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Readers' Contributions

We welcome articles and games submitted free of charge by our readers.

News Bytes

By the time you receive this issue, the ICCF Webserver Test Tournament (which Chess Mail is sponsoring) will be under way. See the inside back cover for more details.

World Cup X winner announced

Frank Schroeder (Germany) has won the final of ICCF World Cup X with 9½ points from 14 games.

ICCF Amici web magazine

The first issue of the ICCF Amici web magazine, edited by Alex Dunne, appeared in early June, with versions in HTML, MS Word and PDF. See <http://www.amici.iccf.com/>.

Changes at TCCMB

John Knudsen has moved The Correspondence Chess Message Board to a new and better server. Anyone can read the board but you must register for a password to post messages.

Online World Championship games

Most of the games of Patrick Spitz in World Championship XVIII Final can be seen at <http://ajec-echechs.org/tournois/wc18/wc18.html> and the games of Wolfram Schön are at <http://www.chessguru.de/palview/wc18f/wc18f.htm>.

Dearly departed

ICCF grandmaster Aleksei Tsvetkov died in St Petersburg on June 14. American tournament director Dr Gerald Benner also died recently.

ICCF Webserver tournament begins

THE first 273 rated games were put up ready to start play on the ICCF webserver on July 2, 2004. This was just before the magazine went to press so it was only possible to include some screenshots and this brief report.

In issue 6 I hope to have a preliminary assessment of the server with a more considered one at the end of the year.

The Chess Mail ICCF-Webchess Inauguration event consists of 13 sections of 7 each. There are 91 competitors, including 4 GMs, 5 SMs and 9 IMs. If I counted correctly, 36 countries are represented. About half the players are CM readers.

The official start-date is July 15 with a 10/60 time limit. The server should handle all time matters automatically. The TD is IA José Daniel Finkelstein.

Games are visible, both to the public and other competitors, with a 3-move delay without waiting for any results; these are two parameters that can be set for any particular event.

All sections are of mixed strength;

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Event: Chess Mail Iccf-Webchess Inauguration Section 1
 Game: Helbich, Ján
 Board: Chess board showing a game in progress. White to move.

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group winners will progress to a master final in 2005. There will be small prizes for section winners and the best-performing unrated and low-rated players.

It will be interesting to see how long it takes for all the games to be completed.

Enjoy the event!

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Chess Mail Iccf-Webchess Inauguration Section 8

Rated			TD Finkelstein, José Daniel							Score	SB	R	Place	
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7					
1		Thompson, Brian	1806	■							0	0	6	1
2		Baioni, Alfio		■	■						0	0	6	1
3		Daubenfeld, Nico	2304			■					0	0	6	1
4		Oakes, Barrie	2061				■				0	0	6	1
5		IM Hegoburu, Pedro Federico	2402					■			0	0	6	1
6		SM Vötter, Dr. Hans-Dieter	2418						■		0	0	6	1
7		Canibal, Dr. Jaromir	2411							■	0	0	6	1

The start date is 7/15/2004. There is no end date. Icf standard time control 10 moves in 60 days is used. 30 days of leave per year are available to each player. Linear conditionals can be entered.

Section crosstables look like this, with flags for nationalities and with a sponsor logo/link on the top right of the screen. The server should enter the results automatically.

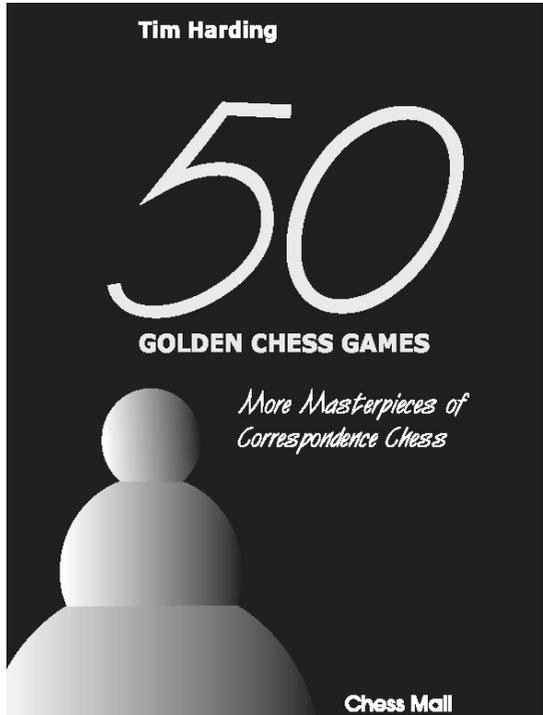
Early reactions to our new book

Tim Harding is the World Champion of writing the best correspondence books. 50 Golden Games and the previous one (64 Games) are my favourite books and I advise everyone to buy it and more important to study it; you will learn much and have fun, believe me!

CC World Champion Tunc Hamarat, Vienna

I must compliment you on '50 Golden Games', which I find a very good book. I wrote to a friend: "the book reads like a novel"...So, my congratulations! I hope many chess books from your hand are still to come!

CC-GM Ruud Maliangkay, Rotterdam



You are indeed a diligent writer and I don't know anybody in the world who has published so many good chess books.

CC-GM Hermann Heemsoth (Bremen, Germany)

Thank you very much for your latest very successful book "50 Golden Chess Games". I consider it one more significant contribution to the popularization of the correspondence chess game. You did a great job of selecting unique and interesting games from the ocean existing today thanks to the revolution in technology. **CC-GM Alik Zilberberg, California**

The fantastic introductory format... sets the scene before each game is given... The quality of the annotations is superb. Everyone, regardless of playing strength, cannot help but learn from these games. And, have a whale of a time while doing it. **John C Knudsen, www.correspondencechess.com**

Je vous conseille donc vivement l'achat de cet ouvrage, qui vous procurera des heures et des heures de passionnantes lecture et d'analyse au travers des plus belles pages de l'histoire du Jeu par Correspondance.

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