

the pawn a7. 11.Nxc6 Best. 11...bxc6 12.Nd4 Now the game seems pretty equal, perhaps White has a slight advantage but there's nothing Black should be afraid of.

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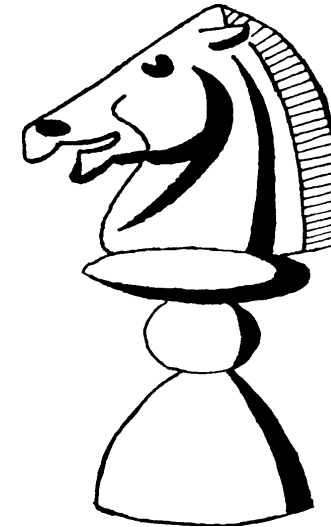
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Any member who is interested in this position can you please telephone or email me, see front cover for details.

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As always, please check that your results are correct and complete, and let me know if they are not!

Also I repeat my reminder that the results printed show what the SCCA players scored in the games I.e. 1 1 means 2 wins for us, not one win for each player! If you want your games to be considered for publication in "Checkmate" please send the scores to John Vivante-Sowter, our Games Editor, rather than to me. Recently I have been collecting the views of some of our stronger players on the vexed subject of the use of computers in correspondence chess. I include a selection later in the magazine, which I hope will help to clarify the issue a little.

<u>British Correspondence Chess Team Championship 2007-2008</u>					
Adjudication date is the 30th September 2008					
B1	John Vivante-Sowter	1	-	1	G S Botterill Old Bradfordians
B2	Peter Sanderson	0	-	0	G A D Crook HSBC
B3	Keith Franks	0.5	-	0	C Walton CS Administrators
B4	John Dyson	1	-	1	D A Philips BCCA "A"
B5	Robert Pallett	1	-	1	B Thompson BCCA "B"
B6	Geoff Lloyd	1	-	0.5	M Lychgoe Revenue & Customs
B7	Edward Sowden	1	-	1	J Couch Mensa
B8	David Hamblin	0.5	-	0	D Grobler Sheffield
B9	John Etherington	0	-	0	M Doxey Square Bashers
Current Team Score 10.5 / 18 points					

Final positions are
1st Square Bashers 15 pts, 2nd BCCA "A" 11.5 pts,
3rd Social CCA 10.5 pts.

pulsing it once again. 12.Qb3 Now White threatens to win the queen by Bc3. 12...Qf6 This is the only move to prevent the loss of the queen. After 12...Bf5 with the counterattack on b1, White's reply 13.c5 is a forced win. Try it out yourself and you will see. 13.c5 Now White's pressure on Black's a-side compensates widely the material disadvantage. Black's b-pawn will be lost and White's threat - when ever Black's bishop can't return to d7 - to give a check on b5 would be disastrous. I can't give a final assessment here as the position is at the very least unclear and any further analysis would be purely speculative. However this sub-line is like uncharted waters and I invite you to try it out yourself if you want to leave books, databases etc. to risk something really new though.] 3...d5 A most common reply as Black doesn't want to stay behind in development and therefore needs to free his minor pieces like the bishop. 4.exd5 Luring the queen into the centre in order to accelerate development . White opens by all means lines and files - the best strategy if leading in development . 4...Qxd5 There's nothing else and threatening to win the rook on a1 by a check on e5. 5.Nf3 Preventing Black from playing Qe5+. 5...e5 Black' best reply , as it should reduce White's lead in development and not accelerate it even more by taking on a3 . 6.axb4 Almost forced , as White has to get rid of the pawn on b4 in order to make further progress and to benefit from the central position of Black's queen , inviting further gains of tempi . 6...Bxb4 The only answer. 7.c3 Preparing the advance d4 and forcing Black to retreat the bishop. 7...Be7 Where to retreat this bishop? It might as well be placed on d6, however Black can't return to d8 with his queen then. 8.Na3 White's best chance to maintain the initiative when Black's queen is on d5 ,as the knight can go to b5 and also support White's Bc4. Now 8...Nf6 and 8...Nc6 have mostly been played in the few games existing so far in CC - but none in OTB! There are no games played at a high level and therefore reliable enough to refer here to theory. However it seems quite clear for me that White has enough compensation and many novelties may still be found if this line is taken up by other players. The following moves are an example for how the game could continue. 8...Nf6 Preparing to castle h-side. 9.Nb5 Threatening to fork both king and queen by playing Nc7+. 9...Qd8 The best reply. 10.Nxe5 Winning back the pawn. 10...Nc6 After 10...0-0 White could win

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1.e4 c5 2.b4 cxb4 Black has no choice. If allowing White to take on c5 the gambit already turned to account. And as Robert (Bobby) Fischer always used to say: You can only refute a gambit if accepting it! **3.a3** Trying to open further lines and files and to maximize the scope of the White bishop on c1 , as well as preparing to occupy the centre , supported by both knights and bishops , without being constricted by a Black pawn on b4 . [3.Nf3 For the moment White does not need to take care of the Black pawn on b4 but develops quickly instead . 3...Nc6 Reasonably developing his pieces. 4.d4 Of course -- taking possession of the centre and accelerating the development of his pieces . 4...d5 Stopping White's d-pawn from advancing . However, the early placement of Black's queen in the centre is enhancing White's chances to increase pressure on Black and to win some important tempi. 5.exd5 Luring Black's queen into the centre within the reach of White's minor pieces . 5...Qxd5 Forced. 6.c4 Winning a tempo , developing and increasing the threats simultaneously -- the main strategy of every gambit player ! 6...Qa5 Black could also have played : 6...bxc 7.Nxc3 Qa5 etc. , or retreat the queen to another square , like d8 . However , those moves would not refute White's strategy . This gambit has much more resources than the ones conceded until now by theory as well as by common practice in CC or OTB . 7.d5 Winning another tempo, or playing into Black's hands? 7...b3+ This is what Black had planned . 8.Bd2 However White's answer is leading to a forced move order Black can't avoid and at the end White still has the initiative. That's exactly the main characteristic of the Wing Gambit as many moves seem to be forced - or they really are. Whoever comes first will seize the initiative. 8...b2 An incredible position. Black queens his c-pawn within 5 moves and White had been initiating this development! Whenever you play this gambit you will have to familiarize yourself with that kind of positions and sudden deployments. 9.Bxa5 There's nothing else. 9...bxa1Q 10.dxc6 Diagramm # Would you ever believe that this position is the inevitable result of a Sicilian main line ? --- by the way , threatening mate in one by Qd8+ . 10...b6 Repulsing the threat... 11.c7 and renewing it... 11...Bd7 Re-

Well done to all the team on another win in this event!

Final positions: **1st Social "A" 12 pts**, 2nd Sheffield "B" 11 pts,
3rd CS Bureaucrats 9.5 pts.

British Correspondence Chess League 2007-2008						
Championship Division Adjudication Date 30/09/2008						
B1	John Vivante-Sowter	0.5	-	0.5	Alan Sutton	Sheffield "B"
B2	Peter Sanderson	1	-	0.5	N Lane	CS Bureaucrats
B3	Keith McLaughlin	0.5	-	0.5	B Morris	Eight of Hearts
B4	Keith Franks	1	-	1	Mike Duck	
B5	Robert Pallett	1	-	0.5	J Wheeler	Hastings
B6	John Dyson	1	-	1	G W Naldrett	Insurance "A"
B7	Edward Sowden	1	-	1	J Crouch	Mensa "A"
B8	Geoff Lloyd	0.5	-	0.5	K Johnson	Warrington
Current Team Score 12 / 16 points						
Premier Division Adjudication Date 30/09/2008						
B1	Derek Price	1	-	0.5	K Fenny	Mensa "B"
B2	Heinrich Schwenk	0.5	-	0	K J Williamson	Ubique
B3	John Etherington	0.5	-	1	R Bauld	CS Diplomats
B4	Geoff Rosser	0.5	-	1	B Fraser	Notts Mechanics
B5	David Richardson	0	-	1	M McGuigan	Braille
B6	Chris Dowell	1	-	1	M Hardwick	Seven Counties
B7	Gavin Ross	1	-	1	S Pettigrew	Friends of Chess
B8	Guy de Visme	1	-	1	D Ward	Warrington "B"
Current Team Score 12 / 16 points						

After last year's narrow escape from relegation, we finished up winners of this division, which means that next season we have two teams in the Championship! A mixed blessing, perhaps, but we have some strong members to play in the "B" team. Congratulations to the whole team! Final positions: **1st Social "B" 12 pts**, 2nd Ubique 11.5 pts.

Scottish Correspondence Chess League 2008

Adjudication Date is the 29th November 2008

No	Social Stars	Division 1	Opponent	Team
B1	Peter Doye	1 - 0.5	A Ashby	Civil Service "A"
B2	Peter Sanderson	0.5 - 0	R Montgomery	Brutal Realism
B3	Robert Pallett	1 - 0	A Dawson	Black Knights
B4	Geoff Lloyd	0.5 - 0.5	Derek Price	Social Dragons
B5	Edward Sowden	0.5 - 1	D Harvey	Perth Correspondents

Current Team Score 5.5 / 10 points

No	Social Dragons	Division 1	Opponent	Team
B1	Keith Franks	0 - 0	Richard Beecham	Black Knights
B2	John Dyson	1 - 0	Alan Borwell	Perth Correspondents
B3	Brian Goodwin	0.5 - 0	H Calder	Brutal Realism
B4	Derek Price	0.5 - 0.5	Geoff Lloyd	Social Stars
B5	John Etherington	0.5 - 0.5	D Laing	Civil Service "A"

Current Team Score 3.5 / 10 points

Division 2

No	Social Roses	W	Opponent	Team	B	Opponent	Team
B1	Geoff Rosser	0	Ian Reeman	KotB "A"	0	David Cumming	KotBB
B2	Chris Dowell		G D Bicknell	CSC		Neil Twitchell	CSB
B3	David Richardson	1	J Anderson	KotBB	0	C A MacGregor	KotB "A"
B4	Gavin Ross	0.5	P Noir	KotB "B"	0	J Grant	KotB "A"
B5	Mike Gifford	1	A O'Hare	CSC	0	D Scuffam	CSB

Current Team Score 2.5 / 8 points

The Sicilian Wing Gambit

As long as the Sicilian Opening exists so long exist the multiple attempts to find a refutation.

What are the main characteristics of the Sicilian:

Compared to 1.e4 e5 , the symmetry of the position is immediately broken in the Sicilian and both sides have to face an unbalanced position.

White will normally obtain a long-term initiative on the kingside and Black will seize the initiative on the queenside.

Sooner or later , White plays d4 and , after the exchange cxd4 , the open c-file will help Black to obtain excellent attacking chances on that file , particularly when White - as he often does - castles queenside.

The Sicilian is mostly favoured by players with good tactical skills but they must be aware of sudden attacks by White. The Sicilian is nowadays the most analyzed opening and very often the analysis goes far beyond the 20th or even 25th move.

The Sicilian Wing Gambit is one of the numerous attempts by White not only to escape the myriads of lines and sub-lines in the standard Sicilian but also to catch out Black from the very beginning . In most cases White gets an accelerated development and a central superiority as , if Black takes on b4 , White's d-pawn cannot be taken if advancing to d4 .

In the hands of a very skilled attacking specialist with the white pieces , this gambit could turn out very dangerous and insidious . Anyway independant of your strength, to play after 1.e4 c5 2.b4! will always be a surprise for your opponent and very often he might look in his books, games archives and databases without avail. There aren't many reliable games played and both sides will have to rely on their own brain. Even the engines are – depending on the move order – not vey helpful. How can you ask for more? There are many novelties yet to be found and only repeated confrontations in CC (Correspondence Chess) and OTB will prove if this gambit can pass its examination - but I am rather sure that it will.

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Edward Sowden (summing up the 'old school of thought!'): Myself (this may make you smile (I have had a Genius 5 or 6 programme, it was given to me years ago, and I look at it, and at least 80% of the time I do not agree with the findings, but it is useful for quickly moving the pieces about, and I still use it to record my games. I may have to join the many who have the new programmes and obtain one myself, but it is still not you who are playing. I must say I sometimes wish I had had one 20 years ago and I may now be a GM . The I.M. who said that all SCCA players should use one, in the long run I think he is right, but at my age it still goes against the grain.

John Vivante-Sowter: I would say that **every** SCCA team-member (in competitive match-play) should make use of the best computer and chess software that he can afford whether the rules of the CC body in question allow it or not. I think our opposition should not be given an unfair advantage in this way. In my view, the more natural ability a player has, the more use chess software is. In any case a weak player can't evaluate Fritz' output as well as a strong player, obviously, and computers do not have all the answers, or I for one would give up CC. Chess software makes a good slave but a poor master. Computers are only as good as their operators!

I would stress that the views above are those of our strongest players and I believe that the majority of our members, whether computer-literate or not, enjoy pitting their wits against players of comparable ability, even if this is considered naïve and old-fashioned, and are not afraid to lose as many games as they win. This is why I enjoy (indeed prefer) OTB chess which I suspect to be too stressful for some purely correspondence players. At my level I want to think of my own plans, flawed or not, and have the chance of recovering when I go into an endgame two pawns down, which I have done recently OTB and in correspondence.....© Geoff Rosser Match Captain.

Friendly Match SCCA v PPCC 2007-2008			
Adjudication date is the 30th November 2008			
B1	Ray Pomeroy	1 -	David Toms
B2	Frank Eastwood	1 - 0.5	Doug Newton
B3	Carl Pinel	0 - 0.5	Henry Brockbank
B4	Geoff Rosser	0.5 - 0	Robert Colvin
B5	Chris Dowell	-	Graham Curtis
B6	James Cairney	1 - 1	William Preston
B7	Gavin Ross	0.5 - 1	Keith Turner
B8	David Richardson	0.5 - 0.5	Peter Watkins
B9	Mike Gifford	0 - 0.5	Richard Davey
B10	Simon Brown	0.5 - 0.5	Victor Mathias
B11	Rupert Ansell	-	Phil Foley
B12	John Ellison	1 - 0	Colin Pountney
B13	David Beech (def)	0 - 0	Sam Mitchell
B14	Tony Rixon	1 - 0	Rob Davies
B15	Graham Ash	0.5 - 0	Stephen Burton
B16	Reg Stockwell	0 - 0	Stephen Ward
B17	Peter Morgan	1 - 0.5	Mike Collins
B18	Peter Dare	1 - 0	Peter Adepetun
B19	Eric Blackwell	1 - 0.5	Ian Fawcett
B20	Laura Dare	0 - 0	Terry Marlow
Current Team Score to date SCCA 15pts PPCC 20pts			

This looks like another fairly narrow win for PPCC, but there were some good individual performances from our players.

Friendly Match SCCA v BCCA 2008-2009				
Adjudication date is the 18th February 2009				
B1	Geoff Lloyd	0.5	-	0 R Withey
B2	Robert Pallett	0.5	-	0 Derek Gallimore
B3	Heinrich Schwenk	1	-	0.5 Phillip Beckett
B4	Edward Sowden	1	-	1 S W Thompson
B5	Ray Pomeroy	0.5	-	0 Mike Nevin
B6	Frank Eastwood	-		I C Gould
B7	Michael Furmston	1	-	0 S L Clark
B8	Carl Pinel	0	-	0 A Hurdle
B9	Geoff Rosser	0	-	0 J Tymms
B10	Tony Rixon	0	-	0 F McMahan
B11	Gavin Ross	0	-	0 G H Turner
B12	David Richardson	-		J T Walker
B13	Rupert Ansell	0.5	-	0.5 D Hirsch (Void)
B14	Chris Dowell	0	-	0 N H McMillan
B15	Simon Brown	1	-	1 D Handley
B16	David Beech (Def)	0	-	0 J R Crump
B17	Mike Gifford	0	-	0 S A Smyth
B18	Graham Ash	-		F Lovell
B19	Peter Morgan	0.5	-	0 W F Glassmire
B20	Reg Stockwell	-		A Tanner
B21	John Ellison	1	-	1 F T Crapper
B22	Peter Dare	1	-	0 B Pettigrew
B23	Laura Dare	-		J Hanoney
Current Team Score to date SCCA 12.5pts BCCA 23.5pts				

computers are operated by grandmasters, who make the final selection of move. Below are a selection of our stronger players views.
 Ian Pheby: I use a computer to consult my very large database of games to look at theory, much the same as anyone looks at an opening book. Both books and computers can be regarded as “works of reference” and as such may be used in correspondence chess. Overall, I use computer software where I think it is necessary, largely to make sure there is no immediate ‘bust’ of my plan. However, I do put a lot of effort into my games so whereas my move may be the move suggested by the computer it has not necessarily been generated by the computer.

Peter Doye: Computer-based analysis is certainly an important element at higher levels but maybe an unbalancing factor otherwise. At high levels, you generally would not - unless maybe you had access to Deep Blue - get very far relying on a computer; bear in mind for example that different engines come up with different 'best moves'. But computers can be a useful tool, as can for example paper-based opening books. The mind is the best tool.

David Hamblin: the question is really two-fold:

1. The use of databases including endgame table bases.
2. The use of chess software engines to generate moves.

The use of databases is the same as having a very large library. High quality databases are an invaluable tool but as with opening books etc most evaluations include a high level of engine-generated analysis. The main body ICCF allows the use of chess engines yet we still have GM's, IM's and ratings from 2800 down to 1500. Using an engine alone will not get you a GM or IM title as whilst engines are good tactically they are still suspect positionally. Like it or not engines are being used by most if not all players to some extent be it through direct move generation or analysis from books, databases etc. To allow everyone the same playing field I believe that you should allow the use of anything they wish to play their game.

Computers in correspondence chess

The subject was introduced by Robert Pallett, who was under the impression that the use of computers, in particular search engines, was banned by the Social CCA and assumed that this was also the case with the Scottish League, a view also held by Geoff Lloyd. However, both are aware that computers are used quite widely, while players are sometimes reluctant to admit it. Firstly, there is no specific ban on their use, probably because it would be impossible to enforce. Secondly, it seems clear that most top players make use of computers in various ways. The only reference I can find in the Scottish CCA rules is as follows:

Etiquette: Assistance or advice concerning CC play must not be sought, nor accepted, from any other person, but books, databases or works of reference may be consulted.

For the uninitiated, computers can be used as a kind of filing system, making it possible to record moves and save games. With a basic chess programme you can save your position and bring it back at any time, then play various moves and continuations to see what happens. This saves a lot of time moving pieces around a board and resetting them. I have often found that I try one move, eventually reject it, try others, then return to the first forgetting what I found wrong with it... Also it will prevent you making blunders, clerical errors, etc. I think at my level of play most players feel it is cheating to use a computer chess programme, and conscientiously avoid their use, even if they are familiar with computers and use chess programmes for other purposes, such as improving their play generally, recording their games, or playing on the internet. If everyone used a computer, I don't think I would win any games, as whenever I play against the computer it quickly demolishes me.

Search engines in chess programmes suggest moves from any position and evaluate the strength of each player's position, eventually settling on a 'best move.' You can then play further moves and see whether this results in either player's position improving or worsening. The more sophisticated the programme (and a new 'improved' version appears every year), the better the 'best move' (in theory) will be. The best OTB (over the board) players in the world have been beaten in matches against computers, though it should be said that the

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NEW Q30	Chris Lund-Yates	0 - 2	Ernest Allan
	Chris Lund-Yates (0)	0 - 2	Frank Eastwood
	<i>Ernest Allan (2)</i>	v	<i>Frank Eastwood (2)</i>
NEW Q31	<i>Bob Ryan (2)</i>	1 - 0	<i>Peter Dare (0)</i>
	Bob Ryan	1 - 1	John Ellison (3)
	Peter Dare	0 - 2	John Ellison
NEW Q32	<i>Charles Neil (0)</i>	v	<i>Martin Hardwick (0.5)</i>
	Charles Neil	0 - 2	Gavin Ross (3.5)
	Martin Hardwick	0.5 - 1.5	Gavin Ross
NEW Q37	Frank Eastwood	2 - 0	Martin Hardwick
	Frank Eastwood	1 - 1	Mark Alan Green
	Martin Hardwick	0 - 2	Mark Alan Green
1st Mark Green & Frank Eastwood 3 pts 3rd Martin Hardwick 0 pts			
NEW Q38	Dave Roberts	0 - 2	Paul Czyrski
	Dave Roberts	0 - 2	Laura Dare
	Paul Czyrski	2 - 0	Laura Dare
1st Paul Czyrski 4 pts Laura Dare 2 pts Dave Roberts 0 pts			
NEW Q39	Stephen Williams	2 - 0	Paul Czyrski
	Stephen Williams	2 - 0	Reg Stockwell
	Paul Czyrski	2 - 0	Reg Stockwell
1st Stephen Williams 4 pts 2nd Paul Czyrski 2 pts 3rd Reg Stockwell 0 pts			
NEW Q40	<i>Rupert Ansell (1)</i>	v	<i>Tony Rixon (0)</i>
	Rupert Ansell	1 - 1	James Cairney
	Tony Rixon	0 - 2	James Cairney (3)
NEW Q41	Stephen Williams	0 - 2	Rupert Ansell
	Stephen Williams (0)	0 - 2	John Etherington
	<i>Rupert Ansell (2)</i>	v	<i>John Etherington (2)</i>
NEW Q42	Tony Rixon	0 - 2	Gordon Barron
	Tony Rixon (0)	0.5 - 1.5	Alan Stacey
	<i>Gordon Barron (2)</i>	v	<i>Alan Stacey (1.5)</i>
NEW Q44	Andrew Allport	1 - 1	Tony Rixon
	<i>Carl Pinel</i>	1 - 0	<i>Tony Rixon (1)</i>
	<i>Carl Pinel (1)</i>	v	<i>Andrew Allport (1)</i>

NEWQ46	<i>Peter Pickering (1)</i>	v	<i>Bob White (0)</i>
	Peter Pickering	1 - 1	Stephen Williams (3)
	Bob White	0 - 2	Stephen Williams
NEW Q47	Mike Gifford	2 - 0	Nigel Aitken (0)
	<i>Mike Gifford (3)</i>	1 - 0	<i>Gavin Ross (2)</i>
	Nigel Aitken	0 - 2	Gavin Ross
NEW Q48	<i>Stefan Dung (0)</i>	v	<i>Brian Black</i>
	<i>Stefan Dung</i>	0 - 1	<i>Tony Rixon</i>
	<i>Brian Black (0)</i>	v	<i>Tony Rixon (1)</i>
NEW Q49	Stefan Dung	0 - 2	Geoff Rosser
	<i>Stefan Dung (0)</i>	v	<i>Robert Norris (0)</i>
	Geoff Rosser (4)	2 - 0	Robert Norris
NEW Q50	<i>Mark Alan Green (2)</i>	v	<i>James Waddington</i>
	Mark Alan Green	2 - 0	Robert Norris
	<i>James Waddington (0)</i>	v	<i>Robert Norris (0)</i>
NEW Q51	<i>Peter Dare (0)</i>	v	<i>Brian Black</i>
	<i>Peter Dare</i>	v	<i>Martin Hardwick (0)</i>
	<i>Brian Black (0)</i>	v	<i>Martin Hardwick</i>
NEW Q52	David Cumming	2 - 0	Frank Eastwood
	David Cumming	2 - 0	John Etherington
	Frank Eastwood	2 - 0	John Etherington

1st David Cumming 4pts 2nd Frank Eastwood 2pts 3rd John Etherington 0pt

NEW Q53	David Cumming (4)	2 - 0	Peter Grant
	David Cumming	2 - 0	Mike Gifford (1)
	Peter Grant (0)	0 - 1	Mike Gifford
NEW Q54	Laura Dare (0)	0 - 1	Ray Pomeroy
	<i>Laura Dare</i>	v	<i>Martin Hardwick (0)</i>
	<i>Ray Pomeroy (1)</i>	v	<i>Martin Hardwick</i>
NEW Q55	Geoff Phillips (4)	2 - 0	Peter McGuire
	Geoff Phillips	2 - 0	Peter Morgan (0)
	<i>Peter McGuire (0)</i>	v	<i>Peter Morgan</i>
NEW Q56	<i>Geoff Phillips</i>	v	<i>Stephen Williams</i>
	<i>Geoff Phillips</i>	v	<i>Stan Warren</i>
	<i>Stephen Williams</i>	v	<i>Stan Warren</i>
NEW Q60	Peter Grant (2)	2 - 0	Nigel Aitken
	<i>Peter Grant</i>	v	<i>Martin Hardwick (0)</i>
	<i>Nigel Aitken (0)</i>	v	<i>Martin Hardwick</i>
NEW Q61	<i>Charles Neil (0)</i>	v	<i>Peter Morgan</i>
	<i>Charles Neil</i>	v	<i>John Ellison (2)</i>
	Peter Morgan (0)	0 - 2	John Ellison

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Candidates Section 2

Peter Grant, Tony Rixon, Alan Stacey, Stefan Dung, Peter Dare.

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Division 1 Brian Goodwin, Robert Pallett, Ray Pomeroy, Mike Gifford, Gavin Ross, Geoff Rosser.

Division 2a Peter Pickering, Andrew Allport, Peter Grant, David Richardson, Carl Pinel

Division 2b Chris Dowell, Roger Oscroft, Heinrich Schwenk (email) John Etherington, Peter Ackley.

Division 3 Peter Morgan, Peter Dare, David Cumming, Stefan Dung,

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B2 Keith Franks v R V M Hall
B3 John Dyson v N Limbert
B4 Peter Sanderson v R J Wakefield
B5 David Hamblin v K W McLaughlin
B6 Rob Pallett v J M Sargent
B7 Geoff Lloyd v G Patrick
B8 Edward Sowden v M Doxey
B9 Peter Ackley v B Askew

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Team "A"

B1 John Vivante-Sowter v K McLaughlin
B2 Keith Franks v C Kidd
B3 John Dyson v D Jaundrell
B4 Peter Sanderson v M Duck
B5 Rob Pallett v N Lane
B6 Geoff Lloyd v D M Howard
B7 Peter Ackley v D Glossop
B8 John Etherington v D H Clitheroe

Team "B"

B1 K McLaughlin v John Vivante-Sowter
B2 Edward Sowden v D Grobler
B3 David Cumming v J S Shaw
B4 Heinrich Schwenk v A Maxwell
B5 Simon Brown v F Reynolds
B6
B7 Guy De Visme v A Reynolds
B8 David Richardson v A Read

Division 2 Team "C"

B1 Gavin Ross v J Coats
B2 Peter Grant v G Barron
B3 Chris Dowell v S Cage
B4 Peter Morgan v R Upton
B5 Martin Hardwick v N Lovesey
B6 R White v A O'Hare
B7 Alan Stacey v S Burton
B8 Peter Dare v C Dickson

Adjudication date for unfinished games in these events is 30th September 2009.

I should be interested to hear from anyone who is prepared to step in as a reserve in an emergency, rather than resign please contact me.

NEW Q64	Alan Stacey	v	Bob Ryan
	Alan Stacey	v	Ray Bull
	Bob Ryan	v	Ray Bull
NEW Q65	David Cumming	v	Peter Ackley
	David Cumming	v	Ernest Allan
	Peter Ackley	v	Ernest Allan
NEW Q66	David Cumming (2)	v	James Waddington
	David Cumming	2 - 0	Gregory Bailey (00)
	James Waddington (0)	v	Gregory Bailey
NEW Q67	Alexander Mathiopoulos	v	Mike Gifford
	Alexander Mathiopoulos	v	Alan Stacey
	Mike Gifford	v	Alan Stacey
NEW Q68	David Cumming	v	David Richardson
	David Cumming	v	John Ellison
	David Richardson	v	John Ellison
NEW F6	Mike Gifford	0.5 - 1.5	David Richardson
	Mike Gifford	2 - 0	Alan Stacey
	David Richardson	1.5 - 0.5	Alan Stacey

1st David Richardson 3pts 2nd Mike Gifford 2.5 pts Alan Stacey 0.5 pts

CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVE RICHARDSON OUR 8TH WINNER

NEW F9	Mike Gifford (2)	2 - 0	Graham Ash
	Mike Gifford	v	James Waddington (0)
	Graham Ash (0)	v	James Waddington
NEW F12	Andrew Allport	0.5 - 1.5	Bob Ryan
	Andrew Allport	0 - 2	John Etherington
	Bob Ryan	0 - 2	John Etherington

1st John Etherington 4pts 2nd Bob Ryan 1.5pts 3rd Andrew Allport 0.5pts

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN ETHERINGTON OUR 3RD WINNER

NEW F13	Alan Stacey (0.5)	0.5 - 0.5	Gavin Ross
	Alan Stacey	0 - 2	John Etherington (3)
	Gavin Ross (0.5)	0 - 1	John Etherington
NEW F14	Mike Gifford	v	Paul Czyski
	Mike Gifford	v	Geoff Phillips
	Paul Czyski	v	Geoff Phillips
NEW F15	Mark Andrew Green	v	James Cairney
	Mark Andrew Green	v	Stephen Williams
	James Cairney	v	Stephen Williams
NEW F16	Frank Eastwood	v	Geoff Rosser
	Frank Eastwood	v	Stephen Williams
	Geoff Rosser	v	Stephen Williams

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	Oscroft	0 - 2	Dowell	
Preliminary	Ash	0.5 - 1.5	Rixon	
Round	Allan	1.5 - 0.5	Webley	
	Richardson	0.5 - 1.5	Gifford	
Semi-Final	Dowell	2 - 0	Rixon	
	Allan	1.5 - 0.5	Gifford	
Final	Dowell	0.5 - 1.5	Allan	

CONGRATULATIONS TO ERNEST ALLAN

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	Grant	2 - 0	Pinel	
Preliminary	Gifford	0.5 - 1.5	Cairney	Major
Round	Pomeroy	0 - 1	Black	Major
	Rixon	0.5 - 1.5	Blackwell	
Semi-Final	Grant	0.5 - 1.5	Cairney	
	Black	1.5 - 0.5	Blackwell	
Final	Cairney	v	Black	

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	Stacey	1 - 1	C White	Major
Preliminary	Brown	1.5 - 0.5	Stockwell	
Round	Grant	2 - 0	Morgan	
	Roberts	0 - 1	Neil	Major
Semi-Final	C White	0 - 2	Brown	
	Grant	0.5 - 1.5	Neil	
Final	<i>Brown</i>	v	<i>Neil</i>	

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	Gifford	2 - 0	C White	
Preliminary	Pinel	2 - 0	Ainsworth	
Round	Ross	1 - 0	Oscroft	Major
	Black	1 - 1	Stacey	Major
Semi-Final	Gifford	v	Pinel	
	Ross	v	Black	

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	R White	2 - 0	Laura Dare	
Preliminary	Gifford	1 - 1	De Visme	Draws
Round	Ryan	0.5 - 1.5	Black	
	C White	0 - 2	Pinel	
Semi-Final	<i>R White</i>	v	<i>De Visme</i>	
Adj 31/07/2009	<i>Black</i>	v	<i>Pinel</i>	

David Beech
Trevor Sherliker
Chris Lund-Yates
Eric Blackwell ↑
Paul Czyski ↑
Kris Chesters
David Rimmer
Charles Neil ↑
Frank Ainsworth ↑
Dave Roberts
Peter Dare ↑
(↑) Rating Increase
Grading Officer Jonathan Webley

SCCA Internal Grading List October 2008

John Dyson ↑

John Etherington ↑

Heinrich Schwenk ↑

Laurie MacKellar

Geoff Rosser ↑

Mike Gifford ↑

Austin Lockwood ↑

Gavin Ross ↑

Brian Black ↑

KO 188

Preliminary
Round

Semi-Final
Adj 31/05/2009
Final

KO 189

Preliminary
Round

Semi-Final
Adj 31/07/2009

KO 194

Preliminary
Round
Adj 31/03/2009

KO 196

Preliminary
Round
Adj 31/04/2009

KO 197

Preliminary
Round
Adj 30/04/2009

KO 198

Preliminary
Round
Adj 31/08/2009

KO 199

Preliminary
Round
Adj 31/08/2009

Cairney 2 - 0
Rixon 0 - 2
Pickering 0 - 2
Pomeroy 2 - 0
Cairney 0 - 2
Grant 0 - 2
Waddington v
Gifford 0.5 - 1.5
Hardwick 0 - 2
C White 0 - 2
Allport 1 - 1
Etherington 2 - 0
Stockwell v
Gifford 2 - 0
Morgan v
Waddington v
Beech v
Green v
Pickering v
Rosser 1.5 - 0.5
Pomeroy v

Ryan 2 - 0
Ash 2 - 0
Waddington v
Cumming 1.5 - 0.5

Pallett v
Ansell v
Etherington v
Schwenk v
De Visme v
Waddington v
Blackwell v
Gifford v

Hardwick
Waddington
Grant
Morgan
Waddington
Pomeroy
Pomeroy
Etherington
Stacey
Stockwell
Black
Stacey
Black
Neil
Ms L Dare
Ansell
Rixon
Gifford
Waddington
Grant
Ansell

Ms L Dare
Roberts
Stacey
Cairney

Pheby
Lockwood
Franks
Bailey
Pickering
Rixon
Stacey
Ryan