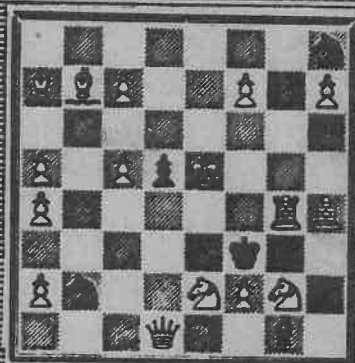


ROYAL AIR FORCE

Chess Club MAGAZINE



White to play (1)

PETER PUTT RETIRES FROM THE AIR FORCE!

A letter has arrived from our secretary and reads as follows:

"I am leaving the service within the next month to take up a civilian appointment in Germany. I have penned a letter to the Chairman and he will no doubt let you know who is taking over my duties in due course. I would like to retain my membership of the Club and hope to "do battle" with members stationed in Germany in the not too distant future. No doubt I shall feel the wrench (I hope your typewriter will not re-phrase that to "feel the wench" - one has to be so careful!) Perhaps you would convey in print my thanks to those members who continually turned out for representative matches which at times was at short notice due to my illness. Also thanks to the six members who answered my questionnaire, particularly, Geoff Collyer and Dennis Jones for their constructive comments. My best wishes for the continued success of the Club."

Editorial comment; I gather Pete's retirement has something to do with his long illness - and not with the lack of support that most of us gave him in his tour of duty as secretary. We all, I am sure, wish you the very best of everything in your retirement. Your enthusiasm for the Club and the game knew no bounds and will be missed by all. The RAF Chess Club will be poorer for your absence. I gather Robin Rowe (Cosford) is taking over the duties of secretary, at least until the Championships. We wish him luck in his new job.

All future correspondence for the Secretary then, to:-

Mr. R.J.S. Rowe,
Joint School of Photography,
RAF Cosford,
WOLVERHAMPTON,
Staffs.

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EDITORIAL

There are two important developments reported in this edition:-

1. The unfortunate resignation of our Secretary, Peter Putt, who through ill-health is retiring from the Air Force.
2. The championships are definitely on at Cosford and the number of entries to date is very high indeed. The organizer at Cosford, Robin Rowe, is giving the final date for acceptance of entries as 15 SEPTEMBER 1972. After that date no more entries will be accepted, so get your entry in NOW.

There is an entry form of the back of this magazine, and the entry fee of 50p need not be sent with your entry as it will be collected at Cosford. (This assumes that the majority of entrants are willing to pay this fee in order to swell the prize fund)

Robin Rowe has asked me to point out his address to you all. Some early forms had an incorrect address on them. The address given in this magazine is correct.

FIXTURE LIST FOR SEASON 1972 - 73

Please note in your diary the following dates:-

<u>OPPONENTS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
Battle of Britain Competitors	15 SEP 72	London
Championships	10-16 OCT	Cosford
Middlesex (Comb. Services)	4 Nov 72	London
Army	9 DEC 72	?
London Univ (Comb. Services)	20 JAN 73	London
G.L.C.	? FEB 73	London
Civil Service	3 MAR 73	London
Army	31 MAR	?
Lincolnshire	14 or 21 APR	Lincoln
Hunts & Peterboro	20 APR or 5 MAY 73	?
Wiltshire	19 MAY 73	Swindon

Please avoid these dates when organizing your own local fixtures.

NEWS SNIPPET

Three members of the RAF Chess Club entered for the Ilford Congress - Major Tournament. They were Dave Evans, Barry Hollyhoak and Peter Putt. Dave and Barry found trouble in getting going and Peter could only draw. He scored 2 wins & 4 draws out of 6 - but this didn't win any prizes. Barry also entered the Minor Tournament at the Manchester congress and fared better. He finished 2nd with 4 wins and 2 draws out of 6.

CYPRUS COMBINED SERVICES CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 1972

A report of the above has come to hand in the form of a letter from the Secretary of the RAF Cyprus Chess Club, John Barnes. Here is his letter in full:-

"You mentioned in the last edition of the magazine you were waiting to hear from Cyprus regarding our championships; well just before giving you the report I must correct a statement in the magazine and give you some club news.

The club is based at Limassol and not Akrotiri and the members are from various units based around that area, for example, Episkopoi and 1153 M.C.U. although I must admit most of the members are based at Akrotiri and live at Limassol.

Although quite large (20+) the membership has been greatly depleted recently due to the exodus of at least 10 of our more experienced players back to the U.K. this year. A notable ex-member is Barry Holtzack who played and won as usual at Board 5 against Hunts & Peterboro.

The club plays matches against several local teams and in general can hold their own, unfortunately we always succumb to Limassol Chess Club which is undoubtedly the strongest team on the Island and includes players of Olympiad standard. We are also involved in the P.C.L. run by 'Chess'. We have two teams entered plus another team of ex-members. Last year we did rather well finishing about mid-way in divisions 2 & 4 on our first attempt at postal chess.

The Cyprus Combined Services Championships were held again at Akrotiri this year, oddly enough there were more entrants for the Championship than for the Premier. However, the divisions were combined and we played a 9-round Swiss. After 3 rounds Jim Bain made all the running when he beat Dick Ballard by exchanging a knight and two pawns for a rook and winning a tight end-game. Unfortunately for Jim he weakened later on and Dick, without dropping another point, ended up champ for the second year running.

Our prodigy 11 year old Simon Corcoran won the Premier Division with Hugh Roche second. I'm sure we will hear a lot more of Simon in the future. The winner of the

Junior Division (13 entrants) was Peter Forrest who won 19 games with Mark Davies a close second. Once again the club is indebted to Jim's father C/T Bill Bain who gave up his time to be the Controller and helped to organise the show. Here is the final Combined table. An * indicates a premier division player.

Cyprus Combined Services Chess Championships

	1972				
	P	W	D	L	Pts.
1. R. Ballard	9	8	0	1	8
2. J. Bain	9	6	2	1	7
3. J. Barnes	9	6	0	3	6
4. J. Hulme	9	5	1	3	5½
5. T. Price-Ree	9	5	1	3	5½
6. J. Brumfitt	9	5	1	3	5½
7. D. Passmore	9	5	1	3	5½
8. S. Corcoran *	9	5	0	4	5
9. H. Roche *	9	4	1	4	4½
10. N. Rawlings *	9	4	1	4	4½
11. R. McNair *	9	3	0	6	3
12. J. Routier *	9	2	0	7	2
13. A. Gavin	9	1	0	8	1

Ties were decided on the Sonnenborg Berger system. Some of our members who are moving shortly include:

C/T John Barnes to Kinloss
Sgt Dick Ballard to Innsworth
SAC Dave Passmore to Upavon

If there are any spare magazines it would be appreciated if you would send them to us for new or prospective members."

A letter from Dennis Jones in answer to Peter Putt's

Comment in the last magazine.

Medical Stores
RAF Nocton Hall
Lincoln

Dear Ed. In the last issue of the magazine there was an article by Peter Putt in which a reference was made to locally organised matches interfering with RAF Chess Club fixtires. Peter is too tactful to mention names but we all know that the match in question was the one against Lincs on 25th February.

As one of the organisers of this match I feel that the record should be put straight on a couple of points. To begin with, I know we all regretted that the Army match had to be cancelled - everyone was hoping that the RAF could avenge that defeat last January. But I would like to make it absolutely clear that no member of the club who played at Lincoln on the day in question would have attended Sandhurst in any case! In fact we were all most emphatic that anyone who wished to play against the Army should do so. In every case the answer was the same - Sandhurst was too far away and too expensive. I do think that Peter glosses over these points in his article.

An examination of the team list for the Lincs match reveals that of the 15 players, only 6 could be said to be regular players at RAF fixtures. I don't know how many members there are currently in the club but I'll assume about 100 - 200. If a match has to be cancelled because of the absence of 6 players from a total like that, then it's a pretty sad comment on the state of affairs in our club.

I really am deeply sorry that the blame for the cancellation of the Army match should be laid at our door but I do feel that it really isn't justified. I can assure Peter that steps will be taken in the future, however, that a similar situation never occurs again.

Yours,

Dennis Jones.

A letter from Jack Elliott

Sgts Mess
RAF Leconfield
Beverly
Yorks

Dear Bob,

I had a nasty operation at RAF Nocton Hall recently and would like to pass on my thanks to Dennis Jones and Bill Eales for their time visiting me armed with chess sets.

They are the first serious games I have played after 8 years of enforced abstaining and they made me feel it!

Still, once again, thanks chaps. I only regret that Bill Eales leaves for Wegburg in October - and misses the Championships!

Sincerely

Jack Elliott.

Editorial comment :

I also recently had a stay at Nocton. (In my case I felt a bit of a fraud - just to have a tooth taken out!) - however I should like to endorse Jack's comments. Dennis gave me a right thumping too! Where else can you get Chess as a remedial?

A letter from Geoff Gollyer

In true Geoff fashion, a small chitty has filtered through to me about Geoff's great performance in the East Anglia Chess Tournament held at the University of East Anglia, Norwich on the 14th - 16th April. I gather that Geoff's performance won him £15! With some reluctance he was finally persuaded to send me this report. - Ed.

THE EAST ANGLIA CHESS TOURNAMENT

While the RAF players were engaged with Hunts & Peterboro, I was having my problems in the premier reserves section of the above tournament with 23 other players.

EAST ANGLIA (cont.)

The 3 other sections were; the Premier with players like Danny Wright & Co, and two other sections below my division. The playing rate was 40 moves in 1½ hours and 14 every half-hour afterwards- in view of the opposition, quite a fast pace.

N.J.Holloway, Cambridge University, won the Premier with 4½/5 picking up £25 in the process. Danny Wright was 2nd with 4 pts. Mrs D.Wright, formerly Miss Dinah Dobson, had 2½/5.

In my group there were many of the players from the Southend Congress including the organiser John Spiegel. The following game was a very tense & long winded affair played on a Sunday morning and almost through our lunch break. I had visions of hopping slant eyed from my board to my afternoon opponent. Buis, in fact resigned when I was wondering what plan I should devise to force the win: maybe he wanted his Sunday lunch too. This point and the next one made it 4½/5.

If I like it or not next year I'm in with Bellin, Wright etc. Any additional volunteers to keep the RAF flag flying in 1973 would be very welcome!

White - J.BUIS

Black - G.COOLYER

1. P-K4	P-QB4	18. R-B6	B-K4	35. B-Q7	P-N3
2. N-KB3	P-K3	19. N-N6	NxN	36. B-K6	R-Q3
3. P-QB4	N-QB3	20. RxN	B-Q5	37. B-B8	B-Q5
4. P-Q4	PxP	21. R-B6	BxNP	38. B-Q7	R-QN3
5. NxP	N-KP3	22. R-QN1	E-K4	39. RxR	BxR
6. N-QB3	P-QR3	23. QB-N4	R-K1	40. K-K2	K-K2
7. NxN	NPxN	24. B-Q6	B-Q5	41. B-B8	P-QR4
8. P-K5	N-N1	25. R-B7	P-K4	42. B-R6	P-N4
9. N-K4	Q-E4ch	26. P-KR3	P-KB4	43. P-B3	K-Q3
10. B-Q2	QxKP	27. B-Q1	B-K3	44. P-N3	K-K4
11. Q-K2	P-Q4	28. R(1)-N7	P-K5	45. B-N7	P-Q5
12. BPxP	BPxP	29. B-R4	R-Q1	46. P-N4	P-Q6ch
13. N-B3	GxQch	30. B-B4	B-QB1	47. K-Q2	K-Q5
14. BxQ	N-B3	31. B-N5	BxR	48. NPxp	P-K6ch
15. N-R4	N-Q2	32. BxR	RxB	49. Resigns	
16. R-QB1	B-Q3	33. RxR	K-B1		
17. O-O	O-O	34. K-B1	B-B4		

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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SAC Cummings Aero Med Centre, RAF Church Fenton

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C/T Dave Perrott, RAF Salalah

Mr T.N.Crawford, 60 Hartlands, Bedlington, Northumberland

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West Raynham(now affiliated)

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Sgt R.Kennedy

Cpl M.Hurst

J/T D.Charlesworth

SAC M.Barton

SAC D.Hagen

SAC J.Brooks

SAC R.Wood

SAC B.Brook

SAC C.Hall

Some results from Raynham

RAF West Raynham 3 RAF East Dereham 3

RAF West Raynham 2½ RAF Marham 3½

NOTE

GET YOUR ENTRY IN FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

BEFORE THE *A 15th *E!!!! "15th of WHAT?"

15th SEPTEMBERTHAT'S WHAT!!!!

RAF COSFORD CHESS CLUB

Cosford have had another reasonably successful season. The departure of Bernard Doherty for RAF Wildenrath did not have as adverse an effect on the team as was feared. This was mainly due to the continuing improvement of Neil Pollock and later on in the season of Bob Nunn and Brian Corbell.

Bob Nunn should prove a great acquisition to the station to which he is posted when he completes his fitter course in November. Cosford's first team finished 4th out of 11 in the Shropshire league (5 board matches) and 3rd out of 12 in the Wolverhampton Second Division (6 board matches). The original team of Ray Porter, Terry Sweeney, Bernard Doherty, Robin Rowe, Jerry Heckscher and Neil Pollock contested 102 of the seasons 116 boards with an overall result of W53 D13 L36. Jerry Heckscher's individual result has pride of place, as he rose to board 3 by the end of the season, obtaining the best percentage with P20 W11 D4 L5 i.e. 65%.

The second team's results were rather disappointing in the Wolverhampton Third Division, due largely to having to play 15 players in completing 11 5-board matches. However, two wins were recorded, which were just sufficient to keep the team out of last place. John Grove and Colin Dryburgh proved to be the most promising apprentices this season - but two others deserve special mention. These are Kevin Lettan and Tom Leyland, apprentice Air Photographers, who, playing mostly on the lower boards, contested 46 of the 55 boards and despite repeated failure, persisted to the end of the season. Tom unfortunately missed a mate in 2 in his last match which would have given him his 1st win of the season - whereas Kevin's persistence was better rewarded with 1 1/2 points in his last games. It is to be hoped they continue to play chess when they leave their course here next month.

Here is an interesting game played in the Shropshire League between Ray Porter and the County's number 2, Allan Knight.

White - A.J. KNIGHT Black - R. PORTER
1. P-Q4 P-Q1 3. P-K3 P-QB3 5. N-QB3 P-QN3
2. B-N2 P-K4 4. P-QE4 N-KB3 6. Q-B3 R-R2

7. N-G5 QN-Q2
8. P-K4 B-N2
9. B-K2 P-b3
10. N-B3 P-Q4
11. KPxP PxP
12. PxP BxNP
13. O-O-O N-B4
14. Q-N3 BxP
15. QxKPch R-K2

(15. N-K3 now looks better)

16. Q-N3 BxN?!

(Full of traps for both sides. Black takes his life in both hands but White can never play QxP successfully)

17. PxB N(B4)-K5
18. Q-R4 Q-B2
19. K-B2 P-QN4
20. P-B3 N-B4
21. Q-QN4 BxRP
22. R-Q2 O-O
23. N-R3 B-N6ch
24. K-N1 KR-K1
25. B-Q1 B-K3?

(25. BxB 26. KRxB N-R5 is better)

26. N-B4 B-B4ch
27. B-B2 R-K8ch
28. RxR RxRch
29. K-R2 BxB
30. RxB N-Q4??
31. NxN Resigns

(30. N-Q4?? was an absolute howler, played with Black having 20 odd secs for the next 7 moves. The intention was N(B3)-K5 and after 31. Q-Q4 N-N4 there is still much excitement)

Editorial comment: Why not 30. P-QR4
31. QxNP QxN
32. QxN Q-R5ch and wins?

NOCTON HALL v CONINGSBY 25th April

This match was reported in some detail in the last edition. Here is the score of that vital board 1 game played that evening. Notes are by the loser.

White - D. JONES Black - G. COLLYER
1. P-Q4 P-KB4 4. N-B3 B-K2 7. P-B5 P-QN3
2. P-QB4 N-KB3 5. P-KN3 O-O 8. P-QN4 P-QR4
3. N-QB3 P-K3 6. B-N2 P-Q4 9. P-R3? PxNP

Of course! Black has demonstrated the folly of advancing the Q side pawns too quickly.

10. N-N5

Preferring to lose another pawn rather than retreat to N1.

10. P-B3

11. N-Q6 BxN

12. PxB N-K5!

Better than taking the pawn immediately with the queen as this would allow all sorts of threats.

13. B-B4 PxP

White is now 2 pawns down and no wonder considering his inept play so far. My only sort of chance is to launch some sort of blitzkrieg.

14. Q-N3 NxQP

15. RxP RxR

16. QxR N-B5

17. Q-R7 N-Q2

18. P-R4 P-Q4

19. B-B7

Practically forced, otherwise Black plays Q-R4ch and exchanges queens when White's attack fizzles out.

19. Q-K1

20. P-R5 N-B3

21. P-R6 N-K5

22. PxP

Premature. 22. N-K5 NxN 23. BxN would be better. It's all pretty desperate now anyway..

22. R-B2

23. Q-N8 RxP

24. B-K5

Still hoping to bring the rook into play via R6 & B6.

24. R-N2

25. Q-R8 P-N5

26. N-R4 NxB

27. PxN P-N6

28. O-O N-Q7! Effectively putting a stop to any ideas I might have had of 29. BxN PxB 30. R-N1 & 31. Q-R3 so 29. Resigns.

Cruel Editorial Comment: Why not 10. Resigns! I only dare say this because I know Dennis will smile - a couple of days after this game was played, he gave me a couple of trouncings!

COMBINED SERVICES CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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11 - 16 OCTOBER 1972

ENTRY FORM FOR THE 1972 CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

TO: Officer i/c Chess

Mr R.J.S.Rowe

Joint School of Photography

Royal Air Force

Cosford

WOLVERHAMPTON

Staffs

THIS FORM
MUST ARRIVE NOT
LATER THAN
15 SEP 72

Date

I wish to enter for the 1972 Championships at RAF
Cosford during the period 11-16 October 1972.

Name..... Rank.....

Service..... Unit.....

Full address to which reply is to be sent:

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I will be travelling by Car/Train*

I require*/do not require details on how to reach Cosford

I require*/ do not require service accommodation

I agree*/ do not agree to the paying of an entrance fee
(payable during the tournament)

* Delete as necessary