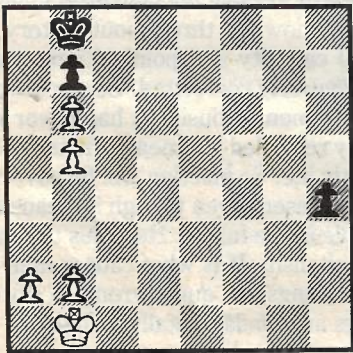


The winner!

by Murray Chandler

ONLY SIX entries (compared to 53 the previous time) had all of the answers right in our "Win a Computer" competition published in August. Into the hat they went and the new owner of a 24-level Novag Accord, kindly donated by New Zealand Chess Supplies, is Mark Noble of Wellington. Commiserations to the other five entrants, Gordon Chamley from Upper Hutt, William Jones of Dunedin, Leonard McClaren of Wellington, Jason Des Forges of Auckland and E Brant of Christchurch. All did extremely well to score maximum points, as some of the questions were so hard even I got them wrong! The trick question of part 4 turned out to be ambiguous, and two answers had to be allowed.

Solutions:



Part 1. Should white, to play, resign? No, he/she can force a draw by stalemate with 1.Kc2 h3 2.Kb3 (or 2.Kc3) h2 3.Ka4 (or 3.Kb4) h1=Q 4. Ka5 followed by a4 and b4.

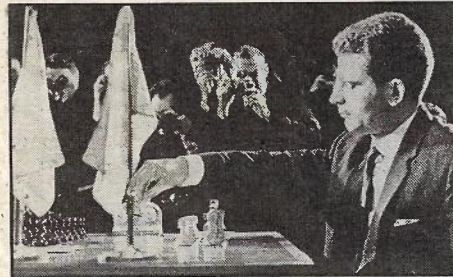
Part 2. Scotland has the oldest national championship in the world.

Part 3. The Kasparov-Karpov match is, of course, in Seville, Spain.

Part 4. This trick multiple choice question, as to who wrote *Chess is my Life*, was intended to have two answers, Karpov and Korchnoi. However, many alert readers pointed out that Karpov's book is actually titled *Anatoly Karpov - Chess is my Life*, so Korchnoi solutions were also marked right.



Fischer (above) and Spassky.



Part 5. Amazingly, droves of entrants correctly identified the mystery position as the end of Spassky-Fischer, 21st a final match game 1972. This was the

game that clinched Bobby Fischer's title, and the last serious encounter the reclusive American genius ever played.

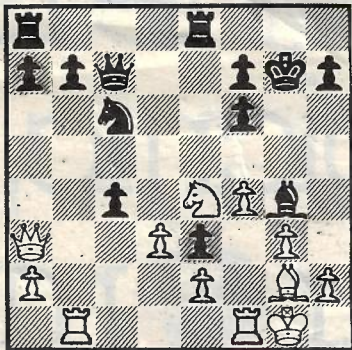
Unlike Fischer, both Garri Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov have continued playing with a vengeance after winning the world title. In their current battle in Seville, the 36-year-old Karpov began by making a sensational bid to wrest back his crown. Watch this space for further news of their 24-game, fourth world championship match. Here is that remarkable first Karpov win, obtained with the Black pieces after just 32 moves.

Game 2, Spain 1987
ENGLISH OPENING

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| KASPAROV | KARPOV |
| 1. c4 | Nf6 |
| 2. Nc3 | e5 |
| 3. Nf3 | Nc6 |
| 4. g3 | Bb4 |
| 5. Bg2 | O-O |
| 6. O-O | e4 |
| 7. Ng5 | Bxc3 |
| 8. bxc3 | Re8 |
| 9. f3 | e3!? |

A bold novelty; if 10. dxe3 Black intends 10... d5. But interestingly Karpov varied with 9... exf3 in game four, and lost after failing to equalise.

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| 10. d3 | d5 |
| 11. Qb3 | Na5 |
| 12. Qa3 | c6 |
| 13. cxd5 | cxd5 |
| 14. f4 | Nc6 |
| 15. Rb1 | Qc7 |
| 16. Bb2 | Bg4 |
| 17. c4 | dxc4 |
| 18. Bxf6 | gxf6 |
| 19. Ne4 | Kg7! |



Although Karpov's kingside pawns are crippled his pieces are well centralised. The critical question is whether White can digest the cramping Black pawn on e3 without serious consequences.

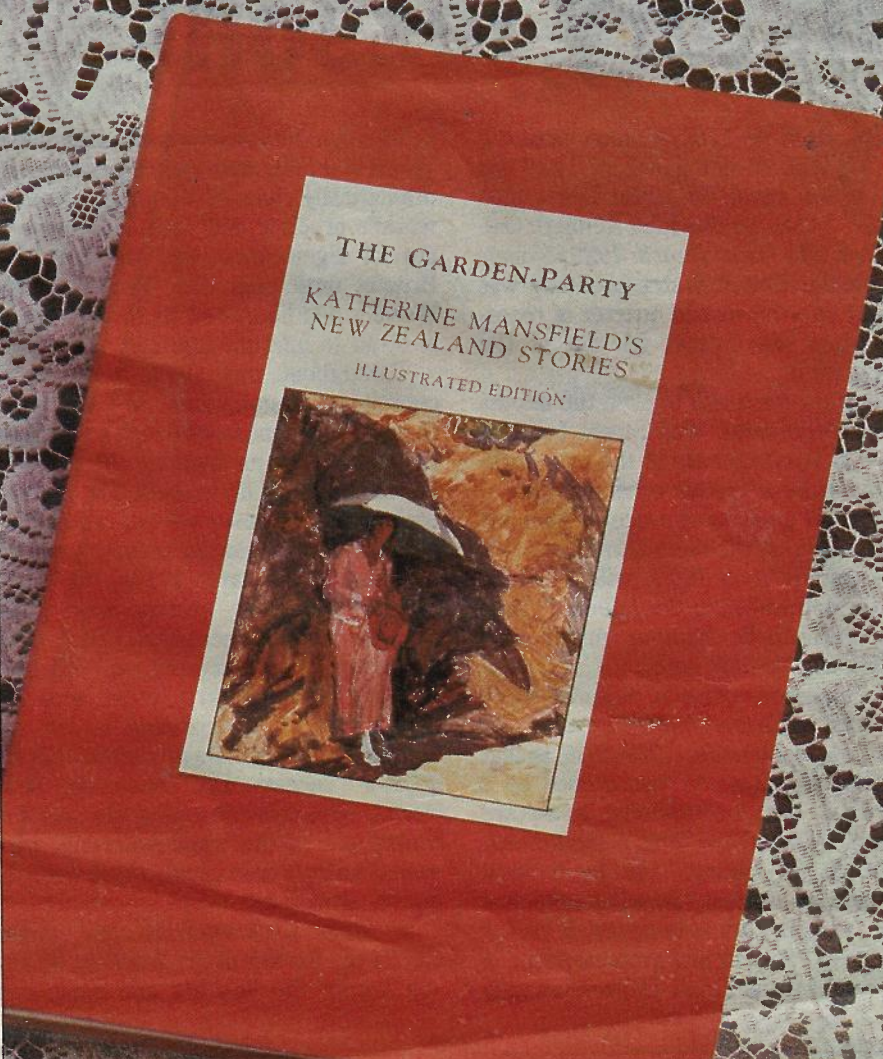
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| 20. dxc4 | Rad8! |
| 21. Qxe3 Bf5! | gives a decisive pin (but not 21... f5 22. Qc3ch). |
| 21. Rb3 | Nd4 |
| 22. Rxe3 | Qxc4 |
| 23. Kh1 | Nf5 |
| 24. Rd3 | Bxe2 |
| 25. Rxd8 | Rxd8 |
| 26. Re1 | Re8 |
| 27. Qa5 | b5! |

Cutting off White's attack on the Black knight. Karpov is simply a pawn ahead (with the immediate threat of 28... Rxe4) and his king is now the more secure.

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| 28. Nd2 | Qd3 |
| 29. Nb3 | Bf3 |
| On 30. Rxe8 Qf1 | checkmate. |
| 30. Bxf3 | Qxf3ch |
| 31. Kg1 | Rxe1ch |
| 32. Qxe1 | Ne3 |
| 33. Resigns | |

33... Qg2 is threatened, and 33. Qf2 Qd1 ch 34. Qf1 Qxf1 is mate.

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