

Chessexonline

When you download an issue of Chessexonline, you will have a zip file containing a pdf file of that issue of Chessexonline, a further ReadMe file, and a folder containing files, usually games in pgn format, accessible from that issue.

IMPORTANT

It is important that you unzip the 'cxonline#' file in the following manner in order to preserve the links from the document to the games.

Double click the zipped file to open the WinZip archive. Now, and this is the important bit, EXTRACT the files. Either click the 'Extract' tool on the toolbar, or select the 'Extract' option from the Actions menu. Making sure that the check box 'Use folder names' is ticked, or that you have WinZip in its file structures view. Set the destination to a place on your disc that you want to store them (I suggest you make a Chessexoline folder and within that a new folder for each issue) and click OK.

Now you can go to the folder into which you extracted the files. Open the second ReadMe which gives notes on using Chessexonline and then open the pdf magazine file 'online#'.

USER GUIDE

Navigation

You can either print Chessexonline or read it on screen. You might want to do both. Reading it on screen has the advantage of easy navigation using bookmarks and being able to play the games through using your pgn viewer (if you do not have pgn viewer software see the downloads section below or visit the Chessexonline page on the website).

To assist navigation through the document, each item within this issue has been 'bookmarked'. Open the bookmark tab in your pdf reader. Clicking on a bookmark in the navigation tree will take you directly to the item in question. Some book marks are specific points within a bookmarked item. You can always find your way back to the top of the document by clicking the Front Page bookmark. The Contents bookmark will show the panel on the Front Page that lists the contents of the magazine.

From Chessexonline 004 the entries in the Contents panel are linked to the page view on which those items appear, offering an alternative route instead of opening the bookmarks menu.

Games

The first move in each game is linked to a pgn file of that game. Click on the first move and the game will open in your pgn viewer and you will be able to play the game through on screen, complete with the annotations. (It is an annoying feature of every pgn viewer I have come across that it opens showing the final position of the game. Simply click the fast rewind key to get back to the beginning.) If you do not have pgn viewer software, please see the Downloads section below.

External Links

You may find that simply clicking on the link adds the linked document to the end of the Chessexonline document, which is messy. Not every version of pdf reader will behave in this way, but if this causes a problem, try clicking on it with the RIGHT mouse button and see if there is a menu option 'Open Weblink in browser' which is tidier.

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I hope you enjoy this issue of Chessexonline. If you have any comments, encounter any difficulties opening or navigating the document, email me.

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DOWNLOADS

pgn viewer:

The pgn game viewer I now recommend is the DGT Chess Theatre software. If you visited the ECF website for coverage of the recent British Championships you may already have encountered this excellent program.

DGT pgn viewer download link: http://www.dgtprojects.com/Downloads/setup_chesstheatre_112.exe
(Click on this link with the RIGHT mouse button and select the option 'Open Weblink in browser')

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