slow Starter Gaphne Russell (Aberdeen) 3

5 Day PM Week 2 (20 pl) 1 Philip Adams (Oldham) 4½/5; 2-3 Michael O'Hara (Bolton), John Swain (Sherwood) 4...

5 Day 2 rounds Week 2 (48 pl) 1 Ian Dutton (Warrington) 7½/9; 2 Minh Quach (France) 7; 3 Graham Lilley (St Helens) 6½... Slow Starter Robert Clegg (Huddersfield) 6

Quick-Play (74 pl) 1 Michael Adams 6/6; 2-5 Paul Edwards (Lytham), Andrew Ledger, Stephen Ledger (both Bedford), Graham McInnes (Manchester) 5...

Weekend U160 (30 pl) 1 Robert Newton (New Malden) 5/6; 2-3 Stephen Connor (Greasby), Graham Dempsey (Hong Kong) 4½...

Weekend U125 (26 pl) 1-2 John Dobson (Leeds), Colin Kidd (Hounslow) 5/6; 3 Brian Horscroft (Heathfield) 4½...

Tram Tournament (and if we didn't know better we'd think that was a misprint: 33 pl) 1 Michael Adams; 2-5 Neil Carr (Barking), Ali Mortazavi (London), Charlie Storey (Cramlington), Tim Wall (Newcastle on Tyne) 4½... Best Mature Player(?) David Woodruffe (Keynsham); Slow Starters Simon Bibby (S Coldfield), Chris Duncan (Pinner) 3

Special Prizes: Best game (except British Championship): Lawrence Glazier; Best Swindle: Cathy Rogers; Highest Score in any Championship event under 16: James Vigus, Blair Connell; Highest Score elsewhere (exc. British): Peter Horlock; Best Combined Scores from two junior championships: Oliver Worsfold, James Vigus.

Results George Smith

25th BERKS AND BUCKS at Amersham 27-29 August 1988 attracted 132 players.

Championship (16 pl) 1 B Eley (Bolton on Dearne) 4½/5; 2-3 RB Edwards (Seer Green), AP Smith (Windsor) 4...

Premier (14 pl) 1-2 ND Crabb (Southend), M Smart (St Leonards) 4/5; 3-4 S Law (Hemel Hempstead), A Niedzwiedzki (Fakenham) 3½...

Challengers (16 pl) 1-2 K Heron (Basingstoke), L Mouillaux (Grenoble) 4/5; 3-5 [unclear] (Chesham), P Thomas (L Buzzard), WP Tickner (Earley) 3½...

Reserves A (16 pl) 1 N Martin (Brackley) 4; 2-4 RP Ginger (Bourne End), JB Hawson (Sutton & Cheam), PJ Mason (Chesham Bois) 3½...
Reserves B (16 pl) 1-3 D Lewis (Reading), MJ Likeman (Cambridge Univ), R Needs (Cambridge) 4/5...
Reserves C (16 pl) 1 A Shahrukhi (RGS High Wycombe) 5/5; 2-3 SL Wedlock (Southend), MA Woodcock (High Wycombe) 3½...
Reserves D (14 pl) 1 J Melsom (Kent Univ) 4½/5; 2-4 R Adams (Bury St Edmunds), JB Farrell (Stanmore), CJ Melville (Wendover) 3½...
Reserves E (12 pl) 1 N Lusher (Fareham) 4/5; 2-4 A Abbey (Basingstoke), M Brown (Gt Kingshill), P Giles (Seer Green) 3½...
Reserves F (12 pl) 1 L Carter (Maidenhead) 4/5; 2 GS Pierce (High Wycombe) 3½; 3-6 DJ Anderson (Aylesbury), E Eddowes (High Wycombe), T Hawthorn (Harefield), DG Maclean (Battersea) 3...
Lightning Tournament 1-2 RCS Newton (Reading), RJ Starkie (Oxford); 3 M Trent (Slough)
Mrs J Stean Trophy (most promising U14): Neil Lusher; Hon mention Stephen Cordy.
Bucks Free Press Tripartite Trophy (we used to know what that meant): High Wycombe Chess Club.

Results Alan Cox

19th THANET CONGRESS at Broadstairs 2-4 September 1988

Open (35 entries) AP Lewis (Chelmsford) 5/5; 2 PJ Morris (Gravesend) 4½; 3-8 B Eley (Rotherham), AD Martin (CentYMCA), SC Le Blancq (Petersfield), CG Ward (Tunbridge Wells), E Whipp (Charlton) 3½... Highest Thanet D Shakeshaft 3
Major U156 (35 entries) 1 MC Portwood (Folkestone) 4½/5; 2-4 R Edmonds (Canterbury), I Norman (Charlton), IM Rubin (Canterbury) 4... Highest Thanet RT McCorry 2½
Minor U121 (38 entries) 1 RG Page (Thanet) 4½/5; 2-4 L Carter (Maidenhead), JB Farrell (Stanmore), E Lodge (Ilford) 4...

Results MR Croft

SCCU COUNTY MATCHES: DATES 1988-89

	<u>Championship</u> (all Cties but Sy)	<u>Montague-Jones</u> (Syl, M2, K2)	<u>Amboyne/Ebony</u> (E2, Sy2, Sx2, K3)	
Oct 1	MO HK CBr ESx			
8			ESy SxK	We publish the fixture list again, partly for the benefit of new readers and partly because match captains have agreed a few changes since last time. (New fixtures asterisked.) Any further changes must be notified to the Tournament Controller, and it helps if you tell the Bulletin as well.
15	BrE KC OH BuM			
22				
29			SyK ESx	
Nov 5	HBu CO EK SxBr	SyM		
12				
19	KSx OE BuC MH			
26			SySx* KE	
Dec 3	CM EBU SxO BrK	KSy		
10				
17				
Jan 7				
14	OBr BuSx ME HC	MK*		
21			SyE KSx	
28	EH SxM BrBu	KM		
Feb 4	KO*			
11			SxE*	The home side is on the left.
18	BuK MBr HSx CE	MSy		
25			KSy	
Mar 4				
11	SxC BrH KM OBU	SyK		
18			SxSy* EK	

New Middx II match captain is Andy Bowles, 11 Griffiths Rd, Wimbledon SW18. He seems telephonically elusive at the moment, but try 01 589 7201 or 01 370 5226. (We understand these are bridge clubs!)

LLOYDS BANK BRITISH CHESS PROBLEM SOLVING CHAMPIONSHIP 1988-9 is in the postal stages. The solution to the initial problem (published in our March issue) was Qa5. No idea how many Bulletin readers got it right; Lloyds Bank, uncharacteristically, haven't published any figures. (Well, your Editor got it right but didn't send it in.) The Final is not until January.

TIMES SCHOOLS COMPETITION 1988-8 has just got under way. 398 teams have entered.

CONGRESS DIARY

- Oct 8 ASHFORD (KENT) Under 11/9. RG Blake, 96 Manorfield, Singleton Village, Ashford TN23 2YP: 0233 39372
- 22 ASHFORD (KENT) Under 18/14/12. RS Rackham, 7 Crofton Close, Kennington, Ashford TN24 9BU: 0233 31988
- 29 SWANLEY QP U171, U131. RA Clark, 264 Claremont Rd, Hextable, Kent BR8 7QU: 0322 69338
- Dec 28-14 FOREIGN AND COLONIAL HASTINGS CONGRESS. Premier by invitation; Challengers 28th-6th (entry fee up to £100 depending on grade); Main U190 29th-6th (entry £16); Christmas Special 28th-1st (£12); New Year Special 2nd-6th (£12 - no smoking); Third Week Special 9th-13th (£12); QP 14th (£6). C Power, 418 Harold Rd, Hastings, E Sussex TN35 5HG: 0424 431970
- Jan 6- 8 HASTINGS WEEKEND Open; U161; U131. Entry fees £14/13/12; First Prizes £400/200/150. C Power as above.

Quote from an MCCU paper discussed at the BCF Council Meeting: "The third key point about the benefits [of Direct Membership] concerns the Yearbook. The [BCF Management] Board recognises that a Yearbook should be aimed at members rather than organisers, and it is proposed that the directory of addresses should be a separate publication. One could hardly disagree with this stance."

Speak for yourself.

Recent item in Martin Cath's postbag: a Grading List order form, completely blank. He solved it, of course, but we do get some detective work to do...

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Postscript before anyone says parochial: Speelman beat Short.