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The BCF grading list should be available in the first two weeks of August, and the SCCU one by the end of August. BCF Rapid Play lists are also available.

SCCU COUNCIL MEETING (AGM)

Council met on Saturday 29th June 1991 at two-and-a-bit p.m. at the headquarters of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, near Victoria Station. A splendid venue and it cost £25, compared with the three-figure sum we paid at a hotel last year. 26 attended, and we don't know whether all counties were represented.

George Parker, the outgoing President, opened the proceedings by saying it had been a quiet year; if any squabbles had arisen they had been quietly dealt with by officers without involving him (for which he was grateful). No squabbles came to light in the rest of the meeting.

(1) Money. The Treasurer scrupulously presented two sets of audited accounts, last year's as well as this because last year's had not been audited at the time of the 1990 AGM. The meeting did not feel it necessary to discuss the old ones. As for this year's:

Levy income was slightly down on budget because some counties had made successful levy appeals. Officers' expenses were hugely below budget, and we had "grossly underspent" on juniors, mostly because we've had no Junior Organiser. The Grading List had done better than expected (£543 surplus) and even your Bulletin had chipped in with a modest £81. The result was an overall surplus of £857.

It was proposed, and agreed, that the levy for 1991-2 should be £4 (last year £8) to mark the Union's 1992 centenary. Maybe we should be saying "centennial", since centenary's ambiguous? Shut up Haddrell. Bulletin sub remains the same (£4.50), and so does the price of the SCCU Grading List (for which the Bulletin is grateful since it doesn't have anything to re-type: see inside front cover).

(2) Grading. Martin Cath, Grading Secretary, had little to report beyond the (by now) famous allegation that SCCU grades are 10-15 points too high. This led, by a route which some will guess, to a discussion on New Players. SCCU graders do not enter data on new players with less than 5 games. This avoids clogging up the works with people who play once then take up ludo, but it can mean that a new player with a dozen games gets left out because no single grader has 5 games for him. This will normally be self-correcting, in time, because graders can accumulate data over three years. They can also add their one-game merchants late, if it turns out that someone else has entered them anyway. But still there is a potential time-lag. One suggestion mooted was that the 5-game requirement could be applied centrally, rather than by each grader individually. Martin will have a think about this.

(3) SCCU Inter-county Tournaments. There was really nothing to report, except who'd won. Two trophies were there for the presentation, and two more had turned up by the end of the meeting.

(4) Rule Change. The proposed new rule for county matches (16 or 18 boards permitted by mutual agreement, and the missing points to be shared equally) was amended to call the missing games double defaults. In that form, not surprisingly, it got no votes.

(5) SCCU Centenary. It was suggested that our centenary next year should be marked by a British held in London. Apparently this has some BCF support. It would be horribly expensive. A sub-committee comprising RCN Lee-Anderson and the President and Treasurer was later set up to study all the possibilities.

(6) BCF Under 130 Team Championship. The BCF proposes to run one in 1991-2 and will invite the Unions to make two nominations each. A straw poll at the meeting suggested considerable support from the counties, though obviously it would depend how we ran the thing. It was decided that in the first year we would keep things as simple as possible and select our nominees by means of a jamboree.

(7) Trophies. You may have heard smething like this before; but someone thought we

should sell all our trophies worth more than £100. A lot of money was wasted on insurance, and the trophies had an in-built tendency to wander. In fact a lot of money has not been wasted on insurance these last two years, since the premiums have accidentally not been paid. They will be now, and the valuations will include an element for re-engraving (quite possibly the largest item, on some trophies).

(8) Election of Officers. No revolutions. Roy Brown succeeds George Parker as President, and we have a Junior Organiser again. Bruce Birchall of Middx, who featured briefly in the last issue, said he did not know exactly what was involved but might be interested in taking on part of the job. He got all of it, with an understanding that he would contact the counties to find out what was required, and then do what he felt able to do. Mr Birchall, who teaches chess at Haverstock Secondary School, Chalk Farm, is a member of the Kings Head club. He is Middx League Secretary and Third Team captain and has just taken on the Middx U11 Girls team. His address and phone number are inside the front cover.

(9) BCF Management Board. A delegate gave a brief run-down on the latest MB meeting 15.6.91.

(a) The Direct Members fee for new recruits goes up from £20 to £25, though existing members can renew at the old rate for one year. A "grading print-out from the new list" will be sent free to all named DMs. Presumably of their own personal entry.

(b) There were no outstanding debts on county entry fees for the BCF team championships. But Lancs, Glos, Devon and Dorset were still in arrears with the levy. In most cases (three?) the Finance Director had been in contact with the local organisers and was aware of their specific problems. But Lancs were due to play in the Championship Final the following week! What was said about this we don't know, but if Lancs played their Final while in arrears with levy payments something is wrong, and we're glad they lost. Even gladder than we would have been anyway. Durham have finally made their resignation from the Federation explicit. Yorks meanwhile have a motion coming up at their AGM calling for re-application(!). Incidentally county secretaries have recently had a letter from the Lancs ex-Treasurer probing reactions to a non-BCF counties championship. We said "ex"; seems he resigned when Lancs decided not to secede.

(c) Various constitutional changes are proposed, mostly on the financial front, to provide for DMs, early or late payment of fees, applications to re-join, and other things too boring to mention. Studies are under way of a completely new system which could replace the Levy (see separate article below).

(d) Entries for the British Championship Congress are running ahead of last year's figures.

(e) The BCF President had issued a statement referring, among other things, to the "strongly anti-BCF attitude" of some Union bulletins, especially the MCCU and SCCU ones. The SCCU delegate took strong exception to this, for which we thank him. Your Editor accepts that he has criticised certain BCF policies, but believes that one may criticise without being anti-BCF.

The meeting, a nice short one, closed before 4 p.m. The SCCU one, that is.

SCCU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive held its customary post-AGM meeting. It did routine things. BCF MB delegates: President and Treasurer. Rules-and-appeals sub-committee: President plus G Parker, CE Majer, FC Manning, RCN Lee-Anderson. Fifth member of SCCU Management Board: RJ Haddrell. (The Management Board did not meet last year, and we fancy the rules-and-appeals people didn't either. This is not a criticism.) Centenary sub-committee: President, Treasurer and RCN Lee-Anderson.

Chris Howell, Fixture Secretary, said he expected to have more teams in this year. He absolutely needed to have final entries, with names and addresses of match captains, within two weeks. He would cry for help with fixtures if and when necessary. The U130 jamboree was left to him to arrange when he thought fit, but it will obviously be fairly late-season.

BCF LEVY: AN ALTERNATIVE

An all-Union BCF sub-committee, chaired by Roy Brown, is looking at ways of replacing the levy. Its thinking is tentative, and certainly not BCF policy at this stage. What it is considering is called a "Player Registration Scheme" (a title inherited from earlier, and similar, MCCU proposals). BCF income would be based on grading, and would come from recognised competitive events (congresses, leagues and anything else you can think of) which would pay (say) 10p per player per gradable game. Anyone competing in a recognised event would automatically become a Registered Player of the BCF.

RB, in a circular to all county secretaries, makes the following points. (We hope our precis exercise does not garble them too much, and we are not sure just how much is RB and how much is sub-committee).

(1) Unless we tap new sources, the scheme will only serve to redistribute the burden among those already paying. Sanctions against non-paying events will be needed. These might include: (a) No grading. This would apply to whole events: rather than exclude unregistered players from the list, though their grades have actually been calculated, you would simply not grade the "offending" event. (b) No free publicity, before or after the event, "not only in the BCF Chess Calendar, Year Book, Chess Moves and County Newsletters, but also in BCM, Pergamon Chess and Oracle, using persuasion and influence as necessary". (c) Qualified Arbiters should refuse requests for assistance. "The Arbiters Association should be asked to help enforce this." (d) Exclusion from the Leigh Grand Prix. (e) No British Championship Qualifying places. (f) Sponsors to be informed of lost publicity. (g) A black list of defaulting events to be prepared and made available to players so they can avoid playing in events that will not get graded.

(2) The Scheme could not offer the same inherent stability as a workable levy system (and we think the word "workable" is meant to exclude the one we've got). The BCF would have to build up reserves (current policy anyway) and identify areas where activities could be curtailed at short notice if necessary.

(3) Some graders will have fundamental objections to ignoring whole leagues and congresses. It can only be hoped that the present financial difficulties of the BCF and counties will make graders receptive to new ideas. And, of course, that eventually all the leagues and congresses will join the fold.

(4) 10p per player per games may not be enough (definitely RB, this bit). Back-of-an-envelope calculations based on Middlesex activity suggest that 20p would be closer.

(5) RB again: the counties are the natural agents for seeking out fresh contributors. The BCF's priority is to stabilise its income. So leave the levy as it is, at least till we see how the wind's blowing, and let the counties charge the 20p, or whatever, using the income to pay the levy. The existing League and Congress affiliation fees would be abolished. It would no longer be necessary for the BCF to pay the counties commission on Direct Membership fees.

RB invites comments. Our comment: have a look at your SCCU Bulletin for September 1978, in which we said very similar things. (Well, you shouldn't have thrown it away!) The debate's been around for quite a while. We haven't changed our mind, and our only real criticism of the proposed scheme is its name. Whatever else it is, it's not a player registration scheme (and that's one of its strengths!). In 1978 we were calling it PFG (payment for grading). To prove that someone doesn't agree with us:

LETTER to the Editor 2.6.91:

Dear Richard,

I disagree with part of your report on the SCCU Executive meeting of 17th May. When revenue was discussed, the Oxon scheme was not. Roy Brown stated that the Oxon scheme would not work (without producing any figures to prove this), but no further comments were made. The principle of reducing the Levy as the number of DMs within a county increases is the only way forward, and as you suggested in the Bulletin, if the figures are inaccurate, change the figures.

Oxon will have nothing to do with a "Player Registration Scheme" envisaged by Roy Brown, particularly as no figures have been produced. No sensible debate on this issue took place at the Executive meeting because no figures were produced; whereas Oxon put facts on paper so that a sensible criticism of these could take place, but which were totally ignored.

I hope a better exchange of views will take place at the Annual Council Meeting on June 29.

Best wishes,
Lester Millin Oxon

Ed: - My recollection is that someone at the May Executive meeting, and I think it was RB, said the LM scheme would not work as it stood but might be made to work if you changed the figures. I don't think either of the SCCU meetings felt the time was ripe for discussing detailed figures. The debate is, so far, one of principle. RB would charge by event, with sanctions, and LM would retain the levy, with encouragements to recruit DMs. I am aware that I have not published the detailed LM proposals; mostly (I think) because I too believe it's too early to talk figures. I am also aware that I am in danger of being unfair to LM, since I don't happen to agree with him. If he would care to send an argued (but not too figureful) presentation of his case, explaining why it is the only way forward, I will be happy to print it.

OBITUARY: NA PERKINS

EEC writes:

The "Times" of 4th June 1991 carried a brief melancholy note of the death on 26th May at Sherington, Bucks, of Nicholas Anthony (Tony) Perkins, MA Oxon, mathematician and chess player. He was 78.

As the formal note records, Tony Perkins was from 1941 to 1945 a member of the very successful codebreaking team at Betchley Park which seems to have been staffed almost entirely by distinguished chess players. After the war he remained, as did Alexander and others, in the civil service, where he was employed at the headquarters of the GPO.

Tony was already known as a strong chess player in the years before the war, when he was a member of teams representing St Johns College and Oxford University. He played in the annual match against Cambridge four times (1932-1935 inclusive); for example, board 4 in 1933, according to the BCM, saw "NA Perkins, an experienced young player, conducting a Sicilian ery skilfully against K Beaumont and winning in 40 moves". It is some indication of the strength of the Oxford team that on board 3 was JM Aitken. In the pre-war years London League ran an annual New Year Congress, in which Tony, having tied for first place in 1936 in the Minor Tourney, won the Major in 1937 after a play-off against Dr BH Neumann, with whom he had drawn in the Varsity match of 1935.

In the post-war years Tony lived in North London, where he was an early member of Hendon Chess Club (founded in 1947) and then of Finchley, for whom he played in London League. He became a regular high-board member of the Middlesex county team, including the championship-winning teams of 1950, 1953, 1956 and the years of Eileen Tranmer's consistently victorious captaincy in the 1960s. Meanwhile he had qualified by residence for Scotland. He played several times in the Scottish Championship before and after the war. He tied with Fairhurst for first place in 1948, though apparently he lost the play-off, as Fairhurst is recorded as the champion for that year. Tony's efforts were rewarded by board 4 in the Scottish team at the Munich Olympiad of 1959.

As a Post Office employee he was a valuable member of the Post Office team in the Civil Service League, and he was appropriately honoured latterly with the Presidency of the British Telecom club.

In later years he turned his hand to chess administration for Middlesex. He was a committee member from 1965 to 1983, before his retirement to Bucks, including three years as County Secretary (1965-7 inclusive) and two (1975-6) as President.

In all these capacities Tony will be remembered as a gentle, kindly friend; but above all he will be thought of as a fine chess player. He could have no better memorial here than the record of a game played at Ilford in 1962, which Harry Golombek described in the BCM as producing "quite the best combination of the whole congress":

White NA Perkins, Black P Bennett

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 Be2 O-O 6 f4 c5 7 Nf3 cd 8 Nxd4 Nc6 9 Nxc6 bc
10 Be3 Qa5 11 O-O Rb8 12 Rb1 Rd8 13 Kh1 d5 14 cd cd 15 e5 d4 16 Bxd4 Qb4 17 ef Rxd4
18 Nd5! Rxd1 19 Rfxd1! Qa5 20 b4 Rxb4 21 Rxb4 ef 22 Rb8 Qd8 23 Nb6 Qe7 24 Nxc8 1-0

RE (DICK) BOXALL, well known in Basingstoke and elsewhere, should be leaving Basingstoke District Hospital shortly following the amputation of his right leg below the knee. He will go to a new address, but his phone number will remain the same.

ESSEX INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP 25-27 May 1991 1-3 Jon P Manley, Karl Bowden, Neil Carr 3/5; 4-5 Gary Kenworthy, Andrew Kinsman 2½; 6 David Millward 1. This was a FIDE-rated APA; results George Smith.

THANET CHESS LEAGUE 1990-91 was won by Herne Bay with 6½ match points out of 8. The Champions then played the Rest of the League and drew 3½-3½ in a rather unrepresentative match. The League Jamboree 8.11.90 was won by Birchington. 10-second Individual Tournament 1.12.90: BJ Westover, ? Guy. 10-second Team: Whitstable. Lohman Cup (7 rd Swiss) RT McCorry. Best game prize was awarded in an unusual manner: all entries were sent to the clubs, who voted on the finishing order. This "has worked quite well"; winner - comfortably - DJ Horton.

Results MR Croft

HITCHIN CONGRESS 22-23 June 1991 raised £450 for leukaemia research.

Premier (37 pl) 1-2 Steve Giddins (Black Lion), Philip Rossiter (Cavendish) 4½/5; 3-4 James Howell (Harrogate), Richard Britton (N London) 4; 5-7 John Emms, Somin Le Blancq, Chris Majer 3½; 8-15 Mark Hebden, Richard Tozer, Francis Rayner, Jonathan Manley, Simon Lazarus, Paul Byway, Ray Devenney, GM Brown 3...

Under 165 (39 pl) 1 Peter Mercks (Oxclose) 5/5; 2-3 Eric Key (York), Ian Duvall (Camberley) 4...

Under 145 (34 pl) 1-2 Bill Drennan (Battersea), Abraham Neviavski (Twickenham) 4½/5; 3 Paul Kenny (Corby) 4...

Under 125 (28 pl) 1-4 John Brief (Barnet), John Griffin (ex Watford), Mark Schofield (Bury St Edmunds), Gary Callan (Cambridge U) 4...

Under 105 (44 pl) 1 Chris Andrews (Hayes Middx) 5/5; 2 Roy Adams (Bury St Edmunds) 4½; 3-6 Martin Loat (Kings Head), A Moffatt (Corby), Andrew Moss (Hemel), Jim Smith (Corby)...

"182 played - a little disappointing. The future of this event and a number of others in the Hertfordshire area is under threat from 50-80% increases in rental charges by the schools under the direction of the Hertfordshire Education Authority. Indeed one charge would be raised from £116 to £220 for a '1-day'. We do not know why the cost to Hertfordshire has rocketed so: our estimate is that a weekend congress costs them about £100 for a charge of say £550." - JG Jones.

Don't know about Herts, but in Kent under local management the schools fix their own charges. A lot of them are on very tight budgets, and see lettings as an essential way of boosting their income. The days of cheap school venues are gone.

6th KINGS HEAD LONDON OPEN 8-9 June 1991

Open (66 pl) 1 D King IGM (Castrop-Rauxel) 5/5; 2 PJ Rossiter (Cavendish) 4½; 3-6 T Fatin IM, PJ Morris IM (Gravesend), F Rayner (Kings Head), Lyon B Computer 4...

Rossiter took British Championship qualification. Grading 190-209 PJ Rossiter; 170-189 Perkins 3½; U170 STK Wilkinson 3. Juniors M Ioannides (Milton Keynes) 1½.

Under 160 (95 pl) 1-2 D Gunter (Crystal Palace), J Simons (Hackney) 5/5; 3 K Hoare (Barbican) 4½... Grading 135-149 J Simons; U135 S Neill (Hemel Hempstead) 4. Juniors K Hoare.

Under 125 (109 pl) 1-2 G Bergins (Manchester), A Shoaif 5; 3 L Evfuomwan (Wimbledon) 4½... Grading 100-114 L Evfuomwan; U100 M Peat (St Albans) 4. Juniors M Peat.

Best Game MA Shaw (Pinner); Best Attack MB Wood (Barbican); Best Sacrifice S Pink ("Hayes").

Two Lyon 68020 computers, entered by Countrywide Computers, played in the Open. The one that got 4 was set on "risky" mode and made a grading score of 224; the other, on "active", got 3 (205 grade). The owners asked for their £25 prize to be donated to a chess cause and the BCF's "Challenge the Russians" was chosen. The fire alarm that caused the hall to be evacuated on the Saturday evening was not caused by a fire but by someone doing something peculiar in the adjoining Turkish baths.

BCF STAGE COUNTY MATCHES

CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi Final				Final			
Leics	1.6.91		Kent*	Kent*	22.6.91		Lancs
1 GC Flear 235 (B)	½	½	DJ King 245	DJ King (B)	½	½	JE Littlewood
2 ML Hebden 239	1	0	CG Ward 229	CG Ward	1	0	DB Lund
3 GD Lee 228	0	1	PJ Morris 211	JJ Ady	0	1	NW Ivell
4 G Quillan 210	1	0	JJ Ady 211	AE Hanreck	½	½	GL House
5 G Lawton 225	½	½	AJ Stebbings 217	IR Watson	½	½	NJ Holloway
6 P Gdanski	0	1	AE Hanreck 200	JN Sugden	½	½	MJ Conroy
7 C Flear 190	1	0	IR Watson 203	RMR O'Kelly	½	½	MJ O'Hara
8 PR Davies 199	0	1	JN Sugden 203	NF Dickenson	0	1	SH Barnes
9 C Duncan	1	0	AG Trangmar 195	AG Trangmar	0	1	HR Hughes
10 S Calderwood	0	1	SW Giddins 202	MP Cook	½	½	PE Jowett
11 AJ Morley	½	½	NF Dickenson 183	JD Wager	1	0	D Wolstencroft
12 I Cragg 185	½	½	SJ Wood 187	AI Armstrong	1	0	D Lees
13 AH Ward 173	1	0	AI Armstrong 181	PJ O'Donovan	½	½	DR Cowley
14 JK Robinson 171	½	½	JD Wager 180	CI Howell	½	½	S Appleby
15 A Hyslop 183	1	0	NP Donovan 174	SJ Pullinger	½	½	MR Peacock
16 OH Hardy 170	0	1	CI Howell 180	PS Milner-Barry	1	0	GM Dobbie
17 S Singh ?180	0	1	SJ Pullinger 162	(Aston Univ)	8½	7½	
18 MW Salisbury 178	0	1	PS Milner-Barry 174				
(Warboys Hunts)	8½	9½					

Is this the first time two GMs have met in a county match?

Kent came back from the dead in the Final with at least 3 late wins from worse or lost positions. Chris Howell remarks that Sir Stuart Milner-Barry, the team's

regular anchor-man and not in the first flush of youth, was the only one to win in both semi-final and final. (We seem to remember that he won in the quarter-final too.)

MINOR COUNTIESSemi finals

<u>Wilts</u>	1.6.91		<u>Oxon*</u>
1 AP Law 216 (B)	½	½	W Hanasz
2 AC Cooper 189	½	½	M Piper 199
3 T Headlong 191	0	1	MC Truran 196
4 P Varley 192	½	½	ST Ansell 183J
5 R Haydon 196	0	1	M Hazelton 189
6 J Garwell 188	0	1	T Brown
7 JD Bourne 193	1	0	AJ Toll 182
8 JR Hopkins 172	½	½	RJ Starkie 177
9 EG Lea 179	½	½	R Dixon 174
10 RC Lynn 177	1	0	D Bruce
11 J Cobb 158J	0	1	GW Chapman 166
12 M Strange 160	0	1	JN Stayt 165
13 RJ Peck 161	0	1	R Smith 164
14 DL O'Byrne 161	½	½	MJ Nightall 163
15 F Cohen 154	½	½	A Mushens 156
16 C Cobb 142J	0	1	H Hunt 135J
(Devizes)	5½	10½	

Oh dear, no detailed result for the other semi-final, or even the final itself though Oxon won. In brief, Sussex lost 6½-9½ to Worcestershire and Oxon then beat Worcs 10-6 in the final. We did make some attempt to chase these results, but the Bulletin's editorial team has only so much time and energy. Oxon players who would have liked to see their victory recorded in these pages are requested to Grumble, but not to us.

In the Third Teams, Middx lost their semi-final v Beds 6-10 (and didn't tell us); Notts beat Leics 11-5. Beds then beat Notts 9-7 in the final.

You can find the missing matches in BCF ChessMoves for July. No, we're not copying them out!

SECOND TEAMSSemi finals

<u>Middx*</u>	1.6.91		<u>Lancs</u>	<u>Kent*</u>	1.6.91		<u>Warks</u>
1 SSY Spivack 196	1	0	CV Murray 178 (B)	DJ Horton (W)	0	1	AD Lloyd
2 AN Raooof 186	0	1	M Lythgoe 163	G Botley	1	0	RC Drury
3 NRE Alldritt 180	½	½	S Foulkes 167	MM Robertson	1	0	DR Thomas
4 AI Wheatley 172	½	½	S Berkley 153	F Percival	0	1	K Hern
5 KR Barnes 171	½	½	J Lyth 162	GR Tidmarsh	1	0	G Davies
6 C Stephenson 170	0	1	S Woodcock 166	TH Owens	½	½	AJ Brown
7 GA White 168	1	0	D Martindale 162	DJR Barnes	1	0	Mike A Fox
8 P Hatchett 179E	1	0	A Catz 158	LR Gurr	0	1	AN Watt
9 JD Eva 169	1	0	AA Clarkson 148	MR Croft	½	½	RT Farley
10 JVA Franks 165	0	1	B Hague 147J	Z Mehmet	0	1	AM Ashby
11 AM Dunn 166	1	0	PM Taylor 154	D Tuddenham	½	½	RC Reynolds
12 A Gilfillan 165E	1	0	R Townsend 152	RT McCorry	½	½	Roy Woodcock
13 T Donnelly 164	½	½	J Whitfield 151	MH Micklethwaite	½	½	M Watton
14 S Pooley 155E	1	0	S Riley 149	MD Brougham	1	0	M Probert
15 DJT Griggs 150	1	0	ED Dobson 145	PW Eldridge	1	0	D Beadle
16 M Rogerson 150E	½	½	K McMahon 124	SC Scott	1	0	def
(Aston Univ)	10½	5½		(Sevenoaks)	9½	6½	

Final

<u>Middx*</u>	22.6.91		<u>Kent</u>
1 MC Forster 197	1	0	DJ Horton 183 (B)
2 T Clarke 194E	½	½	G Botley 182
3 SSY Spivack 196	1	0	def
4 RH Thomas 192	½	½	TH Owens
5 A Gountintas 192	1	0	F Percival 174
6 JR Sharp 185	0	1	DJR Barnes 172
7 NRE Alldritt 180	1	0	LR Gurr 172
8 PS Cawte 183	½	½	PC Rutland 169
9 RJ Pearce 172	½	½	Z Mehmet 168
10 GA White 168	1	0	RS Sefton 167
11 CJ Stephenson 170	0	1	D Tuddenham 166
12 P Hatchett 179E	0	1	RT McCorry 164
13 JD Eva 169	1	0	MH Micklethwaite 164
14 A Gilfillan 165E	½	½	MD Brougham 162
15 DC Ball 170	0	1	PW Eldridge 160
16 AM Dunn 166	1	0	AV Sands 161
17 JVA Franks 165	1	0	MJ Reddie 157
18 LHJ Finchan 154	½	½	SC Scott 156
19 DJT Griggs 150	0	1	RC Shilling 152
20 JM McVicar	½	½	MR Croft 133
(Aston Univ)	11½	8½	

Paul Buswell in ChessMoves comments unfavourably on the inclusion in the Third Teams competition of 2nd teams (from East Anglia) and 4th teams (from Kent). We agree about the 2nd teams - it's ridiculous - but can't see why a 4th team should not qualify for, and compete in, a "higher" event. Especially when there isn't a 4th teams event for it to play in. Actually we thought the Kent team had re-styled itself "3rd team" for the purpose of the BCF stage, but apparently it didn't. We remember that a BCF Director of Home Chess and Services once ruled - unofficially we think, and hypothetically for sure - that 4th teams weren't allowed in the 3rd team competition unless they called themselves 3rd teams. The presence of Kent III in the Second Teams this year has aroused comment from non-SCCU counties, whether querulous, confused or just plain interested we don't know. Officers from SCCU counties have not been silent either. It may be well to explain that the team wasn't really supposed to be stronger than Kent II, it just happened that way. We will not say whether the county should have foreseen it, or foreseeing forestalled.

JUNIOR RESULTS

BCF UNDER 18 COUNTY FINALS (MINOR) at Birmingham 23.3.91

1 G. Griggs 180 L	0	1	J Young 159 N	A Jones 185 G	1	0	S Ansell 183 O
D Chandler 150 B	0	1	R Penn 163 S				
2 J Eastwood 149 S	0	1	D/P Fish G	N Jackubovics O	1	0	J Scott 138 L
S Florence 164 N	0	1	M Ioannides 130 B				
J Hockings 131 L	0	1	J Rudd 142 S	F Dodds 130 N	0	1	J Hastings 170 O
O May 132 B	0	1	T Brown G				
4 D Turner G	1	0	C Barrow 126 L	def S	0	1	V Annoulis 121 N
T Thompson 145 O	0	1	B McFarlane 131 B				
5 P Croft L	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	G Butler B	J Leinmuller G	0	1	L Grange 118 N
R Garrett 136 S	0	1	H Hunt 135 O				
6 A Hunt 131 O	1	0	C Price 134 S	E Wong 108 N	1	0	D Gorman G
H Seekings 96 B	1	0	D Walker 94 L				
7 P Urwin 107 S	1	0	T Parsons 122 B	N Baker 141 O	1	0	R Morton G
D Miller 93 N	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Smith 100 L				
8 A Smith 113 L	1	0	L Smith 118 O	L Williams G	0	1	M Atkinson 101 S
D Ward B	0	1	M Swan 92 N				
9 C Galliford G	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Thakurta B	A Maunder S	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	K Sentance 107 L
P Hastings 117 O	1	0	A McLeod 68 N				
10 A Hewson 107 L	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Clubb G	D North 91 N	0	1	D Batton 71 S
T Patel B	0	1	L Tulip 106 O				
11 L Barnett 89 L	0	1	D Smyth 78 N	N Taylor G	1	0	B Somogyi 87 O
A Beach 96 B	1	0	B Barnes 73 S				
2 R Urwin S	1	0	P Buttle G	L Collins 61 O	1	0	G Hartley 111 L
S Swan N	1	0	A Lee 42 B				

Positions: 1 Oxon 8 $\frac{1}{2}$; 2 Northumberland 7 $\frac{1}{2}$; 3 Somerset 6 $\frac{1}{2}$; 4 East Glamorgan 6;
5 Bedfordshire 5; 6 Lincolnshire 3

Our thanks to the sender, anonymous but probably from Oxfordshire. Must admit we're a bit vague about how Oxon qualified in the first place, since the SCCU qualifier, to the best of our knowledge, wasn't held. Default and/or invitation, we suppose. Either way they seem to have justified it.

We also have the results of the

GIRLS UNDER 18 FINALS 23.3.91 in Birmingham:

1 Middx 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ /6; 2 Hants 3 $\frac{1}{2}$; 3 Humberside 3; 4 Someone-or-other 1. There was a Minor Counties Girls' event with no SCCU presence.

and the

GIRLS UNDER 11 TEAM FINALS at Nottingham 15.6.91:

1 Kent 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ /36; 2 Lincs 25 $\frac{1}{2}$; 3 Liverpool 24 $\frac{1}{2}$; 4 Suffolk 24; 5 Richmond 23 $\frac{1}{2}$; 6 Wey Valley 23; 7 Humberside 18 $\frac{1}{2}$; 8 Barnett 18; 9-10 Greater Manchester, Northants 17; 11 Somerset 15 $\frac{1}{2}$; 12 S London 14; 13 Leics 12 $\frac{1}{2}$; 14 Shropshire 9 $\frac{1}{2}$; 15 Notts 7 $\frac{1}{2}$; 16 Hants 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ Which gives Kent three national titles out of three at Primary level, to go with the big one. Two and a half really, because the Boys U11 was shared.

TIMES SCHOOLS KO reached its climax 4-5 July 1991 at the Charing Cross Hotel.

Semi finals: Manchester Grammar* 3 3 Hymers College, Hull; Sutton Manor High School 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ St Columbs, Derry. Third Place play-off: Hymers College 4 2 St Columbs. Final: Manchester Grammar 4 2 Sutton Manor. Results Mitchell Taylor.

KENT SCHOOLS LEAGUE: Senior winners are St Dunstons College, Catford; Under 16 St Olaves Grammar School, Orpington.

SCCU UNDER 180 KO: FINAL

<u>Berks</u>	15.6.91	<u>Oxon</u>
1 NA Johnson	0 1	RJ Starkie
2 M Marlow	1 0	GW Chapman
3 I Duval	0 1	JN Stayt
4 M Bowhay	1 0	B Bix
5 S Gilmour	0 1	MJ Nightall
6 J Townsend	0 1	LR Millin
7 A Buckland	0 1	A Mushens
8 M Likeman	1 0	C Evans
9 E Smith	1 0	HAI Searle
10 M Redmond	1 0	GP Alcock
	<u>5 5</u>	

Oxon won on board count. Neither side sent the result: we begged it off Fred Manning by phone. Even he didn't have the result of the semi-final between Berks and Middx II, beyond the fact that Berks had won.

The venue for the Final was given as Something School, unhelpful enough even if Fred had been able to read the Something. We guess it's in Berkshire.

From the 6th Kings Head London Open. These games were judged by IGM Jon Speelman; notes by IM Andrew Whiteley based on his comments.

White MA Shaw 158, Black JH Fleischer 137: the Best Game

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5 c5 5 a3 Bxc3+ 6 bxc3 Qc7 7 Nf3 b6 8 Bb5+ Bd7 9 Bd3 Ne7 10 0-0 cxd4? 11 cxd4 Nbc6 12 Bd2 h6 13 Qe2 0-0 14 Rfb1 Rfe8 15 a4 Rab8 16 Ra3! Qd8 17 Ng5! hgx5? 18 Bxg5 Qc7 19 Qh5 Ng6 20 Rc3 Qb7 21 Ba6! Qxa6 22 Rh3 Nxd4? 23 Qh7+ Kg8 24 Qh8+ 1-0 This game was submitted by the loser on behalf of the winner! An impressive build-up by White. Black had better defences (e.g. 17...Nxd4 and 22...f6 or 22...f5) but Jon felt White always had at least enough for his sacrificed material.

White MB Wood 139, Black JA Speigel 145: the Best Attack.

1 e4 c5 2 d4 cxd4 3 c3 cxd3 4 Nxc3 e6 5 Nf3 a6 6 Bc4 b5 7 Bb3 Bb7 8 0-0 b4 9 Na4 Bxe4 10 Re1 Bxf3 11 Qxf3 Nc6 12 Be3 Nf6 13 Bb6 Qb8 14 Rad1 Be7 15 Rxd7 Kxd7? (Black can defend by 15...Nxd7 16 Qxc6 Qc8! However, White's 15th was the best try after a dubious opening.) 16 Rd1+ Ke8 17 Qxc6+ Kf8 18 Nc5 Qc8 19 Bc7 Ra7 20 Nd7+ Kg8 21 Nxf6+ Bxf6? 22 Rd8+ Qxd8 23 Bxd8 h6 24 Bb6 Re7 25 Bc5 Kh7 26 Bxe7 Bxe7 27 g3 Rd8 28 Qc7 Bf6 29 Qxf7 Bxb2 30 Bc2+ Kh8 33 Qg6 Kg8 34 g4 Bf6 35 f4 Bd4+ 36 Kf1 Bc3 37 g5 hxg5 38 Bb3+ 1-0 and the Bulletin doesn't understand what the last 16 moves were about. (Actually White's last move isn't check on our board, but by that time...)

White S Pink 140J, Black P Kennelly 142

1e4 e6 2d4d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4e5 b65a3 Bf8 6f4Ne77Nf3 Nbc68Bd3Bb7 (sorry, back into source-rectifying mode. It's all like that!) 9 0-0 h6 10 Ne2 Qd7 11 Ng3 g6 12 Be3 Nf5 13 Bxf5 exf5 14 Qe2 Bg7 15 Rfd1 0-0 16 h4 Qe7 17 h5 Nd8 18 Kf2 Ne6 19 Rh1 Rfc8 20 Nh4 Nf8 21 Nhxf5! gxf5 22 Nxf5 Qe6? (better ...Qe8 but White still has more than enough compensation for the B) 23 Qg4 Ng6 24 hxg6 Kf8 25 gxf7 Qxf7 26 Qxg7+ Qxg7 27 Nxg7 Kxg7 28 f5 Rh8 29 Rh5 Rh7 30 Rahl Rah8 31 Rlh3 Bc6 32 Bf4 Be8 33 R5h4 h5 34 e6 Kf8 35 f6 c5 36 Bd6+ 1-0

White C Rice 167, Black B Bix 166: nearly a Best Swindle.

1 e4 c5 2 f4 d5 3 Nc3 d4 4 Nce2 Nc6 5 d3 e5 6 Nf3 Bd6 7 g3 f5 8 Bg2 Nf6 9 0-0 0-0 10 fxe5 Nxe5 11 Nxe5 Bxe5 12 exf5 Qc7 13 Bf4 Ng4 14 Nxd4? Bxf4! 15 Nb5 Be3+ 16 Kh1 Qb6 17 Qxg4 Qxb5 18 Rael Bd4 19 Bd5+ Kh8 20 Qh5 Bd7 21 Rf4 Bc6? (...Rf6!) 22 Qxh7+ 1-0

The Thanet League Best Game 1990-1

White DJ Horton, Black AP Smith: Thanet Congress 1989 (no, neither do we)

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 g6 4 Nc3 Bg7 5 e4 d6 6 Nf3 0-0 7 Be2 e6 8 0-0 ed 9 cd a6 10 a4 Bg4 11 Bg5 h4 12 Bh4 g5 13 Bg3 Nh5 14 Nd2 Nxc3 15 hg Bxe2 16 Qxe2 Nd7 17 Nc4 Ne5 18 Ne3 Qf6 19 f4 Ng6 20 e5 Now if 20...de then 21 f5 followed by Ne4 and the black Bishop is blocked. So: 20...Qd8 21 Ne4 gf 22 gf de 23 f5 Nf4 24 Qg4 Kh8 25 Rxf4 exf4 26 Qxf4 Rg8 27 f6 Bf8 28 Ng4 Qxd5 29 Nxc6 Rg6 30 Nf5 Re8 31 Qh4 Kg8 32 Ng5 Bh6 33 Nxc6 Kf8 34 Nh7 and White won.

We foolishly saved space by translating this out of the hated long algebraic. Might have been a more sensible proposition if we'd typed it as we played it through instead of afterwards. Ever seen 0-0 written "Kl-g1"?

Quote

"A good book, marred, for me, only by a reference to Ray Keene: I can't stand him."

SCCU COUNTY MATCHES: DATES 1991-92

Chris Howell, Fixture Secretary, laments the difficulty of fitting all the third division matches in. He has avoided all the clashes he was asked to avoid, including all Chiltern League dates, and has arranged all Cambs and Oxon matches for term time. So he hopes there won't be too much need for changes. If you do change anything, please tell Fred Manning, Tournament Controller, and also the Bulletin. The home side, of course, is on the left.

	<u>Championship</u>	<u>Montague Jones</u>	<u>Amboyna/Ebony</u>
Sep 21			SxE SyK
28		K3K2 MBu BrE	
Oct 5			
12	HE		ESy KM
19	MO SyK SxC		
26		K2M EK3	ME SySx
Nov 2	KSx CH EM OSy	BuBr	
9			SxM EK
16	MK SxE HO SyC		
23		BrK2 K3Bu	
30			KSx MSy
Dec 7	ESy OSx KH CM		
14		MK3 K2E	
21			ESx KSy
Jan 11			SyE MK
18	HM		
25	SySx KC EO		EM SxSy
Feb 1		EBu BrM	
8			MSx KE
15	MSy SxH OK CE		
22		K3Br BuK2 ME	
29	SyH KE SxM CO		
Mar 7			SxK SyM
14			
21			
28	...	All play-offs	...

Match Captains

Those asterisked are new. The others are copied from last year's list, which may or may not have been kept up to date, so are inherently less reliable. Match captains will receive a complete, and presumably reliable, list from Chris Howell.

Berks	*NW Dennis, Boundary House, 230 Greys Rd, Henley on Thames, Oxon RG9 1QY 0491 576052
Bucks	RD de Coverly, 1 Kennedy Close, Marlow, Bucks SL7 3JA 06284 6676
Cambs	*J Totty, Trinity College, Cambridge CB2 1TQ
Essex	1 JR Cooke, 35 The Crescent, Loughton, Essex 081 508 3622 2 D Smith, 21 Chigwell Rd, South Woodford E18 1LR 081 530 2118 3 *M Tucker, 236 Clements Rd, East Ham, London-and-no-postcode 081 471 7173
Herts	JR Denton, 43 Wordsworth Close, Royston, Herts 0763 7758
Kent	1 CI Howell, 16 Claire House, Lesley Place, Buckland Hill, Maidstone, Kent ME16 OSQ 0622 670169 2 *MR Croft, 37 Upper Dane Rd, Margate, Kent CT9 2NA 0843 224525 3 *PW Eldridge, 57 Wheeler St, Maidstone 0622 750968 4 P Fenn, 92 College Rd, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 1LQ 0795 421789
Middx	1 *A Laurence, 62 Langham Gdns, West Ealing W13 8PZ 081 991 0121 (0120?) 2 *Mike Kobylka, 270 Wightman Rd, Hornsey N8 OLY 081 340 1794 3 *Bruce Birchall, 26d Colville Square W11 071 792 8031
Oxon	D Metcalfe, 9 Roosevelt Rd, Long Hamborough, Oxon OX7 2JG 0993 883044
Surrey	1 FC Manning, 44 Willow Rd, Wallington, Surrey 081 647 0063 2 E Weimann, 11 Howley Rd, Croydon, Surrey 081 688 0497
Sussex	1 P Watson, Flat 7, Regency Court, Withdean Rise, London Rd, Brighton, E Sussex 0273 505480 2 RD Hirsch, 5 Orde Close, Pound Hill, Crawley, W Sussex RH10 3NG 0293 883244

CONGRESS DIARY

- Aug 11 CITY CHESS as 25 August
 17-26 LLOYDS BANK MASTERS. Tony Gaffney, 59 Reighton Rd E5 8SQ
 23-26 22nd THANET CONGRESS at Broadstairs. Open; U157; U121. AD Hargreaves,
 1 Medina Avenue, Whitstable, Kent CT5 4EN
 24 WESTMINSTER Open; U160; U121. J Sargent, 903 Longbridge Rd, Dagenham RM8 2BU
 081 595 5881
 24-26 27th BERKS & BUCKS at Maidenhead. Open usu. 175+; Challengers usu. 150-175;
 Reserves (graded sections). RJ Pidgeon, 12 Birch Grove, Windsor, Berks
 SL4 5RT 0753 863503
 24-26 CHORLEY Open; U165; U125 + graded APAs. GM Jones, 27 Clarke St, Leigh,
 Lancs WN1 4HU 0942 604262
 25 BARBICAN QP. LG Goodwin, 48 Torrington Park N12 081 446 8569
 30- 1 SHEFFIELD. Open; U161; U121. A Millward, 33 Ringstead Crescent, Crosspool,
 Sheffield 0742 663453
 31- 1 BARBICAN JUNIOR. LG Goodwin as 25 Aug
 31- 1 NORFOLK at Norwich. J Charman, 45 Smiths Lane, Fakenham NR21 8LQ 0328 864177
 Sep 1- 7 PAIGNTON. Open; U170; U125 + graded APAs. Alan Crickmore, 5 Hereford Close,
 Woodbury Park, Exmouth, Devon 0395 268293
 6- 8 BARBICAN as 25 Aug
 13-15 SWANSEA. G Rhys-Jones, 34 Hen Parc Avenue, Upper Killay, Swansea
 15 CITY CHESS as 25 Aug
 15 LEAMINGTON SPA. E Goodwin, 32 Alderminster Rd, Coventry CV5 7JQ 0203 468709
 22 BARBICAN QP as 25 Aug!
 22 BASINGSTOKE QP. James Pratt 0256 703603
 22 LIVERPOOL QP. PW Purland, 63 Croxteth Rd, Liverpool L8 3SF 051 733 4854
 27-29 MANCHESTER. EN Hawkins, 15 Hartington Rd, Bramhall, Stockport SK7 2DZ
 061 439 1404
 27-29 NEWCASTLE. FJ Fenwick, Green Law East, Mickley Square, Stocksfield,
 Northumberland NE43 7BG
 30- 6 ISLE OF MAN. Ian Poyzer, 24 York Rd, Douglas IOM 0624 672136

Quote

"Oxfordshire took the Minor Counties title... (We believe this was Oxford's first national title of any kind for almost 40 years.)" - BCF ChessMoves.

Wrong, they took the Minor "Boys" U18 title in 1989, the Minor Girls U18 in 1990, and of course the Minor "Boys" again four months ago.

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