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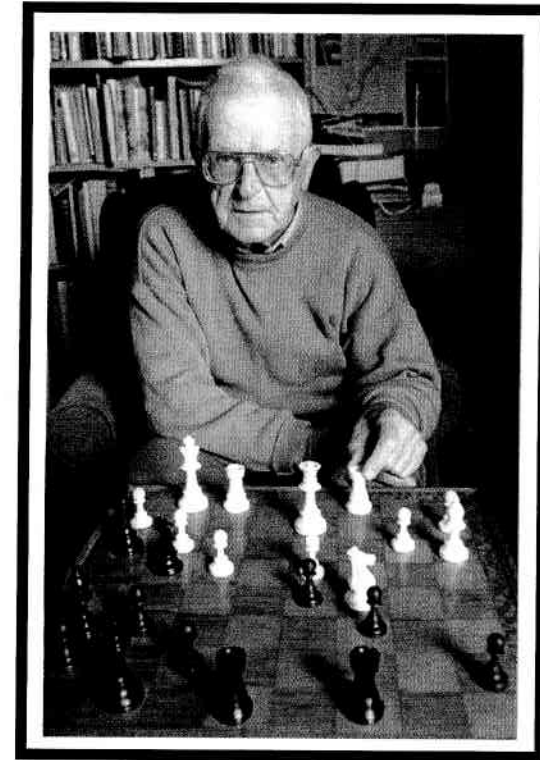
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The New Zealand Junior Championships

(for players under 20 on January 1)
 Wellington Chess Club from July 1 to 3.

As well as the overall title of NZ Junior Champion, the following titles will be awarded: NZ Junior Girls Champion, NZ Schoolpupils' Champion, NZ Schoolpupils Girls Champion, as well as age group titles for Under 16, Under 14, Under 12 and Under 10. For titles to be awarded in a category, there must be at least three competitors. The tournament is also part of the Global Chess Enterprises Grand Prix, with points awarded in the junior division.

The Championships are a 6-round swiss, with a time control of 1hr 45 minutes for each player.

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Obituary: Malcolm R. R. Foord

by Tony Dowden

Malcolm Foord, Life-member of the Otago Chess Club, died suddenly in April at the age of 80. Active to the end, Malcolm had arranged to play long-time rival, NM Graham Haase in the Otago Championship the day after he died. Malcolm believed in things being done well and with careful attention to propriety. He served on the club committee for many years with distinction – being president, treasurer and secretary at various times.

Due to a busy professional life, Malcolm Foord could best be described as a ‘late bloomer’ as a player – surely an inspiration to those who think their best chess is behind them once they turn 40! Remarkably, he won the Otago Easter Open for the one and only time in 1998 at the age of 76. He didn’t ever quite manage to win the Otago Championship but was 1st in the South Island Championship in Dunedin in 1974 and played in the next NZ Championship in Dunedin in 1974/5. Although his approach to the game was less effective at the highest level, Foord could still be a very dangerous opponent (as the writer can attest to on more than one occasion). For instance, in 2000 at the age of 79, he upset seasoned Championship player, Kendall Boyd (rated almost 500 Elo points above him) in a long, hard-fought ending in the South Island Championship. He also rated his win over GM Murray Chandler in an eight-player clock simul in Dunedin in 1983 (Chandler’s only loss) as a personal highlight.

Outside chess, Foord was well known as an accomplished natural historian. His more noted endeavours included crucial field-work towards conserving a small forest bird, the mohua (or yellowhead) in the Blue Mountains of West Otago, the discovery of a handful of invertebrates (a Central North Island spider, *Tararua foordi*, now bears his name) and authoring *The New Zealand Descriptive Animal Dictionary* (1990).

The following game was played in the Premier Reserve 1982/83 when Foord was already a “senior” player, aged 60. Here he convincingly refutes his former club-mate’s set-up:

Malcolm Foord – Michael White Queen’s Indian Def.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.e3 Bb7 4.e3 Bb7 5.a3 Be7 6.Nc3 d5 7.cxd4 Nxd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.e4 Nxc3 10.bxc3 c5 11.Bb2 cxd4!! Black hopes that the d4 pawn will be a liability but White finds a way to make his minor pieces dangerously active 12.cxd4 Nc6?! A better try is 12...Nd7 followed by ...Nf6 13.0-0 Rc8 14.Qe2 Qd7 15.Rad1 Rfd8 16.d5! exd5 17.cxd5 Na5 18.Nc5 Qd6 19.Bh7+! Kf8 20.Bf5 Rc7 21.Nxf7! A brutal sacrifice – effectively exposing Black’s crippling weaknesses on the light squares 21...Kxf7 22.Qh5+ Kf8 23.Qh8+ Kf7 24.Qxg7+ Ke8 25.Qh8+ Bf8 26.Rfe1+ Rc7 27.Qh5+ 1-0

25th Waitakere Trust Open

A field of 103 players and a rare five-way tie for first were features of this year’s Waitakere Trust Open on May 25 and 26. The multiple winners were A. Kulasho, D. Guthrie, L. McLaren, A. Ker, P. Garbett, who each won nearly \$400 in the class one GP event boasting close to \$5000 total prize-money. Extensive report and games in June.

New Zealand Women’s Championship

Edith Otene achieved a long-held ambition at Queen’s Birthday Weekend by tying for first with Vivian Smith for the NZ Women’s title. It was Otene’s first title, and Smith’s 8th. They both scored 6/7, with young Evgenia Charomova third on 5. Full report and games in the June issue.

2002 Latvian Tournament

by DOP Bob Gibbons

The 2002 Latvian Tournament was the first of the new Grand prix events and attracted a greatly increased entry compared with last year’s event. It was a class 1 six round rapid event with a prizefund in excess of \$2000. In all there were 21 players in the A grade and 55 players in the B grade and this created a headache for the organizers as many of these entries did not come in until the last possible moment. As a result the first round was delayed by nearly forty minutes.

This event was run using the SwissPerfect pairing software recently issued to all clubs. Once the list of competitors had been finally determined there were virtually no further problems and it was possible to catch up with the initial playing schedule by the end of round three.

In the A Grade Antonio Krstev and Mark van der Hooft were early casualties losing in round one to Paul Spiller and Fuatai Fuatai respectively while in round two Paul Garbett and Leonard McLaren were defeated by Ralph Hart and Fuatai Fuatai. Round three saw Hart and Fuatai in winning form again, this time at the expense of Bob Smith and Hilton Bennett. This left them as the sole leaders but they were not to win again and after drawing against one another in round four they slipped back into the pack.

By the end of the sixth round four players had emerged on four and a half points to jointly claim the first prize. Peter Green had advanced undefeated through the tournament drawing with fellow first place getters Paul Garbett, Alexei Kulashko and Bob Smith each of whom had suffered one disaster along the way. Half a point back were Leonard McLaren, PuChen Wang and Fuatai Fuatai. As nineteenth seed Fuatai had had a particularly impressive result which should considerably improve his rating.

In the B Grade, the 12th seed Daniel Han had a perfect score to finish a full point ahead of sec-

ond place getters Barry Williams and Don Eade. An excellent performance by bottom seeded Michael Zhang and 41st seed Aaron Cossey put them into the equal fourth slot along with Vivian Smith, Hilton Jacobs, Bill Forster and Helmut Modlik.

The prize giving ceremony was somewhat delayed due to the large number and variety of prizes awarded but it was gratifying that many players chose to remain until the conclusion.

It was also pleasing to note the large contingent of juniors who turned out for this event and many of these look to have great potential as future club players.

Thanks must go to the Howick club for their generous sponsorship of this event, which is now approaching its 30th year and in particular to Kees van den

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tive positional chess to take third place. He will have gladdened the hearts of Pirc fans with this effort:

Bruce Donaldson (1858) – Craig Hall (1818) Pirc Def

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bg5 Bg7 5.f4 0-0 6.Nf3 c5 7.e5 cxd4 8.exf6 exf6 9.Bh4 dxc3 10.bxc3 Qa5 11.Bd3 Qxc3+ 12.Nd2 Re8+ 13.Kf1 Bg4 14.Qc1 g5 15.Ne4 Rxe4 16.Bxe4 gxb4 17.Bxb7 Qc4+ 18.Kg1 Qc5+ 19.Kf1 Qb5+ 20.c4 Qxb7 21.Rb1 Qe4 22.h3 Be2+ 23.Kg1 Qd4+ 24.Kh2 Bh6 0-1

The final results of the Otago Easter Open (the first Grand Prix event in the South Island) were: 1st Ben Giles (GA) 5/6, 2nd Tony Dowden (OT) 4½, 3rd Craig Hall (CA) 4. They were followed by Bruce Donaldson (CA) 3, Hamish Gold (OT) & Brendan Reedy (CA) 2½, Malcolm Foord (OT) 1½ and Trevor Rowell (OT) 1. Gold and Reedy shared the under 1700 grade prize.

Latvian A Grade Cross Table

			Total	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Paul	Garbett	4.5	12:W	6:L	18:W	2:W	8:W	5:D
2	Alexei	Kulashko	4.5	13:W	9:W	5:D	1:L	22:W	6:W
3	Bob	Smith	4.5	14:W	11:W	6:L	5:D	7:W	9:W
4	Leonard	McLaren	4	15:W	19:L	21:W	9:L	11:W	7:W
5	Peter	Green	4.5	16:W	18:W	2:D	3:D	6:W	1:D
6	Ralph	Hart	3.5	17:W	1:W	3:W	19:D	5:L	2:L
7	Antonio	Krstev	2.5	18:L	16:W	20:W	22:D	3:L	4:L
8	Mark	van der Hoorn	2.5	19:L	21:W	15:D	17:W	1:L	12:L
9	Puchen	Wang	4	20:W	2:L	12:W	4:W	19:W	3:L
10	Manhal	Yaikoob	0		Did not play				
11	Hilton	Bennett	3	22:W	3:L	19:L	20:W	4:L	16:W
12	Matthew	McNabb	3.5	1:L	17:W	9:L	13:W	15:D	8:W
13	Jeffrey	Boardman	1	2:L	20:L	14:L	12:L	:W	17:L
14	Stuart	East	3.5	3:L	22:L	13:W	21:W	18:W	19:D
15	Neil	Gunn	3	4:L	10:W	8:D	18:D	12:D	22:D
16	K.William	Lynn	2	5:L	7:L	22:L	:W	20:W	11:L
17	Michael	Turner	3	6:L	12:L	:W	8:L	21:W	13:W
18	Paul	Spiller	2.5	7:W	5:L	1:L	15:D	14:L	21:W
19	Fuatai	Fuatai	4	8:W	4:W	11:W	6:D	9:L	14:D
20	Barry	Martin-Buss	2	9:L	13:W	7:L	11:L	16:L	:W
21	Alexandru	Chitic	1	10:W	8:L	4:L	14:L	17:L	18:L
22	Nathan	Goodhue	3	11:L	14:W	16:W	7:D	2:L	15:D

Latvian B Grade

			Total	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Paul	Morten	4	29:W	17:W	12:L	15:W	21:W	4:L
2	Barry	Williams	5	30:W	16:W	18:W	11:W	12:L	7:W
3	Vivian	Smith	4.5	31:W	26:W	13:L	28:W	17:W	55:D
4	Don	Eade	5	32:W	18:L	19:W	25:W	14:W	1:W
5	Hilton	Jacobs	4.5	33:W	28:W	15:D	6:W	13:W	12:L
6	Graham	Pocock	4	34:W	21:L	35:W	5:L	32:W	23:W
7	David	Xu	4	35:W	41:W	21:W	12:L	24:W	2:L
8	Clive	Wilson	3	36:W	25:L	38:L	35:W	9:L	32:W
9	Bill	Forster	4.5	19:D	14:L	53:W	26:W	8:W	13:W
10	Helmut	Modlik	4.5	37:W	50:W	24:W	13:L	41:D	15:W
11	Mark	Brimble	3	38:W	27:W	25:W	2:L	55:L	41:L
12	Daniel	Han	6	39:W	55:W	1:W	7:W	2:W	5:W
13	Visayen	Nair	4	40:W	46:W	3:W	10:W	5:L	9:L

14	Ken	Williams	3	41:L	9:W	37:W	33:W	4:L	24:L
15	Leyton	Hackney	3.5	42:W	48:W	5:D	1:L	19:W	10:L
16	Gary	Judkins	3	43:W	2:L	41:L	37:L	26:W	33:W
17	Roland	Stierand	4	44:W	1:L	42:W	32:W	3:L	28:W
18	Evgenia	Charomova	4	45:W	4:W	2:L	41:L	31:W	37:W
19	Edith	Otene	3.5	9:D	20:W	4:L	44:W	15:L	53:W
20	Glen	Matthews	3	46:L	19:L	40:W	42:W	34:W	50:L
21	Peter	Morten	3	47:W	6:W	7:L	38:W	1:L	52:L
22	Alefusio	Pritchard	0	48:L	38:L	:	:	:	:
23	Kees	van den Bosch	3	50:L	39:W	43:W	55:L	33:W	6:L
24	Sue	Maroroa	4	49:W	40:W	10:L	50:W	7:L	14:W
25	Thomas	Gothorp	2	51:W	8:W	11:L	4:L	53:L	34:L
26	Timu	Maroroa	2.5	52:W	3:L	44:D	9:L	16:L	42:W
27	Serra	Tang	3	53:W	11:L	50:L	39:W	37:L	43:W
28	Max	Thomson	3	54:W	5:L	46:W	3:L	38:W	17:L
29	James	Danaher	3	1:L	42:L	45:W	46:W	50:L	35:W
30	Rajana	Swamy	3	2:L	43:L	51:W	53:L	47:W	39:W
31	Mike	Bwimana	2	3:L	44:L	47:W	48:W	18:L	38:L
32	Alshan	Bajwa	2	4:L	45:W	54:W	17:L	6:L	8:L
33	Devon	Smith	2	5:L	47:W	48:W	14:L	23:L	16:L
34	Blair	Robertson	3	6:L	51:W	55:L	54:W	20:L	25:W
35	Jason	Cho	2	7:L	49:W	6:L	8:L	54:W	29:L
36	Ricky	McDonald	0	8:L	53:L	:	:	:	:
37	Gino	Thornton	3	10:L	52:W	14:L	16:W	27:W	18:L
38	Evan	Blumgart	3	11:L	22:W	8:W	21:L	28:L	31:W
39	Tim	Judkins	2	12:L	23:L	49:W	27:L	46:W	30:L
40	Andrew	Chen	2	13:L	24:L	20:L	47:L	48:W	46:W
41	Aaron	Cossey	4.5	14:W	7:L	16:W	18:W	10:D	11:W
42	Benjamin	Dowdeswell	2	15:L	29:W	17:L	20:L	49:W	26:L
43	Bobbie	Lee	2	16:L	30:W	23:L	52:L	51:W	27:L
44	Alan	Lin	2.5	17:L	31:W	26:D	19:L	52:L	47:W
45	Paul	Lu	1	18:L	32:L	29:L	49:L	:W	51:L
46	Manly	Lui	1	20:W	13:L	28:L	29:L	39:L	40:L
47	Andrew	Maroroa	1	21:L	33:L	31:L	40:W	30:L	44:L
48	Jason	Matthews	2	22:W	15:L	33:L	31:L	40:L	54:W
49	Tom	Morrison	2	24:L	35:L	39:L	45:W	42:L	:W
50	Glen	Morrison	4	23:W	10:L	27:W	24:L	29:W	20:W
51	Kirby	Sandford	2	25:L	34:L	30:L	:W	43:L	45:W
52	Fred	Schipper	4	26:L	37:L	:D	43:W	44:W	21:W
53	Sam	Stokes	3	27:L	36:W	9:L	30:W	25:W	19:L
54	Stephen	Yao	1	28:L	:W	32:L	34:L	35:L	48:L
55	Michael	Zhang	4.5	:W	12:L	34:W	23:W	11:W	3:D

Junior Chess

by Felicity Timings

Welcome to the Junior Chess Pages, a new section of your NZ Chess Magazine. In it we will have articles of interest to juniors (and their parents?), news about upcoming competitions, and recent junior results. If you have anything you'd like to include in these pages please contact Felicity Timings at ftimings@ihug.co.nz

Chess Clubs catering for juniors:

Most chess clubs welcome junior players at their sessions, but because these finish quite late it could mean that juniors have to stay up way past their bedtimes (and parents don't seem to like this, for some reason...). Some NZ clubs run sessions especially for juniors, and we have a list of them here (there may be others, so let us know of any).

- Howick Pakuranga: Tuesdays 6:30-7:30, with coaching. Contact Kees van den Bosch at kvdbstj@clear.net.nz
- Waitemata (West Auckland): Mondays 6:15-7:15, with coaching from FM Bob Smith and 7-times Women's Champion Viv Smith. Email: bobviv@actrix.gen.nz
- North Harbour Juniors (Auckland): Thursdays 6-7:30 with coaching from FM Ewen Green and Mark Le Brocq. Email Felicity: ftimings@ihug.co.nz
- Wellington: Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 with coaching from IM Anthony Ker. Contact Alan at Alan_Aldridge@paradise.net.nz
- Auckland Chess Centre: Fridays 6:30-8:30 with coaching from Stuart East. Phone 630 2042.
- Papatoetoe Chess Club: Wednesdays 6:30-7:30. Contact Katrine Metge at Katrine_@ihug.co.nz
- Canterbury: Tuesdays 4-6pm and 7-9pm. Contact Craig Hall at chall@inet.net.nz

NZCF Endorsed Chess Badges

The NZCF has just endorsed the Chess Badge grading system that has been developed and used in Christchurch by Craig Hall and Jacinta Buist for several years. Young chess players will have the opportunity to pass a series of 9 national grading exams, winning certificates

and badges in the process.

Logo Design Competition

A new logo is needed for the badges, so a competition is being run to help select one. If any juniors would like to send their designs to Felicity they could have their logo used on the new badges – and be famous forever! Entries close June 30. P.S. Keep it simple.

2002 Primary and Inter-school Teams Competitions

These are coming up soon, although not in every part of NZ – unfortunately. The regions about to run competitions are:

- Christchurch: on now, with 207 teams entered! Contact Jacinta on jmb@inet.net.nz
- Wellington: May 27. Contact Alan Aldridge.
- Wanganui: Sunday 9 June. Contact Allan Short.
- Hamilton: Sunday 16 June. Contact Gerri at: Gerri.Judkins@southwell.school.nz
- Howick-Pakuranga: entries finalized. Contact Kees van den Bosch.
- North Shore: July 16 – 18. Contact Felicity.
- West Auckland: TBA. Contact Bob or Viv.
- South and Central Auckland: TBA. Contact Bob, Viv or Felicity.

If your region is not running one perhaps you'd like to? Contact Felicity for details.

Recent News:

Congratulations to Michael Smith (Shirley BHS) for winning the Canterbury Age Group Championships with 5/5. Hiren Patel (Aranui HS) was 2nd with 4/5. Michael also won the U-12 grade, with Dhairesh Patel (no relation – SBHS) second on 3/5. Manu Somerville won the U-12 grade and David Brockerhoff won the U-8 grade.

Report on the Latvian Tournament, by James Danaher (age 11)

When I woke up on Sunday March 17 I had butterflies in my stomach. I had played in plenty of junior tournaments before, but never

in an open tournament, against adults. We picked up my friend Max Thomson and Mum drove us out to Pakuranga in almost complete silence - I think my teeth were chattering too much for me to talk! When we got there we wandered around and said hello to a few people we recognized from other tournaments.

Finally the draw went up – Oh no! I was playing on the first board, against Paul Morton, the top player in the 2nd division! We sat down and faced each other. I was black, my preferred colour because I like to play the French. And I really enjoyed playing against someone who knew the book moves. Up until now I had only ever played kids who didn't know more than the first 3 moves. We jumped into the French Classical, which he turned into the Tarrasch and I (accidentally!) turned into the Advanced (oops). This entirely blocked in my pieces and I had to retreat, wasting time. I felt that I put up a good fight, but it was completely in vain. He smashed me – but I enjoyed playing against him, my first adult game!

I blundered my way through the next game, losing where I should have won, and beat an easy opponent in my third game. Some rather nice bishop moves won me the next game, but I lost my 5th game to another adult. I got away with a back rank mate on my 6th game, to my opponent's despair (it happens to us all once!), ending up with 3/6.

What an exhausting day. I was too tired to stay for the prize-giving, so Mum took me home for a late dinner. After I had gone to bed Bob Smith rang up and told Mum that Max, Serra Tang (who also plays in our club) and I had all come 1st equal in the U-12 age group, winning \$60 each. Wicked! (More train track for my set.) I can't wait for the Waitakere Trust Tournament...

Did you know...

Most juniors make the mistake of playing their games far too quickly, and could do with spending a bit more time on each move. But there is the other extreme – the longest game ever played was Stepak-Mashian, played in Israel, 1980. The game lasted 24 hours, 30 minutes! Yawn....

Chess Puzzle – The Dudeney Problem

This has been called the best puzzle ever devised, by Henry Ernest Dudeney, and you don't even need to know the rules of chess to play it. Two people have a perfectly constructed chessboard, and an unlimited supply of white pawns of exactly the same dimensions. The first person places a pawn anywhere on the board (not necessarily in the middle of a square – anywhere); the second does the same. And so on until one person can't fit another pawn on the board. He's the loser. With perfect play, who wins? (Source: The Complete Chess Addict) **Answer next issue.**

New Zealand News

Wanganui C.C.

Wanganui defeated New Plymouth for the Burnham Cup in a seven-board match played at Hawera. Results, in board order with Wanganui named first: Barry Williams 1, John Mulder 1; Mark Hall 1.5, Peter Heiloo .5; Gordon Hoskyn 2, David McEwen 0; David Bell 1, Errol Tuffery 1; John Wilson 2, Adrian Price 0; Waata Hipango 2, Bob Bowler 0; David Burnham 0, Alan Jury 1; Ahmed Al-Hindawi 1, Jury 0. Wanganui won the first round narrowly by 4-3, and dominated the second round by 6.5-0.5. Total scores were Wanganui, 10.5, New Plymouth 3.5.

The following officers were elected at the Wanganui Chess Club A.G.M.: Patron, David Burnham; president, Gordon Hoskyn; vice-presidents, David Bell, Dave Cooper, Ted Frost, Dilbagh Sangha; secretary-treasurer, Kevin Yorston; club captain, Allan Short; librarian, Barry Williams; publicity officer, Gordon Hoskyn; auditor/financial reviewer, Nigel Hurley; match committee, Short (convenor), Hoskyn, Williams; management committee, Bell, Rose Harris, Waata Hipango, Ross Maxwell, John Wilson.

Otago Round-up

by Tony Dowden

Otago Chess Club Rapid Mini Round 1, 2002

The results of the five round-robins were:

A grade 1st Richard Sutton 4½/6, 2nd Tony Dowden 4, 3rd John Sutherland 2, 4th Hamish Gold 1½

B grade 1st Bill Petch 4½/6, 2nd Duncan Watts 3, 3rd Pascal Harris 2½, 4th Malcolm Foord 2

C grade 1st Anthony Ritchie 4/6, 2nd Luke Lambert 3½, 3rd Dallin Heperi 3, 4th Alistair Newbould 1½

D grade 1st Terry Duffield 4½/6, 2nd David Reid 4, 3rd John van Zoomeren 3, 4th Phillip Hall 1

E grade 1st Geoff Adams 3/4, 2nd Geoff Purdon 1, 3rd John Armstrong 0

F grade 1st George Ren 6/6, 2nd Sean Wilson 4, 3rd Joe Farrant 2, 4th Shane van Dyk 0

R. Sutton (2220) – T. Dowden (2117) Benoni Defence (Light notes by T. Dowden)

1. d4 e6 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. c4 c5 4. d5 exd5 5. cxd5 d6 6. Nc3 g6 7. Nd2 The rare Knight's Tour variation 7... a6?! Unnecessarily committal. Black has ruled out the stock manoeuvre ... b6 followed ... Ba6. Better was 7... Bg7 8. a4 Bg7 9. e4 0-0 10. Be2 Nbd7 11. 0-0 Rb8 12. Qc2 White has a comfortable edge 12... Ne5?! Black plays a risky move in an attempt to grab the initiative 13. h3?! 13. f4 Neg4 14. Nf3! looks good for White 13... g5! 14. Nc4 Nxc4 15. Bxc4 g4! 16. h4 g3! 17. fxc3 Ng4 For the investment of the pawn Black gains control of some important dark squares, gets his queen-side play moving and slows down White's traditionally dangerous king-side initiative 18. Ne2 b5 19. axb5 axb5 20. Ba2 c4 Also possible was 20... b4 followed by 21... Ba6 21. Bf4 f5! Again somewhat risky but by now Black has compensation for his gambitted pawn and is trying to force the pace 22. Bb1 fxe4? Much better is 22... Qb6+ followed by 23... Nf2+ or 23... Ne3 23. Qxe4 Bf5 24. Qf3 White's queen has been chased to a better position 24... Qb6+?! And now Black's queen ends up out of play 25. Kh1 Ne5 26. Qh5 Nd3 27. Kh2! White has managed

to scramble out of danger 27... Rbe8?! Black is unable to decide how to improve his position any further. Perhaps grabbing the pawn with 27... Bxb2 was best 28. Bh6 Bg6 29. Rxf8+ Rxf8 30. Qg5 Bf6?! Black is oblivious to any danger 31. Qg4 Re8?? Losing instantly but even after the plausible continuation 31... Bg7 32. Bxg7 Kxg7 33. Bxd3! cxd3 34. Nd4 Kh8 35. Ne6 White is much better 32. Ra8!! This elegant deflection wins – lightning from a blue sky! 32... Kf7 If 32... Rxe8 33. Qe6+ Bf7 34. Qxf6 and 35. Qg7 mates. 33. Qd7 Re7 Or 33... Be7 34. Qe6# 34. Rf8# 1-0

Otago Autumn Rapid, 2002

The results in this all Otago eight-player field were: 1st= Tony Dowden, Tony Love, Richard Sutton & John Sutherland 4½, 5th Hamish Gold 4.

Otago Easter Open, 2002

Ben Giles won the event this year with four wins and two draws. He played steadily and is chances efficiently. The key moment in the tournament came as early as Round 3 when he snatched a draw in a lost ending against Tony Dowden. Apart from a draw with Hamish Gold he was severe on lower-rated opposition:

Craig Hall (1818) – Ben Giles (1954) Scandinavian Def

1. e4 d5 2. exd5 Nf6 3. Bb5+ Bd7 4. Bxd7+ Qxd7 5. Nf3 Nxd5 6. 0-0 Nc6 7. Nc3 0-0-0 8. d4 f6 9. Nxd5 Qxd5 10. Be3 g5 11. b3 h5 12. c4 Qf5 13. d5 e6 14. dxc6 Rxd1 15. cxb7+ Kxb7 16. Raxd1 Bc5 17. Nd4 Bxd4 18. Bxd4 h4 19. f4 gxf4 20. Be3 e5 21. Rd5 Qe4 22. Bf2 h3 23. gxh3 Rg8+ 0-1

Tony Dowden was also unbeaten but generally lacked inspiration. The exception was in the last round where he shed pawns like autumn leaves - in a botched Advanced Caro Kamm against Craig Hall - but managed to swindle a draw in the ending. Craig Hall played attrac-

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2002 Oceania Zonal Championship – Fiji

introduction by FM Bob Smith



Rounds 1 & 2

Manoj Kumar – Fiji's representative at the 2001 Oceanic Zonal Championship and the winner at the recent Fiji Games.

Five men and one woman from New Zealand flew to Fiji in May for the Oceania Zonal Championships. The organisers managed to attract an impressive field – including one Grandmaster, three International Masters and eight Fide Masters.

In total 26 players contested the Men's Group, while there was a healthy field of ten in the Women's Zonal, including two Women's International Masters.

The venue for the competition was the plush Warwick Fiji Resort, around an hour forty drive from Nadi, where very favourable accommodation rates had been negotiated.

Several players brought their wives or partners along – with the pools, tennis courts, games complex, beach, restaurants and shopping there was plenty to keep non-chess players amused. The Fiji Chess Federation set a high standard of organisation and hospitality. The playing conditions were excellent, while the competition was overseen by arguably Australasia's most experienced director of play, Garry Bekker.

On the free day players were taken on a tour of Suva. This included a trip to Fiji's parliament, where coup leader George Speight held his hostages not so long ago, while out at sea we could see the island where he and his supporters are now confined. The Fiji Federation also provided a wonderful buffet lunch at a top-class restaurant. New Zealand has much to live up to when we host the Zonal again!

From New Zealand's point of view, the highlight of the actual play was Peter Green's achievement in gaining the FIDE Master title. Peter has been of the requisite standard for quite some time, and certainly deserves to join the ranks of our growing number of FMs.

Day one summary:

The first day of play got off to a sensational start, with several players from the smaller Oceanic nations proving that they are going to make an impact on the international chess scene in the future. Most of the top seeds won their first games, but there were also some unexpected results along the way.

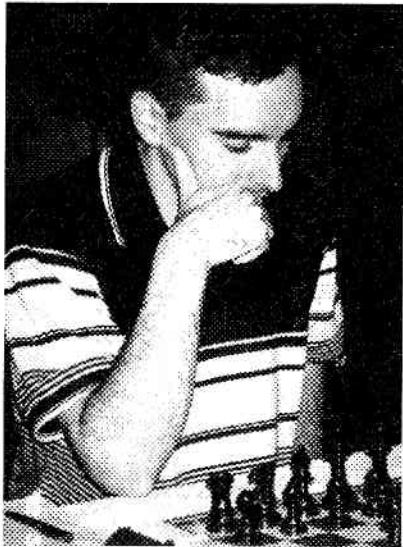
In round one the PNG champion, Stuart Fancy, out-classed the tournament's third seed FM Chris Depasquale to score the surprise result of the round. Hilton Bennett was pleased with his first round result, a draw with New Zealand IM Anthony Ker. Lee Jones, who was robbed of the FM title at last year's Zonal Championship on tiebreak points, proved that he is also in good form. He dispatched FM Brett Tindall during a hurried time-scramble and followed up with a solid draw against former New Zealand champion, FM Bob Smith.

Apart from Damian Norris, who played very well against IM Gary Lane in the first round, the Fijian players struggled in round one. During the second round, however, they found their form and scored several good results against strong opponents. Most noteworthy were the draws by Rajnesh Parmeshwar and Dr. Sam Goundar against internationally rated opponents.

Tournament Leaders after 2 rounds:

Mens: D.Johansen, M.Rujevic 2pts;
Lane, Canfell, Ker, Feldman, etc 1.5pts
Women's: I.Berezina, L.Moylan, N.Lane,
V.Smith 2pts.

Rounds 3 & 4



Lee Jones – Tournament dark horse, narrowly missed out on the FM title at the 2001 Oceanic Zonal Championships.

Day two summary:

GM Darryl Johansen defeated FM Mirko Rujevic in round three to take an early outright lead in the tournament. All other top seeds had already conceded draws, or lost games, during the first day of play. A king-side pawn storm netted Johansen a central pawn, and a winning advantage, against Rujevic. In round four, Johansen played the tournament's second seed IM Gary Lane. After early exchanges the game was quickly drawn. At the end of the day's play, Johansen had retained his sole lead with a half point margin ahead of Lane, Canfell and Ker.

The dark horse of the tournament has been Lee Jones. Although still without a FIDE rating, he has shown that he can mix it with the best. In round three he defeated IM Vladimir Feldman, the winner of the inaugural 1999 Oceanic Zonal Chess Championship. Feldman grabbed a hot pawn and soon found himself losing a piece. In round

four Jones looked to have chances against IM Anthony Ker after he won a knight for two pawns. Ker's additional pawns, however, were advanced connected passed pawns, and provided more than enough compensation for the knight in the end. FM Naum Kagan followed up his round two draw against IM Gary Lane, with another draw against strong opposition, this time the tournament's fourth seed, FM Greg Canfell. In the evening round Kagan quickly drew with FM Rujevic. FM Greg Canfell retained chances of obtaining the IM title by defeating FM Tim Reilly in round four and will have the white pieces against Johansen in the morning.

The highest scoring Fijian player, Damian Norris, held the former New Zealand champion, FM Bob Smith, to a draw in round four.

In the women's tournament, favourable pairings have helped WIM Irina Berezina, WIM Laura Moylan, and Nancy Lane all power away with a picket fence start to the tournament. Nancy Lane and Catherine Lip will be battling to outscore each other to see who will gain the WIM title. The next few rounds will prove critical in determining the results of the tournament. Tomorrow morning's round will feature the clash between WIMs Berezina and Moylan, and will also see the first game between Fijian competitors in the event.

Players are reminded to advise tournament organiser, Dr. Virgilio De Asa, or Deputy Arbiter, Jashint Maharaj of their intention to participate in the Suva bus tour and buffet lunch on the Thursday rest day.

Tournament Leaders after 4 rounds:

Men's:	D.Johansen	3.5 pts
	Lane, Canfell, Ker	3.0 pts
Women's:	I.Berezina, L.Moylan,	
	N.Lane.	4.0 pts

Rounds 5 & 6



IM Gary Lane – New joint leader, will be providing a simultaneous exhibition in Suva during the rest day.

Day three summary:

There were few surprises in this morning's round, with higher seeds winning most of their games. On the lower boards, however, Dr. Sanmogan Goundar and Manoj Kumar achieved draws against internationally rated players Stuart Fancy and Paul Spiller respectively. This will maintain the Fijians' chances of gaining a FIDE rating block from the tournament.

GM Darryl Johansen defeated FM Greg Canfell this morning but was then held to a draw by IM Vladimir Feldman in the evening round. This allowed second seed, IM Gary Lane to catch up with Johansen as joint leader by defeating FM Eddy Levi on board 2.

FM Chris Depasquale aided his recovery from a poor start to the tournament, by drawing with FM Mirko Rujevic. On board 4, IM hopefuls, FM Bob Smith and FM Greg Canfell battled out a lengthy game that resulted in a draw. Canfell looked to have better chances because of his passed queenside pawns, but Smith gener-

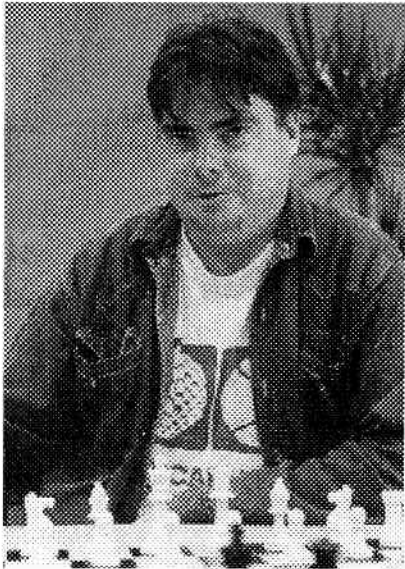
ated an attack, which forced Canfell to give up his queen for only a knight. Shortly afterwards, Smith repeated moves to avoid Canfell's impending queenside pawn promotion, but overlooked the chance to win with Qh5+ Kg8 f6! which wins because ... Bxf6+ Kg6 leads to mate. These results may prove critical in the hunt for FIDE titles.

Nancy Lane has taken the lead in the Women's tournament with a perfect score so far, but will meet her three strongest rivals in the last three rounds. WIM Berezina agreed to a quick draw with WIM Moylan this morning, and Moylan also had a draw with Catherine Lip in the evening. The Fijian females have failed to make any impression on their foreign competitors. They will need to improve their game in the future, but their participation has provided a welcome relief from the usual single-digit number of players in the Women's Zonal event. In the chase for titles, FM Mirko Rujevic has a half point lead ahead of Canfell, Smith and a group of others seeking the IM title. Peter Green holds a half point edge over Brian Jones and Paul Spiller in the pursuit for the FM title. Nancy Lane is now the firm favourite to gain the WIM title and it appears that Catherine Lip may have to settle for the title of WFM. Fiji plans to hold its annual national championship as a FIDE-rated round robin event, open to foreign competitors, during early December 2002. Those players who would like to return to Fiji to participate are kindly asked to register their interest with Fiji Chess Federation President, Dr. Virgilio De Asa.

Tournament Leaders after 6 rounds:

Men's:	D.Johansen, G.Lane	5.0 pts
	V.Feldman, M.Rujevic	4.0 pts
Women's:	N.Lane.	6.0 pts
	I.Berezina	5.5 pts
	L.Moylan, C.Lip	5.0 pts

Rounds 7 & 8



FM Greg Canfell – Defeated IM Gary Lane in round 8 and will be playing for the IM title tomorrow.

Day four summary:

There was high drama in the battle for top spot in the Zonal Championships today. In this morning's round, the New Zealand champion, IM Anthony Ker, held GM Darryl Johansen to a draw. This allowed IM Gary Lane to become the new tournament leader, with only two rounds to go, by beating FM Mirko Rujevic.

Just as IM Gary Lane must have been contemplating the possibility of a berth in the next FIDE World Championship, FM Greg Canfell caused a sensation by defeating Lane in only 27 moves. This allowed GM Johansen to regain a half point lead by beating Naum Kagan.

Canfell will play FM Mirko Rujevic on board three tomorrow for a chance to gain the IM title. His main rival, FM Chris Depasquale, has to play Johansen. On board

one. Depasquale had a good day in the office today, defeating both Reilly and Feldman, but may find things a bit tougher on top board against Johansen.

IM Anthony Ker sacrificed material with reckless abandon to generate an attack and defeat FM Brett Tindall in round eight. FM Rujevic and Brian Jones defeated New Zealanders Peter Green and FM Bob Smith respectively, to stay in contention for titles. Brian Jones will play IM Gary Lane on board two in the morning. Jones needs to score half a point to guarantee himself the FM title, while Lane needs to win to retain any chance of catching up to Johansen for first place.

Amongst the Fijians, Dr. Goundar has caught up to his internationally ranked countryman, Damian Norris, and the pair will meet tomorrow in a local clash for honour.

WIM Berezina defeated Nancy Lane in a long struggle to gain a half point lead in the women's tournament. Nancy Lane needs to score at least a half point against Catherine Lip to secure the WIM title. A loss would mean that either Lip or Szuveges would gain the title on tiebreak.

In case of a tie for either championship title, a rapid play match will take place to determine the winner. Ties for title placings will be determined by using the highest sum of cumulative scores in the men's event, and elimination of scores against opponents in the lowest final score-group for the women's event.

Tournament Leaders after 8 rounds:

<u>Men's:</u>	D.Johansen	6.5 pts
	G.Lane	6.0 pts
	Canfell, Depasquale	5.5 pts
	Rujevic, Ker, B.Jones	5.0 pts

<u>Women's:</u>	I.Berezina	7.5 pts
	N.Lane.	7.0 pts
	C.Lip, N.Szuveges	6.0 pts

Round 9



GM Darryl Johansen – Winner of the Oceanic Zonal Chess Championship and Zone representative in the 2003 FIDE World Championship.

Day five summary:

Congratulations to GM Darryl Johansen who has won the 2002 Oceanic Zonal Chess Championship with a final round victory over FM Chris Depasquale. Depasquale needed a win to gain the IM title and launched a ferocious king side attack. Johansen maintained control of the position, gained counterplay on the queenside and eventually invaded down the c-file to win the game.

On board three, FM Mirko Rujevic eventually gained control of the seventh rank and squares near FM Greg Canfell's king to clinch victory and the IM title. Canfell will no doubt be disappointed, given his excellent performance earlier in the tournament and the fact that he only needed a draw to gain the IM title himself.

IM Gary Lane defeated Brian Jones on board two and clinched second place, but that was not

enough to prevent Brian Jones from gaining the FM title. Peter Green had a lengthy draw with FM Eddy Levi to also gain the FM title on count back ahead of an unlucky Lee Jones. Green finished only half a point ahead in the tiebreak. Lee Jones missed out on a FM title in similar circumstances at last year's Zonal Championship. We can only wish Lee the best of luck at the next Oceanic Zonal Championship, which is likely to be held in Auckland, New Zealand, during late 2004 or early 2005. Leading Fijian players, Dr. Sanmogam Goundar and Damian Norris split the point allowing Manoj Kumar and Rajnesh Parmeshwar to catch them for a four-way tie for the best Fiji player.

WIM Irina Berezina beat WFM Narelle Szuveges to win the women's event. In the battle for the WIM title, Catherine Lip surprisingly agreed to a draw in an equal position, knowing that she needed a win to take the WIM title from Lane. The draw result secured second place, and the WIM title, for Nancy Lane. Catherine Lip will gain the WFM title. Congratulations to all.

Thank you to Dr. Virgilio De Asa, President of the Fiji Chess Association, for his tremendous work in organising and coordinating the tournament. Our sincerest thanks also to Homecentres and the Warwick Fiji for sponsoring and hosting this magnificent Zonal Championship event. Best wishes to GM Johansen and WIM Berezina. I am sure they will do Oceania proud at the FIDE World Championship event next year.

Final Zonal Championship scores:

<u>Men's:</u>	D.Johansen	7.5 pts
	G.Lane	7.0 pts
	M.Rujevic	6.0 pts
	C.Depasquale, G.Canfell,	
	A.Ker, N.Kagan	5.5 pts

<u>Women's:</u>	I.Berezina	8.5 pts
	N.Lane.	7.5 pts
	L.Moylan, C.Lip	6.5 pts

2002 Global Chess Enterprises Grand Prix

by GP Administrator Bob Smith

The inaugural Global Chess Enterprises Grand Prix has created a lot of interest, boosting tournament fields in almost all events around the country.

To try to encourage as much southern participation as possible, NZCF Council set lower levy levels for areas outside Auckland and Wellington. It also recently increased the number of class 3 tournaments which can be counted in the final four from 2 to 3. However, there are unlikely to be further rule changes this year; Council (and myself as GP Administrator) welcomes feedback and would obviously bear any thoughts in mind for next year.

Meanwhile this year's Grand Prix is shaping up to be fiercely contested in a number of divisions. Even where the leader has a healthy head start, players should remember that only 4 events can be counted – so the front-runners must soon start replacing points. And resting on one's laurels will be a risk, if your rivals gain GP points while you're not playing! All in all, the competition's getting very interesting. Leading scores follow; only players with 10 or more points are listed.

Open: R. Smith 38, P. Garbett 37.4, P. Green 31.5, A. Kulashko 16.4, B. Watson 15.5, N. Croad 12

Under 2000: P. Wang 58.4, F. Fuatai 29.5, S. East 25.5, M. Wojnar 22.9, M. Turner 21.75, D. Han 21.4, M. Le Brocq, S. MacLeod 12.4, B. Giles 12, A. Aldridge, J. Boardman 10.5

Under 1700: H. Modlik, A. Cossey 34.9, B. Reedy 28, H. Jacobs 27.9, J. Browne 17.5, M. Zhang 17.4, E. Charomova 14, V. Smith 12.4, E. Roberts, G. Thornton, E. Book 12, H. Gold, G. Pocock 10

Under 1400: M. Zhang 35, T. Maroroa 26.17, S. Maroroa 23.5, R. Stierand 22.67, G. Thornton 22.5, J. Francis 15.67, T. Gothorp 12.5, J. Cursons, C. Phillips 10.5

Junior: A. Cossey 49.5, E. Charomova 38, M. Zhang 22.5, D. Han, E. Book 20, D. Xu 16.83, P. Wang 15, S. Maroroa 13.5, M. Wojnar, B. Williams 12, G. Thornton 11.5, P. Prinsloo 10.5

Female: E. Charomova 61, V. Smith 57, E. Otene 37.5, S. Tang, E. Mikhailik 15

Tournaments included so far are: The Latvian Tournament (class 1), Good Friday Challenge (class 2), Wellington Easter (class 3), Otago Easter (class 3), Kapiti Rapid (class 3), Hamilton Rapid (class 2), Waitakere Trust Open (class 1), NZ Women's Championship (class 3). The next Grand Prix event is the Upper Hutt 30-30 Tournament on 29 June. It will be a class 3 event, offering GP points from 12 down to 3 in all qualifying sections.

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Olympiad Appeal 2002

Donations are starting to come in towards sending New Zealand teams to the Olympiad in Slovenia in late October.

There has been substantial interest from our top players in going to the Olympiad, so we can expect to field a relatively strong Open team, which will be announced very soon. However, the air fare of around \$2500 for each player is an obstacle, so all contributions are much appreciated. The latest donations to the appeal are:

Upper Hutt Chess Club: \$100

R.J. Glass: \$100

H. P. Bennett: \$30

B. Millar: \$25

Previously acknowledged: B. Poole \$50 and V. Wang \$20, bringing the total so far to \$325. Many thanks to all the above.

However, there is a long way to go to cover the travel costs of our national representatives. Remember, every little bit helps. Olympiad donations can be sent to: NZCF, P.O. Box 216 Shortland St, Auckland 1.

Rating News May 2002

By Rowan Wood

There is no change at the top of the standard rating list. Alexei Kulashko has retained his number one ranking ahead of Ben Martin, Russell Dive, New Zealand Champion Antony Ker and Paul Garbett. There are four new entries, Mark van der Hoorn, Nic Croad, Bruce Anderson and Tony Dowden at fifteen, sixteen, eighteen and twenty respectively. The entry level for the top 20 has increased by 40 rating points.

After an absence of more than five years, Vernon Small's fifth equal placing in the New Zealand Rapid Championship, has resulted in the number one rapid ranking for Small. He takes over from Paul Garbett, followed by New Zealand Rapid Champion Russell Dive, Alexei Kulashko and Anthony Ker. There are just two new entries this period, junior Wang Pu Chen at fifteen and Michael Freeman at eighteen. Wang is the only junior in either list. The entry level has also increased by 28 rating points.

With Igor Bjelobrk no longer a junior player, Rong Wang has taken over top spot in the junior standard rankings, ahead of Wang Pu Chen, Maciej Wojnar, Colm Hartigan and Patrick Savage. Being the only junior in the open top twenty rapid list means that Wang Pu Chen is the number one ranked player on the junior list. He is followed by Rong Wang, Maciej Wojnar, new entry Daniel Han and Patrick Savage.

Viv Smith is still the top ranked player in both the women's standard and rapid ranking lists but is under increasing pressure from junior Evgenia Charomova who now occupies second place on both lists.

Chris Benson is the biggest mover on the standard ranking list, gaining 246 points. Next are David Simpson who has improved 179 and Chris Wright 171. On the rapid ranking list, the top mover is Fuatai Fuatai, up 202 points followed by Wang Pu Chen with 147 and Nathan Goodhue with 140.

Top 20 Open Standard

1 (unc) KULASHKO A	AC	2380
2 (unc) MARTIN EMS	OT	2375
3 (unc) DIVE RJ	WE	2362
4 (unc) KER AF	WE	2335
5 (unc) GARBETT PA	NS	2313
6 (unc) SMITH RW	WT	2308
7 (+ 2) SUTTON RJ	OT	2250
8 (- 1) MCLAREN LJ	NS	2243
9 (- 1) WASTNEY SC	GA	2241
10 (unc) DREYER MF	NS	2230
11 (unc) WATSON BR	AC	2224
12 (unc) LUKEY SG	WE	2221
13 (+ 4) GUTHRIE DW	WE	2213
14 (- 1) GREEN EM	HP	2206
15 (new) VAN DER HOORN MW	WE	2203
16 (new) CROAD N	WE	2190
17 (- 3) GREEN PR	AC	2174
18 (new) ANDERSON BR	CA	2169
(- 2) STEADMAN MVR	AC	2169
20 (new) DOWDEN RA	OT	2164

Top 20 Open Rapid

1 (new) SMALL VA	CA	2368
2 (- 1) GARBETT PA	NS	2358
3 (- 1) DIVE RJ	WE	2357
4 (- 1) KULASHKO A	AC	2321
5 (- 1) KER AF	WE	2306
6 (- 1) SMITH RW	WT	2282
7 (+ 2) GREEN PR	AC	2262
8 (+ 1) WATSON BR	AC	2254
9 (- 3) DREYER MF	NS	2243
10 (+ 1) SUTTON RJ	OT	2226
11 (+ 1) LUKEY SG	WE	2217
12 (- 5) LOVE AJ	OT	2207
13 (+ 7) DOWDEN RA	OT	2202
14 (- 6) MCLAREN LJ	NS	2190
15 (new) WANG PC	AC	2187
16 (- 3) BARLOW MJ	NS	2174
17 (- 3) WASTNEY SC	GA	2172
18 (new) FREEMAN MR	WA	2159*
19 (- 3) HART R	NS	2149
20 (- 2) GUTHRIE DW	WE	2145

Junior and Womens top 20 ratings will be included in June issue.

Chess Tournament 2001 (Gisborne)

by Alf Jones (DOP)

On a wet and windy weekend in December, the Eastern Knights Chess Club hosted its first annual Lightning and Rapid tournaments. The tournaments were organised as a closed affair attracting entrants from Gisborne and nearby districts. In all a total of 18 players (mostly children) were entered in the tournaments that exceeded the expectations of the organisers and sponsors alike. My purpose for being in Gisborne at this time was to co-direct the tournaments and to ensure that the event was run in a professional manner consistent with international standards of play. What struck me most was the sheer enthusiasm displayed by young children, many of whom had only recently learned the game. From the outset the hospitality shown by the organisers and club members shined forth even if the weather seemed moody.

The first tournament of the weekend was the 1 minute played over 15 rounds with the predictable win being shared between Gisborne's Nathan Horsfall and Genesis Potini 1st=. Some good chess was played by some of the up and coming younger players like Raymond Ahuriri who managed to grab 3rd place and Whaiora Rangiwai who shared 4th= with (Bad) Chad Sheridan.

The next tournament of the day was the 5-minute, which again was contested vigorously between Nathan Horsfall and Genesis Potini. Playing over a duration of 7 rounds the two top speed chess players from this region battled it out in a competition intermingled with bold intuition and ego. In this tournament too the pair shared 1st= with dark horse Shane Fitzgerald, affectionately nicknamed *The Jedi*, seizing 3rd place from young Ray Ahuriri who had to settle for 4th spot. It was truly fascinating to witness the ease with which the younger players adapted to the limited time controls. Also notable with 4 wins out of 7 were young hopefuls Chad Sheridan, Ricky Rigby, Harley Haerewa and Gisborne Women's Champion Deborah Grant.

The last tournament for Saturday was 5 rounds with a 15-minute time-control. Although hotly contested between the traditional first-place getters the top spot was eventually relinquished to

Genesis Potini who had a clearly won game over Horsfall in the final but succumbed to the pressure of the situation and offered a draw for the win instead of gutsing it out in the grand style he is capable of. This was a clear win for Potini with 4.5 out of 5 with Horsfall sharing 2nd place with Chad Sheridan.

On the Sunday play began with a good hearty breakfast beforehand hosted by the local marae caregivers. The major tournament of the weekend was due to start and nerves were frayed among some. A last minute entry by Michael Manihera, the current Gisborne champion caused a sigh of relief for some and natural concern for other hopefuls. This last tournament was to be a 6 round 30 minute swiss with 20 entrants in all. Tables were set and players were chomping at the bit to get going.

By the beginning of round 3 Horsfall, Potini, Manihera, Ahuriri and Fitzgerald were tied. The games to watch were between Manihera and Horsfall and Potini and Ahuriri. Horsfall battled well against Manihera (White) but Manihera kept a cool head to seize a positional advantage in the end-game. Surprisingly, young Ray Ahuriri, showing all the spirit of a young warrior battled sternly against Potini with a shock draw being the outcome. This game was predicted by some to be an easy-beat for Potini, but Ahuriri refused to succumb. With time running out on both clocks and the position on the board locked both played shook hands for a mutual tie.

A satisfying outcome for Ahuriri and new found respect among his peers. This was all Manihera needed to maintain 1st spot and from here on in he never stumbled. He went on to seize the 30 minute tournament with a solid 6/6 with Potini narrowly taking 2nd place with 4.5/6 beating off other players Fitzgerald (The Jedi) and Whaiora Rangiwai each with 4/6. Disappointing was Horsfalls uncharacteristic demise from round 3 and on. All in all, a good tournament. The organisation and sponsorship was well received and thanks went out to Waitemata Chess Club for its kind gesture in loaning some clocks for the tournament.

Correspondence Chess

by Gordon Hoskyn

The 2001-2002 handicap tourney results are out, and congratulations to Michael Whaley who has taken out the event for the second time in three years. Eleven players qualified by completing a minimum of eight games. A further 15 players completed less than eight games.

Leading scores:

1. Michael Whaley, played 13, won 9, drew 4, lost 0, 71.0 points, average 5.46.
2. Bernard Welch, p10, w5, d 3, 12, pts 43.0, ave 4.30.
3. Gordon Hoskyn, p24, w14, d5, 15, pts 88.5, ave 3.69.
4. John Atkinson, p18, w9, d2, 17, pts 61.5, ave 3.62.
5. Alan Winship, p10, w6, d0, 14, pts 36.0, ave 3.60.
6. Phillip Coghini, p13, w9, d0, 14, pts 44.40, ave 3.38.

Certificate tourneys

Certificate tournaments were introduced by Michael Rocks five years ago (in 1997) and are proving popular. Recent winners are: CT 0006, Ted Frost, 5/5; CT0007, Phillip Coghini, 4.5/5; CT0011, Gordon Hoskyn, 4.5/5; CT Fischers, Earl Roberts and Bill Cox, each 5/6; CT Shirovs, Allan Short, 7/8. The following three games are from certificate tournaments and feature a win by White, a win by Black and a draw.

Glostein,B – Kingston,Z [A40]

NZCCA CT0006, 2000

1.♁f3 g6 2.d4 ♁g7 3.e4 d6 4.♁e2 c5 5.c3 ♁d7 6.0-0 a6 7.♁e3 ♁gf6 8.♁bd2 b6 9.♁g5 0-0 10.f4 h6 11.♁h3 ♁b7 12.d5 b5 13.a4 bxa4 14.♁xa4 ♁b6 15.♁c2 e6 16.c4 ♁e7 17.♁b3 ♁c7 18.♁f3 ♁ab8 19.♁c2 ♁fe8 20.♁f2 exd5 21.exd5 ♁c8 22.♁fd1 ♁f5 23.♁c1 ♁b7 24.♁a2 ♁g4 25.b3 ♁xf2 26.♁xf2 ♁d4 27.g4 ♁d3 28.♁g2 ♁e2 29.♁e1 ♁xf2 30.♁xf2 ♁xf3 31.♁xf3 ♁xe1 32.♁xe1 ♁d7 33.♁b2 ♁f6 34.h3 ♁e8 35.♁c1 ♁b4 36.♁g2 ♁e4 37.g5 ♁c3 38.♁f1 hxcg5 39.f5 ♁e4 40.fxcg6 f6 41.♁d1 ♁c3 42.♁g2 ♁e3 43.♁c2 ♁c3 0-1

Anderson,W – Short,A [B22]

NZCCA Shirovs CT, 04.2001

1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♁f6 3.e5 ♁d5 4.♁f3 ♁c6 5.♁c4 ♁b6 6.♁b3 d5 7.exd6 ♁xd6 8.0-0 c4 9.♁c2 ♁g4 10.d4 cxd3 11.♁xd3 ♁d8 12.♁e2 ♁xd1 13.♁xd1 ♁xd1+ 14.♁xd1 e5 15.♁bd2 ♁d6 16.♁c2 ♁c7 17.b4 h6 18.♁a3 a6 19.h3 ♁e6 20.♁b3 ♁xb3 21.axb3 ♁e7 1/2-1/2

Millar,B – Rossiter,P [E12]

Shirovs CT, 04.2001

1.d4 ♁f6 2.♁f3 b6 3.c4 e6 4.a3 ♁b7 5.♁c3 d5 6.cxd5 exd5 7.g3 ♁e7 8.♁a4+ c6 9.♁g2 0-0 10.0-0 ♁bd7 11.♁f4 ♁e8 12.♁ad1 ♁f8 13.♁e5 ♁c8 14.e4 ♁e6 15.♁c1 ♁c7 16.♁fe1 a5 17.exd5 ♁xd5 18.♁b3 ♁xc3 19.bxc3 ♁f8 20.♁e2 b5 21.♁de1 ♁ad8 22.♁xf7 ♁xf7 23.♁xe6 ♁d6 24.d5 ♁dxe6 25.dxe6 ♁e7 26.a4 b4 27.♁g5 1-0

Trophy Tourney progress

The 2001-2002 Trophy Tourneys are over and 15 games have gone to the adjudicator, Michael Freeman. Two of the four grades have been decided, and congratulations to Ted Frost and Rod Weston for taking out the Reserve Championship and TT2 respectively.

The outcome of the Championship and TT3 depend on adjudications. In the top grade Murray Dunwoody and Peter Goffin are fighting it out. Both have 6.5/9, with one game each to be adjudicated (not against each other).

In TT3 G Potter and Richard Trevis are contenders with uneven scores, 9/11 and 7/8 respectively.

Progress scores at 24 April:

68th Championship: M L Dunwoody & P B Goffin 6.5/9, M G Whaley 6.5/10, J C Rapp 6/10, A J Short 5.5/8, G A Hoskyn 5/10, T J Doyle 4.5/8, H P Bennett 4.5/10, P A R Vetharanim 3/8, K W Lynn & P J Voss 1.5/10. Latest results: DUNWOODY beat Rapp, drew Hoskyn. GOFFIN beat Rapp, Vetharanim. RAPP beat Bennett. DOYLE beat Bennett, Lynn. Vetharanim beat Lynn, Voss.

Reserve Championship: E G A Frost 9.5/12, B J Edwards 7/10, P G Coghini 5.5/9, D R

Whitlock, 5/9, D E Dolejs 4/11, B M Williams 2.5/11, G E Lovelock 0.5/6. Latest results: FROST beat Edwards, Whitlock. EDWARDS beat Coghini, Williams. COGHINI beat Frost, Williams (2), drew Lovelock. WHITLOCK beat Lovelock. DOLEJS beat Lovelock. WILLIAMS beat Lovelock.

TT2: R J Weston 7.5/8, G Putt 4.5/7, P E Ros-siter 3.5/8, P C King 2.5/8, W Anderson 1/7. Latest results: WESTON beat Putt, Anderson, drew Putt. PUTT beat King, Anderson. ROS-SITER drew King.

TT3: G Potter 9/11, G H Mills 7.5/12, R R Trevis 7/8, A W Hendry 6/10, J W H Atkinson 5.5/11, R G A Taylor 3/12, L I Purvis 0/12. Latest results: POTTER beat Mills. MILLS beat Potter, Purvis. TREVIS beat Potter, drew Atkinson. HENDRY beat Taylor. ATKINSON beat Taylor.

The First New Zealand Senior Championship

This tournament is being organised by the Auckland Chess Centre from July 19 to 21. The tournament is open to all players 60 or over at January 1, 2002. It is a 6-round swiss with a time control of 35 moves in 1hr 45 minutes plus 15 minutes to finish.

The winner will be the first player to have their name on the Ortvin Sarapu Memorial Trophy, and will be the inaugural NZ Senior Chess Champion.

This tournament will become one of the NZ Chess Federation's official annual events.

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Bosch and Ken Williams who deal much of the work needed to make this event such a success.

R.Hart P.Garbett

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 d6 3. Nf3 c6 4. Nc3 Bg4 5. h3 Bxf3 6. exf3 e5 7. d5 c5 8. f4 Nbd7 9. g4 g6 10. g5 Ng8 11. fxe5 Nxe5 12. Qe2 Qe7 13. Ne4 O-O-O 14. Bf4 Bg7 15. h4 Re8 16. Bh3+ Kc7 17. Kf1 f5 18. Nc3 a6 19. Kg2 h6 20. Rac1 Nf7 21. Qd2 hxg5 22. hxg5 Bxc3 23. Rxc3 Qe4+ 24. f3 Qe2+ 25. Kg3 Qxd2 26. Bxd2 Re2 27. Bc1 Ne7 28. Re3 Rxe3 29. Bxe3 Ne5 30. b3 Nd3 31. f4 Nb4 32. Rh2 Re8 33. Kf3 Rh8 34. Kg3 a5 35. Re2 Kd7 36. a3 Na6 37. Bd2 b6 38. Bc3 Re8 39. Kf3 Nc8 40. Rh2 Nc7 41. Bf1 Re7 42. Rh6 b5 43. Rxg6 b4 44. axb4 cxb4 45. Bf6 Rf7 1-0

P.Spiller P.Green

1. Nf3 d5 2. g3 e5 3. Bg2 Ne6 4. d3 Bg4 5. Nbd2 Nf6 6. h3 Bh5 7. O-O e6 8. Re1 Be7 9. e4 O-O 10. e5 Nd7 11. g4 Bg6 12. Nf1 Qb6 13. h4 h5 14. g5 Bf5 15. Bf4 g6 16. Qd2 Rfd8 17. Ng3 Nf8 18. c3 Rac8 19. Qe2 Qa6 20. Nxf5 exf5 21. Nd2 Ne6 22. Bh2 Qa4 0-1

L. McLaren F.Fuatai

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. Bb5 Nd4 4. Bc4 d6 5. Nge2 Nf6 6. d3 a6 7. a4 Nc6 8. O-O e6 9. f4 Be7 10. f5 exf5 11. exf5 d5 12. Ba2 O-O 13. Bg5 Nb4 14. Bb3 c4 15. dxc4 Ng4 16. Bxe7 Qxe7 17. Nxd5 Nxd5 18. cxd5 Qe3+ 19. Kh1 Nf2+ 20. Rxf2 Qxf2 21. f6 Bg4 22. Bc4 Rfe8 23. Qd4 Rxe2 24. Qxf2 Rxf2 25. Bd3 Rxf6 0-1

Overseas News

by Peter Stuart

LJUBLJANA

Alexander Belyavsky convincingly won a category 11 tournament in January, held to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the founding of the local chess club by Dr Milan Vidmar.

Scores: 1 GM Belyavsky (SLO) 8; 2-3 GM Kharlov (RUS) & GM Pavasovic (SLO) 6½; 4-5 GM Nisipeanu (ROM) & IM Tratar (SLO) 7; 6 GM Sveshnikov (RUS) 2565 . . . 11 players.

MOSCOW

The Aeroflot open in February was limited to players rated 2400 or higher and was an enormously strong 9-round Swiss with 132 players. There was a five-way tie for first place between GMs Aleksandrov (BLA), Grischuk (RUS), Kaidanov (USA), Milov (SUI) and Shabalov (USA) who scored 6½ points. Depending upon the version of the results, either Kaidanov or Grischuk won on tie-break.

Among those on 6 points, sharing 6th to 20th places, were GMs Akopian (ARM), Bu Xiangzhi (CHN), Dreev (RUS), Kharlov (RUS), Psakhis (ISR), Rublevsky (RUS), and Vaganian (ARM). Top seed Loek van Wely (NED) finished on 4½.

BERMUDA

The main event of this year's Chess Festival was a category 10 round-robin featuring mainly younger players. There was a three-way tie for first place between GM Vescovi (BRA) and IMs Johannessen (NOR) and Nakamura (USA) who scored 6/9. Top seeded GM Maciejka (POL) shared fourth place on 5 points with GM Lesiège (CAN).

CAPPELLE-LA-GRANDE

Almost 700 players competed over the

nine rounds so it was rather surprising that there was only one winner – Lithuanian GM Eduardas Rozentalis who scored 7½ points. Eleven players shared second place on 7 points: GMs Baklan (UKR), Kotronias (GRE), Kveinys (LIT), Lesiège (CAN), Luther (GER), Neverov (UKR), Nisipeanu (ROM), Nogueiras (CUB), Winants (BEL) plus IMs Kalod (CZE) and Sprenger (GER).

NOVA GORICA

The 7th Casino-HIT tournament saw Slovenian GM Dusko Pavasovic take first place with 7/9. A half-point behind were GMs Burmakin (RUS), Cvitan (CRO), Kozul (CRO), Mikhalchishin (SLO), Palac (CRO), Sax (HUN), Sermek (SLO) & Zelcic (CRO).

SAINT VINCENT

The Open in this Italian alpine town was jointly won by GMs Vladimir Epishin (RUS), Vladimir Malakhov (RUS), Sergei Tiviakov (NED) and 15-year old Andrei Volokitin (UKR) with 7/9.

CANNES

Despite clashing with the Linares event the NAO Masters in February/March was a category 18 round-robin. The joint winners, Veselin Topalov and Boris Gelfand, marched in step either sharing the lead or within half a point of it until round 7. The Bulgarian GM won in round 8 to lead by half a point while Gelfand won his last round game to catch up.

Anatoly Karpov led with 4 points after six rounds but managed only another half-point in the last three rounds to finished tied for third place at a respectful distance behind the winners. The scores:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1 Topalov V. BUL g 2739	♦	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	½	1	6 1-2
2 Gelfand B. ISR g 2703	½	♦	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	6 1-2
3 Bareev E. RUS g 2707	½	½	♦	1	½	1	0	½	½	0	4½ 3-7
4 Bacrot E. FRA g 2649	½	½	0	♦	1	½	½	½	½	½	4½ 3-7
5 Karpov A. RUS g 2693	0	½	½	0	♦	1	½	½	1	½	4½ 3-7
6 Leko P. HUN g 2713	½	½	0	½	0	♦	1	½	½	1	4½ 3-7
7 Fressinet L. FRA g 2591	½	0	1	½	½	0	♦	½	½	1	4½ 3-7
8 Lautier J. FRA g 2687	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	♦	½	½	4 8-9
9 Nataf I.A. FRA g 2546	½	0	½	½	0	½	½	½	♦	1	4 8-9
10 Morozevich A. RUS g 2742	0	0	1	½	½	0	0	½	0	♦	2½ 10

Topalov – Morozevich, Ruy Lopez [C78]

1.e4 e5 2.♖f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♖f6 5.0-0 b5 6.♗b3 ♘c5 7.a4 ♗b8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 ♗b6 10.axb5 axb5 11.♗a3 0-0 12.♗xb5 ♗g4 13.♗c2 h6 14.dxe5 ♗xe5 15.♗bd4 d5 16.exd5 ♗xd5 17.h3 ♗h5 18.g4! [18.♗c1 ♗xd4 19.♗xd4 ♗xf3+ 20.gxf3 ♗xf3 ∞] 18...♗fxg4! 19.♗xe5 [19.hxg4? ♗xg4 20.♗xe5 ♗xd1 21.♗dc6 ♗xe5 22.♗xc5 ♗xc2 23.♗d7 ♗a8 ♞] 19...♗xe5 [19...♗e3 20.♗xe3 ♗xd1 21.♗ec6 ♗c5 22.♗xd1 ♗xb2 23.♗f3 ∞] 20.♗xh5 ♗xd4 21.♗f5 [21.cxd4?? ♗f3+] 21...♗f3+ 22.♗h1 ♗xf5 23.♗xf5 ♗f6 24.♗a7 c5 25.♗e4 ♗e5 26.♗d1 ♗c4 27.♗b7 ♗g5?! [27...♗fd8 was best] 28.♗xg5 hxg5 29.b3 ♗e5?! [29...♗b6] 30.♗d5 ♗fe8 31.♗xc5 ♗e7 32.♗b5 ♗d3?? 33.♗e4 1-0.

Nataf – Karpov, Caro-Kann [B12]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.♗c3 a6 5.♗e3 e6 6.g4 ♗g6 7.♗ge2 f6 8.exf6 gxf6 9.♗d2 ♗d7 10.h4 ♗d6 11.h5 ♗f7 12.f4 ♗e7 13.♗c1 ♗g8 14.♗e2 e5 15.♗b3 exd4 16.♗xd4 c5 17.♗e3 f5 18.0-0-0 ♗c7

19.gxf5 0-0-0 20.♗f3 ♗xf5 21.♗xd5? [21.♗xd5? ♗xd5 22.♗xd5 ♗xe3; 21.♗e2 was best but still favours Black] 21...♗xe3 22.♗xf7 ♗xf4 23.♗e2 ♗g2 24.♗dgl ♗f8 25.♗xg2 ♗xg2 26.♗xf4 ♗xd2 27.♗xd2 ♗xf4 0-1.

Bareev – Morozevich, Slav [D11]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♗f3 ♗f6 4.e3 a6 5.♗bd2 ♗f5 6.♗b3 ♗c7 7.♗d3 ♗g6 8.0-0 e6 9.♗e1 ♗e7 10.e4 0-0 11.e5 ♗fd7 12.♗xg6 hxg6 13.♗f1 ♗e8 14.♗g5 ♗f8 15.♗e3 dxc4 16.♗xc4 c5 17.♗g4 b5 18.♗e2 c4 19.♗ac1 ♗c6 20.b3 c3 21.♗e3 ♗ac8 22.♗xc3 [Things were not going very well for White (Black was aiming to play ♗b4-d5) so he lashes out, unfortunately not altogether soundly] 22... 22...♗b4 23.♗f6 gxf6 [23...♗xc3? 24.♗xg7! ♗xd4 25.♗h6 soon mates] 24.exf6 ♗d8 25.♗g5 [25.♗h6+ ♗f8 26.♗xf7 ♗xf6! (26...♗xf7? 27.♗g5+ with a winning attack) 27.♗7e5 ♗xc5 28.♗xe5 ♗xc3 29.♗xd7+ ♗f7 30.♗xf6 ♗xe3 -+] 25...♗xc3 26.♗h4 ♗xd4 27.♗h6+ [27.♗xg6 ♗xf6 28.♗e7+ ♗f8 29.♗xf6 ♗xf6 30.♗xc8 ♗d5 -+] 27...♗f8 28.♗xg6

[Perhaps hoping for the cheapo 28...fxg6?? 29.♗xg6 mate] 28...♗xf2+ 29.♗h1 ♗xf6 30.♗g8+ ♗e7 0-1. the other five players had 3 points. Kasparov won again in round 8 (against Francisco Vallejo) and was never again headed. Ruslan Ponomariov, who won his first game against Vassily Ivanchuk but then lost the next day to Adams, caught up to the lead in round 9 when Kasparov had his second bye and again in round 12 when both players had 6/10. This set the stage for their round 13 clash where Kasparov sacrificed a pawn for the initiative and eventually won after a very tense and interesting game.

LINARES

In the absence of Vladimir Kramnik there could be only one favourite in this year's category 20 Linares Super GM tournament – Gary Kasparov.

Nothing much happened in the first half of the double-round event; there were but five decisive encounters and England's Michael Adams featured in four of these. Kasparov must have been close to winning when he won his last round game against Alexei Shirov but Ponomariov, in taking clear second place, showed that he very much belonged in this illustrious company. Kasparov extended his lead to 1½ points when he won his last round game against Adams in round 5 was enough to see him in the sole lead at the end of the first half with 3½ out of 6. Vishy Anand had 2½ at this stage and

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7								
1 Kasparov RUS g 2838	♦	♦	½	1	½	½	1	½	8 1						
2 Ponomariov UKR g 2727	½	0	♦	♦	1	½	½	0	1	½	1	6½	2		
3 Ivanchuk V. UKR g 2717	½	½	0	½	♦	♦	½	½	1	½	½	1	½	0	6 3-5
4 Anand V. IND g 2757	½	½	½	½	½	½	♦	♦	0	½	½	½	½	1	6 3-5
5 Adams M. ENG g 2742	0	½	1	0	0	½	1	½	♦	♦	½	½	½	1	6 3-5
6 Vallejo F. ESP g 2629	½	0	½	0	½	0	½	½	½	♦	♦	½	1	5	6
7 Shirov A. ESP g 2715	½	0	½	½	½	1	½	0	½	0	½	0	♦	♦	7

Ponomariov – Ivanchuk, French [C18]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♗c3 ♗b4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 ♗xc3+ 6.bxc3 ♗e7 7.♗g4 0-0 8.♗d3 f5 9.exf6 ♗xf6 10.♗g5 ♗f7 11.♗h5 g6 12.♗d1 ♗bc6 13.♗f3 ♗f8 14.0-0 c4 15.♗e2 h6 16.♗c1 ♗d7 17.♗e1 g5 18.g3 ♗f5 19.♗g2 ♗g7 20.f4 ♗d6 21.♗e1 b5 22.fxg5 ♗xf1+ 23.♗xf1 hxg5 24.♗e3 ♗f8 25.♗g2 a5 [25...♗e8 26.♗g4 ♗xd4? 27.cxd4 ♗xd4+ 28.♗e3 ♗xg4 29.♗c5 is very good for White] 26.♗d2 ♗g6 27.♗g4 ♗f5

28.♗e3 ♗g7 29.♗b1 ♗h7 30.a4 bxa4 31.♗c1 ♗f7 32.♗a3 [32.♗xg5? ♗xc2 with counterplay] 32...♗xc2? 33.♗c1 ♗f5 34.♗h3 ♗e4 [34...♗b5 35.♗e5 ♗xh3 36.♗xf7 and the threat on g5 gives White time to consolidate his material advantage] 35.♗e5 ♗f2+ 36.♗xf2 ♗xf2? [The lesser evil was 36...♗xf2 37.♗xf7 ♗xh3+ 38.♗g2 g4 39.♗b1 ±] 37.♗xd7 ♗a2 38.♗c5 ♗d2 39.♗g2 a3 40.♗f8+ ♗h6 41.♗e1 e5 42.dxe5 g4 43.e6 ♗f3+ 44.♗xf3 gxf3 45.♗f1 1-0.

**Vallejo – Kasparov,
English [A28]**

1.e4 d5 2.c3 e5 3.f3 d6 4.e4 b4 5.d3 d6
6.h3 0-0 7.e2 e7 8.0-0 c6 9.a3 xc3
10.bxc3 g6 11.e1 e8 12.f1 d7 13.b3
14.b1 b6 15.h2 h6 16.g3 c7 17.g2
18.d2 ead8 19.a4 d5 20.a5 dxc4
21.axb6 axb6 22.dxc4 d7 23.f1 e7
24.c2 e8 25.b3 c5 26.e3 d6 27.d2
28.ea1 f6 29.ea2 xa2 30.uxa2 b8
31.f4 e6 32.f5 f7 33.g4 a5 34.h4 f8
35.g5 hxg5 36.hxg5 e7 37.g1 h8 38.f2
39.h5 39.f3 c6 40.c2 xc4 41.g2 f7
42.d1 b3? [42...h8 +] 43.e5! xd1
44.xc6+ xc6 45.xd1 xg5 46.b1 h3+
47.xh3 hxh3 48.xb6 d6 49.g2 xc3
[50.g3+ d7 51.b7+ e8 52.xg7 c3
53.c7=] ½-½.

**Kasparov – Anand,
Sicilian [B49]**

1.e4 c5 2.f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.xd4 e6 5.d3
c7 6.e2 a6 7.0-0 f6 8.e3 b4 9.a4 e7
10.xc6 bxc6 11.b6 b8 12.xc8 xc8
13.d4 0-0 14.e5 d5 15.c4 f4 16.f3 c7
17.e1 g6 18.c5 f6 19.xf6 xf6 20.e4 f4
21.xf6 xf6 22.c2 h6 23.ead1 d5 24.g3
a5 25.a3 ff8 26.e2 d8 27.e4 b7
28.h7+ h8 29.d3 xf6 30.ea4 ea8 31.d2
d8 32.b1 b5 33.h4 e7? [Overlooking
the threat. After the better 33...f8
34.d3 d6 Black has no problems]
34.xh6+! g8 34...gxh6 35.uxh6+ g8
36.e5] 35.h4? [35...h7+! f7
36.g6+ is better] 35...eab8
36.h7+ f7 37.d3 g5! = 38.d4
xb2! 39.g6+ g8 40.h7+ f7
41.g6+ g8 42.h7+ ½-½.

**Kasparov – Adams,
Petroff [C42]**

1.e4 e5 2.f3 f6 3.xe5 d6 4.f3 xe4
5.d4 d5 6.d3 c6 7.0-0 e7 8.c4
b4 9.e2 0-0 10.a3 c6 11.cxd5
xd5 12.c3 xc3 13.bxc3 f5
14.e1 fe8 15.f4 eac8 16.e4

17.e3 f6 18.ea2 b6 19.h3 a5
20.g4 g6 21.g5 e7 22.e5 d6
23.xg6 hxg6 24.c5 f8
25.g4 ead8 26.eac2 d5
27.f4 xc2 28.uxe2 e6
29.c7 ea8 30.ue5 ux5
31.uxe5 e4 32.d5!? xe5?
[32...cxd5 33.c6 a5
34.d7 xc6! 35.xc6 e8
and White has to go for
the draw with opposite
coloured bishops] 33.ux5
cxd5 34.c6 f5 35.gxf6
gxf6 36.e6+ g7 37.g3 xa3
[37...d4 38.f1 d3 39.c7
xa3 40.c8 e8 41.xc8 g5
42.a6 d2 43.c2 b4 44.b8 +]
38.xd5 e8 39.c7 e5
40.b7 xc7 41.xc7 a5
42.e6 g5 43.f1 g6
44.f3 h5 45.e8+ h6
46.e2 f5 47.d8 1-0.

**Kasparov – Vallejo,
Sicilian [B41]**

1.e4 c5 2.f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4
4.xd4 a6 5.c4 f6 6.c3
c7 7.a3 b6 8.e3 b7 9.f3
e6 10.e2 b8 11.b4 e7
12.0-0 13.e1 e5 14.f4
g6 15.d3 ea8 16.e2 h8
17.e5 g8 18.h5 a5
19.d5?!! c6 20.e2
axb4 21.axb4 axb4
22.e4 f5 23.g5 h6 24.h1
e5 25.e1 c8 [Better was
25...b7 intending ea8
with advantage according
to Kasparov] 26.h3
g8 27.h2 e7 28.d6
xd6 [28...c6!? 29.b5
c8 and White seems to
have nothing better than
30.d6 repeating] 29.exd6
e6 30.b2 b4 31.d2
b5 [31...xd3 32.xd3
xc4? 33.xh7! xd3
34.g6 f7 35.g5 +] 32.e1
e8 33.c2 xd3? [33...bxc4
is okay for Black] 34.xd3
f7 35.g3 xg5 36.xg5
f7 37.e5 f8 38.cxb5
h6 39.g3 h7 40.d4
d5 41.b6 f6 42.ee3
f7 43.e7 e4 44.b3
d5 45.b5 b7 46.ea5
d8 47.ea7 e4 [In view
of what follows, better
was 47...d5 although
White is much better
here too.] 48.uxe6!
h4 [48...dxe6 49.xf7
g8 50.xg7+ f8 51.
ea7+ e8 52.d7+ wins
easily] 49.xf7
xf4+ 50.g1 1-0.

**Ponomarev – Adams,
Ruy Lopez [C89]**

1.e4 e5 2.f3 e6 3.b5 a6
4.e4 f6 5.0-0 e7 6.e1
b5 7.b3 0-0 8.c3 d5
9.exd5 xd5 10.xe5
xe5 11.xe5 c6 12.d4
d6 13.e1 h4 14.g3
h3 15.e4 g5 16.e2
[16.f3 is more usual]
17...f6 17.d2 [17.xg5?
g4 18.e3 xe4 and the
knight cannot be
captured] 17...f5
18.f3 c5 19.f2 c4
20.e2 h6 21.b3! cxb3
[21...eac8!?] 22.axb3
fc8 23.b2 b4? [Better
was 23...g6 though
after 24.c4 bxc4 25.
xc4 xe4 26.xe4 xe4
27.fx4 White has
excellent compensation
for the exchange] 24.
e5! xc2 25.cxb4 g6
26.e5 e8 27.f1 ead8
28.d5 d7 29.e3! h5
[29...xc5? 30.bxc5
and the pawns are too
strong] 30.f4 h4
31.f5 hxg3 32.hxg3
h5 33.d6 e4 34.eac1
xc5 35.bxc5 h7 36.f6
g8 37.d7 h4 38.g2
[Clearly winning, as
was the more complicated
38.gxh4 gxh4+ 38...
f3 39.g2 g2 40.fg2
e3+ 41.h1 xxc1+ 42.
g1 +] 39.g2 f3 40.
uxh4+ uxh4 41.uxh4
fxg2+ 42.f1 d2 43.
d8 +] 38...f3 39.
uxh3 uxh3 40.f2 g4
41.f1 h5 42.d8 e8
43.xd8 xf5 44.e3
h5 45.h4 1-0.

**Kasparov – Ponomarev,
French [C10]**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.xc3
dxe4 4.xe4 d7 5.f3
g6 6.xf6+ xf6 7.c3
c5 8.e5 d7 9.b5 d6
10.g4 f8 11.0-0! [A
prepared pawn sacrifice
for the initiative] 11...
11...xe5 12.dxe5
xe5 13.g5 f6 14.ead1
c7 [14...e7 15.xf6
gxf6 (15...xf6 16.
d6 e5 17.d1 e6 18.
d7 ±) 16.h4 h6 17.
d3 e5 (17...a6? 18.
fd1 axb5 19.d8+ g7
20.xh8 and mate is not
far away) 18.f1 e6
19.d6 and White
maintains a healthy
initiative] 15.h4
xg5 16.xg5 f6 17.
h5 g6 18.h6+ f7
[18...g7? loses to
19.d8+ f7 20.e8+] 19.
d3 a6 20.h3 c7 [Neither
20...axb5? 21.uxh7+
nor 20...e5? 21.e8+!
xe8 22.g7 f8 23.
xh7 are at all satisfactory
for

Black but 20...d7!? 21.
xd7 (21.e2!? ∞ was
Kasparov's intention)
21...xd7 and 22.
xh7+ just leads to
equality] 21.d3 f5
22.g4 f6 [22...fxg4
23.h4 (23.xh7+ xh7
24.xh7+ f6 25.
xe7 xe7 26.xg6 =)
23...d7 24.f3! f8
25.fxg4 g7 26.g5!
and Black is very
restricted] 23.d1
b5 24.e2 e5?! [24...
g5!?] 25.hd3 ea7
26.d6 g7 27.e3
c7 28.a4 e4 29.
axb5 axb5 30.xb5
e5 31.g5 e7 32.
h6 e6 33.f4 e8
34.h6 e6 35.gxf5
gxf5 36.e2 f6
37.h5+ e7 38.
xe6+! 1-0.

**Shirov – Kasparov,
Sicilian [B33]**

1.e4 c5 2.f3 e6 3.d4
cxd4 4.xd4 f6 5.d3
e5 6.d5 d6 7.g5
a6 8.a3 b5 9.xf6
gxf6 10.d5 f5 11.
xb5 [A known sacrifice
which, unfortunately
for Shirov, had been
analysed thoroughly
by Kasparov] 11...
axb5 12.xb5 ea4
13.b4 h4! [13...
xb4 14.b6 15.c3
xd5 (15...ea7
16.b5 xa2 17.
cb4 xa1 18.
xa1 fx4 19.0-0
e) 16.uxa4+
xc7 17.exd5
e] 14.0-0 g8
15.f4 [15.c3
f4! 16.uxa4
fxg2+ 17.fg2
g4+ ½-½ Luther-
McShane 2000] 15...
d8 16.c3 [16.
xd6? xd6 17.
b6 d4 18.
xa4 fx4 and
White, in view of
the threats to his
king, has to try to
bail out with 19.
e1 when 19...
f3+ 20.xf3
xe1+ 21.xe1
xf3 is winning
for Black] 16...
ea6 17.a4
fxe4 18.f5
b7 19.ea2
e3 20.xe3
e4 21.e1
xb4! 22.cxb4
h6 23.h1
xe3 24.e2
e6 25.a5
xb4 26.xd6
xd6 27.
xe3 d4 28.
c1 d5 0-1.

MONACO
Missing from the fairly settled line-up in this year's Amber tournament were Vishy Anand and Anatoly Karpov while the new faces belonged to Evgeny Bareev and Alexander Morosevich. The usual format applied, each pair playing two games, both at rapid time controls but one played blindfold. Alexei Shirov led most of the way but never by more than half a point. Morozevich, however, proved to be the party pooper when

he went half a point in front in the penultimate round and matched Shirov's last round 1½/2. Last year's joint winners, Vladimir Kramnik and Veselin Topalov, had to be content with mid-table finishes this year. In particular the world champion appeared to lack real interest in proceedings.

Final scores: 1 Morozevich (RUS) 15; 2 Shirov (ESP) 14½; 3 Leko (HUN) 13½; 4 Ivanchuk (UKR) 13; 5–7 Bareev (RUS), Gelfand (ISR) & Topalov (BUL) 12; 8 Kramnik (RUS) 11; 9–10 Almasi (HUN) & Piket (NED) 9; 11 van Wely (NED) 6; 12 Ljubojevic (YUG) 5.

Boris Gelfand top-scored in the rapid games with 7½/11, followed by Ivanchuk and Topalov on 7. Overall winner Morozevich really excelled in the blindfold games, scoring a phenomenal 9/11 with Shirov on 8 and Peter Leko third on 7.

Bareev – Ljubojevic, Caro–Kann [B14]

1.c4 ♁f6 2.♁f3 c5 3.♁c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♁xd5 5.e3 e6 6.d4 cxd4 7.exd4 ♁b4 8.♁d2 ♁c6 9.♁d3 ♁e7 10.0–0 ♁db4 11.♁e4 ♁xd4 12.♁f4 ♁xf3+ 13.♁xf3 ♁b6 14.♁e3 ♁a6 15.a3 ♁c6 16.b4 ♁e5 17.♁g3 ♁g6 18.♁f1 ♁c4 19.♁d3! ♁xc3 20.♁b5+ ♁d7 [20...♁f8 21.♁c5 ♁xa1 (21...♁xg3 22.♁d8#) 22.♁xa1 ♁xc5 23.bxc5 +] 21.♁xd7+ ♁f8 22.♁f3 ♁g8 [22...♁b8 23.♁xe6] 23.♁xb7 ♁d8 24.♁xa7 h5 25.♁ac1 ♁b2 26.♁a5 h4 27.h3 ♁f6 28.♁c6 ♁xd1+ 29.♁xd1 ♁h7 30.♁e4 ♁e5 31.♁b1 ♁c3 32.♁c5 f5 33.♁xc3 ♁xc3 34.♁f3 ♁e5 35.♁e2 ♁a8 36.♁b3 ♁a1 37.b5 ♁f7 38.b6 ♁d6 39.♁f3 ♁b8 40.b7 1–0.

Shirov – Piket (B'fold), Ruy Lopez [C99]

1.e4 e5 2.♁f3 ♁c6 3.♁b5 a6 4.♁a4 ♁f6 5.0–0 ♁e7 6.♁e1 b5 7.♁b3 d6 8.c3 0–0 9.h3 ♁a5 10.♁c2 c5 11.d4 ♁c7 12.♁bd2 cxd4 13.cxd4 ♁d8 14.b3 exd4 15.♁b2 ♁c6 16.♁xd4 ♁xd4 17.♁xd4 ♁e6 18.♁f3 h6 19.♁c1 ♁a5 20.♁b1 ♁ac8 21.♁xc8 ♁xc8 22.♁e2 ♁b7 23.♁h4 g6

24.♁c1 ♁h7 25.♁f4 ♁g7 26.♁g3 ♁f8 27.♁xg6+! [27.♁e3 is also winning but the text is even better] 27...fxg6 28.♁xg6 ♁a3 [There is nothing better] 29.♁e1 ♁b4 30.♁d1 ♁e8 31.♁xh6+ ♁f7 32.e5! dxg6 33.♁g6+ ♁e6 34.♁f5+! ♁xf5 35.g4+ ♁e4 36.♁g6+ ♁f3 [36...♁d5 37.♁b6+] 37.♁f5+ ♁e2 38.♁d3# 1–0.

DUBAI

Peter Leko was the surprise winner of the FIDE World Cup event in the United Arab Emirates in early April. There was controversy over the prize fund, originally advertised as being US\$500,000 in total but apparently being reduced to US\$120,000 because of a sponsor's withdrawal.

The now common format of two-game rapid matches (25 minutes + 10 seconds per move) with a two-game blitz tie-breaker (5 minutes + 10 seconds per move) and final sudden death blitz game (White 5 minutes, Black 4 minutes with draw odds) was employed.

The biggest upset occurred in the first round (of 32 players) when Ruslan Ponomarev lost ½–1½ to Chinese GM Zhu Chen but not far behind, in the second round, were Zurab Azmaiparashvili's 2½–1½ win over Vishy Anand and Etienne Bacrot's 1½–½ victory over Vassily Ivanchuk. Round 3 was the quarter-finals which saw Kiril Georgiev beat Anatoly Karpov 2½–1½, Leko account for Veselin Topalov by the same score, Alexander Grischuk despatch Bacrot 2–0, and Alexei Shirov beat Azmaiparashvili 3–1.

Both semi-finals required tie-breakers: Leko 3–2 over Georgiev and Grischuk 2½–1½ over Shirov. The final went right to the wire with Leko winning the sudden-death game on time with 2 seconds left on his own clock.

The players eliminated in the second round continued play in order to find a definite finishing order with Shirov beating Georgiev for third place and Karpov winning against Azmaiparashvili for fifth place.

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