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The icing on the cake! ICCF Congress 2008, Pleven, Bulgaria

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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

E.G.Meherhomji

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We urge our members to ask their friends to join AICCF. We also ask you to actively join the postal, email and SMS tournaments – Send your entry today!

We are starting the worlds first ever SMS Correspondence Chess tournament. The players who have agreed to play are N.K.Bajpai, Krishna V. Sindhe, Shams Khan and Gautam De.

We welcome the new members: Sharang M.S. (Bangalore), T.Mohanadasan (Kudayathoor), S.K.Vaishnav (Bilaspur) and Ashutosh Mishra (Mumbai). We wish you a lifetime of good correspondence chess with AICCF!

E.G.Meherhomji

Hon. Secretary-cum-Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT 2007-2008

1 April 2007- 31 March 2008

On 31st March 2008 our membership stands at 183 (1 Patron, 18 Donor, 133 Life and 31 Ordinary). We started 5 tournaments during the year: 1 Prize Money Special Email Tournament in memory of Late H.J.Samtani, two 4-Player Double Game Tournaments (one of them by email) and two 7-Player Single Game Tournaments. Our International Section also did well with participation in ICCF Tournaments particularly the 11th Afro Asian Preliminaries. For the ICCF Congress, Pleven, Bulgaria, we gave our proxy to Alan Borwell (Scotland). There were 2 AICCF Bulletins published (Aug 07 and Feb 08). The AGM was held on Sunday 18th November 2007 at 10:00AM at the residence of Dr. A.Chatterjee.

THE EDITOR SPEAKS

First of all I apologize for the very long delay. The August Bulletin is going to reach you only at the beginning of the new year. The delay is due to my being away on prolonged trips to France and Abu Dhabi and the preoccupation with ICCF server software.

While thanking our members for the contributions they have made as inputs to this Bulletin, I once again appeal to all our members to send in their games for publication in the Games Section to Games Editor, Anil Anand by email <anilanand_2940@yahoo.com>. If you are not on email, send you can post your letter to me. We also welcome comments and articles.

The chess event of the year is Viswanathan Anand's emphatic victory over Vladimir Kramnik at Bonn, retaining the World Champion's crown. This is an inspiration for chess players in India, young and old alike, and what better way is there to increase your knowledge and improve your skills than Correspondence Chess. Correspondence chess is also the lowest cost among all forms of the game and least demanding of your time. At the same time, the experience gained leads to an improvement in your over-the-board game, setting you up for strong tournament play. We hope to see an increase in our membership inspired by Anand's victory.

Dr. A.Chatterjee
Editor

ICCF WEB SERVER UPDATE

After changing the layout of the main page, it became clear that there was a bug in the software such that the drag-and-drop feature was getting disabled when the user scrolled down the page. There was also a long standing problem that the drag-and-drop interface did not work on Mac computers. As software writer and maintainer of the Javascripts on the ICCF server, this problem was brought to my notice. As the matter was urgent, I gave it my undivided attention during July-August. I followed a new approach and extensive tests were made by Gino Figlio. After all the hard work, the drag-drop interface is working correctly on every known browser and OS. We tested on many versions of operating systems: Win XP, Vista, Linux, Mac OS and several browser versions, IE, Firefox/Mozilla, Google Chrome, Safari and Opera.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All India Correspondence Chess Federation

The 15th Annual General Meeting of the members of the Federation will be held on Sunday 1st February 2009 at 10:00AM at the residence of Dr. Ambar Chatterjee (11 Sriniketan, Anushakti Nagar, Mumbai 400094, Ph: 25503094)

The agenda will be as follows:

1. To confirm the minutes of the 14th Annual General Meeting held at the residence of Dr A.Chatterjee on 18th November 2007.
2. To consider and adopt:
 - a) The report of the Managing Committee on the working of AICCF during the year 2007-2008 ended 31st March 2008.
 - b) The Income and Expenditure Account for the year 2007-2008 and the Balance Sheet as on 31st March 2008.
 - c) To appoint the auditors for the year 2008-2009.
3. To discuss and adopt any new policies or re-affirm existing policies to be followed by the Management Committee.
4. To consider any other business with the permission of the chair, the prior notice of which has been given to the Management Committee in advance of the meeting, and take decision thereupon.

The decisions taken in the meeting shall be binding on all members. Only members shall be entitled to attend. Intimation of proxy attendance should be given at least 48 hours in advance.

APPLICATION FORM FOR AICCF MEMBERSHIP*Post to:*

*Shri E.G.Meherhomji, Secretary-cum-Treasurer
Brahmand Phase II, A-6, G-3, Azad Nagar, Sandoz Baug P.O.
Thane (W) 400 607*

I wish to join the All India Correspondence Chess Federation as (tick one):

- Donor Member (Rs. 1,500/- + Rs. 50/- Entrance Fee)
 Life Member (Rs. 600/- + Rs. 50/- Entrance Fee)
 Ordinary Member 2 years (Rs. 100/- + Rs. 50/- Entrance Fee)

I also wish to join the International Section

- No, not at this time
 Yes, with one time donation (Rs. 1,550/- additional payment)
 Yes, for 2 years (Rs. 320/- additional payment)

If you are confused about the various options, note that most common membership is Life (Rs. 650/-), or you can get started with as little as Rs. 150/- for 2 years

Name (in Block Caps):

(Please underline your family name for alphabetic listing)

Address (with PIN):

Phone (Res):

Phone (Off):

Email:

Mobile:

Date of birth:

Occupation (Student/Business/Service etc):

Educational Qualifications:

Learnt about AICCF through: (friend, advertisement etc.):

Introduced by (AICCF Member):

Chess Playing Level: Beginner/Mid-Level/Advanced:

Chess Experience (Tournaments played etc.):

(Attach additional sheets if desired)

Passport Photo: Enclosed Will be sent later

If you are below 16 years of age:

Father/Guardian's Name:

Father/Guardian's Occupation:

Father/Guardian's Educational Qualifications:

You can play in up to 3 (postal, email or SMS) tournaments right away. If you have email access, this is the best way to play. If you use a mobile phone you can opt to play by SMS. Otherwise you can play by postcard.

- I wish to play in 1/2/3 email tournaments. My email address is given above. Note: The start lists and instructions will be sent by email.
- I wish to play 1/2/3 SMS tournaments. My mobile phone number is given above. Note: you will be informed by post and additionally by SMS
- I wish to play in 1/2/3 postal tournaments. I am enclosing 1/2/3 self addressed stamped envelopes for sending me the start lists.

Payment Options (select one)

Demand Draft or Mumbai cheque or outstation cheque with Rs. 50/- (bank clearance charges added in case of outstation cheques) in favour of **All India Correspondence Chess Federation** is enclosed

DD/Cheque No:

Date:

Amount:

Name of Bank:

Branch:

A money order has been sent separately in the name of Shri E.G.Meherhomji at the above address

Receipt No:

Date:

Amount:

Name of Post Office:

Pin Code:

Signature:

Place:

Date:

For AICCF use:

Date:

Ref No:

Receipt No:

Membership No:

Remarks:

ALL INDIA CORRESPONDENCE CHESS FEDERATION

Income and Expenditure Account For the Year Ended 31st March, 2008

Expenditure	Rs.	Rs.	Income	Rs.	Rs.
Xerox charges	82.50		Entrance Fees	250.00	
Printing & Stationery	1873.00		AICCF Annual Subscription	750.00	
Postage Expenses	4416.00		ICCF Annual Subscription	1290.00	
Audit Fees	810.00	24038.50	ICCF Tournament Entry Fees	640.00	
			AICCF Tourn. Entry Fees	100.00	
			ICCF Life Membership Fee	3100.00	
			Bank Interest	2079.57	
			FD Interest	9313.00	17522.57
			Excess of Expen. over Income		6615.93
		24038.50			24038.50

For T.B.Karnik & Co

Sign. and Seal

T.B.Karkik

(Proprietor)

Mumbai

19-6-2008

For All India Correspondence Chess Federation

Sign and Seal

E.G.Meherhomji

Secretary/Treasurer

Sign. And Seal

Dr.A.B.Surveyor.

President

ALL INDIA CORRESPONDENCE CHESS FEDERATION

Balance Sheet as on 31st March, 2008

LIABILITIES	Rs.	Rs.	ASSETS	Rs.	Rs.
<u>(A) Capital A/C</u>			<u>Investment</u>		
Corpus Fund	112950.00		Fixed Deposits with:		
Add: Donor Membership Fees	3000.00		Canara Bank	141027.00	
Add: Life Membership Fees	1200.00	117150.00	Add: Accrued Interest	9313.00	150340.00
<u>(B) Reserve & Surplus</u>					
Prizes Fund	1393.00	1393.00	<u>Current Assets</u>		
<u>(C) Current Liabilities</u>			<u>Bank Accounts</u>		
Audit Fees Payable	1620.00	1620.00	Canara Bank	69398.87	69398.87
<u>(D) Excess Of Income Over Expenditure</u>			Cash In Hand		2872.45
As Per Last B/L	99788.25		Advance Given		2200.00
Less: Loss for the Year	6515.93	93272.32	TDs on FD Int.	39.00	
			TDs on Advt.	1122.00	1161.00
		225972.32			225972.32

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Mumbai

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Dr.A.B.Surveyor, President

MEMBER SERVICES

New Membership: Rs. 50/- (Entrance Fee) plus either Rs. 100/- (2 years) or Rs. 600/- (Life) or Rs. 1500/- (Donor)

Membership Renewal: Rs. 100/- for 2 years

Send: Draft/Mumbai cheque/MO in favour of All India Correspondence Chess Federation to Shri Meherhomji (for address see inside front cover or the list of TDs below)

AICCF Postal Tournaments: Type-A (7 player, single game) and Type-B (4 player, double game). No fees. Play in as many tournaments as you want. Drop a postcard or send the form given on inside back cover to Shri Meherhomji (for address see inside front cover). No need to send self addressed stamped envelopes.

AICCF Email Tournaments: Both type A and B are started from time to time. Send your request to Shri Santhosh Paul by email at <earalil@gmail.com>

Tournament Directors (TDs): There are different TDs for different tournaments. When you have a claim, dispute or query make sure you contact the TD allocated for your tournament (as mentioned in the start list of your tournament).

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Shri H.P.Chole Vivek Colony, Vidya Nagar, Chandrapur District P.O. Brahmapuri Maharashtra	Santhosh M. Paul Earalil Market Road Convent Jn, Ernakulam, Kochi 682011 Email: earalil@gmail.com

Adjudication: When the tournament you are playing in reaches the adjudication date you MUST send a complete report to the TD similar to the form included in the inside back cover of this bulletin.

AICCF Ratings: New members start with an initial rating of 800. Thereafter the rating is incremented/decremented according to results. In case of any doubt please get in touch with the Tournament Director and Dr. A.Chatterjee.(by email or post, address given below)

AICCF Championships: The AICCF championships (15-player) are conducted from time to time. Qualified players are the current champion, players at the top of the Rating Chart and 2 donors. The 7th Championship (1507) is in progress. P.B.Dhanish of Calicut is the current AICCF Champion.

AICCF Bulletin: Submit articles for publication, Letters to the Editor, Comments etc. to Dr. A.Chatterjee by email <DrAmbar@gmail.com> or by post: 11 Sriniketan, Anushakti Nagar, Mumbai 400 094. Games for publication (preferably with notes) should be sent by email to Games Editor, Anil Anand <anilanand_2940@yahoo.com> with copy to Dr. Chatterjee or by post to Dr. Chatterjee.

AICCF Websites

www.geocities.com/aiccf

→ General information, Recent AICCF Bulletins, Email address of members

www.geocities.com/ganesh_chess_aiccf

→ AICCF games display

www.geocities.com/cross_tables

→ Results of AICCF games

www.geocities.com/iccf2004

→ ICCF Congress, Mumbai 2004

International Section: To play in ICCF Tournaments you must become a member of the International Section of AICCF (fees Rs. 320/- for 2 years or one time donation of Rs. 1550/-, to be sent to Shri Meherhomji). For ICCF tournaments contact Dr Alok Saxena, C-102, Mahavir Sadhana, Plot 18-E,F,G, Sector 14, n/r Palm Beach Road, Sanpada, Navi Mumbai 400 705 Email: alokasaxena@rediffmail.com Phone: 022-64503139. One can play by email or webserver (even by post, though this is not common now). The fees for the requested tournament must be sent to Shri Meherhomji, Treasurer after consulting with Dr. Saxena.

There are some ICCF tournaments like the Afro Asia Zone Tournaments where you can play for free (see website (c) below). There are Team Tournaments such as the ICCF Olympiad (Email-Postal or Web-server) and Friendly International Tournaments, both of which are ICCF rated.

Announcements regarding these are sent to members by email. It is important to send your email address to Dr. Saxena so that he can keep you updated on these team events.

ICCF allocates a unique ID number to you when you play in your first ICCF event. You can locate this ID by searching at either of the ICCF Websites (a), (b):

ICCF Websites

(a) <http://www.iccf.com> (b) <http://www.iccf-webchess.com>
Afro-Asia Zone: (c) <http://www.iccf-europa.com/aa/index.htm>

ICCF Ratings

ICCF ratings are entirely separate from AICCF ratings and are computed in a different way. Note however that games played in the AICCF Championships are also ICCF rated. An ICCF rating is given to a participant after he completes 12 games. This rating is considered *provisional*. A regular or *fixed* rating is given only after the completion of 30 games. You can find your ICCF rating at the ICCF websites (a), (b).

- For general enquiries contact Shri Meherhomji.
- All payments (both AICCF and ICCF related) must be sent to Shri Meherhomji. The method of payment is Bank Draft, Mumbai Cheque or Money Order. Cheques/Drafts must be in favour of "All India Correspondence Federation" and payable in Mumbai.
- For further information about International Tournaments contact Dr. Alok Saxena.

To receive copies of AICCF Bulletins that you may have missed or to get free extra copies for friends, contact Shri E.G.Meherhomji or Dr. A.Chatterjee.

NEWS ROUNDUP

AWANI KUMAR'S KNIGHTS IN SHINING ARMOUR MAKE MAGIC IN MANY DIMENSIONS



The *Limca Book Of Records*, 2008 (pg. 72), reports: Awani Kumar, Lucknow has compiled over 1300 single diagonal magic tours of knight on 12x12 board. He has also constructed a magic knight's tour in a 12x12x12 cube, the largest till date.

Earlier, Awani Kumar got a place in *Limca Book of Records* 2005 (page 33) for the construction of four both-diagonal magic tours of knight on 12x12 board.

Not satisfied with 3 dimensions, Awani moved on to 4 dimensions. He writes, "After extending magic tours of knight into 4-dimension, next logical target is its enumeration. We know that enumeration of magic tours is most difficult but we should not give up. With collective effort, we can always do it. I have made a small beginning. I have enumerated 204 magic tours of knight in 4x4x4x4 hypercube. Sum of all the rows, columns, pillars and files is 514. Their reverse tours are also

magic. Guenter Stertenbrink has checked all the tours with computer and posted at the computing magic knight tours site for perusal.

Recently, Awani Kumar started an email discussion with eminent mathematicians and scientists worldwide about the mathematical interest in such knight's tours. Opinion was divided among the erudite about the possible research value of knight's tours, however, there were quite a few mails that lauded the efforts of Awani Kumar adding the hope that at least some mathematician may one day take up what has been dubbed as Awani's challenge: to create a rigorous theory of magic knight's tours.

TRAGIC DEATH OF PROMISING YOUNG PLAYER

(Reported by Shri V.D.Pandit)

Rohan R Rajadhyax, age 21, a promising player from Mumbai (FIDE rated 1801) and two friends died during a swim in a *nallah* near Khandala. In April 2006 Rohan had scored 6/11 in the Thakur International Rating Chess Tournament at Kandivli (East), Mumbai. Rohan's father, Shri R.M.Rajyadaksh (FIDE rated 2063) is a well known player in Mumbai. (I have played him in several OTB encounters –Ed). AICCF offers its deepest condolences to the family.

COVER STORY**ICCF CONGRESS 2008**

The ICCF Congress 2008 took place in the Municipal Hall and Hotel Kaylaka, Pleven, Bulgaria from 20th to 26th September 2008. As nobody from India could attend, India's proxy was carried by Alan Borwell (SCO).



ICCF President Med Samraoui was not in attendance due to problems with travel documents, however he had requested ICCF Honorary President, Alan P. Borwell (SCO) to chair the Congress, assisted by Honorary Member Nol van 't Riet (NED), with Eric Ruch (FRA) having agreed to be Congress Secretary (due to the absence of the General Secretary and other Executive Board members).

Welcome speeches were given by the Chairman of the Organising Committee, Mr. Rumen Petkov, the Bulgarian Sports Minister, Mrs. Vesela Lecheva, the President of the Correspondence Chess Federation of Bulgaria (BCCF), Mr. Petyo Marinov and the BCCF Delegate, Professor George Sapundjiev.

In his Opening Speech, Alan Borwell also thanked the Governor of Pleven, Mr. Tzvetko Tzvetkov. He expressed pleasure that a Congress was being held in Bulgaria for the first time in ICCF's history. He congratulated FIDE GM Veselin Topalov on his many super tournament successes. In correspondence chess, Bulgaria has been active internationally for almost 70 years and the pioneers Prof. Georgi Sapundjiev and Dr. Stefan Sergiev were present at the Congress. Petyo Marinov (Bulgaria's ICCF representative) was able to offer to host the current ICCF Congress.

The delegates offered silence in memory of departed CC friends Gerhard Radosztics (AUT), Witold Bielecki (POL), Günter Henrich (GER) and Robertas Sutkus (LTU).

After the playing of the ICCF Anthem, the Congress was entertained by a young folk singing group.

The following appointments were approved:

1. Søren Peschardt (DEN): Finance Director;

2. Eric Ruch (FRA): Marketing Director.
3. Michael Blake (ENG): Webmaster
4. Ron Langeveld (NED): Qualifications Commissioner

There were no applications for new member federations. The matter of federations who had defaulted in payments would be dealt with by applying the provisions decided by the 2004 ICCF Congress in Mumbai.

World Correspondence Chess Championship Trophies were presented as follows:

World Correspondence Chess Champion XIX:

Christophe Léotard (FRA)

World Correspondence Chess Champion XXI:

Joop J. van Oosterom (NED)

Ladies World Correspondence Chess Champion XII:

Mrs. Olga Sukhareva (RUS)

Bertl von Massow Medals were awarded as follows:

The Bertl von Massow medal in Gold and Silver:

Georgi Sapundjiev (BUL) for 15 years meritorious work for ICCF

The Bertl von Massow medal in Gold:

Gerhard Binder (GER), Janko Bohak (SLO), Ervin Liebert (EST), Milan Manduch and Pavol Polakovic (SVK), Alan J.C. Rawlings (ENG), Merike Rõtova (EST) for 15 years meritorious work for ICCF.

The Bertl von Massow medal in Silver:

Marijonas Rocius (LTU), Jean-Pierre Dondelinger (BEL), Leonardo Madonia (ITA), Hirokaz Onoda (JAP), Guy José Bendaña Guerrero (NCA), for 10 years meritorious work for ICCF

For full details of the ICCF Congress, Mumbai please refer to the following websites:

1. congress.iccf.com/Pleven_2008/2008_congress.htm
2. www.iccf.com
3. www.corrchessbg.com/Pleven2008.html
4. www.correspondencechess.com/congress/2008.htm

ICCF FRIENDS EXPRESS SOLIDARITY AFTER MUMBAI TERROR ATTACK

AICCF wishes to thank all the ICCF friends who thought about us and enquired after our health in the wake of the terrible Mumbai terror attacks of 26/11. There was nobody in the immediate circle of our chess friends in Mumbai who were affected. A few of the emails received:

Happy to hear, that you and all my IND-friends are ok! A little weird to see pictures from the Taj Mahal Hotel - I was there for coffee when visiting Mumbai on one of the free days.....

-Søren Peschardt

Yes, it was a horrryfyng deed. I did recognise the hotel at the harbour and some other places we saw in 2004. And I did send some thoughts about my friends in Mumbai and India. Such meaningless violence...

-Per Söderberg

I'm very glad to hear that you are all safe. We are all very vulnerable to being in the wrong place at the wrong time these days.

-Iain Mackintosh

It was a very sad news when I heard such a terrorist attack in Mumbai, where we spent nice time 4 years ago. It is good to learn that you are all safe and that Mumbai is functioning normally again. In name of ICCF, I condemn this kind of terror against innocent victims. All our sympathy is for all Indians at the moment.

-Med Samraoui

We were just yesterday talking with Heikki Brusila about our time in Mumbai. It is good to hear that in spite of all you are well and things are going to be better again. I remember well Mumbai and the Congress four years ago. We had there a very pleasant time. My wife remembers especially your wife Urmila who was

very friendly to everyone at the Congress and guided the ladies to many places including the famous Taj Mahal hotel.

Best regards from Seija and myself to you and Urmila!

-Esko Nuutilainen

I was so very sad to watch the terrible happenings in Mumbai - it brought back vivid memories of our wonderful visit in 2004 and of our time in Taj Mahal Hotel and tour of your fine City. The loss of life and destruction in Mumbai, is such a tragedy. Let us hope and pray that there will be no more atrocities in Mumbai or anywhere else, but I fear terrorism is difficult to stop when there are "crazy" people around who do not know the meaning of good and evil. It is a sad reflection on our World. I am glad to hear that all of our Mumbai CC friends are safe.

-Alan Borwell

I am very happy to hear all friends are safe. It is a dreadful business. I hope you can come to England for next year's ICCF congress. You will be very welcome.

-Andrew Dearnley

Please inform all our Indian CC friends that our thoughts are with them. India is a such a wonderful country, and each time I have had the chance to be there, I have always enjoyed the stay. Last time I have been in Mumbai, in March this year, I have stayed at the Taj and I hope to a have a chance to return there in the future. It will be rebuilt and nobody will forget the lost lives.

-Eric Ruch

Dhanish wins**SEVENTH AICCF
CHAMPIONSHIP, 1507**

The table below shows the status as on 30-06-08.

Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Pts	%
1 P.B.Dhanish	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12/12	100
2 A.Chatterjee	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12/14	85.7
3 N.Neelakantan	0	0	0	0	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8.5/10	85.0
4 Prabhanandan	0	0	0	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9.5/12	79.2
5 P.S.Dabholkar	0	0	0	0	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9.5/13	73.1
6 Nagaradjane	1	0	0	0	½	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7.5/11	68.2
7 K.L.Gala	0	0	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8.5/13	65.4
8 Dr. A.Nagaraj	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	7/14	50.0
9 D.Tyagi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4/9	44.4
10 Shams Khan	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5.5/13	42.3
11 Cdr. Ganapathi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	5/13	38.5
12 Pawan Kumar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	3/14	21.4
13 A.Dutta Gupta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2/14	14.3
14 S.K.Somani	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1/14	7.1
15 Ravi Prakash	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/14	0

The current AICCF Champion P.B.Dhanish, has won the Championship with a clean sweep of 14/14. The above table shows 12 wins with 2 games pending (N.Neelakantan and A.G.Nagaradjane). However, subsequently, Nagaradjane resigned and a claim against Neelakantan has been upheld, and so Dhanish is the winner. Going by the very strong play and analysis power exhibited by Dhanish, there is no doubt that he has reached an all time high in AICCF in terms of performance. Only if past champion and ICCF SIM N.R.Anil Kumar (with his near unbeaten record in AICCF) were active again we could expect a closer contest. In the event, Dr. A.Chatterjee is the runner up, having lost only 2 games (against Dhanish and Nagaradjane). The games of N.Neelakantan are running relatively slower as he is playing by postcard and not by email. Both Neelakantan and Pabhanandan are close enough to be in the prize list. A win has also been scored by Prabhanandan against Nagaradjane subsequent to 30-06-08

We give below some of the recently completed games:

W: Prabhanandan, K.
B: Nagaraj, Dr.A.
AICCF Chamionship, 1507
English Opening, A31

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nf3 Qc7 4.e3 g6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bd3 Bg7 7.O-O O-O 8.dxc5 Qxc5 9.e4 Nc6 10.Be3 Qa5 11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.cxd5 Ne5 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.Qb3 Black's passive play with no apparent aim except to exchange pieces has left him with a cramped position while White is ahead in development and controls the centre.

14...b5 14...d6 is not possible: 15.f4 3.03/14 15...Bg7 16.Bb6 traps the Queen. This variation demonstrates that Black's Queen is badly placed.

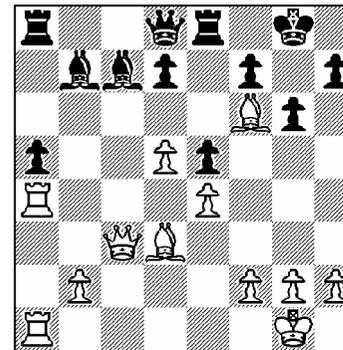
15.a4! Black will have trouble with his Queen, and his Queenside pawns.

15...bxa4 16.Rxa4 Qd8 17.Bb6 Bc7

17...Qe8 18.Rfa1

18.Bd4 e6 19.Rfa1 a5 Black heroically tries to hang on to the a-pawn but there is also a black square weakness around the King.

20.Qc3 Bb7 21.Bg7 Re8 22.Bh8 e5 23.Bf6



23...Qb8

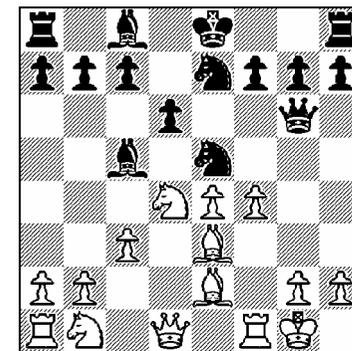
23...Qxf6 24.Qxc7 Ba6 25.Bxa6 Rxa6 26.Rxa5 +- (or 26.b4 +-)

24.Qd2 Bd8 25.Bxd8 Qxd8 26.Rxa5 Qb6 27.Rxa8 Rxa8 28.Rxa8+ Bxa8 29.Qc3 Qb8 30.Qa5 Qc8 31.Qb6 f5 32.exf5 gxf5 33.Qd6 e4 34.Bf1 1-0

W: Khan, Shams
B: Prabhanandan, K.
AICCF Championship, 1507
Scotch Game, C45

Shams Khan, true to his style makes a speculative pawn sac. But Prabhanandan keeps the pawn, consolidates and makes his head through subsequent complications.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Bc5 5.Be3 Qf6 6.c3 Nge7 7.Bc4 Ne5 8.Be2 Qg6 9.O-O d6 10.f4



10...Qxe4 11.Bf2 Bxd4 12.Bxd4 N5c6 13.Nd2 Qg6 14.Bh5 Qh6 15.Bf2 O-O 16.Qf3 Ng6 17.Bg3 Be6 18.Rae1 Rae8 19.a3 Nge7 20.b3 Nd5 21.f5 g6 22.fxe6 fxe6 23.Qe2 Qxh5 24.Rxf8+ Kxf8 25.Rf1+ Kg7 26.Qf2 Qf5 27.Qe1

Qd3 28.Rf3 Qc2 29.Ne4 Qxb3 30.Qf1 b5 31.Rf7+ Kg8 32.Rxh7 Kxh7 33.Qf7+ Kh8 34.Qxe8+ Kg7 35.Qxe6 Qd1+ 36.Kf2 Qc2+ 37.Kf3 Nce7 38.Bh4 Qd3+ 39.Kf2 Qe3+ 40.Kf1 Qf4+ 41.Bf2 Qxh2 42.Bd4+ Kf8 43.g3 Qa2 44.Ng5 Ke8 45.Qf7+ Kd7 46.Qe6+ Kd8 47.Qf7 c5 48.Bf2 Kc7 49.Qe8 Qb1+ 50.Kg2 Qf5 51.Nh7 Nc6 52.Nf8 Nxc3 53.Ne6+ Kb6 54.Qc8 Ka5 55.Qc7+ Ka4 56.Nxc5+ dxc5 57.Qxc6 Qe4+ 58.Qxe4+ Nxe4 59.Be3 Kxa3 60.Kf3 a5 61.Kxe4 c4 62.Bd4 b4 0-1

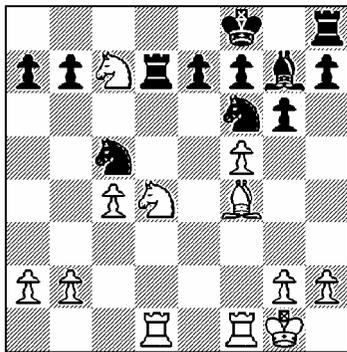
W: Khan, Shams

B: Nagaraj, Dr.A.

AICCF Championship, 1507

Sicilian Defence, B21

1.e4 c5 2.f4 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.exd5 Nxd5 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.Nf3 Bxb5 7.Nxb5 Qd7 8.c4 Nf6 9.d4 cxd4 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Nfxd4 Na6 12.f5 g6 13.O-O Rd8 14.Bf4 Bg7 15.Rae1 Nc5 16.Nc7+ Kf8 17.Rd1 Rd7



18.Nde6+! fxe6 19.fxe6 Nxe6

Returning the sacrificed piece. Instead if 19...Rxd1 20.Rxd1 with mate threatened forcing 20...Nxe6 21.Nxe6+ Kf7 22.Nd8+ Ke8 23.Nxb7 +- 20.Nxe6+ Kf7 21.Ng5+ Ke8 22.Be5 +/-

Although material is equal White is better placed

22...Rg8 23.Ne6 Bh6 24.Bd4

Black is preparing to dislodge the N at e6 with Kf7. Accordingly a more active approach was warranted e.g. 24.Nc7+ Kd8 25.Rxd7+ Nxd7 26.Ne6+ Ke8 27.Bd4 b6 maintaining the upper hand.

24...Kf7 25.Rde1 Rd6

Forcing exchanges thereby nullifying White's advantage.

26.Bxf6 exf6 27.Nc5 b6 28.Nb3

The position is turning to +/-.

28...Rc6 29.Re4 Re8 30.Rxe8 Kxe8 31.Re1+ Kf7 32.Rd1

White cannot hold the c-pawn e.g. 32.Re4 f5 33.Rh4 Be3+ 34.Kf1 h6 35.Ke2 Bg5 36.Rd4 Ke7 37.Kd3 Bf6

32...Rxc4 33.Rd7+ Ke6 34.Rxh7 Be3+ 35.Kf1 Ra4 36.a3 Bf4 37.Rh4 Kf5 38.Rh3 Be5 39.Rf3+ Rf4 40.Ke2 Bxb2 41.a4 Be5 42.g3 Rxf3 43.Kxf3 Ke6

Now Black is winning.

44.h4 Kd5 45.g4 Kc4 46.Nd2+ Kc3 47.Ne4+ Kb4 48.h5 f5 49.hxg6 fxe4+ 50.Kxe4 Bh8 51.Kf4 Kxa4 52.Kg5 b5 53.Kh6 b4 54.g5 b3 55.g7 Bxg7+ 56.Kxg7 b2 57.g6 b1=Q 58.Kh8 Qh1+ 59.Kg8 Kb5 60.Kf7 Qg1 61.g7 a5 62.g8=Q Qxg8+ 63.Kxg8 a4 0-1

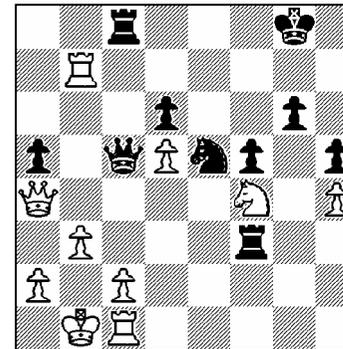
W: Ganapathi, Cdr.R.

B: Prabhanandan, K.

AICCF Championship, 1507

Sicilian Dragon, B78

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 O-O 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.Bb3 Rc8 11.O-O-O Ne5 12.Kb1 Nc4 13.Bxc4 Rxc4 14.h4 h5 15.b3 Rc8 16.Bg5 Re8 17.g3 a6 18.Rhe1 b5 19.Nde2 Bc6 20.Bh6 Bxh6 21.Qxh6 b4 22.Nd5 Bxd5 23.exd5 Qc7 24.Qd2 Qa5 25.Nf4 Rc3 26.g4 Rec8 27.Rc1 Rxf3 28.Rxe7 Nxxg4 29.Rb7 Qc5 30.Qxb4 a5 31.Qa4 Ne5 32.Qe4 f5 33.Qa4



33...Rf1! 34.c4

34.Rxf1 Qxc2+ 35.Ka1 Qc3+ - 8.72/16 36.Kb1 Nf3 casts a mating net.

34...Rxc1+ 35.Kxc1 Qe3+ 0-1

W: Nagaraj, Dr.A.

B: Neelakantan, N.

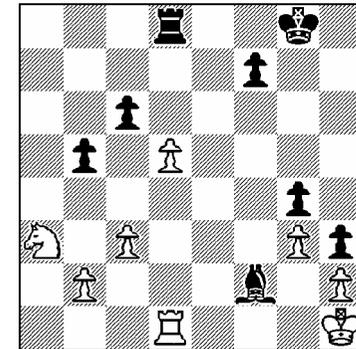
AICCF Championship, 1507

Ruy Lopez, C78

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O b5 6.Bb3 Bb7 7.Re1 Bc5 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 Qe7 12.a4 g5 13.Bg3 h5 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Rxa8+ Bxa8 17.Bd5

Better may be 17.h4 g4 18.Ng5

17...h4 18.Bxe5 Nxe5 19.Nxe5 Qxe5 20.Bxa8 g4 21.Kh1 h3 22.g3 O-O 23.Bc6 Qe6 24.Bd5 Nxd5 25.Qxd5 Qxd5 26.exd5 Rd8 27.Rd1 Bxf2 28.Na3 c6

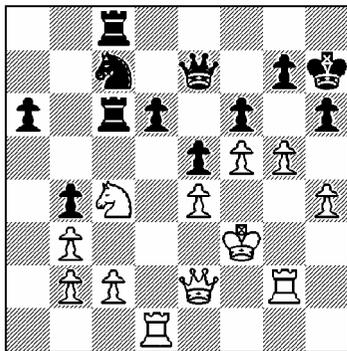


White is lost in this ending with his King and Knight poorly placed and back rank weakness

29.b4 Rd6 30.Rd3 f6 31.Rd2 Ba7 32.Rd1 Kf7 33.Rd3 f5 34.Rd1 Kf6 35.Rd2 cxd5 36.Nxb5 Re6 37.Rd1 Bb6 38.Rf1 Re3 39.Rd1 Ke5 40.Rf1 Rd3 41.Rb1 Ke6 42.Nd4+ Bxd4 43.cxd4 Rxd4 44.b5 Kd7 45.b6 Kc8 46.b7+ Kb8 47.Kg1 Rd2 48.Rb5 d4 49.Rxf5 Rg2+ 50.Kf1 Rxh2 0-1

W: Ganapathi, Cdr.R.
B: Nagaraj, Dr.A.
AICCF Championship, 1507
Sicilian Sozin, B86

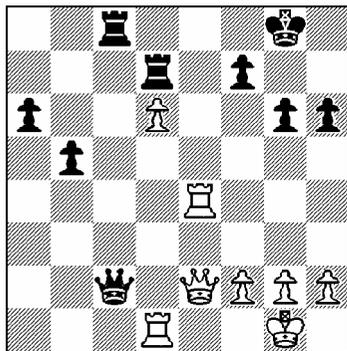
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6
7.Bb3 Be7 8.O-O Qc7 9.f4 Nc6
10.Be3 O-O 11.Qf3 Na5
12.Rad1 b6 13.f5 e5 14.Nde2
Nxb3 15.axb3 Bb7 16.Ng3
Rac8 17.Nh5 Ne8 18.Qf2 b5
19.Bb6 Qb8 20.Be3 b4 21.Nd5
Bxd5 22.Rxd5 f6 23.Rfd1 Rc6
24.g4 Bd8 25.h4 Bb6 26.Bxb6
Rxb6 27.Ng3 Rf7 28.Nf1 Qb7
29.Qe2 Rc7 30.Ne3 Rc8 31.Nc4
Rbc6 32.R1d2 Qc7 33.Qd1 Rd8
34.Kg2 Rc8 35.Kf3 h6 36.Rg2
Qe7 37.Qe2 Kh7 38.g5 Nc7
39.Rd1 1-0



White has carefully built up a Kingside attack while maintaining pressure on the weak d6 pawn. Black resigns early. An example continuation:
39...Nb5 40.gxh6 gxh6 41.Rg6 Nd4+ 42.Rxd4 exd4 43.Qd2 Qf8 44.Qxd4 Qf7 45.Ne3 Rg8 46.h5 a5 47.Ng4 1-0

W: Nagaraj, Dr.A.
B: Dabholkar, P.S.
AICCF Championship, 1507
Pirc Defence, B08

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Be2 O-O 6.O-O Nc6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bf4 a6 9.a4 Ng4 10.Bg3 e5 11.d5 Nd4 12.Nxd4 exd4 13.Bxg4 dxc3 14.Bxc8 cxb2 15.Rb1 Rxc8 16.e5 Bxe5 17.Bxe5 dxe5 18.Rxb2 c6 19.d6 b5 20.axb5 cxb5 21.Qd2 Qf6 22.Rd1 Rfd8 23.Rb3 Rd7 24.Rf3 Qg5 25.Qe2 e4 26.Re3 Qc5 27.Rxe4 Qxc2

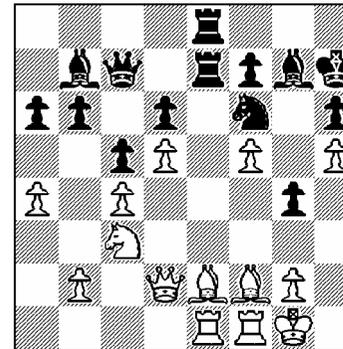


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W: Dhanish, P.B.
B: Gala, K.L.
AICCF Championship, 1507
King's Indian, E90

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 d6 4.Nc3 g6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Nf3 O-O 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.h3 b6 9.O-O Qc7 10.Be3 Bb7 11.Be2 Rfe8 12.Ng5 a6 13.Qd2 h6 14.Nf3 Kh7 15.Rae1 e6 16.a4 exd5 17.exd5 Ne5 18.Nxe5 Rxe5

19.f4 Re7 20.f5 g5 21.Bf2 Rae8
22.h4 g4 23.h5!



23...Nhx5 24.f6! Bxf6 25.Bxg4 Ng7 26.Ne4 Be5 27.Bg3 Bd4+ 28.Kh2 Rxe4 29.Qc2 Qe7 30.Rf4 Qg5 31.Rexe4 Rxe4 32.Qxe4+ Kg8 33.Rf3 Bxb2 34.Bxd6 Qh4+ 35.Rh3 Qf6 36.Qf4 Ne8 37.Rxh6 Qxf4+ 38.Bxf4 Nf6 39.Bf3 a5 40.g4 Bd4 41.g5 Nd7 42.Kg3 Ba6 43.Bg4 Nf8 44.Rxb6 Bxc4 45.d6 f6 46.g6 Kg7 47.Bf5 Bd5 48.Rb8 c4 49.Re8 1-0

W: Gala, K.L.
B: Dabholkar, P.S.
AICCF Championship, 1507
French Advance, C02

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.d4 Nge7 6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Nf5 8.Be3 Be7 9.Bxf5 exf5 10.Nc3 Be6 11.Qb3 Qd7 12.O-O O-O 13.Rfd1 Rfe8 14.a3 Rac8 15.Rac1 h6 16.Bd2 Na5 17.Qb5 Qxb5 18.Nxb5 Nc6 19.h4 a6 20.Nc3 f6 21.Ne2 Bd8 22.h5 Bc7 23.Bf4 Bb8 24.Rc3 Bf7 25.Ng3 fxe5 26.dxe5 Rcd8 27.Re1 d4 28.Rd3 Bc4 29.Rd2

Be6 30.b3 Ba7 31.Nh4 Ne7 32.Rd3 Bc5 33.Bc1 Rd5 34.f4 b5 35.Bb2 a5 36.Kf2 Red8 37.Rc1 a4 38.Nf3 axb3 39.Nd2 Ba7 40.Nxb3 R5d7 41.Nc5 Bc4 42.Nxd7 Bxd3 43.Rc7 Ra8 44.e6 Bc4 45.Ne5 d3+ 46.Ke1 Bb6 47.Rd7 Ba5+ 48.Kf2 Bb6+ 49.Ke1 Ba5+ 50.Kf2 1/2 - 1/2

W: Prabhanandan, K.
B: Dabholkar, P.S.
AICCF Championship 1507
King's Indian, E97

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 O-O 6.Be2 e5 7.O-O Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.b4 Nh5 10.Re1 f5 11.Ng5 Nf6 12.f3 h6 13.Ne6 Bxe6 14.dxe6 Nh5 15.Be3 c6 16.Qd2 Nf4 17.Rd1 Nxe6 18.c5 Nd4 19.Bxh6 b5 20.exf5 Nexf5 21.Bg5 Qc7 22.cxd6 Nxd6 23.Bd3 a5 24.Ne2 axb4 25.Nxd4 Qa7 26.Kh1 exd4 27.Be7 Nc4 28.Qg5 Ne3 29.Qxg6 1-0

W: Chatterjee, Dr.A.
B: Nagaraj, Dr.A.
AICCF Championship 1507
Sicilian Najdorf, B94

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.Bc4 Qc7 8.Qe2 g6 9.O-O Bg7 10.Rad1 O-O 11.Bb3 b5 11...b6 was better -Dr. Nagaraj
12.a4 bxa4 13.Nd5!
Occupying the d5 hole and putting a finger on the e7 weakness
13...Nxd5 14.Bxd5 Bb7 15.Bxe7!

The e7 and d6 pawns fall.
15...Rfe8 16.Bxd6 Qb6
16...Qxd6 17.Bxb7 Ra7 18.Nf5 +/-

17.Bxb7 Qxb7 18.Rfe1 Qxb2

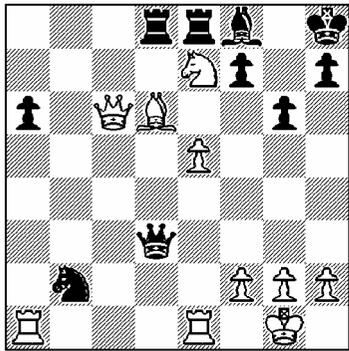
Material equality is restored, but White's pieces are better placed.

19.Nc6 Kh8 20.e5 Rac8 21.Rb1 Qa2 22.Ra1 Qb2 23.Qg4 Nb2 24.Qf3 Qxc2 25.Ne7

The right way. Instead, if 25.Na7 Ra8 26.Qxf7 Qb3 and Black holds.

25...Rcd8 26.Qb7 Nc4

26...Rxd6 27.exd6 Bd4 28.Rf1 +-.

27.Qc6 Qd3 28.Qxa4 Nb2 29.Qc6 Bf8**30.Re3!**

Offers more than:

a) 30.Nd5 Qc4 31.Rec1 Qxc6 32.Rxc6 Bxd6 33.exd6 Re6

b) 30.Rab1 Qc4 31.Rxb2 Qxc6 32.Nxc6 Rxd6

30...Qd2

30...Qc4 31.Qf3 Bg7 32.Nd5 Qd4 33.Nc7 +/-

31.Qf3 Bxe7 32.Bxe7 Rc8

Dr.Nagaraj writes, "32...Qd1+ could be tried". In fact, I expected 33.Qxd1 Rxd1+ 34.Rxd1 Nxd1 35.Bf6+ +/- and White should win with careful play.

33.Bf6+ Kg8 34.h4!

Serves the dual purpose of creating a hutch for the King and initiating a King side attack based on Black's

weak dark squares and the dominantly placed White Bishop.

34...Rc1+ 35.Rxc1 Qxc1+ 36.Kh2 Na4

Black sees that he needs to manoeuvre the Knight to prevent mate at g7, but.

37.h5 Qc8 38.Qf4 Nc5 39.Qh6 Ne6 40.Rh3 1-0

For if 40...Qc7 41.f4! a5 42.f5!

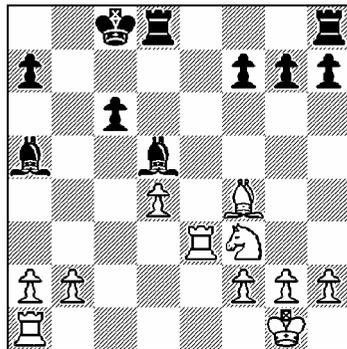
W: Nagaraj, Dr.A.

B: Gala, K.L.

AICCF Championship, 1507

Petroff's Defence, C42

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 Qe7 4.d4 d6 5.Nf3 Nxe4 6.Be2 Bf5 7.O-O d5 8.c4 c6 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Qb3 Be6 11.Nc3 Nc6 12.Re1 Qb4 13.Bb5 Bd6 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Qxb4 Bxb4 16.Rxe4 O-O-O 17.Bf4 Bd5 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Re3 Ba5



White has a reasonable position and an extra pawn. It's difficult to imagine that he will go on to lose the game. Black's strength lies in the Bishop pair. White's d-pawn is also liable to recapture, although at the moment it is held

indirectly: 19...Bxf3 20.Rxf3 Rxd4 21.Be5

20.Rc1 f6 21.h4

Perhaps White should instead have prepared to consolidate by 21.Re2 preparing Be3 e.g. 21.Re2 Bxf3 22.gxf3 Rxd4 23.Be3 Rd7 +=

21...Rd7 22.a3 Kb7 23.Rd3 Bxf3 24.Rxf3

Returning the pawn. Instead, White could have pressed on with 24.gxf3

24...Rxd4 25.g3 Re8 26.Rc2 Rd1+ 27.Kg2 Bb6 28.Rb3 Rd5 29.Rbc3 Re6 30.Kf3 g5 31.hxg5 fxg5 32.Be3 h5 33.Kg2 Kc7 34.Bc1 g4 35.b4 Kb7 36.a4 Rd1 37.Be3 Bxe3 38.Rxe3 Rxe3 39.fxe3 Rd3 40.Kf2 Rb3 41.Rc4 Kb6 42.Ke2 Ra3 43.a5+ Kb5 44.Rf4 a6 45.Re4 Ra2+

The game has tilted in Black's favour.

46.Kd3 Rg2 47.Kc3 Ka4

Not 47...Rxg3 48.Kb3 with a mate threat.

48.Kc4 Rxg3 49.Kc5 Ka3 50.Kxc6 h4 51.b5 h3 52.bxa6 h2 53.Kb5 h1=Q 54.Ra4+ Kb3 55.Rb4+ Kc2 56.Rc4+ Kd2 0-1

W: Dhanish, P.B.

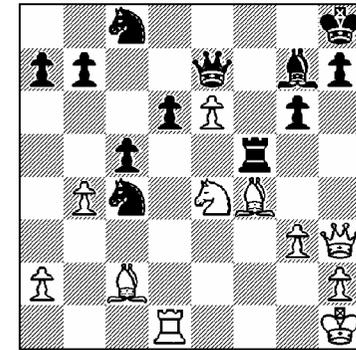
B: Prabhanandan, K.

AICCF Championship, 1507

King's Indian, E70

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Bd3 O-O 6.Nge2 Nc6

7.O-O Nd7 8.Be3 e5 9.d5 Ne7 10.f4 exf4 11.Nxf4 Ne5 12.Kh1 f5 13.Ne6 Bxe6 14.dxe6 fxe4 15.Bxe4 Rxf1+ 16.Qxf1 c6 17.Rd1 Qc7 18.Bc2 Re8 19.Bf4 Nc8 20.Bb3 Rf8 21.Ne4 Qe7 22.g3 c5 23.Qh3 Rf5 24.Bc2 Nxc4 25.b4!?



Must have taken Black completely by surprise and he might have expected:

25.Ng5 Rxg5 26.Bxg5 Qxg5 27.e7 Nxe7 28.Qe6+ Kh8 29.Qxc4 =

25...Bd4 26.Bh6 Ne5 27.bxc5 dxc5 28.Bb3 Kh8 29.g4 Rf3 30.Qg2 a6 31.Ng5 Rf2 32.Qg3 Qf6 33.Rxd4 cxd4 34.Nf7+ 1-0



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HERITAGE – 19 Anatoly Karpov – The Greatest Tournament Chess Player of All Time

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Anatoly Karpov is one of the great masters of chess. He was undisputed World Champion from 1975 to 1985 and again won the FIDE world championship from 1993 to 1999. In a long and illustrious career, he has won more than 160 tournament titles and had a peak ELO rating of 2780.

Born in 1951 at Zlatoust in the Urals region of the Soviet Union, he learnt chess at the age of four. He learnt quickly and joined the Botvinnik chess school at the age of 12. By the age of 15, he became the youngest Soviet National Master in history at that time and several months later won his first international chess tournament in Trinec. Winning the World Junior Chess Championship in 1955 at Stockholm with 10 points out of 11 was the first world championship he won. Soon afterwards, he tied for 4th place at Caracas international tournament and became a Grandmaster. The

early 1970s saw a tremendous improvement in Karpov's game and soon his ELO rating also shot up to 2660 by 1973. In the 1974 Candidates tournaments, he faced Spassky to determine who will play Fischer. Karpov won this match +4-1=6 to gain the right to challenge Fischer. But of course, this highly anticipated match never happened. Fischer insisted on a change of rules and outlined conditions not acceptable to FIDE. Thus Karpov became the first World Champion to win by forfeit. The probable outcome of this match that never happened has been one of the favourite topics of debate. I personally think Fischer would have won over Karpov.

The next 10 years saw Karpov participating in nearly every major tournament - and winning most of them! In 1978 and again in 1981 Karpov faced Korchnoi as the challenger to the world championship. Both matches generated a lot of controversy

and Karpov retained his crown. His tournament career peaked during the years 1978-80 winning tournaments like Montreal 1979, Las Palmas 1977 and Bugojno 1978. He dominated his peers until the year 1984 when Garry Kasparov arrived on the scene. A long drawn out match (5 months!) was cancelled and rescheduled to next year. In the hard fight, Kasparov lost the title in 1985.



Anatoly Karpov

Karpov's rivalry with Kasparov has become legendary now. Both have fought for 5 world championship matches with the scores being extremely close. Karpov has 19 wins, 21 losses and 104 draws in a total 144 games. Surprisingly in 1993, Karpov reacquired the world championship title (when Kasparov and Short split from FIDE) by defeating Jan Timman. The 1994 Linares tournament with an average ELO rating of

2685 was the first Category-18 tournament ever held. Karpov played the best tournament chess of his life to win this tournament with a staggering 11 points out of 13, dominating the second placed Kasparov by a huge margin of 2.5 points. His tournament performance at 2985 was the highest performance rating of any chess player in any tournament in all of chess history. It was only in 1999 when FIDE decided to have knock-out matches that Karpov resigned his title.

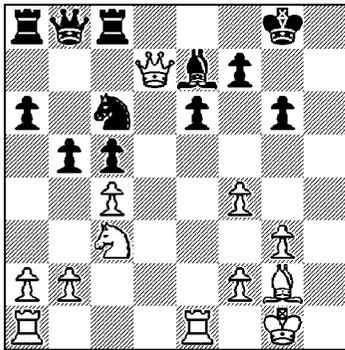
Grandmaster Furman had a major influence in Karpov's development as a world-class player. In fact, during graduation, Karpov changed universities and shifted from Moscow to Leningrad to be closer to his coach. Nowadays Karpov is more involved in politics of his home country of Russia. He has been a member of the Supreme Soviet Commission for Foreign Affairs and President of the Soviet Peace Fund before the Soviet Union broke up. His style is solidly positional. Not taking any risks and punishing any tiny errors made by his opponents has made him a successful player. Lately he has modified his style to suit the nature of Rapid Chess where he scored several notable match victories.

Below I give a game from the 4th Round of the historic Linares 1994 tournaments which is probably one of the greatest games played by Karpov.

White: **Anatoly Karpov**
 Black: **Veselin Topalov**
Linares 1994
 English Opening, A33

37.Bh5 Rd2 38.b3 Rb2 39.Kg2
 1-0

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nf3 cxd4
 4.Nxd4 e6 5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 Bc5
 7.Nb3 Be7 8. Nc3 O-O 9.O-O d6
 10.Bf4 Nh5 11.e3 Nxf4 12.exf4
 Bd7 13.Qd2 Qb8 14.Rfe1 g6
 15.h4 a6 16.h5 b5 17.hxg6 hxg6
 18.Nc5! dxc5 19.Qxd7 Rc8



20.Rxe6! Ra7

20...fxe6 21.Qxe6+ Kg7 22.Bxc6
 22...Ra7 23.Be4 Bf6 24.Qg4 +-

21.Rxg6+! fxg6 22.Qe6+ Kg7
 23.Bxc6 Rd8 24.cxb5 Bf6 25.
 Ne4 Bd4 26.bxa6 Qb6 27.Rd1
 Qxa6 28.Rxd4! Rxd4 29.Qf6+
 Kg8

29... Kh6 30.Qf8+ 30...Rg7 (If K
 moves, Nf6 mate) 31.Nf6 with a
 mating net.

30.Qxg6+ Kf8 31.Qe8+ Kg7
 32.Qe5+ Kg8 33.Nf6+ Kf7
 34.Be8+ Kf8 35.Qxc5+ Qd6
 36.Qxa7 Qxf6

A curious stalemate attempt is
 36...Rd1+ 37.Kg2 Rg1+ 38.Kh3!
 wins



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INTERNET THE GREAT LEVELLER

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A few years back, success in international correspondence chess was a very expensive affair, so that players from developing countries were at a serious disadvantage. But the revolutionary development of the internet has levelled the situation drastically.

First of all, the postage costs were so high, most could not afford to play at all. But email changed all that, and now the server has changed the entire scenario.

Further, one needed to keep abreast of the latest wrinkles in opening theory, and the solution earlier was to subscribe to Informants. But now, you can download all the latest games every week free of cost from The Week in Chess, <http://www.chesscenter.com/twic/twic.html> [1]

To prepare for an opponent or for an opening, one needs access to a database of games. Earlier, one had to depend on databases from commercial sources like Chessbase. But now, several huge databases are available for download, like <http://www.icofy.net> [2]. Further, there are sites like <http://www.chesslab.com/PositionSearch.html> [3] where you can search for games by position or players.

To use these databases, one needs software. While Chessbase remains the most popular database software, there are free alternatives like Scid which you can download from <http://prolinux.free.fr/scid/> [4] that are in no way inferior. I like the multicolour format of Scid so much that it is my main PGN viewer. Chessbase provides their Chessbaselight free, but you cannot save games after

editing (*Ed: Not sure what the author means. Certainly games can be entered and saved in the CBLight. In fact our Games Editor, uses CBLight to prepare the Games Section*). And if you want to make some really advanced searches, there is nothing to beat the free Chess Query Language, <http://www.rbnn.com/cql/> [5], though not very user friendly. See <http://www.xs4all.nl/~timkr/chess2/diary.htm#cql> [6] for examples of its use.

To analyse games, earlier there was only Fritz & Co, but now there are so many free engines which are not very much behind. Scid itself comes with Toga 1.2.1. You can have your pick of free engines from <http://www.superchessengine.com> [7] or <http://wbec-ridderkerk.nl/> [8].

If you are not satisfied by letting an engine run on in a position but want to run tournaments between engines from a particular position, you can get the free Arena, <http://www.playwitharena.com> [9]. Arena is more powerful than the Fritz interface for running tournaments of various types or for automatically analysing games using engines.

You want to learn more about how to use engines? No problem, there are plenty of sites to help you. Some of the most useful are the Rybka forum: <http://rybkaforum.net/> [10] and the talk chess forum: <http://www.talkchess.com> [11].

Has your game reached the endgame stage? Only six or less pieces on board? Play the ending perfectly using online tablebases available from <http://www.shredderchess.com/online-chess/online-databases/endgame-database.html> [12]

Do you want to have a copy of the tablebases for yourself (free, of course)? All advice to download them is available at <http://kirr.homeunix.org/chess/tablebases-online/> [13]. Well, I have downloaded the most important six men tablebases, around 100GB. If anybody within India wants them, please drop an email, and I could arrange to send them for nominal cost.

Not satisfied with the variety of free software available? Here is Zarkon Fischer's site which has a comprehensive review of all the free chess downloads: <http://beam.to/freechess> [14].

Can't afford to buy books to improve your chess? Why buy at all, when there are so many excellent articles available online. (Sorry, retired chess players, your old books have no market) The site <http://www.chesscafe.com> [15] itself has more material than you can digest in a lifetime. For beginners, Dan Heisman's column Novice Nook <http://www.chesscafe.com/heisman/heisman.htm> [16] is recommended, while for the higher level player, Mark Dvoretzky's column "The Instructor" <http://www.chesscafe.com/dvoretzky/dvoretzky.htm> [17] and Karsten Muller's column Endgame Corner <http://www.chesscafe.com/mueller/mueller.htm> [18] are very instructive.

Have a complaint or suggestion about ICCF rules or events? Post them at the ICCF Forum: <http://www.iccf.com/forum> [19] and you'll immediately get to know what others think of the idea.

And if you are not satisfied with the playing opportunities provided by AICCF or ICCF, try playing at other free servers like <http://www.ficgs.com> [20] or <http://schemingmind.com/> [21] or <http://iecg.org/> [22]. Some of them have games at a variety of faster time controls like 30 minutes + 1 minute /move. You can even win cash prizes! And come back, when you want to have a go at the National championship or the World championship!

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VISHY RETAINS THE CROWN

A.Chatterjee

V iswanathan Anand triumphed over Vladimir Kramnik with a score of 6.5 – 4.5 in the World Chess Championship 2008 match held at Bonn, Germany. Earlier, in September 2007, Anand became 'undisputed' world champion by winning the World Championship tournament held in Mexico City. The newly crowned King has now re-affirmed his status with an emphatic victory over Kramnik bringing joy to his fans all over the world and especially in India.

It was a 12 game match, the winner being the first player to reach 6.5 points. In the event of a 6-6 score after 12 games, a tie breaking playoff would have taken place. Anand won by reaching 6.5 from 11 games.

Game	White	Opening and variation	Moves	Who won?
1	Kramnik	Queen's Gambit, Slav	32	½
2	Anand	NimzoIndian, Saemisch	32	½
3	Kramnik	Queen's Gambit, Meran	41	Anand
4	Anand	Queen's Gambit, 5.Bf4	29	½
5	Kramnik	Queen's Gambit, Meran	35	Anand
6	Anand	NimzoIndian, 4.Qc2	47	Anand
7	Anand	Queen's Gambit, Slav	36	½
8	Kramnik	Queen's Gambit, Ragozin	39	½
9	Anand	Queen's Gambit, Botvinnik	45	½
10	Kramnik	NimzoIndian	29	Kramnik
11	Anand	Sicilian, Najdorf	24	½

Anand and Kramnik are both solid players, with a preference for sharp tactical positions but also proficient in quiet positional play. A close contest was expected, even though Anand was by far the favourite. In the end the scoreboard (Anand had a comfortable victory scoring three wins in Games 3, 5 and 6 and conceding only one loss in Game 10) does not reflect the great tensions and preparations that went on behind the scenes.

The choice of 1.d4 by both players (in all except Game 11) is indicative of a cautious and patient approach as well as mutual respect of each other's abilities in more open positions. However the inclination towards sharp play was very much in evidence. In Game 2 Anand played 4.f3 (Saemisch variation) with a pawn grab on the 8th

move. Unfazed Kramnik went all the way with the tactics and when he made a draw offer on the 32nd turn, it so much surprised Anand that he immediately accepted, at a time when he had only 3 minutes left for the next 8 moves.

World Championship matches have seen opening novelties, prepared well in advance and sprung as a surprise on the board. In Fischer-Spassky 1972, Spassky's prepared variations forced Fischer to abandon his favourite openings. Here, Anand's 14...Bb7 in Game 3 was a novelty of sorts (never before seen at master level). It had the intended psychological impact. In fairness to Kramnik it is to be said that he handled the position extremely well before losing in the end.

To all intents and purposes the match was decided by Anand's 14...Bb7 novelty in the Meran Variation of the Slav. For, the 5th game saw Anand playing the same move again, despite the fact that Kramnik's team had 3 days to study it. But Anand sprang a second surprise, playing 15...Rg8!? at the very next turn, once again taking Kramnik away from his preparation. Anand played the resulting complicated game with precision but Kramnik seemed upto the task as well, until he cracked with 29.Nxd4?? Anand had seen the ensuing combination (based on White's back rank weakness) to the end, while Kramnik did not visualize the *coup de grace* 34...Ne3! five moves ahead.

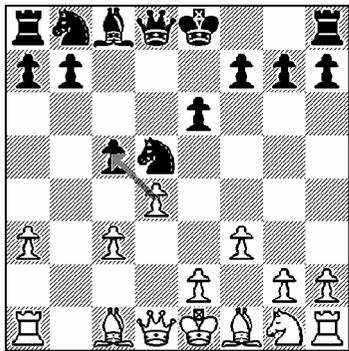
After 5 games Anand was 2 points ahead and now he virtually clinched the match winning the 6th game as well! Anand essayed another novelty: 9.h3!? playing the White side of the Nimzo-Indian where this time he played the Capablanca variation 4.Qc2 instead of the ultra-sharp Saemisch variation 4.f3 of Game 2. Anand's superior opening preparation once again saw him taking control of the game despite the fact that as with the other surprises Kramnik found inspired moves over the board against the prepared surprise. However the psychological impact would have taken its toll and Kramnik made a sequence of dubious choices giving up a pawn over moves 16-19.. By a forced sequence of moves Anand established that it was possible to hold on to the extra pawn and consolidate his position, leading to victory. Three points ahead after 6 games!

Game 8 witnessed a good effort by Kramnik. Anand did not repeat the same line in the Slav where he had sprung two surprises already. Kramnik had a small but definite edge throughout the game. However, nothing much came out of Black's kingside weakness, doubled pawns and weak dark squares. The players settled for a draw by perpetual check.

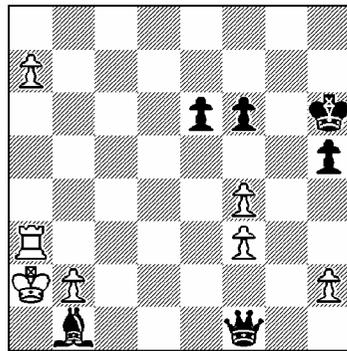
Game 10 came as a rude shock not only for Anand but also to all his fans who already written off the match. Kramnik demonstrated better preparation and in the short spate of 29 moves made a vital penetration along the b-file. Anand was so disgusted with the bad position of his knight and loss of the seventh rank, that he made an early resignation.

The match ended with 2 draws over the next two games, Kramnik failing to do much to stop Anand's victory march. Congratulations Anand!

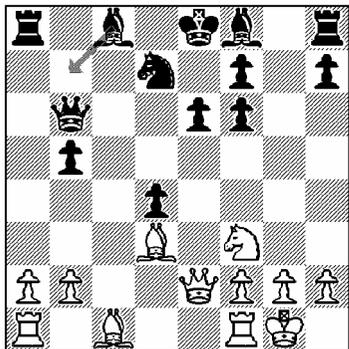
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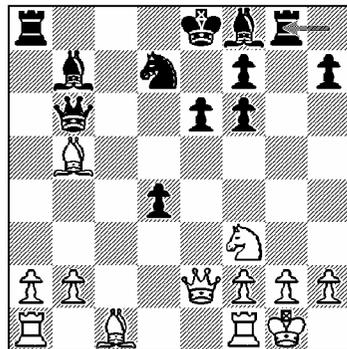
Game 2: Anand's bold pawn grab 8.dxc5 in the Saemisch.



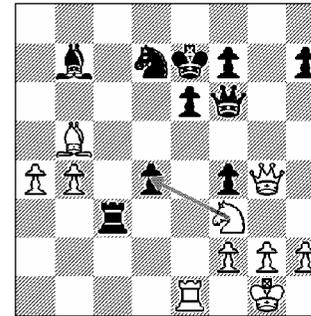
Game 3: Kramnik resigned after Anand's 41...Bb1+



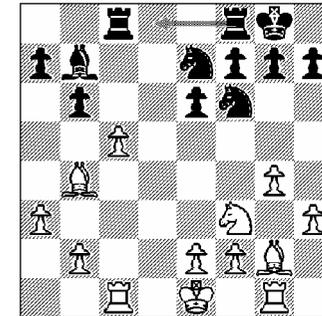
Games 3 and 5: Anand's 14...Bb7 N in the Meran leaving the b5 pawn *en prise*



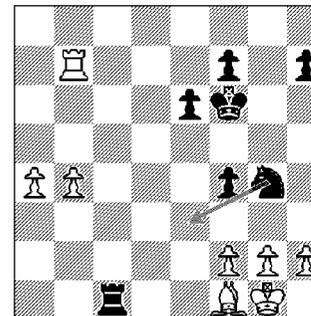
Game 5: Anand springs a second surprise 15...Rg8 instead of 15...Bd6 in Game 3



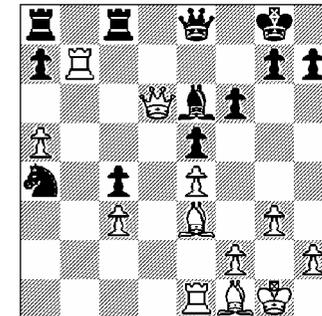
Kramnik's decisive mistake 29.Nxd4?? in Game 5 losing to the combination given below



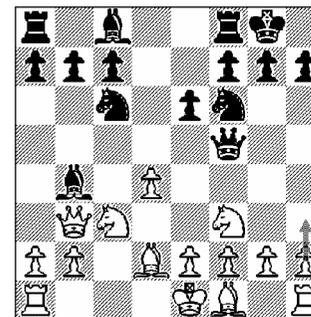
Game 6: Kramnik moves 19...Rfd8 giving up a pawn



Game 5: 29.Nxd4 Qxd4 30.Rd1 Nf6 31. Rxd4 Nxg4 32.Rd7+ Kf6 33.Rxb7 Rc1+ 34.Bf1 and now 34...Ne3! with 35.fxe3 fxe3 0-1



Game 10: Anand (Black) resigned. A very good effort by Kramnik



Game 6: Anand's 9.h3!?



Game 11: 1/2 - 1/2 Kramnik tried all he could but the draw ended the match with a victory for Anand!



Santhosh Paul

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Santhosh Paul

In this article Santhosh Paul continues his Auto-Chess-O-Graphy. The first part of the story appeared in the August 2007 Bulletin.

My first job was in the marketing department of a computer company with a national presence. I was posted to Madurai, from where I was supposed to cover Trichy (a 3 hour bus journey), the town of my alma mater. One of the first things I did was to find out if there was a chess club in Madurai. Fortunately, there was one. Its location was unusual. The club was the veranda outside the office of a company manufacturing soda water. The company sponsors a strong annual open tournament even today. I became a regular visitor to the club. We had to sit on a mat on the floor of the veranda; there were no chairs. But there were players there at all hours of the day, and the club was conveniently located in the heart of town. I took part in an internal tournament once in which I shared first prize with S. Rengarajan, our individual game ending in a draw. Most players

there called me Balu, Paul being a name they had not come across.

I used to visit Trichy often during the course of my work, but the town had no chess club. However, there was a club in Trichy that used to conduct a strong annual open, and the club had a chess room. It was open only to members, but I used to slip in once in a while. The room was usually empty. On one memorable occasion, I played a member who slowly finished a bottle of rum during the course of the game. The result was a foregone conclusion, but his handshake after resigning was steady.

I spent two years in Madurai. During the course of those years, I took part just once in the open tournament conducted by the soda water company. There was a strong lineup, with IM Raja Ravisekhar among the participants. The rounds began in the evening, and as my office

was in the opposite part of the town, I had a tough time making it to the venue on time with my rickety Lambretta scooter. I won the early rounds, and was optimistic about my prospects for a prize. Then, one day I got stuck in the office because of some urgent work and reached the venue late. My opponent was the redoubtable O.T. Anilkumar of Kerala (Ed: *not* our member and past AICCF Champion, N.R.Anilkumar), who was pacing up and down impatiently (*the score of the game is given at the end of this article*). I was one hour late, and barely escaped a forfeit. I had the black pieces, and 1. d4 was already on the board. The first time control was 30 moves in 90 minutes, which means I, who had never played blitz before and usually played very slowly, had to make 30 moves in 30 minutes. The ensuing game was the most memorable I have ever played. The moves were made quickly and instinctively, and I was sure I would lose because I am usually a slow player. However, I managed to win the game with a fine mating attack initiated by a rook sacrifice and culminating in a spectacular sacrifice of the remaining rook. The game attracted onlookers because of the quick pace at which it was played, and Ravisekhar appreciated the winning combination. (It has to be mentioned here that Anilkumar won a later encounter in Cochin with ridiculous ease.) However, bad play in the subsequent rounds cost me a prize.

A change of scene now to Cochin, where my parents had settled down after my father's retirement. I had enrolled in a computer course, and had plenty of free time on my hands. There was an active chess club attached to the local YMCA. The favourite activity in the club was lightning chess for a stake of one rupee; the winner kept playing until he was defeated. It was here that I began playing regularly with the chess clock, and became familiar with time management. On a whim, I responded to an advertisement in *Chess Mate*, and began a correspondence game against one Lakshminarayana (Ed: That would be K.V.Lakshminarayana, prominent AICCF member, see box at the end of this article). I also joined the CCAI and began a tournament. At this juncture, my mother was diagnosed with cancer. I accompanied her several times to CMC hospital, Vellore, for treatment. I used to send my moves from the hospital. I found that analyzing chess positions had a beneficial effect on my state of mind. Otherwise, I'm certain I would have surrendered to depression. The chess games gave me the strength to face each day positively. Here, in the hospital ward, my talent for chess evangelism once again came to the fore. Time and time again, I have observed that the surefire way to attract chess players in unfamiliar surroundings is to set up a chessboard in public, or to leave a chessboard where it is

visible. A circle of chess players soon formed in the ward, including a teenager confined to a wheelchair (he had lost his legs tragically when he slipped on a railway platform and fell on the adjacent railway track) and a Swiss medical student on a cultural exchange programme. My mother passed away after one-and-a-half years of battling cancer, in March 1991.

I found that there were many strong and enthusiastic players in and around Cochin. I participated in open tournaments whenever I could, and did succeed in winning a few prizes. I recall with pleasure a miniature win over Kerala veteran, U.C. Mohanan, in 1991 (*game given below*). The same year, I was selected to play for the Cochin team in the National Cities Championships held at Cochin. I managed to hold S.Ganesan of Neyveli to a draw, but lost to Vishal Sareen and P.Konguvel. The team finished third and qualified for the Asian Cities Championships, but there was no question of my travelling to the Middle East for a chess tournament. Work responsibilities soon ensured that my days of playing over-the-board chess were effectively over. (Many years later, in 1997, I played on the top board in a team event, and did surprisingly well. Particularly memorable was a smooth win over Alex Thomas. *This game too is included in the short compilation included at the end of this article.*)

To keep in touch with chess, I contacted Dr. Ambar Chatterjee and joined AICCF. My chess career with AICCF is an open book. I helped Dr. Chatterjee set up the AICCF Web site. I played internationally and did not participate in AICCF events because I wished to play only by e-mail. Exchanging moves with post cards was too slow for me. I put in a lot of effort into my correspondence games, sitting up late at night and analyzing. I wrote articles on the game for an online chess magazine (you can find all the articles here: <http://ccn.correspondencechess.com>), *Chess Mate*, and our Bulletin. The reward for my hard work was my CCIM title, an achievement that gave me a lot of satisfaction, not least because it was for my performance in the prestigious Olympiad against strong opponents with high ratings. I did not know it then, but that was to be the high point of my correspondence chess career. The arrival of children changed my priorities, and I found myself in time trouble as far as chess was concerned. As a result, I lost many games and my rating took a beating. Chess-playing programmes have become stronger and stronger; it's not like playing in the old days anymore! I now play only for sentimental reasons, to keep in touch with a game that has given me so much pleasure in the past. My dream is to resume over-the-board play after I retire.

I give below, the three OTB games referred to above.

W: Anilkumar, O.T.
B: Santhosh, Paul
Mapillai Vinayagar, 1988
Gruenfeld Variant, D70

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 g6?
4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4

Unlike in the Gruenfeld, the knight on d5 cannot be exchanged with its counterpart on c3. This came as a shock.

5...Nf6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Be2 O-O
8.O-O Bg4 9.Be3 Nfd7 10.Qb3
Nb6 11.Rfd1 Nc6 12.d5 Nb8
13.Rac1 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 a6 15.a4
N8d7 16.a5 Nc8 17.Qxb7?

A mistake. Now Black takes over the dark squares.

Nd6 18.Qb3 Rb8 19.Qc2 Nc4
20.Na4 Nxe3 21.fxe3 Be5
22.Be2 Qc8 23.Rb1 Rb4 24.b3
Bd6 25.Qd3 Qb8 26.Rdc1 Ne5
27.Qc2 Qa7 28.Nc5 Rfb8!

Setting a trap.

29.Nxa6? Qxe3+ 30.Kh1 Rxe4!
31.Nxb8



31...Rh4!

This came as a terrible shock to him. He probably thought I would capture the bishop on e2.

32.h3 Qg3 33.Kg1 Rxh3 34.Qe4
Rh1+ 0-1

W: Santhosh, Paul
B: Mohanan, U.C.
Cochin Open, 1991
Sicilian Defence, B50

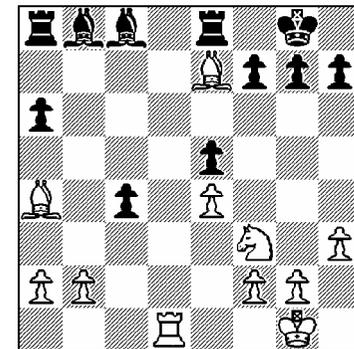
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3

I specialized in this offbeat system in those days to get off the beaten track.

4...Nc6 5.h3 e5 6.O-O Be7
7.Bc2 O-O 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4
Qc7 10.Nc3 a6 11.Be3 Na5
12.dxe5 dxe5 13.Rc1 Nc4
14.Nd5 Qd6 15.Nxf6+ Qxf6
16.Bg5 Qd6 17.Qxd6 Bxd6
18.Rfd1

White is better mobilized.

18...Bb8 19.Bb3 b5? 20.Be7
Re8 21.Rxc4 bxc4 22.Ba4 1-0



W: Santhosh, Paul
B: Alex, Thomas
Ralph Memorial Team Chess,
1997
Pirc Defence, B08

1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7
4.Bc4

A system employed by Short.

Nf6 5.Nc3 c6 6.Qe2 b5 7.Bd3 O-O 8.h3 Nbd7 9.e5 Ne8 10.O-O dxe5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Qc7 13.Re1 Be6 14.f4 b4 15.Ne4 Bd5 16.Nc5 Bh8

16...a5 comes into consideration.

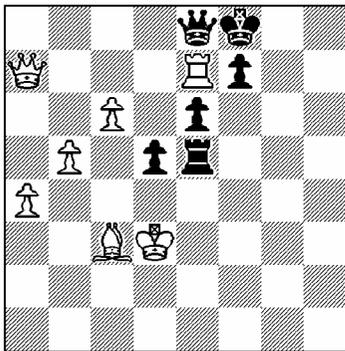
17.a3! b3 18.c4 Be6 19.Be3 Ng7 20.Nxb3 Rfd8 21.Nc5 Bf5 22.Rad1 h5 23.Bf2 Bc8 24.Be4 Rxd1 25.Rxd1 Ne6 26.Nxe6 Bxe6 27.c5

White is winning.

Bg7 28.Be1 Bh6 29.Qf3 Rc8 30.Bc3 Bb3 31.Rd2 e6 32.Rd6 Bd5 33.Bxd5 cxd5 34.b4 Bf8 35.Qe3 Qb7

The Rook cannot be captured, because the a1-h8 diagonal would be opened

36.a4 Kh7 37.g4 hxg4 38.hxg4 Be7 39.b5 Kg7 40.c6 Qb8 41.f5 gxf5 42.gxf5 Rg8 43.Kf1 Kf8 44.Rd7 Rg5 45.Qxa7 Rxf5+ 46.Ke2 Rxe5+ 47.Kd3 Qe8 48.Rxe7 1-0



K.V.Lakshminarayana (KVLN) was named AICCF Patron in view of his 5 generous donations totalling of Rs. 50,000/- during 1999 – 2002. He was AICCF Games Editor 1999, a formidable opponent and within the top 10 in the AICCF Ratings list during his active years. In 2003 he resigned a lucrative position in the software industry in Hyderabad and took up teaching Civil Engineering at Koneru Lakshmiaiah College near Vijaywada. At this point he became very busy in his teaching work, with the result that he lost touch with AICCF. In his last remembered communication to us (*Letters to the Editor, Feb 2003*) he mentioned his desire to return to chess and CC after “a few years”. Our efforts to trace him in recent times have not been successful. We would be grateful if any of our members could give us news about him and forward us his postal or email address.

A few years before AICCF was started, KVLN being disgruntled by the diminishing interest in CC in India (CCAI was falling apart) advertised in *Chess Mate* to take on all comers in an unprecedented CC open challenge. In the end KVLN was not able to bear the brunt of replying to 100's of postcards and had to make a silent withdrawal. In *prayaschit*, he became a very active player in the newly formed AICCF and later donated Rs. 50,000/-.



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Veteran Manohar Keshav Gavande was born in Gavandi Wada (The family lived there. Hence possibly the surname ‘Gavande’) in Malvan town (Dist: Sindhudurg, southern Maharashtra) on 20 February 1908 in ‘Hetkari Bhandari’ community. His father was a headmaster of a school. When Manohar came to Bombay for studies, he stayed at Parel with his brother-in-law (sister’s husband) Mr Chandrakant Bandiwadekar who introduced him to the rudiments of Chess.

When 26, he married Pramila Bhatkar (of Rajapur town) on 24 May 1934 who, being herself a sports lover in her young days, always co-operated with Manohar’s interest in chess. Manohar passed B Sc (Maths and Physics) of Bombay University in 1935 and later B.T. (Bachelor of Training) in 1940. Around this time, he started systematic study of Chess.

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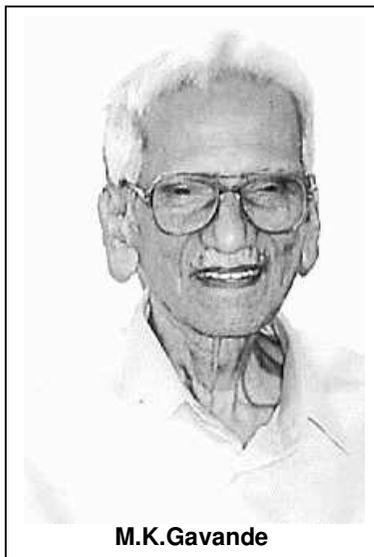
In this article V.D.Pandit writes about prominent chess player, late M.K.Gavande

Gavande joined St Staniclaus Convent School, Bandra (Mumbai) and worked there till 1958, after which he instituted his own private tuition classes known as “Adarsh Science Institute” (and “Adarsh Classes Pvt Ltd”) at Bandra and Mahim. It can proudly be said now that Mr Azim Premji, Chairman, WIPRO, is one of his past students.

Mr Gavande was one of the pioneers of correspondence chess in our country. He played CC on private level with players like Prof Q.M.Hussain (Dacca, now Dhaka), D.S.Mandlik (Dapoli, Dist: Ratnagiri, southern Maharashtra), S.Venkataraman (then at Nagpur), etc. well before M.C.Smith (Ambernath) and C.L.Bedi (Pune) founded Correspondence Chess Associations in 1948/1949 (which became CCAI- Correspondence Chess Association of India- in 1951). He participated in the privately conducted Mandlik Memorial Correspondence Chess Tournament in 1947-48.

However, in later years he concentrated on OTB chess.

Gavande was one of the founder members and a member of the Managing Committee of the Chess Club of India (CCI) at 'Chetna', Rampart Row, Bombay founded in April 1947 which later took the initiative to form the AICCF.



M.K. Gavande

Mr C.L.Bedi (Pune) started in August 1949 the first chess magazine in India, viz. "*The Indian Chess Magazine*" which was a monthly. Mr Gavande was a regular contributor to the same. In its first two issues, he wrote articles on two of his contemporary players B.D.Alurkar, whom Gavande regarded as his 'Guru' (revered teacher) and S A Ambardekar.

The CCI organized the Bombay Presidency Champ-

ionship in 1949 which attracted as many as 83 entries. Mr Gavande playing in its Premier (or Seeded) Division stood joint third along with B.P.Mhaiskar (In their individual encounter, Mhaiskar had lost to Gavande) behind R.B.Sapre (1st) and B D Alurkar (2nd).

Since 1947, Gavande participated regularly in the prestigious Capt Ranade Tournament by Jolly Club, Poona (now Pune). He registered spectacular success here twice. In the 1950 edition, he stood second behind Mr G.S.Dixit (Andhra Pradesh), while in 1952 edition also he stood second- but this time jointly with S.M.Natu (In their individual encounter, Natu had lost to Gavande), the champion being R.B.Sapre.

Bombay's top eleven players participated in the CCI Championship in 1950. Gavande was one of them and he stood here joint fourth, but in doing so he beat M.M.Rao and D Chowdhary who had stood 2nd and 3rd respectively. M M Rao's loss to Gavande cost Rao his first prize (which was won by R.B.Sapre).

Bombay's another elderly stalwart was Dr J.G. da Cunha (1882-1975) who was said to have received special chess training in London from the World Champion (1894-1921) Dr Emanuel Lasker. Dr. da Cunha threw a challenge to Bombay players to fight a 4-game match with him, the loser paying Rs 500/- to the Club. (Accounting for inflation, it is equivalent to more

than a lakh of rupees today). Mr R.B.Sapre, who would have been the real contender, could not accept the challenge due to his financial capacity. Mr Gavande then came forward to accept Dr da Cunha's challenge and went on to win the Match, fought during Oct-Nov 1951, by a score of 2.5-1.5.

In 1956, Gavande won the CCI Championship scoring 6.5/8. Mr H D Katki (5.5) stood 2nd while Ramesh Seth (5) was 3rd.

Gavande took interest in organizational matters also and was Chairman of the Bombay Chess Association (BCA) from 1977 to 1979. He was a Life Member of BCA. He was the President of CCAI (Correspondence Chess Association of India) for 12 long years (from 1974 to 1985).

In October 1976, he had a commendable performance (at the age of 68!) in one of the toughest Open Swiss Tournaments in the country, sponsored by Mr A.M.Kamath and his Accumax Engineering Ltd and held in Bombay with as many as 320 entries. Except Manuel Aaron and Rafique Khan, almost all the leading players of that time participated in it; to name only a few- Mohd Hassan (eventual winner), Raja Ravisekhar, Arun B.Vaidya, V.B.Adhikari, Praveen M. Thipasay, Nasiruddin Ghalib, Abdul Jabbar, Rambhau Sapre, Rohini Khadilkar, S.Nasir Ali, T.N.Parameswaran, N. Neelakantan, L.P.Khadilkar, etc. (Out of the first 20 who received

prizes, 14 were recognized National 'A' players. Our editor Dr Ambar Chatterjee, that time new in Bombay, proved to be a dark horse- creditably grabbing 8th prize in such a strong field!)

During early 1980's, the BCA (Bombay Chess Association) was in acute turmoil due to infighting among its members. M/s Zandu Pharmaceutical Ltd which had allowed BCA to use its Canteen premises at Sayani Road (near Prabhadevi) for its activities therefore restricted BCA from using the said premises. At such a critical juncture, Gavande (who else could have?) came to the rescue of BCA. He permitted BCA to utilize the premises of his Coaching Institute in Mahim till alternate arrangement could be made.

During the initial years of his chess career, Grunfeld Defence (1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5) was his favourite opening but later his inclination shifted to King's Indian Defence (1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7). He used to study chess everyday in the morning, continued to study till the second last day of his life, and in the evening, he used to have serious practice.

The *Chess Informant* (published every six months till No 51, Jan-Jun 1991; later, every four months from No 52) was his favourite book and he used to buy his copy 'via Air Mail' directly from the Publisher in Yugoslavia (Only two other Bombay players used to buy *Chess Informant* regularly via Air Mail- Dr Marzban Irani and IM Arun B. Vaidya).

Gavande did it since C.I. Vol 19 (1975) till end.

Mr Gavande was no doubt one of the leading exponents of the game in our country. His game was theoretically sound. He had a flair for combinative play. It was this love for combination that cost him valuable tournament points. He often ruined his chances in tournaments by losing to inferior players. Ironically he played sound chess against strong opposition. It seemed he loved to rattle a great opponent.

His greatness, however, was in the fact that by very nature he was a philanthropist. He was always ready to help a needy person. For a personality like M.K.Gavande, it would not be correct on our part to judge his career only in terms of tournament results. He helped directly or indirectly, in cash or kind, so many individuals that he was regarded as a saviour of all chess lovers alike. In spite of helping so many people, he was so lean and modest, and always preferred to remain silent and unnoticed!

In the annual Sangli Chess Festival (conducted by Nutan Buddhul Mandal), number of chess tournaments are held in different categories. One of the tournaments is Late Kakasaheb Tikekar Memorial Chess Tournament. It is for Under-19 Boys and Girls. The first prize of Rs 3,000/- and the second prize of Rs 2,000/- in this particular

tournament are by virtue of the donation given by Mr Gavande and the prizes are awarded in Gavande's name.

His home was an informal chess club. One chess set was always there laid on the table 'inviting' anybody to play any time. Many renowned players- past and present- like B.D. Alurkar, D.N.Sharma, S.N. Sabnis, V.Ganapathy, Manju Jain, B.E.Buchia, Abhay Thipsay, R.S.Barve, Sekhar Sahu, V. Sthalekar, M.N.Abhyankar, Satish Kamath- to name only a few- had enjoyed this 'hospitality'.

Gavande's chess career spanned over half a century. I had once asked him about the best period of his career and he had said without hesitation: "the four years from 1949 to 1952".

Such a stalwart passed away peacefully in his 'Mahim House' on 15 February 2004 at the age of 95 due to old age. Till the very end, his body and brain were very active. In death at 95, he earned the distinction of a chess person with the longest lifespan!

He used to say: "I will not survive, but my two children, chess and teaching, must". He was survived by wife Pramila (who too bade good-bye to this world on 11 August 2006).

The author thanks Mr. Patil (MKG's nephew) and Mrs. Varhadkar (Manager, Adarsh Classes) for providing useful information about MKG's life.

Mr. Gavande's close colleague Mr. B.E.Buchia (age 75) adds:

Mr Gavande had such a passion for chess as is rarely equalled. Chess was his first priority. Even his business worth lakhs of rupees occupied a secondary place. The doctor had advised him to play as much chess as he liked, because chess seemed for him the medicine, a recipe for health and cheerfulness.

Interestingly, he had divided chess players into two classes- 'Bishops' and 'Knights'. Those players who laid greater emphasis on prizes rather than art, were classified by him as Knights and those who laid heavier emphasis on art were classified as Bishops. This distinction of classes was based on movement of the pieces. The Bishop moves straight across diagonals, and the Knight moves zigzag in all directions. His advice to youngsters was: "Play chess like a Bishop and not like a Knight".

He possessed a noble and generous nature.

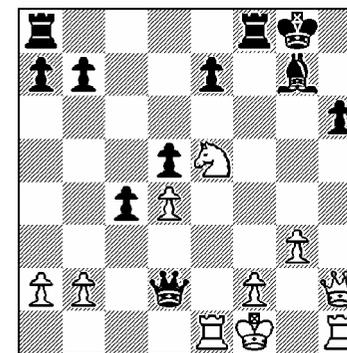
W: **Mhaiskar, B.P.**

B: **Gavande, M.K.**

Bombay Presidency Chp 1949
Gruenfeld Defence, B93

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5

4.Bf4 c6 5.e3 Bg7 6.Nf3 O-O 7.Be2 dxc4 8.h4 Bg4 9.Ne5 Be2 10.Qe2 Nd5 11.Rd1!? Nf4 12.exf4 Nd7 13.h5 Nb6 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.Qg4 Qc8 16.Qh4! h6 17.Kf1? Qf5 18.g3 g5 19.Qh2 Nd5 20.Nd5 cxd5 21.fxg5 Qg5 22.Re1 Qd2



23.Ng4 Qd4 24.Qh4 Qb2 25.Re7 Qc1 26.Kg2 Qg5 27.Qg5 hxg5 28.Rb7 Rf7 29.Rb4 Rd7 30.Ne3 Rad8 31.Rd1 c3 32.Rb5 d4 33.Nf5 d3 34.Ng7 c2 35.Rd2 Kg7 36.Rg5 Kf6 37.Rc5 Rd5 38.Rc3 Ke5 39.f4 Ke4 40.Kf2 Rh8 41.Rc4 Rd4 42.Rc5 Rh2 43.Ke1 c1=Q 0-1

W: **Gavande, M.K.**

B: **da Cunha, Dr.J.G**

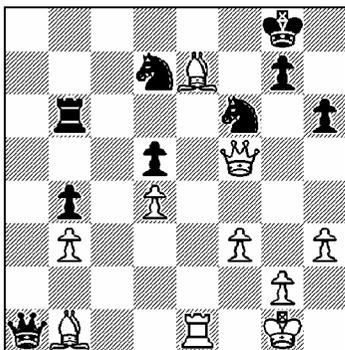
Match, Game 3, 1951

Queen's Gambit, D65

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Nbd7 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 O-O

By transposition of moves, it is QGD- Orthodox Defence

7.Rc1 c6 8.Qc2 a6 9.cxd5 exd5
 10.Bd3 Re8 11.O-O h6 12.Bf4
 Nf8 13.h3 Bd6 14.Ne5 Be6
 15.Qe2 Bxe5 16.Bxe5 Qe7
 17.Bb1 N6d7 18.Bg3 f5 19.Qc2
 Nf6 20.Na4 Ne4 21.Bh2 Nd7
 22.f3 Nef6 23.Rce1 b5 24.Nc3
 c5 25.Ne2 Rac8 26.Qd2 Nb6
 27.Nf4 Nc4 28.Qf2 Bd7 29.Nd3
 cxd4 30.exd4 Qf8 31.Nc5 a5
 32.b3 Nb6 33.Nb7 Rxe1
 34.Rxe1 Qa3 35.Bd6 b4 36.Bc5
 Rb8 37.Nd6 a4 38.Qc2 axb3
 39.axb3 Qa8 40.Nxf5 Bxf5
 41.Qxf5 Nbd7 42.Bd6 Rb6
 43.Be7 Qa1?



44.Bxf6 Rxf6 45.Qh7+ Kf7
 46.Bg6+ Rxc6 47.Rxa1 1-0

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W: **Neelakantan, N.**
 B: **Ganapathy, Cdr R.**
AICCF Champ. 1507, 2008
 Sicilian Alapin, B50

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c3

Sicilian Alapin, a harmless variation for White, who usually loses the advantage of playing first.

3...Nc6

3...d5 or Nf6 is more usual. 4.d4 e5!?

This central thrust is a bit premature. Safer was "e6". In Sicilian, having played the "c" pawn two squares, Black needs to be patient before fixing the positions of other pawns on double squares.

[4...e6 5.dxc5 dxc5 6.Qxd8+ Nxd8=]

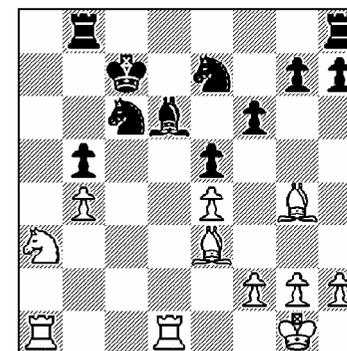
5.dxe5 dxe5 6.Qxd8+ Kxd8
 7.Ng5 Nh6 8.Bc4 f6 9.Ne6+
 Bxe6 10.Bxe6 Ng8 11.Na3 a6
 12.Nc4 Kc7 13.0-0 Rd8 14.Be3
 b5 15.Na3 Kd6 16.Bh3 Kc7

White's position is better with better development and Bishop pair.

17.Nc2 Bd6 18.a4 Nge7 19.axb5
 axb5 20.Na3 Rb8 21.Rfd1 Na5

[21...Rhd8 22.c4 bxc4 23.Nxc4 Nd4 24.Ra7+ Rb7 offered better defensive possibilities.]

22.b4 cxb4 23.cxb4 Nac6
 24.Bg4!



White plans to transfer the Bishop to attack the "b5" pawn. Black should make all possible attempts to hold on to it so that the Black king is not fully exposed. So it was better for Black to play Rb7! with the idea of doubling rooks on this file and trying to hold on the "b" pawn.

24... g6?

[24...Rb7 25.Be2 Rbh8 26.Nc2 g6 ∞]

25.Be2 Bxb4 26.Nxb5+- Kb7
 27.Rd7+ Kc8 28.Rc7+ Kd8
 29.Rd1+ Ke8 30.Rc1 Na5
 31.Bh6!

blocking the King's escape route with Kf8-g7.

31...Rg8 32.Rb1 Nac6 33.Bc4
 Kd8!? 34.Rd1+

[intending some tactical chances with 34.Bxg8 Rxb5! 35.Rxc6 Nxc6 36.Bxh7 g5 ∞]

34...Nd4 35.Ra7 Bc5 36.Ra6
 Re8 37.Nxd4 Bxd4 38.Bf7 f5

39.Rd6+ Kc7 40.Re6 Kd7
41.Rxe5 Rb4 42.Bg5 Kc7
43.Re6 Rf8 44.Rxe7+ Kd6
45.Ra7 Ke5 46.Ra5+ Kxe4
47.Bd5+ Ke5 48.Re1+ 1-0

Black resigns 48...Kd6 49.Be7+ loses a Rook.

W: Ward, Stephen
B: Anand, Anil Kumar
ICCF WCC Prelims
(WC15/WS66), 2008
Petrov's Defence, C42

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3

Petrov's Defence. The text line is rarely played.

3...Bb4 4.Bc4 0-0 5.0-0 d6 6.d3
Nbd7 7.a3 Bxc3 8.bxc3 Nb6
9.Bb3 c5!

intending 10...c4!

10.c4 Ne8 11.Nd2 Qh4 12.f4!?
exf4 13.Qf3 g5!?

A calmer continuation would give White an advantage!

14.g3 fxg3 15.hxg3 Qh3 16.Bb2
Bg4 17.Qe3 Qh5 18.Rae1 Nd7
19.Ba4 b6 20.e5

[20.Bxd7 Bxd7 21.e5 Bc6 22.Nf3
Bxf3 23.Rxf3=]

20...Nxe5 21.Bxe5 dxe5
22.Qxe5 h6

[22...Rd8 23.Ne4 f5 24.Qe7!
leads to advantage for White.]

23.Qd5

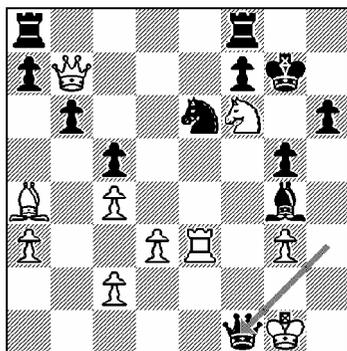
[23.Bxe8?! Rxe8 24.Qxe8 Rxe8
25.Rxe8+ Kg7 26.Rfe1 Bd7
27.R8e7 Bc6 28.Ne4 Kf8!? will
lead to unpredictable complications
but seems to favour Black.]

23...Nc7

[23...Ng7? 24.Ne4 Kh8 25.Nf6
Qh3 26.Qe5+- to support g3 pawn
and the idea to transfer the rook to
h2 via f2!]

24.Qb7 Ne6 25.Ne4 Qh3

26.Nf6+ Kg7 27.Re3 Qxf1+!?



A speculative Queen sacrifice to disorient White's pieces but needs competent analysis to judge its merits. The readers can judge for themselves. Preferable was ...

[27...Nd4! 28.Nxg4 Qxg4 29.c3
Ne2+ 30.Kg2 Nf4+ 31.Kf2=]

28.Kxf1 Kxf6 29.Bc6!

transferring to King-side to assist defence.

29... h5 30.c3 Rac8 31.Bg2
Rcd8 32.Qxa7 Rd6 33.Bd5 Rfd8
34.Kg1 R8d7 35.Qa8 Rd8
36.Qa6 h4 37.Qa7 R8d7 38.Qa4
hxg3 39.Rxg3 Bf5 40.Qc2 Nf4
41.Qh2 Kg6 42.Qd2 Kh7
43.a4!?

[43. Rxg5? Nh3+; 43.d4 cxd4
44.cxd4 b5! =]

43...Rg6 44.Re3 Ra7 45.Qd1
Rh6 46.d4 Nh3+ 47.Kf1 Nf4
48.Qb3 Bd7

winning the dangerous, potential "a" passer. Now I could breathe normally!

49.dxc5 bxc5 50.Re5 Rxa4
51.Be4+ Ng6 52.Rxg5 Ra1+
53.Kf2 Rh2+ 54.Rg2 Rh3
55.Qb2 Ra6 56.Qb1 Rf6+
57.Kg1 Kg7 1/2-1/2

The final position is unclear but White who was over 400 ELO points above Black decided to play it safe and split points.

W: Surveyor, Dr. A.B.
B: Neelakantan, N
NCCC (CCAI) 1981-82, 1981
English Opening, A18

From Dr. Surveyor's collection, this game was played in the National Correspondence Chess Championship of the Correspondence Chess Association of India (CCAI).

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.e4

[3.Nf3 b6 (3...Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0
5.a3 Bxc3 6.Qxc3 b6 7.b4 Bb7
8.Bb2 a5 9.e3 Qe7 English
opening with a Nimzo-Indian setup
for Black.) 4.e4 Bb7 5.Bd3 d6
English opening transforming to the
Queen's Indian defence.]

3...d5 4.e5 d4

[4...Ne4 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Be2 Be7
7.d4 0-0 8.0-0 b6 9.Qc2 Nxc3
10.bxc3 Ba6 11.Bd3 h6 12.cxd5
Bxd3 13.Qxd3 with an aggressive
setup, Christiansen-Reshevsky, US
1981.]

5.exf6 dxc3 6.fxg7

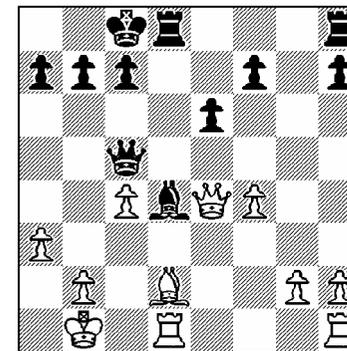
[6.bxc3 Qxf6 7.d4 c5 8.Nf3 cxd4
9.Bg5 Qf5 10.cxd4 Bb4+ 11.Bd2
Nc6 12.Bxb4 Nxb4 13.Rb1 Qa5
14.Qd2 Nc6 15.Bd3 Qxd2+
16.Kxd2 with a difficult endgame
for Black, Miles-Sosonko, Tilburg,
1977.]

6...cxd2+ 7.Bxd2

[7.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 8.Bxd2 Bxg7
9.0-0-0 Nc6 10.Nf3 b6 11.g3
Bb7 12.Bg2 0-0-0 = Paulsen-Van
Scheltinga, Stockholm, 1937.]

7...Bxg7 8.Qc2 Nc6 9.Nf3 Qe7
10.Bd3 Bd7 11.a3

[11.Bxh7!? 0-0-0 12.Be4 f5
13.Bd3 Nb4! -/+]
11...0-0-0 12.0-0-0 Nd4
13.Nxd4 Bxd4 14.f4 Bc6 15.Be4
Bxe4 16.Qxe4 Qc5 17.Kb1!



A beautiful move offering a poisoned pawn at the same time moving the King to safety.

17...Qxc4!?

[17...Rhg8 18.g3 h5 19.Rhe1 h4
is probable alternative.]

18.Bc3! c5 19.Rd3 Qd5
20.Qe2?! Qf5?

[20...Rhg8! was a better option.
Play would have continued... 21.Rf3
Bxc3 22.Rxc3 (22.bxc3 Qb3+
23.Qb2 Qxb2+ 24.Kxb2 Rxg2+-
+) 22...Rxg2 23.Rxc5+ Qxc5
24.Qxg2-+]

21.g4 Qg6 22.Bxd4 cxd4?

[22...Rxd4! exploiting the pin would
have been sharper. 23.f5 Qxg4
24.Qxg4 Rxg4 25.Rc1 c4 26.fxe6
fxe6-+]

23.Rc1+ Kb8 24.Rc4 Rd5
25.Rcxd4 Rhd8 26.Rxd5 Rxd5
27.f5! Qf6 28.fxe6 fxe6 29.Rf3
Qe7 30.Qf2 Qd6 31.Rf8+ Kc7
32.Rf7+ Kc6?

*An error of judgement. Better seems
32...Kb8. [32...Kb8 33.Rxh7?*

(33.Ka2=) 33...Rd1+ 34.Ka2
Qd5+ 35.b3 Rd2+ wins.]

33.Qc2+ Kb6

[33...Rc5 34.Qa4+ Rb5 35.Rxh7
Qd3+ 36.Qc2+ Qxc2+ 37.Kxc2+-]
34.Rxh7 Rd1+ 35.Ka2 Qd5+
36.Qb3+ Kc6 37.Qxd5+ exd5

The ensuing endgame favours White.

38.Rh3!?

A faster way to win was:

[38.g5! Rg1 39.h4 a5 40.Rh6+
Kc5 41.g6 d4 42.Rh5+ Kd6
43.Rg5! Rxg5 44.hxg5 Ke7
45.Kb3 Kf8 46.Kc4+-]

38...d4 39.Rg3 Kd6 40.g5 Ke7
41.g6 Kf8 42.Kb3 Rh1 43.Rd3
Rg1 44.Rf3+ Kg8 45.Rf7 Rxg6
46.Rxb7 a6 47.Kc4 Rd6 48.Rb3
Kf7 49.Rd3 Rh6 50.h3 Rh4
51.Kc5! Ke7 52.b4 1-0

Black resigns. A possible continuation could be: 52...Ke6 53.Rxd4 Rxh3 54.Rd6+ Ke5 55.Rxa6 with an easy win due to the connected passers.

W: **Surveyor, Dr.A.B.**

B: **Dalvi, P.M.**

NCCC (CCA) 1983-84, 1983

English Opening, B44

Shri P.M.Dalvi took over as AICCF's second President after the untimely death of Shri H.J.Samtani and steered AICCF through the big event of the ICCF Congress, Mumbai 2004. He was a very strong CC player in the 80s and 90s. Nowadays he has become inactive in CC, devoting his time to Brahmavidhya yoga, his business and family life.

1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 Nf6

English Opening.

3.e4

[3.g3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Bg2 Nc7
6.d3 e5 *leads to*

Rubinstein/Botvinnik variation.]

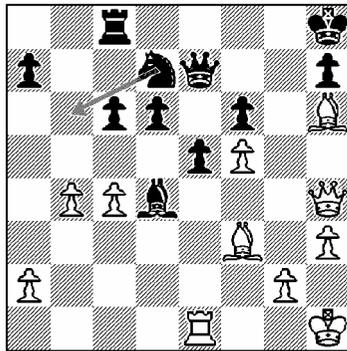
3...Nc6 4.Nf3 e6 5.d4 cxd4
6.Nxd4 Bb4 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3
e5 9.0-0 0-0 10.f4 d6 11.h3 Nd7
12.Bd2 Nc5

[12...Qb6+! 13.Kh1 Qd4 14.Qc2
Nc5 15.Rf3 Nxd3 16.Qxd3 f5 *with*

advantage to Black.]
13.Bc2 Ba5 14.Rb1 Bc7 15.f5 f6
16.b4 Nd7 17.Qg4 Kh8 18.Ne2
Qe8 19.Rf3 g6 20.fxg6 Qxg6
21.Qh4 Rg8 22.Rg3 Qf7
23.Rxg8+ Kxg8

The position is level.

24.Ng3 Nf8 25.Rf1 Bd8 26.Nf5
Bxf5 27.exf5 Nd7 28.Bd1 Kh8
29.Bh5 Qe7 30.Bf3 Bb6+
31.Kh1 Rc8 32.Bh6 Bd4 33.Re1

**33...Nb6??**

A horrible blunder in an equal position!

[33...Bc3 34.Re4 *intending* Rg4-
g7,*etc.* 34...Rg8 35.Rg4 (35.a3

34.Qxd4 1-0

W: **Nooka Raju, Malla**

B: **Anand, Anil Kumar**

T-1804 Samtani Memorial

Petrov's Defence, C43

This was my first game against the promising young entrant to AICCF, Nookaraju from AP.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6

Petrov's defense

3.d4 Nxe4 4.Bd3 d5

[4...Nf6 5.dxe5 Qe7 6.0-0 Ng4
7.Re1 Nc6 8.Bg5 Qe6 +/= *Raju's*

5.Nxe5 Bd6

[5...Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.c4 Be6
8.Nc3 Nf6 9.c5 Nfd7 10.Qh5 f5
11.Re1 Nf6 12.Qe2 Bc8 13.Bf4
Re8 14.Qc2 g6 15.g4 Kg7
16.gxf5 Nh5 17.Bh6+! *Alekhine, A -*

Levitsky, Stefan, St. Petersburg, 1914 (1-0)]

6.0-0 [6.c4 0-0 7.0-0 Bxe5
8.dxe5 Nc6 9.cxd5 Qxd5 10.Qc2
Nb4! *is double-edged with a*

complicated game. Umesh Nair (White) won a nice endgame against me in 2005 in this variation.]

6...0-0 7.Nc3 Nxc3 8.bxc3 Nd7

9.Nxd7 Bxd7 [9...Qxd7 10.Qh5
g6 11.Qf3 Re8 12.Rb1 c6 13.Bf4
Bxf4 14.Qxf4= *Raju's analysis.*]

10.Qh5 f5 [10...g6 11.Qxd5 Bc6
12.Qg5 f6 13.Qh4 Re8 14.Bc4+
Kh8 15.d5+- *Raju's analysis.*]

11.Rb1 Qc8?!]

with hindsight, this move appears to be the source of Black's subsequent troubles. Better must be 11...Rb8.

[11...Rb8 12.Re1 Re8 13.Bg5
Rxe1+ 14.Rxe1 Qf8 *looks more*

promising; 11...b6 was a safe

choice.]
12.Re1 g6 13.Qh4 Re8 14.Bf4!
Bxf4 15.Qxf4 b5!?
[15...Be6 16.Re5 b6 17.Rbe1

Qd7 18.Qg5 Qf7= *Raju's analysis. He is right because the main problem is not being able to mobilise the Black rook in time.]*

16.Rxe8+

[16.Bxb5? Bxb5!]

16...Bxe8 17.Re1

[17.Bxb5? Rb8 18.a4 c6 *wins a*

piece.]
17...Qd8 18.Qg3 Bd7 19.h4 c6
20.Qd6!

With this move, Black's dark-square weakness is exposed. Sensing danger to my kingside, I tried taking the King for a walk.

20...Kf7 21.h5! a5

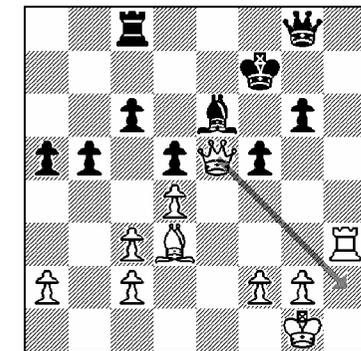
[21...gxh5 22.Re5! *is indefensible.*]

22.Re3 Rc8

[22...Ra7?! 23.Re6! Qg5 24.f4
Qh4 25.hxg6+ hxg6 26.Rxg6
wins.]

23.hxg6+ hxg6 24.Rh3 Be6
25.Qe5

[25.Rh7+? Kg8 26.Qh2 Qf6
27.Ra7 Bf7 28.Rxa5 Re8+]
25...Qg8

**26.Qh2!**

With this superb move White prevents the Black king from moving towards the Queenside. It is also obvious that the Black pieces are not

coordinating properly. If the King moves to the first rank, Rh8 is threatened.

26...Kg7

practically forced. [26...Ke7 27.Rh7+ Bf7 28.Qe5+ Kd7 29.Rg7 Qf8 30.Qf6 loses a piece.; 26...Kf6 27.Rh7 threatening 28.Qe5 mate.]

27.g4!

With this neat file opening move, White finishes off the game brilliantly. Black is outplayed!

27...Re8

[27...fxg4 28.Qe5+ Kf7 29.Rh6 Re8 30.Qf4+ Bf5 (30...Ke7 31.Bxg6 Rf8 32.Qc7+ Bd7 33.Rh7+-) 31.Bxf5 Re1+ 32.Kg2 gxf5 33.Qxf5+-]

28.gxf5 Bd7

[28...Bxf5 29.Bxf5 gxf5 30.Rg3+ is curtains!; 28...Bf7 29.Qd6 threat f6 mate! 29...Re1+ 30.Kg2 Qc8 31.f6+ Kg8 32.Bf5!!]

29.Kf1! 1-0

White moves King to safety, so Black resigns because there is no counterplay. Nookaraju described this game as "the best game of his career!"

W: **Hakan, Degismez**

B: **Saxena, Alok**

11th Afro-Asia Zonal Prelims
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Sicilian Pelikan, B33

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5

Sicilian Defence, Pelikan variation. It has gained considerable respectability these days due to the devoted work of GM Sveshnikov. Black accepts a positional defect (hole at d5) in return for active play.

Since the game can enter into very sharp, tactical lines, both sides need to be extremely alert!

6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5

[7.Nd5 Nxd5 8.exd5 Nb8 9.c4 a6 10.Nc3 Be7 11.Be2 0-0 12.0-0 f5 13.f4 Bf6 14.Qc2 Nd7 15.Kh1 exf4 16.Bxf4 Ne5 17.a4 Ng6 18.Be3 Be5 = Geller - Yurtaev, USSR, '79]

7...a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Nd5 [9.Bxf6 gxf6! 10.Nd5 f5 11.Bd3 Be6 (11...Be6) 12.0-0 (12.Qh5 Bg7 13.0-0 f4 14.c4 bxc4 15.Bxc4 0-0 16.Rac1 Kh8 17.Rfd1 Rb8 18.b3 Qd7 19.Qh4 Bxd5 20.Bxd5 Nd4 21.Rc4! f5 22.Nc2 +/- Sveshnikov - Vyzmanavin, Moscow, 1987) 12...Bxd5 13.exd5 Ne7 14.Nxb5 (14.c3 Bg7 Kramnik V - Anand V, Munich Express, '94 (1-0)) 14...Bg7 Anand V - Polgar Z, Munich '91 (1-0)]

9...Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.c3 0-0

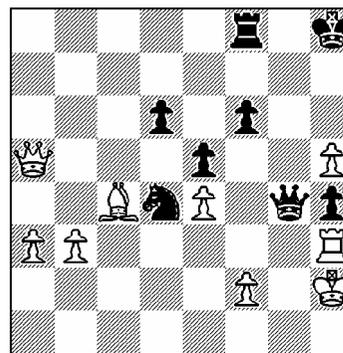
[11...Bb7 12.Nc2 Nb8 13.g3 Nd7 Anand V - Kramnik V, Amber blind, '94(1-0); 11...Ne7 12.Nxf6+ gxf6 13.g3 Bb7 14.Bg2 f5 15.Qe2 0-0 16.Nc2 fxe4 17.Bxe4 Bxe4 18.Qxe4 f5 19.Qe2 Qb6 20.0-0 +/- Evans - Lombard, Haifa, '76]

12.Nc2 Bg5 13.g3

[13.a3 Ne7 14.Ndb4 Be6 Anand V - Leko P, SuperGM, Dortmund, 2000 (1-0); 13.a4 bxa4 14.Rxa4 a5 15.Bc4 Rb8 16.Ra2 Kh8 17.Nce3 g6 18.0-0 f5 = Sznepik-Li Zunian, Thessaloniki, '84]

13...Rb8 14.Bg2 a5 15.0-0 Ne7 16.Nce3 Bxe3 17.Nxe3 b4 18.Qd2 bxc3 19.Qxc3 Be6 20.Rfd1 Qb6 21.b3 Rfd8 22.Rac1 Rbc8 23.Qd2 Nc6 24.Nd5 Bxd5 25.Qxd5 Nd4 26.Rxc8 Rxc8 27.Bh3 Rd8 28.Bf1 h6 29.Bc4 Rf8 30.a3 Kh8

31.Rd3 f6 32.h4 g5 33.g4 h5
34.gxh5 gxh4 35.Kh2 Qc7
36.Rh3 Qd7 37.Qxa5 Qg4



Despite appearances the position is level. The best reply is 38.Qd2! If 38...Nf3?? 39.Rxf3! Qxf3 40.Qh6# However, White made a silent withdrawal. 0-1

W: **Gala, K.L.**

B: **Neelakantan, N.**

AICCF Champ. 1507 (2008)

Ruy Lopez ,C68

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6
4.Bxc6

Ruy Lopez, Exchange variation. A favourite of former World champion Bobby Fischer, who passed away on Jan 17 this year.

4...dxc6 5.0-0

[5.Nc3 Bc5 6.d3 Bg4 7.Be3 Bxe3 8.fxe3 Qe7 9.0-0 0-0-0 10.Qe1 Nh6∞ Capablanca JR - Janowsky, St. Petersburg prelim 1914 (1-0)]

5...Qd6

[5...Bg4 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 Qd7 8.d3 0-0-0 9.Be3 f6 10.Nd2 Ne7 11.b4 Ng6 = Fischer, RJ - Kramer George, NY blitz, '71 (1-0)]

6.Na3!?

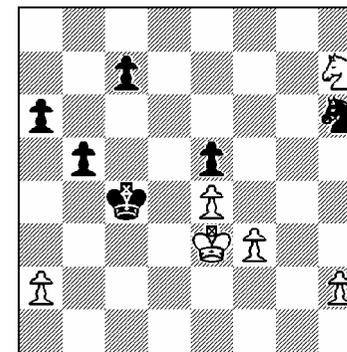
An interesting idea though rarely

played. The idea is to dislodge the Black queen and transfer the knight to "e3". [6.d4 exd4 7.Nxd4 Bd7 8.Be3 0-0-0 9.Nd2 Nh6 10.h3 Qg6 11.Qf3 f5 12.Rad1 fxe4 13.Qxe4 Nf5 14.Nc4 Re8 15.Ne5 Rxe5! 16.Qxe5 Bd6 17.Nxf5! Bxf5 18.Qa5 h6 19.Kh1 Bxh3 20.gxh3 Qe4+ 21.Kg1 Qg6+ = Kurtenkov - Sergiev, Corr.1982; 6.d3 f6 7.Be3 c5 8.Nbd2 Be6 9.a3 Qd7 10.Qe2 Rd8 11.Rfd1 Bd6 12.c3 Ne7= MCO-13.]

6...Be6 7.Qe2 f6 8.Rd1 c5 9.b3 0-0-0 10.Nc4 Qd7 11.c3 g5 12.Bb2 Qd3 13.Qxd3 Rxd3

The position is about level. Black position is more dynamic with the Bishop pair but White knight can occupy the centralising square "d5", which can only be dislodged with "c6" inducing weaknesses in Black's position.

14.Ne1 Rd7 15.Nc2 Nh6 16.d4 Bxc4 17.bxc4 Bd6 18.Ne3 Rf8 19.Nd5 cxd4 20.cxd4 exd4 21.Bxd4 Be5 22.Bxe5 fxe5 23.f3 g4 24.Rd3 gxf3 25.Rf1 Rdf7 26.Rdx3 Rxf3 27.Rxf3 Rxf3 28.gxf3 Kd7 29.Nf6+ Kd6 30.Nxh7 Kc5 31.Kf2 Kxc4 32.Ke3 b5



[32...c5! A serious try was 32...c5!

when White has to be extremely careful not to lose. Readers can judge for themselves if White can equalise at all without sacrificing the knight! 33.Nf6 b5 34.h4 Kc3 35.Nd7! c4! 36.Nxe5 b4 37.Nd7
A) 37...Kb2 38.Nc5 Kxa2 39.Nxa6? (39.Kd4 c3 40.Nd3) 39...Ka3! 40.Nc7 c3 41.Nb5+ Kb2-+;
B) 37...b3 38.axb3 cxb3 39.Nb6 a5 40.Na4+ Kb4 41.Nb2 =]
33.Nf6 a5 34.Ng4 Nf7 35.f4 exf4+ 36.Kxf4 b4 37.e5 a4 38.e6 Nd6 39.e7 b3 40.Ne3+ Kd3 41.axb3 axb3 42.Nd1 Kc2 43.Ne3+ Kd3 ½-½

W: **Jayaraman, Mohan (2065)**
 B: **Makeyev, Aleksey Nikolaev (2087)**
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Queens Gambit Declined, D50

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5

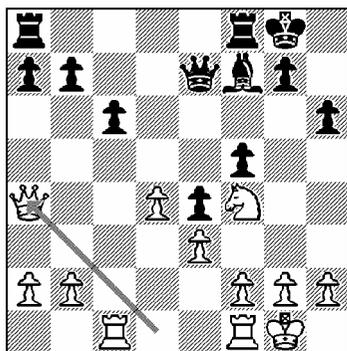
Queen's gambit declined (QGD). An early Bg5 thrust is a characteristic of several related lines viz. Torre attack, Trompowski, Queen's bishop attack, Richter-Veresov attack, etc. [4.Nf3 c5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.e3 Nc6 leads to a semi-Tarrasch defence.; 4.cxd5 exd5 The exchange variation of the QGD. 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 Bf5 7.Qf3 Bg6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.Qxf6 gxf6 10.g3 Nd7 11.Bh3 Nb6 = Tal - Spassky, Sochi, 1973.]

4...Be7

The text follows the Lasker defence with an attempt to simplify after trading pieces at "e4". [4...Nbd7 5.f3 h6 6.Bh4 g5 7.Bg3 =]
5.Rc1

[5.e3 0-0 6.Nf3 is the orthodox defence to QGD. This is not very popular these days because Black must play very patiently to achieve anything more than a draw.]

5...0-0 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.e3 h6 9.Bh4 c6 10.Bd3 Ne4 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Nd2 Ndf6 13.Ndxe4 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 dxe4 15.0-0 f5 16.Ne2 Be6 17.Nf4 Bf7 18.Qa4?!



The position looks equal but slightly favours Black. 18.a3 was preferable. With 18...g5! Black can initiate a K-side attack.

18...g5! 19.Ne2 f4 20.exf4 Bd5 21.f5

[21.fxcg5 e3 22.f3 Qxg5 ∞]
21...Rxf5 22.Qc2 Qb4 23.f3 Re8 24.a3 Qb6 25.fxe4 Bxe4 26.Qc4+ Kg7 27.Ng3 Rxf1+ 28.Rxf1 Bg6 29.Qc3 Kh7 30.h3 Qd8! 31.Rf3 a5 32.Re3 Rxe3 33.Qxe3 Qf6 34.Ne2 Bf7 35.Nc3 Kg6 36.Na4 Qf4 37.Qc3

Exchange of Queens doesn't seem to change the situation much because the resulting endgame favours Black in the Bishop vs. knight battle. [37.Qxf4 gxf4 38.Kf2 Kf5 39.Nc5 b5 40.Nb7 Bd5 41.Nxa5 Ke4

favours Black!]

37...Bd5 38.Nc5 b5 39.Qc2+ Kf6 40.Qd3 Qc1+ 41.Qf1+ Qxf1+ 42.Kxf1 Kf5 43.b4 a4 44.g3 h5 45.Kf2 h4 0-1

W: **Jayaraman, Mohan (2065)**
 B: **Caliskan, Ismail (1999)**
8th Afro-Asian Zonal Championship Final ICCF, 2006

Nimzo-Indian Defence, E39

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4

Nimzo-Indian defence.

4.Qc2 c5

[4...d5 This is the classical variation.; 4...Nc6 is the Milner-Barry variation.]

5.dxc5 0-0 6.a3

[6.Bg5 Na6 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.Qxc3 Nxc5 9.Bxf6 Qxf6 10.Qxf6 gxf6 11.f3 a5 12.e4 b6 = MCO-13.; 6.Bf4 Na6 7.Bd6 Re8 8.a3 Qa5 9.Rc1 Bxc3+ 10.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 11.Rxc3 Ne4 = Donner -Karpov, Amsterdam, 1981.]

6...Bxc5 7.Nf3 b6

[7...Nc6 8.Bg5 Nd4 9.Nxd4 Bxd4 10.e3 Qa5 11.exd4 Qxg5 12.Qd2! +- Seirawan - Kudrin, US Championship, 1986.]

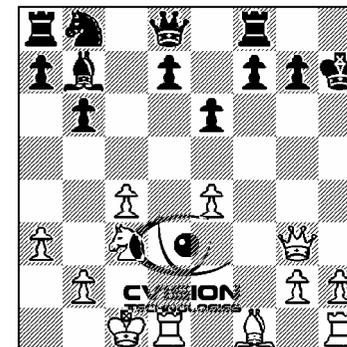
8.Bg5 Bb7 9.0-0-0 Bxf2 10.e4 h6

[10...Bc5 11.e5 h6 12.exf6 hxg5 13.h4! Qxf6 14.hxg5 Qg6 15.Bd3 f5 ∞]

11.Qxf2 hxg5 12.Nxg5 Nh7

[12...Nc6 13.Nb5 a6 14.Nd6 Rb8 15.Qg3 e5 16.Nf5! with advantage to White.]

13.Nxh7 Kxh7 14.Qg3



White has a distinct advantage. He has completed development and is well-poised for a K-side attack.

14...Kg8 15.Kb1 Na6 16.Bd3 Qc7 17.e5 Nc5 18.Bc2 1-0

White has better chances but Black is not beaten yet. The reason for Black's resignation is unknown.

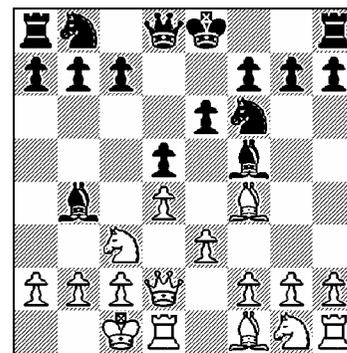
W: **Khan, Shams**

B: **Bustos, Luis Diego**
 Queen's Pawn Game, D00

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4

Queen's pawn game. [3.Bg5 Nbd7 leads to Richter-Veresov attack.]

3...Bf5 4.Qd2 e6 5.0-0-0 Bb4 6.e3?



6.f3 Bg6 7.a3 Bd6 8.g4 Bxf4
9.Qxf4 c5 10.dxc5 Nc6 +/-]
6...Ne4 7.Bb5+? Better 7.Qe2 or
Qe1. The text loses a piece. 7...c6
8.Qe2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ba3+
10.Kd2 cxb5 11.Qxb5+ Qd7
12.Qxd7+ Nxd7 13.Rb1 Nb6
14.Ke2 Bxc2 15.Rb5 Be4 16.f3

Bf5 17.g4 Bc2 18.Nh3 Kd7
19.Ng5 f6! 20.Nf7?
leads to the loss of a second piece!
Better was to retreat with Nh3.
20...Rh8 21.Nd6 Bxd6 22.Bxd6
Kxd6 23.Kd2 Ba4 24.Rb2 Nc4+
0-1

DHANISH'S 'ARTICLES FOR ICCF' PRIZE

As reported in the AICCF Bulletin, August 2007, P.B.Dhanish contributed an article to ICCF Amici/Telechess and was chosen a prize winner. We give below the game he annotated for ICCF.

W: **Dhanish, P. B.**
B: **Dothan, Yoav**
ICCF Interzonal 2006
Queen's Gambit, D43

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3
Nf6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 dxc4 7.e4
g5 8.Bg3 b5 9.Ne5 Bb7 10.h4
g4 11.Be2 h5 12.O-O Nbd7
13.Qc2 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Rg8
15.Rad1

Rajkovic-Kalezic, 2001 went 15.b3
Nd7 16.Bg3 Be7 17.bxc4 Bxh4?!
18.e5 Bxg3 19.fxg3 Qb6? 20.c5
Nxc5 21.Rxf7! O-O-O 22.dxc5
Qxc5+ 23.Kh1 +/-

15...Rg6!?

Popular is 15...Nd7 as for example
in Ehlvest-Stripunsky, 2003, which
continued 16.Bg3 e5 17.dxe5 Qe7
18.b3 b4 19.Nd5 cxd5 20.exd5 c3
21.e6! +/-

16.Bf4 Be7 17.b3 N

enticing the pawns forward
Sakaev-Khenkin, 1999 had gone
17.g3 a6 (Possible was 17...Bb4 =+
and hence I chose to deviate) 18.b3
cxb3 19.axb3 Bb4 20.Bd3 Qxd4?

21.Na2 e5 22.Be3 Qd6 23.Be2 Qe7
24.Nxb4 Qxb4 25.Bc5 +/-

17...b4 18.Na4 c3

Now Black has a very imposing
passed pawn

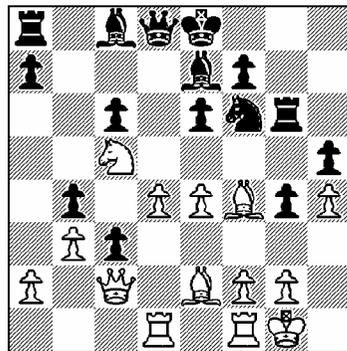
19.Nc5

And now:

a) If 19...Bxc5 20.dxc5 Qa5 21.a3
bxa3 22.Be3 e5 23.b4 Qc7 24.Qxc3
+=

b) But 19...Qc8 20.Bd3 Nd7 21.e5
Rg8

19...Bc8

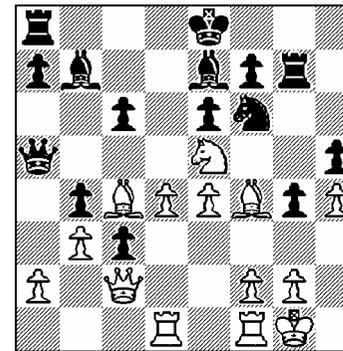


A difficult position and I spent
several days looking for a move. At

the moment, Black's king is caught
in the centre. But within a short
time, the pawns will start showing its
might. Hence, time is of the essence
and finally, I found:

20.Bc4 Qa5 21.Nd3 Bb7 22.Ne5
Rg7

If 22...Rg8 then also I had planned
23.a3 bxa3 24.b4 with lines similar
to the current game



23.a3!

The start of a long sequence,
breaking up Black's pawns and
culminating in an attack on the King

23...bxa3 24.b4! Bxb4

Now that Black's Bishop has left his
King to fend for himself, let us
concentrate on the key square e6

25.Qb3 Qb6 26.Bh6!

Possible was 26.Rb1 Nxe4 27.Qxb4
Qxb4 28.Rxb4 f6 += but I wanted
more

26...Rh7

26...Be7 27.Bxg7 Qxb3 28.Bxb3
Nxe4 29.Ba4 Bxh4 +/- results in a
very interesting position where
White has a rook for 5 pawns!

27.Bg5 Be7

The bishop returns, but it is too late.
If

a) 27...Nxe4 28.Bxe6 Nxe5 29.hxg5
Kd8 (29...fxe6 30.Qxe6+ Kf8 +/-)
30.Bxf7 Kc7 31.g6 +/-

b) 27...Bd6 28.Bxf6 Qxb3 29.Bxb3
+/-

c) 27...Nd7 28.Bxe6 Nxe5 29.dxe5 c2
+/-

28.Qxc3

Quite surprisingly, I couldn't find
any defence for Black

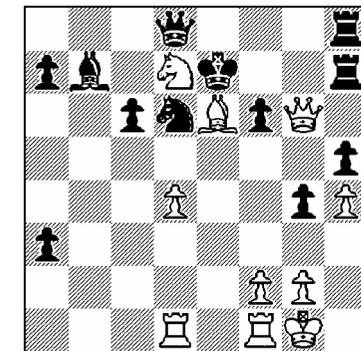
28...Nxe4 29.Qe3 Nd6 30.Bxe7
Kxe7 31.Qg5+ f6 32.Qg6 Rg8
33.Bxe6!

Finally, e6 is captured!

33...Qd8

a) 33...Kxe6 34.Rfe1 +-

b) 33...Bc8 34.Bxc8 Nxc8 35.Rb1
Qc7 36.Rfc1 a2 37.Nxc6+ Kf8 +-
34.Nd7!!



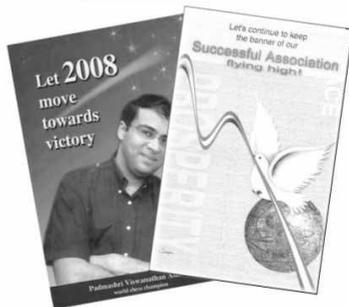
And my opponent promptly resigned
for if 34...Rh6 35.Qg7+ Kxe6
36.Rfe1+ Kd5 37.Rc1 Ba6 38.Nb8!

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Dear Editor,

In September I sent an e-mail enquiring whether ICCF Team is competing at the Dresden Olympiad and got a reply from Mr. Hegoburu in the negative. But I learnt that a team called IBCA (Blind and visually handicapped players) is playing both in men's and women's section at Dresden. In AICCF bulletin there was information that only COUNTRIES are eligible to play in the Olympiad and by mistake Corr. players were allowed to play in the past. So I think ICCF can take up the matter with FIDE at the highest level that ICCF players should ALSO be permitted to play in 2010 Olympiad just like IBCA players. I have absolutely nothing against IBCA but I merely state that ICCF has a solid case.

D.M.Modak

Shri Modak has made an important observation. ICCF should take up the matter.

READERS WRITE

Shri Modak also sent an email enquiring about AICCF's affiliation to AICF and the possible participation of an AICCF player in the Goa National 'B'.

We exchanged correspondence with AICF and as they "have not taken any decision yet" (about the possible affiliation of AICCF to AICF) our advance payment made for this purpose was returned (after 2 years!). Fed up with their attitude, we have decided that from now onward we shall instead offer to send 1 player from AICCF as a donor to the National, with AICCF covering the donor fee. However this year we did not get any offer from an AICCF player for this.

-Ed

Dear Editor,

I received the magazine and had a quick look. What interested me most was the article about Bobby Fischer. Here are my comments:
1.Page 13, Not "Petrofina" but Tigran Petrosian.

2.Page 13, Defeated 20 GMs (not 21) in succession with a loss to Petrosian in the second game in the runup to the 1972 WCC. The match was tied after five games, when Fischer reels off a shocking four straight victories for a final score of +5-1=3.

3.Another highlight of Fischer's career was: USSR vs. Rest of World; en matches, each of four games, between Soviet Union's top players and all other top players from the rest of the World. GM Bent Larsen of Denmark insisted on playing first board against World Champion Spassky though he was rating-wise lower than Fischer. Unexpectedly, Fischer agreed and played board 2 vs. previous World Champion Petrosian. Fischer won the first two games and finished +2-0=2!

It is unfortunate that the Email participation in AICCF tournaments is just 10 people max.! I'm not sure SMS is a good way of playing a formal tournament. If somebody makes a blunder, he will just send another one and erase the previous one. It will be difficult for the opposite player and TD to verify this. How about overseas player like me? I feel webserver and Email tournaments are preferable.
...Just a viewpoint.

Anil Kumar Anand

Thank you providing our readers with further interesting information about Bobby Fischer and I apologize for the errors in the printed article.

For SMS Chess, we have made it mandatory that the player must send a copy of his SMS to the TD. The TD will upload the SMS into his

computer and thus keep a permanent record of the date time move etc. In case the player is trying to "undo" his blunder it will be noticed by the opponent who will inform the TD by SMS. True, the player may send one move to the opponent and a different move to the TD, but this will be detected in the long run and the penalty will be sufficiently severe!
-Ed

Dear Editor,

Regarding the postal system, I have used an idea in my game against Mr.Neelakantan in T-1507. Every move, I send him on three post cards posted from three different post offices on 3 different days! After that, he has not missed receiving any PC, though once it took much more time.

I don't know how far it can be used by others, but perhaps people could try. It would be quite difficult for an opponent to claim that he has not received all three PCs! One PC could be sent parallelly to the TD also.

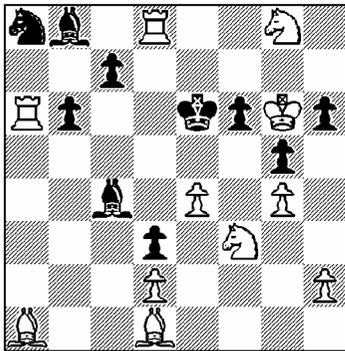
P.B.Dhanish

It would depend on how many players are ready to go through the extraordinary effort and expense! The worst part is that the opponent could make use of the arrival of the last of the 3 pc's as the arrival date to increase his thinking time!

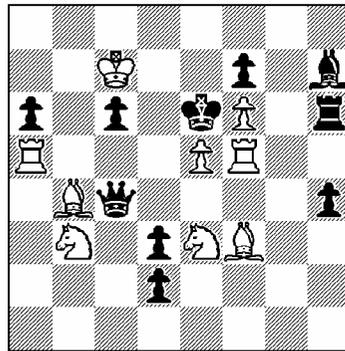
MORE 3-MOVE PROBLEMS

D.M.Modak

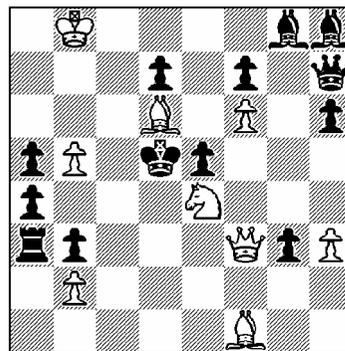
Try out your skill at solving the following 3 movers (White to move and mate in 3). The solutions will be presented in the next Bulletin.



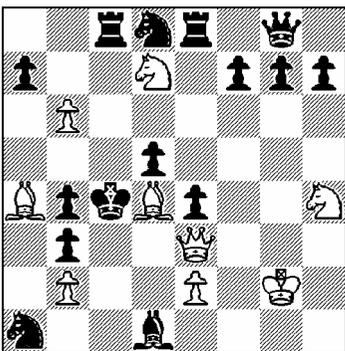
Problem No. 1 by E. Williams



Problem No. 3 by W. Whyatt
1st prize BCF Trny. 1961



Problem No. 2 by B.N.Lewis



Problem No. 4 by V. Timonin
1st prize Shakhmatisti Rossi,
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RESULTS AND RATINGS

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Erratum

The following results from email tournaments in the last period were inadvertently left out in the February 2008 Bulletin:

1804 Jatinder Singh 0 Anil Anand; Anil Anand 1 Jatinder Singh
4299 Virwani & A.D.Gupta nr(both) K.V.S.Sastry; A.D.Gupta 0(both) Prabhanandan
4305 Anpazhakan 0(both) Prabhanandan; Shams Khan 1 Anpazhakan
7295 V.B.Shetty = Gala; G.Thangkhiew 0 V.B.Shetty

Corrections to ratings for the period ended 31-12-2007:

Player:Published/Corrected

Anil Anand:1117/1123; Anpazhakan:507/468; A.Dutta Gupta:918/840;

K.L.Gala: 1214/1207; Shams Khan:926/929;

Prabhanandan:1179/1203; K.V.S.Sastry:613/533;

V.B.Shetty:1011/1026; Jatinder Singh:550/524; Thangkhiew:831/813;

Ajay Virwani:637/597

NEW TOURNAMENTS STARTED

4-Player Double-Game Tournaments

4314 Shams Khan, Mohan Jayaraman, Dr Nagaraj, Krishna V. Sindhe
(Adj. Date: 31-12-03)

4315 Bajpai, Krishna V. Sindhe, Shams Khan, G.De (SMS tournament)

4316 Meherhomji, Wahee, Rohan Saxena, Channammanavar (Adj. Date: 31-12-13)

4317 Meherhomji, Wahee, Mudit Thakkar, Kishore G. Ril (Adj. Date: 31-12-13)

7-Player Single-Game Tournaments

7303 Meherhomji, Dutt, N.J.Dave, Pandavakrishna, Wahee, Rohan Saxena,
Ashutosh Mishra (Adj. Date: 31-12-13)

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

`1' means `won over'; `0' means `lost to'; `=' means `drew with'; `(both)' means `both the games'; `w/d' means `withdrew'; `nr' means `no result'; `n/s' means `non-starter'.

Championship Tournaments

1507 Dr Nagaraj 0 Gala, Dabholkar & Neelakantan; Chatterjee, Ganapathi & Prabhanandan 1 Dr Nagaraj; Shams Khan 0 Dr Nagaraj & Prabhanandan; Prabhanandan 1 Dabholkar; Neelakantan 1 Ganapathi; Gala = Dabholkar; Dabholkar 1 Shams Khan; Dabholkar 0 Dhanish; Prabhanandan = Gala; Ganapathi 0 Prabhanandan; Dhanish 1 Gala

1803 Nambiar w/d

1804 Nikhil Kamat 0 Nooka Raju Malla & Anil Anand; Nooka Raju Malla & Anil Anand 1 Nikhil Kamat

4-Player Double-Game Tournaments

4296 Dr. Dinkar Pai w/d

4303 Nambiar w/d

4305 Prabhanandan 1(both) Shams Khan

4306 Meherhomji 1(both) Tyagi

4308 K.Babu w/d

4311 Wahee 0 Rohan Saxena

7-Player Single-Game Tournaments

7294 Kalapi Trivedi w/d

7295 Saxena A. 1 V.B.Shetty; V.B.Shetty = Sailesh Chandran; Sailesh Chandran 0 Saxena A.; G.Thangkhiew 0 Sailesh Chandran; Gala 1 Saxena A.; Sailesh Chandran 1 Ganapathi

7297 Nambiar, Nambiar & Manali Tendulkar w/d

7299 N.J.Dave & G.P.P.Kishore w/d

7300 M.R.Morewekar, N.J.Dave & K.Babu w/d

7301 N.J.Dave w/d

COMPLETED TOURNAMENTS

We heartily congratulate the winners (names in bold) of the following tournaments:

4305 Anil Anand 5.5, Prabhanandan 4, Shams Khan 2.5, Anpazhakan 0

7295 Anil Anand 5, Sailesh Chandran 4, Saxena A. 4, Ganapathi 3, Gala 2.5, V.B.Shetty 2.5, G.Thangkhiew 0

RATINGS

The top 24

1	Dhanish P.B.	1474	9	Saxena Vaibhav	1239	17	Reddy Mookiah	1133
2	Chatterjee Dr A.	1387	10	Nagaraj Dr A.	1225	18	Anil Anand	1131
3	Nagradjane A.G	1386	11	Saxena R.G.D	1194	19	Chauhan R.K.	1112
4	Neelakantan N.	1385	12	Saxena A.	1184	20	Pandit Vijay D.	1107
5	Sattheesan M.	1383	13	Anil Kumar N.R.	1158	21	Bhowmick P.	1105
6	Dabholkar P.S.	1274	14	Salgaocar S.A.	1158	22	De Ashutosh	1104
7	Prabhanandan	1267	15	Shivdasani Vijay	1142	23	Trehan Anirudh	1101
8	Gala K.L.	1243	16	Dalvi Prasad M.	1141	24	Wahee S.N.	1094

Full Rating Table

Aaron Arvind	800	Choudhari C.L.	500	Jamindar Peeyush	612
Agarwal Amol	647	Chouhan Hemendr	723	Jayaraman Mohan	902
Agarwal Avinash	436	Dabholkar P.S.	1274	Joy Kumar Vineet	670
Anil Anand	1131	Dagaonkar Nagesh	685	Joy P.O.	522
Anil Kumar N.R.	1158	Dalvi Prasad M.	1141	Juneja Madan Lal	501
Anpazhakan S.	468	Das Barun	981	Kalsekar A.G.	800
Avirah M.	615	Dave Dinesh H.	769	Kamat Nikhil	762
Babu K.	676	Dave Dr N.J.	400	Kanishka T.N.	889
Bajpai N.K.	862	De Ashutosh	1104	Kansara Bhupendra	803
Baksha Ansar K.	436	De Gautam	1049	Kapoor Dr R.K.	732
Bansphore Ajay K.	1029	Deshpande Y.G.	495	Kapoor Lalit	475
Bhattacharjee	840	Devlekar C.R.	632	Khan Shams	911
Bhave Miliind N.	1050	Dey Debajit	736	Kini Harish	400
Bhowmick Pranab	1105	Dhanish P.B.	1474	Kishore G.P.P.	596
Bhowmick Sgt. P.	931	Dinakaran J.P.	938	Kulkarni Ajit	800
Bobby V.S.	643	Dutt B.S.	569	Kulkarni Mahesh G	659
Bose Samir Kumar	800	Fernandes S.A.	800	Kulkarni S.P.	747
Chandran Sailesh	904	Gala K.L.	1243	Kumar Awani	1021
Chandran Sgt MC	1050	Ganapathi Cdr R.	1077	Kumar K.Shiva	522
Chandran T.	977	Gaonkar V.G.	800	Kumar P.R.	400
Chandrashekar	611	Gautam Parvesh	554	Kumar Pavan T.	863
Channammanavar M	800	Gupta Abhisek	598	Kumar Rabindra	577
Chatterjee B.	800	Gupta Anirudh D.	840	Kumar Shirish	704
Chatterjee Dr A.	1387	Gupta Vijay Kumar	400	Lakshminarayana	962
Chatterjee Urmila	800	Hegde Shripad C.	898	Lhovum Kammang	785
Chaudhuri Ajoy	800	Hule Subhash M.	682	Malla Nooka Raju	848
Chaudhuri T.K.	625	Hule Yamini M.	708	Mandviwala Pervez	873
Chauhan Rakesh K.	1112	Iyer Preethi G.	662	Manoj Kumar P.K.	939
Chavan Hrishikesh	954	Jadhav Dinesh V.	416	Meherhomji E.G.	996
Chole H.P.	971	Jain Suresh	723	Mehta Bikram	590
Chole Vikrant H.	919	Jaiswal Shesh R.	717	Mishra Ashutosh	800

Table continued...

Mistry Yezad K.	471	Sarkar Shyamal	765	Saxena A.	1184
Miyani Ketan P.	708	Sarma Akash Das	1031	Saxena Rakesh GD	1194
Modak Deodutta M.	893	Sarma Anish Das	913	Saxena Rohan	1065
Mody Suresh M.	772	Somani Shalaka	978	Saxena Vaibhav	1239
Mohamed M.K.	926	Somani Rashmi	958	Semeel V.S.	680
Mohan C.S.	668	Somani Sunil K.	1068	Senthilnathan S.	628
Mohanadasan	800	Soni Vikrant V.	693	Sharang M.S.	800
Mohanakrishnan B.	800	Srinath T.	865	Sharma M.P.	654
Morewekar M.R.	754	Subba Raju S.	666	Sharma Vinod	885
Mukherjee T.K.	400	Sudhir N.	818	Shetty V.B.	1009
Mulla Mehli B.	800	Sukumaran K.C.	780	Shivdasani Vijay	1142
Murali R.C.	767	Sundararajan S.	400	Shukla N.P.	415
Muruges V.	800	Surveyor Dr A.B.	1011	Sindhe Krishna V.	946
Nagaraj Dr A.	1225	Talukdar Gaurav	699	Singh Er Baldev	737
Nagesh Havanur	800	Pandavakrishna	1081	Singh Jatinder	524
Nagesh J.	400	Pandit Vijay D.	1107	Singhai Vikas	749
Nagradjane A.G.	1386	Pathak Pramod B	954	Sirohi Narendra	400
Nambiar A.V.S.	488	Patil Abhijit A.	907	Tendulkar Manali	625
Nambiar Vivek	599	Paul Santhosh M.	990	Thakkar Mudit	804
Nayak Satya S.	423	Pinge Shankar	667	Thakur G.S.	922
Neelakantan N.	1385	Prabhakar Krish	1015	Thangkhiew G.	799
Niranjan M.V.	657	Prabhanandan K.	1267	Theza K.L.Keerthi	513
Nishanth H.M.	400	Prasad Krishna M	609	Torvekar G.P.	400
Pable Kum. Amisha	528	Rajesh K.	920	Trehan Anirudh	1101
Padhi Prem P.	400	Ramakrishna P.	681	Trivedi Kalapi B.	400
Padsha Sayed	875	Ramamurthi KVS	677	Tyagi D.	1016
Pai Dr. Dinkar	746	Raman R.	544	Umashankar Cpl N.	522
Palaniappan S.	752	Ramaya Selvi S.	973	Umesh Nair	978
Pandalai N.G.	400	Randeria V.S.	459	Unni C.S.	585
Ril Kishore G.	803	Rao Dr D.R.K.S	696	Vaidya Piyush H.	627
Sadashiva V.	863	Rao E. Vijay Ravi	797	Vaishnav S.K.	800
Sajjare Ravindra	800	Ravi Prakash SM	985	Valsan K.	494
Salathia H.S.	478	Reddy Mookiah	1133	Venugopalan C.	646
Salgaocar S.A.	1158	Rekh Ketan S.	400	Virwani Ajay	597
Samuel V.	441	Sarma Atish Das	991	Vyas Nilesh J.	888
Saravanan K.S.	736	Sastry K.V.S.	533	Wahee S.N.	1094
Sarkar D.	1031	Satheesan M.	1383		

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ICCF Ratings, 2008 are given below:

ICCF ID	Title	Name	Games	Rating
280115	SM	Anil Kumar, N. R	172	1959
280068		Chatterjee, Dr. Ambar	133	2292
280087		Chauhan, Rakesh Kumar	95	2232
280120		Dabholkar, Pandharinath Suryak	77	2103
280076		Dalvi, Prasad Mangesh	92	2298
280088		De, Gautam	87	1980
280176		Dhanish, P. B.	31	2556
280079		Gala, Khusal Laxmichand	57	1891
280141		Kamat, Nikhil Nishikant	92	2060
280143		Krishnamurthy, Prabhanandan	50	2021
280077		Lhouvum, Kammang	135	1906
280104		Mandviwala, Pervez Godrez	45	2173
280124		Meherhomji, Eruch G.	43	1773
280098		Nagaradjane, A. G.	129	2387
280103		Neelakantan, N.	68	2405
280109		Padhi, Prem Prakash	48	1702
280070		Prabhakar, Dr. Krishna	135	2059
280108		Rao, Dr. K. Sangmeshwara	74	2109
280069		Salgaocar, Sameer A.	118	1751
280118	IM	Santhosh, Matthew Paul	124	2346
280168		Saxena, Alok	41	2166
280114		Saxena, Vaibhav	30	2358
280133		Shivdasani, Vijay A.	40	2149
280107		Somani, Sunil K.	106	2340

280094	Sukumaran, K. C.	65	1847
280072	Trehan, Anirudh	39	2079

New Tournaments

ICCF Promotion Tournament Group: WT/O/106:

Start 8.09.2008, Server Event, TD Thed Klauner <tklauner@pt.lu>
Bacila, Metry (BRA); Glenscher, Sebastian Kim (GER); **Meherhomji, Eruch G. (IND)**; Möbius, Manfred (GER); Soares, Francisco Antonio de Freitas (POR); Wedel, Gerd (GER); Åsten, Eero (FIN - 460698)

3rd Webchess Open Tournament prel. 20. S-Open/3-pr20:

Server, Start 20.5.2008, TD: Kracht, Jörg <tdkracht@googlemail.com>
Salati, Paolo (ITA, 2268); Pilipchuk, Andrey Vadimovich (RUS, 1800); Guevara i Pijoan, Josep (ESP, 1994); Hewett, Donald (USA, 1762); **Gala, Khusal Laxmichand (IND,1891)**; SM Miciak, Ing. Emanuel (SVK, 2343); Kratochvíl, Jan (CZE, 2017)

ICCF Open Tournament WS/O/205:

Server, Start 21 Apr 2008, TD: Millstone, Michael <pjboogie@yahoo.com>
Gala, Khusal Laxmichand (IND, 1891); Morelli, Angel (ARG, 1800); Laine, Erkki (FIN, 1889); Potter, Daniel (AUS, 1800); Randolph, Donald (USA, 1736); Svaton, Frédéric (FRA, 1800); Hasidume, Shuji (JPN, 1868)

Sweden - Rest of the World: Start 20.02.2008

Adrián de Blois is the Captain of the "Rest of the World". Sture Olsson has organized this interesting match in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of their federation SSKK. Dr. Alok Saxena is playing two games on webserver against **Ari Oinonen** of Sweden. RoW team is composed of players from 40 nations. The match is on 70 boards with 17 by postal mail and the rest on the ICCF server.

Recent Results

Len Goide Memorial:

Vaibhav Saxena having joined 2 year MBA program at Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode, is unable to devote time and has withdrawn. He finished games against Alan Rawlings, F.Vidalina, D.W.Coyne, L.M. Cadillon Costa, B.S.Sheppard, A.Gurmen. The 8 remaining games will follow the adjudication process. This was a strong tournament with average rating of 2300.

11th Afro-Asia Zonal Championships Prelims Group A:

Kamat, Nikhil 0 SM Noble, Mark F.; Akkaraju, Sailesh Chandra 1 Kamat, Nikhil; Kamat, Nikhil 0 Humphreys, Scott; Fekih, Brahim 1 Kamat, Nikhil; Kumar, Pavan Tumuluri 1 Kamat, Nikhil; Ciklabakkal, Metin 0 Kumar, Pavan Tumuluri; Imdir, Gencay 0 Akkaraju, Sailesh Chandra; Ciklabakkal,

Metin 0 Akkaraju, Sailesh Chandra; Akkaraju, Sailesh Chandra 0 Araboga, Mesut; SM Noble, Mark F. 1 Akkaraju, Sailesh Chandra

11th Afro-Asia Zonal Championships Prelims Group B:

Jordaan, Wayne 0 Mandviwala, Pervez Godrez

11th Afro-Asia Zonal Championships Prelims Group C:

Saxena, Alok ½ Cronjé, Hector; Saxena, Alok 1 Takou, Alex; Saxena, Alok ½ Kaabi, Mejdi; Mootamri, Slim ½ Saxena, Alok

11th Afro-Asia Zonal Championships Prelims Group F:

Dabholkar, P.S. 1 Scott Rueon; Bisnath, Nerasha 0-1 Dabholkar, P.S.;

Kizima, Satoshi 0 Dabholkar, P.S.; Dabholkar, P.S. 0 Mer, Alain

WS/O/143:

Guralivu, Paul-Iosif 0 Mandviwala, Pervez Godrez; Hebrard, Jean-Marc 0 Mandviwala, Pervez Godrez; Smith, Douglas Royston ½ Mandviwala, Pervez Godrez; Mandviwala, Pervez Godrez ½ Walters, Gary; Mandviwala, Pervez Godrez 1 Laine, Erkki

Here are some of the recently played games:

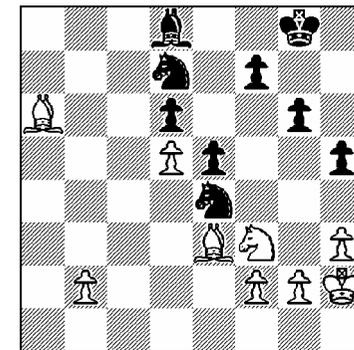
W: Saxena, Alok (2035)

B: Kaabi, Mejdi (2265)

11th Afro-Asia Zonal Prelim 'C'

C95, Ruy Lopez

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6
4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5
7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 O-O 9.h3 Nb8
10.d4 Nbd7 11.Nbd2 Bb7 12.Bc2
Re8 13.Nf1 Bf8 14.Ng3 g6 15.a4
c5 16.d5 c4 17.Be3 Nc5 18.Qd2
h5 19.Bg5 Be7 20.Ra3 Rb8
21.axb5 axb5 22.Rea1 Qc7
23.Qe3 Ra8 24.Kh2 Rxa3
25.Rxa3 Ra8 26.Rxa8+ Bxa8
27.Nf1 Bb7 28.Qe1 Bc8 29.Qb1
Qd8 30.Bh6 Qa5 31.N1d2 Ba6
32.Be3 Nfd7 33.Bd1 b4 34.cxb4
Qxb4 35.Be2 c3 36.Bxa6 cxd2
37.Bxd2 Qxe4 38.Qxe4 Nxe4
39.Be3 Bd8 (see Diagram)
40.Nd2 Nxd2 41.Bxd2 Bb6 42.f3
Bd4 43.b4 Nb6 44.Bb7 Nc4
45.Bg5 Kg7 46.g4 f6 47.Bc1
hgx4 48.hxg4 Kf7 49.Kg2 Ke7
50.Kf1 Ne3+ 51.Ke2 Nc2 52.b5
Bc5 53.Bb2 ½ - ½



Position after 39...Bd8

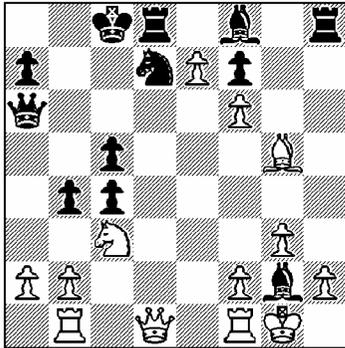
W: Dabholkar, P.S.(2106)

B: Morschel, D. T. (2288)

11th Afro-Asia Zonal Prelim 'F'

D44, Queen's Gambit

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3
e6 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.e4 b5 7.e5 h6
8.Bh4 g5 9.Nxg5 hxg5 10.Bxg5
Nbd7 11.exf6 Bb7 12.g3 c5
13.d5 Qb6 14.Bg2 O-O-O 15.O-O
b4 16.Rb1 Qa6 17.dxe6 Bxg2
18.e7



18...Bxf1 19.Kxf1 Bxe7 20.fxe7 Rdg8 21.Ne4 c3+ 22.Kg1 Rxc5 23.Nxc5 Qg6 24.Qf1 cxb2 25.h4 Re8 26.Rxb2 Rxe7 27.Re2 Kd8 28.Qd1 Rxe2 29.Qxe2 Qf6 30.f4 a5 31.h5 ½- ½

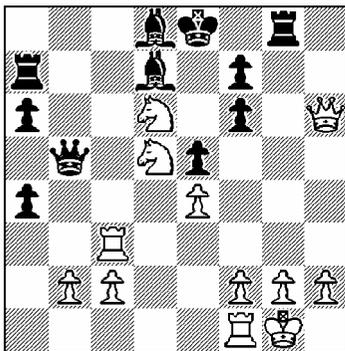
W: Kamat, Nikhil (2060)

B: Ciklabakkal, Metin (1614)

11th Afro-Asia Zonal Prelim 'A'

B92, Sicilian Najdorf

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 b5 8.Bg5 Nbd7 9.Bg4 Be7 10.O-O h6 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.a4 bxa4 14.Na5 Rg8 15.Nd5 Ra7 16.Ra3 Qb5 17.Rc3 Bd7 18.Qd2 Bd8 19.Nc4 Kf8 20.Qxh6+ Ke8 21.Nxd6# 1-0



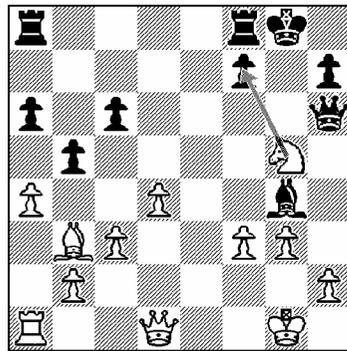
Final position

W: Mandviwala, Pervez

B: Laine, Erkki

ICCF WS/O/143

C89, Ruy Lopez Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 g5 16.a4 Nf6 17.Nd2 Nxe4 18.Nxe4 Be7 19.Bxg5 Bg4 20.f3 Bxg5 21.Nxg5 Qh6



22.Nxf7 Qe3+ 23.Kg2 Be6 24.Ne5 Bxb3 25.Qxb3+ Kh8 26.Qd1 Rae8 27.axb5 axb5 28.Qf1 Re6 29.Qf2 Qh6 30.Ra7 Kg8 31.b4 Rfe8 32.Qa2 Qe3 33.Ra8 Kh8 34.Qxe6 Qd2+ 35.Kh3 Rxa8 36.Nf7+ Kg7 37.Qe7 Kg6 38.Ne5+ 1-0

Santhosh Paul and Pervez Mandviwala have qualified for the finals of the 10th Afro-Asian Zonal Correspondence Chess Ch., probably a Category III with norms possible. Santhosh Paul is 8th and Pervez Mandviwala is 17th in the list of 18 qualifiers

Late News

Two of our players, P.B.Dhanish and Santosh Paul have been selected the **ICCF Interzonal Tournament, 2009**. Also Dr. Alok Saxena is the first reserve player and will get a chance to play if there is any drop out among the 8 selected player.

Interzonal 2009

No.	ICCF ID	Country	Name	Title	Rating
1	280176	India	Dhanish, PB		2559
2	990022	Kazakhstan	Nasybullin, Vladislav	SM	2518
3	500008	Turkmenistan	Simonenko, S	SM	2459
4	760001	South Africa	Barlow, John	GM	2450
5	550116	South Africa	Bester, Ben		2412
6	550125	South Africa	Fourie, Marius		2381
7	230118	India	Santosh, Paul	IM	2344
8	421316	South Africa	Dlugolecki, Greg		2227
Average Rating of team					2419
Reserves					
9	280168	India	Saxena, Alok		2208
10	887001	Cameroon	Horchler, Philip		2207
11	875001	Mongolia	Altanoch, Gendengyn		2082