

Dragon's Fire

The Newsletter of the Welsh Correspondence Chess Federation



Welcome to Dragon's Fire

As I write this the final preparations are taking place for the ICCF Congress, taking part in Cardiff between the 17th and 21st of August 2015. Huge amounts of work have taken place (especially by Austin) to plan and prepare for this prestigious Event.

If you are around why not drop in? It's a great chance to see the inner workings of the ICCF on show and put "some faces to names"!

We are privileged to have 3 former World Champions attending Congress so it would be worth the visit!

Details are at <https://congress2015.welshccf.org.uk/>

There are quite a few details to cover in this edition so enjoy a good read!

***Thank-you to all those who
have signed up to the
"Friendlies Team":***

recruiting now

Russell Sherwood, Ian Jones, Helen Sherwood, Gareth Yeo, Adam Davies, Dale Canon, David Guy, Alex Sherwood, Vaughan Thomas, Bill Flew, Marc Wakeham, Arthur Wilding, Malcom Chugg, Phillip Dean, Aytac Yuce, Margaret Baron—it makes it great knowing that we have a backbone of a team readily available!

I have a number of Friendly matches in preparation for next season and hope to add to this list during Congress!

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Helen Sherwood, British Ladies Champion 2014-2015

<https://www.iccf.com/event?id=48188>

Games are still in play but Helen has been crowned at British Ladies Champion. Here is one of the games.....

Sherwood, Helen (1957) - Craven, Dr. Valerie (2022)

GB/LC2014/5 (ENG) ICCF, 15.10.2014

[B80: Sicilian Scheveningen: 6 g3 and 6 Be3, including English Attack]



1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e6 7.f3 b5 8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.g4 h6 10.o-o-o b4 11.Nce2 Qc7 12.h4 d5 13.g5 hxg5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Bxg5 N7f6 16.Nf4 Bd6 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Bd3N I wanted to avoid Kb1 and move the game into virgin territory!

[18.Kb1 Rb8 (18...Bb7 19.Qe1 Be7 20.Bh3 Bxg5 21.hxg5 Nf4 22.g6 o-o-o 23.gxf7 Qxf7 24.Qxb4 Nxh3 25.Qc5+ Kb8 26.Rxh3 Qd7 27.Rxh8 Rxh8 28.Qe5+ Ka8 29.Kc1 Rc8 30.Rd3 Qa4 31.Kb1 Rh8 32.b3 Qa3 33.Rd1 Radjabov, T (2717)-Sasikiran, K (2680) Bilbao 2014 CBM 163 [Havasi, G] 1-0 (42)) 19.Qe1 Kf8 20.Bh3 Bd7 21.Qe4 Be5 22.Rhe1 Bxd4 23.Qxd4 Rc8 24.Ka1 Qc5 25.Qe4 Re8 26.Rg1 a5 27.Qg4 a4 28.Bf4 Nxf4 29.Qxf4 e5 30.Qg3 Bxh3 31.Qxh3 a3 32.Qg4 g6 Hevia Alejano, C (2493)-Gomez Garrido, C (2527) Bogota 2014 0-1 (39)]

18...Bb7 19.Be4 Rc8 20.Kb1 Be5 21.Rhe1 Kf8? I was expecting 21...o-o here and was surprised by this move which does not "feel right", losing the ability to castle and keeping the g8 rook out of the game.

22.f4± Threatening to win material

22...Bd6?? [further deteriorates the position]

[2...Bxd4 23.Qxd4 f5 is a better]

23.f5+- b3 24.fxe6 Bb4 25.Qf2 bxa2+ [25...Bxe1 26.Rxe1 (26.Qxe1?! f6 27.Bd2 Qe5 28.axb3 Qxe4 29.Qxe4 Nc3+ 30.bxc3 Bxe4=) 26...bxa2+ 27.Ka1+-]

26.Ka1 Bxe1 27.Rxe1 f6 [27...Re8 does not help 28.Bg6 f6 29.e7+ Rxe7 30.Ne6+ Rxe6 31.Rxe6+-]

28.Bxd5 Bxd5 29.Bxf6! Mating attack

29...Kg8 [29...gxf6 30.Qxf6+ Mate attack]

30.e7 Bf7 31.Bxg7! [31...Rh5 [31...Kxg7 32.Rg1+ Mate attack; ...31...-- 32.Bxh8 Wins material]

32.Rg1 1-0 [32.Rg1 Qxe7 33.Bf6+ Kf8 34.Bxe7+ Kxe7 35.Re1+ Kf8 36.Ne6+ Ke7 37.Ng5+ Kd6 38.Qb6+ Kd7 39.Nxf7 Rh6 40.Ne5+ Ke7 41.Ng6+ Kf7 42.Re7+ Kg8 43.Qe6#]

In an outstanding year Helen has also achieved a LIM Norm in the Ladies World Championship Semi-Final and is well on the way to completing the required 2nd norm for the Title, sadly not early enough for the Cardiff Congress!



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Mug Shots A recent feature of the ICCF server is to allow players to upload an Photo

Mine can be seen at <https://www.iccf.com/player?id=810161>

I encourage you to upload yours as well. To make it more interesting ICCF are running a competition at <https://www.iccf.com/message?message=750>

So why not give it a go? It has already been interesting "seeing" some of you for the first time!

Welsh Title Awards

During this year's AGM it was decided to create a number of WCCF Titles and we are now in a position to announce the First recipients:



Welsh Correspondence Chess Master

Austin Lockwood
Anthony Balshaw
John Claridge

Welsh Correspondence Chess Expert

Austin Lockwood
Anthony Balshaw
John Claridge
Mark Adams
Phillip Dean
David Owen Vaughan
John L Williams
Russell Sherwood
Glyn Sinnett

Welsh Correspondence Chess President's List

Malcom Chugg
Ian Jones
Russell Sherwood
Marc Wakeham

Congratulations to All. Certificates will be made available in the next few weeks. Norms for these titles will be show in the "Norms" section of Dragon's Fire and, in the near future, on the website.



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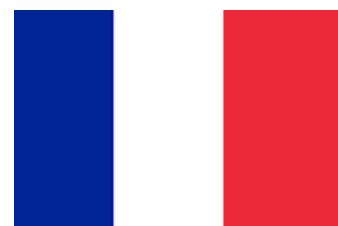
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Friendly Matches



Our largest Friendly to date has a kicked off on the 28th of May



FRA-WLS 2015, Wales - France 2015

		Wales	TD Ylönen, Olli				France	
			White	Black	White	Black		
Board 1	 Sherwood, Russell	2313	•	½	½	•	 IM LePage, Claude	2414
Board 2	 Sherwood, Russell	2313	•	½	½	•	 Oger, Claude	2343
Board 3	 Claridge, John B.	2232	1	•	•	0	 SIM Sage, François	2341
Board 4	 Claridge, John B.	2232	•	•	•	•	 Burnet, Luc	2327
Board 5	 Sherwood, Helen	2143	•	•	•	•	 Ronat, Olivier	2317
Board 6	 Dean, Philip	2135	•	•	•	•	 Bobel, Philippe	2302
Board 7	 Dean, Philip	2135	•	•	•	•	 Hömske, Markus	2297
Board 8	 Griffiths, Martyn J.	2120	•	•	•	•	 Nouveau, Laurent	2274
Board 9	 Jones, Ian	2110	•	•	•	•	 Lefebvre, Alain	2263
Board 10	 Jones, Ian	2110	•	•	•	•	 Audie, Alain	2252
Board 11	 Yüce, Aytaç	2081	•	•	•	•	 Danzanvilliers, Patrice	2251
Board 12	 Clough, Fred	2027	•	•	•	•	 Duchardt, Alexandre	2234
Board 13	 Yeo, Gareth	1984	•	½	½	•	 Schaub, Marc	2207
Board 14	 Evans, Nicholas	1960 ^F	•	•	•	•	 Vaillant, Frédéric	2168
Board 15	 Davies, S.	1976	•	•	•	•	 Bontems, Cyrille	2147
Board 16	 Davies, Adam	1800 ^P	•	•	•	•	 Fonteneau, Brice	2138
Board 17	 Cannon, Dale	1800 ^P	•	½	½	•	 Camps, Jean-Pierre	2097
Board 18	 Wilson, Mark	1800 ^P	•	•	•	•	 Brisson, Pascal	2066
Board 19	 Meara, Paul	1800 ^P	0	0	1	1	 Comien, Romain	2066
Board 20	 Sherwood, Alexander	1800 ^P	•	½	½	•	 Budin, Florent	2026
Board 21	 Thomas, V.	1800 ^P	•	•	•	•	 Dard, Michel	2001
Board 22	 Denham, Colin	1800 ^P	•	•	•	•	 Simonet, Daniel	1964
Board 23	 Richards, Michael	1800 ^P	0	0	1	1	 Flecher, Joseph	1941
Board 24	 Davies, Jonathan	1800 ^P	•	•	•	•	 Durlin, Michel	1932
Board 25	 Collins, Eleanor	1800 ^P	0 ^E	0 ^E	1 ^E	1 ^E	 Charpentier, Denis	1894
Board 26	 Baron, Margaret	1740	•	•	•	•	 LeSavouroux, Hervé	1874
Board 27	 Guy, David T.	1701	0	½	½	1	 Fermen, Guy	1744
Board 28	 Flew, Bill	1647	•	•	•	•	 Verslype, Sylvie	1695
Board 29	 Wakeham, Marc R.	1503	0	0	1	1	 Renard, Stéphane	1800 ^P
Board 30	 Chugg, Malcolm	1414	0	0	1	1	 Lamy, Odette	1800 ^P
Total:			4		14			

Despite a slow start we are still well on our way to beating our "expected score" of 16.7.

Well Done to John Claridge on scoring our first win!



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CZE-WLS 2015, Czech Republic-Wales

		TD Ylönen, Olli					
Czech Republic		White	Black	White	Black	Wales	
Board 1	Mezera, Lukáš	2364	.	.	.	Sherwood, Russell	2313
Board 2	ŠIM Sýkora, Josef	2331	.	.	.	Sherwood, Russell	2313
Board 3	Trš, Jan	2225	.	.	.	Claridge, John B.	2232
Board 4	Svršek, Radomír (*1938)	2214	½	½	½	Sherwood, Helen	2143
Board 5	LIM Kubíková, Hana	2152	.	.	.	Sherwood, Helen	2143
Board 6	Láta, František	2136	.	.	.	Dean, Philip	2135
Board 7	Portych, Václav	2109	.	.	.	Jones, Ian	2110
Board 8	Čekl, Milošlav	2076	.	.	.	Jones, Ian	2110
Board 9	Doležal, Petr	2067	.	.	.	Yüce, Aytaç	2081
Board 10	Berko, Michal	2050	.	.	.	Bevan, Peter M.	2001
Board 11	Beneš, Jiří	2015	.	.	.	Yeo, Gareth	1984
Board 12	Skula, Jindřich	2011	.	0	1	Yeo, Gareth	1984
Board 13	Nožička, Vladislav	1978	.	.	.	Robertshaw, Dr. Andrew M.	1972
Board 14	Hlaváček, Ladislav	1956	.	.	.	Davies, Adam	1800 ^P
Board 15	Horák, Jaroslav	1944	½	.	½	Davies, Adam	1800 ^P
Board 16	Volf, Michal	1941	.	.	.	Cannon, Dale	1800 ^P
Board 17	Ohera, Drahomír	1932	.	.	.	Evans, Nicholas	1960 ^F
Board 18	Brunclík, Vladimír	1928	.	.	.	Cannon, Dale	1800 ^P
Board 19	Chlubná, Josef	1821	.	.	.	Sherwood, Alexander	1800 ^P
Board 20	Krett, Vladimír	1806	.	.	.	Sherwood, Alexander	1800 ^P
Board 21	Malár, Josef	1800 ^P	1	1	0	Richards, Michael	1800 ^P
Board 22	Bubeníček, Milošlav	1767 ^N	.	.	.	Richards, Michael	1800 ^P
Board 23	Dojčinovič, Miroslav	1704	.	0	1	Denham, Colin	1800 ^P
Board 24	Kocian, Štefan	1675	.	.	.	Guy, David T.	1701
Board 25	Přikryl, Vít	1658	.	.	.	Guy, David T.	1701
Board 26	Ježek, Otakar	1610	1	1	0	Wakeham, Marc R.	1503
Board 27	Uxa, Tomáš	1587	.	.	.	Wilding, Arthur	1456
Board 28	Lanča, Leo	1568	1	1	0	Chugg, Malcolm	1414
Total:			7.5	3.5			



Early Days yet but good progress towards out expected score of 25/56. Well Done to Gareth Yeo and Colin Denham on scoring wins already! I know lots of our games go well here so looking good!



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A really treat of a Friendly Match this one! Our opponents are fielding a number of OTB players , including 3 GM's and am IM.!!

An excellent set of results for us, we have already beaten our expected score of 16.4/44!



IND-WLS 2015, Wales - India 2015

				TD Ylönen, Olli					
Wales				White	Black	White	Black	India	
Board 1	Lockwood, Austin	2372		½	½	½	½	Gupta, Abhijeet	2629 ^F
Board 2	Sherwood, Russell	2313		.	.	.	.	Sethuraman, S. P.	2634 ^F
Board 3	Adams, Mark	2284		.	.	.	.	Das, Arghyadip	2459 ^F
Board 4	Claridge, John B.	2232		.	.	.	.	Sengupta, Deep	2576 ^F
Board 5	Sherwood, Helen	2143		½	.	.	½	Prakash, Om	2338
Board 6	Dean, Philip	2135		.	.	.	.	Saxena, Alok	2258
Board 7	Jones, Ian	2110		.	.	.	.	Chatterjee, Dr. Ambar	2254
Board 8	Jones, Ian	2110		.	.	.	.	Akkaraju, Sailesh Chandra	2176
Board 9	Yüce, Aytac	2081		1	1	0	0	Mohanakrishnan, B.	2133
Board 10	Bevan, Peter M.	2001		0	0	1	1	Trivedi, Kalapi B.	2115
Board 11	Yeo, Gareth	1984		1	1	0	0	Khan, Shams	2091
Board 12	Robertshaw, Dr. Andrew M.	1972		.	.	.	.	Gupta, Vibhor	2065
Board 13	Slupski, Mark	1905		½	0	1	½	Gupta, Aniruddha Dutta	1910
Board 14	Davies, Adam	1800 ^P		1 ^E	.	.	0 ^E	Vijayan, Dhanesh	1671
Board 15	Davies, Adam	1800 ^P		1	1	0	0	Dutt, Bulusu Someswara	1538
Board 16	Evans, Nicholas	1960 ^F		.	.	.	.	Dutta, Amit	1800 ^P
Board 17	Cannon, Dale	1800 ^P		1 ^E	1 ^E	0 ^E	0 ^E	Das, Saurabh	1800 ^P
Board 18	Sherwood, Alexander	1800 ^P		.	½	½	.	Agrawal, Rakesh	1942
Board 19	Guy, David T.	1701		1	.	.	0	Krishna, Pandava	1800 ^P
Board 20	Wakeham, Marc R.	1503		1 ^E	1 ^E	0 ^E	0 ^E	Shetty, Karthik	1800 ^P
Board 21	Wilding, Arthur	1456		0	0	1	1	Atteri, Rajasekhar	1800 ^P
Board 22	Chugg, Malcolm	1414		1 ^E	1 ^E	0 ^E	0 ^E	Bhattacharyya, Anindya	1800 ^P
Total:				16.5		7.5			

For those players who do not play our in our Friendlies—remember they Free and are great fun to play in!



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FIN-WLS 2015, Finland - Wales 2015

Finland			TD De Blois Figueredo, Adrián (1A)				Wales	
			White	Black	White	Black		
Board 1	IM Raivio, Pertti	2395	½	½	½	½	Sherwood, Russell	2310
Board 2	Teeriaho, Tuomo	2351	½	½	½	½	Sherwood, Russell	2310
Board 3	Laine, Jari	2267	.	.	.	.	Claridge, John B.	2225
Board 4	Lehtinen, Pentti	2258	.	.	.	.	Dean, Philip	2094
Board 5	Mujunen, Martti	2242	½	½	½	½	Jones, Ian	2083
Board 6	Kuosmanen, Kari	2232	1	.	.	0	Yüce, Aytay	2071
Board 7	Heilala, Tapio	2204	½	1	0	½	Sherwood, Helen	2035
Board 8	Tocklin, Tomi	2196	½	½	½	½	Sherwood, Helen	2035
Board 9	Pesonen, Sakari	2189	.	.	.	.	Clough, Fred	2032
Board 10	Fagerström, Mikko	2151	.	.	.	.	Davies, S.	1976
Board 11	IM Huuskonen, Matti	2148	½	.	.	½	Yeo, Gareth	1960 ^F
Board 12	Salonen, Jukka	2140	0	0	1	1	Yeo, Gareth	1960 ^F
Board 13	Ruokokoski, Hannes	2139	1	1 ^E	0 ^E	0	Evans, Nicholas	1961 ^F
Board 14	Koskinen, Pertti	2114	.	.	.	.	Davies, Adam	1800 ^P
Board 15	Varonen, Mauri	2073	.	.	.	.	Cannon, Dale	1800 ^P
Board 16	Varonen, Hannu	2019	½	.	.	½	Sherwood, Alexander	1800 ^P
Board 17	Satosuo, Raimo	2009	1	1	0	0	Thomas, V.	1800 ^P
Board 18	Laine, Erkki	1990	1	1	0	0	Baron, Margaret	1769
Board 19	Saharinen, Petri	1945	1	1	0	0	Guy, David T.	1691
Board 20	Salminen, Jussi	1927	1	1	0	0	Guy, David T.	1691
Board 21	Pihlajamäki, Jaakko J.	1756	1	0	1	0	Flew, Bill	1688
Board 22	Karpoff, Kari	1703	0	0	1	1	Wakeham, Marc R.	1530
Board 23	Heino, Jari	1602	1	1	0	0	Chugg, Malcolm	1495
Board 24	Räisänen, Timo	1446	0	1	0	1	Wilding, Arthur	1467
Board 25	Arppi, Merja	1863	1	1	0	0	Richards, Michael	1800 ^P
Board 26	Ahonen, Markku-Olavi	1800 ^P	1	1	0	0	Richards, Michael	1800 ^P
Total:			25.5		11.5			



Our expected score in this event is 15/52—so we are well on the way to beating this—also when I look at the open games I see quite a few more points coming our way! Well Done to Bill Flew, Marc Wakeham, Gareth Yeo and Arthur Wilding on recording wins!



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WLS-SchM 2015, Wales v Scheming Mind 2015

Wales			TD Beckett, Phillip J. (IA)				SchemingMind.com		
			White	Black	White	Black			
Board 1	Sherwood, Russell	2310	0	½	½	1	Mercader Martínez, Juan Gustavo	2374	
Board 2	Sherwood, Russell	2310	½	½	½	½	Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús	2329	
Board 3	Dean, Philip	2094	.	.	.	.	Pinchon, François	2315	
Board 4	Dean, Philip	2094	1	½	½	0	SIM Vivante-Sowter, John	2312	
Board 5	Jones, Ian	2083	½	½	½	½	Elburg, John	2298	
Board 6	Yüce, Aytac	2071	.	.	.	.	Laine, Jari	2267	
Board 7	Sherwood, Helen	2035	.	½	½	.	Hollands, George	2217	
Board 8	Sherwood, Helen	2035	½	½	½	½	Cousins, Robert	2207	
Board 9	Clough, Fred	2032	½	½	½	½	Duchardt, Alexandre	2215	
Board 10	Yeo, Gareth	1960 ^F	1	1	0	0	Farkas, Lajos	2173	
Board 11	Yeo, Gareth	1960 ^F	1	½	½	0	Kjeldsen, Karsten	2118	
Board 12	Evans, Nicholas	1961 ^F	0	.	.	1	Price, Derek	2091	
Board 13	Davies, Adam	1800 ^P	.	½	½	.	Parente, António	2076	
Board 14	Cannon, Dale	1800 ^P	½	½	½	½	Turóczi, Péter	2076	
Board 15	Sherwood, Alexander	1800 ^P	1	1	0	0	Grummitt, William	1955	
Board 16	Thomas, V.	1800 ^P	1 ^E	1 ^E	0 ^E	0 ^E	Ikonopoulou, Ilias	1911	
Board 17	Baron, Margaret	1769	0	1 ^E	0 ^E	1	Hamer, John	1934	
Board 18	Guy, David T.	1691	.	1	0	.	Druś, Michal	1806	
Board 19	Flew, Bill	1688	0	0	1	1	Waller, Anthony	1800 ^P	
Board 20	Wakeham, Marc R.	1530	0	0	1	1	Huff, David C.	1765	
Board 21	Chugg, Malcolm	1495	0	0	1	1	Holt, Frank	1644	
Board 22	Wilding, Arthur	1467	1 ^E	1 ^E	0 ^E	0 ^E	Claxton, Tom	1612	
Total:			19.5		16.5				

A close event, we have already smashed out expected 13.5/44.

Well Done to Gareth Yeo, David Guy, Phillip Dean, Alexander Sherwood, Vaughan Thomas and Arthur Wilding on recording wins!

A really close end beckons but I expect us to edge this!



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GER-WLS 2015, Wales - Germany 2015

Wales			TD Pyrrich, George D. (IA)				Germany	
			White	Black	White	Black		
Board 1	Sherwood, Russell	2310	½	½	½	½	Rohs, Rudolf	2310
Board 2	Sherwood, Russell	2310	½	½	½	½	Zielasko, Andreas	2306
Board 3	Williams, John L.	2264	.	.	.	.	Schunck, Franz	2260
Board 4	Dean, Philip	2094	.	.	.	.	Schmidt, Torsten (Jessnitz)	2155
Board 5	Jones, Ian	2083	½	½	½	½	Höxter, Heinrich	2097
Board 6	Jones, Ian	2083	½	½	½	½	Petzold, Gunter	2084
Board 7	Yüce, Aytaç	2071	.	.	.	.	Wimmer, Ralph G.	2073
Board 8	Sherwood, Helen	2035	½	½	½	½	Klug, Christian	2048
Board 9	Sherwood, Helen	2035	1	1	0	0	IM Traut, Gerhard	2016
Board 10	Robertshaw, Dr. Andrew M.	1921	½	½	½	½	Heiermann, Ludger	1988
Board 11	Bevan, Peter M.	2028 ^F	½	½	½	½	Hansen, Marco	1940
Board 12	Baron, Margaret	1769	0	.	.	1	Schuster, Petra	1919
Board 13	Yeo, Gareth	1960 ^F	½	½	½	½	Fröhlich, Stefan	1826
Board 14	Davies, Adam	1800 ^P	0 ^E	½	½	1 ^E	Gottwald, Simon	1800 ^P
Board 15	Cannon, Dale	1800 ^P	1	1	0	0	Martins, Karin	1814
Board 16	Evans, Nicholas	1961 ^F	0	0	1	1	Reindel, Otmar	1800 ^P
Board 17	Cannon, Dale	1800 ^P	½	½	½	½	Riess, Bernhard	1800 ^P
Board 18	Guy, David T.	1691	0	0	1	1	Langer, Michael S.	1800 ^P
Board 19	Guy, David T.	1691	0	0	1	1	Breuer, Falk	1800 ^P
Board 20	Sherwood, Alexander	1800 ^P	1	1	0	0	Mechlenburg-Wängler, Wolfgang	1800 ^P
Board 21	Thomas, V.	1800 ^P	0	0	1	1	Wilhelm, Robert	1800 ^P
Board 22	Flew, Bill	1688	0	0	1	1	Sallwey, Rainer	1765
Board 23	Wakeham, Marc R.	1530	½	0	1	½	Schramm, Leonore	1744
Board 24	Wilding, Arthur	1467	0	0	1	1	Böcker, Marcus	1689
Board 25	Chugg, Malcolm	1495	0	0	1	1	Wilshusen, Horst	1648
Total:			16		27			

Plenty still to play for—our Target of 21.5/50 still looks possible, although now a stretch!

Well Done to Helen Sherwood, Dale Cannon and Alex Sherwood in recording Wins!



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SCO-WLS 2015, Scotland - Wales

Scotland				TD Vlönen, Olli				Wales	
				White	Black	White	Black		
Board 1	IM Mackintosh, Iain	2437	½	½	½	½		Sherwood, Russell	2310
Board 2	Paine, Dr. Kevin	2297	.	.	.	.		Dean, Philip	2094
Board 3	Lloyd, Geoffrey	2263	½	½	½	½		Jones, Ian	2083
Board 4	IM Pyrich, George D.	2168	.	.	.	.		Yüce, Aytaç	2071
Board 5	Campbell, Eoin S.	2147	½	½	½	½		Sherwood, Helen	2035
Board 6	Stewart, Dr. Kenneth W. C.	2095	.	½	½	.		Bevan, Peter M.	2040 ^F
Board 7	Price, Derek	2091	.	½	½	.		Robertshaw, Dr. Andrew M.	1921
Board 8	Burridge, Raymond John	1986	½	½	½	½		Yeo, Gareth	1960 ^F
Board 9	Goodwin, Brian J.	1952	0	0	1	1		Davies, Adam	1800 ^P
Board 10	Coope, Derek William	1912	.	0	1	.		Cannon, Dale	1800 ^P
Board 11	MacGregor, Colin A.	1883	1	1	0	0		Evans, Nicholas	1874 ^F
Board 12	Armstrong, Alan	1882	.	0	1	.		Cannon, Dale	1800 ^P
Board 13	Campbell, Iain S.	1824	1	½	½	0		Baron, Margaret	1769
Board 14	Gilbert, Robert	1813	1	0	1	0		Guy, David T.	1691
Board 15	MacMillen, Andrew N.	1739	0	0	1	1		Sherwood, Alexander	1800 ^P
Board 16	Dempster, Dave	1753	1	1	0	0		Flew, Bill	1688
Board 17	Carswell, David	1634	1	1	0	0		Wakeham, Marc R.	1530
Board 18	Moir, Patrick	1619	1	½	½	0		Wilding, Arthur	1467
Board 19	Armstrong, John M.	1599	1	1	0	0		Chugg, Malcolm	1495
Board 20	McKinstry, John	1568	0	0	1	1		Thomas, V.	1800 ^P
Total:				17		15			



Our pre-event target of 15/40 has been reached and this event looks to go down to the last game!

Well Done to David Guy , Alex Sherwood, Dale Cannon, Adam Davies and Vaughan Thomas on recording wins!



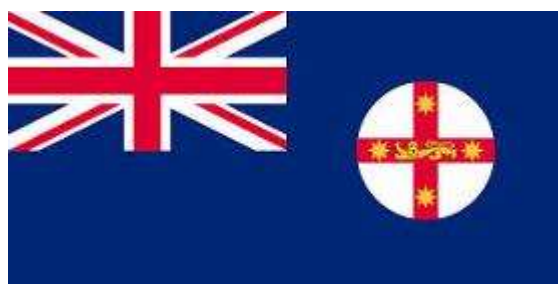
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WLS-NSW 2015, Wales - New South Wales 2015

Wales			TD Viñonen, Olli				New South Wales	
			White	Black	White	Black		
Board 1	Sherwood, Russell	2310	0	½	½	1	SIM Kerr, Stephen	2470
Board 2	Sherwood, Russell	2310	½	½	½	½	Willow, Dr. Max	2278
Board 3	Dean, Philip	2094	.	½	½	.	Gross, M. C.	2179
Board 4	Jones, Ian	2083	½	½	½	½	Thew, Brian W.	2164
Board 5	Jones, Ian	2083	1	½	½	0	Jones, Brian	2157
Board 6	Yüce, Aytaç	2071	.	.	.	.	Plew, Jeffrey	2039 ^F
Board 7	Sherwood, Helen	2035	1	1	0	0	Garland, Norman	2099
Board 8	Bevan, Peter M.	2040 ^F	½	0	1	½	Maylott, Peter S.	2076
Board 9	Sherwood, Helen	2035	½	0	1	½	Lane, Nancy	2007
Board 10	Robertshaw, Dr. Andrew M.	1921	½	½	½	½	Hough, Greg	2000
Board 11	Yeo, Gareth	1960 ^F	1	½	½	0	Ramsden, Jim E.	1984
Board 12	Davies, Adam	1800 ^P	1	1	0	0	Williams, J. M. P.	1800 ^P
Board 13	Cannon, Dale	1800 ^P	1	1	0	0	Brodie, Peter	1912
Board 14	Evans, Nicholas	1874 ^F	0 ^E	½	½	1 ^E	Wilson, Gregory	1882
Board 15	Cannon, Dale	1800 ^P	1	1	0	0	Groenhout, Ron	1810
Board 16	Baron, Margaret	1769	0	.	.	1	Parsons, Colin	1773
Board 17	Guy, David T.	1691	1	1	0	0	Chen, Song	1645
Board 18	Guy, David T.	1691	0	0	1	1	Wilkes, Adam	1814
Board 19	Sherwood, Alexander	1800 ^P	1	1	0	0	Williams, J. M. P.	1800 ^P
Board 20	Flew, Bill	1688	1	1	0	0	Walters, Theresa	1800 ^P
Board 21	Wakeham, Marc R.	1530	0	0	1	1	White, Christopher	1800 ^P
Board 22	Wilding, Arthur	1467	1 ^E	1 ^E	0 ^E	0 ^E	Clayton, Graham	1624
Board 23	Chugg, Malcolm	1495	0	0	1	1	Walters, Brenden	1496
Board 24	Thomas, V.	1800 ^P	1	1	0	0	Hunt, Joshua	1461
Total:			26.5		17.5			



Our ratings expectation for this event was 21/48 which we have already beaten!!

A great result for us!

Well Done to Helen Sherwood, Gareth Yeo, Adam Davies, Dale Cannon, David Guy, Ian Jones, Alexander Sherwood, Bill Flew, Arthur Wilding and Vaughan Thomas on recording wins!



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POL-WLS 2014, Wales-Poland 2014

				TD Pyrich, George D. (IA)					
Wales				White	Black	White	Black	Poland	
Board 1	Balshaw, Anthony	2368	½	.	.	½	GM Pierzak, Rafael	2508	
Board 2	Sherwood, Russell	2270	½	0	1	½	Mirkowski, Piotr	2286	
Board 3	Sherwood, Russell	2270	1	½	½	0	Sodomski, Andrzej	2253	
Board 4	Jones, Ian	2073	½	½	½	½	Pazderski, Ludwik	2244	
Board 5	Jones, Ian	2073	½	½	½	½	Krygier, Ireneusz	2227	
Board 6	Yüce, Aytaç	2071	.	.	.	.	SIM Lubas, Józef	2197	
Board 7	Yüce, Aytaç	2071	.	.	.	.	Wydornik, Robert	2188	
Board 8	Clough, Fred	2028	½	½	½	½	Kolanek, Roman	2169	
Board 9	Yeo, Gareth	1960 ^F	.	½	½	.	Stepaniec, Łukasz	2135	
Board 10	Sherwood, Helen	1957	1	½	½	0	Wilczek, Ryszard	2123	
Board 11	Sherwood, Helen	1957	½	½	½	½	Kułakiewicz, Mariusz	2096	
Board 12	Wilson, Mark	1800 ^P	0	0	1	1	Szerlak, Andrzej	2068	
Board 13	Meara, Paul	1800 ^P	0	0	1	1	Korchut, Adam	2059	
Board 14	Davies, Adam	1800 ^P	1	.	.	0	Purzycki, Jan	2039 ^F	
Board 15	Baron, Margaret	1765	.	0	1	.	Łukasiewicz, Przemysław	1909	
Board 16	Guy, David T.	1733	0	0	1	1	Domaraczeńko, Krzysztof	1866	
Board 17	Flew, Bill	1660	½	0	1	½	Król, Piotr	1825	
Board 18	Wakeham, Marc R.	1586	0	0	1	1	Szymański, Paweł	1800 ^P	
Board 19	Chugg, Malcolm	1510	0	0	1	1	Głowiński, Daniel	1780	
Board 20	Chugg, Malcolm	1510	0	0	1	1	Herman, Monika	1800 ^P	
Board 21	Wilding, Arthur	1453	0	0	1	1	Szopa, Janusz	1800 ^P	
Total:				10		24			

Our Ratings expectation for this event was 12/42—which we will probably just exceed on current performance—Well Done to Adam Davies, Helen Sherwood and Russell herwood on recording a wins in this tough event!



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VEN-WLS 2014, Wales v Venezuela 2014

				TD Beckett, Phillip J. (IA)					
Wales				White	Black	White	Black	Venezuela	
Board 1	Sherwood, Russell	2245		½	½	½	½	Eman, Juan	2226
Board 2	Yüce, Aytac	2057		½	½	½	½	Verenzuela, Jesus	2201
Board 3	Jones, Ian	2019		½	0	1	½	Piña, José Manuel	2168
Board 4	Sherwood, Helen	1800 ^P		½	½	½	½	Yurick, Leon	2054
Board 5	Yeo, Gareth	1800 ^P		1	½	½	0	Alejos, Pedro Alejandro	2006
Board 6	Thomas, V.	1800 ^P		0	0	1	1	Galué, Marcos	1997
Board 7	Wilson, Mark	1800 ^P		0	0	1	1	Colina, Alejandro	1945
Board 8	Meara, Paul	1800 ^P		1 ^E	1	0	0 ^E	Obregon, Victor	1897
Board 9	Baron, Margaret	1800 ^P		0	0	1	1	De Paz Glez, Yasset	1800 ^P
Board 10	Davies, Adam	1800 ^P		1	.	.	0	Rivas Terán, Rubén Darío	1800 ^P
Board 11	Guy, David T.	1741		0	0	1	1	Villalba, Leonardo	1869 ^F
Board 12	Flew, Bill	1654		1	1	0	0	Suinaga, Williams Jose	1800 ^P
Board 13	Wakeham, Marc R.	1600		0	0	1	1	Sayas, Roberto	1793
Board 14	Chugg, Malcolm	1505		0	0	1	1	Acacio, Arcenio	1653
Total:				10		17			



Well done to Paul Meara, Gareth Yeo, Adam Davies and Bill Flew on recording wins. By rating we were expected to score 10/28—so this target was met.

This match was a rematch following a draw in 2013. I will be looking for a re-match to the rematch later this year!

The Venezuelans are a highly active Friendly Match playing nation and one who I am sure we will continue to lock horns with on a regular basis!



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Friendly Matches—Summary

			Start	Boards	Weblink	For	Against	Open
3	Wales	Peru	Oct-12	13	http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=31327	15.5	10.5	0
4	Wales	Sweden	Nov-12	9	http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=32242	3.5	14.5	0
5	Wales	Netherlands	Apr-13	19	http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=36206	16.5	21.5	0
6	Wales	Spain	Jun-13	15	http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=37811	11.5	18.5	0
7	Wales	Venezuela	Aug-13	6	http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=39352	6	6	0
8	Wales	Latvia	Sep-13	10	http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=39577	6	14	0
9	Wales	USA	Dec-13	21	http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=40945	20	22	0
11	Wales	Ireland	May-14	5	http://www.iccf.com/event?id=43701	4	6	0
15	Wales	Venezuela	Aug-14	14	http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=45168	10	17	1
16	Wales	Poland	Nov-14	21	https://www.iccf.com/event?id=48874	10	24	8
17	Wales	NSW	Jan-15	24	https://www.iccf.com/event?id=49791	26.5	17.5	4
18	Wales	Scotland	Jan-15	20	https://www.iccf.com/event?id=49879	15	17	8
19	Wales	Germany	Jan-15	25	https://www.iccf.com/event?id=50105	16	27	7
20	Wales	Scheming Mind	Feb-15	22	https://www.iccf.com/event?id=50274	19	16	9
21	Wales	Finland	Feb-15	26	https://www.iccf.com/event?id=50523	11.5	25.5	15
22	Wales	India	Apr-15	22	https://www.iccf.com/event?id=52532	16.5	7.5	20
24	Wales	Czech Rep	May-15	28	https://www.iccf.com/event?id=52981	3.5	6.5	46
25	Wales	France	May-15	30	https://www.iccf.com/event?id=53173	4.5	14.5	41
10	ROE	Germany	Mar-14	7	http://www.iccf.com/event?id=42350	5.5	8.5	0
23	ROE	Italy	Mar-14	3	https://www.iccf.com/event?id=51661	2	2	2

So
we

now sit having played 20 Friendly matches since October 2012—making us (for our size) one of most active Friendly playing nations. At the moment I am planning a number of new events for next season.

International Matches—Summary

		Start	Boards	Weblink	For	Against	Open
1	Olympiad 20 Preliminaries		54	http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=32204	24.5	29.5	0
2	2nd Thor Lovholt SF		54	http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=39326	14.5	39.5	0
12	Three Nations 2014		40	http://www.iccf.com/event?id=43880	32.5	7.5	0
14	10th European Team Championsip		80	https://www.iccf.com/event?id=44255	23.5	36.5	20
26	Three Nations 2015		40	http://www.iccf.com/event?id=53207	0.5	0.5	39

These game rumble on with a number of players on target for Norms in the Euro Championships. Coming up we have the next Olympiad and Thor Lovholt events and we look forward entering much more competitive teams!



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Post Bag

As always a summary of some of the questions I have been asked recently.....

Q. How are ratings calculated?

A. Go to the ICCF website for a detailed explanation but in *very* simple terms.....You rating and that of your opponent are compared and from this an expected win% is calculated. The actual result is then used to calculate the change to your rating. These changes are then added together when each new rating list is generated. To add to this how much each result effects your rating is modified based on the number of games you have played—the fewer games, the higher the change as a rating “finds its level”

So for example—if two 1900 rated players played a game the expected result would be 50% (a draw) so if this was the actual result there would be no change to the ratings. If there were a win then (assuming both players had played more than 30 games) it would be worth around +/- 10 rating points

If you wish to discuss your own rating calculation get in touch with me at leanthinker@hotmail.co.uk



Norm Watch

Senior International Master

Austin Lockwood (9)
John Claridge (11)

International Master

Austin Lockwood (9)
Anthony Balshaw (19)
John Claridge (11)

Ladies International Master

Helen Sherwood (12)

Welsh Correspondence Chess Master

Russell Sherwood (3)
Peter Varley (1)

Welsh Correspondence Chess Expert

Ian Jones (2)
Helen Sherwood(2)
Peter Varley (1)

President's List (15 Required)

14 Arthur Wilding, Bill Flew, Phillip Dean
11 Aytac Yuce, David Guy, Helen Sherwood
10 Adam Davies, Gareth Yeo, Margaret Bar-on
8 Alexander Sherwood, Dale Cannon, Fred Clough , Nicholas Evans
7 Andrew Robertshaw, Vaughan Thomas
5 or Less 24 Other Players



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TRIOS

Welsh Trios are a great introduction to Correspondence Chess. As a reminder, all Welsh players are invited to play 2 Trios per year , Free of Charge. They are a great way to build towards your provisional rating

Results

1.David Roberts	7.Dale Cannon	13.Ongoing
2.Russell Sherwood	8.David T Guy	14.Ongoing
3.Phillip Dean	9.Ongoing	
4.Aytac Yuce	10. Micheal Richards	
5.Helen Sherwood	11.Ongoing	
6.Malcom Chugg	12.Ongoing	

How many songs can you think of that are Chess related? So far I have found 13. Can you do better?



MEET THE
TEAM

President: Peter Bevan

Secretary: Austin Lockwood

Treasurer: Russell Sherwood

International Secretary: Russell Sherwood

Committee: Peter Bevan, Austin Lockwood, Russell Sherwood, Ian Jones, Mark Adams, Marc Wakeham



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Match Results


Our ratings prediction for this event was 19.5/80, which we have already achieved, despite having had to replace two players.

Great results for individuals but also indicative of the development work we still need to undertake to be truly competitive at this level

EU/TC10/sf1, 10th European Team Championship - Semifinal 1

		TD Glaser, Karel (IA)											Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11							
1	Russia	2475	2.5	2.5	3	3	2	2	3	2.5	4	5	29.5	58	9	3	50	30	1
2	Czech Republic	2417	2.5		1	3	3.5	2.5	2	3.5	2.5	2.5	25	52	2	0	48	32	2
3	Poland	2406	3.5	1		2.5	2	2.5	1.5	3	2	2	4.5	24.5	55	5	44	36	3
4	Latvia	2432	3	3	2.5		4	1.5	2	3	1	0.5	2	22.5	50	0	45	35	4
5	Wales	2243	2	2.5	2	2		1.5	1.5	2	3	1.5	4	22	40	-11	55	25	5
6	Germany	2433	2	3.5	2.5	1.5	3.5		0.5	2.5	0	1.5	3.5	21	58	6	36	44	6
7	Slovenia	2362	2	2	1.5	3	3.5	0.5		2	2.5	1	2	20	55	4	36	44	7
8	Finland	2388	2	2	2	2	4	1.5	1		1.5	1	2.5	19.5	43	-6	45	35	8
9	Italy	2390	1.5	2.5	2	1	3	0	2.5	3.5		2.5	1	19.5	50	0	39	41	9
10	England	2361	1	2.5	2	2.5	2.5	1.5	1	2	1.5		3	19.5	52	2	37	43	10
11	Norway	2316	1	1.5	1.5	2	4	1.5	2	2.5	2	1		19	38	-11	49	31	11

MT-Løvholt2/sf1, 2nd Thor Løvholt Team Tournament Semi-Final 1

		TD Limbert, Neil (IA)										Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10								
1	 Belarus	2203		3	4	3	3	3	4	4.5	4.5	5	34	62	14	14	54	0	1
2	 Italy	2232	3		2.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	4.5	3.5	4.5	32	59	10	15	54	0	2
3	 Bulgaria	2224	2	3.5		3	3	3	3.5	4	4	5	31	57	8	13	54	0	3
4	 Slovakia	2208	3	2.5	3		2.5	3.5	3	2.5	4.5	4.5	29	53	4	9	54	0	4
5	 France	2180	3	2.5	3	3.5		3.5	2	3	3	5	28.5	52	3	10	54	0	5
6	 Finland	2217	3	2.5	3	2.5	2.5		2.5	2.5	4	4	26.5	49	-1	6	54	0	6
7	 Portugal	2130	2	2.5	2.5	3	4	3.5		2	2.5	4	26	48	-2	7	54	0	7
8	 Russia	2118	1.5	1.5	2	3.5	3	3.5	4		2.5	4	25.5	48	-2	9	53	1	8
9	 Norway	2189	1.5	2.5	2	1.5	3	2	3.5	2.5		3.5	22	41	-9	5	53	1	9
10	 Wales	1855	1	1.5	1	1.5	1	2	2	2	2.5		14.5	26	-25	0	54	0	10

We were unable to avoid a wooden spoon in this event—although this was unsurprising considering the ratings difference.

This has been excellent experience and with recent results in the Tri-Nations I look forward to a much more competitive

Welsh Team in the next iteration of this event!



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ICCF Congress 2015

A reminder that the annual ICCF Congress will be held in Cardiff from 16th - 22nd August 2015. This will be the first time Congress has been held in Wales, and follows Krakow, Poland (2013) and Sydney, Australia (2014).

ICCF Delegates and officials from around the world will descend on the Mercure Holland House Hotel and Spa on Newport Road for the week, where there will be several meetings and events.

<https://congress2015.welshccf.org.uk/>

WCCF would like to get as many Welsh players involved as possible - this is your Congress, so please do come along and see what's going on.

The schedule of events is here:

https://congress2015.welshccf.org.uk/article.aspx?article_id=4

The opening party will be on Sunday 16th August at Tiger Tiger in Cardiff; this is a WCCF event and all Welsh players are warmly invited to attend. You will get the chance to meet some top CC Grand Masters, perhaps even World Champions, as well as several senior ICCF officials. Tickets are free to Welsh players and include a complementary cocktail on entry and one free drinks voucher, but are they limited, so please let Austin Lockwood know if you intend to attend as soon as possible.

The opening ceremony will take place on the morning of Monday 17th August from 09:30 to 10:30, this will be a formal affair with speeches by Ken Skates AM, Deputy Minister for Culture Sport and Tourism; Peter Bevan, WCCF President; and Eric Ruch, ICCF President. Entertainment will be provided by a harp, baritone and soprano trio.

Welsh national titles (see elsewhere in this issue) will be presented at the opening ceremony of Congress by Ken Skates AM. If you are receiving a national title, please do come along to receive it in person; there is plenty of seating in the room, so feel free to bring your families, friends and their cameras. (Please let us know if you do intend to attend the opening ceremony, so that we can make sure there is enough tea and coffee to go around at the interval!).

The rest of the morning will be taken up with international ICCF title award presentations with a least one Welsh Award!



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The opening ceremony, and all meetings of Congress (except the Executive Board and Management Committee meetings) are open to observers, and a seating area will be provided.

For those who prefer to *play* chess, rather than just talk about it, there will be two events you can enter:

On the evening of Wednesday 19th August there will be a friendly blitz tournament at the Mercure Holland House Hotel; please contact Austin if you're interested in playing in this tournament.

On the evening of Thursday 20th August there will be a chess match between ICCF players and Welsh Chess Union players at the Norwegian Church in Cardiff Bay; Mark Adams is organising the Welsh team for this event, please contact him directly if you'd like to play at chess@mark-adams-home.com

On a more practical note, we're interesting in hearing from anyone who is willing and able to volunteer some time meeting and driving delegates to and from Cardiff Airport.

Correspondence Chess becomes much more interesting, not only when you get to meet fellow players from around the world in person, but also when you can see how decisions are made (and what your delegate is voting for!), and you have the opportunity to meet senior officials, including the President and members of the Executive Board. ICCF is an open and democratic organisation - Please do come along for at least one of the above events and give your support to WCCF.

Austin Lockwood

WCCF Secretary

ICCF Services Director



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ICCF Congress Proposals



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As part of the ICCF Congress a number of proposals are made each year to change the rules of the ICCF.

This year there are 39 (!) proposals. A number of these are attempts to deal with long standing issues so its worth reviewing on this basis alone!

Please take the time to have a look through these at : (You will need to log on with you ICCF details)

<https://congress2015.welshccf.org.uk/iccf/proposals.aspx>

I won't attempt to go through them in detail but if you have any which you have a strong view on please let us know so we can take this into account when we decide how to vote.



WCCF Changes

A number of changes within the WCCF since the last edition:

- David Owen Vaughan has decided to step down as President of the WCCF. We wish David well in his future endeavours and thank him for his work for the WCCF over the last three years!

- Peter Bevan is the new President of the WCCF. Good Luck in the role!
- Marc Wakeham has now joined the WCCF Executive Committee as a representative of the National Correspondence Chess Club
- The Executive Committee is now made up of:

Peter Bevan, Austin Lockwood, Russell Sherwood, Ian Jones, Mark Adams, Marc Wakeham



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British Webserver Team Championship.

The third edition of this event got underway on the 15th of June .

Team Name	Board 1					Board 2					Board 3					Board 4					
Div 1	ICCF Warriors	380073	GM	NZ	Mark Noble	2492	460965	SIM	FIN	Olli Ylonen	2472	210753	SIM	ENG	Andrew Dearmley	2368	210514	SIM	ENG	Ian Pheby	2356
	Pawn Stars	400206	SIM	PER	Gino Figlio	2476	510836	SIM	USA	Michael Millstone	2439	210701	SIM	ENG	John Rhodes	2389	211672	WLS	Austin Lockwood	2372	
	Scheming Mind A	400230		PER	Juan Jose Rivas Maceda	2377	530083		VEN	Cesar Jesus Reyes Maldonado	2353	211994		ENG	George Hollands	2217	212314		ENG	Dawn Williamson	2174
	BCCA Kings	212013		ENG	David Evans	2363	210745	SIM	ENG	Alan Rawlings	2367	211229		ENG	Les Ellis	2289	219137		ENG	Ian Mason	2199
	BCCA Griffins	211649		ENG	David Coyne	2303	211407		ENG	Graham Patrick	2218	211805		ENG	Tony Cannon	2193	30100		ENG	Colin Glanville	2025
	BCCA Knights	810161		WLS	Russell Sherwood	2313	212160		ENG	John Brasier	2295	210332		ENG	James Wilkinson	2184	810202		WLS	Helen Sherwood	2143
Sussex Servers	211440		ENG	James Mannson	2197	212116		ENG	Tim Spanton	2266	211958		ENG	Paul Batchelor	2189	211951		ENG	David Fryer	2043	
						2360					2344				2261					2187	
Div 2	White Rose A	210709		ENG	Alan Sutton	2292	210849	IM	ENG	Duncan Chambers	2243	211523		ENG	Brian Herriot	2208	211671		ENG	Dave Milton	2164
	Scheming Mind B	370216		NED	John Ellburg	2298	181274		FRA	Alexandre Duchard	2215	212119		ENG	Anthony Waller	2000	212597		ENG	Gerrish Gray	2000
	Social CCA "A"	210953	SIM	ENG	John Vivante-Sowter	2325	211788		ENG	Rod Ewan	2249	211424		ENG	Robert Pallett	2035	212613		ENG	Norman Stracey	1800
	White Rose B	211809		ENG	Joe Primrose	2007	211624		ENG	Graham Oliver	1991	211991		ENG	Will Grummit	1955	421439		POL	Robert Rozanski	1931
	Natcor A	210800		ENG	Mary Deans	2257	212163		ENG	Peter Dudeney	2049	212080		ENG	Ron Cooper	1973	212288		ENG	Anthony Thistlewood	1692
	Herts & Minds	210569	SIM	ENG	Keith Kitson	2306	211906		ENG	Peter Rice	2191	211908		ENG	Steve Lawr	1918	210942		ENG	Arthur Reed	2021
Civil Service A	218010		ENG	Phillip Barber	2277	211825		ENG	Ihor Lewyk	2156	210794		ENG	Keith Hyde	2167	620565		SCO	Wilf Taylor	2024	
						2252					2156				2037					1947	
Div 3	Scheming Mind C	230501		HUN	Lajos Farkas	2173	514895		USA	Brennan Price	2079	210910		ENG	Arthur Dawkins	1588	211341		ENG	James Reed	1557
	Endgamers	620635		SCO	Raymond Burridge	2106	212080		ENG	Ron Cooper	1973	212273		ENG	Robert Bruce	1908	210447		ENG	Steve Cole	1892
	ice B	210813		ENG	Neville Twitshell	1960	212427		ENG	Steven Dick	1800	210416		ENG	Bob Ryan	1817	211792		ENG	Robert White	1659
		211254		ENG	Marc Pooley	1933	211996		ENG	Derek Lambert	1715	211242		ENG	Phillip Orury	1657	810675		WLS	Marc Wakeham	1503
	ategists	810173		WLS	Mark Slupski	1905	211408		ENG	Ben Wood	1870	212104		ENG	Antony Copsey	1866	211643		ENG	David Elwood	1766
	BCCA Sovereigns	212175		ENG	Gary McGuire	2199	620716		SCO	Eoin Campbell	2193	514948		USA	Alex Relyla	2131	212453		ENG	Colin Cheek	1992
Y Gweilch NiMo	810183		WLS	Ian Jones	2110	810208		WLS	Adam Davies	1800	810057		WLS	Glyn Sinnett	2239	810221		WLS	Andrew Gibbons	2027	
						2055					1919				1887					1771	
Div 4	Social CCA B	211313		ENG	Geoffrey Rosser	1839	211492		ENG	Peter Pickering	1785	211543		ENG	Gavin Ross	1746	219123		ENG	David Richardson	1692
	BCCA Tactics	210218		ENG	Peter Tibbert	1763	212334		ENG	Stephen Woodhouse	1736	211571		ENG	Jim Fox	1623	212262		ENG	John Mair	1435
	Welsh Irregulars	810192		WLS	Margaret Baron	1740	810102		WLS	David Guy	1701	810188		WLS	Bill Flew	1647	810219		WLS	Colin Denham	1800
	White Rose C	210454		ENG	Phil Beckett	1899	211764		ENG	Brian Wood	1800	212094		ENG	Frank Holt	1644	211823		ENG	Bill Ward	1640
	BCCA Cavaliers	510398		USA	William Limberg	1747	212114		ENG	Keith Dudeney	1691	211734		ENG	Alan Tanner	1606	620628		SCO	John Dunn	1616
	Civil Service C	210555		ENG	Ray Pomeroy	1894	620719		SCO	Alan Sedstern	1715	212434		ENG	Andrew Thomas	1800	211827		ENG	Alwyn O'Hare	1654
NATCOR C	212296		ENG	Peter Dunks	1767	212063		ENG	Colin Hipwell	1625	212581		ENG	Simon Pallettster	1800	211345		ENG	Andrew Allport	1800	
						1807					1722				1695					1662	

A great opportunity the Welsh players taking part both take on strong international talent but also progress through the divisions! Good Luck to all taking part but in particular to the Welsh Irregulars in Division 4 and Y Gweilch NiMo in Division 3. Personally I am looking forward to an interesting time in Division 1 Board 1!!



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Counties and Districts Correspondence Chess Championship (C&DCCC)

1st Div <https://www.iccf.com/event?id=45571> 2nd Div <https://www.iccf.com/event?id=48110>

3rd Div <https://www.iccf.com/event?id=48111>

Welsh Counties went unrepresented for a number of years. Ian Jones started to reverse this trend by raising a West Wales Team. We would like to continue this trend by entering more Welsh Team here—ideally aligned to the Welsh Chess Zones of Dyfed, East Glamorgan and Gwent but more general groupings could be considered based on numbers. Teams are made up on 8 players but each player only plays two games in total so the load is not too heavy. Ratings go from 1600 to 2400 so there is something for everyone.

If you are interesting in taking part in one of the new teams please get in touch by August 31st at leanthinker@hotmail.co.uk—Indicating which team you would like to be considered for! (Those in the West Wales team should continue to contact Ian Jones.)

I want
MORE

A few of you have asked me about other opportunities to play Correspondence Chess.

Beyond ICCF events you should look closely at the offerings of our constituent members. Each of these give a different experience in terms of CC play. I won't attempt to describe these as you will get a better idea looking each one yourself!



British Correspondence Chess Association

<http://www.bcca.info/>

SchemingMind.com

<http://www.schemingmind.com/>

**National Correspondence
Chess Club**



<http://www.natcor.org.uk/>



<http://www.welshccf.org.uk/>

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Improving your game!

For my “day Job” I work in the field of Continuous Improvement. A methodology we sometime utilise is call “Small Improvement Opportunities” . The aim of this process is to regularly identify small improvements to a process and make them! These small improvements soon start to add up to real, quantifiable improvements in performance.



I pondered if this method could be utilised in Chess and the good news is that it can.

So how do we use this? In simple terms sit down and in the next 5 minutes write down as many ways as possible you could improve your game. This can be to do with your actual game, Recording, Administration, time control.....

The next phase is to actually make these improvements. Once we have done this we repeat the process again and again.

This method has proven to work in a number of areas so why not give it a go?

A Small Improvement in Practice.....

An excellent way I have found to motivate myself is to record my Top 10 Wins, Draws and Losses. This works as you tend to remember the lessons that come from these results and it also shows how well you can play—which is important when you have underperformed!



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I'm a great believer that all players can improve and have read a number of books over the years on this front. Of course reading books will not generate improvement but practice and putting new ideas into play can and do generate improvement. Over the next few Dragon's Fire I will review a number of what I consider the better texts.

This book is the missing manual for Chessbase and is indispensable if you play correspondence chess at its highest levels. Whilst no ground-breaking methods are shown it give an excellent set of instructions on how to operate all the functions at a reasonable level.

For me an absolute must if you utilise the software. If you don't then it would balance chairs and tables well!



Well That's about if for this edition. The next one is planned for around the date of the September 2015. If you have anything to submit please aim to do so before the end of August

