

Dear Readers,

As most of you are aware the N.Z.C.A. committee has been resident in Auckland for the best part of 1973, but as so frequently happens in N.Z. chess circles things took a long time to get moving. However at last a bulletin has been published and I hope it will be the first of many. It is proposed to publish bi-monthly at first but if sufficient information accumulates this will be changed to monthly. Any club or individual who has information or news that would be of interest to other N.Z.C.A. members, is invited to send it to P.O. Box 8802, Symonds Street, Auckland. As well as information and news of events etc. it is the intention of the Editor to publish games from N.Z. Club and National tournaments. Articles of general interest gleaned from overseas magazines and F.I.D.E. bulletins will also appear from time to time. The editor will also welcome correspondence concerning the bulletin and the content thereof, criticism of games and analysis etc. This should be addressed to P.B. Goffin, 17 Fancourt Street, Auckland.5. Any letters of general interest may be published in the bulletin after permission from the author has been obtained. It is a hope of the editor that the bulletin will form a link between the chess players of N.Z. and help develop more interaction between clubs. I ask club secretaries to co-operate in this by sending in reports of tournaments, matches and other events of interest. Finally, might I take this opportunity to wish all members of N.Z.C.A. a joyfull Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous 1974.

P. B. Goffin, Editor.

AUCKLAND CHESS CENTRE, LABOUR WEEK-END TOURNEY

This tourney resulted in a 5-way tie for 1st place between P. Daley, I. Dewman, E. Green, O. Sarapu, R. Wansink, all with 4 points out of 5. The tourney was a 5 round swiss with 28 entries. In the last round the parings were: P. Daley v E. Green $3\frac{1}{2}$ each and O. Sarapu v R. Wansink also $3\frac{1}{2}$ points. Daley & Green agreed to a quick draw which meant that a win in the other game gave the victor clear first place. It was a tense struggle with each player battling for the full point. Finally however they settled for the draw. The tourney produced one of the most unusual incidents I have ever witnessed in a chess tourney, the phenomenon occurred in the game between I. Mitchell and N. Metge. Metge had just won the exchange and had a knight posted on his Q.N.5. While cogitating over his move he noticed a small white speck on his Q.R.7. Before his fuddled gaze (he had been drinking lots of water) the small speck appeared to move and it entered his mind that here was a mite come to the aid of Mitchell. Personally I think it was a speck of tobacco ash. However seizing the pawn posted on Mitchell's Q.R.2 Metge dotted the mite firmly on the head, replaced the pawn and resumed his thinking. Mitchell, awakened from some reverly or other by the sudden flurry of movement took only an instant to size up the situation, "I force you to take that pawn", he said. and after a short discussion a somewhat crestfallen but wiser Metge took the pawn with his knight on Q.N.5 to finish 2 pieces down for a pawn and rook. Which all goes to show that Might is not always right. This was a good tourney enjoyed by all. The standard of chess overall was quite high and the number of school pupils playing was very encouraging for future of chess in Auckland. Special mention must be made of R. Wansink. Here is a young player of great promise. Unlike most players of his age he had a good sound positional style and does not panic when under pressure. This was well demonstrated in his game with O. Sarapu.

This match was played early in November with Auckland playing as an associative for the first time in recent years. Auckland were the favourites due to the strength of the top 10 boards. Mention should be made of Fenny's fine win against O. Sarapu.

BOARD	AUCKLAND		WELLINGTON	
1	Sarapu	0	Finerdis	1
2	Green	½	Kelly	½
3	Stuart	1	Shaw	0
4	Daley	½	Pomeroy	½
5	Day	1	Borren	0
6	Whaley	0	Cockroft	1
7	Power	1	Malooski	0
8	Hart	1	Flude	0
9	Metge	1	Robberts	0
10	Forrest	1	Fletcher	0
11	Fletcher	½	Kay	½
12	Smith	1	Beatson	0
13	Gibbons	0	Smith	1
14	Dowman	1	Thomson	0
15	Dwyer	0	Clark	1
16	Chan	½	Reid	½
17	Livingston	0	Wizbank	1
18	Roundhill	0	Carter	1
19	Morrison	1	Lamb	0
20	Johnstone	1	Godschalk	0

BLEDISLOE
CUP MATCH,
AUCKLAND V
WELLINGTON

FINAL SCORE 12 - 8 to AUCKLAND

JENKINS TROPHY MATCH, AUCKLAND CHESS CENTRE V NORTH SHORE

BOARD	AUCKLAND		NORTH SHORE	
1	Sarapu	½	Gorbett	½
2	Fairhurst	½	Stuart	½
3	Daly	½	Leonhardt	½
4	Day	1	Whaley	0
5	Goffin	0	Russell	1
6	Marsick	0	Metge	1
7	Belton	0	Weir	1
8	Free	1	Livingstone	0
9	Hollis	1	Milne	0
10	Gibbons	½	Gilbert	½
11	Hignett	1	Sylvan	0
12	Chan	0	Roundill	1
13	Rose	1	Moore	0
14	Mears	1	Richardson	0
15	Gilchrist	1	Green	0

(This is an annual match between A.C.C. and Nth.Shore The notable feature was the very powerful Auckland line up at the top boards.)

FINAL SCORE - AUCKLAND 9 - NORTH SHORE 6

BLACKBURN CUP MATCH, AUCKLAND B V NTH.SHORE

BOARD	AUCKLAND		NORTH SHORE	
1	Williams	1	Weir	0
2	Rose	1	Milne	0
3	Gilchrist	1	Beckham	0
4	Mears	1	Chiswell	0
5	Jackson	½	Green	½
6	Wardrop	0	Johnson	1
7	Carter	½	White	½
8	Taylor	½	Stead	½
9	Voss	0	Knightsbridge	1
10	Cleary	0	Greaves	1

FINAL SCORE - AUCKLAND 5½ - NORTH SHORE 4½

This tournament will be held in Christchurch over the Christmas/
New Year holidays.

THE N.Z. 1973/74 CHAMPIONSHIP

The championship field is very strong this year. The field in alphabetical order is Dr.U.O. Aavelaid (Great Britain), P.Daley (Auckland), A.Day (Auckland), Dr.W.A.Fairhurst (Auckland), P.Gorbett (Nth.Shore), E.Green (Kawerau), S.Hall (Canterbury), P.Hensman (Hamilton), J.Jackson (Canterbury), O.Sarapu (Auckland), P.Stuart (Nth.Shore), R.Wansink (Whangarei).

The reserves are W.Leonhardt (Nth.Shore), A.Pomeroy (Vict.University), V.Small (Canterbury), in that order.

Apart from the above selected, 10 other entries were received.

AUCKLAND STAR INTER CLUB MATCH TOURNEY

A new event was played in Auckland during the middle of 1973. The Auckland Star Newspaper sponsored an inter-club tourney played as a 7 round swiss. Each team consisted of 4 players and as can be seen from the score chart a lot of business houses and clubs took part in the event. North Shore A won the event with North Shore B coming in second with Auckland A 3rd.

Full results are: 1. North Shore A 25½. 2. North Shore B 20.
3. Auckland A 18½. 4. Remuera A 17½. 5. Reid Rubber 16½.
6. Auckland B 16½. 7. University A 16. 8. Waitamata A 16.
9. University B 16. 10. ANZ Bank 16. 11. Kings College 15½.
12. Howick/Pakuranga C 15½. 13. Stephenson & Turner 15½.
14. Howick/Pakuranga A 15. 15. Taxies 15. 19. Auckland Star
Reporters 15. 17. Remuera B 14½. 18. Howick/Pakuranga B 14½.
19. Auckland Star Computers 14½. 20. North Shore C 14.
21. Waitamata B 14. 22. Kelston Boys High Pupils 12½.
23. Davison Const.B 12½. 24. Auckland Mailroom 12½. 25. ASB 12.
26. Auckland Star Sales 11½. 27. Nat.Bank 11½. 28. Davison
Const.A 11. 29. Fibremakers 11. 30. KBH Staff 10½. 31. Southern
Cross Bldg.Soc. 10. 32. Co-op Taxis 8½. 33. Waitamata C 7.
34. Associated Motor Ind. 0.

2ND A.N.Z. BANK TOURNEY

To be held on 9th,10th March 1974.

Prizes: 1st \$100
2nd \$ 75
3rd \$ 50

Plus grade prizes. Entree Fee - \$5.00. Maximum of 90 entries.

AUCKLAND EAST TOURNEY 1974

Prizes: 1st \$100
2nd \$ 70
3rd \$ 50
4th \$ 40

Plus grade prizes. Entree Fee - \$6.00

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Editor.