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EDITORIAL

"A further refinement was the introduction of a quickplay finish to ensure a result on the day." - Sussex Chess 1992, on a jamboree.

"The Panel had 47 positions to adjudicate, of which 35 had been unanimous and 12 split decisions by the Panel; there were no appeals... The Secretary's duties have not been made any easier by the very high number of incorrectly submitted positions. These were broken down as: no SAE enclosed - 10 times; incorrectly made out cheques - 3 times; positions only being submitted by one of the two clubs - 8 times; incorrect positions - 5 times; wrong side to move - 2 times. In addition nearly all positions arrived after the 8 day limit. These errors have generated considerable extra work for the Secretary and have considerably delayed the adjudication process." - Sussex Chess 1992, on everything else.

All nine of the SCCU counties (ignoring Cambs) run inter-club leagues. If you count the Oxford and District League, that is, though it's not BCF-affiliated and Oxon don't officially run it, they just play in it. Of the nine, one uses adjudication exclusively. The one that's quoted above. All the rest allow either player to opt for adjournment instead (but he must travel); in Surrey the insister must speak within half an hour of the game starting, elsewhere he decides at the end of the session. Most counties report with satisfaction that the number of adjudications has fallen since they introduced adjournments. The option to adjourn also applies in the Surrey/Hants Border League and, unless they've changed it, in the Thames Valley League. Quite probably in other "independent" leagues as well. In the London League adjournment is compulsory, except that blind players may opt for adjudication.

What about quickplay finishes? Three counties (Berks, Herts and Kent) allow them by mutual agreement between match captains. I can't speak for Berks and Herts, but in Kent QPF is often used. Kent have just rejected a proposal to give QPF equal priority (home side chooses). In the other counties, opinion varies. Some have QPF activists, others not. Oxon won't touch QPF, and tell dissidents (so there are some) to "go and play in the Swindon League" - in which QPF is apparently the norm. One knock-out competition, at least, has quickplay as standard, and another is moving to it this year. The KO stage of one county league has had compulsory QPF for years. The Chiltern League has compulsory QPF, except in matches involving Oxon. And slightly off the point maybe, but it's interesting to note that entrants to this year's Times Schools KO have spoken heavily (233-54) in favour of introducing QPF.

Should QPF be more widespread in club chess? In county matches, and most congresses, it is the only sensible alternative to adjudication; and it works. This may not apply to club games played after a long day at work. For internal club games, adjournment is natural. Even for inter-club matches the adjournment option makes reasonable sense if travelling distances are short. People are obviously using it. I can't help suspecting, though, that adjournment often turns into a device for securing a premature result. A player, pessimistic about adjudication, opts to play on but then, when it comes to it, lacks the will or the energy for a probably fruitless journey so rings up and agrees a result. And this for a position which was not clearcut and might reasonably have been sent for adjudication, pessimism notwithstanding. It's his own decision, and I'm not suggesting it's unfair, but it's hardly a good way to end a game of chess. And no, I can't prove it happens; but what do you think? What I am sure of is that for many people, especially in large counties, adjournment is not really an option. QPF has to be taken seriously if you want alternatives to adjudication.

The practical difficulties of QPF are often exaggerated. No arbiter? Lots of people manage. No time? Play all-your-moves-in whatever it was before, adding a bit for the time you used to spend haggling over adjudications. (Not a quickplay finish, maybe, but where's the difference?) There is a lot to be said for a method of finishing a game which, apart from saving time and trouble, also makes you do all the work yourself, and I am surprised that more counties do not at least permit it when both sides agree. But "home side chooses" is better. Those who dislike or disapprove of QPF ("despise", one of them says) would still have equal rights in the matter. Till they join the dodo, as they surely will.

SCCU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive met on Friday 11th September 1992 at the Friends House opposite Euston Station. 17 attended.

(1) Money. The SCCU Accounts are still not audited but the matter is in hand.

(2) County matches. DR Sedgwick had produced a final version of the SCCU rules, bits of which had been left in the air by the AGM. They would be typed and sent to match captains before the first matches of the season. There is actually a conflict with the proposed BCF rules. The BCF's rule that no one can play for two teams in the same

competition is explicitly binding at the Union stage, but the SCCU rules allow some overlap if the county has accepted that only one team can qualify. We understand that the BCF aren't too worried about this, and it makes no difference this season anyway since the only SCCU county with two teams in a competition is Middx, and they are not taking advantage of the permitted overlap. (One of their U125 teams will be adult and the other junior.)

The new 4½-hour session in the SCCU (but 4 or 5 hours by mutual agreement) seemed unlikely to cause problems; no county had said it will need to start before 2 p.m.

The BCF's woman-count rule has been re-written and apparently now says what it was supposed to say in the first place. See letter from BH Birchall on page 6.

Plans are afoot for a professional club league. It would depend heavily on sponsorship and it is not clear how far it would interfere with county matches.

(3) Grading. Martin Cath mentioned inaccuracies which had come to light in the national grading list: some details on page 8. The SCCU list is correct. It was agreed that the SCCU list would be used for eligibility purposes in all SCCU county matches. MA Saunders undertook to type out all the corrections (about 200 of them) for the benefit of match captains who had bought national lists. These corrections will be sent to all match captains very promptly.

Important: The correction slip including 36 names which has gone out with some copies of the BCF list is WRONG, and match captains must not use it.

Lloyds Bank 1991 was omitted because of confusion between different officers. A couple of top sections of congresses went in twice because two different graders did them, and at least one other batch of results was saved from a like fate by the vigilance of the SCCU grading secretary. Not until both graders had done the work, unfortunately. The last three or four rounds of the National Club 1991-2 have not even reached the graders yet.

Someone asked whether the BCF would be capable of supplying a county list in grade order. The answer was, they supplied one three years ago but, asked for another this year, couldn't remember how they'd done it. They may have remembered since.

(4) Juniors. Someone in Essex, claiming to have the support of the BCF, has been inviting clubs to enter a new U16 National Club KO. There appear to be no rules and no entry form ("Just send a cheque for £10"), and it is not clear that the BCF know anything about it. Postscript: they've heard about it, but it's nothing to do with them.

(5) SCCU Individual Championship will be incorporated in the Southend Congress this year. The other two British Championship qualifiers are Sutton and Upminster, but Upminster has lost its organiser and will not take place unless a replacement is found rather quickly. If it folds, the third BQ place will be sorted out as quickly as may be. "How does one get into this cartel?" (CI Anon)

(6) SCCU Centenary. An inter-county jamboree scheduled for Saturday 12th September had received only three entries. "Bit of a sorry tale really." It would go ahead anyway since that was the organisers' wish. A match SCCU Seniors v SCCU Juniors had been scheduled for the 10th October, but this had turned out to be a very bad date for clashes and the fixture will be moved. The two match captains (RCN Lee-Anderson, BH Birchall) will sort it out, but the new provisional date is Sunday 6th December.

(7) Payment for Grading. The Executive spent some time discussing RB's proposals for a pilot scheme. By the time you read this the scheme will have gone to the BCF Council. Brief details: The scheme would come into operation on the 1st May 1993 (and so would not affect this season's grading). It would run alongside the Levy scheme, though ultimately the aim is to replace the levy with PFG. All OTB events, except junior events and internal club tournaments, would be invited to register. There would be no charge, at the pilot stage, for leagues run by TAs already paying the levy, or for internal games played in their clubs; but registered congresses and independent leagues would pay 12½p per player per game (the number of games to be estimated in advance, with retrospective adjustments if large discrepancies arose). Congresses and independent leagues failing to register, and pay, would not have their games graded.

The eventual fee envisaged, when (or if) the scheme comes fully on stream, is 20p per player per game. Much work will be needed at local level to ensure communication and completeness, and regular lists of registered events will have to be published.

At least two people at the Executive meeting thought it would have been better to go for full-scale implementation in one go; one reason was that the pilot scheme was too watered down to tell us anything. Someone raised the traditional red herring about paying graders. Three people said they would be willing to act as local co-ordinators for the scheme, at county or union level. They hadn't even been pressed, which proves that the scheme has some serious support. (You can add the Bulletin's, and it wasn't one of the three.)

(8) SCCU Secretary. Not that much was said about it, but we still have no Secretary and that is no position for a sensible Union to be in. The Bulletin is sure that realistic offers or suggestions would be received with open arms. If you're the man for the job,

don't be shy. Contact Roy Brown.

(9) Future meetings. Executive: 26th March, 14th May. SCCU Council: 3rd July.

The meeting took just about two hours.

BCF COUNCIL (AND MANAGEMENT BOARD) MEETINGS 19.9.92

Briefly, from notes by Roy Brown and John Philpott:

- (1) Minutes(!) "There were no points raised as to their accuracy and no matters arising. This item seems to have been got through much more quickly since Yorkshire disaffiliated from the BCF."
- (2) School Shields. No awards, because no nominations.
- (3) Direct Members Delegates: the results of the voting were announced. If you've not heard: Full Members Boniface, Birchall, Thielby (5 nominees); Veterans Franklin (2); Vice-Presidents Kings Head (1); Family McShane (1).
- (4) BCF Congress 1993 is in Dundee and 1994 Norwich. Allegedly.
- (5) Management Board Streamlining went backwards. It had been agreed, with no trouble, that the four Unions having two delegates should lose one each. A Directors-only meeting in July had proposed that the only Director to lose his seat should be the Grading Director (who wasn't there). A paper before the MB on the 19th September recommended unseating the Womens Director as well. Women had objected. A letter from Angela Eagle MP sounded "suspiciously like blackmail" (you'll never get chess accepted as a sport) until you actually read it when it "proved to be disappointingly reasonable". Asked to withdraw the paper, its authors wouldn't. The MB supported them. Council, however, rescued the Grading and Womens Directors by a clear majority. Then someone proposed rescuing the Union delegates as well, and it was done. But there is to be a small Think Tank reporting to the MB. It will comprise the President, three people elected by the MB, and a Players Representative to be nominated by the British Chess Academy (who?).
- (6) Levy Review sort of went ahead. RB's paper was accepted by 20 votes to 12, but it was also agreed to hold a special Council Meeting before April 1993 to discuss the matter further. RB remarks that it will by then be too late to do anything else, but too early to judge if the pilot scheme is a success. A new working group is to be formed; not sure of its composition but RB presumably, plus one rep per Union at least.
- (7) Juniors. A national coaching scheme for 100 top juniors was about to be set up, costing some £2700 this year with about one third likely to be met from Challenge the Russians money. MJ O'Hara, the proposed Junior International Director, withdrew when the MB streamlining failed.
- (8) Elections. J Poole was re-elected President, with a reasonable prospect of Sir Jeremy Morse being a "prestige" candidate next year. Simon Brown of Hampstead is the new International Director. Adam Black is Publicity Director. Stewart Reuben takes the new office of Director for Home Chess, and Bryan Fewell has the trendy new title of Director for Management Services. Job descriptions have not reached the Bulletin. Evelyn Latimer, Finance Director, is staying on only until a qualified successor can be found. (The unsuccessful candidate, when EL was elected last year, was Simon Brown. He preferred to be International Director.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Richard,

9.8.92

206:2. Bridlington has plenty of accommodation, so have Filey and Scarborough. Anybody hailing from Yorkshire or who has holidayed there can tell you that. Like Morecambe and Skegness, it is busy in August though. Of course it is in Yorkshire and you do need local help. [Ed: - Lack of accommodation, which seemed to mean hotels and boarding houses rather than playing venue, was the BCF's stated reason why Bridlington had fallen through as venue for the British 1993. Don't know when the decision to drop Bridlington was made, but it was known to the Yorkshire AGM 20.6.92 which decided not to re-affiliate to the BCF.]

European Club Championship: Rule 1.1(c). Not the correct forum, but useful to know. It took some trouble to obtain a copy of the ECC rules. In the end Grete White was helpful as ever. At the beginning of the year GD Lee informed me that the "strongest" countries and number of teams are likely to change. I wrote to the BCF in September 91 commenting that Barbican too would be interested. The BCF replied that the Home and International Directors had been informed, but Wood Green were currently the team, but we should also be in the running. Wood Green and ourselves, now obviously wrongly, were working on the assumption of three UK teams (English?)

throughout the season. I know Kings Head wanted to win the National Club in order to go into Europe. The latest is that Wood Green have voted not to go again on the grounds of cost. Before Birmingham options were open, but after Manila and Birmingham the BCF replied (Anderton) that the rules were clear. It does seem strange that the BCF has never applied to be one of the "strongest" countries in Europe. Another point is that it is not one additional team as stated in the rules, it's three or four teams, surely another case of "casts some doubt on the list". Yes, Barbican and Maidstone players did chuckle over the rules together.

206:3. True, Brian Eley never liked anyone interfering with clocks in any shape or form. Yes, flags can fall when it is not your turn to move, they also run at different speeds, hence the premature calling of time has often been done by captains who don't check the boards first of all. Further, I am not keen on clocks being turned back unless it is a QP finish. Note that additional time controls in FIDE events are by the hour - hence no tampering. Your point on players agreeing the setting and not arguing over the flag fall is quite correct.

Yours sincerely,
Gary Kenworthy Waltham Abbey

Dear Richard,

7.9.92

Proposal to amend grading limits for county matches

Kent have a number of players (we estimate the number is in double figures) who have been excluded from inter-county competition because, although they are graded above 175 and cannot play for our second team, they are not strong enough to qualify for our first team. Unfortunately we do not have a large enough pool of players to enter two Open teams and we are concerned that these players will be lost to county chess.

These same players are also disadvantaged when it comes to the National Club competitions because the same grading limits set for inter-county matches also apply there.

For these reasons Kent consider that not only do the current grading limits reduce the amount of chess being played at county level, they also reduce the number of players involved in chess generally and the committee of the Kent County Chess Association wish to canvass support for a proposal to the BCF that they be amended as follows:

Open, Under 191, Under 161, Under 131.

Should any other body make a similar proposal then Kent would support it just so long as the grading limit for the second team competition is increased to at least 186.

Yours sincerely,
David Shipp Secretary Kent CCA

Dear Richard,

1.8.92

Thank you for the July SCCU Bulletin. I must take issue with the Chris Howell rules for County Championship tie-breaks. At the semi finals of the County Championships played in Oxon (Leics v Hants, Staffs v Kent, Oxon v Surrey) 2 arbiters were present, one being Glyn Jones. I pointed out to Glyn during the afternoon that the rules on tie-breaks are printed in the Year Book, and we found them on page 115 (rule 24). Only Kent did not appear conversant with this rule, although Cathy Forbes suggested that woman-count should have precedence over board count. Where Chris got "(3) scores of women" from I do not know.

Re the County Championship, and the tie-break system, I would be interested to hear the views of Cathy Forbes on the suggestion that the SCCU adopt a system whereby ties (such as the one where Oxon, Surrey, Cambs and Herts all had 3 points) should be broken in favour of the team with the highest number of games played by women. I thin the time has come for Cathy to want increased numbers of women in county matches (2 or 3 per team). How would you feel, Richard, if you were the only male playing in a 20-board county match? I suppose you could always chat with the fellow doing the teas.

Best wishes,
Lester Millin Begbroke, Oxon

Ed: - Surprised. Lester's letter has been slightly edited and the rather dismissive term "woman-count" was not his. (It is dismissive, which is possibly why I use it, but it is also the simplest and clearest way I can find of expressing the idea.) See also (5) in the next letter.

Dear Bulletin,

rec 7.8.92

A number of points of clarification seem needed in response to either ill-informed or insufficient comment in the last Bulletin.

(1) Middlesex's 2 teams in the SCCU Under 180 KO Cup were never called I and II by us. That is someone else's appellation. "I" was a Junior team; "II" an adult team. So II

beating and outrading I is not entirely surprising: experience telling in the end. The 7½-2½ scoreline does not however do justice to the Junior team: they were easily winning 2 of the games they lost and could well have added Middlesex seniors' scalps to those of Herts, defeated in the previous round. And that is without their top four players: Kumaran, Hassapis, Rosenberg and Griffiths - all being too strong to be eligible to play.

(2) The Middlesex car made it to the KO Cup final, but arrived after the default time had passed, because the map supplied by the opposition was hand-drawn and schematic (not to scale) and the address given was able to be read ambiguously: "Long Hanborough, Witney" in fact means a village called Long Hanborough outside the small town of Witney, but was misunderstood by the driver to mean Long Hanborough, a suburb or district of Witney - which is where he looked, to no avail. The word "near" might have helped.

Having, the previous weekend, in the County Championship Finals, had two vehicles misdirected which only just managed to beat the default time by seconds, by the BF's hand-drawn schematic maps to the Finals venue and the BCF's failure to mention (in saying "Take junction 3 off the M5") that there were two junction 3s, one off the M5 and one off the M41(M5)... you may understand our frustration at going all the way to the Final of two events, to lose one, and almost lose the other, because of someone else's poor maps and instructions, and inability to anticipate ambiguities. It negates and wipes out all the hard work put in before.

Accordingly, I have resolved:

- (i) All Finals ought to be in neutral, central and accessible venues.
- (ii) All maps supplied ought to be photocopies of published (A-Z or Geographia) maps or of equivalent professional quality.
- (iii) Middlesex needs to send out a driver as a Stage Manager ahead of time to check out the route to any venue new to us. This must never happen again. It is too demoralising.

As a consequence of my resolution, there will be resolutions to this effect, before the appropriate meetings, in due course.

(3) No rematch of Middlesex II with Cambridgeshire II proved to occur on 11 July, because once the Cambs II captain found he could not muster a full-strength team that day, the point of the exercise was lost and we agreed to cancel the fixture. We had hoped to see what the result would have been, had the same grading limit applied to both teams equally, but for Middlesex to drum up its strength in depth of players in the 150-159 range to trounce a below-par Cambridgeshire team would only have reproduced the inequality of the Final and to deliberately weaken the Middlesex team just to even it up would have made the result meaningless.

The Bulletin's account fails to mention that Middlesex III - and all other 3rd teams - were subject to an U180 grading limit, but that as a new rule, introduced last season, all EACU 2nd teams (presumably because Bedfordshire II won the 1991 3rd teams CC) were limited to being U160. The point I objected to as being unfair, therefore, is that different grading limits applied to each team, not, as in your account, that a grading limit applied to one side and not the other.

(4) It seems you were too generous in your first presumption that Middlesex III had abided by the eligibility rules in the Third Team County Championships. As you yourself have since pointed out privately, it seems on closer scrutiny that Ian Graham (grade 157), who was played under one rule on the basis of being Under 160, was probably ineligible under another (which you quoted in the last issue) when he played in the semi final. Possibly in the Final too, depending on whether the words "the last five matches" are meant to include matches in the BCF stage. The issue revolves around which rule has precedence when two rules conflict. On careful re-reading of the two rules it now looks to me that for players graded 160-179 one rule has precedence, but for those graded 159 and under it is the other way round; a subtlety I obviously missed at the time! I have therefore reported this problem to the Controller. The margin of victory was sufficient in both matches for it not to affect the result even if Middlesex are penalised for this lapse, but it does rather confirm your observation that insufficient monitoring goes on of players' eligibility, and that the new system has the merit of doing away with these complexities which apparently prove so hard to police.

This particular conflict of rules is of academic interest now, but it seems that confusion arises when a new rule is added and consequential amendments are not made to other rules; which suggests, as does your observation on the ambiguities of the "woman-count" rule, that too few people are involved in drafting rules and that meetings tend to pass these drafts on the nod because the issues are too detailed for a large meeting to go into.

(5) That there were two (possibly more?) interpretations of the woman-count rule in existence suggests it was badly worded and the ambiguities in it needed clarifying. That has now been done. The proposed new Rule 26 is much clearer (next page):

...in the event of a match level on board count, the team fielding a woman player would win the match before the application of the Elimination Rule. If both teams field women players, the team with more women would win the match. If both teams have the same number of women players, the team which has the highest total score of its women players would win; if the total score of women players is equal, then the Elimination Rule applies.

The previous lack of clarity, now rectified, did not make it a bad rule, merely a badly-phrased or badly-formulated one. Its intention was and is laudable enough, to encourage more counties to offer more opportunities to female players.

There may perhaps be some debate as to whether this is the best way to do so, but not, I trust, on whether doing so is a worthwhile aim. With the advent of county chess at U150 and U125 level (the grades of the majority of players, and of the majority of women players), the captains of these new teams now have a tremendous opportunity (and responsibility) to help develop the strength of female players in their area by being able to give them county experience without their being heavily outgraded (as was the case, below board 5, when an all-female Middlesex III played Essex II in 1991). I only hope they use it!

Bruce Birchall

Middx III (and now U175) Captain

Ed: - Bits of section (4) have been slightly edited in the interests of clarity. Otherwise I hope this letter is faithfully typed throughout. Only "hope", because after I'd typed it Bruce sent the whole thing again with amendments. I've re-typed the section he told me he was going to change; also the other one which he changed substantially. Whether I've picked up all the hidden one-word changes elsewhere I can't say. I've changed the three I happened to spot. Some comments:
 (1) U180 KO: the captain of Middx I called them "Middx I" when he sent the results. In both first and second rounds. He said they were juniors, and I quoted him.
 (2) Maps etc: "failed to make the match" (my words) was a rather inexplicit way of saying the car reached Long Hanborough too late. Oxon, who sent the result, were explicit. Sorry. I cannot comment on the cartographic skills of Oxon or the BCF, or the navigational ones of Middx drivers.
 (4) Mr Graham, at the time of the BCF Third Teams semi final, had played three times for the Second Team in its previous five matches.

The BCF rules on this point are, or were, appallingly written. However, the conflict of rules to which Bruce refers was not literally there and Mr Graham was bang to rights. That's my opinion, and if you want to form your own the rules to look at are 8 and 9(e). I agree with Bruce about the insufficient checking of new rules, though it may in a sense be a question of too many cooks rather than too few. (All you need is one competent drafter and another to check. Tournament controllers are not by definition competent rule drafters.)

(5) Rule 26 now says, apparently, what it was supposed to say in the first place. I imagine the BCF would deem girls to be women for the purpose of this rule; pity they couldn't have said so.

SUSSEX CCA 1991-2

McArthur Cup: Northern Section The Holt; Western Section Worthing; Central-Eastern Section Hastings A. Semi finals Hastings $1\frac{1}{2}$ $4\frac{1}{2}$ The Holt; Brighton A $5\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ Worthing; Final The Holt 2 4 Brighton A. Brighton A do not seem to have come into the competition until the semi final; presumably they were exempt from the league qualifiers.

Team Jamboree 11.7.92 (held after the AGM: how do they keep their AGMs so short?) was won jointly by Chichester Regnum and Lewes ahead of 11 other teams.

County Champion is BJ Denman, who regained the title from FJ Kwiatkowski (and economised on the engraving bill?) by beating him $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ in the Final. West Sussex Queen: WH Partridge. East Sussex Queen: APR Lewis. Veterans: RD Hirsch. County Lightning Champion: LE Rutherford.

Junior Teams: U18 (11 pl) Christs Hospital; U16 (5 pl) Dorothy Stringer; U14 (17 pl) Brambletye; Girls (5 pl) Fermor Primary; U11 St Margarets Ditchling; U11 Girls Fermor; U9 St Margarets. Junior Individual: U18 David Oates; U14 Glen Parker, Steven Willison, Paul Bradford; U11 Laurence Rackham.

Mid Sussex League: Div 1 Haywards Heath I; Div 2 Hastings; Div 3 Brighton & Hove 6th Form College; Div 4 Eastbourne III. In the Mid Sussex League match points (2/1/0) are added to game points (6 boards). Where A finishes ahead on games and B on matches, sometimes A has it, sometimes B. One each way this year. Any comments?

Sussex have to record the deaths of three stalwarts: Ernest Bowley of Haywards Heath, Ron Saunders of Worthing, and Jack Smith of Horsham.

HERTS CA 1991-2

League Div 1 Watford I on tie-break from Hilltop I; div 2 Hoddesdon I; div 3 Allenburys I; div 4 Old Elizabethans; div 5 Allenburys II; div 6 St Albans VI on tie-break from Watford IV.

Russell Trophy: Watford beat Allenburys in the Final. Sharp Trophy (U140): St Albans beat Hoddesdon in the Final. Under 120: the second round was supposed to have four teams in it, but somehow turned into a three-team APA "Final". St Albans won by virtue of a win on tie-break over Hoddesdon. Puller Cup (6 team jamboree): Hilltop won on board count from St Albans.

Capel Cup (12 entries): Phil Maguire beat Steve Law in the Final after SL had knocked out the many-times winner Paul Byway in the quarter final after three replays. Burn Cup (13 entries): Alan Atkinson beat Dave Shurrock in the Final. Burn Plate: Arthur Potter beat Dave Parrott in the Final.

Juniors: Watford Boys won the U19, U16 and U14 leagues: the first clean sweep for 5 years. Premier Cup Haberdashers; runners-up Watford Boys. The league is in a "reasonably healthy state" but we don't know how many teams play. (Kent one is down to 60-odd schools, or 100-odd teams: far below the peak of the early eighties. Are others feeling the pinch?)

KENT Summer Quick-play Competition has just been won, for the second year running, by Hastings & St Leonards who beat Maidstone on board count in the Final. Board count is quite capable of going 20½-20 in this competition, and did. Maidstone averaged 211½ BCF, Hastings 163 and a quarter, but it's a grading handicap competition. Before anyone else makes funny remarks about Hastings not being in Kent, we know.

ES Schools KO is just under way with 399 entrants. Schools may dislike adjudications (see page 1), but they still favour the age handicap.

RUSSELL TROPHY JAMBOREE at RGS Guildford 18th September 1992

1 Sutton 6/8; 2 RGS 6; 3 Whitgift 5; 4 Westminster 5; 5 Glyn 4½; 6 Hampton 3½; 7 Tiffin 3½; 8 Trinity 2½; 9 Guildford Co (neither do we) 0. Results AJW Thorn.

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNDER 14 TEAM TOURNAMENT at Southampton 12.9.92 (results R Holmes)

"A" Teams: 1 Middx 29½/36; 2 Hants 22; 3 Kent 20½; 4 Wilts 16; 5 Essex 13½; 6 Berks 6½

"B" Teams: 1-2 Hants B, Hants U12 25½/36; 3 Kent 23½; 4 Wilts 8½; 5 Berks 7

ESSEX CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP at Upminster 23-25 May 1992 (an Elo rated APA event)

1 G Kenworthy 4/5; 2 APH Kinsman 3; 3-4 WJ Stirling, I Myall 2½; 5-6 NL Carr, JP Manley 1½. Ivan Myall gained an Elo rating (2270).

BRITISH QP at Hammersmith 26.6.92

1-2 WN Watson, JDM Nunn 5½/6; 3-4 A Mortazavi, D Norwood 5; 5-12 J Levitt, G Kenworthy, APH Kinsman, M Chandler, Salem, K Arkell, plus two IMs (names not given) 4½... Those on 4 included M Adams, M Hebden, J Emms, CG Ward.

7th KINGS HEAD LONDON OPEN 6-7 July 1992

Open (63 pl) 1 D Agnos (Richmond) 5/5; 2-3 Mephisto Risc (Countrywide Computers), W Watson GM (Barbican) 4½; 3-6 CW Baker, Z Harari (Cavendish), G Wall (Richmond), A Webster (Sutton) 4... Grading 190-209 Z Harari; 170-189 DA Barlow (Cavendish) 3½; U170 D Bisby (Redhill) 3. Junior D Bisby

"Major" (81 pl) 1-4 H Grist (Southend), DC Helsby (Lewisham), A Hunt (Cowley), P McHale (Ealing) 4½/5... Grading 135-149 DC Helsby; U135 P Lim 3½. Junior A Hunt

"Minor" (114 pl) 1-6 C Andrescu (Islington), T Chivers (Cosham), M Daniells (Wallington), R Oakley (Chinford), D Tang (Imperial College), R Oakley 4½/5... Grading 100-114 C Blackburn (Northampton) 4; U100 CJ Loades. Junior T Chivers

Best Game A Webster; Prettiest Move R Killeen (Chelmsford); Best Win against Computer M Collins; Best Swindle G Gwilliams (West London); Second Best Swindle C Torrero (Kings Head). The computer made a grading score of 232; a second from the same dealers (Vancouver 32 bit) scored 3 in the Open (181). Countrywide Computers put their prize back in the fund. Results WA Suttill.

23rd THANET CONGRESS at Broadstairs 21-23 August 1992 had its highest attendance in recent years and the organisers were able to add £65 to the advertised prize fund.

Open (24 ent) 1-2 G Kenworthy (Barbican), CR Chandler (Gravesend) 4/5; 3-7 E Piankov (Ukraine), RJ Stockwell (Surrey), MC Portwood (Folkestone), CB Rice, SW Giddins (both Black Lion) 3½... Grading DJR Barnes (Rainham); Thanet Prize RT McCorry (Margate)

Under 161 (45 ent) 1 RM George (Ludlow) 4½/5; 2-6 JR Bayford (Folkestone), RR Goodfellow (Tunbridge Wells), D Law (Margate), N Piankov (Ukraine), S Scott (Maidstone) 4... Grading IK Cross (Kingston); "Improved Grade" PJ Rugman (Purfleet); Thanet Prize BJ Westover (Birchington)

Under 126 (59 ent) 1 C Harvey (Streatham) 5/5; 2 A Baker (Oxford) 4½; 3-6 C Moore (Ashford), MJ Stanners (Athenaeum), R Springett (Rainham), B Payne (Walsall) 4...

Grading P Soltysiak (Waddon); Highest Ungraded NB Wijngaarden (Holland); Thanet Prize J Davies (Birchington)

Special Prizes: Ladies M Vann (Bourne End); Seniors (60+) GH Redfern (Folkestone); Juniors (15-) JD Titmas (Maidstone) Results AD Hargreaves

LLOYDS BANK MASTERS 22-31 August 1992 attracted 236 players from 32 countries, including 17 GMs, 30 IMs, 1 WGM and 5 WIMs.

1 (tie-break) GM Speelman 8/10; 2 GM Timoschenko (Rus) 8; 3-7 GMs Watson, Gallagher, Norwood, IMs Sadler, Howell 7½; 8-18 GMs Nunn, King, IMs Sherbakov (Rus), van Wely (Ned), Ivanov (USA), Wells, Levitt, Nijboer (Ned), McNab (Sco), Arkell, Emms 7; 19-26 GMs Hebden, Rogers (Aust), Chandler, Murshed (Bang), Adams, Hodgson, Barua (Ind), IM Hennigan 6½...

Lady Masters 1-2 WGM Arkell, WIM Koskela (Fin) 5½; 3-6 WIMs Sakhatova (Kaz), Jackson, WFM van Parreren (Ned), Hunt 5...

Junior Masters 1 Sadler; 2 van Wely, 3-4 Adams, Hennigan

Family Trophy K and S Arkell

Norms: GM Sadler, Howell; IM Volzhin (Rus) 6, Harley 6½ it says here, Buckley 6, Poulton 6, Hon 5½; WIM van Parreren.

LLOYDS BANK JUNIOR RAPIDPLAY 28-30 August 1992 attracted 22 players.

1 Andrew Ram (Pinner) 5½/6; 2-3 James Clifford (Richmond Juniors), Nicholas Moloney (Westminster School) 4½... Under 15 Lucy Smith (Oxford City) 3½; Under 12 John Warris (Newland House School, wherever that is) 3½. Results R Brown

28th BERKS AND BUCKS at Maidenhead 29-31 August 1992

Championship (16 pl) 1 RM Webb (Crowthorne) 4½/5; 2-4 W Broome (Wimbledon), JE Cobb (Lawn, Swindon), AP Smith (Slough) 3½...

Challengers A (15 pl) 1-2 M Bowhay (Basingstoke), RJ Starkie (Cowley) 4/5; 3-4 JG Brookes (Bourne End), PS Janota (Reading Univ) 3½...

Challengers B (16 pl) 1-4 J Houska (Slough), PC Lane (Oxford Univ), M Lucey (BT Reading), P Turner (Cambridge) 4/5...

Reserves A (16 pl) 1-2 FC Manning (Wimbledon), P Thomas (Leighton Buzzard) 4/5; 3 C O'Bee (DHSS) 3½...

Reserves B (16 pl) 1C Brooks (Birmingham) 4/5; 2-3 KF Hawkins (Bourne End), RD Perrin (Southampton) 3½...

Reserves C (16 pl) 1 L Carter (Maidenhead) 4½/5; 2 GS Pierce (High Wycombe) 4; 3-4 MA Keen (Earley), PJ Rugman (Purfleet) 3½...

Reserves D (14 pl) 1 B Goddard (Reading Univ) 5/5; 2 A Skarzynski (Slough) 3½; 3-5 S James (Maidenhead), I Murray (Wallington), MSR O'Connell (Ipswich) 3...

Reserves E (12 pl) 1 K Gill (Southall) 4½/5; 2 J Smith (Berkhamsted) 4; 3 NF Tidy (Cobham) 3½...

Reserves F (11 pl) 1 I Houska (Maidenhead) 4½/5; 2 MD Carver (Burghfield Common) 4; 3-5 MJ Brown (Thatcham), S Crockart (Didcot), P Debbage (Supermarine) 3...

Mrs J Stean Trophy (most promising U14): Jovanka Houska.

Lightning Tournament 1 RM Webb; 2 JE Cobb

Results AJ Cox

The Fleming Trophy match:

Bucks*	12.7.92	Beds
1 SP Finn (W)	½ ½	D Ledger
2 RCS Newton	1 0	A Ledger
3 RD de Coverly	½ ½	A Bryce
4 Stafford Scopes	½ ½	A Ashby
5 J Alster	0 1	S Ledger
6 AJ Cox	½ ½	P Hare
7 EN Bramley	½ ½	P Kendall
8 DF Hill	½ ½	R Freeman
9 CD Floyd	½ ½	G Smith
10 RP Ginger	½ ½	R Mahoney
11 WG Whittow	0 1	M Ionnides
12 J Springall	1 0	P Thomas
13 DJ Turner	½ ½	P Gill
14 A Wright	0 1	E Foulds
15 Syringa Scopes	0 1	J Shaw
16 P Hobbs	1 0	A Dean
17 D Bartlett	0 1	B McFarlane
18 A Weaver	1 0	K Liddle
19 B McDonagh	0 1	O May
20 J Shuttlewood	0 1	N Staddon
(Bourne End)	8½ 11½	

On the SCCU Centenary Jamboree (next page) Roy Brown writes:

A disappointing turn-out for the latest of the events to mark the SCCU centenary, but those that came enjoyed a close-fought contest the result of which was in doubt until the final seconds of play... Herts made the most impressive start and a series of four successive wins brought them to the brink of victory. Time pressure then played a hand as Middlesex turned at

SCCU Centenary inter-county Jamboree
(on unnumbered boards, White "floated" up)

White	12.9.92	Black
1 S Swanson H	1 0	APH Kinsman S
C O'Shaughnessy S	0 1	AJ Whiteley M
2 RJ McMichael M	1 0	B Macammon H
3 PV Byway H	0 1	P Cawte M
J Burke M	0 1	R Allicock S
4 R Abayasekera S	0 1	A Simpson H
5 J Rudge H	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RA Harris S
C O'Connor S	0 1	S Spivack M
6 A Gilfillan M	1 0	A Atkinson H
7 H Murphy H	1 0	N Crabb M
C Wismayer M	0 1	DR Sedgwick S
8 D Rosen S	1 0	P Brown H
9 K Clarke H	1 0	JM Shepley S
FC Manning S	0 1	A Wheatley M
10 D Field M	0 1	S Law H

least two dodgy positions into victories and when Simon Spivack kept his nerve to beat both the clock and his opponent's counter-attack, his team scraped home.

This was the inaugural event to be held at the new Chess and Bridge Centre in Euston Rd and hopefully will be the first of many. Its spacious and well furnished surroundings and excellent facilities make a marked contrast with most chess venues, and there is a massive selection of books on offer (shop or library? -Ed) for those who cannot resist checking the analysis of their favourite lines.

Scores:

1 Middx 6/10; 2 Herts 5 $\frac{1}{2}$; 3 Surrey 3 $\frac{1}{2}$

BCF GRADING LIST 1992

The BCF Grading List appeared on schedule for the British at Plymouth. Your Editor's grade (164) is about what he expected, maybe a point higher. His grade always is about right. But you knew there'd be a Deliberate Mistake somewhere, didn't you? There was. A lynch mob of top juniors besieged the Plymouth secretariat wanting to know why their grades were silly. The surviving officials traced the error, and it was this. Sorry if you've heard the story before, but it's true anyway.

A certain grader used a computer program to grade some top junior games. Not the BCF's program you type processed results into, but a program which actually did the sums. Unfortunately this program had a private rule that Points Scored wasn't allowed to have more than three digits. So if a player got more than 999 points it threw away the Thousands column and credited him with what remained. Being a fair-minded program, it applied a similar rule to Games Played (not more than one digit, so throw away the Tens). Its range of possible results went all the way from "0 games, 999 points" to "9 games, 0 points". (Actually we hear that the BCF system doesn't allow 0 points for some reason. If you play one game, losing to someone graded 50, you score 1 point.) How many players benefited from the game-logging we don't know, but practically everyone lost 1000 points. (Luckily, no one lost 2000.)

You'd think the grader would have got suspicious when he saw what was coming out of his computer. Apparently he never did see it; the program just put its results on the disc and the grader sent the disc to St Leonards without looking. Which seems a bit casual, considering that it was, as you'll have guessed, a new and untried program. Anyway, when you feed results into the computer at St Leonards it gives you a helpful print-out confirming what's gone in. It was immediately obvious that what had gone in was garbage, and the grader sheepishly (one imagines) sent the appropriate corrections. And that should have been the end of it. Unfortunately he used an incorrect year-code for the corrections, with the result that the extra points (and games?) got added to the previous year's results. This also would have been confirmed by a BCF print-out, but presumably no one read it carefully enough and the new error went undetected.

Forty-odd juniors, largely SCCU, are affected. Top juniors play a lot of games, so for most if not all of them the previous-year adjustment will have been not just inadequate but irrelevant.

Corrections.

It was too late to correct the BCF list, and it seems no new print runs are scheduled so the victims are stuck with their silly grades for the whole year. In the main list, that is, though obviously corrections will be published. In fact a hastily produced correction slip was inserted in some copies of the grading list, but then withdrawn when it too was found to be inaccurate. The "definitive" correction list, covering lots of other mistakes as well, will not be issued before the end of October. The national Grading Director has said he does not intend to publish corrections for errors of less than 5 points; this might reduce the list from 200 names to 60 or 70. The proposed list-trimming seemed quite wrong to the SCCU Executive at its meeting on the 11th September, and not only because a one-point error can make the difference between eligibility and ineligibility. The Executive agreed to take this up with the BCF.

The graders' master list, which appears in the autumn, will be correct. The SCCU list, which had not at that time been published, is correct. Players whose grades differ in the two lists are marked, in the SCCU one, with an asterisk.

It is only fair to say that the BCF was not responsible for the errant program. The programs at St Leonards do some funny things, but nothing as funny as that. (A program of your Editor's once developed a mysterious tendency to stick a row of noughts on the end of your opponent's grade before it did its sums. But he noticed before the program went into use.)

The Junior error should not have lasting effects, since it was discovered early enough to correct the master list. But graders can send previous-year corrections, or results for that matter, at any time during the season. We've always wondered, what exactly happens when they do? Logically it should alter the player's current, and already published, grade. But his current grade is getting used in this year's calculations, potentially by graders all over the country, and they will all have to be told; and if they've already done him using the incorrect grade they'll have to go back and do him again, and send corrected figures to the computer...

Of course none of this happens. Presumably the corrected figures will help to make up your new grade if you play less than 30 games this year. Possibly, the new list will contain a revised figure for "previous year's grade"; which will affect nothing except your ego.

COUNTY MATCHES 1992-3

At the start of the new season, here's the annual requests to match captains (some of whom are new, after all). I know there's a lot of "rules" here and some of them look fussy, but following them really will help. Sometimes me, and sometimes the grader.

(1) Publication. Please send a copy of every result sheet, the whole thing, to the Bulletin for publication. (You must obviously send one to Fred Manning, the Tournament Controller, as well.) Don't rely on your opponents to send it; certain captains are, shall we say, somewhat irregular with their mailings. An asterisk by a county's name means I have received the result from that side. The grader works from the Bulletin, so no publication no grading.

(2) Timing. Be prompt. Don't assume, because the next Bulletin's six weeks away, that delay makes no difference; I like to space my typing out. If your opponents' version has been with me a fortnight when yours arrives I may well have typed it already and not be too careful about checking for consistency. And don't assume, because the official deadline's past, that you've missed the boat. You may not have. Unofficially, the Bulletin nearly always goes out on a Sunday towards the end of the month and I'll squeeze results in if they come on the Saturday.

(3) Names. Give full initials for all your players, every time. Or better still, give the name exactly as it appears in the grading list. (Unless, of course, the grading list says "J Smith" and you can improve on that; but if you do improve on it, add a note saying what you've done.) If you don't know Joe Smith's full initials and it's inconvenient to look in the grading list, ask him dammit. He's sitting there at a chessboard waiting to be asked. I know the habitual offenders will go on putting J Smith, but they are making things hard for the grader.

Spell your players' names right. I try not to introduce any more of my own mistakes than I can help. My policy, apart from obvious slips of the pen, is to copy the spelling given by the player's own match captain. Even when I don't believe it. "Sic" (or "so") in brackets after a name means I really have typed what I was given. If it doesn't say that and the spelling looks dubious, suspect an error on my part.

A note on first names. If you give first names, please give other initials as well. Some match captains tend to give all the first names, and I tend to edit them out for reasons of space and/or laziness. If you give just the odd one, I will assume it is to avoid confusion with someone else and type it; if you give all of them that safeguard evaporates.

I refuse to type first names given purely because the player is female. If a female first name is essential to avoid confusion, underline it or something; otherwise it'll get censored.

(4) New players. If you use a new player, add a note saying where he's from (and quoting his BCF reference number if possible). This is very grader-friendly. Last year several match captains sent whole lists of new players near the start of the season; and I urge everyone to follow suit. I will publish any such lists received.

(5) Presentation. Be legible. If you can't write, get someone else to do it for you. Or borrow a typewriter. Writing in capitals does not help. If unsure about your legibility, ask someone else to have a look at your capitals. Do your Bs and Rs tend to look alike? Or your Ms and Hs, or Ms and Ns? Or Rs and Ns? Or Ps and Ds and Os? All of those, and others, are quite common. And remember, a poor photocopy won't help. Faint blue ballpoints photocopy badly.

If you do use capitals, please try to distinguish between, for example, Macdonald and MacDonald. And de and De.

Some match captains re-type their results for me on a fresh sheet of A4. Obviously this is OK, but do make it A4. It helps if you copy the layout of the official form, and you should take care to give all information (including things like who had white on odd). Certainly don't miss the board numbers out, as sometimes happens.

RULES

All match captains should by now have received a copy of the new SCCU Tournament Rules. Anyone who hasn't should contact Roy Brown at once.

National grading list: beware!

You may have read bits of this on other pages. But for completeness' sake:

The official grading list, for SCCU county matches, is the SCCU List obtainable from Martin Cath. The SCCU List is accurate. The national list contains errors and cannot be relied on for eligibility purposes. The BCF correction slip (36 names) which accompanied some copies of the national list is WRONG and must not be used. An accurate (and much longer) correction slip, supplied by the SCCU, should already have reached match captains and they must consult this carefully if they wish to use the national list.

Eligibility.

No one can play for more than one county, and of course players must be qualified for their county by residence or otherwise. Apart from this the only restriction is the grading limit.

Except for Middx in the U125, that is. Middx have opted to keep their two U125 teams entirely separate, which means they can both qualify for the BCF stage. Note that now they have made this decision they cannot reverse it: no one is allowed to play for both teams. This probably won't worry them, because the A team is Middx Seniors and the B team is Middx Juniors.

Match captains are reminded that the Tournament Controller will not police the eligibility rules. He leaves it to them. If you don't trust other match captains to be careful, keep a close eye on results as published in the Bulletin. Inform the Tournament Controller of any apparent infringements. There are penalties for ineligible players, and repeated infringements incur repeated penalties even if no one spotted them first time round.

SCCU COUNTY MATCHES: DATES 1992-93

Dave Metcalfe, the new Fixtures Secretary, wishes to thank all the people who have supplied essential information. He has avoided all the dates he was asked to, and has economised on venues wherever possible by doubling matches up. He comments that the number of entries is "probably more than we could have asked for considering the short notice of the wholesale changes agreed at the AGM. From the conversations I have had there is a good chance of an even bigger entry next year." The Bulletin congratulates Middlesex on finding five match captains.

Please send all results, in full, to Fred Manning (Tournament Controller); and to the Bulletin for publication. And please let the Bulletin know if you change any dates. It frets about "missing" results otherwise.

Teams entered:

	Br	Bu	C	E	H	K	M	O	Sy	Sx
Open	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
U175				*		*	*			*
U150				*		*	*		*	
U125				*	*	*	**	*		*

(double round)
(double round)

BHB notes that four MCCU counties have entered two teams at U125 level. In one case, a Senior and a Junior team as in Middx.

FIXTURES 1992-3

The team named first is at home.

	<u>Open</u>	<u>U175</u>	<u>U150</u>	<u>U125</u>
Sep 26	BuBr HSx MK		KM	HSx MaMb
Oct 3	ESy		ESy	
10				
17	BuH BrE SyO CM SxK			Hmb SxK
24				
31	EBu OBr HSy KC MSx		EM	MbO
Nov 7		EK MSx		MaSx
14	BuO EH BrM SyK CSx		SyK	EH
21	OC	KM SxE		KMa
28	MBu OE HC KBr SxSy		MSy	OE
Dec 5		KSx	KE	
12		ME		MaE
19				
Jan 16				
23		MK ESx		MbK ESx
30	BuSx EK OH SyM BrC		SyM EK	OH
Feb 6		KE		KE
13	KBu ME SxO HBr CSy		KSy ME	SxO
20		SxM		SxMb
27	BuSy EC OM HK BrSx			OMa HK
Mar 6				
13	CBu SyE KO MH SyBr		SyE MK	KO MaH
20		EM SxK		Emb
27				

Tournament Controller: FC Manning, 44 Willow Rd, Wallington, Surrey O81 647 0063Match Captains

(Please note the asterisked revision under Middx.)

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	P Fallon, Girton College, Cambridge CB3 0JG 0223 338999 (messages only); home (vacations) 0865 773504
Essex	0 JR Cooke, 35 The Crescent, Loughton, Essex IG10 4PY 081 508 3622 175 D Smith, 21 Chigwell Rd, South Woodford E18 1LR 081 530 2118 150 M Tucker, 435 Barking Rd, East Ham E6 2JX 125 D Smith as above
Herts	0 A Atkinson, 89 Cairo Rd, Walthamstow E17 3BB 081 521 9954 125 MM Wali, 56 Rowans, Welwyn Garden City 0707 326318 ext 4280 (work)
Kent	0 CI Howell, 16 Claire House, Lesley Place, Buckland Hill, Maidstone, Kent ME16 OUE 0622 670169 175 LR Gurr, 13 Neath Court, Northumberland Rd, Maidstone ME15 7JS 0622 758448 150 RC Shilling, 184 Kingsnorth Rd, Ashford, Kent TN23 2LS 0223 629175 125 IC Smith, 19 Osgood Gardens, Orpington, Kent BR6 6JU 0689 858568
Middx	0 J McVicar, 162 High Rd Leyton, Stratford E15 2BX 081 539 2926 175 BH Birchall, 26d Colville Square W11 2BQ 071 792 8031 *150 BH Birchall, for the first match at any rate. The match captain whose details were originally circulated has had to drop out. 125a R Crooks, 11b Crediton Rd NW10 081 969 2888 (home); 071 922 9541/2 (work) 125b M Shaw, 4 Courteny Avenue, Harrow, Middx HA3 5JJ 081 207 4269 (work)
Oxon	0 D Metcalfe, 9 Roosevelt Rd, Long Hanborough, Witney, Oxon OX8 8JG 0993 883044 U125 D Metcalfe as above
Surrey	0 FC Manning, 44 Willow Rd, Wallington, Surrey SM6 OPF 081 647 0063 150 FC Manning as above
Sussex	0 P Watson, Flat 7, Regency Court, Withdean Rise, London Rd, Brighton, E Sussex 0273 505480 175 RD Hirsch, 5 Orde Close, Pound Hill, Crawley, W Sussex RH10 3NG 0293 883244 125 Dr DL Roberts, Flat 1, 28 High St, Lewes, E Sussex BN7 2LU 0273 475275

CONGRESS DIARY

- Oct 3 SCCU Junior Training at the Barbican. Contact BH Birchall (address inside front cover) or G Kenworthy
- 4 CITY CHESS. LG Goodwin, 48 Torrington Park N12 9TP 081 446 8569
- 9-11 MAIDSTONE sponsored by Hatchards. Open; U160; U125; Junior U11 (Sat only). NC Mackett, 74 Peel St, Maidstone, Kent ME14 2SD. Enquiries to CI Howell 0622 670169.
- 10 OXFORDSHIRE QP at Cowley. U176; U131. Ian Brooke, 174 Cowley Rd, Oxford OX4 1UE 0865 245447 (work). Enquiries to D Buckland 0865 771612
- 10 GOLDERS GREEN. AN Raoof, PO Box 1962, London NW4 4NF (081 202 0982)
- 11 BARBICAN. LG Goodwin as 4 Oct
- 11 WARRINGTON. K Brown, 71 Lakeside Close, Widnes, Cheshire W48 8RQ
- 16 DORSET at Weymouth. Open; U156; U126; Junior. AD Rookes, 6 Milton Close, Weymouth, Dorset DT4 7NB 0305 774044
- 17-18 ROCHDALE U199; U154; U109. E Andersons, 54 Fenton St, Rochdale, Lancs OL11 3TH
- 18 SUNDAY M25 CONGRESS as 26 Sep.
- 18-24 GUERNSEY Open; U145. PO Box 23, Guernsey (0481 726611)
- 23-25 LONDON U161. LG Goodwin as 4 Oct
- 24 ASHFORD (Kent) JUNIOR U18(+ parents)/12/10/8. MPJ Whitwood, 8 Iden Crescent, Staplehurst, Tonbridge, Kent TN12 ONU 0580 892005
- 24-25 HERTFORDSHIRE at Hitchin. JG Jones, 28 Hay St, Steeple Morden, Royston SG8 (0763 853024)
- 30- 1 SCARBOROUGH Open; U161; U136; U111. EP Jones, 24 Lightfoots Avenue, Scarborough YO12 5NS 0723 352044
- Nov 1 BARBICAN. LG Goodwin as 4 Oct
- 7- 8 ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL Junior at Guildford. (Had to look at the contact address inside the entry form to confirm which RGS it was! Dates were hidden inside as well.) Under 18/15 two days; U13 Sat; separate U12s Sat, Sun. RA Smalley, Royal Grammar School, Guildford GU1 3BB.
- 15 BARBICAN. LG Goodwin as 4 Oct
- 20-22 TORBAY at Torquay. Open; U156; U1261 U101. P Short, 4 Ellacombe Court, Ellacombe Church Rd, Torquay TQ1 1LJ 0803 214766
- 21 GOLDERS GREEN Open. AN Raoof as 10 Oct
- 28 SWANLEY (Kent) QP. Non-smoking. U180; U140; Junior U12/10/8. Dennis Halton, Sedalia, St Davids Rd, Hextable, Kent BR8 7RJ

Sussex CA have a new delegate to the SCCU Executive Committee: see inside front cover.

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