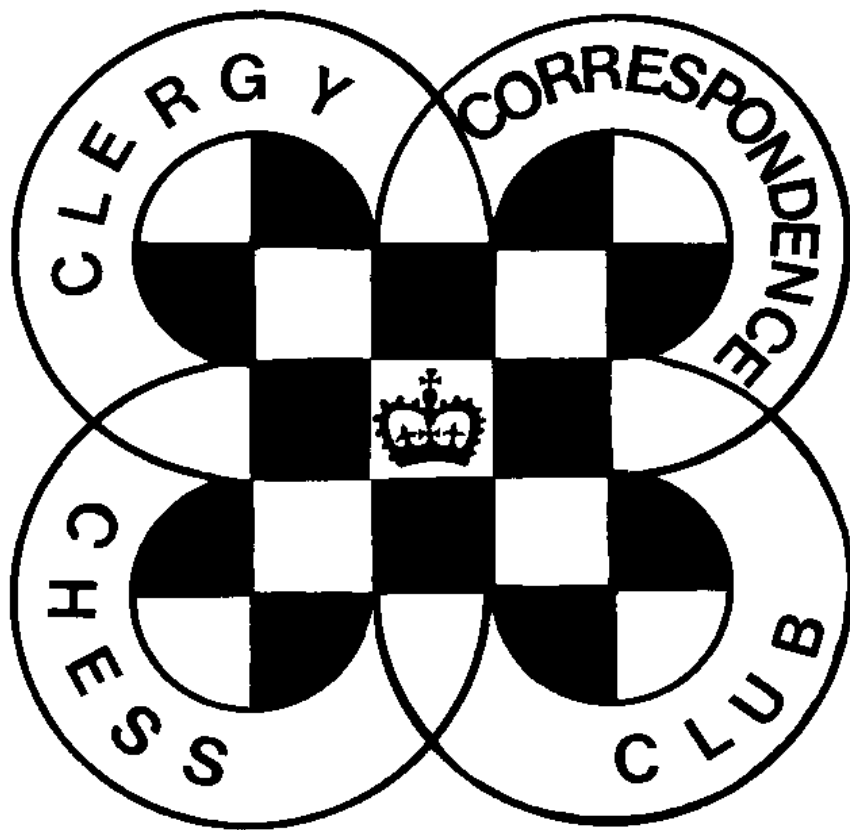
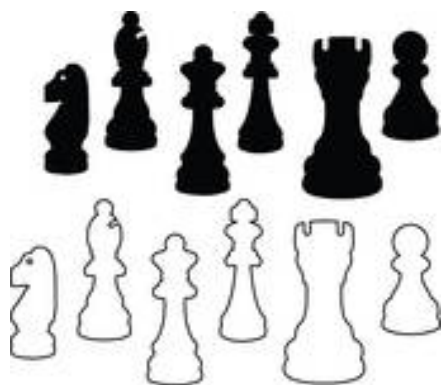


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END OF SEASON

The current season finishes on 31st July. Please ensure that all results are notified by that date. Failure to do this may result in games being scored as a loss to both players. Unfinished games can be submitted for adjudication if necessary and details of how to do this are available from the Secretary.

ENTERING FOR NEXT SEASON

Please read carefully the new arrangements as to how CCCC will be structured next season which are on the next page. In that article I suggest how the new Divisions would be structured and who would play in them. If you are happy to play as stated in that article you need not respond, but if you feel that you should be in a different Division please contact me by 31st July and explain why.

RESULTS OF THIS SEASON

Results so far received are elsewhere in this magazine. All results are in this year and we can therefore congratulate **Michael Williamson** on winning the Ivor Davies Trophy, and **Michael Thistlewood** on winning the Secretary's Trophy. Belated congratulations to **Lisa Battye** who is the correct winner of the Secretary's Trophy last year (2023). This is explained on the page about that Trophy.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Andrew Yates has retired and his address is now 186 Bodmin Road, TRURO. TR1 1RB. His email is now yates252@btinternet.com

John Druce has moved. His address is 9B George Street, Hadleigh, IPSWICH. IP7 5BD. 01473 956870. His email has also changed to johndruce1934@gmail.com

Tim Partridge is having difficulties with his eyesight and finds using a computer difficult and his family have suggested that if you wish to contact him to do so via his wife esther.partridge@tiscali.co.uk

GAMES FOR THE MAGAZINE

Our thanks to those who have sent in games for publication, and to Michael Thistlewood for preparing them for the magazine. ***Please do send in your games, with analysis where possible. We have virtually nothing from members in this issue.*** Any game score sent will be considered for publication unless you state that you do not want this, as will any game played on the Scheming Mind web server.

SCHEMING MIND STANDARD CHESS LEAGUE

Having won promotion last season we knew we would be facing much stronger opposition this season. After an opening draw we lost two matches quite heavily before coming back to beat SCCA 6½ - 3½. We are now into the final round and although no games have been completed, if we can get a good result in this last match we might stay in our current Division. Well done to all who have played in our Team through the year.

NEW CLUB STRUCTURE

As membership continues to fall and those in the Club get older we have had a number of withdrawals, or members simply failing to play their games. Our committee are suggesting a new structure which will be in place from the start of the new season in October 2024.

There would be three Divisions, membership of which would be largely self-selecting (anyone can ask to be moved from one to the other). The Shield Division does have a qualification level, but it is about showing you have played games rather than ability as such.

Shield Division consists of those members who are competing for our Trophy. Theoretically there would be no upper limit on numbers (though we might want to cap it at 14 in the unlikely event it reached that level) in this Division, and games will be expected to be played on the Scheming Mind platform to ensure consistency of time limits etc. There will be a fixture list with new rounds beginning monthly from October to March, and players would play one opponent in each round if the Division was up to 7 players in size, then two opponents in some rounds until the Division reached its theoretical maximum of 14 players. To be eligible to play in this Division you must be an active player in the current League or for our Team in the Scheming Mind Chess League. Anyone who defaults their games in this Division will be relegated to Social Division the following season (unless in a case of 'force majeure' such as serious illness or bereavement leading to a temporary withdrawal). Anyone wishing to join Shield Division from either of the other Divisions will have to show that they have completed games against two opponents in the previous 12 months.

Social Division would consist of those members who still wanted to play chess more or less regularly, but there would no formal fixture list and games could be played on Scheming Mind, or by email, phone, or even post (if you are wealthy enough!). Although there would be no formal fixture list or league table, results will be recorded on our Facebook page and in the magazine if I am notified of them. Members of this Division would be expected to play at least one opponent in each season to remain in it and anyone wishing to join it from Occasional Division would have to show that they have done this.

Occasional Division is a more positive description of our current Non League Members. This consists of anyone else who is a member of CCCC, without any expectation of playing any games of chess unless they want to. Members of this Division would have no expectations of them and could simply contact another member to suggest a game whenever they liked. Again results notified to me would be published on our Facebook page and in the magazine.

The Secretary's Trophy, awarded to the most improved Rating on Scheming Mind, would be open to anyone in any of these Divisions who plays their games on that platform.

Eligibility of the Divisions will be as follows, but please let me know by 31 July if you do not want to be in the Division shown:

Shield: Yates, Nye, Cleaves, Hall, Druce, Turner, Battye

Social: Williamson, Carlin, Thistlewood (all eligible for Shield but have indicated that they would play in Social).

Occasional: Hulme, Partridge, Boddy, Alexander, Brown, Fisher, Foster, Garton, Joy, Mason, Stevenson, Turnbull, Waterfield, Whitmore.

CLERGY CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CLUB RESULTS 2023 / 2024

Division 1	W		Y		N		C		H		Total	%
Williamson			1	½ *	1	1*	1	1*	v	v	5 ½	92
Yates	0	½			1	1*	1	1*	v	v	4 ½	75
Nye	0	0	0	0			1	1*	v	v	2	33
Cleaves	0	0	0	0	0	0			v	v	0	0
Hulme	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v			VOID	
Division 2A	H		T		P							
Hall			1	1*	1	1*					4	100
Thistlewood	0	0			1	1					2	50
Partridge	0	0	0	0							0	0
Division 2B	T		C		D		B					
Turner			1	1*	1	1*	v	v			4	100
Carlin	0	0			1	1*	v	v			2	50
Druce	0	0	0	0			v	v			0	0
Boddy	v	v	v	v	v	v					VOID	

* indicates a game won or drawn with the Black pieces.

In the final season of the present Club structure we hail a new overall winner. Michael Williamson dropped only half a point to reigning champion Andrew Yates and so wins the Ivor Davies Trophy. David Nye took 3rd place by virtue of beating Richard Cleaves in both games.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MICHAEL WILLIAMSON

Both second Divisions followed a straightforward pattern of 100%, 50%, 0 results.

THE SECRETARY'S TROPHY

A RATINGS PRIZE

The Secretary's Trophy was initially bought as a prize for our two residential congresses, but then fell into disuse until we decided to award it as a Ratings Prize to the member whose Rating has most improved in the previous twelve months.

It is open to any member of CCCC registered on Scheming Mind, as that is the only way we have a Rating.

Ratings are taken at the beginning of June each year and the player with the highest percentage rise in their rating (or lowest percentage fall if everyone's should fall!) wins the prize.

Any player who has not completed a game over the previous twelve months will be ineligible, to avoid someone taking the prize by their rating being unchanged if everyone else's falls.

Players joining during the year must have established a Rating by January to be eligible, so that their change is measured over at least half a year, and their initial rating will be that from the third month in which they have a rating, as any earlier rating is little more than a guess.

2023. I must apologise that a mistake was made in awarding this prize last year. **Lisa Battye** holds a Rating on SM for Chess360 as well as Standard Chess and I misread these two ratings. Taking her Ratings for Standard Chess she in fact won the Ratings Prize last year.

2024. Showing that this prize is about making an improvement rather than outright results, this year the prize is taken by **Michael Thistlewood** to whom congratulations.

Arrangements are being made for Lisa to hold the trophy for the first part of this year in lieu of having it last year, and then she can arrange to hand it over to Michael later.



	June 2023	June 2024	% change
Michael Thistlewood	1156	1279	110.64
Andrew Yates	1977	2042	103.29
Michael Hall	1478	1522	102.98
Richard Cleaves	1487	1527	102.69
Jon Turner **	1799	1840	102.28
David Hulme	1963	1968	100.25
Peter Turnbull *	1288	1288	100.00
David Boddy *	940	940	100.00
Tim Partridge	1524	1475	96.78
Lisa Battye	1751	1676	95.72
David Nye	1640	1554	94.76
John Druce	1197	1124	93.90
Bruce Carlin	1520	1399	92.04

* Inactive during the year so not eligible

** Jon Turner joined during the season. His initial rating is from January 2024.

Congratulations to Michael Thistlewood who wins the Secretary's Trophy this year.

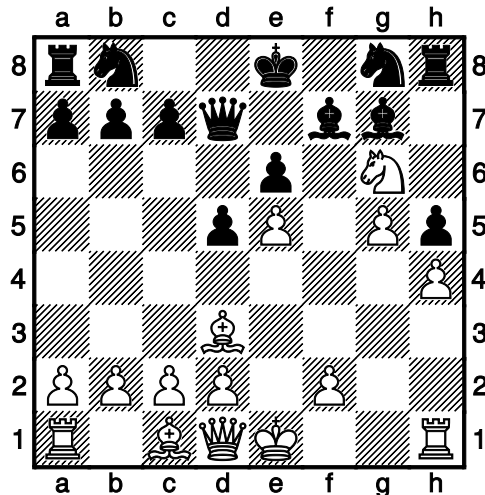
This month I am choosing three games featuring Philidor who wrote the first great book on chess and also was a distinguished composer of music.

In looking through the games early in this period, I was astonished at how short many of them were. In the first I am printing I cannot make out why the games finished so early.

Philidor, Francois Andre Dani – Von Bruehl, Hans Moritz

London London, 26.01.1789

1.e4 d5 2.e5 Bf5 3.g4 Bg6
4.h4 h5 5.Nh3 Qd7 6.Nf4 Bf7
7.g5 g6 8.Bd3 e6 9.Nxg6
Bg7

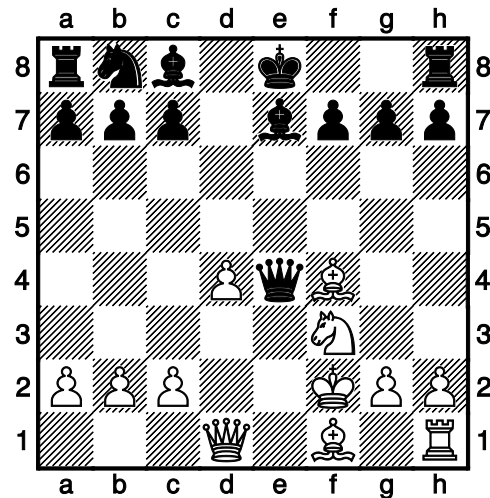


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Philidor, Francois Andre Dani – Cotter

London London, 11.01.1789

1.e4 e5 2.f4 d5 3.Nf3 exf4
4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Nc3 Qe6+
6.Kf2 Be7 7.d4 Nf6 8.Bxf4
Ne4+ 9.Nxe4 Qxe4

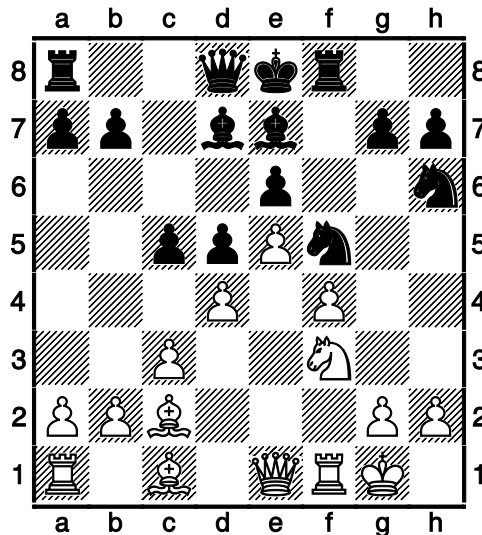


10.Bxc7 Nc6 11.Bd3 Qe6
12.Re1 Qxa2 13.Bb5 Bd7
14.d5 Qxb2 15.dxc6 bxc6
16.Bxc6 Bxc6 17.Rxe7+
Kxe7 18.Qd6+ Ke8 19.Qxc6+
Ke7 20.Bd6+ Kd8 21.Qc7+
Ke8 22.Qe7#

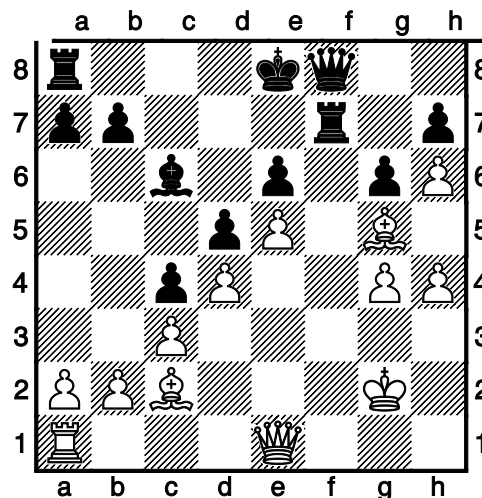
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**Philidor,Francois Andre
Dani – Von Bruehl,Hans
Moritz**

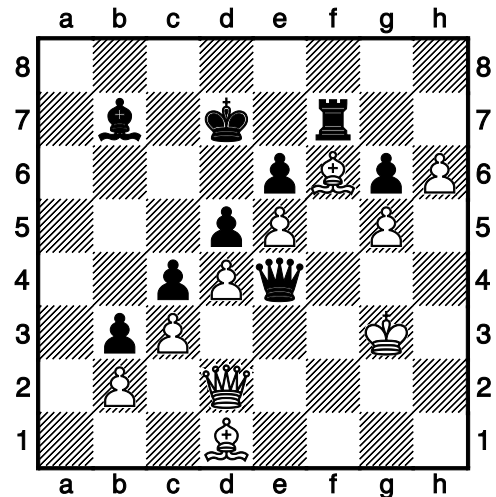
1.e4 e6 2.f4 Nh6 3.Nf3 d5
4.e5 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.Bd3 Ne7
7.0-0 Nef5 8.Bc2 Be7 9.Qe1
Bd7 10.d4 Rf8



11.g3 c4 12.h3 g6 13.g4 Nh4
14.Ng5 Bxg5 15.fxg5 Nf3+
16.Rxf3 Rxf3 17.Kg2 Rf7
18.gxh6 Qe7 19.h4 Qf8
20.Bg5 Bc6



21.a3 b5 22.Qe2 a5 23.Kg3
Kd7 24.Qe3 b4 25.axb4 axb4
26.Rxa8 Qxa8 27.Qd2 b3
28.Bd1 Qa1 29.h5 Qb1
30.Bf6 Bb7 31.hxg6 hxg6
32.g5 Qe4



33.Bg4 Qc2 34.Qg2 Qe4
35.Qh3 Qd3+ 36.Kh4 Qxh3+
37.Kxh3 Bc8 38.Kh4 Ke8
39.Bh5 Rh7 40.Bg7 gxh5
41.g6 Rxh6 42.Bxh6 Ke7
43.Bg7 Bd7 44.Kxh5 Be8
45.Kg5 Bf7 46.gxf7 Kxf7
47.Bf8 Kxf8 48.Kf6

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Bruce Carlin	David Hulme	Michael Thistlewood	
Richard Cleaves	Matthew Joy	Peter Turnbull	

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