

# Dragon's Fire

The Newsletter of the Welsh Correspondence Chess Federation



**Welcome** to the 2nd edition of Dragon's Fire.

It's been a busy time since the last edition: We have started a number of new friendlies including one with 2 OTB Grandmasters taking part—more on this in the Matches Section.

Preparation for the ICCF Congress continues with a growing Attendance list and program me of events.

More on this in the Congress section.

The WCCF AGM was held in January—the main issues of note for players was :

- The Introduction of a Welsh Cup Event
- Three new Honours for Welsh Players

Details in the AGM Section.

Finally we are running the British Webserver Championships. Entry Fee is £20 per Team of 4. More details Later inside!

Thank-you to all those who who have signed up to my "Friendlies Team":

recruiting now

Russell Sherwood, Ian Jones, Helen Sherwood, Gareth Yeo, Adam Davies, Dale Canon, David Guy, Alex Sherwood, Vaughan Thomas, Bill Flew, Marc Wakeham, Arthur Wilding, Malcom Chugg, Phillip Dean, Aytac Yuce, Margaret Baron—it makes it great knowing that we have a backbone of a team readily available!

As indicated elsewhere I am looking to arrange one more friendly for the summer—details will come out by email!



## Deadlines

### British Webserver Championship

1st June

### Welsh Cup

23rd June

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**Mug Shots** A new feature of the ICCF server is to allow players to upload an Photo

Mine can be seen at <https://www.iccf.com/player?id=810161>

I encourage you to upload yours as well. To make it more interesting ICCF are running a competition at <https://www.iccf.com/message?message=750>

So why not give it a go?

## Annotated Game—Sort of!

This edition I bring you a game from a recent game from a ICCF Master Class Promotion Event (<https://www.iccf.com/event?id=45493>) . The game itself is not remarkable in itself but does allow a discussion around Opening Preparation and Engines.

There is a belief that Chess Engines are play close to perfect chess.! The reality is rather different.; Chess Engines are only as strong as the knowledge encoded in them and search depth they achieve. This still makes them awfully strong but it does still leave areas for the exploitation !

This game came about as a outcome of opening research I undertook to find lines to punish faulty “natural” moves and also look for position’s Engines do not understand. I’m not saying my opponent used an engine or not but the game does show the potential with a bit of diligent homework!



1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e6 7.f3 b5 8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.a3 Bb7 10.g4 Nb6 11.O-O-O Rc8 12.Kb1 Be7 13.g5 Nfd7 14.Rg1

In all honesty what move would you have made as black here? Well my opponent played o-o , after which he is in deep trouble. The Statistics in this position show white scoring between 80-90% from here, yet the Major Chess Engines do not see the Danger unless they are “led by the hand”.

Yet most human players would put a question mark over o-o in this position—Black is just about to castle into the Storm!

So where does this leave us—We can consider

- Engines are not seeing, all powerful
- Attention must be made to Opening theory and statistics
- The player’s assessment and sense of danger still has a place in Modern Chess!



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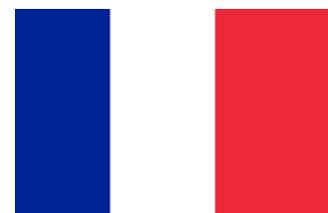


## Friendly Matches



### WLS-FRA 2015, Wales - France 2015

	Wales	TD Ylönen, Olli	White		Black		France	
			White	Black	White	Black		
Board 1	Sherwood, Russell	2313	.	.	.	.	IM LePage, Claude	2414
Board 2	Sherwood, Russell	2313	.	.	.	.	Oger, Claude	2343
Board 3	Claridge, John B.	2232	.	.	.	.	SIM Sage, François	2341
Board 4	Claridge, John B.	2232	.	.	.	.	Burnet, Luc	2327
Board 5	Sherwood, Helen	2143	.	.	.	.	Ronat, Olivier	2317
Board 6	Dean, Philip	2135	.	.	.	.	Bobel, Philippe	2302
Board 7	Dean, Philip	2135	.	.	.	.	Hömske, Markus	2297
Board 8	Griffiths, Martyn J.	2120	.	.	.	.	Nouveau, Laurent	2274
Board 9	Jones, Ian	2110	.	.	.	.	Lefebvre, Alain	2263
Board 10	Jones, Ian	2110	.	.	.	.	Audie, Alain	2252
Board 11	Yüce, Aytaç	2081	.	.	.	.	Danzanvilliers, Patrice	2251
Board 12	Clough, Fred	2027	.	.	.	.	Duchardt, Alexandre	2234
Board 13	Yeo, Gareth	1984	.	.	.	.	Schaub, Marc	2207
Board 14	Evans, Nicholas	1980 <sup>F</sup>	.	.	.	.	Vaillant, Frédéric	2168
Board 15	Davies, S.	1976	.	.	.	.	Bontems, Cyrille	2147
Board 16	Davies, Adam	1800 <sup>P</sup>	.	.	.	.	Fonteneau, Brice	2138
Board 17	Cannon, Dale	1800 <sup>P</sup>	.	.	.	.	Camps, Jean-Pierre	2097
Board 18	Wilson, Mark	1800 <sup>P</sup>	.	.	.	.	Brisson, Pascal	2066
Board 19	Meara, Paul	1800 <sup>P</sup>	.	.	.	.	Comien, Romain	2066
Board 20	Sherwood, Alexander	1800 <sup>P</sup>	.	.	.	.	Budin, Florent	2026
Board 21	Thomas, V.	1800 <sup>P</sup>	.	.	.	.	Dard, Michel	2001
Board 22	Denham, Colin	1800 <sup>P</sup>	.	.	.	.	Simonet, Daniel	1964
Board 23	Richards, Michael	1800 <sup>P</sup>	.	.	.	.	Flecher, Joseph	1941
Board 24	Davies, Jonathan	1800 <sup>P</sup>	.	.	.	.	Durlin, Michel	1932
Board 25	Collins, Eleanor	1800 <sup>P</sup>	.	.	.	.	Charpentier, Denis	1894
Board 26	Baron, Margaret	1740	.	.	.	.	LeSavouroux, Hervé	1874
Board 27	Guy, David T.	1701	.	.	.	.	Fermen, Guy	1744
Board 28	Flew, Bill	1647	.	.	.	.	Verslype, Sylvie	1695
Board 29	Wakeham, Marc R.	1503	.	.	.	.	Renard, Stéphane	1800 <sup>P</sup>
Board 30	Chugg, Malcolm	1414	.	.	.	.	Lamy, Odette	1800 <sup>P</sup>
Total:			0	0	0	0		



Our largest Friendly to date has a kick off date of 28th May.

We are out-graded on Most boards with a expected score of 16.7/60—However I suspect we will beat this with ease!

Good Look to all taking place including a number of debutants.



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## CZE-WLS 2015, Czech Republic-Wales

	Czech Republic		TD Ylönen, Olli				Wales	
	White	Black	White	Black	White	Black		
Board 1	Mezera, Lukáš	2364	.	.	.	.	Sherwood, Russell	2313
Board 2	SIM Sýkora, Josef	2331	.	.	.	.	Sherwood, Russell	2313
Board 3	Trš, Jan	2225	.	.	.	.	Claridge, John B.	2232
Board 4	Svršek, Radomír (*1938)	2214	.	.	.	.	Sherwood, Helen	2143
Board 5	LIM Kubíková, Hana	2152	.	.	.	.	Sherwood, Helen	2143
Board 6	Látal, František	2136	.	.	.	.	Dean, Philip	2135
Board 7	Portych, Václav	2109	.	.	.	.	Jones, Ian	2110
Board 8	Cakl, Miloslav	2076	.	.	.	.	Jones, Ian	2110
Board 9	Doležal, Petr	2067	.	.	.	.	Yüce, Aytac	2081
Board 10	Berko, Michal	2050	.	.	.	.	Bevan, Peter M.	2001
Board 11	Beneš, Jiří	2015	.	.	.	.	Yeo, Gareth	1984
Board 12	Skula, Jindřich	2011	.	.	.	.	Yeo, Gareth	1984
Board 13	Nožička, Vladislav	1978	.	.	.	.	Robertshaw, Dr. Andrew M.	1972
Board 14	Hlaváček, Ladislav	1956	.	.	.	.	Davies, Adam	1800 <sup>P</sup>
Board 15	Horák, Jaroslav	1944	.	.	.	.	Davies, Adam	1800 <sup>P</sup>
Board 16	Volf, Michal	1941	.	.	.	.	Cannon, Dale	1800 <sup>P</sup>
Board 17	Ohera, Drahomír	1932	.	.	.	.	Evans, Nicholas	1800 <sup>P</sup>
Board 18	Brunclík, Vladimír	1928	.	.	.	.	Cannon, Dale	1800 <sup>P</sup>
Board 19	Chlubna, Josef	1821	.	.	.	.	Sherwood, Alexander	1800 <sup>P</sup>
Board 20	Krett, Vladimír	1806	.	.	.	.	Sherwood, Alexander	1800 <sup>P</sup>
Board 21	Malár, Josef	1800 <sup>P</sup>	.	.	.	.	Richards, Michael	1800 <sup>P</sup>
Board 22	Bubeníček, Miloslav	1767 <sup>N</sup>	.	.	.	.	Richards, Michael	1800 <sup>P</sup>
Board 23	Dojčinovič, Miroslav	1704	.	.	.	.	Denham, Colin	1800 <sup>P</sup>
Board 24	Kocian, Štefan	1675	.	.	.	.	Guy, David T.	1701
Board 25	Prikryl, Vít	1658	.	.	.	.	Guy, David T.	1701
Board 26	Ježek, Otakar	1610	1	1	0	0	Wakeham, Marc R.	1503
Board 27	Uxa, Tomáš	1587	.	.	.	.	Wilding, Arthur	1456
Board 28	Lanča, Leo	1568	.	.	.	.	Chugg, Malcolm	1414
Total:			2	0				



Also recently started we have a 28 board friendly with the Czech Republic. Early Days yet—our expected score is 25/56—so a fairly close result is expected in this event.

For those players who do not play our in our Friendlies—remember they Free and are great fun to play in!

An Interesting Fact—Our most prolific Friendly player is Malcom Chugg—having played in 18 events to date!



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## IND-WLS 2015, Wales - India 2015

Wales		TD Ylönen, Olli				India	
		White	Black	White	Black		
Board 1	Lockwood, Austin 2372	.	.	.	.	Gupta, Abhijeet 2629 <sup>F</sup>	
Board 2	Sherwood, Russell 2313	.	.	.	.	Sethuraman, S. P. 2634 <sup>F</sup>	
Board 3	Adams, Mark 2284	.	.	.	.	Das, Arghyadip 2459 <sup>F</sup>	
Board 4	Claridge, John B. 2232	.	.	.	.	Sengupta, Deep 2576 <sup>F</sup>	
Board 5	Sherwood, Helen 2143	½	.	.	½	Prakash, Om 2338	
Board 6	Dean, Philip 2135	.	.	.	.	Saxena, Alok 2258	
Board 7	Jones, Ian 2110	.	.	.	.	Chatterjee, Dr. Ambar 2254	
Board 8	Jones, Ian 2110	.	.	.	.	Akkaraju, Sailesh Chandra 2176	
Board 9	Yüce, Aytay 2081	.	.	.	.	Mohanakrishnan, B. 2133	
Board 10	Bevan, Peter M. 2001	.	.	.	.	Trivedi, Kalapi B. 2115	
Board 11	Yeo, Gareth 1984	.	.	.	.	Khan, Shams 2073	
Board 12	Robertshaw, Dr. Andrew M. 1972	.	.	.	.	Gupta, Vibhor 2065	
Board 13	Slupski, Mark 1905	.	.	.	.	Gupta, Aniruddha Dutta 1910	
Board 14	Davies, Adam 1800 <sup>P</sup>	.	.	.	.	Vijayan, Dhanesh 1671	
Board 15	Davies, Adam 1800 <sup>P</sup>	.	.	.	.	Dutt, Bulusu Someswara 1538	
Board 16	Evans, Nicholas 1960 <sup>F</sup>	.	.	.	.	Dutta, Amit 1800 <sup>P</sup>	
Board 17	Cannon, Dale 1800 <sup>P</sup>	.	.	.	.	Das, Saurabh 1800 <sup>P</sup>	
Board 18	Sherwood, Alexander 1800 <sup>P</sup>	.	.	.	.	Agrawal, Rakesh 1942	
Board 19	Guy, David T. 1701	.	.	.	.	Krishna, Pandava 1800 <sup>P</sup>	
Board 20	Wakeham, Marc R. 1503	1 <sup>E</sup>	1 <sup>E</sup>	0 <sup>E</sup>	0 <sup>E</sup>	Shetty, Karthik 1800 <sup>P</sup>	
Board 21	Wilding, Arthur 1456	0	0	1	1	Atteri, Rajasekhar 1800 <sup>P</sup>	
Board 22	Chugg, Malcolm 1414	.	.	.	.	Bhattacharyya, Anindya 1800 <sup>P</sup>	
Total:		2.5		2.5			

A really treat of a Friendly Match this one! Our opponents are fielding a number of OTB players , including 3 GM's and an IM.!!



Our own line up is slightly less glamorous but we are confident of giving a good account of ourselves and generating at least one upset (Not withstanding the result on Board 5 to date!)

We are Expected to score 16.5/44 in this match—who knows an upset might be possible here.

I wont post Austin's replay when he found out his opponent was a former Junior World Champion or my own when I found out my opponent was ranked just outside of the Top 100!



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Email team captain

FIN-WES 2015, Finland - Wales 2015

Finland			TD De Blois Figueredo, Adrián (IA)				Wales	
			White	Black	White	Black		
Board 1	IM Raivio, Pertti	2395	½	½	½	½	Sherwood, Russell	2310
Board 2	Teeriaho, Tuomo	2351	½	½	½	½	Sherwood, Russell	2310
Board 3	Laine, Jari	2267	.	.	.	.	Claridge, John B.	2225
Board 4	Lehtinen, Pentti	2258	.	.	.	.	Dean, Philip	2094
Board 5	Mujunen, Martti	2242	½	½	½	½	Jones, Ian	2083
Board 6	Kuosmanen, Kari	2232	.	.	.	.	Yüce, Aytac	2071
Board 7	Heilala, Tapio	2204	.	.	.	.	Sherwood, Helen	2035
Board 8	Tocklin, Tomi	2196	½	½	½	½	Sherwood, Helen	2035
Board 9	Pesonen, Sakari	2189	.	.	.	.	Clough, Fred	2032
Board 10	Fagerström, Mikko	2151	.	.	.	.	Davies, S.	1976
Board 11	IM Huuskonen, Matti	2148	½	.	.	½	Yeo, Gareth	1960 <sup>F</sup>
Board 12	Salonen, Jukka	2140	.	.	.	.	Yeo, Gareth	1960 <sup>F</sup>
Board 13	Ruokokoski, Hannes	2139	.	1 <sup>E</sup>	0 <sup>F</sup>	.	Evans, Nicholas	1961 <sup>F</sup>
Board 14	Koskinen, Pertti	2114	.	.	.	.	Davies, Adam	1800 <sup>P</sup>
Board 15	Varonen, Mauri	2073	.	.	.	.	Cannon, Dale	1800 <sup>P</sup>
Board 16	Varonen, Hannu	2019	½	.	.	½	Sherwood, Alexander	1800 <sup>P</sup>
Board 17	Satosuo, Raimo	2009	1	.	.	0	Thomas, V.	1800 <sup>P</sup>
Board 18	Laine, Erkki	1990	1	1	0	0	Baron, Margaret	1769
Board 19	Saharinen, Petri	1945	1	1	0	0	Guy, David T.	1691
Board 20	Salminen, Jussi	1927	1	.	.	0	Guy, David T.	1691
Board 21	Pihlajamäki, Jaakko J.	1756	1	0	1	0	Flew, Bill	1688
Board 22	Karpoff, Kari	1703	0	0	1	1	Wakeham, Marc R.	1530
Board 23	Heino, Jari	1602	1	.	.	0	Chugg, Malcolm	1495
Board 24	Räsänen, Timo	1446	0	1	0	1	Wilding, Arthur	1467
Board 25	Arppi, Merja	1863	1	.	.	0	Richards, Michael	1800 <sup>P</sup>
Board 26	Ahonen, Markku Olavi	1800 <sup>P</sup>	.	1	0	.	Richards, Michael	1800 <sup>P</sup>
Total:			17		9			



Our expected score in this event is 15/52—so we are well on the way to beating this—also when I look at the open games I see quite a few more points coming our way! Well Done to Bill Flew, Marc Wakeham and Arthur Wilding on recording wins!



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## WLS-SchM 2015, Wales v Scheming Mind 2015

Wales:		TD Beckett, Phillip J. (IA)				SchemingMind.com	
		White	Black	White	Black		
Board 1	Sherwood, Russell 2310	0	½	½	1	Mercader Martínez, Juan Gustavo 2374	
Board 2	Sherwood, Russell 2310	½	½	½	½	Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús 2329	
Board 3	Dean, Philip 2094	.	.	.	.	Pinchon, François 2315	
Board 4	Dean, Philip 2094	.	.	.	.	SIM Vivante-Sowter, John 2312	
Board 5	Jones, Ian 2083	½	½	½	½	Elburg, John 2298	
Board 6	Yüce, Aytaç 2071	.	.	.	.	Laine, Jari 2267	
Board 7	Sherwood, Helen 2035	.	.	.	.	Hollands, George 2217	
Board 8	Sherwood, Helen 2035	½	½	½	½	Cousins, Robert 2207	
Board 9	Clough, Fred 2032	.	½	½	.	Duchardt, Alexandre 2215	
Board 10	Yeo, Gareth 1960 <sup>F</sup>	1	1	0	0	Farkas, Lajos 2173	
Board 11	Yeo, Gareth 1960 <sup>F</sup>	1	½	½	0	Kjeldsen, Karsten 2118	
Board 12	Evans, Nicholas 1961 <sup>F</sup>	.	.	.	.	Price, Derek 2091	
Board 13	Davies, Adam 1800 <sup>P</sup>	.	.	.	.	Parente, António 2076	
Board 14	Cannon, Dale 1800 <sup>P</sup>	.	.	.	.	Turóczy, Péter 2076	
Board 15	Sherwood, Alexander 1800 <sup>P</sup>	1	.	.	0	Grummitt, William 1955	
Board 16	Thomas, V. 1800 <sup>P</sup>	1 <sup>E</sup>	1 <sup>E</sup>	0 <sup>E</sup>	0 <sup>E</sup>	Ikonomopoulos, Ilias 1911	
Board 17	Baron, Margaret 1769	0	1 <sup>E</sup>	0 <sup>E</sup>	1	Hamer, John 1934	
Board 18	Guy, David T. 1691	.	.	.	.	Druś, Michał 1806	
Board 19	Flew, Bill 1688	0	0	1	1	Waller, Anthony 1800 <sup>P</sup>	
Board 20	Wakeham, Marc R. 1530	0	0	1	1	Huff, David C. 1765	
Board 21	Chugg, Malcolm 1495	0	0	1	1	Holt, Frank 1644	
Board 22	Wilding, Arthur 1467	1 <sup>E</sup>	1 <sup>E</sup>	0 <sup>E</sup>	0 <sup>E</sup>	Claxton, Tom 1612	
Total:		13.5		12.5			

Despite a ratings expectation of 13/44 we are currently leading this event by a slim margin. Looking at individual games I believe we have a reasonable chance of an outright win but I expect it to be oh so close!



My thanks go to Phil Beckett in helping to set this match up at short notice after we had been let down by others!

Well Done to Gareth Yeo, Alexander Sherwood, Vaughan Thomas and Arthur Wilding on recording wins!



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## GER-WLS 2015, Wales - Germany 2015

		TD Pyrich, George D. (IA)					
Wales		White	Black	White	Black	Germany	
Board 1	Sherwood, Russell 2310	½	½	½	½	Rohs, Rudolf 2310	
Board 2	Sherwood, Russell 2310	½	½	½	½	Zielasko, Andreas 2306	
Board 3	Williams, John L. 2264	.	.	.	.	Schunck, Franz 2260	
Board 4	Dean, Philip 2094	.	.	.	.	Schmidt, Torsten (Jessnitz) 2155	
Board 5	Jones, Ian 2083	½	½	½	½	Höxter, Heinrich 2097	
Board 6	Jones, Ian 2083	.	.	.	.	Petzold, Gunter 2084	
Board 7	Yüce, Aytaç 2071	.	.	.	.	Wimmer, Ralph G. 2073	
Board 8	Sherwood, Helen 2035	½	½	½	½	Klug, Christian 2048	
Board 9	Sherwood, Helen 2035	1	1	0	0	IM Traut, Gerhard 2016	
Board 10	Robertshaw, Dr. Andrew M. 1921	½	½	½	½	Heiermann, Ludger 1988	
Board 11	Bevan, Peter M. 2028 <sup>F</sup>	½	½	½	½	Hansen, Marco 1940	
Board 12	Baron, Margaret 1769	.	.	.	.	Schuster, Petra 1919	
Board 13	Yeo, Gareth 1960 <sup>F</sup>	½	½	½	½	Fröhlich, Stefan 1826	
Board 14	Davies, Adam 1800 <sup>P</sup>	.	.	.	.	Gottwald, Simon 1800 <sup>P</sup>	
Board 15	Cannon, Dale 1800 <sup>P</sup>	1	1	0	0	Martins, Karin 1814	
Board 16	Evans, Nicholas 1961 <sup>F</sup>	.	0	1	.	Reindel, Otmar 1800 <sup>P</sup>	
Board 17	Cannon, Dale 1800 <sup>P</sup>	½	.	.	½	Riess, Bernhard 1800 <sup>P</sup>	
Board 18	Guy, David T. 1691	0	0	1	1	Langer, Michael S. 1800 <sup>P</sup>	
Board 19	Guy, David T. 1691	0	0	1	1	Breuer, Falk 1800 <sup>P</sup>	
Board 20	Sherwood, Alexander 1800 <sup>P</sup>	1	1	0	0	Mecklenburg-Wängler, Wolfgang 1800 <sup>P</sup>	
Board 21	Thomas, V. 1800 <sup>P</sup>	0	0	1	1	Wilhelm, Robert 1800 <sup>P</sup>	
Board 22	Flew, Bill 1688	0	0	1	1	Sallwey, Rainer 1765	
Board 23	Wakeham, Marc R. 1530	½	0	1	½	Schramm, Leonore 1744	
Board 24	Wilding, Arthur 1467	0	0	1	1	Böcker, Marcus 1689	
Board 25	Chugg, Malcolm 1495	0	0	1	1	Wilshusen, Horst 1648	
Total:		14		22			

A fascinating and evenly put together match for which I must thank my German Colleague. Much still to play for with our target by ratings being 21.5/50

Well Done to Helen Sherwood, Dale Cannon and Alex Sherwood in recording Wins!



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## SCO-WLS 2015, Scotland - Wales

			TD Ylönen, Olli					
Scotland			White	Black	White	Black	Wales	
Board 1	IM Mackintosh, Iain	2437	½	½	½	½	Sherwood, Russell	2310
Board 2	Paine, Dr. Kevin	2297	.	.	.	.	Dean, Philip	2094
Board 3	Lloyd, Geoffrey	2263	.	.	.	.	Jones, Ian	2083
Board 4	IM Pyrich, George D.	2168	.	.	.	.	Yüce, Aytay	2071
Board 5	Campbell, Eoin S.	2147	½	½	½	½	Sherwood, Helen	2035
Board 6	Stewart, Dr. Kenneth W. C.	2095	.	.	.	.	Bevan, Peter M.	2040 <sup>F</sup>
Board 7	Price, Derek	2091	.	½	½	.	Robertshaw, Dr. Andrew M.	1921
Board 8	Burridge, Raymond John	1986	½	½	½	½	Yeo, Gareth	1960 <sup>F</sup>
Board 9	Goodwin, Brian J.	1952	.	.	.	.	Davies, Adam	1800 <sup>P</sup>
Board 10	Coope, Derek William	1912	.	.	.	.	Cannon, Dale	1800 <sup>P</sup>
Board 11	MacGregor, Colin A.	1883	.	.	.	.	Evans, Nicholas	1874 <sup>F</sup>
Board 12	Armstrong, Alan	1882	.	.	.	.	Cannon, Dale	1800 <sup>P</sup>
Board 13	Campbell, Iain S.	1824	.	.	.	.	Baron, Margaret	1769
Board 14	Gilbert, Robert	1813	1	0	1	0	Guy, David T.	1691
Board 15	MacMillen, Andrew N.	1739	.	.	.	.	Sherwood, Alexander	1800 <sup>P</sup>
Board 16	Dempster, Dave	1753	1	1	0	0	Flew, Bill	1688
Board 17	Carswell, David	1634	1	1	0	0	Wakeham, Marc R.	1530
Board 18	Moir, Patrick	1619	1	½	½	0	Wilding, Arthur	1467
Board 19	Armstrong, John M.	1599	1	1	0	0	Chugg, Malcolm	1495
Board 20	McKinstry, John	1568	.	0	1	.	Thomas, V.	1800 <sup>P</sup>
Total:			12		6			



With an ratings expectation of 15/40 an upset does not appear to be on the cards. However we have a very solid group of players still to complete games so I believe we will at least beat our ratings target.

Well Done to David Guy and Vaughan Thomas on recording wins!



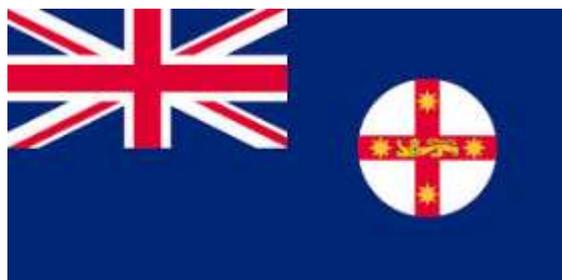
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## WLS-NSW 2015, Wales - New South Wales 2015

Board	Wales	Rating	TD Ylönen, Olli				New South Wales	Rating
			White	Black	White	Black		
Board 1	Sherwood, Russell	2310	0	½	½	1	SIM Kerr, Stephen	2470
Board 2	Sherwood, Russell	2310	½	½	½	½	Willow, Dr. Max	2278
Board 3	Dean, Philip	2094	.	.	.	.	Gross, M. C.	2179
Board 4	Jones, Ian	2083	½	½	½	½	Thew, Brian W.	2164
Board 5	Jones, Ian	2083	.	½	½	.	Jones, Brian	2157
Board 6	Yüce, Aytac	2071	.	.	.	.	Plew, Jeffrey	2039 <sup>F</sup>
Board 7	Sherwood, Helen	2035	1	1	0	0	Garland, Norman	2099
Board 8	Bevan, Peter M.	2040 <sup>F</sup>	½	0	1	½	Maylott, Peter S.	2076
Board 9	Sherwood, Helen	2035	½	0	1	½	Lane, Nancy	2007
Board 10	Robertshaw, Dr. Andrew M.	1921	.	½	½	.	Hough, Greg	2000
Board 11	Yeo, Gareth	1960 <sup>F</sup>	1	½	½	0	Ramsden, Jim E.	1984
Board 12	Davies, Adam	1800 <sup>P</sup>	1	1	0	0	Williams, J. M. P.	1800 <sup>P</sup>
Board 13	Cannon, Dale	1800 <sup>P</sup>	.	.	.	.	Brodie, Peter	1912
Board 14	Evans, Nicholas	1874 <sup>F</sup>	.	½	½	.	Wilson, Gregory	1882
Board 15	Cannon, Dale	1800 <sup>P</sup>	1	1	0	0	Groenhout, Ron	1810
Board 16	Baron, Margaret	1769	.	.	.	.	Parsons, Colin	1773
Board 17	Guy, David T.	1691	1	1	0	0	Chen, Song	1645
Board 18	Guy, David T.	1691	0	0	1	1	Wilkes, Adam	1814
Board 19	Sherwood, Alexander	1800 <sup>P</sup>	1	1	0	0	Williams, J. M. P.	1800 <sup>P</sup>
Board 20	Flew, Bill	1688	1	1	0	0	Walters, Theresa	1800 <sup>P</sup>
Board 21	Wakeham, Marc R.	1530	0	0	1	1	White, Christopher	1800 <sup>P</sup>
Board 22	Wilding, Arthur	1467	1 <sup>E</sup>	1 <sup>E</sup>	0 <sup>E</sup>	0 <sup>E</sup>	Clayton, Graham	1624
Board 23	Chugg, Malcolm	1495	0	0	1	1	Walters, Brenden	1496
Board 24	Thomas, V.	1800 <sup>P</sup>	1	1	0	0	Hunt, Joshua	1461
Total:			22.5		14.5			



Our ratings expectation for this event was 21/48 which we have already beaten!!

Although its still possible for our Australian Friends to catch us its highly unlikely so a win here looks likely!!

Well Done to Helen Sherwood, Gareth Yeo, Adam Davies, Dale Cannon, David Guy, Alexander Sherwood, Bill Flew, Arthur Wilding and Vaughan Thomas on recording wins!



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## POL-WLS 2014, Wales-Poland 2014

	Wales	Rating	TD Pyrich, George D. (IA)				Poland	Rating
			White	Black	White	Black		
Board 1	Balshaw, Anthony	2368	½	.	.	½	GM Pierzak, Rafael	2508
Board 2	Sherwood, Russell	2270	½	0	1	½	Mirkowski, Piotr	2286
Board 3	Sherwood, Russell	2270	1	½	½	0	Sodomski, Andrzej	2253
Board 4	Jones, Ian	2073	½	.	.	½	Pazderski, Ludwik	2244
Board 5	Jones, Ian	2073	½	.	.	½	Krygier, Ireneusz	2227
Board 6	Yüce, Aytaç	2071	.	.	.	.	SIM Lubas, Józef	2197
Board 7	Yüce, Aytaç	2071	.	.	.	.	Wydornik, Robert	2188
Board 8	Clough, Fred	2028	½	½	½	½	Kolanek, Roman	2169
Board 9	Yeo, Gareth	1960 <sup>F</sup>	.	½	½	.	Stepaniec, Łukasz	2135
Board 10	Sherwood, Helen	1957	.	½	½	.	Wilczek, Ryszard	2123
Board 11	Sherwood, Helen	1957	½	½	½	½	Kułakiewicz, Mariusz	2096
Board 12	Wilson, Mark	1800 <sup>P</sup>	0	0	1	1	Szerlak, Andrzej	2068
Board 13	Meara, Paul	1800 <sup>P</sup>	0	0	1	1	Korchut, Adam	2059
Board 14	Davies, Adam	1800 <sup>P</sup>	1	.	.	0	Purzycki, Jan	2039 <sup>F</sup>
Board 15	Baron, Margaret	1765	.	0	1	.	Lukaszewicz, Przemysław	1909
Board 16	Guy, David T.	1733	0	0	1	1	Domaraczeńko, Krzysztof	1866
Board 17	Flew, Bill	1660	½	0	1	½	Król, Piotr	1825
Board 18	Wakeham, Marc R.	1586	0	0	1	1	Szymański, Paweł	1800 <sup>P</sup>
Board 19	Chugg, Malcolm	1510	0	0	1	1	Głowiński, Daniel	1780
Board 20	Chugg, Malcolm	1510	0	0	1	1	Herman, Monika	1800 <sup>P</sup>
Board 21	Wilding, Arthur	1453	0	0	1	1	Szopa, Janusz	1800 <sup>P</sup>
Total:			8		23			

Our Ratings expectation for this event was 12/42—which we will probably just exceed on current performance—Well Done to Adam Davies on recording a win in this tough event!



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## VEN-WLS 2014, Wales v Venezuela 2014

		TD Beckett, Phillip J. (IA)					
Wales		White	Black	White	Black	Venezuela	
Board 1	Sherwood, Russell 2245	½	½	½	½	Eman, Juan 2226	
Board 2	Yüce, Aytaç 2057	½	½	½	½	Verenzuela, Jesus 2201	
Board 3	Jones, Ian 2019	½	0	1	½	Piña, José Manuel 2168	
Board 4	Sherwood, Helen 1800 <sup>P</sup>	½	½	½	½	Yurick, Leon 2054	
Board 5	Yeo, Gareth 1800 <sup>P</sup>	1	½	½	0	Alejos, Pedro Alejandro 2006	
Board 6	Thomas, V. 1800 <sup>P</sup>	0	0	1	1	Galué, Marcos 1997	
Board 7	Wilson, Mark 1800 <sup>P</sup>	0	0	1	1	Colina, Alejandro 1945	
Board 8	Meara, Paul 1800 <sup>P</sup>	.	1	0	.	Obregon, Victor 1897	
Board 9	Baron, Margaret 1800 <sup>P</sup>	0	0	1	1	De Paz Glez, Yasset 1800 <sup>P</sup>	
Board 10	Davies, Adam 1800 <sup>P</sup>	1	.	.	0	Rivas Terán, Rubén Dario 1800 <sup>P</sup>	
Board 11	Guy, David T. 1741	0	0	1	1	Villalba, Leonardo 1869 <sup>F</sup>	
Board 12	Flew, Bill 1654	1	1	0	0	Suinaga, Williams Jose 1800 <sup>P</sup>	
Board 13	Wakeham, Marc R. 1600	0	0	1	1	Sayas, Roberto 1793	
Board 14	Chugg, Malcolm 1505	0	0	1	1	Acacio, Arcenio 1653	
Total:		9		17			



With only two games to go this event is now beyond us! Well done to Paul Meara, Gareth Yeo, Adam Davies and Bill Flew on recording wins. By rating we were expected to score 10/28—something we will still probably achieve.

This match was a rematch following a draw in 2013. I will be looking for a re-match to the rematch later this year!

The Venezuelans are a highly active Friendly Match playing nation and one who I am sure we will continue to lock horns with on a regular basis!



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## Friendly Matches—Summary

		Start	Boards	Weblink	For	Against	Open
Wales	Peru	Oct-12	13	<a href="http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=31327">http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=31327</a>	15.5	10.5	0
Wales	Sweden	Nov-12	9	<a href="http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=32242">http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=32242</a>	3.5	14.5	0
Wales	Netherlands	Apr-13	19	<a href="http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=36206">http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=36206</a>	16.5	21.5	0
Wales	Spain	Jun-13	15	<a href="http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=37811">http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=37811</a>	11.5	18.5	0
Wales	Venezuela	Aug-13	6	<a href="http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=39352">http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=39352</a>	6	6	0
Wales	Latvia	Sep-13	10	<a href="http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=39577">http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=39577</a>	6	14	0
Wales	USA	Dec-13	21	<a href="http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=40945">http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=40945</a>	20	22	0
Wales	Ireland	May-14	5	<a href="http://www.iccf.com/event?id=43701">http://www.iccf.com/event?id=43701</a>	4	6	0
Wales	Venezuela	Aug-14	14	<a href="http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=45168">http://www.iccf.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=45168</a>	9	17	2
Wales	Poland	Nov-14	21	<a href="https://www.iccf.com/event?id=48874">https://www.iccf.com/event?id=48874</a>	8	23	11
Wales	NSW	Jan-15	24	<a href="https://www.iccf.com/event?id=49791">https://www.iccf.com/event?id=49791</a>	20.5	14.5	13
Wales	Scotland	Jan-15	20	<a href="https://www.iccf.com/event?id=49879">https://www.iccf.com/event?id=49879</a>	4.5	10.5	25
Wales	Germany	Jan-15	25	<a href="https://www.iccf.com/event?id=50105">https://www.iccf.com/event?id=50105</a>	13.5	21.5	15
Wales	Scheming Mind	Feb-15	22	<a href="https://www.iccf.com/event?id=50274">https://www.iccf.com/event?id=50274</a>	13	12	19
Wales	Finland	Feb-15	26	<a href="https://www.iccf.com/event?id=50523">https://www.iccf.com/event?id=50523</a>	8.5	14.5	29
Wales	India	Apr-15	22	<a href="https://www.iccf.com/event?id=52532">https://www.iccf.com/event?id=52532</a>	2.5	2.5	39
Wales	Czech Rep	May-15	28	<a href="https://www.iccf.com/event?id=52981">https://www.iccf.com/event?id=52981</a>	0	0	56
Wales	France	May-15	30	<a href="https://www.iccf.com/event?id=53173">https://www.iccf.com/event?id=53173</a>	0	0	60
ROE	Germany	Mar-14	7	<a href="http://www.iccf.com/event?id=42350">http://www.iccf.com/event?id=42350</a>	5	8	1
ROE	Italy	Mar-14	6	<a href="https://www.iccf.com/event?id=51661">https://www.iccf.com/event?id=51661</a>	0.5	0.5	11

So we now sit having played 20 Friendly matches since October 2012—making us (for our size) one of most active Friendly playing nations. I am planning one more friendly for the summer (as not to clash with the Welsh Cup and other events ) and then expect to restart the Program after Congress (when we expect to get a number of offers!)

Our performance continues to improve and through this route we have “battle hardened” a number of players now making their way to the higher end of the Ratings Tree



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## **Post Bag**

As always a summary of some of the questions I have been asked recently.....

Q. How are the Board Orders selected for Friendly Matches

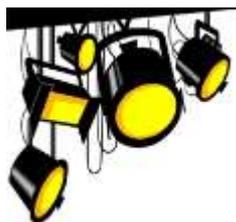
A. I (RS) use ratings to generate a rough order and then may tweak this based on my knowledge of Form and other factors.

Q. Who decides who gets to play in the Major Team Events?

A. Generally RS and AL will put together a rough cut of players "in the frame" and this is then finalised by the Executive Committee.

Q. Why is there no Welsh Championship?

A. The simple answer is that in the past we did not see it as being a strong enough event . We do intend to run a Welsh Cup over 2015-2016 and then review the timing of a Welsh Championship in 2016



## **Norm Watch**

### Senior International Master

Austin Lockwood (9)

John Claridge (11)

### International Master

Austin Lockwood (9)

Anthony Balshaw (19)

John Claridge (11)

No changes here but this is likely to change over the few months! In simple terms a player need to obtain the title over a minimum of 24 eligible games



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## AGM

The WCCF AGM was held on January 28th

The main outcomes were:

- Current Officers to remain in place
- Three New Welsh Titles
- Welsh Cup
- Constitution Changes
- Cardiff Congress Organisation.

What is the shortest game of chess you have played or witnessed? I will let you know the details of a match I recently TD'ed (fully anonymised to protect the "innocent"!) in the next edition. This game was Four (!! ) Moves long!!

How many Chess Openings can you name based on the name of players?



## MEET THE TEAM

President: David Owen Vaughan

Secretary: Austin Lockwood

Treasurer: Russell Sherwood

International Secretary: Russell Sherwood

Committee: David Owen Vaughan, Austin Lockwood, Russell Sherwood, Ian Jones, Mark Adams



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## Match Results

Our ratings prediction for this event was 19.5/80, which we have already achieved, despite having had to replace two players.

Great results for individuals but also indicative of the development work we still need to undertake to be truly competitive at this level

### EU/TC10/sf1, 10th European Team Championship - Semifinal 1

TD Glaser, Karel (IA)

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place	
1		Russia	2475		2.5	2.5	3	3	2	2	3	2.5	4	5	29.5	58	9	3	50	30	1
2		Czech Republic	2417	2.5		1	3	3.5	2.5	2	2	3.5	2.5	2.5	25	52	2	0	48	32	2
3		Poland	2406	3.5	1		2.5	2	2.5	1.5	3	2	2	4.5	24.5	55	5	2	44	36	3
4		Latvia	2432	3	3	2.5		4	1.5	2	3	1	0.5	2	22.5	50	0	1	45	35	4
5		Wales	2243	2	2.5	2	2		1.5	1.5	2	3	1.5	4	22	40	-11	1	55	25	5
6		Germany	2433	2	3.5	2.5	1.5	3.5		0.5	2.5	0	1.5	3.5	21	58	6	0	36	44	6
7		Slovenia	2362	2	2	1.5	3	3.5	0.5		2	2.5	1	2	20	55	4	0	36	44	7
8		Finland	2388	2	2	2	2	4	1.5	1		1.5	1	2.5	19.5	43	-6	1	45	35	8
9		Italy	2390	1.5	2.5	2	1	3	0	2.5	3.5		2.5	1	19.5	50	0	0	39	41	9
10		England	2361	1	2.5	2	2.5	2.5	1.5	1	2	1.5		3	19.5	52	2	0	37	43	10
11		Norway	2316	1	1.5	1.5	2	4	1.5	2	2.5	2	1		19	38	-11	1	49	31	11

### MT-Løvholt2/sf1, 2nd Thor Løvholt Team Tournament Semi-Final 1

TD Limbert, Neil (IA)

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
1		Belarus	2203		3	4	3	3	3	4	4.5	4.5	5	34	62	14	14	54	0	1
2		Italy	2232	3		2.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	4.5	3.5	4.5	32	59	10	15	54	0	2
3		Bulgaria	2224	2	3.5		3	3	3	3.5	4	4	5	31	57	8	13	54	0	3
4		Slovakia	2208	3	2.5	3		2.5	3.5	3	2.5	4.5	4.5	29	53	4	9	54	0	4
5		France	2180	3	2.5	3	3.5		3.5	2	3	3	5	28.5	52	3	10	54	0	5
6		Finland	2217	3	2.5	3	2.5	2.5		2.5	2.5	4	4	26.5	49	-1	6	54	0	6
7		Portugal	2130	2	2.5	2.5	3	4	3.5		2	2.5	4	26	48	-2	7	54	0	7
8		Russia	2118	1.5	1.5	2	3.5	3	3.5	4		2.5	4	25.5	48	-2	9	53	1	8
9		Norway	2189	1.5	2.5	2	1.5	3	2	3.5	2.5		3.5	22	41	-9	5	53	1	9
10		Wales	1855	1	1.5	1	1.5	1	2	2	2	2.5		14.5	26	-25	0	54	0	10

We were unable to avoid a wooden spoon in this event—although this was unsurprising considering the ratings difference.

This has been excellent experience and with recent results in the Tri-Nations I look forward to a much more competitive

Welsh Team in the next iteration of this event!



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## The Tri-Nations Tournament

### GB/TriNat/2014, British Tri-Nations 2014

TD Siefring, Dr. Carl L.

			1	2	3	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
1	Wales	1948		17.5	15	32.5	81	25	4	40	0	1
2	England	2018	2.5		11.5	14	34	-12	2	40	0	2
3	Scotland	1942	5	8.5		13.5	33	-13	0	40	0	3

Having won this event at a canter in 2014 we now look forward to the 2015 renewal of this event. This years event is much stronger than last year with all Teams 70-120 ratings points stronger on Average

### GB/TriNat/2015, British Tri-Nations 2015

TD Ylönen, Olli

			1	2	3	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
1	Wales	2015		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	1
2	Scotland	2018	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	40	1
3	England	2145	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	40	1

Helen Sherwood	2143
Phillip Dean	2135
Ian Jones	2110
Aytac Yuce	2081
Gareth Yeo	1984
Adam Davies	1800
Fred Clough	2027
Andrew Robertshaw	1972
Peter Bevan	2001
Mark Slupski	1905

Good Luck to all our players—having look at the opposition on each board I can confirm this “Friendly” event will be a keenly fought competition !



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## ICCF Congress 2015

A reminder that the annual ICCF Congress will be held in Cardiff from 16th - 22nd August 2015. This will be the first time Congress has been held in Wales, and follows Krakow, Poland (2013) and Sydney, Australia (2014).

ICCF Delegates and officials from around the world will descend on the Mercure Holland House Hotel and Spa on Newport Road for the week, where there will be several meetings and events.

<https://congress2015.welshccf.org.uk/>

WCCF would like to get as many Welsh players involved as possible - this is your Congress, so please do come along and see what's going on.

The schedule of events is here:

[https://congress2015.welshccf.org.uk/article.aspx?article\\_id=4](https://congress2015.welshccf.org.uk/article.aspx?article_id=4)

The opening party will be on Sunday 16th August at Tiger Tiger in Cardiff; this is a WCCF event and all Welsh players are warmly invited to attend. You will get the chance to meet some top CC Grand Masters, perhaps even World Champions, as well as several senior ICCF officials. Tickets are free to Welsh players and include a complimentary cocktail on entry and one free drinks voucher, but are they limited, so please let Austin Lockwood know if you intend to attend as soon as possible.

The opening ceremony will take place on the morning of Monday 17th August from 09:30 to 10:30, this will be a formal affair with speeches by Ken Skates AM, Deputy Minister for Culture Sport and Tourism; David Vaughan, WCCF President; and Eric Ruch, ICCF President. Entertainment will be provided by a harp, baritone and soprano trio.

Welsh national titles (see elsewhere in this issue) will be presented at the opening ceremony of Congress by Ken Skates AM. If you are receiving a national title, please do come along to receive it in person; there is plenty of seating in the room, so feel free to bring your families, friends and their cameras. (Please let us know if you do intend to attend the opening ceremony, so that we can make sure there is enough tea and coffee to go around at the interval!).

The rest of the morning will be taken up with international ICCF title award presentations - hopefully a Welsh player will have won one by then!



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The opening ceremony, and all meetings of Congress (except the Executive Board and Management Committee meetings) are open to observers, and a seating area will be provided.

For those who prefer to *play* chess, rather than just talk about it, there will be two events you can enter:

On the evening of Wednesday 19th August there will be a friendly blitz tournament at the Mercure Holland House Hotel; please contact Austin if you're interested in playing in this tournament.

On the evening of Thursday 20th August there will be a chess match between ICCF players and Welsh Chess Union players at the Norwegian Church in Cardiff Bay; Mark Adams is organising the Welsh team for this event, please contact him directly if you'd like to play.

On a more practical note, we're interesting in hearing from anyone who is willing and able to volunteer some time meeting and driving delegates to and from Cardiff Airport.

Correspondence Chess becomes much more interesting, not only when you get to meet fellow players from around the world in person, but also when you can see how decisions are made (and what your delegate is voting for!), and you have the opportunity to meet senior officials, including the President and members of the Executive Board. ICCF is an open and democratic organisation - Please do come along for at least one of the above events and give your support to WCCF.

Austin Lockwood

WCCF Secretary

ICCF Services Director

## Calling all Ladies!!

Later this year there will be a Ladies Olympiad and we are looking to recruit at least 2 more Lady players to allow us to field team. If you know of any eligible players in your club or area, please ask them and let me know!



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## ICCF Congress Proposals



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As part of the ICCF Congress a number of proposals are made each year to change the rules of the ICCF.

This year there are 41 (!) proposals. Please take the time to have a look through these at : (You will need to log on with you ICCF details)

<https://congress2015.welshccf.org.uk/iccf/proposals.aspx>

I wont attempt to go through them in detail but if you have any which you have a strong view on please let us know so we can take this into account when we decide how to vote.



## Welsh Titles

At the AGM it was decided to bring three titles into use. The first of these will be awarded at the ICCF Congress in August.

**Welsh Correspondence Chess Expert:** To achieve this the player must have reached a rating of 2100 on 4 ICCF Rating Lists and be of good standing with the WCCF

**Welsh Correspondence Chess Master:** To achieve this the player must have reached a rating of 2300 on 4 ICCF Ratings Lists and be of good standing with the WCCF

**WCCF Presidents Elite List:** In recognition of the fact that most players will never reached the heights of Expert and Master we decided to create an award which recognises those who regularly play for the WCCF. To achieve this award the player must complete 15 Friendly Events without defaulting and be of good standing with the WCCF



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## British Webserver Team Championship.

The third season of the Correspondence Chess British Webserver Team Tournament will start on Monday 15th June 2015.

The first two seasons were successfully organised by the EFCC; the third season will be organised by the Welsh Correspondence Chess Federation.

Previous winners are "Pawn Stars" (season one) and "ICCF Warriors" (season two). This event has turned out to be a very challenging team event, with several players at SIM and GM level playing in the first division, giving UK players a chance which they might not otherwise have to play against highly rated players.

Groups of friends, chess clubs and other associations across the UK are warmly invited to participate; the organisers are looking for teams of four players, two members of each team must be UK players, but the other two can be from anywhere in the world. Players of all standards are welcome; there will be enough divisions set up to accommodate all teams entered.

Please don't hesitate to contact the organisers if you have any questions (Russell Sherwood, [treasurer@welshccf.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@welshccf.org.uk), or Austin Lockwood, [secretary@welshccf.org.uk](mailto:secretary@welshccf.org.uk)).

### Registration

To enter, please send the following details by email:

- \* The name of your team
- \* The ICCF ID and name of the Team Captain
- \* The ICCF IDs, names, and board numbers of each of the four players

The Team Captain is not obliged to be included as a player.

Please also send the entry fee of £20 by PayPal to [treasurer@welshccf.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@welshccf.org.uk) (or please contact the WCCF treasurer at this address for details of cheque or direct bank payment).

The deadline for entry is Monday 1st June 2015, no entries will be accepted after this date.

At the moment there are over 21 Entries. If you wish to enter and do not have a team feel free to contact us and we can look to put adhoc teams together.



# Dragon's Fire

The Newsletter of the Welsh Correspondence Chess Federation



## Welsh Cup

At the AGM it was decided to instigate a Welsh Cup. The Entry Fee will be £5 per player/per section. The planned start date will be 30th June 2015

If you wish to take part in this event please contact Russell Sherwood at [leanthinker@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:leanthinker@hotmail.co.uk) by 23rd June 2015

### Structure

The Welsh Cup will be played over two rounds

\* Preliminary Round

\* Final

### Preliminary Round

The Preliminary Round of the Welsh Cup will consist of an unlimited number of five or seven player sections and is open to any Welsh player regardless of rating.

### Final

The Final of the Welsh Cup will consist of a single five or seven player section and is open to the winners of the previous season's Preliminary Rounds; best runners up may also be included at the discretion of the WCCF Executive Committee if there are insufficient qualifiers to complete a Final section.



