# EN PASSANT

The Journal of the National Correspondence Chess Club
*The object of the Club: 'To foster friendship between members.'*

- **2023/2024 LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP UNDER WAY**
- **COMMITTEE AND PRESIDENT NOMINATIONS OPEN**
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# Chairman's Chat

**Hi all From NATCOR TOWERS**

As we come to the end of 2023. I hope we can reflect on some enjoyable times playing chess with our Natcor family. I know I have many such memories.

Remember the Club is here for the members. It is not a hobby for the committee. Please send any ideas you have for events etc. to the Secretary. We are currently looking at one such idea very closely and we hope to move forward on it in the new year. The idea came from a handful of guys via our Facebook page. So, please, don't be shy; if it is workable we will try to run with your ideas!

We are also starting to think about the future as we start our plans for our virtual AGM. Please think what you can do for your club. Also, please start thinking about a nomination for your next President. Is there a player who embodies the values of the club? It's the members' recognising a member.

Back to my first thoughts. May I be the first to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a fantastic New Year.

## <u>Remember</u>

*You can find us in the following places:*
Facebook - Just type in NATCOR
X - Look for NATCOR@NATCORCHESS
The web - www.natcor.org.uk
Email - have your EP delivered directly to your phone, PC, laptop or tablet!
Paper - EP will continue to be available by post!
Enjoy the best game in the world with the best correspondence club in the world!

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# New Members

We extend a warm Natcor welcome to ADJ Smith from Lincoln, Barry Hampton from Southampton, Paul Keevil from Wigan and Chris Smith from Leigh.

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# Recruitment Team Update – Nick Glanvile

Thanks to Natcor members who have offered to take promo materials to in-person events that they have been attending to promote the Club. Now that in-person tournaments are up and running again, I would like to ask any other members that are attending events to let me know if they would be willing to take Natcor promo materials with them.

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## Committee Nominations Invited

Do you feel you could fulfil one of the roles on our committee? Posts now open for applicants are: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Webmaster, Editor of En Passant and one of three general committee roles. A nomination shall consist of the signatures of the proposer and seconder, and a signed statement by the candidate that, if elected, they will be willing to serve. The candidate, proposer and seconder must be fully paid up members of the Club. If there is more than one candidate for any of these posts a ballot of the members will be held. Nominations must be with the Chairman by 20th December. Job descriptions for all of our officials are available from the 'Clubhouse' page on the Natcor web site. Candidates must, of course, have access to the internet in order to attend online committee meetings and conduct business in a timely manner.

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## The Reg Gilman Continuous Tournament Annual Report – Peter Dudeney

*(This report should have appeared in the previous EP – apologies for my oversight.  Ed.)*

You can see from this month's CT table that Natcor's flagship tournament continues to hold its own, with a monthly average over the past year of 70 to 80 members active in the CT. I would expect some downturn in activity as we continue to emerge fully from the pandemic. Nevertheless, with 235 new pairings over the past twelve months, and with the results from 466 games being recorded, activity in the CT compares favourably with last year.

Of the 235 new pairings, over 80% were on the webserver. Postal pairings (38) were up by 1/3rd compared to last year, and only 5 pairings were email. The increase in postal pairings has largely been down to our welcoming ex-BCCA postal players, following BCCA's decision to close down their postal events. Natcor remains committed to providing and supporting postal play. To this end, and recognising the increased demand for postal pairings, I have encouraged the formation of a small group of members who will take further postal pairings at any time. I want to thank them for this commitment! Despite the obvious popularity of the webserver, and ongoing problems with the postal service, postal players will continue to hold their own in the CT, and I want to encourage that. So I am always on the look-out for more members willing to play the occasional postal pairing. Please therefore give this some thought if you have not already done so.

Finally, I just want to remind members of the auto-renewal facility, whereby a player who finishes a pairing is automatically put down for a new pairing. This helps keep the momentum of the CT going and makes my job easier!   I would encourage members of the CT who do not have this facility to ask for it.

Enjoy your chess!

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# Tournament News
*(Events not mentioned here remain as last reported)*

## The Reg Gilman Continuous Tournament – Mary Deans

### RGCT Table @ 15th November 2023

| Name | R/R | G/O | P | W | D | L | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WAKEHAM, MARC CCM | | 7 | 20 | 14 | 6 | 0 | 17 |
| Deans, Mary | | 8 | 20 | 12 | 8 | 0 | 16 |
| Sherwood, Russell CCM | | 8 | 20 | 12 | 8 | 0 | 16 |
| GARVOCK, JIM | | 4 | 20 | 13 | 5 | 2 | 15½ |
| Hardingham, David | | 6 | 20 | 10 | 9 | 1 | 14½ |
| Brockbank, Henry IM | 2 | 10 | 20 | 10 | 8 | 2 | 14 |
| Pooley, Mark | 5 | 7 | 19 | 11 | 6 | 2 | 14 |
| Jones, Andrew | 8 | 5 | 15 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 13 |
| Mason, Ian CCM | 1 | 4 | 20 | 7 | 12 | 1 | 13 |
| +BAILEY, STEPHEN | 4 | 22 | 20 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 13 |
| Cutter, Paul | 1 | 7 | 20 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 13 |
| Kirk, Matthew | 3 | 2 | 20 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 13 |
| Pointon, Michael | 1 | 1 | 20 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 13 |
| Dixon, Richard | 2 | 11 | 20 | 11 | 4 | 5 | 13 |
| Mountford, David | 2 | 5 | 20 | 11 | 4 | 5 | 13 |
| Wright, Ashley | 2 | 6 | 20 | 13 | 0 | 7 | 13 |
| Hewes, Ralph | 3 | 6 | 20 | 8 | 9 | 3 | 12½ |
| Beckett, Phillip | | 8 | 20 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 12½ |
| Spencer, Adam | | 4 | 20 | 11 | 3 | 6 | 12½ |
| Anderson, Thomas | | 2 | 18 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 11½ |
| Clarke, David | 2 | 1 | 20 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 11½ |
| Burridge, Raymond | | 8 | 20 | 5 | 12 | 3 | 11 |
| Caulkett, Peter | | 8 | 18 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 11 |
| Egginton, Roy | 1 | 2 | 20 | 8 | 5 | 7 | 10½ |
| Swindells, Philip | | 2 | 20 | 10 | 1 | 9 | 10½ |
| Dahlgren, Paul | | 7 | 20 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 10 |
| Elwood, David | 5 | 7 | 20 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 10 |
| Rhodes, Lawrence | | 6 | 20 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 10 |
| Tupper, Alex | 2 | 2 | 20 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 10 |
| Rimmer, Tony | | 3 | 20 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 10 |
| Richardson, Dave | 1 | 4 | 20 | 9 | 2 | 9 | 10 |
| Powell, Jonathan | 2 | 5 | 20 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 9½ |
| Cornes, Cornelius | | 3 | 20 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 8½ |
| Dudeney, Keith | 2 | 5 | 20 | 7 | 2 | 11 | 8 |
| Barron, Gordon | 4 | 5 | 20 | 8 | 0 | 12 | 8 |
| Allport, Andrew | 2 | 2 | 20 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 7½ |
| Glanvile, Nicholas | 1 | 2 | 20 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 7½ |
| Moore, John | 2 | 2 | 20 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 7½ |
| Dunks, Peter | 1 | 4 | 20 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 6½ |
| Lawrence, Stephanie | | 1 | 20 | 5 | 3 | 12 | 6½ |
| Rixon, Anthony | | 1 | 20 | 5 | 3 | 12 | 6½ |
| Gibbons, Jim | 2 | 6 | 20 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 6 |
| Mill-Wilson, Graham | 7 | 6 | 20 | 6 | 0 | 14 | 6 |

| Douglas, Craig | 1 | 3 | 20 | 2 | 7 | 11 | 5½ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Girling, Clive CCM | | 2 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 5 |
| Stone, John | | 4 | 20 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 5 |
| Finch, Russell | | 2 | 20 | 3 | 3 | 14 | 4½ |
| Shaw, Tony | 1 | 11 | 20 | 3 | 3 | 14 | 4½ |
| McCaul, Christian | | 6 | 20 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 4½ |
| Titley, Malcolm | 1 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| Watson, Wilfred | 2 | 2 | 16 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 4 |
| Drury, Philip | | 3 | 20 | 2 | 4 | 14 | 4 |
| Ariss, John | 3 | 6 | 20 | 3 | 2 | 15 | 4 |
| White, John | | 2 | 20 | 3 | 1 | 16 | 3½ |
| Hughes, Greg | | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Morton, Peter | 2 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2½ |
| Biddulph, David | | 6 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Scarrott, Clive | | 7 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Palmer, Vincent | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | ½ |
| Law, Ken | 2 | 2 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 |

## No Results Box

| Keevil, Paul | | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Smith, Chris | | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clayton, Ian | | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Edge, David | | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lead, Barry | | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mounsey, Clive | | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

## NO GAMES OUTSTANDING

| DUDENEY, PETER | | 0 | 20 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 12½ | 2nd month |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Thistlewood, Anthony | 1 | 0 | 20 | 3 | 2 | 15 | 4 | 1st month |
| Wusteman, Fred | 2 | 0 | 20 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 7 | 1st month |

## Results Reported Since EP 1011

| 10/09/2023 | 35820 | Andrew Jones | 1 | 0 | Ken Law |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13/09/2023 | 35743 | Stephen Bailey | 1 | 0 | Ken Law |
| 18/09/2023 | 35729 | Peter Dunks | 0 | 1 | Stephen Bailey |
| 18/09/2023 | 35763 | David Clarke | 1 | 0 | Ashley Wright |
| 19/09/2023 | 35819 | Ken Law | 0 | 1 | Andrew Jones |
| 20/09/2023 | 35751 | Phillip Beckett | 0 | 1 | David Elwood |
| 21/09/2023 | 35842 | Peter Dudeney | 1 | 0 | David Elwood |
| 21/09/2023 | 35483 | Nicholas Glanvile | 0 | 1 | Stephen Bailey |
| 24/09/2023 | 35849 | Raymond Burridge | ½ | ½ | Andrew Jones |
| 26/09/2023 | 35832 | John Ariss | 1 | 0 | Jim Gibbons |
| 26/09/2023 | 35850 | Andrew Jones | ½ | ½ | Raymond Burridge |
| 26/09/2023 | 35841 | David Elwood | 0 | 1 | Peter Dudeney |
| 27/09/2023 | 38503 | David Elwood | ½ | ½ | Russell Finch |
| 28/09/2023 | 35653 | Andrew Allport | 0 | 1 | Henry Brockbank |
| 28/09/2023 | 35848 | Andrew Jones | 1 | 0 | Peter Dunks |
| 28/09/2023 | 35641 | Mary Deans | 1 | 0 | Stephen Bailey |

| 01/10/2023 | 35581 | Stephen Bailey | 0 | 1 | Marc Wakeham |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 01/10/2023 | 35527 | Stephen Bailey | ½ | ½ | David Elwood |
| 01/10/2023 | 35780 | Greg Hughes | 1 | 0 | Philip Drury |
| 02/10/2023 | 35804 | Russell Finch | 1 | 0 | David Elwood |
| 02/10/2023 | 35755 | Michael Pointon | 0 | 1 | Ralph Hewes |
| 02/10/2023 | 35744 | Ken Law | 0 | 1 | Stephen Bailey |
| 03/10/2023 | 35785 | John Ariss | 0 | 1 | Mark Pooley |
| 03/10/2023 | 35756 | Ralph Hewes | ½ | ½ | Michael Pointon |
| 04/10/2023 | 35443 | Mary Deans | 1 | 0 | Mark Pooley |
| 04/10/2023 | 35831 | Jim Gibbons | ½ | ½ | John Ariss |
| 04/10/2023 | 35714 | Marc Wakeham | 1 | 0 | Jim Garvock |
| 07/10/2023 | 35827 | Nicholas Glanvile | 1 | 0 | Philip Drury |
| 07/10/2023 | 35752 | David Elwood | 0 | 1 | Phillip Beckett |
| 08/10/2023 | 35805 | Jim Gibbons | ½ | ½ | David Mountford |
| 08/10/2023 | 35654 | Henry Brockbank | ½ | ½ | Andrew Allport |
| 08/10/2023 | 35828 | Philip Drury | 0 | 1 | Nicholas Glanvile |
| 08/10/2023 | 35608 | Paul Cutter | ½ | ½ | Stephen Bailey |
| 09/10/2023 | 35787 | Jonathan Powell | 0 | 1 | Mark Pooley |
| 09/10/2023 | 35790 | Mark Pooley | 1 | 0 | Cornelius Cornes |
| 10/10/2023 | 35824 | Peter Dunks | ½ | ½ | Tony Rimmer |
| 06/10/2023 | 35665 | Richard Dixon | 0 | 1 | Clive Scarrott |
| 13/10/2023 | 35836 | Ashley Wright | 1 | 0 | Jim Gibbons |
| 14/10/2023 | 35833 | Roy Eggington | 1 | 0 | Graham Mill-Wilson |
| 16/10/2023 | 35809 | Ian Mason | 1 | 0 | Ralph Hewes |
| 16/10/2023 | 35835 | Jim Gibbons | 0 | 1 | Ashley Wright |
| 17/10/2023 | 35834 | Graham Mill-Wilson | 0 | 1 | Roy Egginton |
| 10/10/2023 | 35456 | Gordon Barron | 0 | 1 | Dave Richardson |
| 18/10/2023 | 35806 | Jim Gibbons | 0 | 1 | David Mountford |
| 19/10/2023 | 35807 | John Moore | ½ | ½ | Vincent Palmer |
| 19/10/2023 | 35877 | Andrew Jones | 1 | 0 | Keith Dudeney |
| 20/10/2023 | 35771 | Ralph Hewes | ½ | ½ | Mark Pooley |
| 20/10/2023 | 35810 | Ralph Hewes | ½ | ½ | Ian Mason |
| 21/10/2023 | 35721 | Ralph Hewes | ½ | ½ | Matthew Kirk |
| 21/10/2023 | 35878 | Keith Dudeney | 0 | 1 | Andrew Jones |
| 21/10/2023 | 35864 | David Elwood | 0 | 1 | Andrew Jones |
| 22/10/2023 | 35825 | Alan Miles | 0 | 1 | Graham Mill-Wilson |
| 22/10/2023 | 35826 | Graham Mill-Wilson | 1 | 0 | Alan Miles |
| 22/10/2023 | 35768 | Mark Pooley | 1 | 0 | Paul Cutter |
| 23/10/2023 | 35875 | Andrew Jones | 1 | 0 | John Ariss |
| 24/10/2023 | 35149 | Richard Dixon | 1 | 0 | Fred Wusteman |
| 24/10/2023 | 35150 | Fred Wusteman | 0 | 1 | Richard Dixon |
| 24/10/2023 | 35678 | Stephen Bailey | 1 | 0 | David Clarke |
| 25/10/2023 | 35730 | Stephen Bailey | 1 | 0 | Peter Dunks |
| 25/10/2023 | 35876 | Andrew Jones | 0 | 1 | John Ariss |
| 26/10/2023 | 35863 | Andrew Jones | 1 | 0 | David Elwood |
| 28/10/2023 | 35737 | Henry Brockbank | 1 | 0 | Peter Morton |
| 28/10/2023 | 35738 | Peter Morton | 0 | 1 | Henry Brockbank |
| 28/10/2023 | 35616 | Tony Shaw | 1 | 0 | Anthony Thistlewood |
| 29/10/2023 | 35786 | Mark Pooley | 1 | 0 | John Ariss |
| 30/10/2023 | 35676 | David Clarke | 1 | 0 | Nicholas Glanvile |
| 30/10/2023 | 35814 | Wilfred Watson | 0 | 1 | Andrew Allport |
| 30/10/2023 | 35793 | David Mountford | 0 | 1 | Mark Pooley |
| 02/11/2023 | 35555 | Stephen Bailey | 1 | 0 | Alan Beresford |

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| 02/11/2023 | 35556 | Alan Beresford | 0 | 1 | Stephen Bailey |
| 02/11/2023 | 35893 | Alan Miles | 0 | 1 | Andrew Jones |
| 02/11/2023 | 35894 | Andrew Jones | 1 | 0 | Alan Miles |
| 02/11/2023 | 35521 | Gordon Barron | 1 | 0 | Sean Tomlinson |
| 02/11/2023 | 35522 | Sean Tomlinson | 0 | 1 | Gordon Barron |
| 02/11/2023 | 35862 | David Elwood | 0 | 1 | Matthew Kirk |
| 02/11/2023 | 35764 | Ashley Wright | 0 | 1 | David Clarke |
| 03/11/2023 | 35565 | Malcolm Titley | 1 | 0 | Gordon Barron |
| 04/11/2023 | 35837 | Graham Mill-Wilson | 0 | 1 | Alex Tupper |
| 05/11/2023 | 35865 | Graham Mill-Wilson | 1 | 0 | Ken Law |
| 06/11/2023 | 35788 | Mark Pooley | 1 | 0 | Jonathan Powell |
| 06/11/2023 | 35817 | Craig Douglas | ½ | ½ | Jonathan Powell |
| 07/11/2023 | 35838 | Alex Tupper | 1 | 0 | Graham Mill-Wilson |
| 10/11/2023 | 35886 | Ken Law | 0 | 1 | Graham Mill-Wilson |
| 11/11/2023 | 35861 | Matthew Kirk | ½ | ½ | David Elwood |
| 13/11/2023 | 35854 | David Elwood | 1 | 0 | John Moore |
| 13/11/2023 | 35868 | Michael Pointon | 1 | 0 | Keith Dudeney |
| 15/11/2023 | 35813 | Andrew Allport | ½ | ½ | Wilfred Watson |

## New Pairings

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11/09/2023 | 35849 | 35850 | Raymond Burridge | Andrew Jones |
| 19/09/2023 | 35851 | 35852 | Stephen Bailey | Andrew Jones |
| 20/09/2023 | 35853 | 35854 | John Moore | David Elwood |
| 21/09/2023 | 35855 | 35856 | Russell Sherwood | Mary Deans |
| 21/09/2023 | 35857 | 35858 | Russell Sherwood | Marc Wakeham |
| 22/09/2023 | 35859 | 35860 | David Elwood | Mary Deans |
| 23/09/2023 | 35861 | 35862 | Matthew Kirk | David Elwood |
| 27/09/2023 | 35863 | 35864 | Andrew Jones | David Elwood |
| 04/10/2023 | 35865 | 35866 | Graham Mill-Wilson | Ken Law |
| 04/10/2023 | 35867 | 35868 | Keith Dudeney | Michael Pointon |
| 04/10/2023 | 35869 | 35870 | Marc Wakeham | Ralph Hewes |
| 06/10/2023 | 35871 | 35872 | Stephen Bailey | Ken Law |
| 06/10/2023 | 35873 | 35874 | Mary Deans | Ralph Hewes |
| 06/10/2023 | 35875 | 35876 | Andrew Jones | John Ariss |
| 06/10/2023 | 35877 | 35878 | Andrew Jones | Keith Dudeney |
| 12/10/2023 | 35879 | 35880 | David Elwood | Clive Mounsey |
| 16/10/2023 | 35881 | 35882 | Adam Spencer | Henry Brockbank |
| 16/10/2023 | 35883 | 35884 | Keith Dudeney | Andrew Allport |
| 16/10/2023 | 35885 | 35886 | Stephen Bailey | Paul Keevil |
| 16/10/2023 | 35887 | 35888 | Keith Dudeney | Jonathan Powell |
| 16/10/2023 | 35889 | 35890 | Jonathan Powell | Paul Keevil |
| 23/10/2023 | 35891 | 35892 | Graham Mill-Wilson | Jim Gibbons |
| 23/10/2023 | 35893 | 35894 | Alan Miles | Andrew Jones |
| 23/10/2023 | 35895 | 35896 | Roy Egginton | Ashley Wright |
| 23/10/2023 | 35897 | 35898 | Jim Gibbons | Andrew Jones |
| 23/10/2023 | 35899 | 35900 | Ian Mason | David Mountford |
| 29/10/2023 | 35901 | 35902 | Jim Gibbons | Tony Shaw |
| 29/10/2023 | 35903 | 35904 | Ian Mason | Paul Cutter |
| 29/10/2023 | 35905 | 35906 | Alex Tupper | Raymond Burridge |
| 02/11/2023 | 35907 | 35908 | Henry Brockbank | Gordon Barron |
| 02/11/2023 | 35909 | 35910 | Stephen Bailey | Peter Dunks |

| 02/11/2023 | 35911 | 35912 | Tony Shaw | John Ariss |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 02/11/2023 | 35913 | 35914 | Mary Deans | Paul Keevil |
| 02/11/2023 | 35915 | 35916 | Marc Wakeham | Paul Keevil |
| 02/11/2023 | 35917 | 35918 | Graham Mill-Wilson | Chris Smith |
| 02/11/2023 | 35919 | 35920 | David Elwood | Chris Smith |
| 02/11/2023 | 35921 | 35922 | Phillip Beckett | Chris Smith |
| 02/11/2023 | 35923 | 35924 | Phillip Beckett | Raymond Burridge |
| 02/11/2023 | 35925 | 35926 | Phillip Beckett | Paul Keevil |
| 09/11/2023 | 35927 | 35928 | Paul Keevil | Chris Smith |
| 09/11/2023 | 35929 | 35930 | Lawrence Rhodes | Chris Smith |
| 09/11/2023 | 35931 | 35932 | Lawrence Rhodes | Phillip Beckett |
| 09/11/2023 | 35933 | 35934 | Wilfred Watson | John Ariss |
| 09/11/2023 | 35935 | 35936 | Russell Sherwood | Raymond Burridge |
| 09/11/2023 | 35937 | 35938 | Lawrence Rhodes | Raymond Burridge |
| 09/11/2023 | 35939 | 35940 | Russell Sherwood | Chris Smith |

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## TMLC 23/24 (1/11/23–31/8/24) - Marc Wakeham

| | Premier Division | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | Tot. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Jim Garvock | ■ | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Marc Wakeham | | ■ | | | | | | |
| 3 | Russell Finch | | | ■ | | | | | |
| 4 | Stephen Bailey | | | | ■ | | | | |
| 5 | David Hardingham | | | | | ■ | | | |
| 6 | Jerry Cope | | | | | | ■ | | |
| 7 | Phillip Beckett | | | | | | | ■ | |

| | First Division | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | Tot. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Nick Glanvile | ■ | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Anthony Thistlewood | | ■ | | | | | | |
| 3 | Gordon Barron | | | ■ | | | | | |
| 4 | Phil Drury | | | | ■ | | | | |
| 5 | Graham Mill-Wilson | | | | | ■ | | | |
| 6 | Paul Dahlgren | | | | | | ■ | | |
| 7 | Ian Fawcett | | | | | | | ■ | |

| | Second Division | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Tot. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Richard Dixon | ■ | | | | | |

| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | Paul Cutter | | ■ | | | | |
| 3 | Chris Martin | | | ■ | | | |
| 4 | Greg Hughes | | | | ■ | | |
| 5 | Mark Bastow | | | | | ■ | |

| | Third Division | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Tot. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Peter Phillips | ■ | | | | |
| 2 | Peter Morton | | ■ | | | |
| 3 | Barry Hampton | | | ■ | | |
| 4 | Craig Douglas | | | | ■ | |

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

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 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 (including server) with their opponents with post as the default.

More entries are needed in order to start APAs with players of approximately equal strength.

| APA113 Server | (10/04/2023-09/04//2024) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | P |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Adam Spencer | ■ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 2½ |
| 2 | Paul Cutter | ½ | ■ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 2½ |
| 3 | Raymond Burridge | ½ | 0 | ■ | ½ | 1 | 2 |
| 4 | David Elwood | 0 | ½ | ½ | ■ | ½ | 1½ |
| 5 | Stephen Bailey | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ■ | 1½ |

Paul Cutter wins this tournament on tie-break. Congratulations!

| APA114 Postal | (14/04/2023-13/04//2024) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | P |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Alan Beresford | ■ | V | V | V | V | V |
| 2 | John Arris | V | ■ | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| 3 | Peter Morton | V | 1 | ■ | 0 | | 1 |
| 4 | Graham Mill-Wilson | V | 1 | 1 | ■ | | 2 |
| 5 | Clive Scarrot | V | | | | ■ | |

| APA115 Server | (01/08/2023 – 31/07/2024) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | P |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Adam Spencer | ■ | | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1½ |
| 2 | Mark  Pooley | | ■ | | 1 | | 1 |
| 3 | David Elwood | ½ | | ■ | 1 | 0 | 1½ |
| 4 | Cornelius Cornes | ½ | 0 | 0 | ■ | | ½ |
| 5 | Paul Cutter | ½ | | 1 | | ■ | 1½ |

| APA116 Server | (15/08/2023 – 14/08/2024) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | P |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Greg Hughes | ■ | | 1 | 1 | | 2 |
| 2 | Tony Shaw | | ■ | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | Jon Mahony | 0 | 0 | ■ | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | Wilfred Watson | 0 | 1 | 1 | ■ | 0 | 2 |
| 5 | Jonathan Powell | | 0 | 1 | 1 | ■ | 2 |

| APA117 Server | (05/09/2023 – 04/09/2024) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | P |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Raymond Burridge | ■ | ½ | ½ | c | | 1 |
| 2 | Stephen Bailey | ½ | ■ | | c | | ½ |
| 3 | Greg Hughes | ½ | | ■ | c | | ½ |
| 4 | Jon Mahony | c | c | c | ■ | c | 0 |
| 5 | Paul Cutter | | | | c | ■ | |

| APA118 Server | (20/10/2023 – 19/10/2024) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | P |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | CCM Marc Wakeham | ■ | | ½ | | | ½ |
| 2 | CCM Russell Sherwood | | ■ | | | | |
| 3 | IM Paul Keevil | ½ | | ■ | | 1 | 1½ |
| 4 | CCM Colin Beveridge | | | | ■ | | |
| 5 | Ralph Hewes | | | 0 | | ■ | 0 |

| APA119 Server | (11/11/2023 – 10/11/2024) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | P |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Ralph Hewes | ■ | | | | | |
| 2 | Stephen Bailey | | ■ | | | | |
| 3 | Chris Smith | | | ■ | | | |
| 4 | Paul Cutter | | | | ■ | | |
| 5 | Raymond Burridge | | | | | ■ | |

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## Norman Bond Knockout Tournament – Nicholas Glanvile

Have you tried the NBKO yet? Why not give it go? You play **only one** opponent in each round!

*Please get in touch with me, Nick Glanvile, the new NBKO Tournament Controller, with your details, as I am eager to start both new postal and webserver tournaments as soon as I can.*

We are still close to the required number for a webserver tournament, and I am also trying to arrange a postal tournament, so let me know if you are interested in either (or both) of those.
I am specifically looking for players willing to play at least one game by post, so I can get a new tournament running.

(M = Major Game, m = minor game)

| NBKO 170 Final (17/07/2023 – 16/07/2024) | | |
|---|---|---|
| Russell Sherwood | -v- | Marc Wakeham |

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| **NBKO 171 Final** (01/06/2023-31/05/2024) | | |
|---|---|---|
| Stephen Bailey | -v- | Marc Wakeham |

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| **NBKO 173 R1** (26/10/25/10/24) | | |
|---|---|---|
| CCM Marc Wakeham | -v- | Stephen Bailey |
| Antony Clare | -v- | Keith Dudeney |
| David Elwood | -v- | Ken Law |
| Clive Scarrott | -v- | Nick Glanvile |

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| **NBKO 174 R1** (14/11/23-13/11/24) | | |
|---|---|---|
| David Richardson | -v- | John Nichol |
| | -v- | Ken Law |
| Paul Keevil | -v- | David Elwood |
| Marc Wakeham | -v- | Chris Smith |

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### Give The ICCF Webserver A Go – Colin Hipwell

Do you use a smartphone, iPad, tablet, PC, laptop, smart TV or any other device giving you access to the Internet but do not play your Natcor games on the ICCF server? Then why not give it a go? You have absolutely nothing to lose and an awful lot to gain in terms of convenience and potential cost.

If you are already 'connected', using the server costs you absolutely nothing to play your Natcor games because, unlike some CC clubs and other online chess sites, Natcor does not charge additional fees for server-hosted games. All of our games continue to be free for all of our members.

The ICCF server is really easy to use. It records all of the moves, informs you when your opponent has made a move and calculates your remaining time automatically. It greatly reduces your chances of making a blunder due to a clerical error and completely eliminates the possibility of your making an illegal move. It also calculates your CC rating automatically every quarter-year!

There is also plenty of opportunity for friendly chat with your opponents in line with our stated object of fostering friendship between our members.

All you need to get started is an ICCF account. If you do not already have one just contact me at webserver@natcor.org.uk and I will arrange that for you.

For those new to the process we provide a simple, easy to follow guide to using the server to get you started in the right direction. So why not take the decision today and join your fellow Natcorians on the ICCF webserver?

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**BBC The Master Game: A Chess Extravaganza Through a Modern Lens [By Matthew Kirk]**

In the realm of televised chess, few programs have left as indelible a mark as the BBC's "The Master Game." I'm sure many of you will be aware of it (or even remember it when it was aired in the 1970s and 80s…'chess boom' time in the UK).  Running for several seasons from 1975 to 1982, this series brought chess into the living rooms of millions of viewers across the UK and beyond. Series 6, which aired in 1980, stands out as a memorable chapter in the show's history. Series 6 is the only series that I have seen in its entirety, as it appears that Series 1-5 were somehow destroyed in the BBC archives (correct me if I'm wrong). Series 7 is available (although I haven't seen it fully yet, but it is on YouTube) and Series 8 was never aired by the BBC due to industrial action (although it was apparently shown on German TV). My understanding is that some of these series also have accompanying books – does anybody have them?



IM Bill Hartston (winner of two Master Game series) and Jeremy James – hosting an episode of 'The Master Game'.

Let's delve into the intricacies and highlights of BBC 'The Master Game'- Series 6, comparing it to modern chess, sharing some cherished memories and exploring its connection to another fascinating dimension of the game: our beloved correspondence chess.
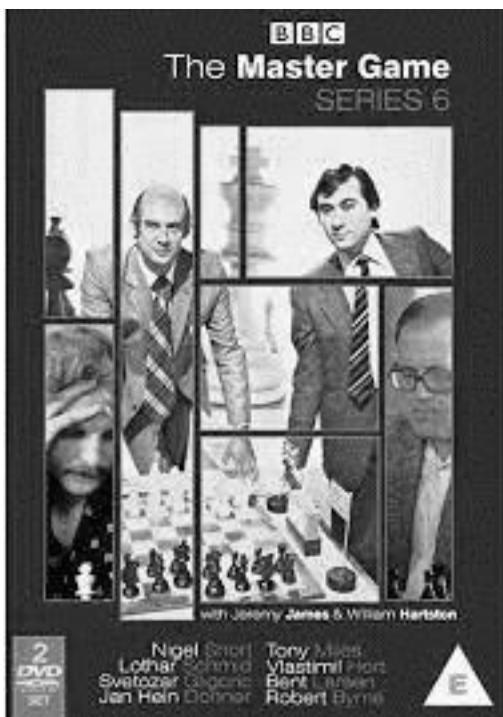
**A Brief Overview**

"The Master Game" was a groundbreaking concept in its time, and it still holds up as a fascinating chess spectacle in the modern era. The show featured some of the world's best chess players competing in a knockout-style tournament. Each episode showcased a single game, with expert commentary providing insights into the players' strategies and thought processes.

**The Players: A Glimpse into Chess History**

Series 6 boasted an impressive lineup of chess luminaries and was won by Nigel Short (at the time only 15 years old), beating the legend GM Tony Miles in the final. These legends set the stage for the evolution of chess broadcasting into the modern era.

The Master Game: Series 6-results (1980-1981)

| No. in series | Players | Group | Result |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | "Gligorić vs Short" | A | 0-1 |
| 2 | "Byrne vs Hort" | A | 1/2-1/2 |
| 3 | "Miles vs Larsen" | B | 1-0 |
| 4 | "Schmid vs Donner" | B | 1/2-1/2 |
| 5 | "Hort vs Gligorić" | A | 0-1 |
| 6 | "Short vs Byrne" | A | 1/2-1/2 |
| 7 | "Donner vs Miles" | B | 1/2-1/2 |
| 8 | "Larsen vs Schmid" | B | 1-0 |
| 9 | "Gligorić vs Byrne" | A | 1/2-1/2 |
| 10 | "Short vs Hort" | A | 1/2-1/2 |
| 11 | "Larsen vs Donner" | B | 1-0 |
| 12 | "Miles vs Schmid" | B | 1-0 |
| 13 | "Short vs Miles" | Final | 1-0 |

Series 6 – DVD box cover.

In comparing Series 6 to modern chess, it's striking to see how much the game has evolved. Today, chess enthusiasts are treated to online broadcasts with computer-generated analysis, real-time clock ticking and even the occasional player webcams and online databases – a vital part of our armoury as Correspondence Chess players in the 21st century. These technological advancements have enhanced the accessibility and excitement of watching chess, but there's a certain nostalgic charm to revisiting the old-school presentation of "The Master Game." It reminds us of the simplicity and purity of the game itself. The analytical insights provided by the GMs during the game narration is, quite simply, fantastic.

**Correspondence Chess: A Timeless Pursuit**

While "The Master Game" brought chess into the living rooms of viewers, there's another fascinating aspect of the game that thrived outside the spotlight: Correspondence Chess! In the era of Series 6, correspondence chess players from around the world engaged in postal matches, carefully crafting their moves over weeks and months, making it a precursor to today's online chess platforms.

Correspondence chess, at the time played mainly by post, demands deep analysis and foresight over time (days!), as we know. Players rely on their chess understanding, as well as extensive opening preparation (and databases) and other reference material during the game. It is, of

course, a more contemplative and patient form of chess, contrasting with the fast-paced games seen in televised tournaments like "The Master Game."

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## From Your Editor

My sincere thanks to those of you who have taken the time and trouble to submit items for publication.

Please remember that this magazine stands or falls on the contributions from you, the members, so if you have something to say or an interesting game to submit, please don't hold back. Put it down on paper (I'm happy to transcribe handwritten material provided it is reasonably legible) or, preferably, send it to me via email in order to avoid possible transcription errors creeping in.

**Please let me have your comments and contributions for the next edition by 15th January at the very latest.**

**As this is the final edition of EP for this year may I take this opportunity to wish you and yours my very best wishes for a peaceful Christmas and a happy 2024!**

*Colin Hipwell*

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