

And here it is: the rating list itself. David actually maintains rather more data than is recorded here. Only those people who have played in an "official" tournament (roughly, this means one where the results were sent to David) in the past two years are listed here, but there is also a list featuring everyone who has ever played—at least since 1985. The highest rated of the inactive players is 1981 British Champion John Parker, weighing in at 1696. There is also a list of nasty rotten foreigners, particularly one Karsten Feldborg, whose provisional rating of 1916 is totally unrepresentative of his play.

Anyway, at the top of the list your editors have swapped places (*but this is entirely due to seasonal fluctuation and in real terms my rating has actually gone up - Graham*), while old-timers Neil Stephenson and John Lysons have gained a little at the expense of National Champion Joel Feinstein. Not much farther down, there are alarming rises for Mike Handel and Guy Plowman, while Britain's Othello Jeremys are in decline. The highest new entry is that young whippersnapper Edmead. Other giant strides towards the top came from John Bass and Iain Barrass. One notable who has dropped out of the list through inactivity is George Greaves: we hope to see him back next year! Finally, the Ratings Manager has made the controversial decision to cease publishing Grace Parrish's rating. We stress that this is not a disciplinary measure, but is entirely due to the fact that, with only one game to go on, the rating is almost completely meaningless.

1 Imre Leader	154 1911	32 Phil Brewer	40 1312	63 Chris Lund-Yates	12 1049
2 Peter Bhagat	164 1868	33 Rob Cannings	27 1304	64 Neil Parrish	49 1043
3 G. Brightwell	141 1824	34 Gary Read	59 1299	65 Maurice Kent	6 1037
4 Neil Stephenson	95 1747	35 John Bass	18 1292	66 Martin Craven	6 1018
5 Alex Selby	90 1682	36 David Haigh	188 1286	67 Roy Arnold	74 1016
6 John Lysons	96 1681	37 Gary Baker	66 1282	68 Jim Brewer	44 1015
7 Joel Feinstein	143 1673	38 Robert Verrill	26 1279	69 Lecroy Moxam	35 1008
8 David Sharman	54 1629	39 Andrew Burgess	53 1269	70 Roy Morley	13 1007
9 Paul Smith	110 1618	40 Matthew Selby	23 1265	71 David Guy	18 995
10 Aubrey de Grey	152 1504	41 Colin Graham	63 1252	72 Alison Hughes	31 994
11 Helena Verrill	91 1588	42 Lee Evans	19 1231	73 Sui Cheng	6 990
12 Michael Handel	88 1544	43 Robert Stanton	93 1229	74 Anne-Marie Clemence	6 964
13 David Stephenson	97 1529	44 Stuart Routledge	7 1223	75 Tallis Haydn-Davies	4 963
Ian Turner	49 1529	45 Keith Ringrose	43 1205	76 Steven Coates	11 955
15 Guy Plowman	41 1512	46 Samuel Gardner	8 1204	77 Pierre Courtney	12 952
16 Ken Stephenson	89 1482	47 David Moore	12 1198	78 David Rogers	6 922
17 Andrew Blunn	26 1480	48 Julian Richardson	46 1180	79 Edward Wilson	7 889
18 Alec Edgington	97 1464	49 Simon Turner	60 1176	80 Michael Penrose	20 859
19 William Hunter	67 1457	50 Trevor Penrose	19 1175	81 Paul Taylor	37 842
20 Tim Williamson	92 1456	51 Iain Barrass	33 1149	82 John Owens	15 841
21 Jeremy Das	120 1434	52 Wayne Clarke	7 1148	83 Graham Parlour	71 839
22 Mark Wormley	142 1431	53 Sepehr Taheri	6 1143	84 Winifred Brown	20 838
23 Marcus Moore	71 1421	54 Iain Forsyth	170 1137	85 Ashley Hammond	8 837
Andy Gannaway	63 1421	55 Andrew Hannam	12 1129	86 Anthony Williams	6 813
25 Garry Edmead	36 1418	56 G. Haydn-Davies	3 1097	87 Phil Marshall	6 812
26 Jeremy Rickard	49 1396	57 Donald Baker	39 1082	88 Eileen Forsyth	68 788
27 Jeremy Benjamin	102 1386	58 Rodney Hammond	28 1070	89 Mary Bell	24 721
Crichton Ramsay	53 1386	59 Tracy Monk	6 1066	90 Sarah Parrish	9 693
29 Dilip Secucira	63 1371	60 Jim Hall	6 1065	91 Elizabeth Braim	3 454
30 Mark Atkinson	62 1358	61 Stephen Turner	7 1064	92 Fluke Fastwalker	1 453
31 John Beacock	51 1346	62 Tim Wong	5 1050	93 Darth Vader	1 53

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DEAD OR ALIVE
(out of the Opening)

