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EDITORIAL

If I claim to have nothing to say there's some that won't believe me (see page 2!) but it's true again. This is a sparse issue. Adult congress results are entirely absent (could have sworn I had at least one congress but if so it's vanished); and county matches, relatively sparse around Christmas, will start catching up with me any time now. Snow permitting. At least there's a few letters; let's get on with them.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Richard,

As ever, pleased to see your bulletin drop on the door mat. You manage to provoke at least one letter on reading the November issue!

Whilst I appreciate space is always at a premium, I think your report on the November BCF Management Board lacks some important information. There is no mention that, as I understand it, the Board felt that the BCF submission to the DNH, "The Way Forward", produced in very short time by the working group, was an excellent document in setting out the BCF's future objectives and strategies with their emphasis on developing our young chess talent. It would also have been worth mentioning that a delegation from the BCF had a useful meeting with Mr Iain Sproat, Minister of State at the DNH, more generally titled "Minister of Sport". There is no doubt that, whatever the outcome of our grant application for 1995/6, the BCF has been established as the well organised governing body of chess in England with a clear idea about the future.

If space was severely limited you could, I suggest, have cut out the Teletext comment which is hardly earth shattering. You could then have mentioned the actual new dates for the County and Leigh Interests National Club Finals weekend of 29 June 1996 (County) and 30 June 1996 (National Club), to be held at the excellent venue of the Clarendon Suites in Edgbaston in Birmingham.

I don't know why you complain about the "idiot" who changed your reference in the Grading List from "RJ" to "Richard". At least your name is spelt right! In my case they changed "BA" to "Brian", instead of "Bryan". To add insult to injury, my reference is shown as "Brian A" which uses that horrid American system of referring to people by their first name and middle initial.

Yours sincerely

BRYAN (FEWELL)

Harpenden

Ed: - Time rather than space was the limiting factor. My informant spoke highly of the DNH submission but I thought, perhaps wrongly, that he was speaking for himself. I included the Teletext comment because I thought it was funny. My next correspondent seems to have had his own doubts about the correct form of my name. His first two attempts are acceptable. It's a complicated subject and I haven't got twelve pages to spare at the moment, but full stops are not allowed, and just don't *ever* call me "R Haddrell".

Dear Richard, RJ, or whatever,

A few points arising from the November Bulletin just received. Firstly regarding your comment on the new dates for the County Championship Finals. As soon as I was told of this I put a memo into the sausage machine for distribution to interested parties from St Leonards, & I can only apologise that your name was not on my list. This included match captains, Union controllers, Union secretaries & *ChessMoves*. It was, in fact, sent out on Nov 22 but then it contained a typographical error & a correction has just been circulated. For your information the new dates for the national stages are: Prelim round (if reqd) April 27 (unchanged); ¼ Finals May 18; Semi Finals June 8 and Finals June 29. I presume that you know that the finals date for the National Club tourney is also changed.

You speak of "personality clashes" here. I am certainly not aware of any such thing!

I was interested to see your listing of SCCU's proposed Minor Counties, & think it would be of interest if I repeated some purely personal comments on this subject which I made in a letter to Chris Howell a few weeks ago. I view the Minor County tournament as being one intended for smaller counties with a relatively limited number of registered players. All such counties are likely to have a few strong players but inevitably as you go down the board order the grading level drops markedly, & you will note that the "big boys", like Middlesex, Kent, Essex etc, frequently win their matches on the lower boards because of their strength in depth.

The "minor" counties can hold their own on the top few boards but suffer lower down, & I see the Minor Counties tournament as a chance for the likes of Bedfordshire, Norfolk, Dorset etc to be able to compete on equal terms, with their strong players having strong opposition but also probably playing level further down the boards, & to allow these strong players to support their county with some reasonable hope of ultimate success. The whole object of the tournament is, or should be, to try & produce an even tournament, not one where the odds are heavily weighted against some participants.

I was interested to see that Surrey are listed as a possible SCCU Minor County. I seem to remember reading somewhere recently that Surrey had the second highest grading average for any county after Middlesex!

Best regards

JEFF (DOUGLAS)

BCF Counties Controller

Dear RJH [must be the season for it],

Re: names and initials and in particular the Kent-Essex U150 match. I suggest SS (Sieg Heil!) Armover was really S Armour. What a bit of luck it wasn't Legour! Unless the Grading List also is going to use first names, I too prefer initials except when first names are essential for accurate identification. In the same match I reckon Moate Simon was probably Simon Moate.

Yours,
SPEIGEL JACK Southend

Ed: - It *is* the season. Kent's version, which came first, did say Armover and if I thought anything at all it was Oh, never met him before. Must have been asleep or I'd have thought of the joke, though naturally I'd not have made it. The Essex version said Armour but the match was typed by then and I didn't check too carefully for discrepancies. (As I've said before, I'll check for extra initials and I'll check where I was dubious, but any other discrepancies are likely to go unnoticed.) Both counties gave the double S and the grading list agrees.

Richard,

You nearly fooled me on Sussex v Surrey (Under 175: 14.10.95). I think that the Sussex board 4 must be James Graham rather than Graham James!

A(LAN COX) SCCU County Match Grader

And a Quote:

"F.A.O R.J Haddrell... Dear Mr/Ms Haddrell,..." - From an extremely ill written advertising circular.

Dear Bulletin,

I am writing in response to your "New Quickplay Finish Rules, Part II" article, in which I feel that the Bulletin's interpretation of the Rook and Knight vs Bishop ending is significantly flawed.

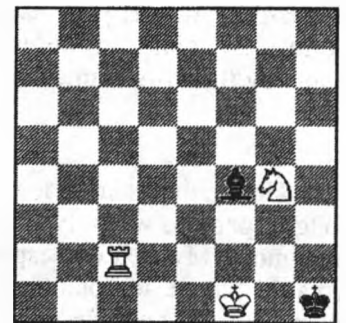
In my opinion the interpretation of this ending lies not with the quickplay finish rules, but more fundamentally with the definition of "a move". A move is not completed until the clock is pressed.

In this particular ending, two scenarios arise:

- (i) Black has completed the move Bxh2. It is now White to play and he/she plays Nf2# and wins.
- (ii) Black's flag falls before completing the move Bxh2. Since this move is not completed then as far as contemplating the win on time is concerned, the position to be considered is that after the last completed move. White therefore still has a Rook on h2, and clearly has sufficient material to deliver mate.

This ending is, therefore, adequately covered by the laws of chess, but is also a win for White.

Yours,
PHILIP BEST Ex-captain, Cambs



Rapidplay, or QPF. 1 Rh2+Bxh2, and Black's flag falls. What result?

Ed: - I considered this argument, and rejected it because the rule Mr Best refers to in his second paragraph doesn't exist. 6.5 is of limited application and using it in a QPF was, I felt, stretching plausibility and the English language a bit too far. David Sedgwick has written, not unexpectedly, and he touches on the same point. Considering the length of my reply to him in the last issue, I won't comment this time except to say that I still disagree with him. My one footnote has nothing to do with the rules.

Dear Richard,

26.1.96

When I sent my response to your quickplay finish conundrum, as quoted in the last issue, my covering letter invited you to publish my comments "with appropriate editorial riposte". Even by your standards, you seem to have addressed this task with exceptional relish. You obviously got so excited when taking me apart on pages 11 and 12 that by the end you'd forgotten that you'd already given the details of the new Herts match captain on page 4. However, you didn't fool me by commencing the Bulletin with "I have nothing to say"; I began reading it at the back.

On a more serious note, I do wonder whether such esoteric discussions don't belong in a specialist publication like Arbiting Matters (the newsletter of the Chess Arbiters' Association) rather than in the Bulletin. This was one of the reasons for the brevity of my original response. In view of your comments, I now crave the indulgence of your readers to allow me a fuller explanation.

The relevant rule applies both to quickplay finishes and to rapidplay games; let me quote it in full:

"A player will win on time if the Arbiter sees the opponent's flag fall first, unless the player does not have mating material, in which case the game is drawn. Mating material is sufficient material to allow a position to be reached in which the opponent, having the move, is unable to prevent mate next move."

In the case which you describe, Black has just moved and his (her) flag then falls before he (she) can press the clock. I must confess that I've never been entirely sure whether in such a situation the Black move is to be considered completed and hence taken into account by the Arbiter in reaching a decision. In this instance, there is no problem if Black's move is to be disregarded; White clearly has mating material. In posing the question, you were clearly assuming, however, that the position which the Arbiter has to assess is: White Kf1, Ng4; Black Kh1, Bh2; White to move. You claim that White does not have mating material as defined in the above quoted rule. However, the rule refers to "the opponent, having the move", implying that such a situation will arise. This is not the case here because Black does not and never will have the move; it is White to move and White is clearly about to play Nf2 mate. Hence this instance is NOT covered by the rule, it is NOT "precisely regulated", and the Arbiter CAN AND SHOULD invoke the Preface.

Of course I don't consider that the Preface puts Arbiters above the Laws. When I first received your conundrum, I naturally tried to deduce the point at issue, and I did wonder whether your line of reasoning was as subsequently set out in the Bulletin. My view, then and now, is that, unusually for you, you're just plain wrong.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID SEDGWICK CAA Secretary

Ed: - I gave the Herts match captain's details twice on purpose, to double the chance of people noticing. Honest! This preceded my excitement; the Bulletin's not typed straight through from front to back (or even back to front). Another letter from David Sedgwick came in the same post; it raised two topics but I have omitted one of them. David knows why.

Dear Richard,

25.1.96

You and your readers may have learnt that I have become the Acting International Director of the BCF. The Management Board will be considering making a more permanent appointment at its next meeting on 3rd February and at the time of writing I expect to allow my name to go forward for consideration. I am finding the responsibilities interesting and challenging, but distinctly time-consuming. Nevertheless I hope to remain in touch with grass roots chess by continuing as SCCU County Match Controller. I crave the indulgence of match captains and others for any shortfall in standards whilst I have been adjusting to the new duties.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID SEDGWICK Croydon

PROPOSED NEW FIDE LAWS

Well, it's in draft (24.11.95) and not officially circulated yet, and we don't know how likely it is to get amended before coming up for ratification (1996 is envisaged). But the Rules Committee has given the Laws a fair old working over and we've just seen the result. We'll save our detailed comments - lots of little things - for people who might be interested, but will remark in passing that snatches here and there look almost as though the Bulletin had written them. (It did, actually. Has someone been listening?)

They've re-jigged things quite a lot in the interests, presumably, of logic and clarity. Some of it will affect the practical player and here's what we've picked out, on a quick reading. For simplicity we've written as though the draft were in force.

1. The game is now drawn if neither side can checkmate. Good. Whether you can win on time in a position where you couldn't have checkmated is unclear.
2. The 50-move rule now allows you to claim on 49½-plus-the-move-I'm-about-to-play.
3. Incorrect draw-claims now cost you "half of the remaining time up to three minutes" (how many ways can you find of interpreting that?) and your opponent gets an extra three minutes.
4. If you find the board's the wrong way round you don't *have* to transfer the position to another one. You'll be relieved to hear that.
5. You have to record draw-offers on your scoresheet.
6. Players are not allowed to leave the playing venue without permission from the arbiter. (On your bike!) Nor can they communicate with anyone except the arbiter or the opponent.
7. Same hand for move and clock.
8. "A player must always be allowed to press the clock after he has made a move."
9. The current 6.5 disappears. There's a new rule which we *think* is meant to say roughly the same thing, but it's not very clear.
10. They're thinking about requiring that flag-fall be claimed (arbiter doesn't intervene).
11. Rapidplay is brought into the Laws. So is Even-more-Rapid (?under 15 minutes each: the distinction doesn't look very finalised). In Rapidplay the opponent gets an extra two minutes if your draw-claim is not immediately upheld. He also gets an extra two minutes for your first or second illegal move, and wins on your third! They've used the lamentable new definition of mating force for Even-more-Rapid but apparently not for Rapid. It was a quick reading.

CANTERBURY JUNIOR 2nd December 1995**Under 18 Major** (8 ent) 1 Phillip Zabrocki 6/6; 2 David Titmas 4; 3-4 Arnold Lutton, Martin Taylor 3...**Under 18 Minor** (22 ent) 1 David Ho 5½/6; 2 Dominic Bennet 5; 3-8 Peter Titmas, David Sim, Simon Thanesan, Paul Higgins, Robert Wilson, Ezra Lutton 4...**Under 12** (30 ent) 1-2 Thomas Rendle, Oliver Cooley 5/6; 3 Michael Davis 4½; 4-10 James McDonnell, Paul Richards, Richard Cheeseman, Joseph Almalah, Josiah Lutton, Andrew Welch 4...**Under 10** (28 ent) 1 Nikhil Arora 5½; 2 Martin Parsons 5; 3-5 Lalin Navaratne, Thomas Sharp (Best U8), Robert White 4½; 6-8 Zackery Bennett, Edmund Birkhamshaw, Mark Dickinson 4... Results Sue Casement**SCCU COUNTY MATCHES: LEAGUE TABLES**

| OPEN | Br | C | E | H | K | M | O | Sy | Sx | MP | |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|
| Berks | 2 | 9 | | 8½ | | 9 | 7½ | | 9 | 0 6 | |
| Cambs | 11 | | | | 8½ | 6½ | 9 | 12½ | | 2 5 | |
| Essex | 18 | | | 13½ | 13 | | | 18½ | 11 | 5 5 | |
| Herts | 11½ | | 6½ | | 10 | | | 6 | 10½ | 2½ 5 | |
| Kent | | 11½ | 7 | 10 | | 14 | 11 | | 14 | 4½ 6 | |
| Middx | 11 | 13½ | | | 6 | | 11 | | 8 | 3 5 | |
| Oxon | 12½ | 11 | | | 9 | 9 | | 9½ = | | 2½ 5 | |
| Surrey | | 7½ | 1½ | 14 | | | 9½ = | | | 1½ 4 | |
| Sussex | 11 | | 9 | 9½ | 6 | 12 | | | | 2 5 | |
| UNDER 175 | E | K | Sy | Sx | E | K | Sy | Sx | MP | | |
| Essex | | 9 | 7 | 8½ | | 5½ | | | 2 4 | | |
| Kent | 7 | | 8½ | 10 | 10½ | | | | 3 4 | | |
| Surrey | 8* | 7½ | | 5½ | | | | | 1 3 | | |
| Sussex | 7½ | 6 | 10½ | | | | | | 1 3 | | |
| UNDER 150 | E | H | K | Sy | Sx | MP | | | | | |
| Essex | | | 7 | | | 0 1 | | | | | |
| Herts | | | 8½ | | 8½ | 2 2 | | | | | |
| Kent | 9 | 7½ | | | | 1 2 | | | | | |
| Surrey | | | | | 6½ | 0 1 | | | | | |
| Sussex | | 7½ | | 9½ | | 1 2 | | | | | |
| UNDER 125 | E | K | O | Sy | Sx | E | K | O | Sy | Sx | MP |
| Essex | | 9½ | 5 | 10½ | 10 | | | 9½ | | | 4 5 |
| Kent | 6½ | | 7½ | 4½ | 9 | | | 0d | | | 1 5 |
| Oxon | 11 | 8½ | | 7 | 7½ | 6½ | 16d | | | | 3 6 |
| Surrey | 5½ | 11½ | 9 | | 9½ | | | | | 5½ | 3 5 |
| Sussex | 6 | 7 | 8½ | 6½ | | | | | 10½ | | 2 5 |
| UNDER 100 | E | H | K | E | H | K | MP | | | | |
| Essex | | | 3½ | | | | 0 1 | | | | |
| Herts | | | 3½ | | | 5½ | 0 2 | | | | |
| Kent | 8½ | 8½ | | | 6½ | | 3 3 | | | | |

* match won = match drawn

Errors in the tables are the Editor's fault, not the County Match Controller's. Please tell the Editor about them.

Forgot to say last time that an asterisk by a county's name, in the following pages, means we've had the result from them. Barring mistakes, the absence of an asterisk means we haven't.

Open: Surrey-Sussex 27.1.96 was called off by Sussex because of the snow, and will be re-arranged. Herts-Kent, same day, was in doubt till the last minute but went ahead with Kent slightly weakened; the score (10-10) is in the league table but we've not had the detailed results yet. **Under 175:** Kent-Essex 9.12.95 does not seem to have reached us; the score's above. **Under 125:** Oxon-Kent 27.1.96 didn't happen (snow again); Oxon were willing to re-arrange but Kent decided to concede. If the snow disrupted anything else we haven't heard yet.

Jeff Douglas, Controller for the national stage, has informed David Sedgwick that he expects to be able to accept a third nomination from the SCCU in the Open competition, but not in any of the others.

OPEN

| Kent* | 2.12.95 | |
|------------------------|---------|----|
| 1 PJ Morris 219 (B) | 1 | 0 |
| 2 CH (sic*) Cooley 221 | 0 | 1 |
| 3 W Giddins 215 | ½ | ½ |
| 4 RG Eales 218 | 0 | 1 |
| 5 AE Hanreck 209 | ½ | ½ |
| 6 IR Watson 206 | ½ | ½ |
| 7 DW Gormally 201 | 0 | 1 |
| 8 NF Dickenson 209 | 1 | 0 |
| 9 PP Taylor 203 | 0 | 1 |
| 10 JE Vigus 204 | 1 | 0 |
| 11 DA Moskovic 203 | 0 | 1 |
| 12 JD Wagner 195 | 1 | 0 |
| 13 RMR O'Kelly 194 | ½ | ½ |
| 14 JH (sic) Sugden 193 | ½ | ½ |
| 15 CB Rice 186 | 0 | 1 |
| 16 D Farndon 184 | 0 | 1 |
| 17 G Botley 186 | 0 | 1 |
| 18 JS Williams 181 | ½ | ½ |
| 19 NP Donovan 180 | 0 | 1 |
| 20 SJ Jacob 162 | 0 | 1 |
| (Orpington) | 7 | 13 |

| Surrey | 2.12.95 | |
|--------------------------|---------|---|
| 1 Andrew Kinsman 221 | ½ | ½ |
| 2 Russell G Granat 206 | 1 | 0 |
| 3 Michael J Franklin 202 | 0 | 1 |
| 4 Daniel B Rosen 197 | ½ | ½ |
| 5 Peter D Kemp 196 | 1 | 0 |
| 6 Daniel L Bisby 193 | 1 | 0 |
| 7 Oliver Rosten 187 | 1 | 0 |
| 8 Kevin D Richardson 186 | ½ | ½ |
| 9 Brian G Whyte 185 | 1 | 0 |
| 10 Stephen G Walker 185 | 1 | 0 |
| 11 Alan K Punnett 182 | 1 | 0 |
| 12 Kevin P Mynett 180 | ½ | ½ |
| 13 Ian S McLeod 132 | ½ | ½ |
| 14 Ken FH Inwood 175 | 0 | 1 |
| 15 David R Sedgwick 174 | ½ | ½ |
| 16 David Tuddenham 174 | 0 | 1 |
| 17 Philip M Stimpson 169 | 1 | 0 |
| 18 Paul D Dupré 170 | 1 | 0 |
| 19 Chris J Mann 158 | 1 | 0 |
| 20 Chris RA Clegg 155 | 1 | 0 |
| (Sutton) | 14 | 6 |

| Essex* | 27.1.96 | |
|----------------------|---------|---|
| 1 J Rogers 221 (W) | 1 | 0 |
| 2 MS Twyble 220 | 1 | 0 |
| 3 DJ Coleman 204 | 1 | 0 |
| 4 D Sands 203 | 1 | 0 |
| 5 KCC Mah 201 | 1 | 0 |
| 6 G Kenworthy 199 | 1 | 0 |
| 7 B Kemish 197 | 1 | 0 |
| 8 JH Hodgson 197 | 0 | 1 |
| 9 D Sherman 194 | ½ | ½ |
| 10 GJ Moore 186 | 1 | 0 |
| 11 DJ Millward 184 | 1 | 0 |
| 12 PL Williamson 183 | ½ | ½ |
| 13 M Roberts 183 | 1 | 0 |
| 14 A Dunn 183 | 1 | 0 |
| 15 JC Moore 178 | 1 | 0 |
| 16 RP White 178 | 1 | 0 |
| 17 L Marden 177 | 1 | 0 |
| 18 IJ Myall 174 | 1 | 0 |
| 19 IBN Smith 172 | 1 | 0 |
| 20 R Parker 169 | 1 | 0 |
| (Wanstead) | 18 | 2 |

| Essex* | | |
|-------------------|--|--|
| K Bowden 233 | | |
| J Rogers 221 | | |
| MS Twyble 220 | | |
| AP Lewis 217 | | |
| DJ Coleman 204 | | |
| DA Sands 203 | | |
| B Kemish 197 | | |
| JH Hodgson 197 | | |
| GJ Moore 186 | | |
| JA Goldberg 186 | | |
| DJ Millward 184 | | |
| SB Death 184 | | |
| PL Williamson 183 | | |
| JC Moore 178 | | |
| Russell White 178 | | |
| Larry Marden 174 | | |
| IJ Myall 174 | | |
| JR Nellist 173 | | |
| IBN Smith 172 | | |
| Robert Parker 169 | | |

| Herts* | | |
|----------------------|--|--|
| Paul Byway 186 (B) | | |
| Andrew Gilfillan 198 | | |
| Kevin Clark 187 | | |
| Howard Tebbs 182 | | |
| Philip Bonafont 180e | | |
| John Denton 178 | | |
| Terry Turner 177 | | |
| Steve Law 172 | | |
| Tim Sinkinson 172 | | |
| John Cook 170 | | |
| Barry Morris 169 | | |
| David Bower 167 | | |
| Kevin Ellis 161 | | |
| Alan Atkinson 161 | | |
| Joe Franks 162 | | |
| Tim Ray 153 | | |
| Jeremy Taffel 148 | | |
| Philip Primett 144 | | |
| Dick Boardman 132 | | |
| Simon Taffel 91 | | |

| Berks | | |
|------------------|--|--|
| PS Cooksey 199 | | |
| PJ Sharp 195 | | |
| HW Murphy 200 | | |
| ACP Milnes 185 | | |
| DS Tucker 178 | | |
| IR Henderson 169 | | |
| KD Smallbone 165 | | |
| JT Munday 172 | | |
| MC Bowhay 166 | | |
| PJ Colby 164 | | |
| AJ Cox 158 | | |
| DA Gold 156 | | |
| BG Willis 154 | | |
| NW Dennis 154 | | |
| WP Tickner 143 | | |
| SB James 142 | | |
| AB Jones 142 | | |
| SJ Turner 138 | | |
| K Savoy 137 | | |
| def | | |

| Middx | 2.12.95 | | Canbs* |
|--|---------|----|--------------------|
| JS Speelman 256 (W) | 1 | 0 | JF Parker 235 |
| JP Levitt 229 | 0 | 1 | MJ Turner 231 |
| PJ Sowray 221 | 0 | 1 | GK Burgess |
| TA Fatin 212 | 1 | 0 | J Wilson |
| M Carlson 211 | 0 | 1 | A Hon 192 |
| AJ Whiteley 215 | ½ | ½ | A Cohen 204 |
| S Brown 210 | 1 | 0 | M Shephard 201 |
| RJ McMichael 210 | 0 | 1 | D Cristinacce 195 |
| A Trifunovic 205 | ½ | ½ | D Rosenberg 189 |
| M Lyell 204 | 1 | 0 | MH Thornton 183 |
| L McShane 202 | 1 | 0 | F Pollitz 2199 |
| K Vlahos | 1 | 0 | P Gardner 173 |
| M Rubery | ½ | ½ | T Meier 2100 |
| F Rayner 193 | 1 | 0 | PN Best 172 |
| T Kett 193 | 1 | 0 | P Webster 162 |
| NRE Alldritt 191 | 1 | 0 | E Griffiths "E170" |
| (Chess & Bridge) | 13½ | 6½ | |
| Scores adjusted. Canbs say 11½-5½ (raw) but their sheet adds up to 11½-4½. | | | |
| * Kent-Essex (left): the CH is from Essex. Kent give one initial throughout. | | | |

| Berks* | 2.12.95 | | Sussex* |
|--------------------|---------|----|--------------------|
| PS Cooksey 199 (W) | 0 | 1 | DH Cummings 211 |
| PJ Sharp 195 | ½ | ½ | FJ Kwiatkowski 197 |
| HW Murphy 200 | ½ | ½ | DB Graham 198 |
| ACP Milnes 185 | ½ | ½ | B Cafferty 192 |
| DL Roberts 189 | 1 | 0 | MO Costley 188 |
| MW Marlow 181 | ½ | ½ | MR Stott 187 |
| Jovanka Houska 177 | ½ | ½ | SJ Newman 185 |
| IR Henderson 169 | 0 | 1 | MD Nicholas 185 |
| KD Smallbone 165 | 0 | 1 | JA Dodgson 183 |
| JT Munday 172 | 0 | 1 | PG Farr 183 |
| L Davis 165 | 0 | 1 | RJ Almond 176 |
| I Duvall 172 | ½ | ½ | IG Kelly 172 |
| MV Taylor 171 | 1 | 0 | AO Pickersgill 170 |
| PS Janota 168 | ½ | ½ | J Graham 166 |
| MC Bowhay 166 | 1 | 0 | S Wade - |
| CJ Lyne 166 | 0 | 1 | J Mansson 164 |
| PJ Colby 164 | ½ | ½ | P Watson 164 |
| MF Redmond 156 | 1 | 0 | PR Selby 157 |
| BG Millis 154 | 1 | 0 | LJ Cannon 148 |
| JH Springall 154 | 0 | 1 | DL Roberts 125 |
| (Newbury) | 9 | 11 | |

The two DL Robertses are obviously both real. There are two or three in the master list, but none with a grade of 189.

| Cambs* | 27.1.96 | | Oxon |
|--------------------------|---------|----|--------------------|
| M Turner 231 (W) | ½ | ½ | M Truran 202 |
| J Parker 235 | 0 | 1 | J Hastings 194 |
| M Ferguson 216 | 1 | 0 | N Jakubovics 194 |
| O Lawson | 1 | 0 | M Rose 189 |
| M Shephard 201 | 1 | 0 | D Hackett 191 |
| D Hassabis 200 | ½ | ½ | M Devereaux 182 |
| A Cohen 204 | ½ | ½ | T Dickinson 161 |
| A Hon 192 | ½ | ½ | J Stayt 178 |
| D Christinacce (sic) 195 | 0 | 1 | A Lewis 176 |
| M Thornton 183 | ½ | ½ | R Starkie 176 |
| F Pollitz 2199 | ½ | ½ | N/W Jones 168 |
| D Rosenberg 189 | 0 | 1 | D Bruce 155 |
| P Best 172 | 0 | 1 | S Jayakumar 162 |
| M Hasenbusch 157 | 0 | 1 | L Millan (sic) 161 |
| EM Holland 163 | 1 | 0 | D Ewart 155 |
| P Webster | 0 | 1 | N Hepworth 150 |
| (Cambridge) | 9 | 11 | |
| Scores adjusted | | | |

UNDER 175

| Kent | | 25.11.95 | | Surrey* | | Essex | | 25.11.95 | | Sussex* | |
|------------------------|----|----------|---------------------|-------------------------|----|-------|-----------------------|----------|--|---------|--|
| 1 JF Knowles 171 (W) | ½ | ½ | DR Sedgwick 174 | John R Nellist 173 (W) | ½ | ½ | SON Hawes 173 | | | | |
| 2 LR Gurr 173 | 1 | 0 | JS White 174 | R Heppinstall 173 | ½ | ½ | Ian G Kelly 172 | | | | |
| 3 PD Fenn 168 | ½ | ½ | D Tuddenham 174 | Terence Donnelly 173 | ½ | ½ | Robin Clark 170 | | | | |
| 4 GM Brown 166 | 0 | 1 | PD Dupré 170 | Ivor BN Smith 172 | 0 | 1 | AO Pickersgill 170 | | | | |
| 5 RJ Everson 166 | 0 | 1 | Phillip Brown 169 | Robert Parker 169 | ½ | ½ | James Graham 166 | | | | |
| 6 TH Owens 163 | 0 | 1 | PM Stimpson 169 | KW Clow 167 | ½ | ½ | Glen D Parker 165 | | | | |
| 7 JR Cordner 162 | 0 | 1 | Robert K Thomas 163 | RE Waldteufel 163 | 0 | 1 | Paul A Batchelor 165 | | | | |
| 8 SJ Jacob 162 | 0 | 1 | Kevin Hurst 162 | John A Philpott 163 | ½ | ½ | Michael J Reddie 164 | | | | |
| 9 MD Brougham 161 | 1 | 0 | FC Manning 131 | CFH Dorn 156 | 1 | 0 | James C Mansson 164 | | | | |
| 10 SJ Peters 160 | 1 | 0 | JB Hawson 157 | CR Ramage 156 | ½ | ½ | Ian P Judd 164 | | | | |
| 11 G Josephs 159 | 1 | 0 | N Maxwell 157 | Andrew King 156 | 1 | 0 | PR Selby 157 | | | | |
| 12 MM Robertson 156 | 0 | 1 | RGR Harris 157 | Andrew D Hartland 156 | ½ | ½ | Andrew SJ Fleming 156 | | | | |
| 13 NSW Alfred 152 | 1 | 0 | RJ Wilcox 155 | Neville H Twitchell 153 | 1 | 0 | Roy R Harper 156 | | | | |
| 14 PR (so) Rutland 153 | 1 | 0 | CR Clegg 155 | Stanley Harwood 149 | 0 | 1 | R Daniel Hirsch 154 | | | | |
| 15 JH Lewin 153 | 1 | 0 | SR Jones 154 | Stephen M Williams 146 | ½ | ½ | Brian Izzard 153 | | | | |
| 16 MR Wiltshire 150 | ½ | ½ | D Spearman 153 | Stuart D Bates 140 | 1 | 0 | LJ Cannon 148 | | | | |
| (Orpington) | 8½ | 7½ | | (Wanstead) | 8½ | 7½ | | | | | |

UNDER 125

| Kent* | | 2.12.95 | | Oxon* | | Kent* | | 9.12.95 | | Surrey* | |
|--------------------|----|---------|----------------------|---------------------|----|--------|---------------------|---------|--|---------|--|
| 1 W Stock 121 (W) | ½ | ½ | A Wyeth 124 | CA Browning 124 (B) | ½ | ½ | D Weston-Lewis 124 | | | | |
| 2 S Chick 119 | 1 | 0 | B Frost 123 | A Lomas - | 0 | 1 | DJ Howes 121 | | | | |
| 3 G Battye 119 | 0 | 1 | R Jacobs 123 | W Stock 121 | 1 | 0 | DL Hodgson 120 | | | | |
| 4 A Hargreaves 117 | ½ | ½ | G Spalding 122 | S Chick 119 | ½ | ½ | JM Xuereb 119 | | | | |
| 5 IC Smith 117 | 1 | 0 | IR Brooke 119 | G Battye 119 | 0 | 1 | MD Feld 119 j | | | | |
| 6 DSJ Shipp 116 | 0 | 1 | A Collins 117 | IC Smith 117 | 0 | 1 | DR Moore 122 | | | | |
| 7 PD Poland 114 | 1 | 0 | M Brindley 115 | PD Poland 114 | 0 | 1 | KR Chamberlain 118 | | | | |
| 8 M Jones 113 | 1 | 0 | A Heslop 112 | M Jones 113 | 0 | 1 | MO Daood 118 | | | | |
| 9 J Robertson 107 | 0 | 1 | L Collins 110 | I Stoneman 112 | ½ | ½ | G Morse 118 | | | | |
| 10 IB Bryan 104 | 1 | 0 | F Fallon 111 | I Clark 108 | 0 | 1 | DH Ramsey 117 | | | | |
| 11 D Picton 111 | 1 | 0 | D Metcalfe 104 | A Blake 104 j | 0 | 1 | M King 116 j | | | | |
| 12 R Thompson 104 | 0 | 1 | R Soulsby - * | J Robertson 107 | 1 | 0 | D Innes 114 | | | | |
| 13 AP Fabian 103 | 0 | 1 | P Staniland 100 | IB Bryan 104 | 0 | 1 | H Wylie 114 | | | | |
| 14 K Hendrikse 97 | ½ | ½ | DAS Buckland 102 | R Thompson 104 | 1 | 0 | def | | | | |
| 15 NP Webb 87 | 0 | 1 | M Creasey - | AP Fabian 103 | 0 | 1 | Joanna S Hart 111 j | | | | |
| 16 M Bussey 63 | 0 | 1 | J Buchanan 89 | M Bussey 63 j | 0 | 1 | D Parsons 108 | | | | |
| (Orpington) | 7½ | 8½ | * 113 in master list | (Orpington) | 4½ | 11½ | | | | | |
| Essex* | | 9.12.95 | | Sussex* | | Essex* | | 13.1.96 | | Oxon* | |
| 1 D Cannan 124 (B) | 1 | 0 | A Bradbury 124 | D Cannan 124 (B) | 1 | 0 | AJ Wyeth 124 | | | | |
| 2 W Petchey 123 | 1 | 0 | IA Richardson 123 | M Petchey 123 | 1 | 0 | R Jacobs 123 | | | | |
| 3 D Bird 122 | 1 | 0 | C Power 124 | C Barratt 124 | 0 | 1 | IR Brooke 119 | | | | |
| 4 N Hopgood 120 j | ½ | ½ | P Benson 124 | D Bird 122 | 1 | 0 | A Collins 117 | | | | |
| 5 R Joyce 120 | ½ | ½ | CJ Parker 122 | W Potterill 123 | 0 | 1 | M Brindley 115 | | | | |
| 6 J Figgins 118 | 1 | 0 | P Britton 122 | M Ashkettle 122 | 0 | 1 | A Heslop 112 | | | | |
| 7 R Hayley 117 | 0 | 1 | S (sic) Chilvers 121 | N Hopgood 120 j | ½ | ½ | L Collins 120 | | | | |
| 8 B Sheppard 115 | ½ | ½ | C Dunn 119 | J Figgins 118 | ½ | ½ | J Booker 108 | | | | |
| 9 T Allen 115 | 0 | 1 | E Hillier 121 | R Hayley 117 | 1 | 0 | F Fallon 111 | | | | |
| 10 M Kingsley 114 | 1 | 0 | I Dixon 110 | B Sheppard 115 | ½ | ½ | R Soulsby | | | | |
| 11 G Benger 10 | ½ | ½ | N Pestelle 117 | T Allen 115 | 1 | 0 | D Metcalfe 104 | | | | |
| 12 E Lodge 110 | ½ | ½ | H Hughes 116 | M Kingsley 114 | 0 | 1 | P Staniland 100 | | | | |
| 13 E Walker 106 j | ½ | ½ | JA Povey 110 | G Benger 110 | ½ | ½ | DAS Buckland 102 | | | | |
| 14 R Giddens 99 j | 1 | 0 | M Plumb 107 | E Lodge 110 | ½ | ½ | C Kerrigan 75 | | | | |
| 15 G Walker 100 j | 1 | 0 | P Buswell 105 | R Giddens 99 j | 1 | 0 | M Creasey | | | | |
| 16 P Pattison 96 | 0 | 1 | K Carter 91 | P Pattison 96 | 1 | 0 | J Buchanan 89 | | | | |
| (Wanstead) | 10 | 6 | | (Wanstead) | 9½ | 6½ | | | | | |

| Sussex | 20.1.96 | Surrey* |
|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 1 A Pelling 121 (W) | 1 0 | D Weston-Lewis 124 |
| 2 P Benson 124 | ½ ½ | DJ Howes 121 |
| 3 CE Boyes 124 | 1 0 | DL Hodgson 120 |
| 4 C Power 124 | ½ ½ | MD Feld 119 j |
| 5 MA Bryant 115 | 0 1 | DH Ramsey 117 |
| 6 F Mcleod 123 | 1 0 | LI Makinson 115 |
| 7 C Harvey 120 | 1 0 | RA Balatoni 115 |
| 8 C Dunn 119 | 1 0 | H Wylie 114 |
| 9 CJ Parker 122 | 1 0 | D Innes 114 |
| 10 P Britton 122 | ½ ½ | N Clifton 113 |
| 11 I Dixon 119 | 0 1 | DA Jones |
| 12 HC Hughes 114 | ½ ½ | JP Parr 112 |
| 13 E Hillier 121 | 0 1 | D Parsons 108 |
| 14 J Povey 110 | ½ ½ | PM Shaw 100 |
| 15 T Dunn 112 j | 1 0 | A Bates - |
| 16 K Carter 91 j (Eastbourne) | 1 0 10½ 5½ | J Silverton 79 |

LEIGH 1995

| GRAND PRIX | max 200 | |
|--------------------|------------|--------|
| 1 GM Sadler | Chatham | 192.33 |
| 2 GM Arkell | Derby | 192.25 |
| 3 GM Conquest | Bristol | 186.3 |
| 4 GM Hebden | Leicester | 185.3 |
| 5 GM Howell | Manchester | 184.7 |
| 6 GM Lalic | Sutton | 180.9 |
| 7 IM Summerscale | Putney | 177.3 |
| 8 IM Parker | Edinburgh | 173.5 |
| 9 GM Emms | Beckenham | 172.9 |
| 10 IM Ward | Beckenham | 172.6 |
| 11 IM Turner | Scunthorpe | 168 |
| 12 IM Ledger | Bedford | 164.6 |
| 13 GM McNab | Dundee | 162.2 |
| 14 Mark Ferguson | Haslemere | 145.2 |
| 15 IM Buckley | Bushbury | 139.5 |
| 16 GM Nunn | Roehampton | 131.4 |
| 17 Tim Wall | Newcastle | 124.8 |
| 18 FM Mah | Wanstead | 117.9 |
| 19 Jonathan Wilson | Cobham | 108.8 |
| 20 WGM Lalic | Sutton | 108.3 |
| PETIT PRIX | max 100 | |
| 1 GM Howell | | 98.6 |
| 2 GM Arkell | | 98.1 |
| 3 GM Hebden | | 95.3 |
| 4 GM Conquest | | 92.4 |
| 5 IM Ledger | | 87.9 |
| 6 IM Buckley | | 86.9 |
| 7 Tim Wall | | 86.8 |
| 8 GM McNab | | 85.8 |
| 9 IM Parker | | 84.6 |
| 10 IM Turner | | 84.3 |

The Petit Prix is being discontinued and its prize fund will be incorporated in the GP.

£25 merit awards for Leigh Congresses helping British Chess: Greater Manchester Summer, Hastings, Isle of Lewis, Isle of Man, Paignton, Sheffield, Southend, Spectrum Chess

| PRIXETTE | | max 100 |
|--------------------|------------|---------|
| 1 WIM Hunt | Oxford | 79.7 |
| 2 WGM Lalic | | 75 |
| 3 Heather Richards | Whitstable | 50.7 |
| 4 WIM Sheldon | Manchester | 50.1 |
| 5 Mandy Haslinger | Southport | 49.7 |
| 6 Elise Ford | Ashton | 47 |
| 7 Jessica Ho | Maidstone | 43.3 |
| 8 Rosalind Kieran | Bexley | 38 |
| 9 Ruth Bates | Richmond | 36 |
| 10 Monica Vann | Bourne End | 35 |

| JUNIOR PRIX | | max 100 |
|------------------|------------|---------|
| 1 GM Sadler | | 95 |
| 2 IM Parker | | 87.2 |
| 3 IM Turner | | 86.1 |
| 4 FM Mah | | 82 |
| 5 FM McShane | Clapham | 80.7 |
| 6 Mark Ferguson | Haslemere | 78.1 |
| 7 Simon Williams | Woking | 59.7 |
| 8 James Cobb | Swindon | 56 |
| Desmond Tan | Dulwich | 56 |
| 10 Adam Hunt | Oxford | 55.2 |
| 11 Tobias Stock | Folkestone | 52.5 |

| AMATEUR PRIX | | max 50 |
|--------------|--------------|--------|
| 1 G Ashcroft | Preston | 47.2 |
| 2 J Farrell | Metropolitan | 46.5 |
| 3 A James | Surbiton | 46.2 |
| 4 D Curtis | Frodsham | 45.6 |
| 5 J Brief | Barnet | 43.3 |
| 6 M Kobylka | Wood Green | 43.2 |
| 7 P Mercs | Nottingham | 42.8 |
| 8 J McBride | Preston | 42 |
| I Okosieme | Int Students | 42 |
| 10 P Adshead | Leigh | 40 |

| VISUALLY HANDICAPPED PRIX | | max 50 |
|---------------------------|-----------|--------|
| 1 Graham Lilley | Prescot | 38.7 |
| 2 Paul Benson | Widnes | 9 |
| John Gallagher | Rotherham | 9 |
| N Wragg | Sheffield | 9 |

NATIONAL CLUB

Not very up to date. Just the surviving SCCU teams, Plate excluded.

Open Crowthorne, Guildford, Witney, Hastings & St Leonards; and byes to Barbican, Charlton, Maidstone, Slough, Wood Green. And Cambridge Univ if you call them SCCU. *Stop press: round 2 results just in.* Bedford *3 3 Ipswich; Bristol & Clifton 3½ 2½ Southbourne; Crowthorne 2½ 3½ Witney; Guildford v Hastings postponed for snow. Rd 3: Atherton v Bedford; Cardiff v Barbican; an undecided Scottish club v Charlton; Hull v another undecided Scottish team; Maidstone v Cambridge Univ; Nidum (in Wales somewhere) v Bristol & Clifton; Witney v Guildford / Hastings; Wood Green v Slough. Deadline 3rd March.

Major Kingston, Reading, Metropolitan, Milton Keynes, Eastbourne, Kings Head, Ilford.

Intermediate Crowthorne, Maidstone, Tunbridge Wells, Slough, Metropolitan. And Southbourne if they're in the SCCU. (Sorry Southbourne, no idea where you are. Geography never was the Bulletin's strong point.)

Minor Eastbourne, Grays, Maidstone, Bourne End, Cowley, Metropolitan, Wood Green, Hastings, Southend, Chislehurst, Fulham, Milton Keynes, Kings Head, Hayes & Harlington. "Middlesex Girls A and B have metamorphosed into Middlesex Juniors A and B."

Chiltern League at the half-way stage has Herts on top with 4/5, followed by Oxon and Berks on 3½ and Bucks on 3. The two Under 18 sides (Bucks and Berks) are bringing up the rear. These two generally finish in the bottom two places, but it's nice to see them playing regularly in an adult competition. We don't know if there's an upper grading limit.

Guildford Chess Club celebrate their centenary this year. Planned events include a match v the Rest (of the Border League), a short Belgian tour, a lecture by Andrew Martin, a Simul on the High Street, and a Variants Afternoon. And a dinner of course, and they're looking at a Club History.

Southend have their centenary this year as well. We haven't heard what their plans are, except for an increased prize fund in the Southend Congress.

Edward Ruddle

The Bucks Association is very sad to report the death on 27 December 1995 of its President, Edward T Ruddle, shortly after celebrating his ninety-third birthday.

Edward was member of the Association from its revival after the Second World War and of the Gerrards Cross club from its inception in 1946. He was county match captain from 1957 to 1975 and county secretary from 1966 to 1991. For many years he was also junior chess organiser within the county.

In 1991 in recognition of his services the Association established the Ruddle Trophy competition, an annual one-day event for teams of players graded under 130. Earlier this year he was elected County Association President in succession to the late Harry Golombek.

Bob Owen

Less than three weeks later, at Milton Keynes on 15 January 1996, Bucks lost Bob Owen, also a member of the Gerrards Cross club. He was 76. Bob served on the Bucks Executive Committee, being the county's representative on the BCF Council for many years until 1991 and county auditor until 1994. Like Edward Ruddle he was attracted to the administrative side of chess. Having moved to Milton Keynes in 1980, he had not been active as a player for some long time but he always made a point of journeying down to committee meetings and AGMs whenever he could. Together with Alex Niedzwiedzki and David Blackman Bob Owen was a founder member of the committee of the Berks and Bucks Congress which began at Marlow in 1964, moving to Amersham in 1975.

Bob was secretary to the Southern Counties Chess Union in the late 1960s and President of the Union in 1972.

Two of Sadler's GP wins, from Islington 1995. Comments based on Sadler's.

White MD Sadler 247, **Black** N Regan 194. Clarendon Court Defence.

1 d4 c5 2 d5 f5 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Nf3 d6 5 e4!? Sadler's new gambit idea. 5.. fxe4 6 Ng5 Bf5 7 f3 exf3 8 Qxf3 Bg4? (Black is going to suffer for a while, so should put another pawn in the bank by 8..Bxc2) 9 Qf2 a6 10 Be2 Bxe2 11 Qxe2 Nbd7 12 0-0 Ne5 13 Bf4 Nf7 14 Ne6 Qd7 15 Rad1 Nd8 16 Bg5 Nxe6 17 dxe6 Qc6 18 Bxf6 gxf6 19 Qh5+ Kd8 20 Nd5 Rc8 21 Rxf6! exf6 22 Qf7 Qe8 23 Qxf6+ Be7 24 Nxe7 Kc7 25 Nxc8 Kxc8 26 e7 Rg8 27 Rxd6 1-0

White S Williams 205, Black MD Sadler 247. Slav Defence.

1 c4 c6 2 Nc3 d5 3 d4 Nf6 4 e3 e6 5 Nf3 Nbd7 6 Qc2 Bd6 7 g4 Nxc4 8 Rg1 f5 9 h3 Nf6 10 Rxc7 Ne4 (the most solid defence to Shirov's 7 g4 gambit) 11 Be2 Qf6 12 Rg2 Qh6 13 Nxe4? (opening the f file helps Black) fxe4 14 Ng1 Nf6 15 Bd2 Bd7 16 0-0-0 0-0-0 17 f4 Rdg8! 18 Bg4 Qf8! The threat of ..h5 winning a piece forces White to exchange off Black's inferior d7 bishop. 19 exd5 exd5 20 Bxd7 Kxd7 21 Rh2 Qh6 22 Rf1 Rg3 23 Qb3 Kc8 24 Be1 Rg7 25 Ne2 Rhg8 26 Rfh1 Rg2 27 Rxc2 Rxc2 28 Ng3? (Qd1 resists longer) Qg6 29 Qd1 (conceding material, but if 29 Nf1 Rg1 wins) Rxc3 30 Bxc3 Qxc3 31 Qg1 Nh5 32 Kd2 Kd7 33 Qxc3 Nxc3 34 Rg1 Nf5 35 Rg8 c5 0-1 Black will soon have winning central pawns.

CONGRESS DIARY

- Feb 3 GOLDERS GREEN QP. Adam Raof, PO Box 1962, London NW4 4NF 0181 202 0982
 3 CHARLTON VILLAGE RAPIDPLAY. TR Jefferies 0374 981374
 4 SOMERS TOWN NW1. Mixed doubles, pub chess quiz, gambit tournament, shuffle chess, children, pensioners, ring for details. BH Birchall, 26d Colville Square W11 2BQ 0171 792 8031
 10 ROCHESTER JUNIOR Under 18/Parents, U18 Minor, U11, U9. MPJ Whitwood, 8 Iden Crescent, Staplehurst, Kent TN12 0NU 01580 892005
 10 WESTMINSTER QP. John Sargent, 903 Longbridge Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2BU 0181 595 5881
 10-11 MILL HILL. Tony Corfe, 51 Borough Way, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 3HA 01707 659080
 10-11 SURREY JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS at Croydon. No contact given but try AJW Thorn 01483 577623; or D Elvin 0181 648 6618 if you fancy trying a school number.
 16-18 PORTSMOUTH BCQ. Open over 144; U166/136/111. P McEvoy, 77 Lime Grove, Paulsgrove, Portsmouth PO6 4DQ 01705 388341
 18 CHALK FARM at Haverstock School NW3. Open; U175/150/125/100; U90 junior; U80 girls. BH Birchall, 26d Colville Square W11 2BQ 0171 792 8031
 24 KENT PRIMARY CHAMPIONSHIPS. Under 11/10/9/8. MPJ Whitwood, 8 Iden Crescent, Staplehurst, Kent TN12 0NU 01580 892005
 24-25 KENSINGTON. D Agble, 15 Beit Hall, Prince Consort Rd SW7 2BB 0171 594 9456
 Mar 2-3 MILL HILL. Tony Corfe, 51 Borough Way, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 3HA 01707 659080
 3 CHESS & BRIDGE. Neville Twitchell, Chess & Bridge, 369 Euston Rd NW1 0171 388 2404
 3 BASINGSTOKE RAPIDPLAY. J French, 31 Brocas Drive, South View,
 9 WESTMINSTER QP. John Sargent, 903 Longbridge Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2BU 0181 595 5881
 10 RICHMOND QP. Stephen Mooring, 30 The Terrace SW13 0NR 0181 876 2407
 10 SOMERS TOWN NW1. Mixed doubles, pub chess quiz, gambit tournament, shuffle chess, children, pensioners, ring for details. BH Birchall, 26d Colville Square W11 2BQ 0171 792 8031
 16-17 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, London. John Weightman, Flat 1, 225a Finchley Rd NW3 6LP 0171 435 7205
 23 GOLDERS GREEN. Adam Raof, PO Box 1962, London NW4 4NF 0181 202 0982
 24 CHALK FARM at Haverstock School NW3. Open; U175/150/125/100; U90 junior; U80 girls. BH Birchall, 26d Colville Square W11 2BQ 0171 792 8031
 31 CHESS & BRIDGE. Neville Twitchell, Chess & Bridge, 369 Euston Rd NW1 0171 388 2404
 Apr 5-8 SOUTHEND Open plus five-round Swisses in graded sections (no grading limits). GMA Smith, 41 Westwood Gardens, Hadleigh, Benfleet, Essex SS7 2SH 01702 556086
 5-8 SURREY at Sutton. FC Manning, 44 Willow Rd, Wallington, Surrey SM6 0PF 0181 647 0063

For your diary:

SCCU AGM 1996 has been moved to Saturday 6th July to avoid clashing with an altered BCF date.

Quotes

"***** is trying to persuade the Council to resurrect the 2 boards currently thought to be buried in the grounds of Guildford Castle."

"Concern was expressed that the BCF competition rules were not being updated timeously." - BCF *ChessMoves*. Does anyone except Bryan Fewell use that word? Deserves to succeed.

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