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Learnt Chess: At the age of seven, from my father, who got interested after the Fischer-Spassky match.

Performance in CC: Joined Correspondence Chess Association of India (CCAI) in 1983, after seeing a small write up in Chess India of Dec 1982. At the time, I was a student at REC, Calicut. Our members Mr P.N.Umesh, and Mr Mathew Abraham were my junior and senior respectively about this period. Both of them joined CCAI and we used to have lots of chess discussions. Played up to NCCC 92-94, when CCAI became defunct. I also functioned as Joint Secretary cum Tournament Director of CCAI, for some time, though not very effectively due to lack of support from the other office bearers at Bikaner. When Mr Mulla informed me that AICCF was formed, I immediately became a member. It was in 1998 while working at Rane Engine Valves Ltd, Hyderabad, that I had severe lung disease and had to spend one month in the ICU, breathing oxygen. After that, I was forced to take rest for several months, when I started studying all the books which I had purchased, but never read. I think especially useful was "Euwe and Hooper: A Guide to Chess Endings", and I started to score better in AICCF. After joining the teaching profession in 2000, I am getting more time to concentrate on chess and my performance has improved steadily.

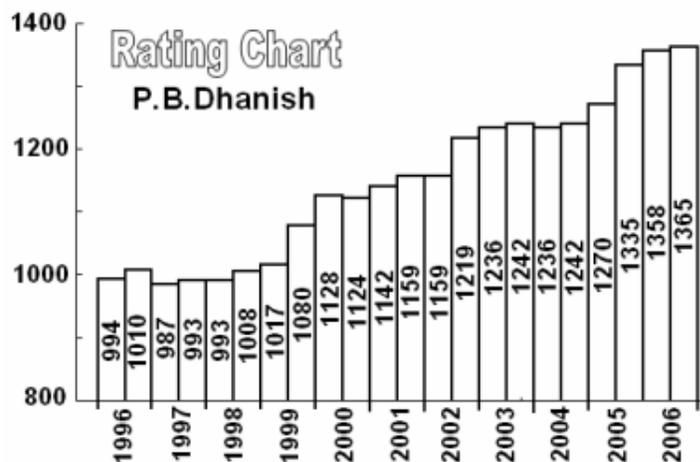
The Editor adds: Dhanish is presently ranked 4th in the AICCF Ratings Chart, below Somani, Nagardjane and the inactive player, Satheesan. Dhanish has played a relatively modest number of games (78 games) since joining AICCF shortly after its inception.

Performance upto 30-06-2006 as per AICCF records

<i>Finished</i>	<i>Wins</i>	<i>Draws</i>	<i>Losses</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Performance</i>
78	58	9	11	62.5	80.13%

Dhanish'ss Rating Chart shows a remarkable upward trend, having only 2 very small reversals in end-1996 and mid-2000. Sharp increases are seen in

end-1999, then mid-2002 and finally in mid-2005 when Dhanish crossed the 1300 mark. The hallmark of Dhanish's play has been to take up only a small number of games at a time with greater concentration (and of course so as not to disturb his professional and family life).



Performance in OTB: I started OTB chess after CC, and perhaps I was too old for OTB Chess by then! CC does adversely affect OTB chess, you tend to take too much time searching for the perfect move, and your ability to visualize without moving the pieces is reduced. I participated in the annual Prof. C.A.Shepard memorial tournaments held at Calicut from 1983 to 1986 (thanks to the organizational skills of Mr P.T.Ummer Koya, former AICF Secretary), though without much success.

Mr N.R. Anil Kumar, our previous AICCF champion, used to regularly win the championship till it became an All India event, when Viswanathan Anand won it.

I didn't want chess to affect my studies, and I never went far from Calicut for participating in long tournaments. While I was at Madras doing M.Tech. at IIT during 1987-88, I tried my luck in some tournaments, weekends at the Tal Club and an intercollegiate at Loyola. It was while I was working at Instrumentation Limited, Palakkad, that I won a District championship, viz. that of Palakkad District in 1997. But I did not play in the State Championship.

Favourite First Move: 1.d4

Favourite Opening (as black): Nimzo Indian, French Winawer

Favourite Chess Player: Kasparov

Favourite Chess Book: Kasparov & Keene - Batsford Chess Openings, 1984 edition(!), responsible for my success in CC for quite

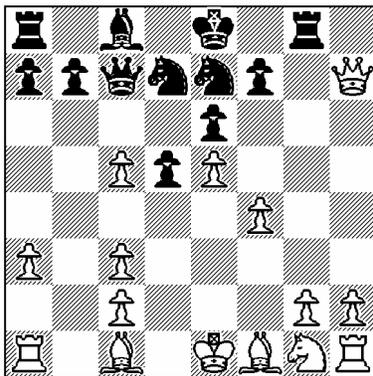
some time. But sometimes, blindly following it has led me into difficulties also, for example:

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Opening, C17

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5
c5 5.a3 Ba5 6.Qg4 Ne7 7.dxc5
Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Nd7 9.Qxg7 Rg8
10.Qxh7 Qc7 11.f4!



BCO gave only 11.Nf3 Nxe5
12.Be2 Nxf3+ 13.Bxf3 Qxc5 with
compensation, and if 12.Qh5
Nxf3+ 13.Qxf3 Bd7 14.Bf4 e5
again with compensation.

11...Nxc5 12.Ne2 Ne4 13.Qh3
Nf5 14.g4 Qc5 15.gxf5 Qf2+
16.Kd1 Qb6 17.Qh7 Rf8 18.Bg2
Nf2+ 19.Ke1 Nxf1 20.Bxf1 Bd7
21.Qh5 O-O-O 22.Bg2 Rh8
23.Qxf7 Rdf8 24.Qe7 Rxf5
25.h3 Rg8 26.Bf1 Rh5 27.Bd2
Re8 28.Qb4 Qc7 29.a4 Kb8
30.Ng3 Rh4 31.Qb3 Rg8 32.Ne2
Rh5 33.Rb1 Ka8 34.Nd4 Bc8
35.Rd1 Rg1 36.Ke2 Qg7 37.Be3
Rg2+ 38.Bxg2 Qxg2+ 39.Bf2
Qe4+ 40.Kf1 Rxh3 41.Rd3 Rh1+
42.Bg1 Qxf4+ 43.Nf3 b6 44.Kf2
Ba6 45.Qb4 Qf5 46.c4 Bxc4
47.Qc3 Rh3 48.Ke1 Qg4 49.Kd2
Kb7 ½ - ½

Favourite CC Player: Hans Berliner, after seeing the analysis of Two Knights Defence in BCO.

Favourite annotator: Raymond G Keene. I don't like a mass of variations with just some symbols occasionally in between. I stopped buying *Chess Mate* when it became just a collection of games. With the internet, that is available for free!

Favourite Chess Site:

www.chesscafe.com, www.chesslab.com

My Interesting Games: Already published in Bulletin

Comments about AICCFs Progress since inception: AICCF has been doing a wonderful job, keep it up.

Comments about AICCFs Future: There is a lot of debate about the future of correspondence chess, as one can see from articles on the internet. Already it has become Computer Assisted Chess. Perhaps a time may come, when the machine (hardware speed + program knowledge) improves to such an

extent that all games played with Computer Assistance will end in draws! Then, perhaps, we may have to switch over to online chess, or close down AICCF?! Even ICCF has changed, most games have moved to email, and now there is also the Web Server.

Are we ready to start our own server? Let us have our own domain name and website first.

Comments about the standard of play in AICCF as judged from published games: Published games are a very small sample and cannot reflect the overall standard of play. The bane of CC is the silent withdrawal. Even at the highest level of the National Championship, I am fed up with the number of reminders that I have to send! Unfortunately, our Postal Department is also not without blemish. When the position gets slightly difficult, many lose interest and find it convenient not to reply. And all players do not have access or are not willing to play by email. I have just tried my hand at the ICCF webserver, and I find the pace scorching. When playing by post, one could send a move and wait for two weeks ruminating over the position during post transit time!

Comments about the AICCF Bulletin: Far, far better, compared to the bulletins of earlier periods. But some credit should go to the technology also, which has made printing and publishing so easy and cheap. It is perhaps due to the lack of suitable material, that we have articles on problems and topics other than CC. We need more annotated games. Perhaps it is because most games end in claims rather than resignations, that we don't get good games.

Comments about the work put in by AICCF Management team past and present: A great many thanks to Mr. E.G. Meherhomji who has been the Secretary cum Treasurer from inception. I am looking forward to more new blood.

Any other point of interest: See my website: <http://www.dhanish.150m.com>

Discovered check is the dive bomber of the Chessboard -- Reuben Fine A sacrifice is best refuted by accepting it --Wilhelm Steinitz
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