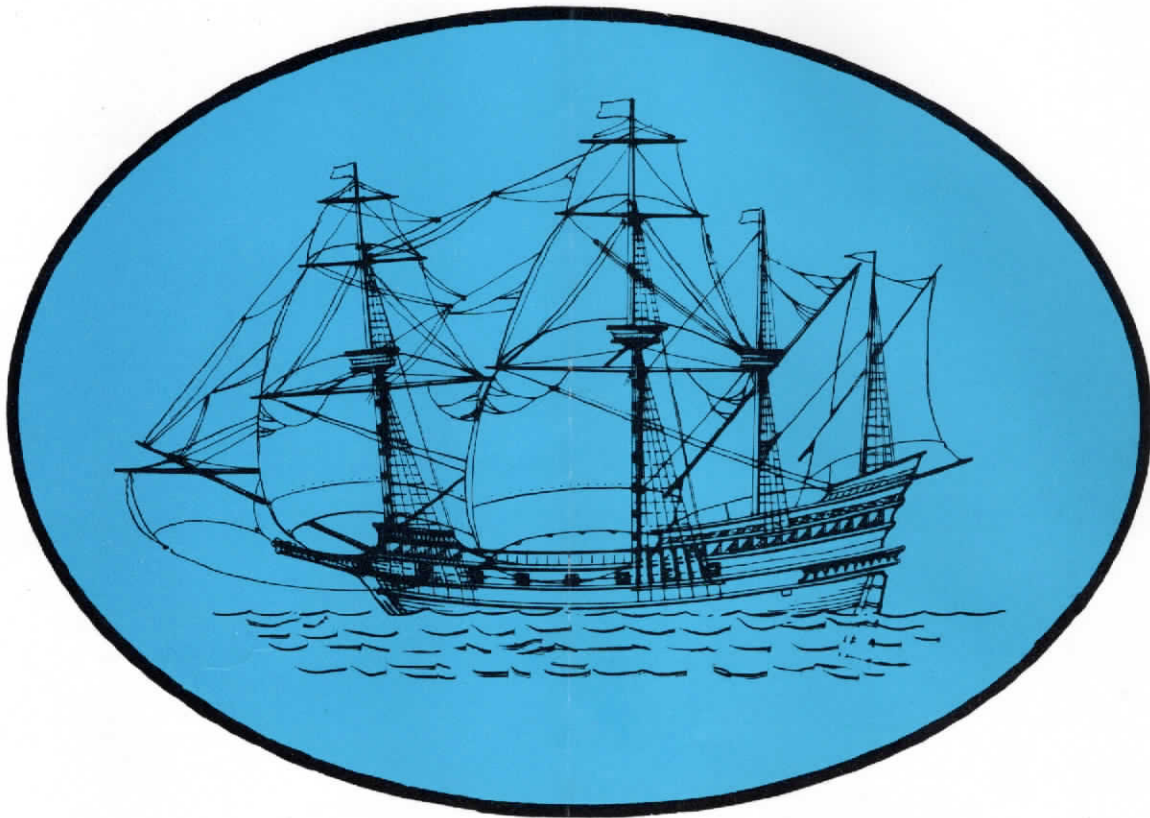


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I would like to wish all readers a Happy New Year. 1983 calls for new resolutions and I expect many will be made and many of such broken. One resolution that will not be broken is that as long as I remain Editor I will ensure that Westward Ho! does its best to express the views of the Union and if on occasions such views offend in higher places then I can only say that in the West of England we are proud of our Union and its very hard-working officers. We charge little for our services - a mere 10p per member per annum - and yet despite inflation show a profit. Some of the best Congresses are held in the West and, in 1982, we were honoured by the BCF by their holding the British Championships at Torquay. No finer tribute could have been given to the Union than that expressed so kindly by Paul Buswell, General Secretary of the BCF in a letter to me of the 7th October, 1982. He will surely forgive me for quoting the opening paragraphs of his letter, as they are addressed to the Union and all of you.

" I must apologize for being so slow to write, but do believe that that in no way diminishes the appreciation which I wish to express for all the work, and also for all the enthusiasm, which the West of England Chess Union put into helping the BCF with its annual Congress.

The way in which the sub-committee got to grips with various problems which we presented to it was most impressive, and I can assure you that it is rather unusual for the BCF to have not only the promises of effective local co-operation but also the fulfilment of such promises. It was a pleasure to work with the members of the sub-committee...."

In conclusion may I say that we look forward and are prepared to welcome again the BCF in the West of England.

Ralph Newman

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Acknowledgements To:

The Bristol Chess Times, News Flash, SCCU Bulletin, North Devon Chess League News and Dorset Chess Chat.

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THE POWER GAME

Prior to 1978 the BCF made - or tried to make - decisions with an Executive Committee of just over 50. As most of these delegates wished to speak on all matters, it took a very long time indeed to ratify any recommendation made by the various sub-committees that also met at regular intervals. As a consequence, the Agenda was rarely concluded and many items were either deferred to the next meeting or referred back to the unfortunate sub-committee on some technical matter.

This chaotic state of affairs led to a major constitutional restructure and many years of hard work by the Development Committee ( a better name would have been "Think Tank") were at last rewarded by the adoption by the BCF of their streamlined plan. Basically, their plan was simple - scrap all sub-committees, give back to the Unions a majority of votes on a small streamlined Management Board, replace the abolished sub-committees by specialist Directors and keep this Management Board under the chairmanship of the BCF President to a small and efficient size. As Chairman of the old Development Committee I was delighted that at long last efficiency would take over from organised chaos, but at the same time very sceptical

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of assurances that the Management Board would be kept to this minimal level. I was even more sceptical that the Unions would be allowed to look after all chess in their region without interference. How right I was!

Only four years' have passed and the signs are most ominous. Chess Congresses have been weaned away from the Unions and many are in direct contact with the BCF. Now the chess Leagues are under attack. The BCF are stating that the most unrepresented chess activity at BCF level is that of the independent leagues, and are suggesting that they should affiliate and be represented on the Management Board.

What the BCF ought to say is that there are four Unions and the leagues are fully entitled to representation through their Union. That is what the reorganisation was all about.

In the West of England the largest chess league is the Bristol and District Chess League. They are fully represented by their own delegate at all Union Meetings and, as a consequence, are represented through their Union delegates at BCF level. Are we now contemplating giving them an extra vote via a league representative on the Management Board?

Another alarming feature that disturbs me is the complete departure by the BCF in the concept of the Management Board Meetings. It was planned that each Union should provide 2 delegates, one as a permanent member and the other a specialist on the subject to be discussed (ie: Home Chess, Junior Chess, finance etc) In practice nothing like that happens at all and the Agendas make it impossible for specialist representatives to present their views as their subject is rarely dealt with.

Even more alarming we are drifting back to the bad old pre-1978 days. Agendas are so overloaded that many items are deferred. As an example, not only did the meeting on the 27th November, 1982, defer many items - some for the second time! - but it did not close until 7.00pm. As the meetings are in London, North and West of England delegates with trains to catch are unable to vote on late items. Very democratic!

All this emphasises the urgent need for the BCF to study carefully not only the constitution as approved in 1978, but the reasons behind the re-structuring which was designed to avoid overloading the BCF with matters that could be dealt with by the Unions.

Unless something is done - and quickly - we shall find an ever increasing entitlement to sit on the Management Board, the Unions will be in a small minority and decisions rarely made within a reasonable period of time.

Of course, I may malign the Powers that Be. As any decision upsets a minority it may well be a good thing never to make one. Certainly, it will be an excellent idea to defer and defer again any suggestion of increasing the size of the Management Board and decreasing the strength of the Unions.

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#### A MESSAGE TO YOU ALL FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE WECU

1983 will be a difficult year for all of us who enjoy playing chess in County Club, League and Congress. Rising inflation has taken its full toll of congresses and in the West the long distances between Counties make travel expensive.

We cannot control National inflation but if we are all resolved to unite as a Union and challenge every increase in registration fees, levies, congress and

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league affiliation fees etc. etc., then we may keep inflation in our own particular field of activity to a minimum. Read carefully what I have said in the preceding article "The Power Game". The 1978 new constitution of the BCF, if it had been kept to, would have kept administration costs at an absolute minimum. The enlargement of the Management Board continues and the power of the Unions to stop costly increases in the extra administration caused by this increase is on the wane. Now it has been decided to allow independent leagues to have their own representative. More costly administration! At the moment, we have specialists on the Management Board as Directors of Home Chess, International, Junior, Congress, Grading and Publicity. They are supposed to liaise with the Unions and cover all aspects of chess, but Unions are being by-passed. Congresses and Leagues have direct contact with the BCF. Soon we shall have a Director of League Chess and others will join in the Power Game - Director of Correspondence Chess, Director of Womens' Chess, Director of Telephone Chess and Director of Chess for the Geriatrics - the list could be awe inspiring.

IT MUST BE STOPPED AND YOU CAN HELP.

1. Support your Union.

2. Study the BCF profit and loss account and get your County delegate to the Finance Meeting of the BCF to turn up and vote against any unnecessary expenditure.

This Union will publish freely and willingly any suggestions that you may make to cut costs. We set an example. Out of your registration fee for the last few years the Union has only taken 10p! Our services to you all have not diminished and our assistance to Juniors in the West has increased. Our thanks to this defiant attitude to inflation are largely due to the very hard work done by our officers. All of them have given of their best and particular mention must be made of Joan Parker, our Secretary, Frank Kingdom, John Grant, Robert Northage, Les Wade and Alistair Brown. We are lucky to have an excellent team and I ask you all to continue your support and help us to win the Power Game by halting it in its tracks.

I wish you all a prosperous New Year wherever you are.

Ralph Newman,  
President WECU

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### C H E S S B I T S

QUOTE from HERTS CA NEWS BULLETIN :-

"There is a marked tendency among those who worry about their grades to require of grading officers absolute accuracy on the strict understanding that they personally will not, under any circumstances, provide information about their names, their clubs or their chess history" - R. Talbot (County Grader).

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Our Secretary, Mrs. Joan Parker, has moved. Please note her new address :-

The Rookery, Lynton, Devon, EX35 6LB - Tel: Lynton (05985) 3242.

(With an address like that the Union funds should prosper!).

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The WECU will continue to grade all results from unaffiliated congresses that are held within its jurisdiction.

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STOP PRESS

CORRECTION: The Last Item in Chessbits on Page 24/5 should read:-

"An SCCU delegate to the BCF expressed concern about the inordinate length and tedium of BCF Management Board meetings. There seems to be a tendency for officers to go to the MB with items they should have been capable of resolving for themselves. The result was something like 40 items on the Agenda for the September Meeting. The Executive thought there was a danger of slipping back into the bad old ways of pre-streamlining."

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WEST OF ENGLAND CONGRESS

The WECU Easter Congress will be held at the South Devon Technical College Torquay, 31st March - 4th April. Entry forms will be available shortly from the Congress Secretary, Mr. Alistair Brown.

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Congratulations to GERRY BENNETT of New Milton, the new Hampshire Champion. Also to GARY LANE who recently finished equal 3rd in the Challengers at Hastings. In the next issue the first of a new series "Rising Stars in the West" will give tournament successes of some of the best of the West of England Junior players, including Gary Lane, Michael Adams, P.K. Wells etc. etc.

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Application forms for the East Devon Congress (March 18th - 20th) may be obtained from J.Kelway, 36 Cowick Hill, Exeter, Devon.

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Application forms for the North Devon Chess League Spring Congress are enclosed with this Issue.

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Further quote from SCCU Bulletin :-

"East Anglian Union. Cams have approached a number of Counties with a view to establishing a break-away (no value-judgement intended) Union. It was early days to say what the reaction of the Counties concerned would be, though members present thought there might well be a lot of interest. The Executive was agreed that should such a Union be formally proposed the SCCU ought not to oppose it."

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The BCF Congress for 1984 will be held in Brighton. The Congress will commence on Monday, 29th July, 1984, one week earlier than usual.

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Anyone requiring a copy of the BCF Year Book please contact Joan Parker.

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The Bristol Chess Times has gone all algebraic. Apart from that it is an excellent publication.

(I so used to enjoy playing their games through - Ed.).

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According to statistics there are 3,003,000 chess players in the U.K. Without me there would only be 3,002,999. What a dreadful thought.

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Read "The Power Game" - and if you are not in the WECU you may like it, but not a lot!

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The following notice appeared on the premises of the Hastings Congress :-

"The Management is NOT responsible for any losses."

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Quote from SCCU Bulletin Nov., 1982, :-

"All SCCU delegates etc. ...."

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#### THE AGE OF SPEED

One day lightning congresses are getting more and more popular attracting all ages, particularly Juniors. Many congresses are avoiding adjourned sessions by speeding up finishes and recently some fascinating and excellent chess was provided by Grandmasters on BBC2 with only an hour on each clock.

In view of the undoubted popularity of finishing a game without the unsatisfactory method of adjudications this should provide a talking point for revising the rules of certain competitions. At present many County and Club matches are played on an afternoon or evening and limited to times of between 3 and 4 hours. Unfinished games, the result of which cannot be agreed upon by the players, are either adjudicated by top board players at the time or sent in to an official adjudicator. Either way, it is unsatisfactory as a game between two players of lowly grade is studied by experts who may find a winning combination that it is doubtful would have been spotted by the players concerned in the time available. In other words, on adjudication, the assumption is that both players will make Grandmaster moves!

Why not take a leaf out of the BBC2's book? A County or Club match where each player had 1½ - 2 hours on his clock would bring in positive results and avoid a lot of argument. It would also stop some players taking 5 - 10 minutes before making an opening move!

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## REPORT ON PLYMOUTH CHESS CONGRESS

There were many long and extremely tense games in the final round of the St. Ivel Plymouth Chess Congress held at Plymouth College but this did not apply to the two top games in the Open tournament both of which were agreed drawn before battle had really been joined. This left International Master, Shaun Taulbut, winner with  $5\frac{1}{2}$  points from the six rounds and Paul Lamford runner-up with  $4\frac{1}{2}$  points. Joint third came C. Archer-Lock, N. Crickmore, G. Wheeler (all Plymouth) and B. Williams (Camborne) with 4 points each. Grading prizes went to Michael Adams (the youngest competitor) and J. Ridolfo with the Junior prize going to A. Boyne.

The Major tournament was won by Jonathan Hutchings (Torquay) with a score of 5, with Andrew Borkowski (Bristol) and David Nobbs (Plymouth) sharing second place ahead of I. Cundy, Z. Daune and Lyn Fursman who shared the lower prizes together with S. Scarbro (Grading prize) and S. Luffman (Junior prize).

All the main prizes in the Minor tournament were gained by young Plymouth players with Timothy Kendall (Plymouth College) finishing just a half point ahead of C. Stevens, P. Walters and S. Williams with G. Behan in fifth place. Grading prizes went to J. Crooker, A.R. Willis and C. Wood.

The veterans prize was won by Ron Morgan of Weston-super-Mare and Chris Rose (Plymouth) gained the Junior prize.

Prior to leaving, Paul Lamford who has competed all over the Country and abroad complimented the Congress on its excellent organisation and at the same time gave a copy of the new Batsford Chess Opening book to be awarded to the Plymouth Junior with the best performance and Timothy Kendall is just the keen improving young player to be able to make good use of this large volume.

Ken Bloodworth

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## THE WOOLACOMBE CONGRESSES

When Peter Clarke moved to the West Country there were many who wondered whether his business could flourish so far away from the centres of population. Peter and his family soon integrated into their new surroundings, however, and with the great increase in the number of congresses in the area his excellent bookstall was in constant demand to everyone's benefit.

Peter himself was responsible for some of the new congresses, for twelve years' ago he founded the Hexagon and this North Devon group held the first Barnstaple Open tournament at the North Devon Motel. Despite the presence of many well-known players from London and up-country, the winner was local schoolboy, Peter Waters.

The Hexagon expanded their Congress to cover two weekends and moved to larger premises at the Combes Hotel at Woolacombe and, subsequently, to their present venue at the Woolacombe Bay Hotel.

Weather permitting, no congress enjoys more pleasant surroundings especially as the Hotel which is right on the sea front offers very fine playing conditions and service. There are also many smaller hotels, boarding houses and self-catering flats available nearby and two or three cafes as well as the meals and snacks at the Hotel bars. Car parking is no problem and for those arriving by train, the Congress will arrange transport from Barnstaple.

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The Hexagon Congresses occupy two weekends in October with the Golden Coast tournament (Grades up to 175) and a Minor section (Grades below 131) over the first weekend and the Barnstaple Open and another Minor (Under 141) the second weekend. As a number of competitors regularly stay for the whole period, a small Open tournament has been added to fill the intervening week so that ten days of continuous play is available for the real enthusiast.

Perhaps because I have figured in the prize list on occasions and consider this a lucky congress I enjoy it as much as any but it is my experience that the losers seem to concur. Every game is played to a finish at the same rate of play.

Peter Clarke was also responsible for one of the very first Quick-Play one day congresses in the West of England and many British Champions have competed in the Holsworthy Speedplay Congress which attracts players from far afield each July.

The success of these congresses encouraged the North Devon Chess League to start their own congress with Ralph Newman as chief conspirator - sorry instigator. Originally, the Taw and Torridge catered mainly for the local and lower graded players but the grading limits have been progressively increased and now the Taw tournament is open to any player graded up to 200.

The first venue for this Congress was the quite comfortable Barnstaple Motel but it has now also moved up-market to the Woolacombe Bay Hotel and takes place over the May Bank Holiday weekend so that six rounds can be played instead of five. The last round is on the morning of the Monday.

Ken Bloodworth

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#### BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

As stated in BCF Report 17, the BCQC will be discontinued after this season and replaced in 83/84 by four regional weekend Swiss Tournaments.

It is hoped that it will be possible to hold one of the four tournaments in the WECU area.

The rules/format envisaged are roughly outlined below :-

1. A Weekend Swiss. 5 to 7 rounds. Upper number would require a 'Long/holiday' weekend. (eg: 1st of May).
2. Eligible to play: All British & Commonwealth citizens not already qualified to play in Championship. (Hence not open to players graded 220+; or non-Commonwealth).
3. BCF Arbiter as controller.
4. Rate of play. Almost anything compatible with time available; eg; 36 in 1½ hours; then 18 in ½ hour then rest in 15 mins.
5. Ideally January - June 1984; but could be late 1983.
6. There will be two qualifying places.

The WECU Qualifying Tournament could be :-

- i) A status attached to a competition forming part of an existing annual congress.

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ii) An extra event added to an annual congress.

iii) A new special event.

The WECU Executive will need to consider the planning of this tournament at their Spring 1983 meeting.

It would be appreciated if potential organisers of 83-84 Congresses gave early consideration to the possibility of incorporating the Qualifying Tournament into their event, and notified Mrs. J. Parker well before the Spring meeting.

A qualifying tournament should prove to be a very attractive event and as such a 'bonus' to any congress not already 'bursting at the seams'. Items (1)(4) (5) in the Rules/format are flexible. The only change likely to be required to the rules for an existing 'Open' event is the absolute bar on players graded 220+.

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#### REPORT BY SECRETARY FOR JUNIOR CHESS

##### West of England Junior Championships

It is intended to hold these championships as zonal eliminators this coming season, to try and create a more fully representative event with as many juniors taking part as possible from all over the Union. There are sure to be shortcomings with any system and for this reason I invite any suggestions for improvements, particularly if it relates directly to making it easier for your local juniors to take part.

Junior organisers from each County will be asked to hold a tournament with the idea of producing a qualifier for the first round of a series of knock-out intermediate rounds. Owing to the short notice and as a last resort only, County Junior organisers may be asked to nominate a player for the quarter finals.

A rough format envisaged for these rounds is as follows :-

- (1) If we should have an odd number of players for the quarter finals. The current champions will take the bye.
- (2) The players will be seeded using their current BCF Grading.
- (3) The rate of play will be decided later.
- (4) Deadlines for completion of these events will be as follows :-
  - i) Quarter finals - 31st March.
  - ii) Semi finals - 30th April.
  - iii) Final to be completed by the 4th of June in time for the WECU Council Meeting Annual Report.

The final could be added to another chess event, this possibility is to be looked into.

These rounds will be on a knock-out basis with one player visiting his or her home, or at a convenient venue. The home player will play black. Some financial aid will be arranged for the away player to help with expenses.

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##### BCF Junior Training Weekends

Two dates have been fixed for these events. We ran one last October in Southampton with Graham Lee as our visiting National coach. The weekend was a huge

success and very popular with juniors from Berkshire, Hampshire and Dorset taking part. This event was hosted by the Southampton Junior Chess Club with the loan of equipment from the Southampton Senior Chess Club with whom the Junior Club is affiliated.

A repeat of this event is arranged for October 29th-30th 1983 at the same venue and another at Bristol on September 17-18th. The venue has not yet been decided. We have been offered four of these training weekends and it is hoped that we can arrange for one to take place in the Plymouth area. Enquiries are being made to try and arrange for this to happen.

Finally, the Junior Jamboree is arranged for the 12th February and the venue is the Somerset County Cricket Pavilion at Taunton, more details are imminent.

L. Walker

(Mr. Walker's address is 3, Rowley Drive, Botley, Hants. - Tel: 048 92 6528).

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#### CORRESPONDENCE

The following is an extract from a letter from Mr. P. Wilson, Director of Home Chess, to Mrs. J. Parker, Secretary WECU:-

"Further to recent telephone conversation re use of Year Book data and MB business; Waddingtons have now started to distribute literature aimed at promoting 'CRBIT' and the wording of their letter shows clear intention to try and make use of chess clubs without the courtesy to approach the Federation. The package includes a poster which club secretaries are urged to exhibit.

I would be interested to know of any received in the West of England and, if it is possible, to explain to recipient that the senders have behaved improperly and discourage the showing of posters until a proper arrangement (ie: a fee to BCF) can be effected I would be grateful."

(NB: I am very sympathetic to Mr. Wilson. I know exactly how he feels in being "by-passed" - the WECU feels just the same when it is by-passed by the BCF - Ed.)

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY GRADING LIST

The following list contains the corrections or amendments to be made to this season's Grading List. There is one correction, the result of a miscalculation, the remainder are for players who were incorrectly marked as unregistered or who were registered late :-

56-	Arnold, M.J.	Ilfracombe
140-	Ashford, M.	Sun Life, Bristol
72	Atkin, M.	Nailsea and Congresbury
96-	Bevan, J.A.	Exeter Civil Service
137-	Burden, D.M.	Vimborne
82+	Carter, D.	Nailsea and Congresbury
143-	Chorley, F.V.	Eagle Star
117-	Dean, J.	Sun Life, Bristol
139+	Gladstone, Dr. M.	Nailsea and Congresbury
180	Goodland, M.C.	Grendel

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184*	Hackman, P.L.	Southampton
157*J	Hill, A.L.	Bridgwater/Burnham
120	Hurst, K.	Grendel
114*	Jones, K.	Nailsea and Congresbury
136+	Marriner, C.	Sun Life, Bristol
126+	Marsh, M.	Sun Life, Bristol
134+	Oliver, Mrs. A.	Winterbourne
139-J	Perrin, R.D.	Southampton
122+	Peters, G.	Nailsea and Congresbury
117-	Rogers, P.	Portsmouth
129	Ross, R.I.	Leigh Park
179+	Rutter, N.	Sun Life, Bristol
132+	Seed, D.	Sun Life, Bristol
119	Shead, R.J.	Chippenham
109+	Shepherd, E.	Chippenham
135+	Stone, D.	Sun Life, Bristol
127*	Webb, D.	Chippenham
139-	Williams, N.	A.C. Delco, Southampton
122-	Villoughby, K.	Andover.

F.C. Kingdon,  
WECU Grading Officer

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NEWS FROM DEVON

The season for Devon has been one of reasonable success. Both teams reached the National stage of their respective championships. Devon finished in the Premier Division runners-up to Hampshire ahead of Gloucester. Much of the continuing strength of Devon's County chess is still due to the indefatigable Ron Bruce who manages to badger his teams into turning out in all weathers. He would have made a good Chief Whip.

An encouraging sign for the future is the number of very promising juniors who are thrusting their way into the teams. Their constant inspiration is Gary Lane who has shown all the youngsters what talent allied to intensive study can achieve if you have an inflexible will to win. Once again he won the WECU Championship, this time with considerable ease.

There is also a growth in Devon Chess at club level with an increase in the number of players and with the appearance of new clubs. The last three years have seen the rise of a new club - Palace (of Paignton) - which has become champion of Devon and, in fact, last year reached the last eight of the National Club Championship, losing to the mighty King's Head led by Jonathan Speelman, G.M. First board for Palace is incidentally Gary Lane.

Another indication of increasing interest in chess has been the organisation of new Quickplay congresses: Teignmouth Chess Club had their first one, Palace have had two and Plymouth (thanks to Ken Butt) are about to have their fourth.

A word of praise here to Ken Butt. What a fillip he has given to Junior chess. He is currently directing the Junior International Congress in Plymouth with players from the States, Iceland and other far flung corners.

What a pleasure it is to report such a healthy state of affairs! Devon chess is really going places. Keep up the good work everybody!

For the rest of you Westcountrymen, don't forget the pleasure of playing in our Congresses. See you down in Torquay for the West Country Championships at the South Devon Technical College. They promise to be every bit as enjoyable as the Nationals of last summer.

Brian Hawthorne,  
 Devon County Secretary

## NEWS FROM HAMPSHIRE

Southampton Chess Club will celebrate their centenary this year with a Quick-play Congress which will be held at Southampton Guildhall on July 30-31, 1983. The prize fund will exceed £2,600 through sponsorship by the guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Co. Ltd., making it the richest ever congress of its kind in Britain.

Entry forms and full details will be available early in 1983. There will be tournaments for players from expert to ordinary club member, for juniors at various age levels and for players over 50.

### Hampshire League :-

This longstanding competition has been on the decline these past few seasons, with 3 successive controllers failing to stop the rot. This year, the County has taken the bold step of appointing Lynda Bradberry, a 16 year old Junior, to run things, and the new season has got off to a good start with 7 teams arranged in the one division on a single round basis. These teams are AMF Legg (Andover) A. and B, Cosham, Fair Oak (Southampton), Portsmouth, Salisbury and Southampton (defending champions).

### Hampshire Junior League :-

This is an entirely new venture - the brain-child of Steve Potheary, Fareham. Teams of 4 under-18 players will meet at one venue, once a month for the next 7 months, when each will play two matches. The 14 teams currently doing battle are -

Basingstoke (3), Bohunt, Eiphok (2), Co-Op Portsmouth (1), Crofton, Fareham (1), Leigh Park, Havant (1), Portchester, Fareham (1), Titchfield, Fareham (2) and Waterlooville, Portsmouth (3).

Hopefully, next year we shall see more entries from the Southampton area.

### Local Leagues :-

The Portsmouth & District and the Southampton Leagues vie with each other in growth. The former now has 36 teams (in 6 divisions) from 13 clubs, and Southampton last season had 34 teams (in 4 divisions) from 14 clubs.

Southampton League has, for a number of years, supplemented its programme with the Robertson Cup team knock-out tournament. Not to be outdone, Portsmouth & District have this season introduced a brand new knock-out competition of its own for a Cup, donated by IBM (South Hants), but to be known as the 'Mike Cole' Cup in recognition of the great work done for local chess by its erstwhile League Secretary Conductor of this new competition is Keith Gregory, current Hampshire Individual Champion. Entry is open to as many teams of 5 players as the 13 affiliated clubs wish to put forward.

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THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Full results to date are as follows :-

ENGLISH COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

<u>DORSET 7½</u>		v	<u>CORNWALL 8½</u>	
M.B. Issacs	198	0 - 1	H. Coleman	192
R.H.K. Mann	185	½ - ½	P.H. Clarke	203
C.W. Johns	181	0 - 1	K.W. Lloyd	193
H.D. Needham	173	½ - ½	J.F.S. Menadue	165
B.M. Hirsch	171J	½ - ½	R.J. Grime	161
S.M. Chivers	168	½ - ½	J.R. Wordsworth	165
R. Valentine	168	0 - 1	D.J. Barnes	155
M.J. Roth	167	0 - 1	N. Cummings	
J. Anderson	167	½ - ½	M.E.E. Clarke	145
J. Walmsley	165	1 - 0	J. Nicholas	152
R. Burton	160	½ - ½	A.D. Meakes	142
I. Clarke	160	0 - 1	G. Wells	135J
R.A. Wood	159	1 - 0	R.F. Hitchcock	126
J.J. Gledhill	157J	½ - ½	A. Barkhuysen	123
J.F. Tilney-Bassett	148	1 - 0	J. Hampton	125
M. Steevens	134	1 - 0	I.K. Pilling	125

<u>HAMPSHIRE 7</u>		v	<u>GLOUCESTERSHIRE 9</u>	
P.K. Wells	215	1 - 0	A.P. Ashby	197
J. Corfield	191	½ - ½	T. Dudley	190
K.D. Gregory	190	½ - ½	M.E. Burn	184
I.A. Welch	189J	1 - 0	T. Mordue	185
S.W. Tan	189	½ - ½	M. Levene	185
M.L. Newbury	188	½ - ½	J.M. Will	184
G.D. Tidmarsh	183	0 - 1	C.J. Jones	180
C.B. Baker	186	0 - 1	R.O. Powis	179
D.W. Bell	182	0 - 1	D.O. Collier	174
M.J. Buckmaster	176	0 - 1	M.I. Davis	178
N. Smith	171	0 - 1	K.W. Derrick	175
T.I. Cowling	171	1 - 0	N. Hosken	178
S. Dean	169	1 - 0	A. Williams	170
C. Moorman	167	1 - 0	C.M. Riley	167J
I.A. Stenhouse	166	0 - 1	G. Copeland	167
M. Buchan	163J	0 - 1	P. Dennison	166

<u>SOMERSET 7</u>		v	<u>DEVON 9</u>	
M. Truran	209	0 - 1	G. Lane	207J
J.K. Whitcutt		½ - ½	J. Wheeler	197
T. Headlong	186	0 - 1	D. Newhouse	195
J.A. Tuck	177	0 - 1	G. Wheeler	191
C.R. Chambers	174	½ - ½	A.R.B. Thomas	190
R.V. Gregory	174	0 - 1	A. Swift	187
P. House	169J	1 - 0	S. Dilleigh	187
A. Exton	168J	0 - 1	B. Hewson	178
F. Martinez	175	½ - ½	C. Lowe	168J
J.E. Fewkes	165	½ - ½	C. Bellars	176
G. Miller	164	1 - 0	R. Lingham	174
G. Sage	164	0 - 1	T. Thynne	165
T. Dann	163	1 - 0	A. Footner	168
G.N. Jepps	162	1 - 0	M. Roberts	155
T.J. Mowlem	161	½ - ½	D. McCarthy	160J
R.V. Puchades	160	½ - ½	P. Pritchard	159

<u>DORSET 5½</u>		v
M. Simons	202	1 - 0
S.J. Shutler	197	0 - 1
M. Isaacs	198	1 - 0
C.W. Johns	181	0 - 1
H.D. Needham	173	½ - ½
B.M. Hirsch	171J	0 - 1
S.M. Chivers	168	1 - 0
R. Valentine	168	0 - 1
M.J. Roth	167	½ - ½
J. Anderson	167	0 - 1
J. Walmsley	165	0 - 1
R.M. Pegg	163	0 - 1
N. Ramsay	172	½ - ½
F. Kingdon	160	0 - 1
I. Clarke	160	1 - 0
R.A. Wood	159	0 - 1

<u>HAMPSHIRE 10½</u>	
P.K. Wells	215
G.H. Bennett	207
J. Corfield	191
S.W. Tan	189
M.L. Newbury	188
P.G. Stevenson	196
K. Fuller	182
C.B. Baker	186
D.W. Bell	182
P. Miller	174
M.J. Buckmaster	176
T.I. Cowling	171
S. Dean	169
C. Moorman	167
L.C. Allen	166
I.A. Stenhouse	166

<u>CORNWALL 5½</u>		v
H. Coleman	192	1 - 0
P.H. Clarke	203	½ - ½
J.F.S. Menadue	165	½ - ½
R.J. Grime	161	0 - 1
J.R. Wordsworth	165	0 - 1
N. Cummings		0 - 1
Mrs. M.E.E. Clarke	145	0 - 1
M.J. Adams	155J	½ - ½
J. Nicholas	152	0 - 1
A.D. Meakes	142	½ - ½
G. Wells	135J	½ - ½
A. Barkhuysen	123	1 - 0
C.W. Barrell	131	1 - 0
R.F. Hitchcock	126	0 - 1
M. Crouse	114J	0 - 1
S. Fanning	132	0 - 1

<u>GLOUCESTERSHIRE 10½</u>	
D.C. Osborne	189
M.S. Davies	187
A. Easton	186
Dr. J.M. Aitken	182
P.J. Meade	
C.J.A. Jones	180
C. Riley	167J
R.O. Powis	179
J.R. Boyce	178
R.J. Johnson	166
G.P. Neville	167
D.H.T. Spencer	150
A.R. Bentley	148
S.W. Maggs	146
J.C.B. Date	142
J. Thain	128

<u>DORSET 9</u>		v
M. Simons	202	½ - ½
M.B. Isaacs	198	1 - 0
S.J. Shutler	197	1 - 0
R.H.K. Mann	185	1 - 0
H.D. Needham	173	0 - 1
B.M. Hirsch	171J	1 - 0
S.M. Chivers	168	0 - 1
M.J. Roth	167	0 - 1
J. Anderson	167	0 - 1
J. Walmsley	165	1 - 0
F.C. Kingdon	160	0 - 1
I. Clarke	160	½ - ½
J. Gledhill	157J	½ - ½
J.F. Tilney-Bassett	148	1 - 0
C. Romero	147	1 - 0
P. Bracker	142	½ - ½

<u>SOMERSET 7</u>	
J.K. Whitcutt	
T. Headlong	186
C. Lasper	
R.H. Northage	179
J.A. Tuck	177
C.R. Chambers	174
R.W. Gregory	174
P. House	169J
A. Exton	168J
R.J. Gregory	169
F. Martinez	175
T. Edmondson	
J.E. Fewkes	165
T. Dann	163
J.A. Borkowski	144
H.G. Thomas	164

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP

<u>DORSET 5½</u>		v	<u>SOMERSET 10½</u>	
S. Crisp	138	0 - 1	G. Miller	164
P. Edgington	136	1 - 0	G.N. Jepps	162
D. Burden		½ - ½	D. Littlejohns	159
M. Lee	139	0 - 1	B.G.E. Gosling	155
D.D. Roberts	134	0 - 1	N.R. Ludgate	155
W.J. Kelly	122	0 - 1	C.E. Winch	153
C.J. Higham	118	0 - 1	D. Woodruff	153
M. Goodwin	118	0 - 1	A. Hibbitt	152
N. Weall	128	½ - ½	D.J. Holmes	151
F. Hamilton-Taylor	118	0 - 1	P.J. Hallett	150J
D.A. Wallace	116	0 - 1	P. Helbig	150
H.E.J. Stay		1 - 0	D.C. Wood	150
P. Bland	107	½ - ½	J.K. Brown	151
M. Adams	108	1 - 0	B.T. King	137
E.J. Clarke	109	1 - 0	P. Foster	136
R. Dickson	103	0 - 1	R.J. Bagshaw	131

<u>DORSET 7</u>		v	<u>HAMPSHIRE 9</u>	
T.E. Simms	154	0 - 1	P.J. Rossiter	165
J.F. Timney-Bassett	148	½ - ½	A.D. Crossin	161
C. Romero	147	0 - 1	D. Smith	158
P. Colmer	142	½ - ½	P. Johnson	158
S. Crisp	138	½ - ½	A. Daley	150
A.C. Buckfield		0 - 1	K.R. Walker	149
D.M. Burden		½ - ½	W.H. Silber	147
P. Edgington	136	½ - ½	L.C. Walters	141
A.D. Primmatt	134	1 - 0	S.D. LeFevre	139
D.D. Roberts	134	1 - 0	K. Reed	139
V. Sherring		0 - 1	D.J. Knapp	138
W.A. Shutler	125	½ - ½	R.C. Clark	138
N. Kelly		1 - 0	N. Crosswell	132
P. Damant	119	1 - 0	J. Arney	132
F. Hamilton-Taylor	118	0 - 1	P.A. George	133
G.S. Pope		0 - 1	W. Laxton	127

<u>SOMERSET 11½</u>		v	<u>WILTSHIRE 4½</u>	
F. Martinez	175	0 - 1	S. Zeidler	173J
T. Dann	163	½ - ½	D. O'Byrne	154
H.G. Thomas	164	½ - ½	D. Ward	162
G.N. Jepps	162	1 - 0	R. Webb	152
T.J. Mowlem	161	0 - 1	M.J. Morton	154
R.V. Puchades	160	1 - 0	D. Bethell	145
J.A. Borkowski	144	1 - 0	R. Rendell	151
D. Littlejohns	159	½ - ½	I. Banks	154J
T.A. Wallis	156	1 - 0	P. Hopkins	139
B.G.E. Gosling	155	1 - 0	Majär W. Burges	133
N.R. Ludgate	155	½ - ½	R. Allen	123
C.E. Winch	153	1 - 0	D. Pott	124
A. Hibbitt	152	1 - 0	Mrs. C. Williams	101
D.J. Holmes	151	1 - 0	Mrs. E. Hartford	109
D.R. Bagshaw		1 - 0	I. Comley	
R.J. Bagshaw		½ - ½	M. Major	101



<u>WILTSHIRE 1</u>			v	<u>DEVON 15</u>		
S. Zeidler	173J	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	T.F. Thynne	165
D. Ward	162	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. Rigby	174
E. Webb	152	0	-	1	R. Cotton	174
I. Banks	154J	0	-	1	R. Lingham	174
P. Hopkins	139	0	-	1	A.F. Footner	168
I. Comley		0	-	1	P. Pritchard	159
W. Bruges	133	0	-	1	M. Roberts	155
J. Franks	134	0	-	1	K.J. Bloodworth	150
G. Cole		0	-	1	B.W. Clapp	161
D. Pott	124	0	-	1	R.M. Bruce	154
M. Major	101	0	-	1	A.Boyne	152
C. Williams	101	0	-	1	J. Walker	153
E. Hartford	109	0	-	1	Mrs. R.M. Bruce	147
M. Jones		0	-	1	P. Halmkin	144
A. Jones		0	-	1	A. Brusey	139
D. Perrott	97	0	-	1	J. Parker	144

<u>HAMPSHIRE 8<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>			v	<u>GLOUCESTERSHIRE 7<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>		
J. Goddard	163J	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	I.R. Pickup	163
A.D. Crossin	161	0	-	1	S.W. Dilke	160
D. Smith	158	0	-	1	J.C. Barron	157
P. Johnson	158	0	-	1	D.E. Wigg	153
P.L. Marshall	157	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	M. Hannon	154
A.G. Daley	150	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	D.H. Spender	150
W. Purkiss	147	1	-	0	A.R. Bentley	148
L.C. Walters	141	1	-	0	J. Carr	147
S.D. LeFevre	139	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. Smith	147
K. Reed	139	1	-	0	S.W. Maggs	146
D.J. Knapp	138	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. Kiff	142
R.C. Clark	138	0	-	1	C.T.W. Beveridge	142
J.J. Evans	137	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	A.C. Wanne	
G.J. Balls	134	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Brockbank	
S.F. Young	132	1	-	0	K. Markey	123
B. Cochran	132	1	-	0	C.H. Breach	122

<u>SOMERSET 9</u>			v	<u>DEVON 7</u>		
H.G. Thomas	164	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	K.J. Bloodworth	150
D. Littlejohns	159	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	B. Clapp	161
D.R. Bagshaw	158	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. Bruce	154
T.A. Wallis	156	1	-	0	I. Calvert	
B.G.E. Gosling	155	0	-	1	A. Boyne	152J
N.R. Ludgate	155	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Walker	153
C.E. Winch	153	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	Mrs. R.M. Bruce	147
D. Woodruff	153	1	-	0	A. Luffman	140J
A. Hibbitt	152	0	-	1	P. Halmkin	144
S. Smith	152	0	-	1	A. Brusey	139
D.J. Holmes	151	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Parker	144
P.J. Hallett	150J	1	-	0	S. Wilks	
D. Stone	135	0	-	1	J. Ridolfo	144
J.K. Brown	151	1	-	0	S. Luffman	135
D. Edgington	134	1	-	0	J. Hutchings	120
R.J. Bagshaw	131	1	-	0	D. Hutchinson	133

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