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Editorial – Colin Hipwell

Firstly, many congratulations to Peter Dudeney our new Tom Morris Champion of Natcor who has taken the title from our several-times champion, Colin Truelove. As well as the undying admiration of us all, Peter wins a year's free membership and a Champion's certificate.

A big thank you to those who responded to my plea for material to publish. I have more than I can include in this edition but will publish it all in due course. That said, however, please keep your articles, letters, annotated games etc. coming so that I do not run short in the future. Please remember that this magazine stands or falls on the contributions from you, the members.

There has been a major change to our tournaments since the last edition of EP in that the Webserver Triplets Tournament has been terminated and, to some extent, replaced with a server-only option in the APA. You can now get guaranteed server games in both the RGCT and the APA, just tell the relevant Controller of your preference. We hope that this change will boost interest in the flagging APA without discouraging the large majority of you who are happy to play by any method. Full details can be found in the 'Tournament News' section of this magazine.

Have you renewed your membership? Perhaps you have overlooked it in the hurly-burly of everyday life. Please let us have your subscription as soon as you can so that your membership does not lapse inadvertently. If you do not intend to stay with us then please let the Treasurer know so that we do not send you unnecessary reminders.



Richard Dixon writes: "I have been a Natcor member for about a year and have thoroughly enjoyed playing in the RGCT. For many years I have belonged to the BCCA but being an intrepid postal player have found less and less different opponents as more are gobbled up by email and web server. So I joined Natcor mainly to get a wider variety of gladiatorial encounters."

New Members

We extend a warm Natcorian welcome to David Nutall from Orpington, and a welcome back to returning members, Keith Franks, from Torquay and Peter Ackley from Rotherham. We hope you will enjoy your time with us and find it worthwhile.



Stephen Bailey – Colin Lyne

RGCT 32767

(B04 Alekhine's Defence, Modern, Larsen Variation)

Comments by Colin

- 1. e4 Nf6** a rare outing in my games.
- 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. Nf3** I prefer 4. c4 a move favoured by Bobby Fischer but Stephen's move was preferred by Garry Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov.
- 4. ... dxe5 5. Nxe5 g6 6. Bc4 c6 7 .0-0 Bg7 8. Nc3** Rare move; usual is 8. Re1.
- 8. ... Be6 9. Ne4 Nd7** Apparently a tactical novelty as 9. Nc7 and 9. 0-0 have been played.
- 10. Nxd7 Bxd7** Better than 10.Qxd7 when 11. Nc5 is better for White.

11. **Qe1!**? Surprising as 11. **Re1** or 11. **Nc5** seemed better.

11. ... **0-0** 12. **c3** **Bf5** 13. **Ng3** Here 13. **f3** seems best as the knight stands well in the centre.

13. ... **Be6** 14. **Qe2** **b5** 15. **Bd3** **Re8** The position is equal.

16. **f4** **Bc8** 17. **Ne4** **b4!** Attacking White on the dark squares.

18. **Bd2** **Rb8** 19. **Kh1!**? White should probably play 19. **Rab1** or 19. **Nc5**.

19. ... **bx3** 20. **Bxc3** Dubious but 20. **bx3** **Rb2** also leaves White under pressure as 21. **Rfb1?** **Nxf4**. However White has 21. **Qe1** and seems to be holding on.

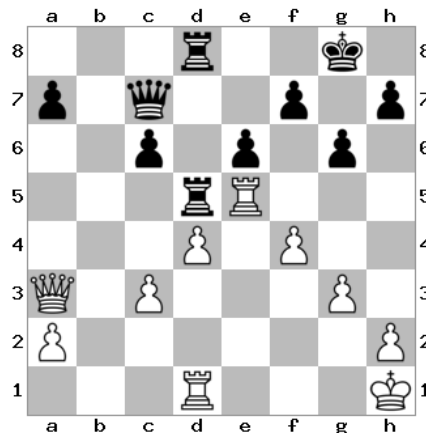
20. ... **Bf5** 21. **Nc5** **Bxd3** 22. **Qxd3** **e6** Black is better but not yet winning.

23. **Rac1** **Nxc3** 24. **bx3** **Bf8** 25. **Qc4?** It was better to play 25. **Ne4**.

25. ... **Bxc5** 26. **Qxc5** **Qd7** 27. **Qa3** Better than 27. **Rcb1** **Rb5!**.

27. ... **Qc7** 28. **Rcd1** **h3** was probably best but the endgame is likely to be difficult.

28. ... **Red8** 29. **Rfe1** **Rd5** 30. **Re5** **Rbd8** 31. **g3**



31. ... **c5!** Making use of an awkward pin.

32. **Rxd5** **Rxd5** 33. **Qb2** **Rd6** 34. **Kg1** **h5!** Black wants to soften White up on the kingside.

35. **Kf2** 35. **Qf2** may be better.

35. ... **Rb6** 36. **Qd2** **Qb7** Threatening to win the queen.

37. **Qd3** **Rb2+** 38. **Rd2** **c4!** A rather cheeky move.

39. **Qe2** **Rb1** Of course Black wants to keep the pieces on.

40. **Qc4** **Qh1** 41. **Ke3** **h4** 42. **gxf4** **Qg1+** 43. **Kf3** **Re1** Threatening mate with **Re3**.

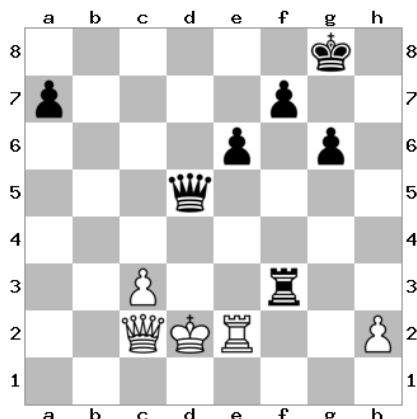
44. **Re2** **Rf1+** 45. **Ke4** **Qg4** Now **Qxf4** is a threat.

46. **Kd3** **Qf5+** 47. **Ke3** **Qxf4+** 48. **Kd3** **Qf5+** 49. **Kd2** **Qb1** 50. **Ke3** **Qc1+** 51. **Ke4** **Rf4+** 52. **Ke5** **Rf5+** 53. **Ke4** If instead 53. **Kd6** **Qa3+** continues the king hunt.

53. ... **Rh5** 54. **Kf3** **Rxh4** 55. **Rf2** **Qf4+** 56. **Ke2** **Qe4+** 57. **Kd2** **Rh3** Now winning the rook with **Qe3+** is the threat.

58. Re2 Qb1 59. d5 Rf3 Now exb6 loses to Qb2+ so:

60. Qe4 Qxa2+ 61. Qc2 Qxd5+ Black has gone from 2 pawns down to 2 pawns up.



62. Ke1 Qc4 63. Qd2 Qh4+ 64. Rf2 Qxf2+ 65. Qxf2 Rxf2 66. Kxf2 f5 0-1 Black now has an easy endgame win.



Chairman's Chat - Marc Wakeham

Hello Fellow Natcorians,

Well, the summer is truly in the past and the nights begin to get longer. So what better than some correspondence chess to keep you active over the coming months? Our Controllers are eager to hear from you!

Please remember the Stan Warren Memorial event. There are two tournaments: Webserver and Postal (other options can be agreed in this one!). The format of both is not set in stone as folk have expressed concern at the cost of stamps for a large postal event. So, I am looking to the possibility of smaller groups or even a "Swiss" event looking at around 8 to 10 games over a period of time. So, if the thought of a big event daunts you please have another think. Entries are coming in to both sections nicely. However, we would like to make this a great tribute to Stan!

Of course the usual offering of events is OPEN TO ALL no matter how you like to play your chess. Natcor is a family and like all families we share a love of chess whilst preferring different ways to play it. Just like we all prefer different openings. Ideas are always welcome and remember Natcor has a playing method for all be it POST, EMAIL OR SERVER. So there really is no reason not to enjoy the Club!

Chess for ALL is our mantra!

Remember

You can find us in the following places:

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Tournament News

(Events not mentioned here remain as last reported.)

Tom Morris League Championship 2017/18 – Paul Pope

Friends, fellow competitors, please take note that this is the final month of play for this year's tournament. The date for adjudication of all unfinished games is Monday 8th October. Could you please forward any affected games to me as soon as possible after this date to enable me to prepare for next year.

While thinking about next year, please remember **unless you tell me otherwise I will assume you wish to continue playing next year**. I am aiming if at all possible to have the new pairings ready in early November so please let me know if you do not wish to continue as soon as possible. Likewise, if you wish to join the fun next year, please let me know by the beginning of November at the latest. **When considering please remember that postal play is the default for the Championship but it is not used exclusively**. More than half of the games this year were completed by methods other than post, by mutual agreement between the players.

The Premier Division has already crowned the Champion of NATCOR for 2017/18 in Peter Dudeney. Congratulations once again Peter! It was a very hard fought division, and with only two games left to declare the top places have been settled, with only 1½ points covering the top four!

*(**Bold** indicates played with the black pieces)*

	Premier Division	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Tot.
1	Marc Wakeham	■		0	1	½	0	0	1½
2	Alan Beresford		■	0		0	0	0	0
3	Jim Garvock	1	1	■	1	½	½	½	4½
4	Jerry Cope	0		0	■	0	0	0	0
5	Stephen Bailey	½	1	½	1	■	½	0	3½
6	Colin Truelove	1	1	½	1	½	■	½	4½
7	Peter Dudeney	1	1	½	1	1	½	■	5

In the First Division, there are three players fighting for the two promotion places, currently only separated by ½ a point. There are five games left to declare, and they could prove crucial to how the table finishes.

	First Division	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Tot.
1	Chris Martin	■			0	1	0		1
2	Andrew Allport		■	0	0	½	0		½
3	Paul Pope		1	■	½	1	½	½	3½
4	Richard Webster	1	1	½	■	1	½	1	4
5	Colin Hipwell	0	½	0	0	■	0	1	1½
6	Colin Lyne	1	1	½	½	1	■		4
7	Phil Drury			½	0	0		■	½

In the Second Division, both David Waud and Russell Finch have secured their places in Division One next year, congratulations to both of you! David takes 1st place by virtue of his better record as black.

	Second Division	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Tot.
1	Gordon Barron	■	1		0	0			1
2	Pat Sutcliffe	0	■	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Paul Dahlgren		1	■	0	0	½	1	2½
4	David Waud	1	1	1	■	½	1	1	5½
5	Russell Finch	1	1	1	½	■	1	1	5½
6	Anthony Thistlewood		1	1	½	0	■	1	3½
7	Graham Mill-Wilson		1	0	0	0	0	■	1

In the Third Division, the top spot is still to be played for. It is a very open situation.

	Third Division	1	2	3	4	5	Tot.
1	John Walker	■				1	1
2	Eddy Bishop		■	1	1	1	3
3	John Owens		0	■		0	0
4	Philip Swindells		0		■	1	1
5	Ian Fawcett	0	0	1	0	■	1



The Keith Richardson GM All-Play-All Tournament – Graham Mill-Wilson

Web server APA events are now available! If you want to play your APA games via the ICCF server please let me know and I will enter you in one of the new server-only APA tournaments.

Players not specifying the server as their choice will be placed in a standard APA event where they may agree any method of play with their opponents with post as the default.

APA78	(15/7/17-14/7/18)	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Stephen Bailey	■	1	1	1	0	3
2	Mike Pointon	0	■	½	½	0	1
3	Paul Dahlgren	0	½	■	0	0	½
4	Alan Beresford	0	½	1	■	0	1½
5	Colin Lyne	1	1	1	1	■	4

APA82	(21/7/18-20/7/19)	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Graham Mill-Wilson	■					
2	Alan Beresford		■				
3	Colin Lyne			■			
4	Andrew Allport				■		
5	Douglas Essex					■	

APA83	(26/9/18-25/9/19)	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	John Nichol	■					
2	Alan Miles		■				
3	Stephen Bailey			■			
4	Peter Dunks				■		
5	Richard Webster					■	



Reg Gilman Continuous Tournament – Peter Dudeney

Results reported since EP980

16/07/2018	33131	Marc Wakeham	1	0	Mark Baller
17/07/2018	33196	David Hardy	1	0	Stephen Bailey
18/07/2018	33246	Alan Miles	0	1	David Hardy
18/07/2018	33190	Michael Pointon	½	½	Ashley Wright
20/07/2018	33163	John Moore	1	0	Craig Douglas

24/07/2018	33170	Edward Bishop	0	1	Adam Spencer
24/07/2018	33291	David Yeeles	0	1	Peter Dudeney
24/07/2018	33292	Peter Dudeney	1	0	David Yeeles
28/07/2018	33195	Stephen Bailey	½	½	David Hardy
29/07/2018	33182	Paul Pope	0	1	Brian Goodwin
30/07/2018	33165	Edward Bishop	1	0	Paul Theedom-Bridgeman
30/07/2018	33245	David Hardy	1	0	Alan Miles
01/08/2018	33142	Mark Baller	1	0	Colin Hipwell
01/08/2018	33266	Marc Wakeham	½	½	Colin Truelove
04/08/2018	33121	Stephen Bailey	½	½	Jim Garvock
06/08/2018	33139	Colin Hipwell	0	1	Tony Rimmer
06/08/2018	33140	Tony Rimmer	1	0	Colin Hipwell
07/08/2018	33166	Paul Theedom-Bridgeman	0	1	Edward Bishop
11/08/2018	33248	Alan Miles	0	1	Brian Goodwin
13/08/2018	33189	Ashley Wright	½	½	Michael Pointon
13/08/2018	33174	Colin Truelove	½	½	Richard Webster
13/08/2018	33277	Arthur Knox	½	½	Adam Spencer
14/08/2018	33122	Jim Garvock	1	0	Stephen Bailey
14/08/2018	32896	Russell Finch	1	0	Fred Wusteman
14/08/2018	33226	Cornelius Cornes	0	1	Stephen Bailey
14/08/2018	33284	John Moore	0	1	Lawrence Rhodes
15/08/2018	33004	David Tate	1	0	Peter Grant
15/08/2018	33253	John Lawton	1	0	Marc Wakeham
15/08/2018	33254	Marc Wakeham	0	1	John Lawton
20/08/2018	33278	Adam Spencer	½	½	Arthur Knox
20/08/2018	31967	Chris Martin	1	0	Simon Burgess
20/08/2018	31968	Simon Burgess	0	1	Chris Martin
20/08/2018	33303	John Moore	0	1	Jim Lobley
20/08/2018	32823	Christian McCaul	0	1	Richard Dixon
21/08/2018	33247	Brian Goodwin	1	0	Alan Miles
22/08/2018	33257	Paul Dahlgren	½	½	Arthur Knox
22/08/2018	33258	Arthur Knox	0	1	Paul Dahlgren
23/08/2018	33191	Mary Deans	1	0	Tony Rimmer
23/08/2018	33041	Stephanie Lawrence	1	0	Bob Upton
24/08/2018	33287	Brian Goodwin	1	0	Roy Egginton
25/08/2018	33285	David Yeeles	0	1	Ashley Wright
25/08/2018	33286	Ashley Wright	1	0	David Yeeles
28/08/2018	33237	Rachael Moore	0	1	Arthur Knox
29/08/2018	33283	Lawrence Rhodes	1	0	John Moore
30/08/2018	33311	Paul Theedom-Bridgeman	0	1	Mark Baller
30/08/2018	33312	Mark Baller	1	0	Paul Theedom-Bridgeman
31/08/2018	33250	Stephen Bailey	0	1	Peter Dunks
31/08/2018	33161	Anthony Rigby	0	1	Colin Lyne
31/08/2018	33162	Colin Lyne	1	0	Anthony Rigby
03/09/2018	33304	Jim Lobley	1	0	John Moore
08/09/2018	33263	Marc Wakeham	½	½	Stephen Bailey
08/09/2018	33200	Des Green	1	0	Richard Webster
09/09/2018	33141	Colin Hipwell	½	½	Mark Baller
10/09/2018	33243	Arthur Knox	1	0	Anthony Thistlewood
10/09/2018	33333	Arthur Knox	1	0	Paul Theedom-Bridgeman
12/09/2018	33003	Peter Grant	0	1	David Tate

RGCT Table @ 14th September 2018

Name	R/R	G/O	P	W	D	L	Pts
LYNE, COLIN	2	4	20	17	3	0	18½
Mason, Ian		2	20	14	6	0	17
Truelove, Colin		5	20	14	5	1	16½
DUDENEY, PETER		2	20	11	8	1	15
Lawton, John	2	2	20	10	9	1	14½
Caulkett, Pete		2	20	13	2	5	14
Deans, Mary	1	5	20	9	9	2	13½
Lobley, Jim	2	6	20	9	9	2	13½
Garvock, Jim		4	20	12	2	6	13
Rimmer, Tony	1	5	20	10	5	5	12½
Wakeham, Marc	3	14	20	10	5	5	12½
Finch, Russell		1	20	10	4	6	12
Goodwin, Brian	2	2	20	10	4	6	12
Butcher, Doug		6	20	10	3	7	11½
Martin, Chris	2	2	20	10	3	7	11½
Rigby, Anthony	2	4	20	11	1	8	11½
Allport, Andrew		11	20	9	4	7	11
Margrave, Fred		4	20	9	4	7	11
Wright, Ashley	2	6	20	9	4	7	11
Webster, Richard	1	4	14	8	5	1	10½
Lawrence, Stephanie	1	6	14	9	3	2	10½
Pope, Paul		5	19	8	4	7	10
Dunks, Peter	1	1	20	5	9	6	9½
Green, Des	1	1	20	8	3	9	9½
Pointon, Michael		4	20	5	8	7	9
Knox, Arthur	6	5	20	6	6	8	9
Filby, Ray		2	20	9	0	11	9
Hardy, David		2	10	6	4	0	8
Dixon, Richard	1	9	13	7	2	4	8
Bishop, Edward		7	20	6	4	10	8
Moore, John	4	4	20	7	2	11	8
BAILEY, STEPHEN	3	15	20	5	5	10	7½
Barron, Gordon		6	20	6	3	11	7½
Pomeroy, Ray		2	20	7	1	12	7½
Grant, Peter	2	2	20	5	4	11	7
Egginton, Roy	1	1	20	6	2	12	7
Dowell, Chris		2	20	7	0	13	7
Dahlgren, Paul	2	10	20	4	5	11	6½
Spencer, Adam	1	3	20	4	5	11	6½
Hipwell, Colin	1	2	20	5	3	12	6½
White, John		2	20	5	3	12	6½
Wusteman, Fred		3	20	6	1	13	6½
Parrott, Laurence		2	10	6	0	4	6
Tupper, Alex		2	20	2	8	10	6
Payne, Graham		14	20	6	0	14	6
Douglas, Craig		2	20	5	1	14	5½

Rixon, Anthony		4	20	5	1	14	5½
Tate, David	2	4	6	4	2	0	5
McCaul, Christian	1	6	14	4	0	10	4
Upton, Bob	1	3	20	4	0	16	4
Miles, Alan	1	6	14	1	5	8	3½
Baller, Mark	3	5	15	3	1	11	3½
Mackenzie, Reginald		1	20	2	3	15	3½
Swindells, Philip		2	12	2	2	8	3
Thistlewood, Anthony	1	4	20	2	2	16	3
Mill-Wilson, Graham		4	20	1	2	17	2
Childs, Simon		2	7	1	1	5	1½
Senior, Lee		1	1	1	0	0	1
Moore, Rachael	1	2	4	0	1	3	½
Dolan, Ray		2	2	0	0	2	0
Berger, Byron		1	3	0	0	3	0
Theedom-Bridgeman, Paul	3	1	9	0	0	9	0

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Ackley, Peter		6	0	0	0	0	0
Butterworth, Laurence		4	0	0	0	0	0
Mcguire, Peter		4	0	0	0	0	0

No Games Outstanding

Burgess, Simon	2	0	13	3	4	6	5	1st month
Cornes, Cornelius	1	0	18	5	5	8	7½	1st month
Dawkins, Arthur		0	20	5	1	14	5½	3rd month
Lambert, Derek		0	16	3	3	10	4½	3rd month
Richardson, Dave		0	20	9	4	7	11	3rd month

New Pairings Since EP980

11/07/2018	33299	33300	Jim Lobley	Tony Rimmer
20/07/2018	33301	33302	Craig Douglas	Edward Bishop
20/07/2018	33303	33304	John Moore	Jim Lobley
30/07/2018	33305	33306	Paul Dahlgren	Christian McCaul
30/07/2018	33307	33308	Edward Bishop	Alan Miles
01/08/2018	33309	33310	Paul Dahlgren	Mark Baller
07/08/2018	33311	33312	Paul Theedom-Bridgeman	Mark Baller
07/08/2018	33313	33314	Edward Bishop	Mark Baller
09/08/2018	33315	33316	David Tate	Christian McCaul
13/08/2018	33317	33318	Michael Pointon	Marc Wakeham
13/08/2018	33319	33320	Tony Rimmer	Peter Dudeney
14/08/2018	33321	33322	Jim Garvock	Stephen Bailey
20/08/2018	33323	33324	Colin Truelove	Mary Deans
20/08/2018	33325	33326	Chris Martin	David Tate
21/08/2018	33327	33328	Ashley Wright	Alan Miles
22/08/2018	33329	33330	John Moore	Arthur Knox
29/08/2018	33331	33332	John Moore	Rachael Moore
30/08/2018	33333	33334	Arthur Knox	Paul Theedom-Bridgeman
03/09/2018	33335	33336	Colin Lyne	Jim Lobley
09/09/2018	33337	33338	Colin Hipwell	Ashley Wright

10/09/2018	33339	33340	Anthony Rigby	Stephanie Lawrence
12/09/2018	33341	33342	Arthur Knox	Peter Ackley
12/09/2018	33343	33344	Marc Wakeham	Peter Ackley
12/09/2018	33345	33346	Stephen Bailey	Peter Ackley



Norman Bond Knockout Tournament – Anthony Thistlewood

NBKO 163 R1 (25/3/18 – 24/3/19)		
Arthur Knox	0-2	Colin Lyne
Ed Bishop	-v-	Anthony Thistlewood
Colin Hipwell	0-2	Stephen Bailey
Peter McGuire	0-2	Marc Wakeham

NBKO 163 SF1 (10/8/18 – 10/8/19)		
Stephen Bailey	-v-	Marc Wakeham

NBKO 164 R1 (19/08/18 – 19/08/19)		
Colin Hipwell	-v-	Brian Goodwin
Anthony Thistlewood	-v-	Mark Baller
Marc Wakeham	-v-	David Hardy
Paul Pope	-v-	Stephen Bailey

Have you tried the NBKO yet? Why not give it another go? You play **only one** opponent in each round! Please let me have your details as I am eager to start a new NBKO tournament as soon as I can. Anthony.



Team Matches – Paul Pope Match Captain

WCCF Member Organisations Team Tournament IV

TD Mercader Martínez, Juan Gustavo

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
1	BCCA Lasker	2105	█	1	2	3.5	2.5	3	3	4	19	65	9	9	29	6	1
2	SchemingMind B	2038	3	█	2.5	2	1.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	16.5	68	9	6	24	11	2
3	BCCA Steinitz	2103	2	1.5	█	3	2	3	2	3	16.5	56	4	6	29	6	3
4	Social CCA	2083	1.5	2	2	█	2	1.5	2.5	3.5	15	48	-1	3	31	4	4
5	BCCA Keres	2056	1.5	1.5	2	2	█	2.5	1.5	3.5	14.5	57	4	3	25	10	5
6	BCCA Tal	2052	1	0.5	2	3.5	1.5	█	1.5	4	14	46	-2	4	30	5	6
7	SchemingMind A	1937	1	0.5	0	1.5	0.5	2.5	█	2.5	8.5	36	-6	2	23	12	7
8	NATCOR	1831	0	0.5	2	0.5	0.5	1	1.5	█	6	20	-17	0	29	6	8

Not yet started: 0, Ongoing: 30, Adjudication pending: 0, Finished: 110

Alas, we soldier on in this tournament still firmly rooted to the base of the table. As I've said previously the teams are of a very high standard in this endeavour so we can hold our heads high that we are getting some good results. Live cross table: <https://www.iccf.com/event?id=72568>

NEW EVENT: 5th British Webserver Team Tournament

I'm pleased to report that we have once again been able to field three full teams for this tournament, organised by the Welsh Correspondence Chess Federation. The 'A' team are playing in the Second Division, with the 'B' and 'C' teams in the new split Fourth Division, 'B's are in Division 4B, the 'C's are in Division 4A. Early days so not much to report at this stage apart from the teams of course!

GB/TT5/D2, 5th British WS Tournament - Division 2

		TD Lockwood, Austin							Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7							
1	Social CCA A 2223	█	2	0.5	0.5	3.5	1	2	9.5	73	6	4	13	11	1
2	White Rose A 2151	2	█	1.5	0	1.5	0.5	2	7.5	62	3	2	12	12	2
3	Civil Service A 2241	0.5	1.5	█	1	1	0.5	1	5.5	61	2	0	9	15	3
4	BCCA Kings 2288	0.5	0	1	█	1	1	1	4.5	75	3	0	6	18	4
5	Natcor A 2093	0.5	0.5	0	0	█	0	2	3	27	-5	1	11	13	5
6	Sussex Servers 2216	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	█	1	3	50	0	0	6	18	6
7	White Rose B 1799	0	0	0	0	0	0	█	0	0	-9	0	9	15	7

Not yet started: 0, Ongoing: 51, Adjudication pending: 0, Finished: 33

Natcor A consists of: Stephen Bailey, Marc Wakeham, Peter Dudeney and Peter Dunks.

Live cross table: <https://www.iccf.com/event?id=75024>

GB/TT5/D4A, 5th British WS Tournament - Division 4A

		TD Lockwood, Austin					Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
		1	2	3	4	5							
1	BCCA Tacticians 2014	█	2.5	4	4	7	17.5	97	17	4	18	14	1
2	Social CCA B 1911	0.5	█	5	4.5	5	15	78	11	6	19	13	2
3	BCCA Cardinals 1588	0	0	█	2	3	5	31	-6	0	16	16	3
4	Natcor C 1655	0	0.5	2	█	2	4.5	30	-6	0	15	17	4
5	White Rose C 1473	0	1	0	0	█	1	5	-16	0	18	14	5

Not yet started: 0, Ongoing: 37, Adjudication pending: 0, Finished: 43

Natcor C consists of: Paul Pope, Andrew Allport, Ian Fawcett and Arthur Knox.

Live cross table: <https://www.iccf.com/event?id=75026>

GB/TT5/D4B, 5th British WS Tournament - Division 4B

		TD Wakeham, Marc R.					Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
		1	2	3	4	5							
1	BCCA Cavaliers 1904	█	4	2.5	6.5	3	16	84	13	3	19	13	1
2	Social CCA C 1701	1	█	1	3	1.5	6.5	54	1	0	12	20	2
3	BCCA Bishops 1590	1.5	0	█	2	0.5	4	50	0	0	8	24	3
4	Natcor B 1671	0.5	1	0	█	0	1.5	11	-10	0	13	19	4
5	Civil Service C 1639	0	0.5	0.5	0	█	1	16	-4	0	6	26	5

Not yet started: 0, Ongoing: 51, Adjudication pending: 0, Finished: 29

Natcor B consists of: David Waud, Anthony Thistlewood, Pat Sutcliffe and Phil Drury

Live cross table: <https://www.iccf.com/event?id=75091>

NATCOR on SchemingMind.com

Our progress in the Standard Chess League continues and the news is good. We have secured a win in one of our games and the second is all but secured. The third game is due to be set up very shortly. In the meantime here are the cross tables of the other two games:

Standard Chess League - Season Eleven

Division Five

Board	scheming kNights	Game		NATCOR
1	Ingemar Assarsjö bridge 1847 (85)	● 0	● 1	PeterDude 2091 (254)
		● 0	● 1	
2	Thomas Jacob Kelly Koops 1729 (75)	● 1	● 0	Graham Mill-Wilson Sir Osis of the Liver 1525 (90)
		● 1	● 0	
3	Hoey007 1929 (143)	● -	● -	AlexiusIII 2184 (151)
		● -	● -	
4	Felix Kronlage felixkronlage 1291 (77)	● 0	● 1	James Reed Jim78 1430 (97)
		● 0 ^D	● 1 ^D	
5	Bacon 1147 (95)	● 0	● 1	Jian23 1079 (297)
		● 1	● 0	
		3	5	

Live table: https://www.schemingmind.com/clubmatch.aspx?match_id=3531

Division Five

Board	NATCOR	Game		Tîm Cymru - Team Wales
1	PeterDude 2193 (202)	● 1	● 0	daveroberts 1797 (115)
		● 1	● 0	
2	Graham Mill-Wilson Sir Osis of the Liver 1485 (92)	● 0	● 1	Marc Wakeham Marc Wakeham 1669 (92)
		● 0	● 1	
3	AlexiusIII 2184 (151)	● -	● -	Cymro 1681 (123)
		● -	● -	
4	James Reed Jim78 1430 (97)	● 1	● 0	dzwu56sl 1126 (108)
		● 1	● 0	
5	Jian23 1366 (181)	● 1	● 0	Arthur Wilding knightfork 1083 (83)
		● 1	● 0	
		6	2	

Live Table: https://www.schemingmind.com/clubmatch.aspx?match_id=3549

Please note, I am AlexiusIII, Ian Fawcett is Jian23 and Peter Dudeney is PeterDude.



NATCOR v BCCA 2017/18 Final Results

Both matches have now been completed and I'm happy to report that we have won the fixture overall by a combined score of 30½ - 31½, BCCA winning the Webserver leg 20 - 18 and ourselves winning the postal leg 10½ - 13½. The final game, Rigby v Marshall ended as a draw. Thank you all once again for coming forward to represent Natcor. I am glad to say that after speaking to Neil Limbert, captain for BCCA, we are already working on a rematch. Don't panic, it won't be yet due to tournaments on both our side and their

side. Tentatively we are looking to start in the first few months of 2019 so I'll ask for volunteers in the new year.



NATCOR v Bloxwich Junior Chess Academy

More results have come in and the score is now even more heavily weighted towards us 27-6. Only three games left to declare. Live cross table: <https://www.iccf.com/event?id=72274>



Bonus Coverage: England v Rest of Europe (ROE)

Bear with me on this one! Andrew Dearnley, friendly captain for England with the ICCF, invited me to play in an England team due to play a ROE team. At the same time he also asked if any other members of Natcor would like to join the fun, and after putting out an email I'm very happy to announce that 15 players have said they would like to, and a 16th is on standby if required. On behalf of Andrew thank you very much for stepping up to represent not just Natcor but England! I'll publish updates in EP as the match progresses.



Webserver Triplets – Colin Hipwell

It is with regret that I have to announce the end of this particular event owing to its having become unworkable. There were simply not enough entrants to keep it running in an efficient manner but I must extend my thanks to those of you who registered for rolling entries to provide your support. Current games and subsequent finals will be played to a finish. Don't despair, though, as you can now get guaranteed web server pairings in the RGCT and the new APA web server tournaments.

Tournament 10 Final (10/04/18 – 09/04/19) Stephen Bailey, Alex Tupper, Peter Dunks
Stephen Bailey 1-1 Peter Dunks
Alex Tupper 0-2 Peter Dunks
Alex Tupper 0-1 Stephen Bailey

Section 12A (02/02/18 – 01/02/19) Reg Mackenzie, Rachael Moore, Alan Miles
Alan Miles 1-1 Reg Mackenzie
Rachael Moore 0-2 Reg Mackenzie
Rachael Moore 0-2 Alan Miles
Alan wins this section on tie –break and qualifies for the Tournament 12 Final

Tournament 12 Final (29/08/18 – 28/08/2019) Alan Miles, Pablo Moujan, Lawrence Rhodes
Lawrence Rhodes 0-1 Pablo Moujan

Section 13A (30/04/18 – 29/04/19) Derek Lambert, Fred Margrave, David Hardy
David Hardy 2-0 Derek Lambert
Derek Lambert 0-2 Fred Margrave
David Hardy 2-0 Fred Margrave
David wins this section with a perfect record and progresses to the final.

Section 13B (11/06/18 - 10/06/19) Cornelius Cornes, Mike Pointon, Lawrence Rhodes
Mike Pointon 1½-½ Lawrence Rhodes
Cornelius Cornes 2-0 Lawrence Rhodes
Cornelius Cornes 1½-½ Mike Pointon
Cornelius wins this section and joins David in the final.



Chess Stuff for Sale: Graham Lawrence has 72 books and 2 chess computers (Novag Sapphire & Mephisto Master) for sale and wants to give our members first refusal. Please contact Graham if you are interested: 07855 935449 or email graham_lawrence_2@hotmail.com.



A Natcor Member At The Hull British Championships (A cautionary tale from Mike Pointon)

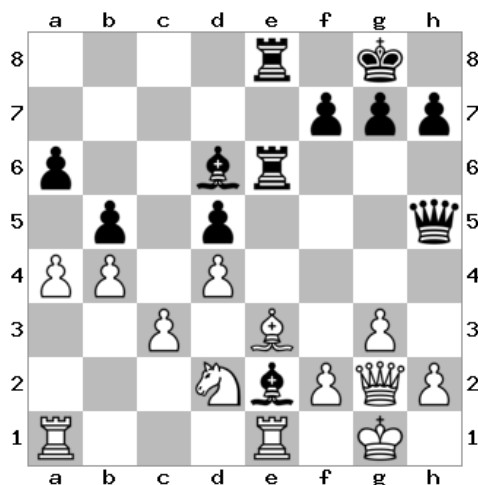
Mike Pointon – 'Anika'
Hull British Championships 2018
(C89 Ruy Lopez, Marshall Counter-Attack)
Comments by Mike

“Bad luck Mike, you moved a bit too quickly on that one”, said Ray (Pomeroy), as I blundered away my rook. Of course I could not recapture with my f2 pawn because it was pinned by his bishop. That certainly did not bode well for me in Hull, where I had enlisted in the Soanes U150 weekender (my first ever), but forewarned is forearmed. “You will find it tough, but I am sure you can do well”, encouraged Cornelius (Cornes) who was proceeding to annihilate me in an endgame where I was the exchange down. In fact, after taking the bye for the Friday evening, I won my first game against a Cumbrian, and I felt infused with confidence. My opponent for the afternoon was a young girl, whose father patted her on the head before the game. I later discovered she was 12; I thought it condescendingly impolite to ask her age face to face. With the white pieces, I opened (like Fischer) with my customary e4:

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. 0-0 Be7 6. Re1 b5 7. Bb3 0-0 8. c3 d5 The Marshall gambit, which I have played this season in fact, but I was struggling to dredge up the moves from my faltering middle-aged memory...

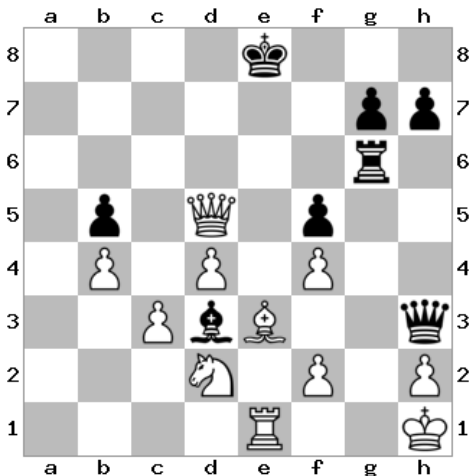
9. exd5 Nxd5 10. Nxe5 Nxe5 11. Rxe5 c6 12. d4 Bd6 13. Re1 Qh4 14. g3 Qh3 15. Qf3 Bg4 16. Qg2 Qh5 17. Be3 Rae8 18. Nd2 Re6 ... as opposed to Anika, who was looking distinctly bored as my clock was ticking and she was indulging her other obvious talent for artwork on the side of her score sheet.

19. Bxd5 cxd5 20. b4 Rfe8 21. a4 Be2



I'm trying for queenside counter play, but her 21....Be2 looks a bit ominously imaginative for my liking.

22. axb5 axb5 23. Ra5 Bd3 24. Qf3 Qh3 25. Qxd5 Bf4 26. Ra8 Kf8 27 .Rxe8+ Kxe8 28. gxf4 Rg6+ 29. Kh1 f5 But what's this? She's not looking too confident now! Nor should she be, Anika is seriously down in terms of material – I've got her! That draw that she offered me a few moves ago was mere desperation.



30.Qf3??

30. ... Be4 was played without hesitation. I even noted a slight look of sympathy in Anika's eyes. The game actually continued for another 34 moves, and although I missed possible drawing chances, eventually I could not prevent her h-pawn queening. The earlier psychological shock was too much for me – this was my rueful conclusion as I reviewed the game. Perhaps Marshall was indeed correct when he once said, "the hardest thing in chess is to win a won game". I do not know the moral of this sorry tale – perhaps more golf instead!

(Or 'Never work with children and animals' – Ed.)



In life, as in chess, forethought wins.

- Charles Buxton

The human element, the human flaw and the human nobility – those are the reasons that chess matches are won or lost.

- Vladimir Kramnik

Chess is so inspiring that I do not believe a good player is capable of having an evil thought during the game.

- William Steinitz

People knew about 110 years of chess history. Nowadays nobody is able to tell you the name of the world champion of 2000.

- Anatoly Karpov



I hope you have enjoyed browsing through the pages of this edition of 'En Passant'. **Please let me have your comments and contributions for the next edition by 15th November at the very latest.**

Colin Hipwell

Editor of 'En Passant'

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