

Dragon's Fire

The Newsletter of the Welsh Correspondence Chess Federation



Welcome to the Premier edition of Dragon's Fire. I wanted to upgrade our newsletter for a while and found an evening to set up the template! The intention is to issue this, at a minimum, when each new ICCF rating list is issued—4 times a year!

It's interesting times for the WCCF as we move into 2015:

- ICCF Congress coming to Cardiff,
- a number of our players closing in on Titles
- Registered Player numbers continuing to climb
- Tournament Successes
- A New Face on the Executive Committee
- More Friendlies and Events that ever

As you can see the list goes on and on!

If you feel you want to play a part in developing the WCCF in these exciting times please get in touch on treasurer@welshccf.org

We have Friendly matches with India and the Czech Republic starting in the near future.

recruiting now

I am now recruiting for matches with Scheming Mind (February) and Finland (March). If you are interested in playing let me know at treasurer@welshccf.org.

For those of you who have never played a friendly match don't be shy—we can find opponents to match most skill levels!

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

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!



Deadline for team entries 30th January 2015

Deadlines

OMF Match

Italy Match 16th Jan

Friendlies

Sch. Mind 30th Jan

Finland 30th Jan

960 World Champs

28th Feb

AGM Input

21st Jan

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Mug Shots A new feature of the ICCF server is to allow players to upload an identification phone.

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?

Annotated Games

Below you find an annotated game of mine from the ICCF World Cup – this game is close to my heart as I overcame an opponent rated 423 rating points above me! I recommend annotating your own games as the mental exercise of explaining the position or your plans is very useful. Therefore I challenge all WCCF players to submit a game of their own for Dragon's Fire.

Don't worry about holes in your analysis – we all have them! Send to treasurer@welshccf.org.uk

Sherwood, Russell (1989) – SIM Baranowski, Tadeusz (2412) ICCF World Cup Preliminary Group 49

1. e4 e6.

The French Defence. I must say I shudder every time I face this – not because of any weakness, indeed I score very well against the French but because of early club memories – I had a club captain who **always** played the French – nothing strange there but he was never “beaten” whilst playing it! Of course he lost many games but if he saw his position going down he would simply play slowly until defaulting on time. Sheer Torture for those who had to play him regularly!

2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. e5 Nfd7 5. f4 c5 6. Nf3

The key problem for black is the awful bishop on c8 and how to free it.

6... Nc6 7. Be3 Qb6?



Here we have the divergence from the main lines of 7...a6, 7..Be7 and 7..cxd4 all of which give better play than Qb6. Checking the database it scores less than 30%!

I believe the salient point here is that my opponent was playing my rating rather than my record or the position at the board. I've faced the Qb6 line 8 times scoring +4,-0,=4, so it does seem a rather odd choice!



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8. Na4 Qa5+ 9. c3 cxd4

10. b4

Not 10. Nxd4 Nxd4 11. Bxd4 b5 $\bar{+}$;

or

10. Bxd4? is no good because of 10... b5 11. Nc5 Nxc5 $\bar{+}$ (11... Nxd4 12. Nxd4 Bxc5 13. b4 Bxb4 14. cxb4 Qxb4+ 15. Qd2 Qxd2+ 16. Kxd2 $\bar{+}$)

10... Nxb4

10... dxe3?? Is too greedy 11. bxa5 Nxa5 12. Bb5 $\bar{+}$ -

11. cxb4

11. Bxd4? Is refuted by 11... Nc6 12. Kf2 b5 $\bar{+}$ -

11... Bxb4+

11... dxe3?? taking the bishop loses to 12. bxa5 Bb4+ 13. Ke2 Bxa5 14. Qd3 $\bar{+}$ -;

11... Qxb4+? 12. Bd2 Qa3 13. Nxd4 $\bar{+}$ -

12. Bd2 Bxd2+ 13. Nxd2

White wins a piece for three pawns

13... O-O 14. Bd3

The white bishop is safe in front of d4 and holds up any opportunities for black to cause any problems by advancing to d3.

14... b5 15. Nb2 Nb6 16. O-O Nc4 17. Nbx4

Better than 17. Ndx4 bxc4 (17... dxc4 18. Be4 Rb8 19. Qxd4 \pm) 18. Nxc4 dxc4 19. Bxc4 Rd8 $\bar{+}$

17... bxc4

Not 17... dxc4? 18. Bxh7+ Kxh7 19. Qh5+ Kg8 20. Ne4 $\bar{+}$ -

18. Bxh7+ Kxh7

Taking stock here – Black has two greater pawns, one protected but more importantly White has the initiative and a clear line of attack!

19. Qh5+ Kg8 20. Nf3

The Knight joins the attack.



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20..g6

Black attempts to muster a defence. 20..f6 does not help (21.exf6 Rxf6 22.Ng5 and white is flooding into black's position)

21. Qh6 Qc7

Black attempts to bring his queen to the defence

22. f5!

White starts to break through – if black is given time to recover his extra material will tell

22... f6

Black's only real option as:

22...gxf5 23.Ng5 +-

22... exf5!? is worth looking at 23. Rae1 f6 24. exf6 Qh7+- (24... Rxf6?? 25. Re8+ Rf8 26. Rxf8#);

23. fxg6± Qg7

23... fxe5 fails to a nice mating combination 24. Nxe5! Rf5 25. Rxf5 exf5 26. Nf7 Qxf7 27. gxf7+ Kxf7 28. Re1 Rb8 29. Qh7+ Kf6 30. Re7 Rb1+ 31. Kf2 Rb2+ 32. Kf3 Rxc2 33. Kxc2 Kg5 34. Qg8+ Kf4 35. Qg3#]

24. Qh4

White can recover material with Qxd4

24... Qh8

24...f5 leads to no better....

24... f5 25. Nxd4 Bd7 26. Rf3±;
24... f5 25. Nxd4 Qh8 26. Qf4+-

25. Qxd4

White recovers the pawn. Material is now even but White has the far superior position!

25...Ba6

Black attempts to bring the a8 rook into the game, support c3 and disrupt white's rook on f1.

26. Qc5



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26...c3

Black's position is now untenable. The queenside rook, bishop and pawn are uncoordinated and white marauding queen continues to punish black.

26... fxe5?? Taking this pawn is unthinkable 27. Ng5 Qh5 28. Nxe6 Rxf1+ 29. Rxf1 Qxg6 30. Qxd5+-

27. Rfe1 Bc4 28. Rac1 Qg7

Black does not really have any options here. Although material is level black's pieces are uncoordinated. The Queen is out of play and the central pawns are weak.

28... Bxa2? leads to nothing 29. Rxc3 Qg7 30. Nd4+-

29. Rxc3 a5

29... Qxg6?? taking the pawn is naive 30. Nh4 Rac8 31. Qxf8+ (31. Nxg6?! is clearly worse 31... Rxc5 (31... Bxa2 fails to the following nice mate 32. Ne7+ Kf7 33. Nxc8 Rxc8 34. Qxa7+ Rc7 35. Qxc7+ Kg6 36. Rg3+ Kf5 37. Qc2+ Kf4 38. Qf2#) 32. Nxf8 Kxf8+- (32... Bxa2 as before the pawn must be left alone, otherwise Black will be punished 33. Rxc5 fxe5 34. Nxe6+-)) 31... Kxf8 32. Nxg6+ Kf7 33. Rg3+-;

29... Bxa2? fails because of 30. Nd4 Rfe8 31. exf6 Qxf6 32. Rf3+-;

30. exf6 Rxf6

By taking on f6 white has cleared the e5 for the Knight, keeping the g6 pawn stuck in black's throat!

30... Qxg6?? taking the pawn will cause Black grave problems 31. Ne5 Qxf6 32. Rg3+ Kh8 33. Ng6+ Kh7 34. Nxf8+ Rxf8 35. Rf3+-

31. Ne5 Raf8+ 32. Rcc1

To prevent anything taking place on f1

32....Ra8

There is nothing better. White is either going to push the h pawn or the Queen will continue to bully its way around the board.

33. h4 Raf8 34. Qb6 Qe7 35. h5 1-0

Here Black decides to call it a day! To reiterate the point it does go to show play the position not the rating of the opponent. The choice of 7..Qb6? was dubious and 7... a6/Be7/cxd4 are rightly more popular.

Personally this was a solid tournament for me :+3-0=9 and 2247 performance rating

<https://www.iccf.com/event?id=40741>



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Post Bag

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

Q: What is the S-B Tiebreak I see on Tournament Crosstables?

A: This is the Sonneborn-Berger Score. It is a method used to tiebreak players on the same score. In simple terms it is calculated by adding together:

- For all the players you won against; Their score in the Tournament
- For all the players you drew with; Half their score in the Tournament
- For all the players you lost against; Zero

When added together this gives us the S-B score but so what? When you consider it, the better your opponents (Who you Won and Drew against) did the higher your score will be. The means that in a tie break situation someone who scored better against those just below them in the event will "get the nod" over someone who got the same overall result but obtained their results against the back-markers.

The best way to understand it is to get the pen and paper out and work your own score out in an event. Of course no-tiebreak system is fool proof and the S-B has suffered in recent years due the high level of draws in top flight chess and it has been superseded by for ICCF Tournaments by the Baumbach method – which is basically a count of the number of won games.

An interesting discussion can be see at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tie-breaking_in_Swiss-system_tournaments



Norm Watch

Senior International Master

Austin Lockwood (9)

John Claridge (11)

International Master

Austin Lockwood (9)

Anthony Balshaw (19)

John Claridge (11)

All Quiet at the moment but all that could change in the near future! In simple terms a player need to obtain the title over a minimum of 24 eligible games



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The WCCF AGM will be held in coming weeks. (Provisional date 28th Jan)

If you have any ideas or would like to get involved please get in touch with treasurer@welshccf.org.uk

Items already on the agenda include:

- ICCF Congress in Cardiff 2015
- Welsh Master Titles
- Welsh Championships

What is the shortest game of chess you have played or witnessed? I will let you know the details of a match I recently TD'ed (fully anonymised to protect the "innocent"!) in the next edition.

Nice easy one for you now—can you name all the OTB World Chess Champions in order? - again the answer next time!



We are happy to announce that Ian Jones has joined the WCCF Executive Team.

In other changes Russell Sherwood has become acting International Secretary allowing Austin Lockwood to focus on the Cardiff Congress.

Once the AGM has been completed a fuller breakdown of the team and who does what will be published"



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Italy vs Rest of Europe

A message from our ASIGC (Italian Federation)

Dear National Federations , it is customary since the ICCF Congress 2010 to organize each year a match between one European country and Rest of Europe; this year a match Germany vs Rest of Europe started on March 17, 2014.

A match Rest of Europe vs. Italy is organized now.

Each federation can nominate 3 players (deadline Jan. 15, 2015) for this match. Below are the most important items.

Best regards, AMICI SUMUS

Gianni Mastrojeni (ASIGC Delegate) Guido Bresadola (ASIGC President)

1. The match will be played on ICCF webserver.
2. Number of boards will be (at least) 100.
3. Any country may nominate 3 players for Rest of Europe Team.
4. ICCF rules will apply. Time Control is 50 days for 10 moves. Each player is going to play two games (White/Black) against his opponent.
5. Start date is March 1, 2015.
6. Team Captains are Int. Arb. Mastrojeni, Gianni (Italy) and G.M. Gaujens, Artis (Latvia, Rest of Europe).
7. Order of boards will be in concordance with ICCF ratings being taken from up-to-date rating -list.
8. Tournament Director SIM Carlos León Cranbourne
9. Games are seen live for teammates and team captains, and are delayed by 5 moves for public.

Anyone wishing to be nominated for this event please contact treasurer@welshccf.org.uk by Friday 16th January. First three to contact me get the places. If there are more than three the other names will be forwarded as reserves



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Match Results

CCO20/S5, ICCF Olympiad 20 Preliminaries - Section 05

		TD Glaser, Karel (IA)																	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place	
1	 Sweden	2428		3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	4.5	3.5	3.5	5	34	62	14	18	54	0	1
2	 Estonia	2481	2.5		3	3	3.5	4	3.5	4.5	3.5	5	32.5	61	12	14	53	1	2
3	 Argentina	2510	2.5	3		3.5	4	3	3.5	3.5	4	4.5	31.5	61	12	14	51	3	3
4	 Romania	2434	2.5	3	2.5		4.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	30	55	6	13	54	0	4
5	 Croatia	2401	2.5	2.5	2	1.5		4	3.5	3	2.5	4.5	26	48	-2	7	54	0	5
6	 Wales	2237	2.5	2	2	2.5	2		3	3.5	3.5	3.5	24.5	46	-4	7	53	1	6
7	 Latvia	2456	1.5	2.5	1.5	2.5	2.5	3		3	4.5	3.5	24.5	47	-3	6	52	2	7
8	 Brazil	2407	2.5	1.5	1.5	2.5	3	2.5	3		3	5	24.5	46	-4	5	53	1	8
9	 Cuba	2375	2.5	1.5	2	2.5	3.5	2.5	1.5	3		3	22	41	-9	4	53	1	9
10	 Guatemala	2300	1	1	1.5	2.5	1.5	2.5	1.5	1	3		15.5	29	-22	1	53	1	10











With one game to one it would appear we have achieved at worst 8th place in our section., slightly better than our 9th seed. However considering that by rating we were expected to score only 14.5 vs the 24.5 we have scored this is very encouraging for the future.

Well done to Tony Balshaw and Austin Lockwood on picking up Norms for this event!

Considering our that our team was massively out-rated it came as no surprise that we finished in 10th place in our Semi-Final. All was not doom and gloom though!

The 13.5 scored was compared with an expected result of 7.5. In particular John Williams on board 1's score of 6.5 would have gained him a LGM norm if he were willing to have the required operation!

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

			TD Limbert, Neil (IA)																
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
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	2	5	27.5	51	2	9	53	1	5
6		Finland 2217	3	2.5	3	2.5	2.5		2.5	2.5	4	4	26.3	49	-1	6	54	0	6
7		Portugal 2130	2	2.5	2.5	3	4	3.5		2	2.5	4	26	49	-1	7	53	1	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	42	-8	5	52	2	9
10		Wales 1855	1	1.5	1	1.5	1	2	1	2	2.5		13.5	25	-26	0	53	1	10

Considering the progress made in the Tri-Nations I believe we will look forward to a much different outcome in the next iteration of this event!



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The Tri-Nations Tournament

was set up to have a “friendly” home-nations encounter! We started this event as the lowest rated team (This has now changed to due changes to the Scottish line up). The pre-match expected score was around 16.5 points.

GB/TriNat/2014, British Tri-Nations 2014

TD Saifring, Dr. Carl L.

			1	2	3	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
1	Wales	1948		13	13.5	26.5	77	19	4	34	6	1
2	Scotland	1942	5		7	12	36	-9	0	33	7	2
3	England	2018	2.5	8		10.5	33	-10	0	31	9	3

As you can see our team has managed to blow this out the water, winning the event at a cantor with a number of games still remaining. It is a brilliant team performance with no board scoring less than 50% and every player managing at least one win!

In particular Andrew Robersshaw and Helen Sherwood should be singled out, winning their individual matches with perfect scores!!

We hope to run this match on an annual basis and even with a number of this team now ineligible to play I believe we still have a “conveyor belt” of talent coming through who can take up the baton and continue to deliver excellent results, although I suspect we might also facer stiffer opposition next time!

British Tri Nations 2014

Wales						Scotland				England			
			F	A	O			W	B			W	B
1	John Claridge	2179	3	1	0	Eoin Campbell	2101	1	0.5	David Milton	2193	1	0.5
2	Russell Sherwood	2173	2	0	2	Derek Price	2093	1		Ihor Lewyk	2141	1	
3	Phillip Dean	2107	2	0	2	A Dawson	2068	1	1	Mel Suffield	2128		
4	Ian Jones	1963	3	1	0	Raymond Burridge	2016	1	0.5	Shane Frith	2065	1	0.5
5	Andrew Robersshaw	1875	4	0	0	Dave Dempster	1752	1	1	J Primrose	2028	1	1
6	Peter Bevan	1800	2.5	1.5	0	Derek Coope	1935	0	1	William Grummitt	2007	1	0.5
7	Alex Bullen	2047	2.5	1.5	0	William Cormack	1928	1	0.5	Phillip Beckett	1971	0.5	0.5
8	Helen Sherwood	1800	4	0	0	Alan Armstrong	1915	1	1	Oliver Graham	1943	1	1
9	Mark Slupski	1800	1.5	0.5	2	Andrew McMillen	1828	0.5		Bryan Wood	1878	1	
10	David T Guy	1741	2	2	0	Iain Campbell	1789	0	0	Andrew Zigmund	1829	1	1
			26.5	7.5	6								

We hope to encourage Ireland to join the fray next time but even without them this has been good event to showcase upcoming Welsh Talent of which there is plenty!!!



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

		TD Glaser, Karel (IA)																			
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place		
1	 Norway	2316		1	1	1	0.5	1	3	1	2	1	1	12.5	52	1	0	24	56	1	
2	 Poland	2406	1		1.5	3	1.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.5	1.5	1	12.5	54	2	0	23	57	2	
3	 Latvia	2432	1	1.5		1.5	0.5	0.5	2.5	2	1.5	0	0	11	57	3	0	19	61	3	
4	 Russia	2475	1	2	1.5		0	1.5	1	1	1	0.5	0	9.5	47	-1	0	20	60	4	
5	 England	2361	0.5	1.5	0.5	0		0.5	1	1	2	1	1	9	52	1	0	17	63	5	
6	 Germany	2433	2	0.5	0.5	1.5	0.5		1.5	1	1	0	0.5	9	60	3	0	15	65	6	
7	 Wales	2237	2	0.5	0.5	1	1	0.5		0.5	1	1.5	0.5	9	39	-5	0	23	57	7	
8	 Czech Republic	2417	1	0.5	2	1	1	1	0.5		1	0	0.5	8.5	50	0	0	17	63	8	
9	 Finland	2388	1	0.5	0.5	1	1	0	2	1		0.5	0.5	8	40	-4	0	20	60	9	
10	 Italy	2390	1	1.5	0	0.5	1	0	1.5	0	0.5		1	7	50	0	0	14	66	10	
11	 Slovenia	2362	1	1	0	0	1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1		6	50	0	0	12	68	11	

It is early days yet in the 10th European Team Championships, with 57 games still to go.

Personally it has been a very satisfying event with a first GM Draw with Dr Hans-Joachim Hostretter.

More to come in the next edition of Dragon's Fire as the team looks to out-perform its ranking



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Good Luck to Mark Adams and Russell Sherwood who are Wales nominations to enter the **PRELIMINARIES - 39th WCCC** (World Correspondence Chess Championships). A great experience awaits both I am sure!

4th Chess 960 World Cup



The tournament will be **played by server** and will be organized in **three or four stages**, depending from the number of the entries. The sections of the preliminary round will have **6 players** (10 games) with 2 qualified for the next round. All sections will be with double round robin (players will have the same position with Black and White but all positions will defer from one opponent to another). Time control will be **10 moves for 30 days**. The event will be **rated or Chess 960 rating system**.

Entries

Players may enter in the usual way through their **National Federations** or, where eligible, via the **ICCF Direct Entry** system.

· **All the finalists of the 2nd Chess 960 World Cup can start the 4th Chess 960 World Cup from the Semi-Finals (starting approx. in the first half of 2016), entering via Direct Entry up to 28.02.2015 or via National Federation up to 30.09.2015.**

Entries via National Federations should contain player's name, e-mail address and ICCF ID and should be forwarded by e-mail to the Tournament Organizer, **Leonardo Madonia**, (e-mail: lmadonia@iccf.com) to reach him before 28th February 2015. It would be appreciated if Federations send entries "as received" and not delay them until closing date.



A player can apply for more than one preliminary group.

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Friendly Matches

Recently we have started matches against Scotland, Australia, Poland and Germany. Its early days in all three events and good look to all players involved.



GER-WLS 2015, Wales - Germany 2015

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



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WLS-NSW 2015, Wales - New South Wales 2015

			TD Ylönen, Olli					
			White	Black	White	Black		
Wales							New South Wales	
Board 1	Sherwood, Russell	2310	.	.	.	.	SIM Kerr, Stephen	2470
Board 2	Sherwood, Russell	2310	.	.	.	.	Willow, Dr. Max	2278
Board 3	Dean, Philip	2094	.	.	.	.	Gross, M. C.	2179
Board 4	Jones, Ian	2083	.	.	.	.	Thew, Brian W.	2164
Board 5	Jones, Ian	2083	.	.	.	.	Jones, Brian	2157
Board 6	Yüce, Aytaç	2071	.	.	.	.	Plew, Jeffrey	2039 ^F
Board 7	Sherwood, Helen	2035	.	.	.	.	Garland, Norman	2099
Board 8	Bevan, Peter M.	2040 ^F	.	.	.	.	Maylott, Peter S.	2076
Board 9	Sherwood, Helen	2035	.	.	.	.	Allies, Michael	2010
Board 10	Robertshaw, Dr. Andrew M.	1921	.	.	.	.	Hough, Greg	2000
Board 11	Yeo, Gareth	1960 ^F	.	.	.	.	Ramsden, Jim E.	1984
Board 12	Davies, Adam	1800 ^P	.	.	.	.	Oliver, Shannon	1945 ^F
Board 13	Cannon, Dale	1800 ^P	.	.	.	.	Brodie, Peter	1912
Board 14	Evans, Nicholas	1874 ^F	.	.	.	.	Wilson, Gregory	1882
Board 15	Cannon, Dale	1800 ^P	.	.	.	.	Groenhout, Ron	1810
Board 16	Baron, Margaret	1769	.	.	.	.	Parsons, Colin	1773
Board 17	Guy, David T.	1691	.	.	.	.	Chen, Song	1645
Board 18	Guy, David T.	1691	.	.	.	.	Wilkes, Adam	1814
Board 19	Sherwood, Alexander	1800 ^P	.	.	.	.	Williams, J. M. P.	1800 ^P
Board 20	Flew, Bill	1688	.	.	.	.	McNamara, Steve	1800 ^P
Board 21	Wakeham, Marc R.	1530	.	.	.	.	White, Christopher	1800 ^P
Board 22	Wilding, Arthur	1467	.	.	.	.	Clayton, Graham	1624
Board 23	Chugg, Malcolm	1495	0	0	1	1	Walters, Brenden	1496
Board 24	Thomas, V.	1800 ^P	.	.	.	.	Hunt, Joshua	1461
Total:			0		2			

This event is played in the memory of the hostages who died in the Lindt Chocolate Café Siege on December 16th 2014. By Rating we are expected to score 21 points



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			TD Prych, George D. (IA)					
Wales			White	Black	White	Black	Poland	
Board 1	Balshaw, Anthony	2368	GM Pierzak, Rafael	2508
Board 2	Sherwood, Russell	2270	½	.	.	½	Mirkowski, Piotr	2286
Board 3	Sherwood, Russell	2270	.	½	½	.	Sodomski, Andrzej	2253
Board 4	Jones, Ian	2073	.	.	.	.	Pazderski, Ludwik	2244
Board 5	Jones, Ian	2073	.	.	.	.	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	.	.	.	.	Stepaniec, Łukasz	2135
Board 10	Sherwood, Helen	1957	.	.	.	.	Wilczek, Ryszard	2123
Board 11	Sherwood, Helen	1957	½	½	½	½	Kułakiewicz, Mariusz	2096
Board 12	Wilson, Mark	1800 ^P	.	0	1	.	Szerlak, Andrzej	2068
Board 13	Meara, Paul	1800 ^P	.	.	.	.	Korchut, Adam	2059
Board 14	Davies, Adam	1800 ^P	.	.	.	.	Purzycki, Jan	2039 ^F
Board 15	Baron, Margaret	1765	.	.	.	.	Łukasiewicz, Przemysław	1909
Board 16	Guy, David T.	1733	0	0	1	1	Domaraczeńko, Krzysztof	1866
Board 17	Flew, Bill	1660	.	.	.	.	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:			3		14			

By Rating we are expected to score 12 points in this match, so are well on the way to this target!

This event also taught a number of lessons in terms of arranging match ups, which have been taken forward into future events.

Other Friendlies

			Start	Boards	Weblink	For	Against	Open	%	ES	ES%
3	Wales	Peru	Oct-12	13	http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=31327	15.5	10.5	0	60%	12.5	48%
4	Wales	Sweden	Nov-12	9	http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=32242	3.5	14.5	0	19%	8.5	47%
5	Wales	Netherlands	Apr-13	19	http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=36206	16.5	21.5	0	43%	15.8	42%
6	Wales	Spain	Jun-13	15	http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=37811	11.5	18.5	0	38%	15.4	51%
7	Wales	Venezuela	Aug-13	6	http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=39352	6	6	0	50%	4.9	41%
8	Wales	Latvia	Sep-13	10	http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=39577	6	14	0	30%	7.4	37%
9	Wales	USA	Dec-13	21	http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=40945	20	21	1	49%	21.2	50%
11	Wales	Ireland	May-14	5	http://www.iccf.com/event?id=43701	4	6	0	40%	3.0	30%
15	Wales	Venezuela	Aug-14	14	http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=45168	6.5	10.5	11	38%	9.8	35%
16	Wales	Poland	Nov-14	21	https://www.iccf.com/event?id=48874	3	14	25	18%	11.9	28%



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ICCF Congress

Representatives (or 'delegates') of each ICCF member federation gather annually for Congress; there are usually three days of business (discussing rules, organisation of tournaments, general management, etc.), a couple of chess events including a match against a local team and a blitz tournament, and various social activities.

Congress is hosted by a different national federation each year.

Since the Welsh Correspondence Chess Federation was established in 2012, Wales has been represented in South Africa (Pretoria 2012), Poland (Krakow 2013) and Australia (Sydney 2014).

This year it is our turn to host Congress for the first time; this will be held at the Mercure Holland House Hotel in Cardiff from 16th to 22nd August.

There are a number of ways you can get involved!...

if you'd like to meet correspondence chess players from around the world, including Grand Masters and former World Champions, we're holding a social evening on 16th August; this will be at Tiger Tiger in Cardiff. Please contact Austin if you'd like to attend this evening as we need to know numbers in advance.

We will be running a blitz tournament at the Congress hotel on Wednesday 19th August, and Mark Adams is arranging a chess match against a team representing the Welsh Chess Union on the evening of Thursday 20th August at the Norwegian Church in Cardiff Bay. Please get in touch if you'd like to play in either.

Or, if you'd just like to see what goes on in Congress, you can attend the sessions as an observer; there will be an opening ceremony on the Monday, followed by title awards (hopefully we will have at least one to be presented!), and three days of meetings. Again, please let us know so that we can reserve you a place.

Finally, volunteers are always needed! – If you'd like to greet delegates at Cardiff airport, or show visitors around Cardiff Bay, please get in touch!

We hope that as many as possible of our national players will be involved in some way or other. Correspondence chess is not usually a 'social' activity, but Congress is a great chance to meet other players from different countries and it's always an interesting experience.

We also see it as a great opportunity to promote correspondence chess to over the board players.

Austin Lockwood

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