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July, 1974.

It is with regret that I have to report that our President, Mr A.W. Busby, has encountered poor health and, whilst progressing towards recovery, I understand it may be some time before he is completely recovered. I am sure all will join me in wishing him the speediest of recoveries. Mr T.P.G. Higgs, the Wiltshire General Secretary, is also troubled by health difficulties and we all wish him the best of restored health as soon as possible.

Turning to World News, the English news view has been one of success, culminating in J. Mistel winning the U-16 WORLD TITLE at Niece, following closely on the English Team's achieving 10th place in the Olympiad at Niece in the top section (Congratulations also to Wales in achieving the same section, or one of the 16 World nations); The election of Mr B.H. Wood of Chess, Sutton Coldfield, as a F.I.D.E. Judge, the election of Mr Harry Golombeck as President of zone One (Western Europe) - one of the eleven zones that make up F.I.D.E. and its plus 80 National Federations - the achievement of Mr C. Mansfield as a Grandmaster of problems compositions (only the 4th such award ever), to say nothing of winning a place in the final of the European Championships at Bath earlier, the beating of West Germany with 4 Grandmasters in the side and the Holland match result - really those who say the B.C.F. and its supporting Unions are doing nothing for English Chess should wake up. Whether one likes it or not, all these advances eventually result in better and better conditions and play from club level up through the Leagues and County Associations and finally all those keen on chess benefit - registered or otherwise.

What has brought all the various Congresses for players - unquestionably stimulated interest and this is directly attributable in the long run to the B.C.F., Unions and County Associations supporters.

July 20th, 1974, is the 50th Anniversary of the founding of F.I.D.E. and in commemoration of that event, all founder Federations were presented with gold placks. The B.C.F. plack was shown to the B.C.F. Executive and they decided it should be kept in custody by the General Secretary - England being one of the founder members. Several Englishmen also won placks, including Golombeck and Wade amongst others. Our own Peter Clark received a Bronze Medal for taking part in 5 Olympiads.

LATE NEWS

Holsworthy 2nd Speed Contest results:- played 13-7-74, the winner was W.R. Hartston with 8½/9, 2nd P.H. Clarke with 7½/9 and G.W. Wheeler of Plymouth was 3rd with 7/9. Wheeler won this event last year. 41 players took part - Mrs Hartston scoring 5½/9.

LATE SUPPLEMENTARY

It is with great pleasure that I can report that yesterday SOUTHERN GRAMMAR SCHOOL, of Southsea, Portsmouth WON the Sunday Times Schools Championship, thus bringing an important trophy to the West, I know, to the delight of all my readers. I feel we should all extend our congratulations to the School and Commander A.J. Peters R.N. (Rtd) for this achievement. Other schools were Paisley Grammar, King Edwards Birmingham, and Bedford Modern.

GLORNEY CUP TEAM (Boys)

The English Team for this event will be D.A. Curnow, D.R. Johnson, G.E.J. Lambert, Southern Grammar, P.J. Lee, Southern Grammar, P. Littlewood, J.C. Pigott and P.A. Richardson. Play starts shortly.

FABER CUP TEAM (Girls)

The English Team will be Susan Caldwell, Susan Hutchinson, Sheila Jackson and Wanda Pritchard. Play starts shortly.

WORLD TEAM STUDENTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Currently being played in Middlesbrough, The English Team, playing in section 5 of the preliminaries, are leading their section.

BRITISH UNIVERSITIES TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Cambridge won with 20 pts, London I $19\frac{1}{2}$, Cambridge II $17\frac{1}{2}$. Sheffield 12, London II $9\frac{1}{2}$. Leeds $5\frac{1}{2}$.

ROYAL NAVAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Played at H.M.S. Sultan, this was won by D.K. Butler with $6\frac{1}{2}$ pts. R. Addison 6, A. Kendrick $4\frac{1}{2}$, M.M. Street 4.

Sadly it seems doubtful when it will be possible to issue the full grading list, due to possible delays with the SCCU Computer first time delays. However I will forward it to all those who have renewed their subscriptions just as soon as possible on or after 1st September. Grading Lists are 40p, full Westward Ho issues per annum £1.00.

At the meeting of the Governing body of F.I.D.E. in Niece, all the main Officials were re-elected, although there was a name put up in opposition to the President, Dr Max Euwe.

The cycle of holding the championship by a player and an attempt to disqualify South Africa were the main discussions on the Qualifications committee, all with a distinct scent of political pressures which one hopes to see kept out of Chess.

The Rules committee were chiefly concerned with the rules applicable to 'Touching a Piece' and there are likely to be issued more stringent rules on this matter, especially for high-level chess.

A new competition is proposed for the starting of a CLUB Championship, something akin to football and entries for the first competition from Champion Clubs have to reach the Secretariat by Oct 1st and the first draw will bear in mind territorial positions to keep costs down. The first actual final should take place in 1976 for the title of Champion World Club.

Ways of reducing the costs of Olympiads were discussed and in future such will be run on a Swiss System of 17 days duration instead of the past 23 days in the All-Play-All system of the 16 groups with its rest days.

The Rules for the World Individual Championship were discussed in the light of suggestions from the World Champion. This was finally decided by the match starting in early June, 1975 and the winner be the first to win 10 games, or the leader over 36 games. In the event of 9/9 being reached, the Champion to keep his title, no sudden death on the last game. Under this, it virtually means the Challenger had to win 2 more games than the Champion, or one could say it virtually gives the Champion a 1-0 lead start. When these conditions were sent to the Champion, virtually his own suggestions, the reply was that he resigned his title and would not take part. F.I.D.E. replied with a conciliatory communication asking him to reconsider but to date, they have had no reply. There the matters stand but if nothing does develop, it could well mean the the outcome of the Karpov/ Korchnoi contest for the right to challenge the Champion could become the actual championship. The Champion could have attended the F.I.D.E. Meeting personally but he elected not to be present. One fears a further Fischer saga is again starting. Sad, sad, sad.

B.C.F. NEWS

It is with regret that I have to report that Mr I. Cohen, the B.C.F. Treasurer for a number of years before Mr Ezra, is seriously ill and all will hope for better news in due course.

In the Counties Championship final Yorkshire beat Cambridge by $9\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$. This is truly nice for Dr Addingley that he has achieved the distinction of leading his county to the Champions position in the last season on which he will be the Yorkshire Captain.

The draw for the Counties Championship next year will be:

4 Finals:-	A	SCCU 2	v	WECU 1.	Semi-Finals:-	
	B	WECU 2	v	MCCU 2.		B winners v D winners.
	C	NCCU 1	v	SCCU 1.		C winners v A winners.
	4	NCCU 2	v	MCCU 1.		

The Minor Counties draw was:-

SCCU v MCCU and WECU v NCCU.

The B.C.F. Council Meeting was attended by some 60 odd representatives and one was a little sad to see certain West representatives absent without even passing on a proxy vote for important decisions.

The most important decision was the matter of the Registration fee to be charged by the B.C.F. This was carried at 50p per annum for 1975 onwards by 30 to 25 votes, sadly splitting the assembly down the middle with S.C.C.U. and the London League on one side and the rest on the other. Southern Counties argued truthfully that their registrations were being made to pay for counties who only imposed minimum registrations. I believe their argument wrong in only one factor, namely ALL should work single and totally to keep the B.C.F., OUR NATIONAL BODY, strong and their 40p heavily undermined this. On the other side, Mr Morry spoke of the difficulties in getting registrations in Warwickshire and said others should stop blaming them for poor registration figures. Somewhat sadly, I felt personally he only made out a case for the Warwickshire C.A. wanting more vigorous activity to encourage and convince players to register for the good of English Chess and one wonders if new blood might help. Anyway, lets be honest and admit they are not the only ones to point a finger at.

The Council accepted the various reports of the Committees. The Hon. Treasurer explained certain points in the Balance Sheet and the Auditor was present to confirm his approval.

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West representatives present at the Council included our Treasurer, J.E.C. Grant, Mrs Parker, R.H. Newman and D.C. Jarrett. Mr Newman put the case to the meeting for the West collecting registration fees in a calm and forceful way, forstalling critics of 'not on agenda' in a delightful way which was most effective. Sadly the current rules state counties are accountable to the B.C.F. and so the matter will require further debate.

Similarly Devon's request for altering Minor Counties Rules was not taken by the Executive in the morning for want of time and thus it will await till the November meeting for consideration. The Executive started at 10 am and so did its best to get on with business, and had only 25 minutes for lunch before the start of the Council Meeting. Three other items were also left.

At the Executive Meeting after the Council Meeting had ended at 5 pm, Mr C.E. Williams was re-elected Chairman, and Mr R.H. Newman was elected to the Development Committee in place of Mr A.E. Barnes who had written expressing doubts as to whether he should continue. Your Editor was elected to the Congress Committee and officials of the Committees generally returned, including D.M. Bond as Secretary for Junior Training.

West players taking part in the B.C.F. Championships at Clacton in August include the following:-

Championship:-

P.H. Clarke and D.M. Wise plus N.J. Holloway of Cambridge and Plymouth; G.H. Bennett.

Ladies Championship:

Mrs M.E.E. Clarke and Miss C.J. Habershon of Bath. (I.P. Legg, Gloucester

Under-21 (Boys)

G.E.J. Lambert, Portsmouth; P.J. Lee, Southsea.

Under-18

P.A. Aston, Dorchester; P.R. Davies, Bournemouth;

Under-16

J.P. Fetterlein, Cheltenham; S. Williams, Plymouth.

Under-14

S.J. Hooker, Portsmouth; T.P. Love, Portsmouth;

Under-18 (Girls)

S.J. Shutler, Poole; R van E Kummer, Dorchester.

Under-14

M.R. Charter, Bournemouth; B.P. Collinson, Plymouth; A.J. Griffiths, Southampton.

Miss J. Anson.

Major Open

Miss S.M. Prince and Miss J.F. Seymour, both from Portsmouth.

1st Class

R.H.K. Mann, Wareham.

H.J. Draisey, Bristol; W.A. Shutler, Poole;

R.A.E. Shaw, Blandford.

Over 50

C.A.S. Damant, Ilfracombe.

The Appeals Committee will be Dr Penrose, substitute P.H. Clarke. and Miss Sunnucks, substitute C.F. Woodcock.

West Registration figures this year put Devon at the top with 341, a clear lead over Somerset with 268. Hants 254, Gloucs 204, Dorset 140, Wilts 131 and Cornwall 124.

One must congratulate Mr E.G. Walker in his first year as leading his county to the top of the West league for increased registrations and I feel certain this will lead to better and better performances by that county. Well done Somerset. Closely follows Devon with another good record and their record has already started to produce results - just one reverse result and they could have been the side tying with the Lancashire Minor Counties Champions. Dorset with 37, Gloucestershire with 27 and Wiltshire with 25 all show comfortable steady improvement. Hants rather lagged with only a plus of 11 whilst Cornwall slipped to a minus 10. However 124 registrations situated as they are, out on a limb on their own, is no disgrace but it will give them a good chance to climb up this League next year.

The West being represented in the 'Sunday Times' Schools finals taking place in London this coming weekend gives still more satisfaction and congratulations to Commander A.J. Peters R.N. (Rtd) for his leadership of the Southern Grammar School team.

Yet again the West has G.E.J. Lambert playing in the Glorney Cup for England at the end of July. Sorry if this sounds like swanking, but please realise it is fact and improvements bring better things in time. The one sad point is that I doubt if I hear results in time to include them in this issue.

LATE NEWS

The Gloucestershire Individual Championship is still undecided between R.O. Powis, the Gloucestershire Hon. Secretary, and M.E. Bridgen. To date they have met and played one game of 70 moves which ended in a draw. I understand the next game R.O.P. having the White pieces but has to travel to Bristol to play.

COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPS QUARTER-FINALS:-

Gloucestershire travelled to Oxford on 27th April to play Cambridgeshire and, whilst they lost somewhat heavily, S.J. Hutchings, playing No 1 Board, must be commended for beating R.D. Keene.

<u>GLOUCESTERSHIRE</u>	<u>27-4-1974</u>	<u>CAMBRIDGESHIRE</u>
1. S.J. Hutchings, Bristol & Clftn, 211	1	R.D. Keene, 231 0.
2. Dr J.M. Aitken, Cheltenham, 187	0	M.F. Stean, 230 1.
3. N.J. Patterson, Cheltenham	$\frac{1}{2}$	A.H. Williams, 227 $\frac{1}{2}$.
4. P.J. Meade, Cheltenham, 193	0	R.G. Eales, 208 1.
5. K. Petschar, Bristol University	1	N.J. Holloway, 214 0.
6. M.E. Binks, Downend & Fishpds, 199 (Capt) $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	J.N. Sugden, 210 $\frac{1}{2}$.
7. M.E. Brigden, Downend & Fishpds 197	0	A. Kanamori, 1.
8. G.E. Walfarth, Gloucester, 179	0	A.G. Trangmar, 209 1.
9. M.I. Davis, Gloucester, 181	1	J.G. Cooper, 201, 0.
10. R.O. Powis, Stroud, 177.	0	J.P. Sommerville, 194 1.
11. D.C. Jarrett, Hannam & Kingswd, 179	$\frac{1}{2}$	R.L. Johannes, 197 $\frac{1}{2}$.
12. C.J. Hutchings, Bristol & Clftn, 173	0	A.C. Cooper, 189 1.
13. M.E. Poolake, Bristol & Clftn, 165	0	J.G. Nicholson, 197 1.
14. D. Osborne, Bristol & Clftn, 171	$\frac{1}{2}$	S.J. Taylor, 188 $\frac{1}{2}$.
15. I.R. Pickup, Downend & Fishpds, 169	0	R.J. Pearce, 188 1.
16. N. Davey, Cheltenham G.S., 165	<u>0</u>	A.P. Shepstone, 191 <u>1</u> .
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Mostly outgraded by 20 points plus, Gloucestershire did well against probably the strongest County, virtually all University players.

<u>DEVONSHIRE.</u>	<u>27-4-74.</u>	<u>NOTTINGHAM.</u>
1. P.H. Clarke, Bude, 211	1	M.H. Horton, 208 0.
2. A.R.B. Thomas, Exeter, 200	1	Dr A.N. Walker, 197 0.
3. R.A. Lee, Exeter, 185	0	K.B. Richardson, 214 1.
4. G.W. Wheeler, Plymouth, 189	$\frac{1}{2}$	R.G. Thimann, $\frac{1}{2}$.
5. K.S. Schofield, Exmouth, 179	0	P.D. Hare, 186, 1.
6. R.M. Bruce, Plymouth, 178	0	P.R. Kemp, 185 1.
7. R. Delnon, Plymouth, 176	1	T. Guy, 0.
8. C.A.S. Damant, Barnstaple, 167	0	P. Sharp, 1.
9. B.W. Clapp, Exeter, 172	$\frac{1}{2}$	A.J. Wolfe, $\frac{1}{2}$.
10. D.M. Hill, Exeter University	1	A. Richmond, 0.
11. R.H. Newman, Barnstaple, 158	$\frac{1}{2}$	J.G. Cooper, $\frac{1}{2}$.
12. Mrs R.M. Bruce, Plymouth, 161	$\frac{1}{2}$	Dr J.K. Walters, $\frac{1}{2}$.
13. J.K. Gross, Plymouth, 152	0	M.D. Smith, 1.
14. M.W. Wood, Exeter, 157	0	R. Day, 1.
15. R. Liggitt, Paignton, 151	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. Richmond, $\frac{1}{2}$.
16. K.J. Bloodworth, Plymouth, 148	<u>1</u>	P. Grimsey, <u>0</u> .
	<u>$\frac{7}{2}$</u>	<u>$\frac{8}{2}$</u>

Devon just lose out in a close match which was played at the Sea Mills Community Centre, Bristol Area, thanks mainly to the local help of Mr L.A. Dorrington, the local Chess Club Secretary. Sadly Devon was somewhat under strength with important names missing from the side, probably due to arranging the match at somewhat short notice.

MINOR COUNTIES SEMI-FINAL:

<u>DEVONSHIRE</u>	<u>27-4-74.</u>	<u>WARWICKSHIRE</u>
1. J.J. Griffiths, Exeter, 150	0	C.E. Packwood 1.
2. R.N. Swan, Exeter University	1	C.W. Baker 0.
3. E.G. Sparkle, Exmouth, 153	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. Woodcock $\frac{1}{2}$.
4. Dr C. Oppenheim, Plymouth,	1	M.B. Squires 0.
5. W.A. Frost, Teignmouth, 139	0	G. Kaye 1.
6. J. Parker, Lynton, 142	1	P. Sutton 0.
7. S.R. Boniface, Exmouth, 153	0	J. Rowley 1.
8. C.J. Meadows, Paignton, 148	0	M.E. Whetton 1.
9. P.C. Cowdrey, Exeter University	$\frac{1}{2}$	M.R. Duffey 1.
10. P. Walden, Paignton, 138	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Collins $\frac{1}{2}$.
11. S. Ash, Totness, 140	0	R.E. Borcheros 1.
12. Dr I.W. Hitchcock, Exeter, 138	1	P. Clay 0.

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The Devonshire-Warwickshire Minor Counties match was played at the Sea Mills Community Centre at the same time as the Counties Championship match and one sees the B.C.F. Minor Counties Rules working at some disadvantage to Devon in that several strong players were ruled out of the M.C.C. match by virtue of having filled in twice or more time when top players were absent. This accounts for Devon's M.C.C. Rule change called for.

In the B.C.F. Under-18 Championships, our Girls and Boys have done us proud, the Girls winning and the Boys coming a good second.

GIRLS U-18

1. Susan Hutchinson (Lincs 1) 0	Wanda Fritchard (Surrey 1) 1.
2. <u>Jane Anson</u> (<u>Devon 1</u>) 0	Sheila Jackson (Lancs 1) 1.
3. Anita May (Surrey 2) 0	<u>Phillippa Miles</u> (<u>Devon 2</u>) 1.
4. Joan Shaw (Lancs 2) 0	Sandra Wood (Lincs 2) 1.
5. Jill Wood (Lincs 3) 0	<u>Helen Rushby</u> (<u>Devon 3</u>) 1.
6. Vanda Carter (Surrey 3) 1	Janet Shaw (Lancs 3) 0.
7. Caroline Hunter (Lancs 4) 1	Catherine Milner (Surrey 4) 0.
8. <u>Susan Turner</u> (<u>Devon 4</u>) 1	Julie Brown (Lincs 4) 0.
Devon 3.	
Lincs 2.	
Surrey 2.	
Lancs 1.	

BOYS U-18

1. J.C. Piggott (Surrey 1) 1	D. Nicholls (Leics 1) 0.
2. <u>G.E.J. Lambert</u> (<u>Hants 1</u>) 0	P. Littlewood (Lancs 1) 1.
3. A. Matthews (Leics 2) 0	<u>P.J. Lee</u> (<u>Hants 2</u>) 1.
4. T. Holt (Lancs 2) 0	D.A. Curnow (Surrey 2) 1.
5. R.C. Picot (Surrey 3) 0	<u>K.D.F. Gregory</u> (<u>Hants 3</u>) 1.
6. J. Essinger (Leics 3) 1/2	E. Rayner (Lancs 3) 1/2.
7. N. Hacking (Lancs 4) 0	M. Hebden (Leics 4) 1.
8. <u>P. Hackman</u> (<u>Hants 4</u>) 1a	S.B. Death (Surrey 4) 0a.
9. <u>P.R. Davies</u> (<u>Hants 5</u>) 1	G. Sharpe (Lincs 5) 0.
10. R.W. Haldane (Surrey 5) 0	J. Drinkwater (Lancs 5) 1.
11. H. Pepper (Lincs 6) 0	D. Massie (Surrey 6) 1.
12. D. Shuttleworth (Lancs 6) 1	<u>T.P. Love</u> (<u>Hants 6</u>) 0.
13. C.A. Plasa (Surrey 7) 1	C. Heathcote (Lincs 7) 0.
14. <u>S.P. Goodman</u> (<u>Hants 7</u>) 1/2a	S. Dilworth (Lancs 7) 1/2a.
15. A. Robinson (Leics 8) 1/2	<u>B.P.A. Andrews</u> (<u>Hants 8</u>) 1/2.
16. K. Larris (Lancs 8) 1/2a	J.F. Willson (Surrey 8) 1/2a.
17. G. Abayasekera (Surrey 9) 1	<u>A.J. Berry</u> (<u>Hants 9</u>) C
18. R. Walkuski (Leics 9) 0	J. Boswell (Lancs 9) 1.
19. H. Mather (Lancs 10) 1	G. Badham (Leics 10) 0.
20. <u>D.C. Noble</u> (<u>Hants 10</u>) 1	M.A. Arnold (Surrey 10) 0.
21. <u>M. Charter</u> (<u>Hants 11</u>) 1	P. O'Hara (Leics 11) 0.
22. A.M. Dunleavy (Surrey 11) 0a	S. Pimentil (Lancs 11) 1a.
23. G. Flear (Leics 12) 0a	J. Cook, (Surrey 12) 1a.
24. P.J. Dolan (Lancs 12) 1	<u>P. Anderson</u> (<u>Hants 12</u>) 0.
Lancashire 8 1/2	
Hampshire 7	
Surrey 6 1/2	
Leicestershire 2.	

With the exception of A.J. Berry's loss to a Surrey player, the only other W.E.C.U. Boys and Girls losses were against Lancashire U-18s. What a wonderful job the Junior Organisers do in these matters - Congratulations all.

In the Semi-finals of the Counties Championship, Nottinghamshire, conquerors of Devon by one point, played Yorkshire 1 and lost by one point also, thus Devon's defeat was borderline and one that can be looked to with a sense of justice that the West has held its own with two teams in the B.C.F. stages.

In the Minor Counties Championship Final Warwickshire 2 went on to draw in the final with Lancashire at 10/10 - Lancashire only winning on a board count - thus there is today very little difference in strengths of the sides and Devon certainly kept the West flag high, for a last board change of result would have brought about an equal position.

This meeting was held at the Central Library, Castle Street, Exeter on Saturday, 8th June, 1974. The meeting was well attended with representatives of all Counties present, although regretfully our President, Mr A.W. Busby, was unable to be present due to ill health. The meeting was opened by the Hon. Secretary, D.M. Bond, who suggested Dr J.M. Aitken take the Chair in the absence of the President. This was agreed unanimously.

Dr Aitken, in summing up the year for the President, pointed out that this was the first occasion in which the W.E.C.U. had had two counties go forward to the B.C.F. Section of the Counties Championship, that an extra round had been played in the Union's Congress at Easter and this had proved remarkably successful on this occasion in producing a clear cut result and that the Union had no authority over other chess organisers to demand they request registration to play in their congresses.

The Secretary, D.M. Bond, reported that Gloucestershire has again won the W.E.C.U. section of the Counties Championship and Devon had secured the second position by a single game point over Hampshire after tying on match points.

The Hon. Secretary, J.E.C. Grant, reported a small surplus of income over expenditure and it was agreed that Counties should increase their Union Delegates travel fees.

The Match Captain, R.H. Newman, reported that Gloucestershire had won the Senior Jamboree and that the North Devon Chess League team had won the Graded and Limited Jamboree. He went on to suggest that the limit for the Limited Jamboree on Oct 5th this year at Exeter University should be limited to players holding grades less than 126 instead of 12 as last year. This was agreed. (Having heard in 2 places it reported there was an age limit also imposed, I would say there is NO, repeat NO age limit, only a grading limit).

The Grading Officer, F.C. Kingdon, reported that some 1,529 players were graded with Hampshire being the biggest county for grading numbers of players. He went on to thank all graders throughout the Union for their assistance and expressed a hope that this year's grading would be on time, so long as the Southern Counties section did not hold up the grading of players who play in more than one area - S.C.C.U. are computerising their grading system this year and so some delay might occur.

The Congress Secretary, E.G. Walker, reported on the Union's Easter Congress at Torbay which had been a marked success. D.M. Wise had again won the Union Individual Championship - full details of this Congress will be found in the report being issued by Mr Walker.

The Junior Secretary reported on the successes of the Juniors this year with Devon Girls winning the Girls Counties Jamboree whilst Hampshire Boys ran Lancashire a close second in their section. Mr Jarrett is indeed making a really excellent job of junior organisation with the help of keen County Junior Organisers backing him up fully.

The Publicity Officer reported that sharp rises in materials costs, especially paper, together with big postage increases, especially for weights over 2 Ozs, made it essential to increase the cost, or reduce the issues per year. Suggesting Grading issue only at 50p, 3 issues at 75p or 4 full issues at £1, the Council chose the £1 4 full issues and thus please note the cost for the September issue onwards becomes £1 - I feel a wise move which should save any further increase for some time and might even run to a 5th issue should news warrant it.

The Trophies were presented as follows:-

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| (1) Harold Meek Cup: | Gloucestershire. |
| (2) Wayling Cup: | Devonshire. |
| (3) Brig. D. Morris Cup: | Teignmouth. |
| (4) A.E. Giles Trophy: | Southern Grammar School, Southsea. |

It is worthy of note that Southern Grammar, who had just then reached the final 4 in the 'Sunday Times' Schools Tournament, were recommended for a B.C.F. Schools Shield and it is hoped that the B.C.F. Junior Committee and the Executive will see fit to endorse this.

Election of Officers resulted as follows:-

Those listed at the start of this issue, plus

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| Junior Chess Secretary: | D.C. Jarrett. (Gloucestershire's President) |
| Grading Officer: | F.C. Kingdon, 6 Blenheim Rd, Weymouth. |
| Congress Secretary: | E.C. Walker. (Somerset's President) |
| Publicity Officer: | G.W. Kilmister. |
| Registrations Officer: | A.J.L. Wade. |

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Dr J.M. Aitken, F.C. Kingdon, E.G. Walker & R.H. Newman.

B.C.F. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Messrs G.W. Kilmister and D.M. Bond.

WEST OF ENGLAND'S FIXTURE LIST 1974/5:

1974.

- Sept 14th. Executive Committee Meeting at Taunton starting 2 PM.
 Oct 5th. Senior Jamboree and Limited Grading Jamboree (Under 126)
 at Exeter University.
 Oct 26th. Somerset v Devon; Gloucs v Dorset; Cornwall v Wilts. Bye Hants.
 Nov 16th. Devon v Hants; Wilts v Dorset; Gloucs v Somerset. Bye Cornwall.
 Dec 7th. Wilts v Devon; Cornwall v Gloucs; Hants v Somerset. Bye Dorset.

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- Jan 18th. Hants v Cornwall; Dorset v Somerset; Wilts v Gloucs. Bye Devon.
 Feb 8th. Somerset v Cornwall; Devon v Dorset; Hants v Gloucs. Bye Wilts.
 Mar 1st. Cornwall v Devon; Dorset v Hants; Somerset v Wilts. Bye Gloucs.
 Mar 8th. Junior Jamboree at Exeter.
 Mar 15th. Executive Committee Meeting at Exeter.
 Mar 22nd. Dorset v Cornwall; Devon v Gloucs; Hants v Wilts. Bye Somerset.
 Mar 27th/31st. West of England Chess Congress at Weymouth over Easter Weekend.
 June 7th. Union Council Meeting at Taunton.

The agreed policy at the 1973 Council Meeting to slide matches one fixture date forward was waved for the matches scheduled for Oct 26th and Nov 16th so as to give Hants a Bye in October to clear the way for their Southampton Congress scheduled for the weekend of Oct 26th. I feel sure Hants authorities would wish me to thank all for this concession to meet their domestic requirements.

CORNISH NEWS:

At the Annual General Meeting of the Cornwall Chess Association, the following officers were elected for the 1974-5 season. (72nd A.G.M.)

President:- I.R. Napier.

Chairman: M. Shirley.

Secretary/Treasurer: A.R. Baxter, Pennies, Treviglas Lane,
 Probus, Truro, Cornwall. No phone No known.

Match Captain: W.H. Peek, Gray Stones, Hillcrest, Helston, Cornwall.

Vice-Captain: L.G. Shroll. (Helston 2762)

Correspondence Match Controller: D.S. Holding, Rose Cottage,
 Church Street, Helston, Cornwall.

Junior Secretary: J. Anstead. No address or phone No known.

The Meeting was well attended and specifically supported the B.C.F.

registration proposals.

The Cornish Championship was won by B.H. Turner.

The Falmouth Trophy went to M. Grimmer.

The County Shield was won by Camborne-Redruth.

The Roberts Cup by Liskeard.

The Knockout Cup was won by St Ives.

The Grenfell Cup to Truro School.

Mr Baxter reports that, in the Emigrant Section (Championship) there was a number of fine end-game wins and this proved a welcome change from the many draws in past seasons.

Mr Baxter indicated no change in the coming season's teams, so it should be safe to assume Cornwall will enter the M.C.C. competition only.

DEVONSHIRE

The A.G.M. was held at The Great Western Hotel, Exeter on Saturday, 1st June at which the following Officers were elected:-

President: A.R.B. Thomas.

Hon.General Secretary: Mrs J. Parker, The School House, Barbrook,
 Lynton, Devon. EX35 6PD. Tel Lynton 3325.

Hon. Treasurer: A.L.J. Wade, Linton, Kingsgate Close, Brunel Pk, Torquay.

Match Captain: R.M. Bruce, Brent Whim, 116 Mannamead Rd, Plymouth.
 Tel Plymouth 60354.

Competitions Secretary: J. Parker.

Junior Chess Secretary: A.N. Mennie, School House, Milton Abbot,

Exeter Chess Club won the Brembridge Team Cup with Plymouth 2nd. Thereafter Plymouth made a clean sweep, winning the Mamhead Team Cup, the Moyle Team Cup and the 4th Division

The Devonshire Individual Championship was again won by A.R.B. Thomas. The Intermediate Championship by Timothy Parker and the Minor by G. Kidd. The Correspondence Champion was the Union's Match Captain, Mr R.H. Newman.

The final positions in the Intermediate Championship were:- Timothy Parker (Lynton) $2\frac{1}{2}$; L. Guard (Plymouth) 2; A.J.L. Wade (Torquay) $1\frac{1}{2}$ and R.C. Harijan (Barnstaple) 0. The Minor Championship positions were:- G. Kidd (Holsworthy) $4\frac{1}{2}$; R. Smith (Barnstaple) $3\frac{1}{2}$; W.K. Jones (Holsworthy) 3; F. Morton (Holsworthy) $2\frac{1}{2}$; P. Tomlinson (Exeter) $1\frac{1}{2}$.

The NORTH DEVON CHESS LEAGUE was won by Park School with 15 points. Holsworthy 'A' 14; Bideford 13; Barnstaple 12; Holsworthy 'B' 9; Lynton 7; Bratton Fleming 6; Ilfracombe 6; and A.M.P. 4. The last named pair still have one match to play and Barnstaple v Lynton match still undecided.

To those who know the Devon somewhat twisty roads together with the trials of blackouts and such matters, the completion of the above programme must indicate really keen interest throughout the whole area; well done both organisers and players.

The only item apparently unfinished is the Ladies Championship wherein Mrs J. Parker and Mrs Bromell with $2\frac{1}{2}$ each have still to play-off for the title. Not exactly 'Ladies First'.

The Devonshire Quick-play Tournament was won by the strong Exeter Team of A.R.B. Thomas, R.A. Lee, D. Richardson and B.W. Clapp with 6/6. Exeter 'A' 21; Plymouth 'A' 16; Plymouth Juniors (best junior result) $14\frac{1}{2}$; Exmouth $13\frac{1}{2}$; Exeter 'B' $13\frac{1}{2}$; Exeter U. and Holsworthy $12\frac{1}{2}$; Plymouth 'B' $11\frac{1}{2}$; RNEC Manadon and Teignmouth 11; Torquay $10\frac{1}{2}$; Plymouth College 10; Exeter Juniors $9\frac{1}{2}$; Barnstaple 'B' $8\frac{1}{2}$; Sutton High School and Barnstaple 'A' 8.

The Plymouth Junior Congress, held in April, was won by Stephen Williams a half point ahead of the field in the U-18 Section, although he is still U-15 in age. Phillipa Miles was 4th and only one of the 4 girls entered finished in the bottom half of the results. Jane Anson was undefeated with a win and 6 draws.

PAIGNTON

The 24th Annual Devon County Chess Association's Congress will be held at the Oldway Mansion, Paignton from Sunday, 1st Sept to Sept 7th by courtesy of Torbay County Borough. Entries and enquiries to W.A. Frost, 3 Cott Meadow, Dartington, Nr Totness, South Devon. TQ9 6HB. The closing date for entries is Thursday, 15th August. With expenses ever rising, generous donations from those who appreciate their efforts will be much appreciated.

WOOLACOMBE

The North Devon BARNSTAPLE OPEN will be held at the Combes Hotel, Woolacombe during the weekend of October 10th to 13th and the GOLDEN COAST Tournament with a maximum Limited Grading of 155 will be held at the same hotel during the next weekend, October 18th to 21st. All entries and enquiries for both events should be addressed to Mrs R. Kenton, Lynvale, Lee Road, Lynton, Devon - phone Lynton 2352. Those wishing to stay at the Combes Hotel for one or both events are strongly advised to book very early, or they may well find themselves faced with having to come in from other accommodation for the playing sessions.

DORSET

The Annual General Meeting of the Dorset Chess Association was held at Winfrith and some 26 persons attended, including a large number from the Bournemouth area. Whilst most Bournemouth people had received A.G.M. notices and had, without thinking, assumed an automatic transfer when the boundaries changed, the Hon. Secretary pointed out that, whilst being welcome, they were not really members and so had no official voting rights. They were, however permitted to speak on matters as they were raised.

The following Officers were elected for the 1974/5 season:-

President: J. Anderson, 5 Fairclose, Rodwell, Weymouth.
(Weymouth 2005)

Hon. Secretary: R.H.K. Mann, 127 Wessex Oval, Wareham, Dorset.

Hon. Treasurer: R.A.G. Marples, Haven Works, Shilite Road, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset. BH12 2BP. (Bournemouth 741128)

Match Captain: R.C. Murply, C/o Plessey Ltd, Sopers Lane, Poole, Dorset. (Poole 5151)

Grading Officer. M.J. Roth, 5 Gleneagles Avenue, Parkstone, Poole.
(740720 Bournemouth)

Congress Secretary: E.J. Clark, 9 Melcombe Ave, Weymouth.

DORSET (Continued).

Correspondence Conductor: F.C. Kingdon, 6 Blenheim Road, Weymouth.
(Upwey 2237)

Junior Chess Secretary: R.A.E. Shaw.

Representative to W.E.C.U.: J. Anderson.

The County Championship, Chapman Cup, was won by R.H.K. Mann and P. Aston won the Dimarco Trophy. J.S. Bunter won the Juniors.

The Dorset Summer Congress will be held over the weekend starting August 23rd in the Weymouth area. Details from Mr E.J. Clark, 9 Melcombe Ave, Weymouth. Early application is advised as I am not sure of the closing date for entries. WEGU Congress will be at Weymouth next Easter.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

At the Gloucestershire Annual General Meeting, the following were elected as Officers for 1974/5:-

President: D.C. Jarrett, who replaces Mrs M. Powis,
Hon. Secretary: R.O. Powis, 'Gordano', Farmhill Lane, Stroud.
(Stroud 2518)
Hon. Treasurer: L.A. Dorrington, 121 Knole Lane, Brentry, Bristol.
Match Captain: M.E. Binks, 126 Court Farm Rd, Willsbridge,
Bristol. BS15 6AE (027-688-3443)
Correspondence Chess Secretary: G. Wolfarth.
Registrations Secretary: M.E. Bridgen, 99 Poplar Rd, Warmley, Bristol.
BS15 5JS (Bristol 672020)
Grading Officers: C. Welch (South), 26 Queens Rd, St George,
Bristol. BS5 8HU
J. Edwards (North).
WEGU Delegates: J.C.B. Date (North).
Dr J.M. Aitken (South).

Junior Chess Secretary: C. Pillinger of Hannam & Kingswood Chess Club and the Chairman of the Bristol League takes over from D.C. Jarrett on the latter being elected President. (C.Pillinger, 15 Wellsway, Keynsham, Nr Bristol)

The STROUD Congress, played during the Spring Weekend Holiday in May, was another success for its organisers with a record entry 112 entries. It was again controlled in his usual quiet efficient manner by R.O. Powis and helped by J.E. Edwards. A.J. Wood of Gloucester was the Congress Secretary.

The Open Championship was shared by 4 players all scoring 5 points. They were P.V. Byway of Royston; N. Davey of Cheltenham Grammar School; N.J. Holloway of Cambridge and Devon and P.G. Killick of Leicester. Schoolboy Davey did particularly well to share equal first in such company. N.J. Holloway won the Cotswold Cup by virtue of the highest Sum of Opponents score.

The Reserves Tournament equal 1st were R. Campbell and D.C. Herbert. Grading prizes were won by J.C.B. Date, Cheltenham; G.P. Taylor, Gloucester; D.W. Harper, Gloucester and T. Acton of Cheltenham Grammar School; S. Blackford, St Ives and M. Powis, (Marling) among others.

Mr R.O. Powis has been chosen as a Member of the B.C.F. Control Team for the B.C.F. Championships Congress at Clacton-on-Sea in August. As controllers recently have been members of the B.C.F. Congress Committee in general, the appointment of an outside controller (in so far as the B.C.F. Congress Committee is concerned) is probably one of the strongest recommendations any controller could have. Well done Sir.

The Gloucester South Champion is M.E. Bridgen, whilst the North winner was R.O. Powis.

It is hoped that the North Gloucester and Bristol Chess Leagues will send teams to the Limited Grading Jamboree of the Union on the first Saturday in October next. The County Association will not send a team of its own.

The Gloucestershire A.G.M. was held at the Railway Hotel, Charfield, where the rejuvenated Chess is again going well under the guidance of Mrs Jefferies. Not only is this so but this Lady has got the Nailsworth Chess Club going well also, with membership numbers which would make some clubs envy them. Charfield celebrates its 50 years of chess on July 3rd when Harry Golombek will play 30 boards simultaneously - result P29, W22, D4, L3.

North Gloucestershire Chess League are starting a Summer League Section in which 11 teams have entered.

Gloucestershire, who went down to Cambridge in the quarter-finals of the Counties Championship, will be pleased to know that Cambridgeshire went on to Beat Lancashire 1 by the same score - 11/5, which makes their own performance look a lot better than the score reads for there is no question of Lancashire not being strong.

HAMPSHIRE

The Hampshire A.G.M. was held in May at Southampton University, when the following Officers were elected for the 1974/5 season.

President:	P.L. Marshall, 57 Jansen Rd, Southampton.
Hon. Secretary:	J.E.C. Grant, 2 Cams Bay Close, Fareham, Hants PO16 8PS (03292 3046). (Mr Grant is also the WECU Treasurer.)
Hon. Treasurer:	T.J. de Buriatte, 7 Osborn Road, Fareham, Hants. (03292 81293)
Match Captain:	I. Stenhouse, 29 Woodside Court, Woodside Road, Portswood, Southampton. (Home Southampton 551108 - Office Southampton 34134 Extension 211)
Grading Officer:	Commander A.J. Peters R.N. (Rtd), 57 Staunton Avenue, Hayling Island. PO11 OEW (07016 3369)
Junior Organiser:	T.E. Hollington, 27 Karen Avenue, Drayton, Portsmouth. PO6 2HR. (Cosham, Hants 87346)
Hon. Archivist:	J.A. Bassett, 3 Mandale Crescent, West Howe, Bournemouth.
Publicity Officer:	G.W. Kilmister, 102 Riverway, Christchurch, Dorset. BH23 2QT (02015 3097)
Correspondence Conductor:	I. Stenhouse.

Congratulations to T.E. Hollington, the Hants Junior Organised, on being awarded a B.C.F. Judge Title.

Also congratulations to G.E.J. Lambert on making the Glorney Cup Team for England, the only West Junior to do so this year.

HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE TABLE: Div 1.

	P	W	D	F	A	Pts
Southampton	7	5	1	23	12	11
Kins n A	7	5	1	22½	12½	11
Portsmouth A	7	5	0	20½	14½	10
University	7	3	2	18	17	8
B'nth Knights	7	4	0	16½	10½	8
Polytechnic	7	1	2	15	22	4
Gosport	7	1	2	12	18	4
Andover	7	1	0	11	19	2.

SOUTHAMPTON CHESS LEAGUE

	P	W	D	F	A	Pts
Woolston	9	6	2	31	14	14
Southampton	9	6	2	28	17	14
University B	9	5	2	27	18	12
K.E.S.	9	5	1	24½	20½	11
University A	9	4	2	24	21	10
University Staff	9	4	1	23½	21½	9
Issonians	9	3	2	19½	25½	8
O.T's	9	2	2	19	26	6
I.B.M. Hursley	9	3	0	18	27	6
Portel	9	0	0	10½	32½	0

Div 3. Winner.

K.E.S. 'B' 12 10 1 42½ 16½ 21.

League Secretary: D.A. Rawden, 12 Marybridge Close, Totton, Southampton. SO4 4AQ.

Robertson Cup winners: Woolston, achieving Cup and League double.

Individual Champion: M.W.J. Thompson, Woolston (Also Hants Champion this year) 4½. J.R. Wilkinson and G.A. Jones Runners-up with 4 pts.

SOUTHAMPTON SCHOOLS LEAGUES:-

Winners U-16 Hightown 'A', followed by Bitterne Pk 'A'.

Winners U-14 King Edward VI 'C'. Runner-up King Edward 6 'D'.

Winners U-12 Portswood, followed by Holy Family.

K. Robinson, 17 Vincent Ave, Upper Shirley, Southampton SO4 6PR was Schools Secretary. Note Southampton Leagues A.G.M. September, so Officers liable to alter - not known yet.

BOURNEMOUTH LEAGUE

Division 1 was won by Bournemouth Knights, Div 2 by Flessey A of Poole, Div 3 East by St Peters School and Division 3 West by Bournemouth School - finally Bournemouth School beat St Peters School for the 3rd Div Championship.

R.G. Murphy, the Dorset Match Captain, and J.E. Crewe of Parkstone shared the Individual Championship, whilst P.R. Davies won the Junior Championship. M. Charter won the B.ys title.

At the A.G.M., yours truly was elected President, and D.P. Lock was elected Treasurer. L.G. Machon, 1300 Wimborne Road, Northbourne, Bournemouth continues to be League Secretary - Phone Northbourne 2182 and all are grateful to him for the excellent job he does for us all at Bournemouth.

Div 2.

	P	W	D	F	A	Pts
Vectis	8	6	0	24	16	12
Cosham Nomads	8	6	0	22½	17½	10
Salisbury	8	3	2	19	21	8
Kinson B	8	2	1	17	18	5
Portsmouth B	8	1	1	12½	22½	3

The Hants League Conductor 1974/5 probably R. Gallop, 40 Elmsleigh Gdns, Bassett, Southampton. SO2 3TF.

Div 2.

	P	W	D	F	A	Pts
Sarisbury	11	9	2	35½	20½	20
University D	11	7	2	34½	20½	16
OSO	11	6	4	34	21	16
Romsey	11	4	4	27½	27½	12
Hightown	11	5	2	26	29	12
Hospitals	11	4	3	29½	25½	11
Eastleigh	11	5	1	27	28	11
Winchester	11	5	0	28	27	10
Issonians B	11	5	0	26	29	10
University C	11	3	1	24½	30½	7
Southampton B	11	2	0	20½	34½	4
Portel B	11	1	1	17	38	3

SOMERSET:

The following officers have been elected for the coming season:-

- President: E.G. Walker, Meadow Nook, 18 Homefield, Locking, Nr
Weston-S-Mare. (Banwell 2149) Post code BS24 8ED
- Hon. Treasurer: R.M. Morgan, 23 Ashcombe Gardens, Weston-S-Mare, Avon.
(I understand Mr Morgan would like to hand over the Treasurership
as soon as somebody can be found to take over the post)
- Hon. Secretary: H.G. Thomas, 5 Chard Road, Clevedon, Avon.
- League Secretary: Dr Peters, Burt House, Wellington, Somerset.
(Tel: Wellington 2820)
- Match Captain: J.A. Berkowski, Faculty of Law, Wills Memorial Building,
Queens Road, Bristol. BS8 1RJ or home address
10 Hill Park, Congresbury, Bristol.
- Grading Officer: D.P. Bonner, 72 Fielding Road, Street. BA16 9PG
- Junior Tournament Secretary: R. Maishman, 173 Berrow Rd, Burnham-on-Sea,
Somerset.

HENRY POWELL TROPHY results:

	W	D	L	F	A
Bath Bishops	8	0	0	35	15
Taunton	6	0	2	29½	18½
Yatton	5	0	3	29½	18½
Weston A.	4	2	2	26½	21½
Keynsham	3	0	5	19½	28½
Wellington A	2	1	5	24	24
Bath Knights	2	1	5	20	26
Wincanton	2	0	6	18½	29½
Wellensians	2	0	6	14½	33½

CHARLES MARSH (EAST) results:

	W	D	L	F	A
Claverton	10	2	0	52	18
Norton Radstock	10	0	2	48	24
Bradford-on-Avon	8	1	3	44½	27½
Downside	6	2	2	40	20
Bath Blacks	7	0	5	42	30
Bath Whites	4	2	5	35	31
Kingswood	4	2	6	31	41
Corsham Whites	4	1	3	24½	23½
Frome	4	1	6	31	35
Corsham Blacks	4	1	6	30	36
Beech Cliff Sch	1	1	8	18½	41½
King Edward	1	1	7	14	40
Prior Park	0	0	10	7½	52½

CHARLES MARSH (WEST) results:

	W	D	L	F	A
Weston B	7	0	0	34½	7½
Yeovil	5	0	2	24½	17½
Wellington B	4	0	3	22	20
Bridgwater	3	1	3	25½	16½
E.M.I.	3	1	3	22	20
Millfield	3	0	4	26½	21½
Brit.Cellophane	1	1	5	11	31
Crispin	0	1	6	3	34

COUNTY INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP:

This Championship was again won by
Dennis Bonner
F.J. PEARCE ROSE BOWL winners: Millfield Sch.

JUNIOR EVENTS: This was won by David Hick of Taunton after two draws in a
deciding match with T.A.B. Sheard of Millfield School in the Major Section.

The Minor Section resulted in a clear-out win for Timothy
Headlong. This player has also played as high as No 3 Board for Norton Radstock
who were 2nd in the Charles March East competition.

Congratulations to Bath Bishops and Weston B for going through
the season scoring 100% wins in their Leagues, whilst Claverton also went through
without losing a match - real Champions.

Somerset Officials are certainly doing a good job when one
realises the scattered nature of the clubs and the travelling distances - especially
with the trials of last season.

WILTSHIRE

The A.G.M. was held at the Lawns Chess Club, Swindon, on 29th
April, 1974 when the following officers were elected:-

- President: Daniel Awdry, T.D., M.P.
- Chairman: E.C. Baker, M.B.E., Pen Close, Baydon, Marlborough.
(067 24 425)
- Hon Secretary: T.P.G. Higgs, 8 Keats Crescent, Upper Stratton,
Swindon.
- Match Captain: M.M. Spindler, 8 Brixham Rd, Swindon. (22551)
- Hon. Treasurer: C.A.B. Lake, 62 Bath Road, Swindon.
- Correspondence Chess Secretary: A.R. Evans, 2 The Glebelands,
Gt Somerford, Chippenham. (Seagry 547)
- Junior Chess Secretary: R.A.B. Horne, 106 Vounty Rd, Swindon.
- Grading Officer: E.C. Sowden, 6 Tamar Close, Swindon. (24764)
- Publicity Officer: R.F. Bradley, Greystones, South Corney,
Cirencester, Glos.
- Asst Publicity Officer: J.M. Hancock, 194 Whitworth Rd, Swindon.
- North Wilts League Secretary: M.C. Lovell, 38 Vicarage Lane,
Shrivenham, Berks. (Shrivenham 589)

Westinghouse, a Chippenham Club, had won the North Wilts League and Mr
Shead received the Trophy for the Club..

The Chairman spoke on the passing of Mr W.T. Holman, a previous County
Secretary in the 60s. The meeting stood in silence for a while.

The A.G.M. was held on May 23rd and the following officers were elected:-

- President: D.F. Jenkins, Telephones.
- Vice-President: J. Beard, Cabot.
- Chairman: G. Pillinger.
- Vice-Chairman: I. Apsey.
- Hon. Secretary: G.L.A. Shaefer, 9 The Avenue, Yatton.
- Asst. Secretary: C.J. Hutchings.
- Non-Treasurer: D.C. Jarrett, 7 Maybourne, Brislington, Bristol. BS4 4TX
- Tournament Organiser: M.J. Passmore.
- Adjudications Secretary: C. Welch, 36 Queens Rd, St George, Bristol. BS5 8HU
- Auditor: M.J. Wood.

K.C. Cleak relinquished the Secretaryship after 12 years service and M.E. March resigned as Adjudications Secretary after ten years. Both officers were given a presentation in appreciation of their services and were elected Life Vice-Presidents

- League Championship Shield (Championship) went to Downend & Fishponds.
- Ian Pickup is the new Bristol Individual Champion.
- Section 2 Championship was won by D.G. Woodruff of Keynsham.
- Section 3 Championship went to A. Champion of NALGO.
- Section 4 Championship was won by R. Sweet of the Y.M.C.A.

MINOR COUNTIES MATCH

Played at Okehampton on Saturday, 6th April, 1974:

<u>CORNWALL</u>		<u>SOMERSET</u>		
1	B.H. Turner, Truro, 149	0	J.A. Borkowski, Keynsham, 156	1.
2	P. Breach, Falmouth, 172	0	G. Chapman, Wellington,	1.
3	W.H. Peek, Helston, 125	0	R.J. Gregory, Totterdown, 151	1.
4	R.P. Fry, Liskeard, 154	1/2	C. Winch, Yeovil, 152	1/2.
5	R.J. Grime, Helston, 148	1/2	M. Sellars, Seamills, 146	1/2.
6	M. Grimmer, Helston,	0	G. Jepps, Wells,	1.
7	Dr G. Tylor, St Austell, 138	0	R. Gray, Wincanton, 147	1.
8	J.R. Read, Camborne, 141	1/2	D.G. Woodruff, Keynsham, 136	1/2.
9	A.J. Gunn, Liskeard, 136	0	P. Hunt, Bath, 130	1.
10	L.G. Shroll, St Austell, 126	0	K. Hillier, Totterdown, 136	1.
11	A. Percival, Camborne,	1	J. Lindars, Wincanton	0.
12	S.P. Lucas, Liskeard, 136	0	D. Williams, Keynsham, 118	1.
13	I. Bath, Camborne,	1/2	T. Headlong, ??,	1/2.
14	E. Clark, St Austell, 137	0	J. Fewkes, Yeovil, 114	1.
15	N. Patterson, St Austell, 117	1	J. Bird, Totterdown, 132	0.
16	A.W. Grimmer, Helston, 109	1	R. Chilcott, Midsom Norton,	0.
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BRISTOL LEAGUE FINAL TABLES:

<u>Division 1.</u>	P.	Pts	<u>Division 2.</u>	P.	Pts.
Downend and Fishponds A	16	28	Sea Mills A	20	35
Bristol & Clifton A	16	22	University G	20	35
University A	16	21	Sea Mills B	20	22
University B	16	20	Horfield A	20	21
Hanham & Kingswood A	16	13	Totterdown Y.M.C.A.	20	20
Nalgo A	16	12	Keynsham A	20	18
Downend & Fishponds B	16	11	Downend & Fishponds C	20	18
Yatton A	16	10	Pegasus A	20	16
Bristol & Clifton B	16	7	Patchway	20	14
			Bristol & Clifton D	20	13
			Bristol & Clifton C	20	8
			<u>Division 4.</u>		
<u>Division 3.</u>			Nalgo B	20	33
Downend & Fishponds D	20	31	Wills Hall	20	31
YMCA	20	29	Pegasus B	20	21
Yatton B	20	28	Bristol & Clifton F	20	21
Hanham & Kingswood B	20	27	University E	20	19
Thornbury A	20	24	Hanham & Kingswood D	20	18
Hanham & Kingswood C	20	22	St George	20	18
Sea Mills C	20	15	Bristol & Clifton E	20	17
University D	20	14	Keynsham B	20	16
Civil Service	20	12	Yatton C	20	14
Horfield B	20	11	Downend & Fishponds E	20	12
Cabot A	20	7			

Division 5. Br.Tels 20/29; Thornbury B 20/28; Pegasus C 20/24; Hanahm & Kgswd 20/24; Debenhams 20/23; Natwest Bk 19/21; Univ.Staff 19/19; Omnibuss 20/16; Sea Mills D 20/16; Downend & Fishpds F 20/12; Cabot B 20/6.

TWO IMPORTANT BOOKS

Two books by English writers have been published by Collins since I posted the Easter Westward Ho. They are both written in language the weakest club player can understand by penmen who think along British lines.

The first is "How to play THE OPENINGS in Chess by R.D. Keene and D.N.L. Levy, both British household names in Chess circles. Apart from clear chapters on explaining Development and Tactics, the importance of Pawns, and the best type of game to play from what you know of your opponent, it is virtually a modern version of the Chess Players Bible (M.C.U.) at the cheaper price of only £2.25 with far more understanding explanations - a greatly improved diagram system and none of the difficult-to-follow cross note references. A book that is capable of greatly improving most players play after getting a working knowledge of the book, or so I find it at least.

The second is J.E. Littlewood's "How to play THE MIDDLE GAME in Chess". Virtually the only book to attempt to deal with the ponderables of the Middle Game at a level weakest club players can understand, yet with guidance valuable to virtually all levels of play on pawns, pieces, tactical ideas, combinations plus strategy and planning; this book in particular gives its information in the clearest of ways, being written by a schoolmaster of long teaching practice and experience. Again only £2.25 a copy.

Both are interesting and enjoyable even without studying them, whilst to those, like myself, who try to teach beginners and the young, they will prove a mountain of value. Each school library should get a copy. As your Publicity Officer for the West, it is my duty to inform, not to advertise. So I go no further.

THE NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of Westward Ho will be the GRADING LIST issue, normally due out on September 1st.

A decision I hope to get this coming weekend on when it will be possible to publish will be date-stamped just below here. Whilst the West will be easily ready on time for West players, some 20 to 30 players with cross play in the S.C.C.U. region could well hold up finalising figures. This weekend a decision will be taken as to whether to just mark these players and show a provisional figure, or whether to hang on and await a correct figure. If a provisional figure is decided on to keep to Sept 1st issue, a supplementary list will be issued in the Dec 15th issue to finalise the marked provisional figures.

DATE:- ?

B.C.F. PONDERABLES

After this page I attach material from the B.C.F. General Secretary so that The West cannot be accused of not passing downwards information, since certain statements in a broad sense have been made that club level players are not kept informed. Decide on principals, ignore possible figure inaccuracies.

Will all readers please help by seeing that their senior club officials know of this correspondence and endeavour to get it discussed at club meetings so that each club can make a return to either B.C.F. General Secretary direct, or via the County or Union officials so that the club's views reach the B.C.F. by the end of January, 1975. Probably the best idea for clubs is to show a number of members voting in favour of each of the three systems of collecting income - with possibly a fourth figure of 'Dont know's etc'.

I hope all clubs will not miss this chance of an attempt at democracy and further that Counties will make very sure that their B.C.F. Council representatives know how they should vote and then ATTEND THE B.C.F. COUNCIL, or pass on a proxy vote with instructions as to how to vote to somebody who is attending.

COSTS

Postages for this issue exceed £6, the Grading Issue over £25 and the total postage bill for the coming year around £60. Add a 35% increase in paper costs, ink costs, envelopes and such like will give subscribers some vague idea of the £1 costs for this coming year's issues. I hope that the Officials names, addresses and phone numbers where known will be a reference help to all those wanting to communicate with Chess Officials, especially until the B.C.F. Year Book arrives on Oct 1st or thereabouts..

Best pleasant Summer wishes,

G.W.K.

To : All County Secretaries
All Union Secretaries
London League Secretary
Manchester League Secretary) 2 copies

June 1974

Copy for information to :

Members of the BCF Executive Committee
Members of the BCF Council
Members of the BCF Development Committee
Members of the BCF Finance Committee

Dear

Because of the high cost of and effort involved in collection of registration fees, the BCF has analysed two alternative methods. The attached paper (1) endeavours to set out the advantages and disadvantages of each as well as the present Registration Scheme. We hope this will give the Unions, County Associations and other chess organisations the information necessary to debate the issues involved.

A start to this discussion will begin at the BCF Council Meeting in July 1974. A year later, again at the Council Meeting, you will be asked to decide which system to adopt. We hope that everyone's thoughts will crystallise towards one method, and not be equally divided between the three alternatives.

Please let me know if you require any further copies for wider distribution within your area.

If you require any further information about the details of each scheme, please apply to the members of the relevant sub-committee, as below -

Existing Registration Scheme	: J Rushton, 9 Huxley Drive, Bramhall, Cheshire C G Addingley, Ingle Grange, 373 Halifax Road Hightown, Liversedge, Yorks
Two-Tier System	: D W Anderton, White Walls, Barr Common, Aldridge WS9 OSY C G Hilton, 33 Parr Fold Avenue, Worsley, Manchester H Lamb, 6 Thornhill Close, Halliwell, Bolton BL18P
Levy System	: P J Ezra, Suepet, Short Ditch, Haddenham HP17 8EA C G Hilton, see above R C Hopton, Juniper Cottage, South Park Crescent Gerrards Cross

Please note that, as regards the figures contained in the schedule on the reverse of page 5, the number of Playing Members is based on the minimum assumption, and that the sum of £1.80 is hypothetical and was used only in order that a comparison could be made between the three methods of collecting approximately the same total.

Yours sincerely

Secretary
British Chess Federation

P S In the case of the Two Tier System, a second paper (2) has been produced, and is also attached.
For further reference regarding the Levy, a copy of Appendix A1 (see fact of Schedule) appears on the reverse of this second paper.

BRITISH CHESS FEDERATION

PART I - INTRODUCTION

1. The British Chess Federation receives income from several sources:- e.g. direct members, royalties, investments, board fees and the registration scheme. The registration scheme in 1975 is expected to account for £4000 (at the proposed 40p rate), representing about 60% of the total. In 1976, the BCF will probably need £5000 from this source.
2. The registration scheme involves over 10000 names, each of which has to be processed at club, county, union and BCF levels. Of these 10000 about one third must, under the present rules, be registered; the remainder are registered voluntarily.
3. At the Council Meeting in July 1974, it will be proposed that the registration fee be increased from 25p to 40p for 1975, to cover the increased cost of maintaining the existing level of activity.
4. The BCF has been considering alternatives to the registration scheme. This became necessary because of the administrative burden which it imposes, and because serious defects appeared to be developing. This exercise is independent of the need to increase the fee.
5. This paper is designed to summarise the present scheme and the two alternatives which are considered viable, listing the main advantages and disadvantages of each, and illustrating the financial consequences on the basis of collecting a total of £5000.
6. A decision will need to be made at the Council Meeting in July 1975 whether to continue the existing scheme or to adopt a new one. This paper is being issued now so that there can be a preliminary discussion at the Council Meeting this year, and so that a consensus can develop during the following year. Any change will involve constitutional changes which will need to be formulated during the early part of 1975 for submission to Council in July.
7. Unions, counties and other interested parties are asked to make their views known to the General Secretary by 1 February 1975, so that they can be taken into account in the formulation of the detailed proposals.

PART II - THE PRESENT SCHEME

8. When the registration fee was increased, in 1971, from 2s 6d to 25p (!), the scope of the scheme was extended to cover non-BCF events at county level, so that counties practising minimum registration would be forced to reflect more accurately their level of chess activity. For various reasons, this has failed to materialise, and indeed some counties previously practising maximum voluntary registration have ceased to do so on the grounds that they saw no reason to continue subsidising their recalcitrant neighbours. (The significance of this is partly concealed by the fact that total registrations have risen following the resurgence of interest in chess after Fischer-Spassky 1972.)
9. The scheme has been criticised because it is administratively complex and time-consuming in the context of the collection of small sums of money, because it implies financial insecurity (with so large a proportion being dependent on voluntary registration) and because the cost of collection (£400 direct cost at BCF level) is too high relative to the yield. Some of these disadvantages could be mitigated, for example by the collection of 2 years' fees at a time. However, notwithstanding the regular exhortations, there seems virtually no prospect of achieving full registration, or even a uniform level of practice, throughout the country.
10. The details of the scheme are well-known, and thus do not need to be summarised here. The advantages and disadvantages appear to be as follows :-

Advantages : It exists and has proved capable of generating income to match the Federation's growth to date

Low fee per head

It theoretically embraces all chess players

It affords a means for counties and unions to collect their funds.

Disadvantages : Too much paper relative to the amount collected

Involves too much work

Impossible to enforce (apart from BCF events) or monitor

Heavily dependent on voluntary adherence.

PART III - THE TWO-TIER SYSTEM

11. This scheme involves establishing two classes of registration:-

(a) "Playing Members", who would be direct members of the BCF. It is suggested that the membership subscription be fixed at £1.50 in the first instance. Playing members would comprise those taking part in a limited number of BCF events, namely -

(i) BCF Congress

(ii) BCQC

(iii) National Club Competition

(iv) Counties Correspondence Championship

(v) Counties and Minor Counties Championships (including the qualifying stages)

(vi) Union Individual Championships

(vii) Union Team Championships

(viii) Inter-Union Matches.

(b) "Ordinary Members", who would not be direct members of the BCF, and who would comprise those who -

(i) play in county matches (other than under 11(a)(v))

(ii) play in Union events (other than under 11(a)(vi) - (viii))

(iii) must be registered as a condition precedent to their organisation being eligible for affiliation to the BCF (e.g. London and Manchester Leagues), or

(iv) wish to register voluntarily.

12. For Ordinary Members, the structure of the present registration scheme would be maintained, except that the BCF would not need to keep a card-index register of names (because "enforcement" is no longer required), and hence the forms would be completed in duplicate only, with one copy being retained by the club and the other by the BCF. Membership cards would be issued by the BCF as at present.

13. (1) Playing Members could subscribe through Unions/Counties

(2) Ordinarily the subscriptions would be collected by the body whom the Playing Member represents or in whose competition he plays, as listed in 11(a)(iii) - 11(a)(viii). For this purpose, a new set of forms would be introduced, similar to those used for the registration scheme but with some modifications.

(3) Each Playing Member would be allocated a National Playing Number and would receive a membership card.

(4) Only one subscription as a Playing Member is required, even though the player may represent more than one organisation. Thus, the new registration form would be designed to enable the player to represent not only the organisation submitting the form but also other specified organisations. (For example, a player represents Cambridgeshire in the Counties Championship, Bolton in the National Club and Lancashire in Correspondence: whichever organisation completes the form would note the names of the others. If, for example, the reference to Bolton were omitted, the Bolton Club when sending in the result of the match need only quote the player's Number.)

- (5) Retrospective membership would not be permitted. On upgrading from Ordinary to Playing Membership, the full subscription would be required. Membership would be transferable during the year, so that, if a player lived in Lancashire in one season and then moved to Bucks in the next, no further subscription would be payable for that year.
 - (6) The membership year would be the calendar year.
 - (7) To avoid an undue burden of expense on the player who "fills a gap" to play just once, Counties could pay an amount from their own funds to cover up to five Playing Members, (Clubs up to two) and then nominate names against that "bank".
 - (8) Match forms would include space for players' numbers to be given in order to facilitate monitoring.
14. To eliminate part of the need to collect small sums of money from all over the country, board fees would be scrapped, in which case slightly more income (about £250) would be required from the system .
15. Advantages : Preserves structure of existing scheme
 Distinguishes between obligatory and voluntary registration
 Capable of enforcement
 Provides greater degree of financial security
- Disadvantages: Preserves structure of existing scheme
 Does not significantly reduce paperwork
 Relatively high fee per head
 Likely to reduce membership, which could affect the methods by which counties and unions collect their own funds.

PART IV - THE LEVY SYSTEM

16. The concept of the Levy System is that the net funds required by the BCF from year to year should be raised in block form through a levy on (mainly) county associations. The proportion of the BCF requirement payable by each county would be calculated by reference to the amount of chess activity within its jurisdiction.
- The registration scheme would be scrapped, the board fees could be retained. Each payer of the Levy would have direct representation to the BCF Council, so that it could participate in the discussion of, and vote on, the budget, and a procedure would be established for determining changes in the Levy Numbers as circumstances change.
17. Levy Numbers The Levy would be mainly payable by county associations, who would affiliate directly to the BCF. In certain cases, the local chess organisation does not correspond with present county boundaries, and accordingly the term "Territorial Organisation" would be used to cover all organisations, whether they be called counties, districts or leagues, whom the BCF accepts as being entitled to affiliate. Non-territorial organisations (such as the BPCF, BLCA and so on) would not pay the Levy, but would affiliate on the same basis as they do now.
- (a) For each Territorial Organisation ("TO"), there would be ascertained a number which reflects a combination of its recent registration figures, population and number of players whose grades are published. To simplify calculation, the numbers would then be brought into numerical categories. The number so assigned has no absolute significance, but is related to the total of all such numbers; it is not a percentage.
 - (b) If a TO wishes to challenge its initial Levy Number, it should submit a written argument to the BCF within an agreed period. If the TO and the BCF cannot agree on what, if any, change should be made, the matter would be referred to the Trustees of the Permanent Invested Fund whose decision would be final and binding on both parties.

- (c) The initial Levy Numbers, established under (b) above, would remain unchanged until either the BCF or the TO seeks a change. When a change is sought, the BCF, the TO concerned together with any other TO directly affected (eg by a change of boundary) would try to reach agreement; if they cannot do so, the matter would again be referred to the Trustees for a final decision.

18. The Budget During the period October to March, the committees of the BCF would, as now, determine the budget for the next financial period. The total expenditure would be estimated, allowance would be made for income from all regular sources (eg dividends, direct membership, entry fees, board fees), and the net expense (together with provision for increasing reserves, should that be thought desirable) would be the amount to be collected by the Levy.

- (a) The budget, as approved by the Executive Committee, would then be presented to a special meeting, to be held during April, of representatives of the levy payers. This would be for the purpose of discussion and explanation, to enable the payers to consider the proposals and determine their voting attitude. The budget would be finally approved at the annual Council.
- (b) In order to ensure that voting on the budget fully reflects the views of those who will be paying the Levy, voting on the budget would be weighted according to the Levy numbers.
- (c) The timetable referred to in (a) above means that a budget is not approved until July. The present financial period of the BCF begins on 1 May, and thus it would be desirable for the period to be changed to correspond with the calendar year. If no change were made, part of the year would have elapsed, and commitments would necessarily have been made, before the financial basis was known and approved.

19. General

- (1) Each TO would have the right to compete in the Counties and Minor Counties Championships. (It is believed that the London League, and maybe others, would wish to affiliate as a TO, but not to compete in the championships. A waiver of their right may have to be a condition of acceptance of the TO by the BCF.)
- (2) Additional incentives to affiliate as a TO would arise through a system of reduced entry fees for BCF events. Thus, a club which is affiliated to a TO would pay a significantly lower entry fee to the National Club competition; individuals who are members of a club so affiliated, or who are direct members of the BCF, would pay a much reduced entry fee to the BCQC or the annual BCF congress, and so on.
- (3) With the elimination of the registration scheme, it becomes less (theoretically) easy to monitor eligibility for team events. We recommend that each team's match captain, when sending in the Match Form, is required to certify that he is satisfied, upon proper enquiry, that all his team's players fulfil the relevant eligibility criteria. Any appeal in this respect should be lodged with the BCF within 2 weeks after the match was played, failing which no appeal would be admissible.
- (4) The sanctions for failure to pay the Levy would be -
 - (a) the automatic disqualification of the TO from all BCF competitions in which it is engaged
 - (b) the automatic disaffiliation of the TO from the BCF
 - (c) liability, for players and clubs within the TO, to pay higher entry fees for BCF events.

20. Advantages : Reduces paperwork and collection cost reduced to nothing
Fairness (subject to acceptable method of defining Levy Numbers)
Flexibility
Encourages participation in budgetary debate

Disadvantages : No financial security (because only remedy is disaffiliation)
Possible difficulties in raising large block sums at county or club level
Unions and counties lose opportunity of collecting their revenue through a BCF scheme
Creates difficulty in monitoring eligibility to represent counties and clubs.

For the Development Committee of the British Chess Federation

D W ANDERTON
R C HOPTON
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June 1974

(For Schedule, see over)

County	Existing Scheme	Two-Tier System			Levy	
		No. of Playing Members	Subs @ £1.80	Subs @ 25p		Total
Bedfordshire*	70.50	60	108.00	20.25	128.25	78
Berkshire	143.50	60	108.00	56.75	164.75	117
Buckinghamshire*	129.50	60	108.00	49.75	157.75	104
Cambridgeshire*	59.00	30	54.00	19.50	73.50	65
Cheshire	156.50	72	129.60	60.25	189.85	169
Cleveland	90.00	48	86.40	33.00	119.40	130
Cornwall	62.00	24	43.20	25.00	68.20	91
Cumbria	91.00	48	86.40	33.50	119.90	104
Derbyshire ⁺	46.00	60	108.00	8.00	116.00	117
Devon*	170.50	48	86.40	73.25	159.65	143
Dorset*	70.00	24	43.20	29.00	72.20	78
Durham	136.00	48	86.40	56.00	142.40	156
Essex	313.50	60	108.00	141.75	249.75	208
Gloucestershire	102.00	24	43.20	45.00	88.20	130
Hampshire	127.00	48	86.40	51.50	137.90	169
Herefordshire	42.50	24	43.20	15.25	48.45	52
Hertfordshire*	191.50	60	108.00	80.75	188.75	143
Huntingdonshire	55.00	30	54.00	20.00	74.00	65
Kent*	432.50	60	108.00	201.25	309.25	260
Lancashire*	397.00	72	129.60	180.50	310.10	416
Leicestershire ⁺	71.50	30	54.00	28.25	72.25	143
Lincolnshire*	87.50	60	108.00	28.75	136.75	104
Middlesex	549.00	60	108.00	259.50	367.50	572
Norfolk*	110.00	30	54.00	47.50	101.50	91
Northamptonshire*	55.00	30	54.00	20.25	74.25	78
Northumberland*	189.50	48	86.40	82.75	169.15	130
Nottinghamshire*	201.50	60	108.00	85.75	193.75	143
Oxfordshire ⁺	30.50	30	54.00	7.75	61.75	65
Shropshire ⁺	19.50	30	54.00	2.25	56.25	65
Somerset*	104.00	48	86.40	44.50	130.90	104
Staffordshire	83.50	60	108.00	26.75	134.75	182
Suffolk	40.00	30	54.00	12.50	66.50	78
Surrey	372.50	60	108.00	171.25	279.25	208
Sussex*	161.00	60	108.00	65.50	173.50	143
Warwickshire	54.00	60	108.00	12.00	120.00	208
Wiltshire	65.50	24	43.20	26.75	69.95	91
Worcestershire	76.50	30	54.00	30.75	84.75	91
Yorkshire	216.50	72	129.60	90.25	219.85	364

EXAMPLE OF POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF DIFFERENT SCHEMES.

1. Present Scheme : Based on 1973/4 actual registrations. Fee set at 50p to raise £5374
2. Two-tier : Playing members, taken as 1½ times the aggregate standard number of boards played in the two counties' competitions.
Charged at £1.80 to raise £3203
Ordinary members, being the number actually registered in 1973/4 less the Playing Members. Charged at 25p to raise £2243=£5446
3. Levy : Calculations based on Levy Numbers set out in Appendix A1 to the Memorandum of December 1973. To raise £5655

Note: (1) The figures do not exactly correspond, but the general pattern is discernible.
(2) The sign "*" means that a county's registrations in 1973/4 were significantly higher than the 5-year average. The sign "+" means the opposite.
(3) Under the Two-tier System, the subscriptions by Playing Members have been allocated to Counties, even though in practice they would fall directly on the players.

From H. Lamb

TWO-TIER SYSTEM
Further Explanation

The exercise of calculating the number of players eligible for the upper level of the two-tier system appears at first sight to be rather easy, but when investigated in detail it is very difficult because of the large assumptions and approximations that have to be made to save cross checking on 10,000 players. The recommendation of the sub-committee set up to investigate the two-tier system was a lower fee of 25p and an upper fee of £1.25. The schedule incorporated in the joint paper, in endeavouring to show how much each county would pay, had necessarily to introduce an approximation which seriously underestimated the number of players at the top tier level. The most obvious example being that of Lancashire, who by the formula used have 72 players, but in fact have 100 players eligible from their correspondence teams alone.

It is therefore better not to try to split the players into counties, but to use the overall factor of how many in each competition are eligible.

Statistics are taken from the 1973/4 Year Book.

<u>Competition</u>	<u>No. of boards played</u>	<u>No. of players paying top-tier</u>	<u>(1)</u>
Counties and Minor Counties	1188	2134	(2)
Counties Correspondence	1368	nil	(2)
National Club Championship	462	154	(3)
BCF Congress	410	200	(4)
BCQC	192	19	(5)
Union Individual Championship	?	nil	
Union Team Championship	?	nil	
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- Note (1) The number of players paying the top tier is the number of players eligible less the ones accounted for higher in the table.
- (2) By comparing names in NCCU county teams, on average to field a team requires 1.8 players per board, i.e. a 20 board county team will over a season play 20×1.8 players = 36 players. For reasons peculiar to the North, taken over the country this factor may be on the high side. I have therefore as an empirical correction assumed all correspondence players also play over-the board for their county. This is obviously too low.
- (3) I have assumed on average two players in each National Club team are not county players.
- (4) I have assumed that 50% of the Congress players do not play congress chess or for an NCC team. The justification for this is that most of the competitions are juniors and some (!) of the adult tournaments are below county standard.
- (5) I have assumed 1 in 10 of the BCQC entrants would not otherwise be eligible for the top tier. This is true in the Lancs and Cheshire areas.

It must be emphasised that errors in the above assumptions could have a large financial impact.

The following facts have been used in calculating the fees under the two-tier system.

BCF Finance Committee discussions

The expected effect of a 50p fee would be 8332 registrations, income £4166
 " " " " " 40p " " " 9474 " " £3790

If a large increase in registration fee is obtained, it should be kept at that level in 1975.

Two Tier sub-committee discussions

Elimination of board fees would cost £250.

In the first year the income should be the same as that which would be obtained through the registration scheme.

The lower fee would be 25p.

Combining these facts the income needed would be $£4166 + £250 = £4416$, and assuming the total number of registrations would stay the same would be obtained by -

2507	registrations	@	£1.25	=	£3134	
5825	"	@	£0.25	=	£1456	8332 registrations = £4590.

Each county should try to calculate its own costs under the two tier system, but as a rough guide the schedule's figures are satisfactory as the underestimate in numbers is cancelled out by the higher fee.

APPENDIX A 1 of the Memorandum of December 1973 provided as follows :-

1. For each Territorial Organisation one ascertains -
 - (a) its population in thousands, according to the latest available statistics published by the Census Office
 - (b) its average registrations for the past five years.
2. An adjustment would be made where the figure in 1(b) is known not to represent the true activity within that TO.
3. The figure in 1(a) is divided by 6.
4. The figure from 3 is added to the adjusted 1(b) and divided by 2.
5. The resulting figures are then placed in categories, as shown below:

TO Number:	Not exceeding	50	TO Levy No.	1	Over 275 up to	300	3½
	Over 50 up to	75		1¼	" 300 "	400	4
	" 75 "	100		1½	" 400 "	500	5
	" 100 "	125		1¾	" 500 "	600	6
	" 125 "	150		2	" 600 "	700	7
	" 150 "	175		2¼	" 700 "	800	8
	" 175 "	200		2½	" 800 "	900	9
	" 200 "	225		2¾	" 900 "	1000	10
	" 225 "	250		3	" 1000 "	1100	11
	" 250 "	275		3¼	" 1100 "	1200	12

6. In addition to 1(a) and 1(b), another item "1(c) its number of graded players" could be included. But as these figures are not always available or reliable, they have been excluded.
7. The above would result in the Levy Numbers shown below. Each TO would contribute its proportion of the BCF's budgeted deficit, i.e., the ratio of its Levy Number to the total of all the Levy Numbers.

County	1(a)	1(b)	2	3	4	5=Levy Number.	Note: Heading numbers as per notes.
Bedfordshire	460	89	-	77	83	1½	
Berkshire	630	218	-	105	156	2¼	
Buckinghamshire	585	186	-	97	141	2	
Cambridgeshire	300	57	90	50	70	1¼	
Cheshire	1540	278	-	257	267	3¼	
Cleveland	-	-	-	-	-	2½	
Cornwall	375	145	-	63	104	1¼	
Cumbria	470	182	-	79	131	2	
Derbyshire	885	131	160	171	165	2¼	
Devon	895	243	-	173	203	2¾	
Dorset	360	112	-	60	86	1½	
Durham	1410	242	-	235	238	3	
Essex	1360	557	-	227	392	4	
Gloucestershire	1070	200	-	177	188	2½	
Hampshire	1560	264	-	260	262	3¼	
Herefordshire	140	58	-	23	40	1	
Hertfordshire	920	287	-	153	220	2¾	
Hunts & Peter.	196	98	-	33	65	1¼	
Kent	1395	660	-	233	446	4	
Lancashire	5100	600	700	850	775	8	
Leicestershire	770	294	-	129	211	2¾	
Lincolnshire	810	120	-	135	127	2	
Middlesex	7600	924	-	1266	1095	11	
Norfolk	620	144	-	103	123	1¼	
Northamptonshire	465	72	-	78	75	1½	
Northumberland	770	174	-	183	178	2½	
Nottinghamshire	980	267	-	163	215	2¾	
Oxfordshire	380	92	-	63	78	1¼	
Shropshire	340	97	-	57	77	1¼	
Somerset	640	155	-	107	131	2	
Staffordshire	1855	150	250	309	279	3½	
Suffolk	545	88	-	91	89	1½	
Surrey	1000	549	-	166	357	4	
Sussex	1240	228	-	206	217	2¾	
Warwickshire	2080	101	300	343	321	4	
Wiltshire	485	132	-	81	101	1¾	
Worcestershire	490	124	-	82	103	1¼	
Yorkshire	5050	356	450	842	646	7	
						Total =	108¾