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Thornton 15.67, B. Lim 14

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D. Plumpton 12,

V. Portougal, J. Browne 11.7, M. Zhang 10.5.

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S. Yang, D. Pelle 13.5

JUNIOR

E. Charamova 35, M. Zhang 33.5, S. Yang 20,

A. Pan 15, D. Xu 13.5,

S. Tang 12, T. Judkins, S. Maroroa 10.5

FEMALE

E. Charomova 29, V. Smith 24, S. Maroroa 18,

S. Tang 13

SENIOR

V. Portougal 30.5, A. Booth 15, P. Morten 12,

R. Mitchell 10.5

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Three In One

by FM Bob Smith

This year the organising club Waitemata, decided to “kill three birds with one stone”, holding the New Zealand Women’s Championship and Reserve and the New Zealand Senior Championship at the same time, over four days around Anzac weekend.

The Senior event (for players over 60) is only in its second year, and in its inaugural year involved just four players. The Women’s Championship has been around now for a few decades, but has also consistently struggled to attract players. The Women’s Reserve was introduced two years to give new and younger players a chance to experience tournament play before graduating to the Championship.

While one can always hope for bigger turnouts, I certainly count this year’s response as encouraging. The combined field for the Women’s Championship and Reserve totalled 14, the most for many years, while seven players contested the Senior Championship.

The tournaments were held in the library at Green Bay High School, which proved a very satisfactory venue, and altogether there was \$1000 prize-money, courtesy of the sponsor, “Chess for Success”.

Class three Grand Prix points were available in the Women’s and Senior events.

All three tournaments were directed by FM Bob Smith, who gave his services free of charge.

NZ Women’s Championship

The Women’s Championship involved all four players who represented New Zealand at last year’s Olympiad in Slovenia, plus the winner of last year’s Reserve, 13-year-old Serra Tang.

Based on ratings, defending joint Champion Viv Smith was expected to fight it out with improving junior Evginia Charamova, with co-Champion Edith Otene a possible spoiler. The final entrant was 13-year-old Sue Mararoa.

The Championship was played as a double round robin – the truest way possible to find a worthy winner.

The tournament started with an upset, with Sue Mararoa forgot the starting time and didn’t arrive for her game against Serra Tang. This was

particularly unfortunate for Mararoa, given her good record against Tang. In the other match, Charamova won a pawn against Otene and eventually managed a nice finish, after her opponent missed a chance to break back.

In round two Smith and Charamova had comfortable wins over Mararoa and Tang.

The clash of the leaders in round three resulted in a hard-fought game where both players missed chances, and a win to Charamova. Mararoa missed the win of a piece against Otene and duly lost.

In round four Charamova maintained her perfect score with the bye, while Smith beat Mararoa and Otene beat Tang to stay a point behind.

In round five Mararoa overlooked a knight fork to hand Charamova another easy win, while Smith beat Tang and Otene had the bye.

Round six had a big impact on the tournament. Smith snatched a pawn at the risk of her king security, but Otene helpfully swapped queens to a lost ending. Smith saw the mate in three the second time around, but was winning anyway. The surprise was Charamova’s draw with Tang. This allowed Smith to close to within half a point.

The positions remained unchanged in round seven, as Smith comfortably beat Mararoa and Charamova had her second bye. Otene survived a lost position against Tang to score the whole point. Scores: Charamova 6.5, Smith 6, Otene 5, Tang 2.5, Mararoa 1.

Round eight again changed the complexion of the tournament, as Charamova let a won position slip to a draw against Otene. Smith’s bye brought her level with two rounds to go. Mararoa beat Tang to make amends for her first round default.

The penultimate round was another dramatic one. Charamova reached a dead drawn position against Tang, but her opponent promptly overlooked a one move mate. Smith meanwhile looked like playing the game of the tournament, with a fine sacrifice that forced mate or the win of decisive material. She should have won a piece but followed up wrongly in time trouble, allowing Otene to escape with equal material but

still a lost position. Smith then missed forced mate in four and eventually struggled to draw the game. Scores with one round to go: Charamova 8, Smith 7.5, Otene 6, Mararoa 3, Tang 2.5.

Being half a point behind Smith had no choice but to play for the win as black. It was also comforting that she was already assured of second even if she lost. Charamova was perhaps too keen on drawing and played rather passively with white. Smith built up the pressure over a long game and eventually broke through to win a piece – and the title. Otene meanwhile beat Mararoa after the latter won the exchange instead of a clear rook, and Tang had her second bye.

This left the final standings V. Smith (8.5/10) 1, E. Charamova (8) 2, E. Otene (7) 3, S. Tang (3.5) 4, S. Mararoa (3) 5.

Conclusion

Smith deservedly won her ninth New Zealand Women’s Championship.

She was again the steadiest player and showed great fighting spirit in the final round to win the decisive game, after missing a forced win in the previous round.

Charamova came close to winning her first Women’s title at only her second try, and is a good bet to take it out in the near future.

She played some good chess in the early rounds but seemed to suffer from a bout of passivity in the second half, when she needed to play more actively.

Otene finished in her expected position, but is unlikely to be very happy with her play. As always, she fought hard at the board, but on too many occasions had to rely on good fortune in bad positions.

Serra Tang showed promise in reaching some excellent positions, including a clearly winning one against Otene in round seven. She also drew with Charamova in their first encounter and should have drawn the second.

Sue Mararoa, as always, played too quickly and suffered the consequences on more than one occasion, most notably when she could have taken a whole rook against Otene. Unless she slows down and does some opening study it will be difficult for her to improve significantly.

Games:

Otene,E - Charamova,

[A34] Round 1

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 d5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.d4 b6 7.Bg2 Bb7 8.0-0 Be7 9.dxc5 bxc5 10. Bf4 0-0 11.Nb5 Na6 12.Nd2 Qd7 13.Nc3 Nc7 14.Nb3 Nc6 15.Bh3 Nh5 16.e3 Nhx f4 17.exf4 f5 18.Na5 Nd4 19.Nxb7 Qxb7 20.b3 Bf6 21.Rc1 Rac8 22.Bg2 Rfd8 23.Re1 Qf7 24.Qd2 Rd7 25. Re3 g6 26.Rce1 Kf8 27.Bf1 Nxb3 28.axb3 d4 29. Re6 dxc3 30.Qc1 Rd2 31.Bc4 Qg7 32.Bb5 Bd4 33.Re8+ Rxe8 34.Rxc8+ Kf7 35.Kh1 Qf6 36.Qe1 Bxf2 37.Bc4+ Kg7 38.Rg8+ Kh6 39.Qf1 Qc6+ 40.Qg2 Rd1+ 41.Bf1 Rxf1# 0-1

Smith,V - Charamova,E

[D02] Round 3

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4 Nf6 4.e3 Be7 5.h3 0-0 6. Nbd2 b6 7.Bd3 c5 8.c3 Ba6 9.Qe2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 c4 11.Qc2 b5 12.e4 a5 13.0-0 b4 14.Rfe1 Nc6 15.e5 Nd7 16.Nf1 bxc3 17.bxc3 a4 18.Rab1 a3 19.Qd2 Nb6 20.Bg5 Na4 21.Bxe7 Nxe7 22.Rb5 Nb2 23.h4 Qd7 24.Rb6 Qc7 25.Rb5 Qc6 26.Rc5 Qb6 27.Rb1 Nc6 28.Ne1 Na5 29.Nc2 Nb7 30. Nxa3 Nxc5 31.Rxb2 Qa5 32.dxc5 Qxa3 33.h5 Qxc5 34.h6 g6 35.Qg5 Rf8 36.Re2 Ra7 37.Ng3 Qe7 38.Qg4 Kf8 39.Rc2 Rba8 40.Ne2 Rxa2 41. Rxa2 Rxa2 42.Nd4 Ra6 43.Nf3 f5 44.exf6 Qxf6 45.Nd4 Kf7 46.Qg3 g5 47.Qh3 Ra1+ 48.Kh2 Qf4+ 49.Qg3 Qxg3+ 50.Kxg3 Rc1 0-1

Otene,E - Smith,V

[A28] Round 6

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.d4 exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.Nxc6 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 bxc6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bxf6 Qxf6 10.Qd4 Ke7?? 11.g3 Rg8?! 11...Ba6! 12. Bg2 Ba6 13.Rc1 Qc6 14.Qc5+ Qd6 15.Qd4 Qe6 16.Qc5+ Ke8 17.0-0 Qxc4 18.Qxc4? 18.Qa5 with compensation 18...Bxc4+ 19.Rc2 Ke7 20. Rb1 Rab8 21.Rb4 Be6 22.Rcb2 Rb6 23.Rd2 Rgb8 24.a3 a5 25.Ra4?? Ra8?? Rb1+ forces mate 26.c4?? Rb1+ 27.Bf1 Bh3 0-1

Otene,E - Tang,S

[A54] Round 7

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 d6 4.d4 exd4 5.Nxd4 c5 6.Nc2 Nc6 7.g3 Be6 8.Ne3 Be7 9.Ncd5 0-0 10. Bg2 Qd7 11.0-0 Bh3 12.Nxe7+ Nxe7 13.Bf4

Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Rad8 15.Qd3 d5 16.Rfd1 d4 17.Nc4 Qc6 18.f3 Nxe4 19.Qxe4 Qxe4 20.fxc4+ h6 21.h4 f6 22.Rd3 g5 23.hxg5 fxg5 24.Bc7 Rd7 25.Ba5 b6 25...Nc6-e5xc4 26.Be1 Nc6 27.b3 Re7 28.c3 Ne5 *Better 28...Rxe4* 29.Rdd1 dxe3 30.Rd6 Ng4 31.Rad1 Rf7 31...Rxe4+ 32.Rd8+ Rf8 33.Rxf8+ Kxf8 34.Kf3 h5 35.Rd5 Re5 36.Bc3 Rxd5 37.exd5 Nf2? 37...Kf7 38.Bf6 Ne4?? 39.Kxc4 e2 40.Bc3 h4 41.gxh4 gxh4 42.Kf3 h3 43.Kg3 h2 44.Kxh2 e1Q 45.Bxe1 & black was checkmated on move 59 1-0

Smith, V - Otene, E

[B09] Round 9

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 c6 6.Bd3 b5 7.e5 dxe5 8.dxe5 Nd5 9.Nxd5 Qxd5 10.Qe2 a5 11.Be4 Qd7 12.0-0-0 13.Be3 Ba6 14.Rfd1 Qc7 15.Rd2 Nd7 16.Rad1 Rad8 17.Qf2 a4 18.c3 Bb7 19.Ng5 e6 20.Qh4 h6 21.Bxg6!+- Nxe5 22.Bh7+ Kh8 23.fxc5 Rxd2 24.Rxd2 Qxe5 25.Bf4?! 25.Be4+-; 25...f5 26.Bd4 Qc7 27.Qxh6+ Kg8 28.Qh7# 25...hxg5 26.Bxg5 Re8 27.Bc2+? 27.Rd7! +- 27...Bc8 28.Bg6 Kg8 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rxf7# 27...Kg8 28.Rd8 Rxd8 29.Bxd8 f5 30.Bb6 c5 31.Qd8+ Kh7 32.Qh4+ Kg8 33.Qd8+ Kh7 34.Qd1 Bh6 35.Qd7+ Bg7 36.Qd1 Bh6 37.Qd7+ 1/2-1/2

Charamova, E - Tang, S

[A07] Round 6

1.Nf3 d5 2.d3 Nc6 3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.0-0 h6 6.e4 dxe4 7.dxe4 Qxd1 8.Rxd1 Nxe4 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.Bxc4 Bc5 11.Rd5 Bd6 12.Nc3 a6 13.Bf4 f6 14.Bxc5 Bxc5 15.Bg6+ Ke7 16.Re1 Be6 17.Rd3 Rhd8 18.f4 Rxd3 19.cxd3 Bd4+ 20.Kg2 Kd7 21.a3 f5 22.Bh5 g5 23.Bf3 c6 24.Ne2 Bxb2 25.Rb1 Bxa3 26.Rxb7+ Kd6 27.Nd4 Bc5 28.Nxe6 Kxc6 29.Bxc6 Rd8 30.Rb3 g4 31.Kf1 Kd6 32.Bb7 Rb8 33.Bd5 Rxb3 34.Bxb3 a5 35.Kg2 Bd4 36.h3 h5 37.Kh2 Ke7 38.Kg2 Kf6 39.Kh2 Kg6 40.Kg2 Kg7 41.Kh2 Kf6 42.Kg2 Kg6 1/2-1/2

Mararao, S - Smith, V

[B08] Round 7

1.e4 d6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.d4 Bg7 5.Be3 0-0 6.Qd2 c6 7.0-0-0 b5 8.Bd3 a5 9.h4 h5 10.Bh6 Bg4 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.Qf4 b4 13.Nb1 Nbd7 14.Rhe1 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 e5 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.Be2 Qe7 18.Nd2 a4 19.c3 bxc3 20.Qxc3 Rfb8 21.a3 Qc5

22.Qxc5 Nxc5 23.f3 Rd8 24.Nc4 Nfd7 25.Bd3 Nb3+ 26.Kb1 f6 27.Bc2 Nd4 28.Nc3 Nc5 29.Rc1 Rab8 30.Ka2 Ndb3 31.Rcd1 Nd4 32.Re1 Rb7 33.b4?? axb3+ 34.Ka1 b2+ 35.Ka2 bxc1Q 36.Rxc1 Nxc2 37.Rxc2 Rdb8 38.Nc4 Na4 39.Nd2? Rb2+ 40.Rxb2 Rxb2+ 41.Ka1 Rxd2 0-1

Charamova, E - Smith, V

[A05] Round 10

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.0-0 0-0 5.d3 d6 6.e4 Nbd7 7.Re1 e5 8.Bh3?! Nc5 9.Bxc8 Qxc8 10.Kg2 h6 11.Be3 Ne6 12.Qd2 Ng4 13.h3 Nxe3+ 14.Qxc3 f5 15.Nc3 f4 16.Qd2 Qd8 17.Ne2 Qf6 18.Rf1 g5 19.g4 Qf7 20.Rh1 h5 21.a3 Bf6 22.Rad1 Rad8 23.Qb4 c6 24.Qa5 b6 25.Qc3 Rc8 26.Qd2 Rcd8 27.c3 d5 28.Qc2 Rd7 29.c4 Rfd8 30.b4 Ng7 31.cxd5 cxd5 32.Rc1 Qe6 33.Nh2? dxe4 34.dxc4 Rd2 35.Qc6 Rxc2 36.Qxe6+ Nxc6 37.Rhe1 Rxe1 38.Rxe1 h4 39.Re2 Kf7 40.f3 Rd3 41.Ra2 Nd4 42.a4 Be7 43.a5 b5 44.Rb2 Rb3 45.Rxb3 Nxb3 46.Kf2 Bxb4 47.a6 Nc5 48.Kc2 Nxa6 49.Kd3 Nc5+ 50.Kc2 a5 51.Nf1 Ke6 0-1

NZ Women's Reserve Championship

This tournament epitomised the NZ Chess Federation's hopes for the growth of female chess in New Zealand.

Nine players took part, with all but one aged between nine and thirteen.

The exception was visiting Fijian university student Artila Devi.

Twelve-year-old Shirley Wu, from Waitemata, set a hot pace from the start, winning game after game. She had a couple of anxious moments along the way, but was clearly the best player in winning all nine of her games.

Thirteen-year-old Frances Clark, from Auckland's North Shore, had a nervous start but steadied down to put in a good performance, finishing second with 7/9.

She was one of only two players to reach a winning position against Wu, but followed up wrongly. Her other loss was to nine-year-old Clara Portougal, when she fell into the trap of matching her opponent's playing speed.

Third place went to Artila Devi, despite an unnecessary stalemate. Mention should also be made of nine year-old Sharon Wu, Shirley's sister, who

was in the running for second until the last round. Sharon fell back to fourth after losing to her sister, who already had clear first assured with a round to spare. No sisterly favours there!

The quality of chess was, as anticipated, considerably lower than in the Championship. But there were a lot of very hard fought games and the key thing was that all the players enjoyed themselves. Final scores: Shirley Wu (9/9) 1, Frances Clark (7) 2, Artila Devi (6.5) 3, Sharon Wu (6) 4, Clara Portougal (5.5) 5, Victoria Lam (4.5) 6, Eachen Chen (3.5) 7, Tisha Yang (2) 8, Zara Garlick (1) 9.

NZ Senior Championship

On paper the favourite for this event was the defending champion, Victor Portougal, of Waitemata (1695).

But looking back a decade one could see that NZ Chess Federation Secretary Bob Mitchell (currently unrated) once had a rating of a little over 1700.

David Shead, once an Aucklander but now hailing from Masterton (1610) was also capable of a surprise or two.

The others in the field were Clive Wilson (1489), Herman Goeckel (1405), also from Masterton, Peter Morten and Feliks Shapiro.

The favourites duly won in round one, with Portougal starting with a bye. Goeckel was unsettled by the time control of one and a half hours for the whole game and 30 seconds a move, and threw away an easy win in Wilson's time trouble.

In round two Shead was surprisingly beaten by Wilson, leaving Portougal and Mitchell as the joint leaders, with Wilson a half a point behind.

In round three Portougal easily beat Shead, while Mitchell accounted for Wilson. The rest were already a point and a half adrift.

The round four clash between the two leaders was a wild affair. Portougal blundered in the midgame, but Mitchell missed the one move win of a rook. Breathing a sigh of relief, Portougal played on to victory and now looked a certainty for the title. But in round five Shapiro came to Mitchell's rescue with a sharp win over the leader. Mitchell caught Portougal up again by beating Goeckel. Shapiro had now moved up to third, with Shead half a point behind.

Round six was another moment of truth for

Mitchell; a win against Shead would guarantee him at least first equal, as he had the last round bye. In a fairly equal game Shead missed the win of an exchange and soon after overlooked a tactic to lose a rook. Portougal also won, and now need to beat Wilson in the last round to tie for first.

Goeckel surprised by beating Shapiro. Leading scores going into the last round: Portougal, Mitchell 5, Wilson, Shapiro 3.5, Shead 3.

Portougal had to work hard to beat Wilson but duly got the point he needed in the final. Shead, meanwhile, bounced back to take third place with a win over Shapiro.

Final scores: V. Portougal, R. Mitchell (6/7) 1=, D. Shead (4) 3, C. Wilson, F. Shapiro (3.5) 4=, H. Goeckel (3) 6, P. Morten (2) 7.

Conclusion

Portougal and Mitchell were clearly the steadiest players. They both had one lucky escape along the way, so a tie for first was a just result.

Shead was perhaps a little rusty but came good when it counted.

All the players seemed to enjoy the event and hopefully they will spread the word to other over 60's so that the NZ Senior Championship will grow again next year.

Games:

Mitchell, R - Wilson, C

[A57] Round 3

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Nf3 bxc4 5.Bg5 Ne4 6.Be3 d6 7.Qa4+ Nd7 8.Qxc4 Ndf6 9.Nc3 Qa5 10.Bd2 Nxd2 11.Nxd2 Qb4 12.e4 Qxc4 13.Nxc4 g6 14.Bd3 Nd7 15.Nb5 Kd8 16.f4 a6 17.Nc3 Rb8 18.0-0 Nb6 19.Rab1 Bg7 20.Na5 Ra8 21.Rfc1 Bd4+ 22.Kf1 Be3 23.Rc2 f6 24.g3 Bd7 25.Kc2 Bd4 26.Nb3 e5 27.dxe6 Bxe6 28.Nxd4 cxd4 29.Nd5 Nxd5 30.exd5 Bxd5 31.b3 Re8+ 32.Kd2 Be4 33.Rbc1 Bxd3 34.Kxd3 Ra7 35.Kxd4 Rcc7 36.Kd5 Kd7 37.Rc8 a5 38.Rf8 f5 39.Rcc8 Rc4 40.Rc2 Ke7 41.Rh8 Kf6 42.Rf8+ Kg7 43.Rd8 Rae7 44.Ra8 Re2 45.Rac8 Kh6 46.Kxd6 R7c3 47.R8c5 Rd3+ 48.Kc6 Rdd2 49.Rxd2 Rxd2 50.Rxa5 Rxb2 51.b4 Rc2+ 52.Kd5 Rc3 53.b5 Rxb7 54.b6 Rg1 55.Kc6 Rc1+ 56.Rc5 Rb1 57.b7 Rxb7 58.Kxb7 Kh5 59.a4 Kg4 60.Rc4 h5 61.a5 h4 62.

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2003 Latvian Gambit Open

by Bob Gibbons

The 2003 Latvian Gambit tournament was held on Sunday 16th March and attracted a field of 74 players of whom 15 were competing in the Open section. As usual there were players from all over the Central North Island and a very promising contingent of Juniors as well.

As usual the last minute entries caused a flurry of activity arranging extra sets and clocks and resulted in the start of the first round being delayed but we were able to catch up by round two and the whole event ran very smoothly after that until the plethora of prize winners at the end delayed the prize giving ceremony for some time. Fortunately prizewinners tend to be a patient group.

In the under 1700 group Sue Maroroa caused an early upset by defeating Richard Taylor on Board 3 and several other senior players had to survive the onslaughts of some determined juniors, successfully for the most part. By round three Steven Price, who was seeded twelfth in the event had taken residence on board one and was to remain there for the rest of the tournament. Top seed Victor Portugal was never far from the top and eventually finished second equal along with Don Eade, Jeremy Browne, Jim Cater and Michael Zhang.

In the grade prizes, Tim Judkins, Malo Puepuema, James Pocock, Sue Maroroa, and Jacques Lei shared first equal in the under 1500 section with the last two named being first in the under 12 age category and first in the under 1000 section respectively.

Richard Dare, Oscar Lynn, Scott Plyler and Julian Spring were the runners up in the under 1000 grade.

In the under 14 age section Michael Zhang was the top scorer with Evgenia Charomova second

and Alan Lin and Devon Smith equal third. Runner up in the under 12 age section was Benny Jones with Serra Tang and Brendon Dalton equal third.

Finally Matthew Chan took out the under 10 age prize with Alex Pan, Andrew Maroroa and Michael Wu the runners up.

Open Section.

Top seed Paul Garbett was held to a draw in the first round. This was the first of four draws for Paul which was just one too many. Daniel Han got off to a flying start defeating Leonard McLaren and Michael Steadman in the first two rounds before Garbett brought him down to earth with a crash in round three.

Second seeded Bob Smith suffered an early loss to Pu Chen Wang in round two but had recovered to be in contention again by the start of round five.

In round five, draws on the top four boards left Paul Garbett, Bob Smith, Peter Green and Pu Chen Wang on the top rung with three and a half points. However in the last round Garbett and Smith were paired together and settled for a draw to finish third equal on four points where they were joined by McLaren after his defeat of Bruce Watson.

Peter Green and Pu Chen Wang beat Michael Steadman and Matthew McNabb respectively to finish the event first equal.

Congratulations to all the prize winners and to the hosts the Howick Pakuranga Chess Club.

In particular congratulations to Kees van den Bosch for his work in organizing another successful event.

Tony Dowden gains National Master title

by Ted Frost

When Tony Dowden won his round 9 game in the Wanganui Congress against top seed, Australian IM Alex Wohl, it was a double victory – it confirmed that Tony had gained enough points to achieve New Zealand Master status. A win against NZCF president Bob Smith in round 10 took him to 6.5 points and a total of 118 master points, well above the 100-point target. Tony's biographical notes say he was "part of the Fischer-Spassky boom" and started to play chess aged 10 (in the same primary school as Bob Wansink and Tony Love who also made their mark on the national scene). Later he played in the National Schoolpupils event in 1974 and made his Congress debut in the Premier Reserve at the Dunedin Congress in 1974. His first appearance in the NZ Championship was at North Shore, 1981-82 where he tied for second with Sarapu. He has played in two Olympiads – Lucerne 1982 and Bled 2002. Like many other players, Tony's competitive chess has been intermittent – as a science teacher for 15 years he played little "serious" chess (standard time limits) but had some successes at rapid chess. He taught mainly in high schools some distance from the main chess centres – in Invercargill, Lawrence, Gore, Western Samoa and Palmerston North.

Tony is now living in Dunedin, is president of Otago Chess Club and is the current South Island champion. He describes himself as "a bit of an academic" – BSc, BA, DipTchg, MEd (Hons), and is currently in the fourth year of an EdD (Doctor of Education) through Massey University. Now 42 years old, he aspires to getting a lectureship in Education at a tertiary institution in Australia or New Zealand.

Tony is justifiably proud to have gained the NM title without the benefit of regular strong competition. "As a player who is obviously not quite in the top tier I have been inspired to try to get the NM title by the success and determination of players of similar ilk like Peter Green, Bob Smith (who also gained their NM titles 'relatively later on') and Graeme Spain (who lives in the sticks and must soon gain his NM

title)."

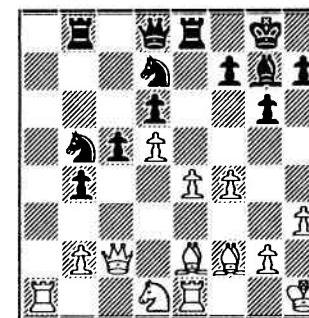
He also says he is absolutely convinced of the educational benefits to children of playing chess (especially if they learn within the 7-12 age bracket). However, he strongly disapproves of "hot-housing" children which, he believes, is a recipe for later psychological and emotional problems. He says his own children, Ben (6) and Christina (4), "know how the pieces move and can find simple checkmates - but that's about it". He enjoys enthusing others to play and improve their chess and contributes regularly to *NZ Chess* [hint to other top players!]

Tony has added his notes to the games which follow.

Green,P – Dowden,RA [E91]

89th NZ Chp, North Shore (R 6), 1982
 1.d4 ♠f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 d6 4.♠c3 g6 5.e4 ♠g7
 6.♠e2 0-0 7.♠f3 ♠a6 8.0-0 ♠c7 9.♠e1 ♠g4
 10.♠f4 10.Nd2 10...♠h5 11.♠e3 a6 Bxf3 12.
 h3?! ♠xf3 13.♠xf3 ♠f6 14.a4 b6 15.♠e2 e6
 16.f4 exd5 17.cxd5 ♠e8 18.♠f3 ♠b8 19.♠f2
 ♠d7

Black is better because White is unable to generate play on the kingside.
 20.♠h1 b5 21.axb5 axb5 22.♠c2 b4 23.♠d1
 ♠b5 24.♠e2?!



24...♠a3! 25.♠c1 ♠xe4 26.bxa3 ♠xa1 27.

NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

14 to 18 JULY. (Hamilton CC. This tournament will be FIDE rated.)

NORTH ISLAND RAPID CHAMPIONSHIP (Hamilton, 19 July).

Contact: Garry Judkins judkins4@actrix.co.nz or William Lynn hakwlo@opus.co.nz

♟xa1 ♟a5 28.♟g4 ♟xe1+ 29.♟xe1 f5 30.♟e2
 ♟xa3 31.♟b2?
 31.Qb1 is better but Black is still winning after
 31.♟b1 ♟e8 32.♟c2 b3 33.♟d2 ♟b4!
 31...♟xb2 32.♟xb2 ♟e8 0-1

Dowden,RA – Love,A
 [C50]

90th NZ Chp, Dunedin (R 5), 1983

1.e4 e5 2.♟f3 ♟c6 3.♟c4 ♟e7

The Hungarian Defence. Once favoured by
 Ortvin Sarapu but a major surprise from Love.
 4.d4 d6 5.d5 ♟b8 6.♟c3 ♟f6 7.h3 c5 8.♟e3 0-
 0 9.♟d2 a6 10.a4 b6 11.g4 ♟d7? 12.♟xe5!
 dx5 13.d6 ♟c6 14.dxe7 ♟xe7 15.♟g5 ♟d8 16.
 ♟d5 h6 17.♟xf6 ♟xf6 18.0-0-0 ♟e8 19.h4 ♟f4
 20.♟xf4 exf4 21.g5 hxg5?! 22.hxg5 ♟xd5? 23.
 ♟xd5

White has the twin threats of 24.Nc7 and 24.
 Nf6+! gx f6 25.gx f6 followed by 26.Rdg1+.
 23...♟d7 24.♟c7 1-0

Dowden,RA – Smith,RW
 [B07]

New Zealand Championship 2002–Wanganui (R 10)
 1.e4 d6 2.♟c3 ♟f6 3.g3 g6 4.♟g2 ♟g7 5.♟ge2
 0-0 6.0-0 c5 7.d3!?

Avoiding Smith's customarily excellent prepara-
 tion by transposing into a closed Sicilian.
 7...♟bd7 7...Nc6 8.h3 ♟b8 9.♟e3 b5 10.♟d2
 b4 11.♟d1 ♟e8 12.f4 ♟c7 13.g4 ♟b6 14.♟g3
 ♟b7 15.♟f2 ♟fd7 16.♟c1 ♟a6 17.b3 ♟b5 18.
 ♟f3 a5 19.h4 d5?

Black realises that if he continues his queen-
 side attack with 19...a4 his king is likely to be
 overrun, however the text move makes major
 positional concessions. Better was 19...c6 with
 the idea of 20...d5. Incidentally *Fritz 6* recom-
 mends 19...a4 but computers struggle to cor-

rectly assess positions like this.

20.exd5 ♟f6 21.c4 bxc3 22.♟xc3 ♟xd3 23.
 ♟fd1 ♟a6 24.g5

24.Bxc5?! gains a pawn but gives up the initia-
 tive.

24...♟fd7 25.♟ce4

White has established a dominating position
 and is still able to mount a dangerous attack on
 the king.

25...c4 26.♟e2 a4 27.♟d4!

Removing the last significant defender.
 27...axb3 28.♟xg7 ♟xg7 29.axb3 ♟bc8 30.h5
 ♟g8 31.hxg6 hxg6 32.d6!

White intends to gain access to the f6 square.
 32...♟d8 33.dxe7 ♟xe7 34.bxc4 ♟c5?

34...Bb7 is more stubborn but by now both
 players were in time trouble.

35.♟f6+ ♟g7 36.♟d4 ♟f8 37.♟g4?

37.Nd5! wins immediately.

37...♟e6?

Better is 37...Nb3 but according to *Fritz 6*
 White is still winning after 38.Qf2! (This time
 I'm happy to concur).

38.♟a1?

Another slip. 38.Bxe6! wins easily.

38...♟c5+ 39.♟g2 ♟xf4+?

Tempting in time trouble but 39...Bb7+! 40.
 Kf1 Qe3 gives Black his last chance to muddy
 the issue. Nonetheless, our German friend
 claims white is still winning.

40.♟f3 ♟b7+ 41.♟ge4

But not 41.Kxf4?? when Black wins after 41...
 Qf2+ 42.Ke5 Re8! 43.Nxe8 Qc3 and soon mat-
 ing.

41...♟c7 42.♟h1 ♟a8 43.♟c3

Smarty pants *Fritz 6* prefers the stunning 43.
 Rh8+ Ke7 45.Nd5+ Nfxd5 46.Qf6+!! Nxf6 47.
 gx f6++ (always check, it might be mate).

43...♟ed8 44.♟b4+ ♟d6 45.♟xf4 ♟xe4 46.
 ♟xe4 1-0

2003 Howick & Pakuranga Times Auckland International Open, Jan 26 – 31

by Paul Spiller

An idea that began mid-way through 2002 be-
 came reality with the inaugural Howick & Pa-
 kuranga Times Auckland International Chess
 Open hosted at the Pakuranga Country Club
 from Jan 26 – 31, 2003.

My initial idea behind organising this tourna-
 ment was to give an opportunity for NZ's tal-
 ented juniors and other strong players to experi-
 ence an international event and have a chance
 to achieve FIDE ratings. Up until now the only
 way to achieve FIDE rating blocks has been the
 annual NZ Championship, or the occasional In-
 ternational event, both of these being almost
 out of reach unless a player already had either a
 high NZ or FIDE rating.

Planning the event took several months with
 venue selection being the first step. This was
 followed up with sponsorship approaches. I
 was fortunate in securing an excellent venue at
 the Pakuranga Country Club, the tournament
 room overlooking the practice golf fairway and
 full catering and bar facilities on site. Award
 winning newspaper Howick & Pakuranga
 Times (a previous sponsor of chess events in
 Howick) supported the event financially along
 with Global Chess Enterprises. Other compa-
 nies, organizations and individuals to help sup-
 port this event I gratefully acknowledge here:
 NZ Chess Federation, NZ Chess Friends,
 Borovskis Trust, Tui Design, Pakuranga Coun-
 try Club, NZ Chess Supplies, Energizer NZ,
 Bruce Watson and Hilton Bennett.

After having met Australian International Arbi-
 ter and newly appointed Oceania Zone Presi-
 dent Gary Bekker at the 2002 zonal event in
 Fiji, I decided to invite Gary to oversee the
 tournament. I was confident that Gary's many
 contacts with Australian players would be help-
 ful in encouraging some of them to compete
 here, and also Gary's experience with internet
 relay from Australian events made it possible to
 offer live transmission of the top two games via
 his (and the tournament) website and through
 the Internet Chess Club. A first for New Zea-
 land. Gary brought the sensory boards with him
 and was hopeful that other organisers may fol-

low this lead for future NZ events. [It should be
 noted here that during his stay in New Zealand
 (his first!), Gary went to considerable trouble in
 contacting a number of key chess organisers
 around NZ, to share information and encourage
 them to consider FIDE rating some of the most
 important chess tournaments here. It has been
 pleasing to see that a number of clubs have re-
 sponded positively to this initiative, which will
 have the effect of building up the number of
 FIDE rated players in this country].

A website established at an early stage, with
 help from Tui Design, provided an important
 link for players to be able to get updates on en-
 tries and also proved valuable in attracting
 overseas entries. [Also a listing on the TWIC
 website closer to the event gave the tournament
 international status].

A total of 34 entries were received in all, with
 10 players representing overseas countries in-
 cluding Australia (6), Slovenia (1), Malaysia
 (1), Scotland (1), and Germany (1).

The tournament was held as a 9 round swiss
 over 6 days, following a similar schedule to the
 2002 zonal in Fiji, using the new FIDE ap-
 proved time-control of 90 minutes + 30 secs/
 move.

Overall a strong field assembled, with top seed
 GM Drazen Sermek (Slovenia) with a FIDE
 rating of 2577 clear favourite, being rated over
 150 points ahead of second seed IM Peter
 Froehlich of Germany. Late entries from FM
 Alexei Kulashko and NZ Champion IM An-
 thony Ker considerably strengthened the field
 and made IM norms possible.

A number of talented juniors provided an inter-
 esting dynamic to the tournament. Six year old
 Alex Pan, who has only been playing chess for
 a matter of months, put up surprisingly strong
 resistance against several of the experienced
 players, and even though he lost all his games
 is a player to watch out for in the future. The
 Song juniors from Australia (formerly NZ)
 played outstandingly well against a number of
 strong FIDE rated players. Raymond (9), beat
 NM Peter Stuart and chess International Chris

South Island Rapid and Championships

Hotel Ashburton

**Rapid:
 Championships:**

**Sunday 21st September
 Monday 22nd to Friday 26th September**

Morrison of Scotland and drew against FM Brian Jones of Australia. His sister Angela (10) achieved draws against Peter Goffin and Hilton Bennet.

NZ junior Puchen Wang achieved a solid result and will obtain a good FIDE rating based on this and his result in the NZ Championships. Perhaps the standout result (besides of course Leonard McLaren's giant killing feat in toppling GM Sermek in the last round) was the result by Paul Beach. Paul seemed well prepared and his score of 5/9 against an average FIDE rated field of around 2240 will give him an excellent Elo rating in the next list. Results and games can be obtained via the tournament website, but going into the last round the top two seeds, Sermek and Froehlich, were equal on 7/8 (they had drawn against each other while Drazen was held to a draw by Alexei Kulashko and Peter by Anthony Ker). Both players were expected to win against their last round opponents, McLaren and Watson, and the pressure was on to do so to ensure a first equal placing. From Drazen's point of view this encouraged perhaps a little risk taking in grabbing a pawn to create chances, however in the meantime, Bruce was playing well enough to hold the draw against Peter Froehlich. Leonard improved his position in the ensuing time shortage and capitalised on Drazen's blunder becoming, I believe, the first NZer to defeat a GM in tournament play in New Zealand since Vernon Small's upset win over GM Eugenio Torre at the 1978

Burroughs Computers tournament in Wellington. This left IM Peter Froehlich somewhat amazed as outright winner on 7.5/9, his best result ever. Drazen, for the third time in a NZ tournament, finished as runner-up. In third place was NZ's most consistent achiever, NZ Champion Anthony Ker. Leonard's last round win catapulted him up the leader board to claim the prize of \$200 for fourth place.

Overall a very successful event. A number of players have now achieved rating blocks of 4 or more games, and can achieve FIDE ratings if they can play the required 9 games over the next 12 months. Alexei Kulashko had a sniff of a chance to achieve an IM result. Junior players had an opportunity to experience an international event. Games were broadcast live to the internet, gaining international publicity for New Zealand and considerable local media exposure was achieved.

A daily bulletin with all games, photos and round highlights was produced by Gary Bekker with help from a number of assistants over the week. I would like to extend a huge thank you to Gary and all those who helped in some way. Gary Bekker was a great source of help, support and encouragement in order to make this event happen and whilst in New Zealand took the opportunity to visit and liaise with many key figures in NZ chess. Hopefully clubs and officials will follow Gary's lead to take steps to ensure a larger number of NZ events will be FIDE rated.

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Wellington Club Captain's Report 2002

by Mark van der Hoorn

The year 2002 saw the Wellington Chess Club and its players go from strength to strength. Nationally, the Wellington invaders saw all fall before them, and much prize money and rating points were garnered. Undoubtedly, we are the strongest club in the land.

Firstly, the roll of honour for the club's own tournaments. The Summer Cup champion was once again, Russell Dive. This was particularly hard to believe, as the guy never wins anything. Next came the Autumn Cup. This tournament was a series of round robin groups of six, with a fifth group being a Swiss system made up of the dregs of the club. Obviously, the system is called Swiss, because that's where you usually find the dregs in any sporting competition.

The Autumn Cup winners were (in no particular order, starting at the bottom and working upwards)

Group Five : Nigel Walters
Group Four: Alan Aldridge
Group Three: Alasdair Alexander
Group Two: John McDonald
Group One: Russell Dive

The fact that Dive won again is nothing short of astonishing.

The club Rapid was a very interesting tournament in 2002. This was because we adopted the Danish Pairing System, as proposed by Anthony Ker. No one, including my computer, and even quite possibly Russell Dive, understands the Danish Pairing System. The only exception to that statement, is that Anthony Ker probably understands the Danish Pairing System, as he proposed its use. Anyway, moving right along, the winner of the 2002 Club Rapid tournament was Anthony Ker. Now we move to the part of the year where the real action was. The Club Championships. Often these contests are so tight, the result can be affected by something as trivial as what sort of biscuits you can scrounge from the kitchen on the night. Obviously, my favourite biscuits were largely absent. In 2002 the Club Championships were held as four graded round robin tournaments, the Premier grade being a double round robin made up of six of the best players in the nation.

Throughout the grades, the competition was incredibly tight, and the winners of each section weren't found until the final moment (or an untimely rain stoppage).

In the C Grade, new boy Paul Frost surged out of the blocks like a maniacal cyclist in a Formula One Grand Prix. But for a puncture on the home straight he may have won, but in the end had to settle for third as the twin Ferraris of Jonathon Whittle and Russell Gordon ran him down.

3rd: Paul Frost

1st =: Jonathan Whittle

1st =: Russell Gordon

In the B Grade, we had a similar situation. This time it was New Zealand Junior Champion Jesse Wilson who fell half a point short of first place. This Grade was won by a new boy, and a not so new boy. David Paul surged ahead early on, but was eventually caught by the wild tactician Don Stracy. When Stracy and Paul played early on in the tournament, the game was drawn. I suspect this game would defy analysis; confusing even the most sophisticated computer. However, as I haven't seen it, I couldn't possibly comment.

3rd: Jesse Wilson

1st =: David Paul

1st =: Don Stracy

The A Grade was another evenly contested contest. One of the most notable performances came from Group Two Autumn Cup winner, John McDonald. He got slaughtered. Little did we know what he was saving himself for! In the end, three players emerged from the pack to take the places of honour. In third, the Thriller Driller Killer, Ross Jackson put in his usual steady performance. However, Jacek Wojnar's "Electric Toothbrush Attack" ruined his chances. In second place, Paul "Dunn them like a dinner" fell just short of the mark. The screams and acrid smoke emanating from the Driller's dentist chair should give you a clue as to what caused his demise. In an impressive first place, and also demonstrating his great improvement over the year, was Mike "the stomach" Turner. Mike played strongly and ag-

gressively, and managed to claim clear first place despite a loss to Gavin Marnar. Marnar and newcomer Alasdair Alexander were also in with a great chance for most of this tournament, but both simply had too many draws.

3rd: Ross Jackson
2nd: Paul Dunn
1st: Michael Turner

In the Premier Grade, something incredible happened. I came last. No wait, I mean Russell Dive won it! Playing like some sort of "Deep Dive", he churned his way remorselessly through the field, losing only in a time scramble to Guthrie, and having his circuits tampered with on another occasion by Croad. David Guthrie had an excellent tournament as well, finishing only half a point behind Dive. At one point I was certain that David had it in the bag, but there you go; sometimes you just have to expect the unexpected! Nic Croad barely played at all during 2002 and showed some rust during the club champs. But towards the end he picked up some form, and this was a foreshadow of what was to come.

3rd: Anthony Ker
2nd: David Guthrie
1st: Russell Dive

During my absence the club also hosted an end of year Swiss event. No one seems to remember who won it, and no one much seems to care. This doesn't surprise me, because I wasn't in it. After a quick consultation, we've decided to award the title to Anthony Ker, as "participant most likely". It wouldn't surprise me to discover that the Danish Pairing System was used.

During the year the club also ran a number of tournaments which were largely successful. The first of these was the Easter Weekender, won by Nic Croad. I think I came second, so hurrah for me. Oh yes, and hurrah for Nic too! Also, later in the year the club held a one day Rapid which was won by Anthony Ker. Mike Turner came second in that event, which shows that we know how to host benefit tournaments for our members.

On behalf of the NZCF the club held the National Junior Championships. To the horror of many of the Auckland favourites, the title was won by our

very own Jesse Wilson. Jesse has improved immensely in the last year, and is also the club's most improved player (funnily enough). Some say it's rather fortunate he hasn't had to play me lately, but I'm not saying "fortunate for whom".

The club have been dabbling a bit in running School tournaments recently, and last year ran a Primary Schools tournament for the first time. Typically, I have no idea who won it, but it might have been Eastern Hutt. Then again, maybe not. We also ran the annual Secondary School's Championship, won by Tawa College. A few of our club used to go there, including Alan Aldridge and Nic Croad. Obviously, that fact is of no interest whatsoever. Tawa College went on to become national secondary school champions, which is of more interest.

In other tournaments nationwide, our club members have put in a strong showing. Results I can recall offhand are as follows. Mark van der Hoom won the Kapiti Rapid along with some other guy whose name I can't quite recall. Oh yeah, it was Russell Dive. Russell would've won the thing outright, if he hadn't allowed Alan "the Assassin" Aldridge to execute mate in two from what appeared to be a highly dubious position. Some players should NEVER be trusted.

Aldridge leapt to the fore again at the Waitakere Licensing Trust tournament by winning the B Grade with fellow club member Michael Nyberg. The club performed quite well in the A Grade too, with David Guthrie and Anthony Ker sharing first place with some other guys. (Aucklanders they were; I've forgotten their names). Other good performances by club members this year include Mark van der Hoom winning a share of first place at the North Island Championships, and David Guthrie winning the Waikato Open outright.

Later in the year, the club had two members represent New Zealand at the 35th Chess Olympiad in Bled. Russell Dive as a player, and Mark van der Hoom as the Woman's Team Captain, triumphantly showed up. The food in the hotel was nice, and the weather for the most part was clement.

All that remains to be mentioned, is the club members who covered themselves in glory at the New

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Australasian Internet Chess Challenge

by Alasdair Alexander

The North Island Team finally made it a New Zealand 1-2. Needing a last round win with black to catch the South Island team, they over pressed and had to fight to hold the draw against a strong Northern Territory Team. Overall, it was a very impressive performance by both NZ teams who only dropped 3 half points between them against the combined efforts of all the Australian teams. After a collection of individuals managed to get to a lost position out of the opening in the local derby against the South Island (which eventually decided 1st place), the North Island team was largely represented by the two man team of Martin Sims (Wellington) and Bob Gibbons (Auckland). Despite being out rated by many of their opponents, they combined effectively to right the ship with 5 successive victories including the games against Tasmania and Western Australia below. They were joined by Irish import Alasdair Alexander (Wellington) for the last 3 rounds. The winning streak extended to 7 games before the final showdown with NT (*annotated below*). Our congratulations to the Mainlanders and thanks to Paul Brockhuysen from Sydney who ran the tournament, which must have lasted twice as long as he expected, very professionally.

North Island-Western Australia (Notes and analysis by Martin Sims)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Be5 4.Nc3

Bob won the coin toss on this one - I presume he was following the famous game Gibbons-Lane, Suncoast Open 1999 (1/2-1/2 in 40).

4...Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.Na4!?

Bob wins another coin toss! It is debatable whether gaining the two bishops justifies the loss of time, since Black gets a nice grip on d4 and the doubled pawns are not weak.

6...a6 7.Nxc5 dxc5 8.a4 Qd6 9.Be3

Looks better than 9.a5, played in Koch-Adams France 1999.

9...0-0 10.h3 Bd7

10...b6 was better.

11.0-0 b6 12.Nd2 Be6?! 13.f4! Nd7?

White now gets a strong attack.

14.f5 Bxc4 15.Nxc4 Qe7 16.f6! Qe6

Or 16...Nxf6 17.Bg5 Qe6 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Ne3 Kh8 20.Nd5 etc.

17.fxg7 Kxg7 18.Bg5 f6

The brave 18...f5! was better. Now white gets a strong grip on the critical f5 square.

19.Bh4 Kh8 20.Ne3 Rg8 21.Qh5

Against my better judgement. It looks natural to defend the h-pawn with an "aggressive" move, but in reality the Queen is ineffective here and only gets in the way of an eventual g2-g4 or Ne3-g4. I allowed myself to be swayed by the opinions of a couple of masters at the Wellington Chess Club.....

21...Rg6 22.Rf2 Rf8 23.Raf1 Ne7 24.Kh2 Qf7?!

25.Qe2 Qe6 26.Qd2

Probing. White gradually improves his position over the next several moves, while Black goes totally passive.

26...a5 27.Rf3 Rf7 28.Qf2 Rf8 29.g4! h6

g4-g5 was a strong threat, e.g. 29...Nc6 30.c3 Ne7 31.g5 Ng8 32.gxf6 Nxf6 33.Nd5 winning a pawn, but now White has a new target on h6.

30.Qd2 Ng8 31.Nf5 Rf7 32.Bf2 Rh7 33.Be3 c4 33...h5 may be better, but White is still well on top after 34.g5 fxg5 35.Bxg5 c4 36.Rg1.

34.Nh4

Buying a little time for analysis.

34...Rgg7 35.Nf5 Rg6 36.Qc3! cxd3 37.Qxc7 Nc5 Or 37...dxc2 38.Qxc2 h5 39.gxh5 Rxh5 40. Rd1 and White controls the board.

38.Qb8 Nxe4 39.Nh4 Rgg7 40.cxd3 Qd6! 41.

Qxd6

If 41.Qe8 Qxd3 42.Ng6+ Rxc6 43.Qxc6 Qc2+ 44. Kh1 Qxa4 Black has two pawns for the exchange and good drawing chances. It was about here that Alasdair joined the North Island team.

41...Nxd6 42.Bxb6 h5 43.g5!

An excellent sacrifice to keep the h-file closed. Black stays bottled up just long enough for White to win some material.

43...Rxc6

A possible line after 43...fxg5 is 44.Nf5 Nxf5 45.

Rxf5 Rb7 46.Bxa5 Rxb2+ 47.Kh1 Rb3 48.Rxc6 Rxd3 49.Kh2 Ra3 50.Rf8! Nh6 51.Bd8! Ra2+ 52. Kh1 Rf2 53.Rxc5 Rd7 54.Rxh5 Kh7 55.Bg5 Rd6

56.Ra1! Kg7 57.Bxh6+ Rxb6 58.Rxh6 Kxh6 59.a5 winning.

44.Be3 Rgg7 45.Be5! Ne8 46.d4 Rb7 47.Ng6+ Kg7 48.Rg1

There is no defence against the discovered check.

48...Rxb2+ 49.Kh1 exd4 50.Ne7+ Kf7 51.Nxg8 Rd2 52.Re1 1-0

The resignation came a little earlier than we expected. After 52...Kxg8 53.Rxe8+ Kf7 54.Re7+ Kg6 55.Re8! Black is in zugzwang.

Tasmania - North Island

(Notes and analysis by Bob Gibbons, Martin Sims and Kevin Bonham (Tas.))

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bd7 5...Bd7 is a chameleon move which usually transposes into a standard line, but there are also a few independent variations.

Perhaps the best way to meet 5...Bd7! is with a classical 6.Be2! followed by 0-0, Nb3, Be3, f4, Bf3, Kh1, Qe1 etc. Whether black goes for a Dragon, Scheveningen or Boleslavsky setup, d7 is likely to be the wrong square for the bishop. (MS)

6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd3

We played this partly because we did not like the games we could find with 7.Qd2, 7.Ndb5 and so on. We expected that you would be familiar with the main replies and therefore we should meet your rare move with one of our own. (KB)

7...a6 8.0-0-0 Be7 9.Be2 Nc6 10.f4 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 Bc6

11...0-0 12.e5 dxe5 13.fxe5 Nd5 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15. Nxd5 exd5 16.Bf3 holds no promise for Black (BG)

12.Bf3 Qa5 13.Kb1
13.e5 dxe5 14.fxe5 0-0 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Qg4+ Kh8 18.Rd7 f5 leads to equal chances for both sides (BG)

We had a very hard look at 13.e5 but couldn't quite get it to work and dumped it at the last moment. Critical was 13.e5 dxe5 14.fxe5 0-0! 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Qg4+ Kh8 with ...f5 and perhaps ...Bb4 to follow. Despite the damage around your king we felt you were pretty safe there, whereas we had problems with the isolated pawn. (KB)
However, 17.Rhe1! fxe5 18.Rxe5 Qb4 19.Qxb4 Nxb4 looks better for white. (MS)

13...0-0 14.Qe3 Rfd8 15.Rd3 h6 16.h4!? This took

us by surprise (BG)

16...Rac8

We cannot win the bishop as 16...hxg5 17.hxg5 Nh7 18.Qf2 leads to advantage to white (BG)

18 e5 is probably even stronger (MS)

We were very confident of winning if you took the bishop. We wanted to play 17.g4 next but 17...d5! seemed to get us in strife; after 18.exd5 we thought we had it all covered until 1 found 18...Rxd5! - our bishop is en pris you might as well sacrifice the exchange for piece activity. One possibility is 19.

Nxd5 Nxd5 20.Rxd5 Bxd5 21.Bxe7 Qxa2+ 22.Kc1 Qa1+ 23.Kd2 Qxb2 -+ We couldn't find a sound reply to 18...Rxd5, and while we had no idea if you'd see it or play it, or even if it was definitely sound, we decided not to risk it. (KB)

17.Qd2 Kf8!?

We had seen that we could probably liquidate into a slightly favorable ending and wanted our King in the centre (BG)

18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Rxd6

As our k-side attack has collapsed, we felt that we were simply worse unless we took the pawn and challenged you to prove you had enough to win. (KB)

19...Qb4 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Qe1 Bxc3 22.Qxc3 Qxc3 23.bxc3

We spent about 3 days worrying about 23...f5 which we believed won as 24.Re1 Rd2 led to lots of problems with threats of Rf2. We were intending the desperate 24.e5 Bxf3 25.gxf3 Rc8 26.h5, leaving us with the world's worst collection of pawns but still not an easy position to exploit. (KB)

We didn't seriously consider 23...f5, putting our pawns on the same coloured squares as the bishops, but it certainly deserved more attention. We did look at 23...Rd2, but found a nice defense for white in 24.Rf1!, preventing ...Rf2 and threatening Kc1, and if 24...Ba4 25.e5! b6 25.Re1 Bxc2+ 26.Kc1 Rf2 27.Re2 with an easy draw. (MS)

23 ...e5! 24.f5

Taking the pawn and getting ...Re8 followed by ...Rxe5 and ...Ke7 didn't appeal to us as you get the second pawn back pretty soon. On the other hand, 24.f5 fixes the pawns on the light squares. The end-game turned out to be a textbook lesson in good versus bad bishops. (KB)

24... Ke7

Having just lost to the South Island team we were very keen to win this one but it takes a lot of subtle maneuvering. White's principal weakness is the poor scope for his bishop. (BG)

25.Kc1 Bb5 26.g3 Rc8 27.Kd2?

We did later feel this might have been an error and that Kb2 was safer. We were concerned that playing Kb2 would leave our K too far from our e-pawn and that you might somehow thread your king through the K-side to get our e-pawn. (KB)

27... Rc5 28.Rb1 Bc6 29.Rb2 Ra5 30.c4 Kd6 31. Kd3 Ra4 32.Bh5 f6 33.c3 Kc5 34.Bd1?

We had been following a long line of mine prepared on about move 28 up to here but it was here that Bruce Oates discovered a problem: 34.Bf7 was our intention but 34...b5 35.cxb5 Bxb5 36.Kc3 Bc6 37. Rb4 Rxb4 38.cxb4+ Kxb4 is lost for us as we have no defence against the plan of B-b5-c4. (KB)
White can play 37. Rb8!, ditching the e-pawn for some strong counter play. There is no obvious black win (MS)

34...Rxc4 35.Re2 Bb5 36.Kd2 Kb6 37.Re1 Rc7

38.Bc2 Rd7+ 39.Ke3 Kc5 40.Rd1

This seemed to hasten our demise but we hadn't seen all the subtle tempo tricks and the plan of giving up the b-pawn for our a-pawn in the bishop ending at this stage. (KB)

41... Rxd1 41.Bxd1 Bc4 42.a3 Kb5 43.Bc2 Bf7

44.Kd3 Ba2 45.Ke3 Kc4 46.Kd2 a5 47.h5 b6

white resigns

Once you'd clearly seen the tempo trick with ...a5, ...b6, ...b5 and presumably all that follows, we decided to devote our energy to dealing with NZ South, and set an example to other teams in the competition by not playing on in a dead lost position. (KB)

A respectful gesture, which we appreciated (MS)

Martin and I had worked out extensive lines for black in this position - one plausible continuation is

48.g4 b5 49.Bd3+ Kc5 50.Ke3 b4 51.cxb4+ axb4

52.axb4+ [52.a4 b3 wins] 52...Kxb4 53.Be2 Bc4

54.Bd1 Kc3 55.Bf3 Kc2

White cannot allow an exchange of bishops as the King and Pawn ending is lost

56.Bg2 Kd1 57.Bf3+ Ke1 58.Bg2 Be2 59.Bh3

Bd1 -white's position crumbles completely. (BG)

Northern Territory- North Island *Notes and analysis by the North Island team - Martin Sims, Alasdair Alexander, and Bob Gibbons.*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.d5 b5

Appropriate in a must-win game - we were still half a point behind our South Island rivals.(MS)

4.cxb5 a6 5.e3 axb5

In this line, Black adopts the "Volga Gambit" approach of undermining White's pawn centre, rather than the "Benko" approach of sustained pressure on the queen's side. (MS)

6.Bxb5 Qa5+ 7.Nc3 Bb7 8.Bd2?!

Perceived wisdom is that 8.Nge2 is the better way to play for an advantage. According to Steffan Pedersen

"Black has a choice of how to capture on d5 - 8...Nxd5 or 8...Bxd5. After 8...Nxd5 9.O-O Nxc3 10. Nxc3 e6 11.e4, black is setting his hopes on 11...Bxe4 12.Bxd7+ Nxd7 13.Nxe4 Qa4!, but is struggling to equalise after 14.Nd6+ Bxd6 15.Qxd6 Qd4 16.Bf4! More fun is 8...Bxd5 9.O-O Bc6 which is unclear after 10.a4 e6 11.e4 Bxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4" NT may disagree as they ended up with an advantage against us because their experience earlier in the tournament:

8. Nge2 Nxd5 9.0-0 Nxc3 10.Nxc3 e6 11.e4 Be7 12.Bf4 0-0 13.Re1 Rd8 14.Bd6 Bxd6 15.Qxd6 Nb8a6 16.a4 Rac8 17.Re2 Nb4 18.Rd1 c4 19.e5 Nb4d3 20.Qd4 Ba6 21.Re2d2 Bxb5 22.axb5 Nb4 23.Nc3e4 Nd5 24.Nd6 Rc7 25.Rc2 Qb4 26.Nd6xc4 Rd8c8 27.Rd1c1 Qxb5 28.h3 Qa4 29.Kh2 f6 30.f4 Qb4 31.Kg3 Nb6 32.b3 Qxb3+ 33.Qc3 Qxc3+ 34. Rxc3 Rxc4 0-1 NT -Tasmania (AA)

8...Qb6 9.Bc4 e6 10.Qb3 Qxb3 11.Bxb3 Na6 12. Nge2 exd5

More solid is 12...Nb4, but we were chasing the full point. At about this point, the South Islanders did a "Sarapu", agreeing a short draw with NT and putting more pressure on us to win. (MS)

13.0-0 Ne7 14.Ng3?! h5?!

White's knight is misplaced on g3, but this is a poor response. We later came to regret the weakness on our king's side. (MS)

15.h3 g6 16.Bc2 Bd6 17.Nge2 0-0 18.Rfd1 Bc6 19. a4 Rfb8 20.b3 Be5 21.Rab1 Ne4

I was not very happy with this move preferring 21.. Nc6 and trying for a break on d4. Martin was not

keen on 22 f4 Bc7 23 Be1 !? with the prospect of White tangling our Knights - so another coin toss! (BG)

22.Be1 f5 23.Na2 c4?!

Even now, although we all agree that this was a critical point in the game, with the benefit of hindsight we had three different ways to annotate this move. Objectively and because they had time to find the right response, it deserves a "?", but for fighting spirit (and certainly in OTB chess) it deserves a "!". Overall we decided it was worth a "?!".

Some variations:

(a) 24.bxc4 Rxb1 25.Rxb1 Bxa4 and if 26.Bxa4 Rxa4 wins a pawn, so 26.Bxe4 fxe4 and Black is better.

(b) 24.Na1 Nc5 (probably better than 24...cxb3 25.Rxb3 Rxb3 26.Bxb3 Bxa4 27.Rxd5! (27.Bxd5+ Nxd4 28.Rxd5 Bc7 -/+)

27...Bxb3 28.Rxe5 =) 25.Nd4 Bxd4 26.Rxd4 N7c6 27.Rd1 cxb3 28.Nxb3 Bxa4 29.Nxc5 Bxc2 30.Rxb8+ Rxb8 31.Nxd7 Rb7 32.Rxc2 Rxd7 which we assessed as = but some chances as it was a complicated line. (AA)

24.a5! Nb5 25.Bxe4! fxe4 26.bxc4 dxc4 27.Nb4 c3 28.Nxc6 dxc6 29.Rbc1!

We found this too late - 29.Rb4?! c2! 30.Rc1 Na3 leads to a complicated position with plenty of opportunity for White to go wrong. (MS)

29...Rxa5 30.Nxc3 Bxc3 31.Bxc3 Ra6

Originally we had intended to swap, but the rook ending is probably won for White, e.g. 31...Nxc3 32.Rxc3 c5 33.Rf6 Kf7 34.h4!! Ke6 35.Rxc5 Rxc5 36.Rxc5 Rb1+ 37.Kh2 Rb2 38.Kg3 Ra2 39.Rc6+ Kf5 40.Rc8 Ke5 41.Rf8 Ra1 42.Rf4 Rb1 43.Kh2 Ra1 44.g4 hxg4 45.Rxg4 Kf5 46.Rg5+ Kf6 47.Kg3 Ra2 48.Rg4 Kf5 49.Rf4+ Ke5 50.Kg4 Ra1 51.Kg5 Rg1+ 52.Rg4 +-. We found this and similar lines over the course of several days. 31...Ra6 was a desperate last-minute decision, for which we had done very little analysis. (MS)

Little in this case being about 20 hours worth! It looked as if Black would be doomed to a very passive position which would eventually crumble as we could not get our pieces onto squares that would give us any counter play and our pawns were very weak. (BG)

32.Be5 Re8 33.Rc5 Re6

A "coin toss" vote, we couldn't agree between 33...

Ra7 and 33...Re6. Fortunately, it turned out well.

34.Rd2?

This gives us time to regroup. Either 34.Rdc1 or 34.Kh2 is probably winning.

34... Ra8! 35.Rdc2 Rd8 36.Kh2?

After 36.Bf4 Black probably has to let the c-pawn go.

36... Na3!

We must activate the knight!

37.Ra2 Rd5 38.Rxd5 cxd5 39.Ba1! Nc4! 40.

Kg3 g5 41.Ra7 Rg6 42.Rd7 Nd2!

An excellent resource which saves the day for Black. White played on for several moves, but the result was never in doubt. (MS)

At this point Martin, with help from Bob came up with the remaining analysis and we felt sure of the draw. (AA)

43.f3 exf3 44.gxf3

44.Rxd5 is not a bad winning attempt for White. Martin came up with the following line 44...fxg2 45.Kxg2 Ne4 46.Re5 Nf6 =, e.g. 47.e4 h4 48.Re7 (48.Re6 Kf7 49.Rxf6+ Rxf6 50.Bxf6 Kxf6 =) 48...g4 49.Bxf6 gxh3+ 50.Kxh3 Rxf6 51.Kxh4 Kf8 52.Re5 Rg6 = (AA)

44...g4! 45.fxg4

If 45.hxg4 hxg4 46.f4 (46.Rxd5?? gxh3 -+) 46...Ne4+ 47.Kg2 Ra6 48.Bd4 (48.Be5 is worse) 48...Ra2+ 49.Kg1 Nd2! draws; if 50.Rg7+ Kf8 51.Rxg4?? Nf3+ -+, and if 50.f5 Nf3+ 51.Kf1 Nh2+ 52.Ke1 Nf3+ 53.Kd1?? Nxd4 54.cxd4 g3 55.f6 g2 56.Rg7+ Kf8 57.Ke1 Rb2! -+, so White must accept the perpetual. (AA)

45...hxg4 46.hxg4

46.Rxd5 Nf1+ 47.Kf2 gxh3 (47...Nxe3 also draws) 48.Kxf1 h2 49.Rh5 Rg1+ 50.Kf2 h1=Q 51.Rxh1 Rxh1 = 46.h4 Ne4+ 47.Kf4! (47.Kg2 Ra6 48.Bd4 Ra2+ 49.Kg1 Nd2! =) 47...g3 48.h5 Rg5 49.h6 Rh5 50.Rg7+ Kf8 41.h7 g2 = was another tricky line. (AA)

46...Nf1+ 47.Kf4 Nxe3! 48.g5 Re6 49.Be5 Kf8

50.Ra7 Ke8 51.Bb2 Re4+ 52.Kf3 Nf5 53.Bf6 53.Ra5 Nd4+! 54.Kg3 Re3+ 55.Kg4 Re4+ 56.Kh5 Nf3! sets a pretty shallow trap, but after 57.Ra8+ white is OK and black has to be careful 57...Kf7?? 58.g6+ Ke6/e7 59.g7+- (AA)

Nd4+ 54.Kf2 Nc6 55.Rc7 Ne7 56.Kf3 1/2-1/2

New Zealand News

Wanganui CC

Results of election of officers at the AGM held on 17 March: Patron, David Burnham; president, Gordon Hoskyn; vice-presidents, David Bell, Dan Hurley, John Wilson, Kevin Yorston; club captain, Chris Burns; secretary, Kevin Yorston; treasurer, John Wilson; librarian, Rose Harris; publicity, Gordon Hoskyn; management committee, president, club captain, secretary, treasurer, librarian, plus David Bell, Ivan de Farias, Dan Hurley, Ross Maxwell, Dilbagh Singh Sangha; match committee, Chris Burns (convenor), David Bell, Gordon Hoskyn; financial reviewer, Nigel Hurley; life member, David Burnham.

Waitemata Chess Club

The first tournament of the year, the Summer Cup, was won by defending champion Bob Smith. In the end his winning margin was convincing, but he was rumoured to have had a close shave against Paul Godfrey, conceding a draw.

Runner up was NZ Senior Champion, Victor Portougal.

Leading scores: R. Smith (5.5/6) 1, V. Portougal (4) 2, M. Brimble & P. Godfrey (3.5) 3-4 ... 8 players

The concurrent Under 400 Tournament was again won by the defending champion.

Roy Harish lost one game, to runner-up Bassem Giacaman, but Giacaman in turn lost to the often erratic Alf Jones, while drawing with John Shields.

Leading scores: R. Harish (5/6), B. Giacaman (4.5), M. Currie, A. Jones, B. Rider (4) 3-5 ... 14 players

The club's next event, the Half Hour Tournament, has been dominated by Bob Smith for more than two decades, and this year was no exception. Smith scored 6 straights wins to retain his title. The decisive game was a hard-fought victory over runner-up Paul Godfrey, who won all his remaining games. The tournament also marked a return to form for John O'Connor, who lost only to Smith and Godfrey and shared third place with Victor Portougal.

Leading scores: R. Smith (6/6) 1, P. Godfrey (5) 2, J. O'Connor & V. Portougal (4) 3-4, O. Storchenegger & R. Harish (3.5) 5-6 ... 21 players

The 1st North Canterbury CC

- Canterbury CC Team Match

Saturday 12th April was significant for many reasons. First, it was the first time that the North Canterbury CC vs Canterbury CC Chess Match was held. Second, it was the first time that North Canterbury had played as a team, and third, the event was enjoyed by all the players who took part and the event has led as a mechanism to further develop chess in all of Canterbury. North Canterbury formed as a club in 2002 and in 2003 have become affiliated to NZCF.

I spoke with Rex Scarf, President Ashburton CC, and he fully supports the notion of Scott Stringer, President North Canterbury CC, to have a Tri-Series Trophy between the three chess clubs in Canterbury. There is also the notion to have future events registered with NZCF for rating purposes, where possible. This would enable players from North Canterbury to acquire a National Rapid rating, and therefore allow NZCF rated chess tournaments to be held in Rangiora. For Christchurch players the opportunity is to have more rated play. Something for me to write to Bob Smith, President NZCF, about.

North Canterbury CC Team :

1. Ben Giles (NZCF 1928, FIDE 2005), former 2 time NZ Open and South Island Champion
 2. Arie Nijman (NZCF 1763), former co-South Island Champion
 3. Scott Stringer (NZCF 1465, President, North Canterbury CC)
 4. Brian Pearson (NZCF 1320, Secretary/Treasurer NCCC)
 5. Bob Van den Berg (unr)
 6. Matt Robb (unr, Vice-President, NCCC)
 7. John Hockley (unr)
- Canterbury CC Team :
1. David Wood (NZCF 1881)
 2. Bruce Donaldson (NZCF 1781), former co-

South Island Chess Champion

3. **Brendan Reedy** (NZCF 1711), 2002 Under 1700 GCE Grand Prix Chess Champion

4. **Martin Rademacher** (NZCF 1559)

5. **Chris Wright** (NZCF 1543, Vice-President Canterbury CC)

6. **Ngawati Heremaia** (NZCF 1212)

7. **Michael Stevenson** (NZCF 1205)

The match was held over 2 rounds, Round 1 starting at 10:30 am and Round 2 at 1:30 pm. Board 2 was delayed for a 12:30 pm start, that game was reduced to a G/30. Result was a draw. Matt Robb of North Canterbury CC played well to defeat Ngawati Heremaia on Board 6, and after Round 1 Canterbury CC lead 5.5-1.5. The games were hard fought however. For example, Bob Van den Berg played a very sharp ...g6 and ...Bg7 line in the Volga Gambit and had pressure before Wright blocked all threats.

So Round 2 for revenge! Unfortunately, Canterbury won Round 2 with a 7-0 score. The majority of games were decided via tactical play and whenever a critical exchange took place. The final score was 12.5-1.5 to Canterbury CC but once again, I have to say that this is somewhat flattering as I thought the games were hard fought. I think the North Canterbury CC - Ashburton CC would be very interesting indeed.

Canterbury Easter Tournament 2003 : 18-20 April

1st= Nick Cummings, FM Dan Drori
3= Arie Nijman, Ben Giles, Brendan Reedy
A brief Report on the Canterbury Easter Tournament 2003 is now available. Please visit this website!

<http://www.auschess.org.au/oceania/canterbury/canterburyeaster.html>

Canterbury CC - Ashburton CC Team Match

The date was to be Monday 28 April but Ashburton are disorganised this year. The date for this team match has been deferred to sometime in June.

Upcoming Tournaments

Gambit Tournament May 7 - 21

Chas L Hart Cup 2003 - May 28 - July 2

Craig Hall will be the Chief Arbiter for these

events due to my commitment as Deputy Arbiter at the Australian Masters International 2003 in Melbourne, Australia.

Lightning #2 Results : 23 April 2003

#1 Winner : FM Roger Nokes (March 5, 2003)

#2 Winner : Markus Zoller

Top Junior : Alexander Singer

FIDE-rated events in the South Island

Come and obtain a FIDE rating on the Mainland! The "Malcolm Foord Memorial" tournament (6 or 7 rounds) will be held in Dunedin over Queens' Birthday weekend (June 1-3) and the All-Canterbury Championship (6 rounds) will be held in Christchurch over Labour weekend (October 25-27).

These two events will feature a FIDE-rated 'A tournament', thus ensuring unrated players will get the chance to meet plenty of rated players and obtain 'blocks' of 4 or 5 rated games (a total of nine rated games are required for a FIDE rating). Both events will have a non FIDE-rated 'B' tournament (the Dunedin 'B' event will be restricted to under 1700 players). For further information contact the club secretaries at Canterbury and Otago Chess Clubs - or simply watch this space.

Mount Maunganui RSA CC

Major club event reported by Caleb Wright. Recently, on the weekend of 29 & 30 March the club held the first stage of its 2003 championship. The objective was to find the top six players. This qualifying tournament was open to all club players. Fourteen players entered the six round swiss format, which happened to include the club's top nine players! An organisers dream !!!

The results were as follows: (out of 6)

1st Helmut MARKO (5, conceding two draws)

2nd Caleb WRIGHT (4½, incl. three draws)

with the next four players all on four points

and having to be decided by countback as follows (in order): John LACY, Toa FAULKNER, Ken HUTCHISON and Vaughan COLLINGWOOD.

The second and final stage is a five round all-play-all to be held in November to decide to 2003 club champion.

Major Open

by Ted Frost

McDonald, J - Smith, V (1659)

[A21] R 2

1.g3 e5 2.c4 f5 3.♘c3 ♖f6 4.d4 e4 5.♗g2 c6 6.d5 ♗b4 7.♗g5 0-0 8.♗h3 ♖a5 9.0-0 ♗xc3 10.bxc3 ♗xc3 11.♗c1 ♖a3 12.♗d2 ♗a6 13.f3 exf3 14.♗xf3 ♗c5+ 15.♗e3 ♗e7 16.d6 ♗e5 17.♗f2 b6 18.♗h3 ♗e8 19.♗f4 ♗c5 20.♗e3 ♗b7 21.♗d3 ♖a5 22.♗b2 ♗c5 23.♗e7 ♗xd3 24.exd3 ♗d8 25.♗e5 ♗f6 26.♗xf5 ♗c8 27.♗h3 b5 28.♗f1 bxc4 29.♗xf6 ♗xf6 30.♗xf6+- time 1-0

Stracy, D (1573) - McDonald, J

[B39] R 3

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 g6 5.c4 ♗g7 6.♗e3 ♗f6 7.♗c3 ♗g4 8.♗xg4 ♗xd4 9.♗d1 ♗e6 10.♗c1 ♖a5 11.♗e2 g5 12.0-0 ♗e5 13.♗d5 h5 14.♗xe5 ♗xe5 15.c5 h4 16.♗f1 f6 17.♗c2 ♗f8 18.♗b5 d6 19.cxd6 ♗xd6 20.♗c4 ♗e5 21.♗b5 a6 22.♗d4 ♗c7 23.♗e2 ♗e6 24.♗b6 ♗xc4 25.♗xc4 ♗b5 26.♗c2= 26...♗d6 27.f3 ♗f7 28.b3 ♗ac8 29.♗dc1 ♗xc2 30.♗xc2 ♗e6 31.♗d4+ ♗xd4+ 32.♗xd4 ♗g8 33.♗f2= g4 34.♗e3 h3 35.fxg4 ♗xg4 36.gxh3 ♗xe4+ 37.♗d3 ♗h4 38.♗e2+ ♗d5 39.♗f2 ♗xh3+ 40.♗g3 ♗f5 41.♗g2 e5 42.♗e2 ♗d4+ 43.♗f2 f5 44.♗f1 f4 45.♗xf4 exf4 46.♗g5+ ♗e4 0-1

McDonald J - Forster, B (1769)

[B07] R4

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♗f6 3.♗c3 c6 4.f4 ♖a5 5.♗d3 e5 6.♗f3 ♗g4 7.♗e3 exf4 8.♗xf4 ♖b4 9.♗d2 ♗bd7 10.♗e3 ♗e7 11.0-0 ♖a5 12.♗h1 0-0 13.♗ae1 ♗c7 14.♗g5 ♗fe8 15.♗f4 ♗e6 16.♗g3 ♗f8 17.♗h4 ♗h8 18.♗f5 ♗g8 19.♗f3 f6 20.♗d2 g6 21.♗e3 b5 22.♗ef1 ♗g7 23.e5 dxe5 24.d5 ♗xd5 25.♗exd5 cxd5 26.♗xd5 ♖c5 27.♗c3 a6 28.♗xg6 ♗f8 29.♗xe8 ♗xe8 30.♗g4 ♗d8 31.♗e1 ♗d4 32.♖h5 ♖c4 33.h3 b4 34.b3 ♖c6 35.♗e2 ♗d1 36.c3 e4 37.♗f5 bxc3 38.♗c5 ♖d7 39.♗xc3 ♗e6 40.♖xd1 ♗xc5 41.♖xd7 ♗xd7 42.♗xe4 1-0

Lynn, W (1780) – McDonald, J
[A45] R 5

1.d4 ♖f6 2.♗c3 c5 3.♗f3 cxd4 4.♞xd4 ♖c6
5.♞h4 ♞b6 6.e4 d6 7.♗e2 ♗g4 8.0-0 ♗xf3 9.
♗xf3 e6 10.♞f4 ♗e7 11.♞e3 ♞c7 12.♗d1 a6
13.a3 0-0 14.h3 ♗fe8 15.g3 ♗e5 16.♗g2 ♗ac8
17.♞e2 b5 18.♗e3 ♖c4 19.♗a2 ♖d7 20.♗h2
♖xe3 21.♞xe3 ♗e5 22.♗f1 ♗f8 23.f4 ♖d7
24.♗d3 g6 25.♗e2 ♖b6 26.b3 ♗g7 27.a4
bxa4 28.♗xa6 ♗a8 29.♗b5 axb3 30.♗xa8
♗xa8 31.cxb3 ♗a2 32.♗c1 ♞b8 33.♞d3 ♖c8
34.h4 h5 35.♞c4 ♗h7 36.♗h3 ♗e7 37.♗a4
♖g8 38.♖g1 ♖f6 39.♖f3 ♖g4 40.♗c2 ♗xc2
41.♞xc2 ♗f6 42.♖g5+ ♗g7 43.♞d2 ♞b6
44.♗g2 ♞c5 45.b4 ♞c4 46.♗e8+= 46...♗c3
47.♗b5 ♗xd2 48.♗xc4 ♗e3+ 49.♗f3 ♖xc4
50.b5 ♗a5 51.♗e2 ♖a3 0-1

McDonald, J – Watherow, S (1626)
[A43] R 6

1.♖f3 ♖f6 2.d4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.e3 ♗b7 5.♗xb5
♞a5+ 6.♗c3 ♖xd5 7.♞d3 e6 8.♗c4 ♖b4 9.
♞e2 d5 10.♗b5+ ♖c6 11.0-0 ♗d6 12.♗d2
♞b6 13.a3 a6 14.axb4 axb5 15.♗xa8+ ♗xa8
16.bxc5 ♗xc5 17.♞xb5 0-0 18.♞xb6 ♗xb6
19.♖b5 e5 20.♗a1 ♗c5 21.♖c7 e4 22.♗xa8
♗xa8 23.♖xa8 exf3 24.gxf3 ♗e5 25.♗g2 ♖g6
26.♗c3 f5 27.f4 ♗d6 28.♖b6 ♗e7 29.h3 ♗f7
30.♗f1 h6 31.♗e2 g5 32.fxg5 hxg5 33.♗d3
♗c5 34.♖d7 ♗d6 35.♗d4 ♗g6 36.♗e5 ♗xe5
37.♖xe5+ ♗h5 38.♗d4 g4 39.hxg4+ fxg4 40.
♖d3 g3 41.fxg3 ♖f5+ 42.♗c5 ♖xe3 43.♖e1
♗g4 44.b4 ♗xg3 45.b5 1-0

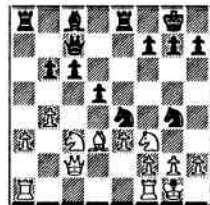
Vetharaniam, P (1843) – McDonald, J
[B76] R 7

1.e4 c5 2.♖f3 ♖c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♖xd4 g6 5.
♖c3 ♗g7 6.♗e3 d6 7.♞d2 ♖f6 8.f3 0-0 9.
♖xc6 bxc6 10.♗c4 ♞a5 11.♗h6 ♗d8 12.♗xg7
♗xg7 13.0-0 ♖d7 14.h4 h5 15.f4 ♗b8 16.
♗he1 ♞b4 17.♗b3 ♖c5 18.♞d4+ ♞xd4 19.
♗xd4 ♗e6 20.g3 ♗xb3 21.axb3 ♗xb3 22.♗c4
♗b6 23.♖a4 ♖xa4 24.♗xa4 ♗d7 25.♗e3 ♗db7
26.♗a2 e5 27.fxe5 dxe5 28.♗a3 ♗b4 29.♗a4
c5 30.c3 ♗xa4 31.♗xa4 ♗f8 32.♗a6 ♗c7 33.
b3 ♗e7 34.♗c2 ♗d7 35.♗d3 ♗e8 (=) 36.♗c4
♗e7 37.♗d5 ♗b7 38.♗a3 ♗f6 39.♗xc5 ♗c7+
40.♗b4 ♗g7 41.♗a5 ♗e7 42.♗c4 f5 43.♗d3

♗d7+ 44.♗e3 ♗c7 45.c4 ♗f6 46.♗a6+ ♗g7
47.♗a5 ♗f6 48.c5 ♗b7 49.♗a6+ ♗g7 50.♗a3
a5 51.♗d3 ♗f6 52.c6 ♗c7 53.♗xa5 ♗xc6 54.
b4 fxg4+ 55.♗xe4 ♗c4+ 56.♗e3 ♗xb4 57.♗a8
♗f5 [time] 0-1

Pakenham, J (1692) – McDonald, J
[D43] R 8

1.♖f3 ♖f6 2.d4 d5 3.c4 e6 4.♖c3 c6 5.♗f4
♗d6 6.♗xd6 ♞xd6 7.e3 0-0 8.a3 ♖bd7 9.c5
♞c7 10.b4 ♗e8 11.♗d3 e5 12.dxe5 ♖xe5 13.
♖d4 ♖eg4 14.♖f3 b6 15.cxb6 axb6 16.0-0
♗e4 17.♞c2



17...♖g5 18.♗xh7+ ♗h8 19.♖e5 ♞xe5
20.f4 ♞xe3+ 21.♗h1 ♖xh7 22.h3 0-1

McDonald, J – Boardman, J (1870)
[E11] R 9

1.d4 ♖f6 2.♖f3 e6 3.c4 ♗b4+ 4.♖bd2 c5 5.
a3 ♞a5 6.e3 ♖c6 7.♗b1 ♗xd2+ 8.♗xd2 ♞b6
9.dxc5 ♞xc5 10.b4 ♞f5 11.♗c3 0-0 12.♗d3?
♗e4 13.♞c2 d5 14.b5 ♗e7 15.0-0 b6 16.♗b4
♗e8 17.♖d4 ♞g6 18.♗xe7 ♗xe7 19.♖c6 ♗c7
20.f3 f5 21.fxe4 dxe4 22.♗e2 ♗b7 23.♖d4
♗ac8 24.♞b3 ♞f7 25.♗bc1 g6 26.♞b4 e5 27.
♖b3 f4 28.exf4 exf4 29.c5 ♗d5 30.♗c4 bxc5
31.♗xd5 ♞xd5 32.♞c4 ♞xc4 33.♗xc4 g5 34.
♗xe4 c4 35.♖d4 ♗c5 36.♖c6 ♗c7 37.a4 a6
38.♖d8 ♗d7 39.♗e8+ ♗g7 40.♖e6+ ♗f7 41.
♖xe5 ♗xe8 42.♖xd7 1-0

McDonald, J – Goodhue, N (1861)
[A80] R 10

1.d4 f5 2.♗g5 ♖f6 3.♗xf6 exf6 4.e3 d5 5.c4
c6 6.♖c3 ♗b4 7.♗d3 0-0 8.♖ge2 ♗e8 9.♞c2
g6 10.a3 ♗xc3+ 11.♞xc3 ♗e6 12.c5 ♖d7 13.
b4 a6 14.0-0 ♖f8 15.♗a2 ♗d7 16.♗b1 ♖e6
17.g3 ♞e7 18.a4 ♖c7 19.♗ab2 ♞g7 20.♞c2

♞e7 21.♖c3 ♗a7 22.b5 axb5 23.axb5 cxb5
24.♗xb5 ♗c6 25.♗d3 ♗e8 26.h4 ♗g7 (=)
27.♗h2 ♗a5 28.♗b6 ♞d7 29.♗1b2 ♗h6 30.
♞e2 ♗g7 31.♗b5 ♖xb5 32.♖xb5 ♗xb5 33.
♗6xb5 ♗xb5 34.♞xb5 ♞xb5 35.♗xb5 ♗a7 36.
♗b6 ♗f7 37.♗g2 h5 38.♗d6 ♗e7 39.♗xd5
♗a6 40.♗f3 ♗e6 41.♗e2 ♗a6 42.♗d3 ♗a2 43.
♗d6 ♗xf2 44.♗b6 ♗g2 45.♗xb7+ ♗e6 46.
♗b6+ ♗e7 47.d5 ♗xg3 48.♗b7+ ♗d8 49.c6 f4
50.♗b8+ ♗e7 51.c7 ♗xe3+ 52.♗d4 1-0

Martin-Buss, B (1962) – McDonald, J
[B23] R 11

1.e4 c5 2.♖c3 d6 3.f4 g6 4.♖f3 ♗g7 5.♗c4
♖c6 6.0-0 e6 7.f5 ♖ge7 8.d3 d5 9.exd5 exd5
10.♖xd5 ♖xd5 11.♞e1+ ♖de7 12.♖g5 0-0
13.♖xf7 ♗xf7 14.fxg6 ♖xg6 15.♗xf7+ ♗h8
16.♗xg6 hxg6 17.♞g3 ♖f5 18.♗g5 ♞d4+ 19.
♗e3 ♞g4 20.♞xg4 ♗xg4 21.♗xc5 b6 22.♗a3
♖d4 23.♗f7 ♖xc2 24.♗c1 ♖xa3 25.bxa3
♗d4+ 26.♗f1 a5 27.♗f4 ♗e3 28.♗xg4 ♗xc1
29.♗xg6 ♗e3 30.a4 ♗d4 31.♗d6 ♗f8+ 32.♗e2
♗c5 33.♗g6 ♗f2+ 34.♗d1 ♗xa2 35.♗g4 ♗h7
36.h3 ♗b4 37.d4 ♗xa4 38.♗e2 ♗a3 39.♗e4
♗a2+ 40.♗f3 a4 41.♗e6 ♗a5 42.d5 ♗d2 43.d6
a3 44.♗e7+ ♗g6 45.♗e3 ♗b4 46.♗b3 a2 0-1

Scores:

- 11-0 John McDonald.
- 7.5-3.5 Nathan Goodhue, Bryan Latimer, Martin Lund.
- 7.0 Jeff Boardman, Barry Martin-Buss.
- 6.5 William Lynn, Don Stracy, Mariej Wojnar, Phillip Rossiter..
- 6.0 Prince Vetharaniam, Michael Nyberg, Sean Watherow, Bruce Kay, Andrew Stone.
- 5.5 Bill Forster, Viv Smith, John Pakenham, Bob Mitchell, David Bell, John Wilson.
- 5.0 Brendon Reedy, Bruce Donaldson, Allan Short, Gino Thornton, Jonathon Whittle, Rex Scarf.
- 4.5 Pascal Harris, Alf Jones, Peter Boag, Ted Frost.
- 4.0 Julius Bojtor, Bruce Gloistein, Hamish Gold, Ken Reed.
- 3.5 Blair Robertson, Mana Garland.
- 3.0 Ahmed Al-Hindawi, Bruce Maxwell.
- 2.0 Bevan Smith, Bill Chandler.
- 1.0 Oscar Lynn.

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Rc8 Kxf4 63.a6 h3 64.a7 h2 65.Rh8 Kg3 66.a8Q
g5 67.Qb8+ f4 68.Qe5 g4 69.Qe1+ Kg2 70.Qe2+
Kg3 71.Qxh2+ Kf3 72.Rf8 g3 73.Qh1+ g2 74.
Rxf4+ Kxf4 75.Qxg2 1-0

Shed, D - Portougal, V
[C00] Round 3

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 d4 6.
Nf3 e5 7.0-0 Be6 8.Re1 h6 9.h3 Qd7 10.Kh2 g5
11.Ng1 Nf6 12.Nb3 Rg8 13.Qf3 Be7 14.Nxc5
Bxc5 15.Qxf6 Rg6 16.Qh8+ Bf8 17.b3 0-0-0 18.
Qh7 Bg7 0-1

Portougal, V - Mitchell, R
[C20] Round 4

1.e4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 Be5 4.h3 d6 5.Nc2 Nc6
6.0-0 Be6 7.a3 a5 8.d3 Qd7 9.Kh2 0-0-0 10.c3
d5 11.b4 Ba7 12.Qa4 Bb6 13.f4 dxe4 14.b5 Na7
15.fxe5 Qxd3 16.Nf4 Qc4 17.Qc2 Nd7 18.Nxc6
Qxe6 19.c4 Bd4 20.Qxe4?? Qb6? 20...Nc5 → 21.
Ra2 c5 22.Rxf7 Bxe5 23.Bf4 Bxf4 24.Qxf4 Rhf8
25.Rd2 Rxf7 26.Qxf7 Qf6 27.Qd5 Qb6 28.Qc4 g6
29.Qe7 h5 30.Nc3 Qc7 31.Rd6 Nb6 1-0

Shapiro, F - Portougal, V
[D30] Round 5

1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.e3 c5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Nc3 cxd4 6.
Nxd4 Bc5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bb5 Nge7 9.0-0 a6 10.
Ba4 b5 11.Nxc6 Nxc6 12.Bb3 d4? 13.Bxf7+!
Kxf7 14.Qh5+ g6 15.Qxc5 Qf6 16.exd4 Nxd4 17.
Bg5 Nf3+ 18.gxf3 Qxf3 19.Qe7+ Kg8 20.Nc4
Qg4+ 21.Ng3 Qf3 22.Bf6 1-0

Wilson, C - Portougal, V
[C07] Round 7

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Ng3 Nc6 6.
exd5 exd5 7.Qe2+ Be6 8.Qb5 c4 9.Qxb6 axb6 10.
g3 b5 11.Bg2 Nf6 12.0-0 b4 13.Re1 h6 14.Bh3
Kd7 15.Bxe6+ fxe6 16.Ne5+ Nxe5 17.dxc5 bxc3
18.bxc3 Ne8 19.a4 Bc5 20.Ba3 Bxa3 21.Rxa3 b5
22.Re1 Nc7 23.Nf3 Rxa4 24.Rxa4 bxa4 25.Rxa4
Nb5 26.Nd4 Nxd4 27.cxd4 Rc8 28.Ra2 c3 29.Rc2
Rc4 30.Kf1 g6 31.Ke2 Rxd4 32.Rxc3 Re4+ 33.
Re3 Rc4 34.f4? Rc2+ 35.Kf3 Rxb2 36.Re2? Rxe2
37.Kxe2 h5 38.Kf3 Kc6 39.g4 hxg4+ 40.Kxg4 d4
41.Kg5 d3 42.Kxg6 d2 43.Kf6 Kd7 44.f5 cxf5 0-1

Chess Book Reviews

by Michael Stevenson

Play the Classical Dutch by Simon Williams (Gambit)

New Zealand chess players may not know a lot about Simon Williams. Simon is a young IM from England who plays the Dutch as one of his main defences against most openings, and plays the Bird's Opening as white, as well. Simon writes in his Introduction: "I didn't appreciate how unique and unexplored the Classical Dutch is", which becomes apparent as you read through his book. For example, the chapter on the Ilyin-Zhenevsky system with 7...Nc4 is rare in practice, but it seems to solve all black's problems. This is not a long book, 128 pages, but after following the variations Williams has picked out you'll be well on your way to playing the Classical Dutch.

How to Build Your Chess Opening Repertoire by Steve Giddins (Gambit)

From the outset you should know that Steve has not written this book with the view to giving the white or black player a ready-to-use repertoire. As the cover suggests, it is however a user-friendly guide to choosing and planning openings [and defences]. Throughout nine chapters Steve covers such topics as (1) The Key to Successful Opening Play, (2) Main Roads or Side-streets and (3) Universalities. There is also a chapter on computers - about when and how best to use them to help with your chess. But one of the real gems is in his last chapter when about eight top GMs' opening repertoires are covered. You'll be able to see what they played, how their repertoires evolved and why studying any GM's repertoire is a great way to help your chess.

The Critical Moment by Iossif Dorfman (Game Mind)

Grandmaster Dorfman has written this book

to help the reader through games between top GMs. He addresses some questions such as: When do I know I have reached the critical moment? and, How do I evaluate and plan at this moment in the game? Iossif has used the same scale that he used in his first book "The Method in Chess". As you work through the games you'll be challenged and tested on things such as static king position, material correlation and pawn formation. Not a book for beginners; this book would be more suitable for the player 1300 Elo and upwards.

King's Indian & Grunfeld: Fianchetto Lines by Lasha Janjgava (Gambit)

Uncharacteristically, Lasha has written a disappointing book for the average player about a very important variation in the King's Indian and Grunfeld defence. His book is full of variations but he has not put a lot of original analysis in and unfortunately doesn't have much in the way of well written explanation and comment either. However, his book would be useful to the player who wants a book full of variations but without much language or text. Neither would it be helpful to a lower-rated player but best suited to a strong player.

Bird's Opening by Dmitrij Oleinikov (Chessbase Training Cd)

1 f4 is one of those openings that a lot of chess players think belongs in the twilight zone. However, Dmitrij shows that the Bird's Opening is an interesting and enjoyable way to start a game of chess. On his cd, Dmitrij covers in fourteen well-written training databases, the theory on the opening so that the reader can get a good understanding of how to play this opening. Then he moves on to 24 strategy and 23 tactic testing databases, so you can gauge how much you've learned. A first-rate cd which will teach you all you'll need to know about how to start playing this

opening.

The Big Bird PowerBase by Sid Pickard (Pickard & Son)

Unlike Chessbase Bird's cd, Sid Pickard has tried to find all of the games that have Bird-like structure. There are over 35,448 games in which 510 are annotated, so the player can get some games opening with 1 f4, g3, d4 and even c4. There is also a lot of the history of this opening on the cd, which is most interesting to read. If you care to see what a Bird game looks like, see the game Vasiukov-Bykhovsky featured in the last October NZC magazine. Updates on this cd also appear on the Chess Central Website.

Chess (Monthly) by Chess & Bridge Ltd

This magazine is arguably the most popular chess magazine from overseas available here in New Zealand. It's produced in the UK and there are regular articles by GMs such as King, Short, McDonald and Ward. (Through future columns I'll aim to keep you up to date with articles and news that feature in future issues of Chess (Monthly).)

Please note: "NZ CHESS" is the only chess magazine that covers all the games and news from New Zealand!

In the next review column there will be three new chess programs from Chessbase as well as some books by IM Jeremy Silman.

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Zealand Championships in Wanganui. Nic Croad posted an outstanding result. He was the star of every single one of the five-a-side soccer matches held at the park across from the venue. He scored some magnificent goals, and if there'd been an MVP award I'm sure he would've won it. By the end of the event, he was unlucky not to find himself sharing the title of New Zealand Champion. He was held to a draw in the last round by Peter Stuart, where Nic had much the better position, with a win required to get his name on the rook. And this result was achieved with very little active chess behind him.

Mike Turner playing in his first New Zealand Championship scored a very creditable five points. I also did OK, and Stephen Lukey did even better. David Guthrie was there abouts as ever too. In the Major Open we really shone though. Nathan Goodhue and Jeffrey Boardman were scrapping it out for second place till the end. Nathan eventually secured second equal with some other dude. But second was all these guys could ever dream of.

First was in the bag some rounds earlier.

John McDonald won the Major Open with the amazing score of eleven out of eleven. Tales have been told in the past of van der Hooorn's superb nine out of eleven in '94, but mainly by himself. Everyone needs a little luck in these things, and John certainly had his share. But a one hundred percent score is outrageous, and unlikely to be repeated in a hurry. Unless I lose every game some time soon. Round of applause for him. He's just got married too!

The New Zealand Championship was a triumph yet again for Anthony Ker. I've lost count of how many times he's won it now, but the answer is lots. But not as many as Ort. I can also report, that there wasn't a Danish Pairing System in sight. Anthony also came second in the New Zealand Rapid which secured him the Inaugural title of Global Grand Prix Champion. Round of applause for him too. Some other guy won the New Zealand Rapid title. He was the defending champion. Can anyone guess who it was? I'll give you a clue; it was an utter and total shock!

Correspondence Chess

by Gordon Hoskyn

Very longtime CC player Brian Millar (Auckland) sent me the following profile and game. I had no hesitation in asking Brian for an article for this column, as it was himself who suggested about three years ago that we have a regular corry column in NZ Chess; hence my involvement as a contributor.

I first became interested in chess at primary school in the 1950s, painfully figuring out the moves as older boys pushed pieces around. A bit later I found I could follow English descriptive notation, and played over published games as I came across them; the "NZ Herald" had a weekly chess column, as did the "Listener;" and I found back numbers of the "Illustrated London News," which had Baruch Wood's chess column.

Chess took a back seat until my last year at Kelston Boys High School in West Auckland, where with a few other like-minded boys and a helpful teacher I was able to help push-start the beginnings of chess interest there.

Interest took off that same year (1964) when I was introduced to corry chess via a work colleague of my father's - one Fred Foulds, a previous NZ OTB champion. He put me onto Alan Fletcher, and the rest is history! I started in the ranks of Grade 4 (after all, I wasn't a complete novice), and rapidly dropped to Grade 5 (yes I was). But patiently, with the help of a Christmas present (MCO 9), I began to improve - a highlight, after a few years, a win over Alan Fletcher (in his declining years admittedly); I'd beaten a previous NZ corry champ!

My first OTB tournament was an Auckland schoolboys' event; I was 17 years old but ineligible for a prize, as I'd left school, but the experience was beneficial. A blunder while exchange up in a winning position cost me a point against Paul Garbett! The winner, as I recall, was Roland Metge.

As funds became available I bought the odd magazine or book; corry was my main interest still, although I'd had a brief time with the Waitemata club in the Harvey Patchett era,

followed by a year or two in the late 1970s when Bob Smith was beginning his uninterrupted reign there.

Lab Diagnostic (now D.M.L., my workplace for the past 34 years) entered a team in Auckland business house chess in the 1970s, we had just 5 chess-capable staff to get a team of four players. I was on board two; we finished a creditable 10th/22. Viv Burmdred (now Smith), Ortvin Sarapu, Jim Cater, Lev Aptekar are names that came to mind from that event.

Eventually I made the dizzy heights of the Corry Championship itself; my biggest concern was that I didn't disgrace myself! But I survived, and stayed there the next year. I was demoted once, but immediately won the Reserve grade and bounced straight back up again, where I'm still currently playing. Best score was a 5th=, some years back now.

Its not often in corry circles that you actually meet an opponent face to face (unless you play OTB as well); I played any number of corry games with Graeme Stringer, who for some years lived about 8 km away - we never ever met! Hilton Bennett is another who keeps on keeping on. And I've lost count of the number of times I've played Gordon Hoskyn; at least I've had the pleasure of meeting him twice, when I've attempted this OTB stuff at a couple of NZ Rapids (hard to cope with a clock when you're used to a calendar!). I have membership of the Gambit club, to keep my hand in with OTB, preferring rapid play events to the more drawn out games (may sound odd coming from a corry player, whose longest game took about 5 years! In an ICCF event against a Russian opponent, 3-4 weeks airmail each way).

One privilege of corry chess was being captain of a NZ team that played a friendly match against Italy, and I've enjoyed a number of other matches as well; most memorable was a match against Finland, my opponent, Henrik Sabel, a delight to correspond with, ranging well beyond chess.

With the advent of e-mail came new fields,

and I've enjoyed both the chess and the sense of discovery and camaraderie when meeting opponents from many other cultures and races.

I know I'm not dedicated enough to single-mindedly pursue the dream of being top of the heap (and advancing Anno Domini doesn't help!) - chess is just one part of my life. I'm fortunate in that most of my interests, started in my youth, will continue into my declining years - classical, choral and church music; golf; gardening; model railways; and wife and children and now grandchildren. Grumpy corry players are a very rare breed; we all play hard but without animosity (I hope!); and the friendships gained over the last almost 40 years, even with people I've never met, are an indefinable plus.

Millar, B - Dive, R

[E59]

60th NZCCA Championship

Notes by Brian Millar

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 ♙b4 4.e3 c5 5.♗d3 ♘c6 6.♗f3 0-0 7.0-0 d5 8.a3 ♙xc3 9.bxc3 dxc4 10.♙xc4 ♗c7 11.♗d3 e5 12.♗c2 ♗e8 13. ♘xe5 ♘xe5 14.dxe5 ♗xe5 15.f3 ♗d7 16.e4

So far Batsford Chess Openings, first edition.

16...♙a4?

This line is in BCO, but with a typo, which Russell hadn't noticed. If 17.Qxa4 Qxc3, BCO now gives 18.Qb3 Qxa1 19.Bb2, trapping Black's Q; but of course after 18.Qb3?? simply ...Qxb3.

17.♗xa4 ♗xc3 18.♗c2!

The move Russell missed.

18...♗d4+ 19.♘h1 c4 20.♙xc4 ♗ac8 21.♙xf7+ ♘xf7 22.♗b3+ ♗c4 23.♗xc4+ ♗xc4 24.♙e3 a6 25.a4 ♘d5 26.♙f2 ♘c3 27.a5

Fixing Black's b pawn.

27...g5 28.♗a1 ♗ec8 29.♙e3 ♘g6 30.♗f1 h5 31.h3 g4 32.hxg4 hxg4 33.♘h2 ♗a4 34.♗d2 ♗h8+ 35.♘g3 ♘b5 36.f4 ♗e8 37.e5 ♘f5 38. ♗a1 ♗d4 39.♙e3 ♗d3 40.♘f2 ♘c3 41.g3 ♗ed8 42.♘g2 ♘d1 43.♙b6

Yes I am a pawn up, but potentially inferior; and hey, I am playing Russell Dive for goodness sake! .5-.5

Trophy Tourney progress

As at 15 April 2003

69th Championship: M L Dunwoody 8.5/11, A J Short 7/11, P B Goffin 6.5/10, H P Bennett 6/10, G A Hoskyn 6/11, T J Doyle 5.5/9, J C Rapp 5.5/11, P J Voss 5/11, B G Walsh 4/10, E G A Frost 4/11, B W Millar and . E N Roberts 3/11.

Reserve Championship: R J Weston 12/12, B J Edwards 9.5/12, G D Putt 6.5/11, B M Williams 3.5/11, K G Reed 2.5/9, D E Dolejs 2.5/12, G E Lovelock 1/9.

TT2: W R Smillie 8/8, P E Rossiter 4/8, W Anderson 3/7, D I Bell 2.5/7, P C King 1.5/8.

TT3: G H Mills 6/7, A W Hendry and S J Mannix 5/8, J W H Atkinson 3/7, L I Purvis 0/7.

Stop Press: Trophy Tourney winners for 2002-2003 are: 69th Championship. Murray Dunwoody (Te Awamutu); Reserve Championship, Rod Weston (Lower Hutt); TT2, Bill Smillie (Waiuku); TT3, Glenys Mills (Waikanae). Adjudications cannot affect these results.

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| Code | Name | Last Result | Title | Rating | No of rated |
|--------|---------------------------|-------------|-------|--------|-------------|
| 380026 | Chapman, Roger | 2000 | IM | 2425 | 155 |
| 380027 | Frecman, Michael Roy | 2002 | IM | 2417 | 143 |
| 380116 | Barrance, John M. | 2002 | | 2411 | 65 |
| 380085 | Barnard, Bruce F. | 2002 | | 2409 | 116 |
| 380091 | HampI, Michael G. | 2001 | | 2381 | 132 |
| 380162 | Frost, L. B. (Jack) | 2000 | | 2367 | 22 |
| 380165 | Doyle, Timothy J. | 2002 | | 2347 | 57 |
| 380035 | Heasman, Maurice R. | 1998 | | 2327 | 56 |
| 380025 | Smith, Robert Wayne | 2001 | | 2316 | 85 |
| 380040 | Wigbout, Max | 2001 | | 2309 | 20 |
| 380176 | Short, Allan J. | 2002 | | 2305 | 33 |
| 380094 | Dunwoody, Murray L. | 2002 | | 2303 | 78 |
| 380092 | Goffin, Peter B. | 2002 | | 2287 | 79 |
| 380146 | Hoskyn, Gordon A. | 2002 | | 2282 | 109 |
| 380090 | Dive, Russell J. | 2000 | | 2272 | 110 |
| 380178 | Rapp, Jeff C. | 2002 | | 2258 | 19 |
| 380029 | Anderson, Brian W. | 2002 | | 2215 | 118 |
| 380111 | Steadman, Michael V. R. | 1998 | | 2197 | 68 |
| 380030 | Sims, I. Martin | 1998 | | 2180 | 61 |
| 380069 | Sinclair, Brett E. | 1998 | | 2173 | 17 |
| 380031 | Mitchell, Robert S. (Bob) | 1998 | | 2172 | 81 |
| 380098 | Roberts, Earl N. | 2002 | | 2167 | 33 |
| 380065 | Cooper, David J. | 2000 | | 2161 | 53 |
| 380119 | Mold, Chris A. | 2000 | | 2154 | 18 |
| 380161 | Vetharaniam, Prince A. R. | 2002 | | 2150 | 62 |
| 380144 | Bishop, David T. | 2000 | | 2149 | 20 |
| 380087 | Bennett, Hilton Paul | 2002 | | 2125 | 156 |
| 380172 | Sims, Martin T. | 2002 | | 2124 | 18 |
| 380095 | Hignett, Alan N. | 1999 | | 2085 | 22 |
| 380171 | Voss, Peter J. | 2002 | | 2085 | 34 |
| 380073 | Noble, Mark F. | 2002 | IM | 2061 | 266 |
| 380109 | Maxwell, J. W. (Sandy) | 2001 | | 2037 | 18 |
| 380115 | Lynn, Kenneth William | 2002 | | 2008 | 20 |
| 380125 | Cameron, Stephen M. | 2002 | | 2006 | 52 |
| 380104 | Millar, Brian W. | 2002 | | 2003 | 100 |
| 380096 | Purvis, Len I. | 1998 | | 1765 | 12 |
| 380173 | Jackson, Malcolm A. | 2002 | | 1756 | 12 |

More Bled Games

by Hilton Bennett

Round 7

Dive,RJ (2388) - Beloudah,S (2345),
Bled (7) [A55]

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 d6 3. g3 Nbd7 4. Bg2 e5 5. O-O c6 6. c4 Be7 7. Nc3 O-O 8. e4 Qc7 9. Qc2 Re8 10. h3 Nf8 11. Be3 Ne6 12. d5 Nf8 13. Nd2 cxd5 14. cxd5 b5 15. Rfc1 a6 16. Qb3 Qb8 17. a4 b4 18. Na2 a5 19. Rc6 Bb7 20. Rb6 N8d7 21. Rb5 Qc7 22. Rc1 Nc5 23. Bxc5 dxc5 24. Nc4 Bc8 25. Rd1 Ra6 26. Qc2 Nd7 27. Nc1 Bd8 28. Nb3 Qa7 29. Ne3 Be7 30. Nc4 Bd8 31. Ne3 Bb6 32. Nc4 Bc7 33. Ne3 Rg6 34. Nxc5 Bb6 35. Nxd7 Bxd7 36. Rxb6 Qxb6 37. b3 Rc8 38. Nc4 Qc5 39. Qd3 Re8 40. Rc1 Ra6 41. Rc2 Qa7 42. Bf1 Rf6 43. Nc3 h5 44. h4 g6 45. Qd1 Qd4 46. Rc7 Bc8 47. Qc2 Bg4 48. Rc4 Qb6 49. Rc6 Qd8 50. Bb5 Rf8 51. Nc4 Qc7 52. Qd2 Rxc6 53. Bxc6 Kg7 54. Qc3 f5 55. Qc5 fxe4 56. d6 Qf7 57. Nxe5 Qf6 58. Nxc4 hxc4 59. Bxe4 Qc3 60. Qa7+ Rf7 61. Qe3 Qxe3 62. fxe3 Rd7 63. Bd5 Rxd6 64. e4 Rf6 65. Kg2 Rf3 66. e5 Re3 67. e6 Kf6 68. Kf2 Rd3 69. Bc4 Rf3+ 70. Kg2 Rc3 71. Bd5 Rc5 72. Be4 Re5 73. Bd3 Rxe6 74. Kf2 Kc5 75. Kc3 Kd5+ 76. Kf4 Kd4 77. Be4 Re4+ 78. Kg5 Kc3 79. Bf7 Re3 80. Kxc4 Kc2 81. Kf4 Rc3 82. g4 Rxb3 83. Bxc6+ Rd3 84. Bxd3+ Kxd3 85. h5 b3 86. h6 b2 87. h7 b1=Q 88. h8=Q Qb4+ 89. Kg5 Qxa4 90. Qd8+ Ke4 91. Qc7+ Kf3 92. Qf6+ Kc3 93. Qc5+ Kd3 94. Qg3+ Kc2 95. Qf2+ Kd3 96. Qf5+ Kc3 97. Qf3+ Kd2 98. Qf2+ 1/2

Round 8

Ramirez,Al (2421) - Wastney,S (2266),
Bled (8) [D25]

1. d4 d5 2. c4 dxc4 3. c3 Nf6 4. Bxc4 g6 5. Nf3 Bg7 6. O-O O-O 7. Nc3 Nfd7 8. Qe2 Nb6 9. Bb3 a5 10. a4 Nc6 11. Rd1 Bg4 12. h3 Bxf3 13. Qxf3 Qc8 14. Nb5 Nb4 15. e4 c6 16. Nc3 Kh8 17. Qe2 f5 18. Bg5 e5 19. dxc5 Bxe5 20. f4 Bg7 21. e5 Qc7 22. Rac1 Nd7 23. Qf2 b6 24. Rd6 Nc5 25. Bc4 Rac8 26. Qh4 Qc8 27. Rxc6 Nc6 28. Be7 Rxc7 29. Qxc7 Re8 30. Qh4 Qd8 31. Rxe6 Qxh4 32. Rxc8+ Bf8 33. Rxf8+ Kg7 34. Rg8+ Kh6 35. Rd1 Nd5 36. Nxd5 cxd5 37. Rxd5 Qe1+ 38. Kh2 1-0

Dowden,A (2191) - Maynard,F (2276),
Bled (8) [B23]

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 e6 3. g3 d5 4. exd5 exd5 5. Bg2 Nf6 6. d3 d4 7. Ne4 Be7 8. Ne2 O-O 9. O-O Nc6 10. Nf4 Ne8 11. Nd5 Qxd5 12. Nf6+ Nxf6 13. Bxd5 Nxd5 14. Bd2 Be6 15. a3 Rfe8 16. h4 Bd6 17. Kg2 Nf6 18. Bg5 Bd5+ 19. Kh2 Ne5 20. f3 Re6 21. Bxf6 Rxf6 22. f4 Nc6 23. Qh5 Ne7 24. Rae1 g6 25. Qg5 Rf5 26. Qg4 h5 27. Qe2 Rf6 28. c3 Nf5 29. Qd2 Nc3 30. cxd4 cxd4 31. Rxe3 dxe3 32. Qxe3 Re6 33. Qd4 Re2+ 34. Rf2 Rxf2+ 35. Qxf2 Re8 36. b4 Rc1 37. g4 hxc4 38. Qd4 Rh1+ 39. Kg3 Rh3+ 40. Kxc4 Bxe4 41. Kg5 Be7+ 0-1

Round 9

Beukes,Reuben - Dive,RJ (2388),
Bled (9) [A21]

1. e4 e5 2. Nc3 d6 3. g3 f5 4. e4 Nf6 5. Bg2 Nc6 6. a3 a5 7. Nge2 g6 8. d4 Bg7 9. d5 Ne7 10. f4 O-O 11. O-O Kh8 12. Kh1 Ng4 13. h3 Nf6 14. Qd3 Nd7 15. Be3 b6 16. Rac1 Nc5 17. Bxc5 bxc5 18. b3 Bd7 19. Nb5 fxe4 20. Qxe4 Nf5 21. g4 Nd4 22. Nxd4 exd4 23. Qd3 Bxb5 24. cxb5 Qh4 25. f5 gxf5 26. Rxf5 Rxf5 27. gxf5 Re8 28. Rf1 Re3 29. Qd2 Bh6 0-1

Smith,Ro (2257) - Jorrit,Kirsten,
Bled (9) [A08]

1. e4 e6 2. d3 d5 3. Nd2 c5 4. Ngf3 Nc6 5. g3 Bd6 6. Bg2 Nge7 7. O-O Bd7 8. c3 O-O 9. Re1 b5 10. Qe2 a5 11. Nf1 b4 12. h4 a4 13. e5 Bc7 14. h5 f6 15. exf6 gxf6 16. c4 d4 17. Bh6 Rf7 18. Nh4 e5 19. Nd2 Qc8 20. Rad1 Bg4 21. Bf3 Bxf3 22. Qxf3 f5 23. Qe2 Qe6 24. Bg5 Re8 25. f4 Rg7 26. h6 Rf7 27. Qg2 Ng6 28. Nxc6 Qxc6 29. Re2 Re6 30. Rde1 Rf8 31. Qd5 Re8 32. Nf3 Bb6 33. Nxe5 Kh8 34. Nxc6+ 1-0

Round 10

Yarmonov,I (2355) - Bjelobrk,I (2285),
Bled (10) [E73]

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. Be2 O-O 6. Bg5 Na6 7. Qd2 e5 8. d5 c6 9. h4 cxd5 10. Nxd5 Nc5 11. Bxf6 Bxf6 12. Bf3 Bg7 13. Ne2 f5 14. Nec3 fxe4 15. Nxe4 Bf5 16. Ndc3

Nxe4 17. Bxe4 Qb6 18. f3 Rad8 19. h5 Bxe4 20. Nxc4 Qd4 21. Qxd4 exd4 22. Ke2 d5 23. cxd5 Rxd5 24. Kd3 Rc8 25. hxg6 hxg6 26. Rac1 Rdd8 27. a4 b6 28. f4 a6 29. g4 Rxc1 30. Rxc1 Rf8 31. Rf1 Kf7 32. Ng5+ Ke7 33. Re1+ Kd7 34. Ne6 Re8 35. f5 gx f5 36. gx f5 Kd6 37. b4 Bf6 38. Re4 Rg8 39. Nxd4 Kd5 40. Ne2 Bg5 41. Ne3+ Bxe3 42. Kxe3 Rg3+ 43. Kf4 Rg1 44. Re6 Rf1+ 45. Kg5 Rg1+ 46. Kf6 Rh1 47. Kg6 Rg1+ 48. Kf7 b5 49. Rxa6 1-0

Wastney,S (2266) - Vodyasov,E (2227),
Bled (10) [A90]

1. Nf3 e6 2. g3 f5 3. d4 Nf6 4. Bg2 d5 5. O-O Bd6 6. c4 c6 7. b3 Qe7 8. a4 a5 9. Ba3 Bxa3 10. Nxa3 O-O 11. Qc2 Na6 12. Qb2 b6 13. Ne5 Bb7 14. Rac1 Rac8 15. Nd3 c5 16. Nb5 Ne4 17. dxc5 Naxc5 18. Nxc5 Rxc5 19. cxd5 Bxd5 20. Rc2 Rfc8 21. Rfc1 Rxc2 22. Rxc2 Rxc2 23. Qxc2 Qb4 24. Bxe4 Qc1+ 0-1

Round 11

Kulashko,A (2400) - Gonda,G (2223),
Bled (11) [B50]

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Ne6 3. Bb5 d6 4. d4 cxd4 5. Qxd4 Bd7 6. Qd3 Nf6 7. Ne3 e6 8. Bf4 a6 9. Ba4 b5 10. Bb3 Qc7 11. O-O Be7 12. Rad1 Ne5 13. Nxe5 dxe5 14. Bg5 Bc6 15. a3 O-O 16. Bxf6 Bxf6 17. Qd6 Rac8 18. Qxc7 Rxc7 19. Rfe1 Be7 20. Na2 Bb7 21. c3 Rfc8 22. Rd2 Kf8 23. f3

Rd8 24. Rxd8+ Bxd8 25. Rd1 Be7 26. Kf2 Bc5+ 27. Ke2 Ke7 28. Nc1 f5 29. Bc2 g6 30. g4 Kf6 31. Nd3 Be7 32. Ke3 h5 33. g5+ Kxg5 34. Nxe5 Bc5+ 35. Ke2 Kf6 36. Nd7+ Ke7 37. Ne5 g5 38. exf5 exf5 39. h4 gxh4 40. Ng6+ Kf6 41. Nhx4 Re7+ 42. Kf1 Rg7 43. b4 Ba7 44. Rd6+ Kc5 45. Ke2 Re7 46. Rd3 Be8 47. Ng6+ Kf6 48. Nf4 Rh7 49. Nd5+ Kg6 50. f4 Be6 51. Ne3 Rd7 52. Rxd7 Bxd7 53. Ng2 Be6 54. Nh4+ Kf6 55. a4 Bc4+ 56. Kf3 bxa4 57. Bxa4 Bd5+ 58. Ke2 Bb8 59. Ke3 Ba7+ 60. Ke2 Bb8 61. Ke3 Ba7+ 1/2

Nanjo,Ryosuke - Dowden,A (2191),
Bled (11) [A65]

1. d4 e6 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nc3 c5 4. d5 exd5 5. cxd5 d6 6. e4 g6 7. Bd3 Bg7 8. Nge2 O-O 9. O-O a6 10. Rb1 b5 11. b4 cxb4 12. Rxb4 Ng4 13. a4 bxa4 14. Nxa4 Nd7 15. Nd4 Nde5 16. Be2 a5 17. Rb1 Qh4 18. h3 Nf6 19. f4 Ned7 20. Bf3 Re8 21. Nb5 Nxe4 22. Nc7 Ba6 23. Nxa8 Bxf1 24. Bxe4 Rxe4 25. Kxf1 Bd4 26. Qd2 Be3 27. Qxc3 Rxc3 28. Bxe3 Qg3 29. Re1 Nf6 30. Nc3 a4 31. Nb6 a3 32. Nc4 a2 33. Ra1 Nh5 34. Ne2 Qh4 35. Rxa2 Ng3+ 36. Nxxg3 Qxxg3 37. Ra6 h6 38. Rxd6 g5 39. Rf6 g4 40. Rxh6 gxh3 41. Rxh3 Qg4 42. Kf2 Qd1 43. Nd2 Kf8 44. d6 Ke8 45. Rh6 Qc2 46. g4 Kd7 47. g5 Qf5 48. Nf3 Qc2+ 49. Kg3 Qb2 50. Ne5+ Kc8 51. d7+ Kc7 52. Re6+ 1-0

NZ Chess Magazine Farewells Our Overseas Editor

by Ted Frost

Peter Stuart has been a contributor to NZ Chess for more than 20 years, and my file of the magazine shows that he started providing his summary of overseas news about mid-1984. In my 10 years of editing the magazine, through the 1990s, Peter's copy was always on time, which was a tremendous help in setting up every issue. For readers the overseas news filled several needs - it kept players up-to-date with goings-on in the wider world without having to wade through the immense and still growing volume of information available through sources such as the internet, and it provided plenty of game scores, including the

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Thank you, Peter.

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