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Dear Readers,

Well, believe it or not, we are over a quarter of the way through the year. Already considerable activity in Chess has taken place. In the Auckland area several tournaments and matches have been played. The ANZ Bank tourney was held last month and was an even better effort than last year. More on this tourney follows later in the bulletin. The final for the 1973 Bledisloe Cup was played between Auckland and Otago Chess Club. Full details will appear in a later issue. The NZCA Coach, O. Sarapu, has conducted coaching and simultaneous displays in the Wellington district and further trips are planned.

Important discussions are taking place between the NZCA and Government on the appointment of a full time officer for the Association and the possibility of funds for the promotion of Chess throughout New Zealand. AND TALKING ABOUT FUNDS -

The Association would ask all clubs to fully and energetically support the raffle for the team going to Nice. The success of the raffle depends on you!! And don't forget, you also benefit, as part of the funds raised go back to the clubs.

Easter is here and several big tournaments are being held. Auckland are holding their Easter Open Tourney. Otago are also promoting a special tourney. This type of tournament is a most important part of the N.Z. chess scene and quite often new players emerge as future N.Z. Representatives. Apart from the North and South Island Tournaments and the N.Z. Congress, Easter tournaments are the next most important tourneys held here.

THE EDITOR

OTAGO CHESS CLUB NEWS

The OCC is very interested in hosting a NZ Women's Tournament in conjunction with Congress at Christmas. Before we can pursue this any further however, it is necessary to determine whether there will be a sufficient response from women chess players throughout the country. To gauge this response the Club would appreciate an indication from clubs as to the number of female members and the likelihood of them coming to Dunedin to compete in such a tournament. These figures would need to be fairly definite for the Club to continue its organization. A prompt reply from club secretaries would be greatly appreciated. Please address these replies:

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AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR CHAMPS - reporter: R. Wansink

After finishing 1st= in the New Zealand Schoolboy Champs., Leith Palmer and I qualified to represent New Zealand in the 1974 Australian Junior. Ian Mitchell was soon under way raising funds and thanks to the generosity of many members of chess clubs throughout New Zealand, he did a wonderful job. To these people Leith and I owe a great debt of thanks which, like many other things, can't really be expressed in words but we can make some sort of an attempt by saying, "thank you very, very much."

The tournament was due to start on the 15th January and I arrived a few days before in Brisbane. My bad luck started right there and then. My suitcase (full of many valuable chess books) didn't arrive. I had to fill out a long form but fortunately the case arrived on another plane the next day. The next few days were spent touring around Queensland and then the day before the tournament began I was taken along to have a look at the tournament hall. We arrived at the large shopping complex where the tournament was to be played and after asking, we found that it was to be held upstairs. Quite excitedly I rushed up the escalator (stairs are out in Australia), expecting to find a large secluded room full of tables and chairs and chess sets, all neatly arranged for play the next day, but my heart sank when I found an enormous clothing department and only a few tables and chairs scattered here and there. I left feeling rather depressed.

The next day I was back again, and after the Official Opening we commenced round 1. Things had changed since the day before and we were now playing in a ridiculously small roped-off area, with business going on around us as usual. (This was an enormous let-down after the year before in Adelaide, where everything had been so perfectly organized that not even Bobby Fischer could have complained!) There were more spectators than I have ever seen before but unfortunately they were all shoppers who seemed completely unaware of the quiet undisturbed concentration necessary to play good chess. There was one particular group of ruffians who turned up frequently and made as big a nuisance of themselves as they possibly could. One of their favourite methods was standing around your board and repeating the phrase "Zap is Queen!" several times until you felt like doing to them what is pleasant to do in chess - delivering several stunning blows and then mating your opponent. But what I found to be the most irritating thing was the loud music (or at least it sounded loud to me) that was constantly playing in the background. This made it very hard to think clearly and my mind constantly wandered off my analysis and so I found myself making rash moves in order not to waste too much time.

Leith and I both won our first rounds and so for the first and last time in the tournament we were coming 1st=. In round 2 we both lost to rabbits. Leith came back to his senses in round 3 and won his game, and I sacrificed a pawn to get a crushing attack. I got into time-trouble but I couldn't concentrate with the music playing. I asked the D.O.P. if something could be done about it but nothing happened; I continued playing and soon lost all my pressure. The game went into adjournment and I soon lost it. The results of the rest of my rounds were win, draw, win, draw, win, draw, win, draw, to make a total of 7 points and 5th= place, while Leith had varied results to come to a total of 6½ and 10th=.

Bill Jordan played a good tournament to come first on 8½, while R. DiRenzo, G. Frean, and C. Kinsman came 2nd= on 7½.

Half way through the tournament, the Australian Junior Lightning Champs were held in the Brisbane Chess Club rooms. Leith just missed out on making the finals with some bad luck in the last round of the preliminaries but I went on to win it and bring the wrong title home to New Zealand. The following is my game from the 9th round:.

<u>White:</u>	<u>R. Wansink</u>	<u>Black:</u>	<u>R. DiRenzo</u>
1. P-K4	P-QB 4	8. Q-B3	P-R3
2. N-KB3	P-Q3	9. B-R4	Q-B2
3. P-Q4	PxP	10. O-O-O	QN-Q2
4. NxP	N-KB3	11. B-K2	P-KN4
5. N-QB3	P-QR3	12. PxP	N-K4
6. B-KN5	P-K3	13. Q-B1	N(3)-N5
7. P-B4	B-K2	14. BxN	NxB

Up to here nothing unusual has happened except that we have gone into a main line where white's queen is on B2 according to Mr. DiRenzo. Now I get a chance to try a novelty which I noticed over the board.

15. P-N6!?	BxB	17. NxP	Q-K2
16. N(4) - N5	PxN	18. P-N7	Q-N4 ch

The move that upsets the whole continuation. Notice that 17... Q x P ch did not work because of 18 KxQ N-K6 ch 19 K-Q 3 NxQ 20 N-B7 ch and white picks up the QR while the black Kt can't escape.

19. K-N1	Q x P	21. Q-B4	P-K4
20. N-B7 ch	K-K2		

Better was Q-K4 forcing 22 QxQ because if 22 Q x N then 22 B-B3 appears good for black.

22. Q-Q2	R-Q1
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If R-R3 then 23 NxR PxN 24 Qx P ch K-K1 25 Q-B6 ch with Perpetual Check.

23. N x R	B-K3	24. N-B7
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Here Robert (Di Renzo) offered a draw which I accepted. The position is now roughly equal and 24.. N-B7 fails to P-KN3.

ANZ BANK TOURNAMENT

The 1974 ANZ Tourney was held over the 9th, 10th March and produced 93 players. The Tourney was a 5 round Swiss with an unusual time control: 1½ hours for 45 moves with a further 15 minutes each if the games were unfinished after 45 moves. A pertinent comment on this system follows later. The usual upsets occurred and a 6 way tie for 1st resulted. The tournament was notable for the excellent grade and special prizes given.

Scores: 1= P. Garbett, E. Green, O. Sarapu, P. Stuart, R. Sutton & G. Turner each 4½; 7-13 G. Chiu, R. Gibbons, P. Green, K. Jensen, R. Strevens, P. Weir & M. Whaley 4; 14-20 D. Gibson, P. Goffin, A. Grace, B. Marsick, R. Roundill, D. Shead & R. Wansink 3½; 21-39 A. Beckham, C. Belton, A. Booth, D. Brunton, H. Chapman, A. Day, I. Dowman, D. Eade, P. Heath, D. Johnstone, C. Kelsall,

J. Ross, G. Russell, R. Smith, P. Stone, D. Storey, G. Trundle, G. Waite & J. Wardrop 3; 40-53 P. Beach, M. Benbow, N. Bridges, T. Burghout, R. Davies, G. Ellis, M. Fraser, W. Knightbridge, R. Lanning, P. Mataga, R. Parrot, J. Prince, D. Schulz & A. Whitehouse 2½; 54-74 M. Brimble, G. Campbell, J. Cater, S. Delowe, B. Eagle, H. Hewitt, G. Ion, J. Jarmin, R. Jenkins, J. Melville, D. Milne, C. Noser, D. Pfahlert, P. Robinson, A. Skuja, C. Strevens, J. Vermeer, M. Waddle, G. Walden, M. Watson & M. Young 2; 75-78 C. Emery, Ms L. Powell, P. Spiller & B. Warman 1½; 79-89 J. Barron, M. Berry, M. Black, Ms A. Dobbie, C. Dowler, J. Goris, Ms G. Jones, R. Lane, G. Manning, G. O'Meara & S. Withington 1; 90 Ms F. Beattie ½; 91-93 Ms S. Brown, S. Morris & J. Osborne 0.

Grade 2 prize: R. Gibbons, P. Green, R. Strevens & P. Weir
 Grade 3: R. Roundill
 Grade 4: A. Booth, D. Johnstone, C. Kelsall & P. Stone
 Grade 5: D. Shead
 Grade 6: D. Eade
 Grade 7: A. Grace
 Grade 8: P. Beach

The only bad feature of the tournament was the time control: 45 moves in 1½ hours, with each player being given 15 minutes to finish the game at the end of the 3-hour session. Thus, if after 45 moves White had no time remaining and Black had 30 minutes left, then White could use 30 minutes on his 46th move and only then was each player given 15 minutes to complete the game. Obviously this was unfair and a simple solution is: when the first flag falls each clock is turned back 15 minutes. In the above example White would then have had 15 minutes to complete his moves and Black 45 minutes.

The critical last-round game was SARAPU - STUART: 1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 f4 Bg7 5 Nf3 c5 6 dc Qa5 7 Bd3 Q:c5 8 Qe2 Bg4 9 Be3 Qa5 10 0-0 Nc6 11 h3 B:f3 12 Q:f3 0-0 13 Ne2 Nd7 14 c3? Rac8? 15 g4? Nde5 16 fe N:e5 17 Qg2 N:d3 18 Nd4 Ne5 19 Qe2 a6 20 a4 Qc7 21 Kg2 Qc4 22 Rfe1 Nd3 23 Rd1 B:d4 24 Q:d3 Q:d3 25 R:d3 B:e3 26 R:e3 Rc5 27 Kf3 Rfc8 28 Ke2 Kg7 29 Kd2 h5 30 Rg1 hg 31 R:g4 Rh8 32 Kd3 Rch5 33 Rgg3 Rh4 34 c4 a5 35 Ref3 R8h5 36 b3 Re5 37 Re3 Rf4 38 Rg1 b6 39 Rgg3 Kf6 40 Rg1 Rh5 41 Rb1 Rfh4 42 Rf1+ Ke6 43 Rff3 f6 44 Rg3 g5 45 Rgf3 Rf4 46 Kd4 R:f3? (a) 47 R:f3 Rh4 48 Ke3 g4 49 hg R:g4 50 Kd4 Rg5 51 Rh3 f5 52 Rh6+ Kd7 53 ef R:f5 54 Rh3 Kc6 55 Kc3 e5 56 Rh8 Rf3+ 57 Kc2 Kc5 58 Rc8+ Kb4 59 Rc6 Rc3+ 60 Kd2 R:b3 61 R:b6+ K:c4 62 R:d6 Rb4 (b) 63 Ke3 Kc5? (c) 64 Rd8 R:a4 65 Re8 Kd6 66 Rd8+ Ke7 67 Ra8 Kd7 68 Ra7+ Kd6 69 Ra8 e4 70 Rd8+ Kc5 71 Rc8+ Kb4 72 K:e4 Kb3 73 Kd3 Rb4 74 Kd2 Kb2 75 Rc2+ Kb3 76 Rc5 a4 77 Kc1 Th4 78 Kb1 Rh1+ 79 Rc1 Rh2 80 Rg1 and a draw was soon agreed.

(a) Better was 46...Rhh4! winning, e.g. 47 Rg3 f5 48 R:g5 R:e4+ 49 R:e4+ 50 Kd3 Rh4 51 Rg3 Kf6 52 Rf3 e5.

(b) Simpler was 62...Ra3! keeping the white king out of play a little longer.

(c) The last chance to win was 63...R:a4, e.g. 64 Ke4 Ra1 65 K:e5 Re1+ 66 Kf4 a4, etc.

FURTHER OTAGO NEWS

The Otago Club is conducting learners' classes and, as has been found in other experiments of this type, the success was limited. We would be interested to hear of other efforts in learners' classes. The club has also experimented with short tournaments and these have been successful. One of the difficulties found in clubs is the problem of new members getting quickly into tournaments. This short round tournament system helps solve this problem.

CANTERBURY CLUB NEWS

Club Championship 73

A. Grade	1st= L. Cornford, J. Knegt	9 points
	3rd J. Johnston	7 points
B. Grade	1st D. Steffensen	9½ points
	2nd H. Dixon	8½ "
	3rd= T. Pool, W. Brown	7½ "

Canterbury lost a match against combined Universities by 5 - 9.
Canterbury's players: A. Carpinter, C. Baker, J. Knegt, and H. Dixon All had wins.

The N.Z. Schoolboys Championship will be held in Christchurch this year.

NORTH SHORE NEWS

Following the success of last year's event, Auckland and North Shore met in an eleven-board lightning match on 30th March, played on the Scheveningen system. Neither team was at full strength, with Auckland suffering much more in this respect. North Shore won 69-52.

North Shore scores: P. Stuart 10-1, P. Garbett 9, R. Roundill & P. Weir 8, G. Russell 7, N. Metge $6\frac{1}{2}$, G. Waite 6, W. Wilson $5\frac{1}{2}$, D. Shead $4\frac{1}{2}$, D. Milne $2\frac{1}{2}$, T. O'Connor 2.

For Auckland: D. Brunton $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, B. Hart 8, C. Belton 7, D. Storey $6\frac{1}{2}$, P. Goffin 6, R. Gibbons $4\frac{1}{2}$, M. Steiner 3, M. Watson $2\frac{1}{2}$, I. Harrison & J. Cater 2, S. Van Dam 1.

TOURNAMENT NEWS

Upper Hutt Club will be holding a 40-40 tournament on Sat. 8th June 1974, at Civic Hall, Upper Hutt. It will be a 5 round Swiss in three grades, entry fee \$3.00. Prizes 1st \$50, 2nd \$25, A. Grade; \$35, \$20, B. Grade; \$20, \$10, C. Grade.

Kelston Boys High School is holding a special open tournament to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of FIDE at the KBHS Assembly Hall on May 4 - 5. Each player will have 40 minutes for the game - a sort of extended 5 minute game. Prizes 1st \$100, 2nd \$60, 3rd \$30, plus 10 special prizes. Entry fee \$5.00 to A.N. Skuja, KBHS, Archibald Rd., Auckland, 7.

North Island Championship will be held in Wanganui in the second week of the May School holidays. More details later.