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#### Correspondence Champion

*Peter Goffin, Auckland, has taken out the 70th  
NZ correspondence championship by one point  
from Bill Smillie, Waiuku. Dennis Whitlock,  
Auckland, is the reserve champion for 2003-04.  
Full details next issue.*

#### Merv Morrison

*New Zealand chess stalwart Merv Morrison  
died in late April at the age of 96. A tribute to  
him will appear in the June "NZ Chess".*

#### NZ Senior Championship

*There will be a full report and games in the  
June "NZ Chess", but at this stage congratula-  
tions must go to Neil Cruden, who won the five  
player double round robin with 8/10.  
Second was co-defending champion Victor  
Portougal with 6.5.  
The other scores were Peter Morten 6, Bob  
Mitchell 5.5, Malcolm MacDonald 4.*

**Front Cover:** 2004 NZ Women's Champion  
Viv Smith flanked by Women's Reserve Cham-  
pion Sharon Wu and Senior Champion Neil  
Cruden.

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## New Zealand Women's Championship 2004

by FM Bob Smith

How times have changed! Four years ago the NZ Women's Championship was contested by just four females. This year a grand total of 19 turned out to play in the Women's Championship and the introductory Reserve Championship.

The turnout was heartening for the perennial host club, Waitemata, and for the NZCF Councillors who have devoted much time to building up female chess over the past three years. The Championship and Reserve were played over Easter, at the same time as the NZ Seniors Championship – more on that in a separate report.

Costs were kept low with Green Bay High School generously donating the use of its library and adjoining rooms, which provided very good playing conditions. Bob Smith and Bruce Pollard also directed more for the love than the money.

But despite the good turnout for the women's events, the organising club still made a loss – mainly because of the low turnout for the Seniors' Championship. Clearly this is another area that needs building up.

But on to the females, and to a tournament that was to produce quite a number of surprises. On paper the event looked certain to be fought out by defending champion Viv Smith (1695), and Evginia Charomova (1621). Charomova led going into the final round last year, but lost the crucial game to Smith. Would it be the turn of youth this year, or would Smith win a coveted tenth title?

Among those hoping to stop them both were Edith Otene (1450), Helen Courtney (1423), and 13-year-old Sue Maroroa (1321), a surprise selection in the last New Zealand Women's Olympiad team.

Of the others, Shirley Wu was stepping up to "the big-time" after winning last year's Reserve Championship with straight wins, Reserve runner-up Frances Clark was also testing the tougher waters, while Serra Tang had shown signs of improvement at last year's World

Youth Championships in Greece. Making up the Championship field of 11 were 15-year-old Natasha Fairley, who also competed at the World Youth Championships, 13-year-old Eachen Chen, who could be expected to gain from the experience, and Otene's sister Eva Breska, returning to the chess board after a break of many years. Perhaps the carrot was another possible Olympiad trip?

NZCF Council had decided the winner would automatically be selected for the NZ Women's Team to compete in Spain in October, while the tournament results would have a strong bearing on other selections. The event was also part of the Global Chess Enterprises Grand Prix. So there was plenty to play for, apart from the \$200 first prize.

### The Play

**Round One:** The tournament almost began with a huge upset, as Tang's king-side attack netted a whole piece against Charomova. However the latter made the win as hard as possible. Her efforts paid off when Tang's technique let her down and the game ended in a draw.

In another upset Shirley Wu fought back from blundering a piece early on to draw with the much higher-rated Courtney.

No such dramas for the defending champion. Smith-Fairley was level for quite some time, but when Fairley played an unwise knight move Smith took full advantage of the weak pawn created.

In other matches Otene easily beat her prodigal sister, while Maroroa's tactics were too much for Clark.

**Round Two:** Chen pulled off a big upset, with a win over Otene. The latter inexplicably put a piece en prise in the opening and could not break back despite a desperate attack.

Other results went as expected. Smith comfortably beat Maroroa, who went badly wrong in the opening. Charomova bounced back with a convincing win over Wu, whose king came

under heavy fire. Courtney beat Tang after Serra weakened her pawns in the opening. Breska blundered a piece early against Fairley.

**Round Three:** Smith racked up another steady win. Her experience proved the difference as Chen tried in vain to hold an inferior rook and pawn ending. Otene beat Maroroa after the latter unnecessarily gave away the exchange. Courtney-Charomova was delicately balanced until white unwisely swapped queens into a difficult ending. Clark won a pawn against Fairley, but then blundered/sacrificed a piece. However her attack still proved too strong against the exposed black king. Tang got away with an early blunder against Wu, going on to build up a winning attack.

**Round Four:** The crunch game of the round was between defending champion Smith and runner-up Charomova, with the latter needing a win. But the clash proved something of an anticlimax, with Smith blundering a pawn early on. Charomova gave her no chance to break back, steadily increasing her advantage to score a key victory. In other games Courtney's pawn weaknesses proved her undoing against Otene, while Tang's king-side pressure netted her a piece when Fairley overlooked a tactic. Chen won a pawn against Clark and could have made it two. Instead she opted for complications which just left her with a losing endgame. Breska continued her run of poor form, choosing to lose a piece rather than a pawn against Maroroa.

**Round Five:** Charomova beat Clark handily after the latter sacrificed one pawn and then lost another. Smith played her best game so far, reducing Otene to a state of near paralysis before breaking through neatly on the queen-side. Maroroa won material early after Courtney went wrong in the opening; the result was not in doubt thereafter. Wu got the whole point, courtesy of another Breska blunder.

**Round Six:** After losing to Smith Otene got a chance to recover some ground with a suppos-

edly easy match-up against Wu. As expected the game was one-sided, but it was Wu who showed her continued improvement by completely outplaying Otene. Fairley put up more resistance than expected against Charomova, but some accurate endgame play secured the point for the tournament leader. Smith fended off Tang's attack and then started picking off pawns. Fortunately a strange case of mutual chess blindness did not spoil her already winning position. Clark reached four points with an easy win over Breska, who was still to register. Maroroa also reached four, snatching a pawn early against Chen and going on to win.

**Round Seven:** Going into the final round the winner and runner-up already looked decided. Charomova was half a point ahead of Smith and was expected to comfortably account for Maroroa, while Smith was also expected to be too strong for Clark. As previously mentioned, Charomova and Smith were in the same position last year, except they were playing in the final round. This time Smith had no control over the outcome, and rumour had it that a spot had already been polished at the Charomova household for the trophy. But in chess, strange things can sometimes happen... In a hard-fought game Maroroa maintained the balance. Charomova overpressed in a bid to win the drawn position, and fell victim to a clever pawn breakthrough. Meanwhile Smith struggled on against oblivious Clark, winning a pawn. Her opponent burned up too much time in a still playable position and resigned just as her clock was about to start flashing. A surprised Smith then learnt that she had maintained her title – and Maroroa was suddenly very popular. In other games, Fairley arrived 50 minutes late after getting the starting time wrong. Nevertheless she quickly got a completely winning position against Wu, only to weaken her position unnecessarily and allow a perpetual check. Tang spoilt what had been a good tournament for her with some early weakening moves and a blunder. Breska eventually converted her advantage for her only win of the tournament. The last game finished was Courtney-Chen, with

Courtney pushing through her endgame advantage after 85 moves.

Final scores: V. Smith (6/7) 1, E. Charomova (5.5) 2, S. Maroroa (5) 3, E. Otene, S. Wu, F. Clark (4) 4-6, H. Courtney, S. Tang (3.5) 7-8, N. Fairley (2.5) 9, E. Breska, E. Chen (2) 10-11.

### Conclusion

As the saying goes, the winner is always worthy. And this Championship again proved the truth of that adage. Although it could be argued that Smith was fortunate that Charomova lost in the final round, a tournament is not over until it's over. An overview shows that Smith remains New Zealand's steadiest female player. Her games are not always flashy, but she does what is necessary to get the point. Charomova played some good games, but her play was more uneven than the winner's, featuring an oversight in the final round and an improbable escape in round one. If she can improve her consistency, the title could soon be there for the taking. Of the others, Maroroa impressed in finishing clear third. She beat both Charomova and Courtney, and her only losses were to Smith and Otene. At only 13, her play is also still somewhat uneven, and could benefit from some opening study.

Otene was disappointed with her tie for fourth. She did play some good chess but the round two blunder against Chen made the going tough. Hopefully it was a one-off oversight. Also in fourth place, Shirley Wu and Frances Clark should be quite happy with their results. Wu has improved markedly in the past year, and showed good determination in saving several games. Her win over Otene was one of the better efforts of the tournament. Clark continues to show promise, but needs to control her time, and maybe her nerves, better. Next came Courtney and Tang. Courtney was another experienced player with a disappointing result. She built up some nice positions in this tournament, but seemed to lack tactical sharpness. Although just 13, Tang also has a right to feel disappointed about her final placing. She had Charomova on the ropes in round one, and saved her worst game until last, when a win over Breska would

have given her clear fourth. Of the others, Fairley did achieve some good positions, but often seemed uncertain about what to do next. This often resulted in a fatal weakening. Completing the field, 13-year-old Eachen Chen looked at this stage to be boxing a little above her weight, while Eva Breska's result showed that if you do not open a chess book (or these days a data base) or push a piece for nigh on a decade you are unlikely to come back in top form.

### NZ Women's Reserve Championship

Eight players contested this event, which is designed as an introductory tournament for females who at this stage would find the championship a little tough. I wish I'd placed a bet at the start, as I would have won something for a change! 10-year-old Sharon Wu (Waitemata), Shirley's sister, proved more reliable than the Warriors or the Blues, as she streeted the field with 7 straight wins. Some advice if you ever face Sharon, do not be fooled by her angelic look; she is a tiger on the chessboard! Runner-up with 5 points was 10-year-old Pasangi Wickramarachchi, with Tisha Yang (11) and Clara Portougal (10) third equal on 4. The future of female chess is secure if we can keep these players and continue the grass-roots efforts to attract more!

### Maroroa,S – Charomova,E

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c3 Qa5 4.Qb3 Nc6 5.Bc4 e6 6.Qb5 Qxb5 7.Bxb5 a6 8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.d4 cxd4 10.cxd4 d5 11.e5 c5 12.Be3 cxd4 13.Bxd4 Bb4+ 14.Nbd2 Nh6 15.a3 Be7 16.h3 Nf5 17.Bc3 0-0 18.g4 Nh4 19.Nd4 Bd7 20.0-0 Rf8 21.Rac1 Ng6 22.f4 Bb5 23.Nxb5 axb5 24.Nb3 Rab8 25.Nd4 h6 26.Bd2 Bc5 27.Be3 Bxd4 28.Rxc8+ Rxc8 29.Bxd4 Rc4 30.Be3 Kf8 31.Kg2 Ke7 32.Rc1 Kd7 33.Kf3 Kc6 34.Rxc4+ bxc4 35.Bd4 Ne7 36.h4 Kb5 37.h5 Nc6 38.Ke3 Nxd4 39.Kxd4 Ka4 40.Kc3 Ka5 41.g5 Ka4 42.f5 hxg5 43.f6 gxf6 44.h6 fxe5 45.h7 g4 46.h8Q g3 47.Qxe5 g2 48.Qg3 1-0

### Smith – Fairley

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 d6 5.0-0

Bg4 6.d3 h6 7.Nbd2 Nf6 8.Re1 0-0 9.a4 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Ne4 Be7 12.Ng3 Bf6 13.Bb3 Re8 14.h3 Be6 15.Bc2 Qd6 16.Ne4 Qe7 17.Be3 b6 18.Qe2 Bf5 19.Bd2 Nf4 20.Bxf4 exf4 21.Qd2 Bxe4 22.Rxe4 Qd6 23.Qxf4 Qxf4 24.Rxf4 Re2 25.Ne1 Rae8 26.Re4 R8xe4 27.dxe4 Ne5 28.Rd1 Nc4 29.Kf1 Rd2 30.Rxd2 Nxd2+ 31.Ke2 Nc4 32.Nd3 Kf8 33.Bb3 Na5 34.Ba2 Ke7 35.g3 g5 36.Ke3 h5 37.Nb4 c6 38.Nd3 a6 39.e5 Bg7 40.Ke4 b5 41.axb5 axb5 42.f4 f6 43.fxg5 fxg5 44.Kf5 Nc4 45.Bxc4 bxc4 46.Nc5 h4 47.gxh4 gxh4 48.Ne4 1-0

### Charomova,E – Wu,S

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 e6 7.Be3 Be7 8.Qd2 Bd7 9.Bc4 Nc6 10.0-0-0 b5 11.Bb3 h6 12.g4 Nh7 13.Rdg1 Nxd4 14.Qxd4 e5 15.Qd2 Ng5 16.Rg3 Ne6 17.Nd5 Bg5 18.Rg2 Bxe3 19.Qxe3 Nc7 20.h4 Nxd5 21.Bxd5 Rc8 22.g5 hxg5 23.Rxg5 Kf8 24.Rhg1 g6 25.h5 Rxh5 26.Rxh5 gxh5 27.Qh6+ Ke7 28.Qg5+ Kf8 29.Qg8+ Ke7 30.Qxf7# 1-0

### Otene,E – Maroroa,S

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.e4 Bb4 4.Qc2 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.a3 Bc5 7.b4 Bb6 8.Na4 Nd4 9.Qd3 Nxf3+ 10.Qxf3 Bd4 11.Bb2 Bxb2 12.Nxb2 c5 13.Nd3 cxb4 14.axb4 Be6 15.c5 dxc5 16.Nxc5 Qd4 17.Bb5+ Ke7 18.0-0 Bg4 19.Qc3 Qxc3 20.dxc3 b6 21.f3 bxc5 22.fxg4 cxb4 23.cxb4 Nxc4 24.Bc4 f6 25.Bd5 Ne3 26.Bxa8 Rxa8 27.Rfc1 Kd6 28.h3 f5 29.Kf2 f4 30.g3 g5 31.Ra6+ Kd7 32.b5 h5 33.b6 g4 34.h4 Kd8 35.b7 Rb8 36.Rxa7 Kd7 37.Rc5 Kd8 38.Ra8 1-0

### Clark,F – Fairley,N

1.e4 e5 2.f4 Nc6 3.Nf3 d6 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bg4 6.0-0 Nd4 7.Be2 Qe7 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 0-0 10.d3 g6 11.f5 gxf5 12.exf5 h5 13.Bg5 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 d5? 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.Nxd5 Bc5+ 17.Kh1 Qc6 18.c4 f6 19.b4 Bf8 20.b5 Qd6 21.a3 a6? 22.bxa6 Qxa6 23.Nxf6?! Qxf6 24.Rfb1 c6 25.a4 Qd6 26.Rb3 Bg7 27.Rab1 Rd7 28.a5 Qc5 29.a6 (f6!) 29...bxa6 30.f6 Bf8 31.Rb8+ Ke7 32.f7 Rh6 33.R1b7+ Kd6 34.Rxd7+ Kxd7 35.Qf5+ Ke7 36.Rb7+ Kd6

37.Qd7# 1-0

### Courtney,H – Charomova,E

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 c5 7.0-0 b6 8.cxd5 exd5 9.dxc5 bxc5 10.Ne2 Ba6 11.Bxa6 Nxa6 12.b3 Nc7 13.Bb2 a5 14.Ng3 Qd7 15.Qc2 h6 16.Rfd1 a4 17.bxa4 Qxa4 18.Qf5 Rfd8 19.Nh5 Nnh5 20.Qxh5 Qc6 21.Ne5 Qe6 22.Nd3 Rac8 23.Nf4 Qc6 24.Qg4 Bf6 25.Bxf6 Qxf6 26.Rab1 Qg5 27.Qxg5 (Qf3) 27...hxg5 28.Nd3 Ne6 29.Rb5 Rd6 30.Kf1 f6 31.a4 Kf8 32.a5 Ke8 33.Rc1 Rdc6 34.Rb6 Kd7 35.Rcb1 Rxb6 36.Rxb6 Rc6 37.Rb5 Kd6 38.Ke2 Ra6 39.Kd2 Kc6 40.Rb6+ Rxb6 41.axb6 Kxb6 42.Kc3 Kb5 43.h3 d4+ 44.exd4 cxd4+ 45.Kb3? Ne5+ 46.Kc2 Nxd3 47.Kxd3 Kc5 48.g3 Kd5 49.f4 gxf4 50.gxf4 f5 51.h4 0-1

### Tang,S – Charomova,E

1.e4 c5 2.f4 d6 3.Nf3 g6 4.d4 Bg7 5.dxc5 Qa5+ 6.c3 Qxc5 7.Qd3 Nd7 8.Be3 Qc7 9.Nbd2 Ngf6 10.h3 b6 11.Qc2 Bb7 12.Bd3 0-0 13.g4 Nc5 14.f5 Nxd3+ 15.Qxd3 d5 16.e5 Ne4 17.0-0 Rac8 18.Bd4 Qd7 19.h4 Qa4 20.Kb1 Qc6 21.h5 Rfd8 22.hxg6 hxg6 23.e6 fxe6 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.fxg6 Rh8 26.Qd4+ e5 27.Nxe5 Nxc3+ 28.Qxc3 Qxc3 29.bxc3 Rxc3 30.g5 Re3 31.Rxh8 Kxh8 32.Rh1+ Kg8 33.Nd7 Re6 34.Rh7 Rxg6 35.Rxe7 Ba6 36.Nf6+ Kf8 37.Rxa7 Bd3+ 38.Kb2 Rxg5 39.Nh7+ Bxh7 40.Rxh7 b5 41.Rb7 d4 42.Kb3 (Kc2) 42...Rg3+ 43.Kc2 Rg5 44.Kd3 Rg3+ 45.Kc2 Rg5 46.Kb3 Ke8 47.a3 Rg2 48.Ne4 Re2 49.Nd6+ Kd8 50.Nxb5 d3 51.Nc3 d2 52.Kc2 Rg2 53.Kd1 Kc8 54.Rh7 Kd8 55.Rh3 Kc7 56.Ne2 Kb6 57.Kxd2 Ka5 58.Rh4 Rf2 59.Re4 Rf3 60.Nc3 Rf2+ 61.Kd3 Rf5 62.Ra4+ Kb6 63.Kc4 Rc5+ 64.Kb3 Rg5 65.Rb4+ Ka6 66.a4 Rg3 67.Rb5 Rf3 68.Kc4 Rf4+ 69.Kc5 Rf5+ 70.Nd5 Rg5 71.Rb6+ (Ra8+) 71...Ka5 72.Rb8 Kxa4 73.Kc4 Rg4+ 74.Kd3 Rg3+ 75.Ne3 Rh3 76.Kd4 Rh4+ 77.Kc3 Rh3 78.Kc2 Rxe3 ½-½

### Otene,E – Courtney,H

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4 4.Qb3 Nc6 5.e4 Qe7?! (Bxc3) 6.e5 Ng8 7.Ne4 d6 8.exd6 Bxd6 9.d4 Bb4+ 10.Bd2 Bxd2+ 11.Nexd2 Nf6 12.g3

0-0 13.Bg2 Rb8 14.0-0 Na5 15.Qd3 b6 16.Ne5  
c5 17.Nb3 Bb7 18.Bxb7 Rxb7 19.Nxa5 bxa5  
20.b3 Qc7 21.Rad1 Rd8 22.Qf3 Rb6 23.dxc5  
Rxd1 24.Rxd1 Rb8 25.Nc6 Rc8 26.Nd4 Qxc5  
27.Nb5 h6 28.h3 a6 29.Nd6 Rc7 30.Ne4 Nxe4  
31.Rd8+ Kh7 32.Qxe4+ f5 33.Qa8 Qe5  
34.Rh8+ Kg6 35.Qe8+ Rf7 36.Rf8 Qf6  
37.Qxf7+ Qxf7 38.Rxf7 Kxf7 39.f4 Ke7  
40.Kf2 Kd6 41.Ke3 Kc5 42.h4 a4 (g6) 43.h5  
a3? (a5, xb3) 44.Kd3 a5 45.Kc3 Kd6 46.Kd4  
Kc6 47.Kd3 Kc5 48.Kc3 Kd6 49.b4 axb4+  
50.Kxb4 e5 51.c5+ Kd5 52.fxe5 Kxe5 53.Kb5  
Kf6 54.c6 Kg5 55.c7 Kxh5 56.c8Q & white  
won 1-0

**Maroroa,S – Courtney,H**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.a3 Bb7 5.Nc3 Be7  
6.Qc2 d5 7.Bf4 Nbd7 8.exd5 exd5 9.Nb5 0-0  
10.Bxc7 Qe8 11.Nd6 Bxd6 12.Bxd6 Rc8  
13.Qd1 h6 14.e3 Ne4 15.Bxf8 Kxf8 16.Rc1  
Ndf6 17.Nd2 Nxf2 18.Rxc8 Bxc8 19.Kxf2  
Ng4+ 20.Ke1 Nxe3 21.Qe2 Bg4 22.Nf3 Qe4  
23.Kf2 Bxf3 24.gxf3 Ng4+ 25.Kg3 Qxd4  
26.fxg4 g5 27.Bg2 Qf4+ 28.Kh3 h5 29.Re1  
Qa4 30.Qe7+ Kg7 31.Qxg5+ Kf8 32.Qxh5  
Qb3+ 33.Kh4 Qxb2 34.Rf1 Qg7 35.Bxd5 f6  
36.g5 Qd7 37.Rxf6+ Ke7 38.Rf7+ Kd6  
39.Qg6+ Kxd5 40.Rxd7+ Kc4 41.Qc6+ Kb3  
42.Rd3+ Kb2 43.Qc3+ Kb1 44.Qb3+ Kc1  
45.Rd1# 1-0

**Smith,V – Otene,E**

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0  
6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 dxc5 8.e5 Nd5 9.Nxd5 Qxd5  
10.Qe2 Bg4 11.Be4 Qd7 12.Be3 Qc7 13.h3  
Be6 14.c3 Nd7 15.Ng5 a5 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.0-0  
Rf7 18.Bd3 Qc6 19.Bb5 Qc7 20.Rad1 Nb6  
21.Qg4 Nd5 22.Bc1 Qb6 23.c4 Nc7 24.a4  
Nxb5 25.axb5 a4 26.Rf3 Rd8 27.Rfd3 Rd4  
28.Rxd4 cxd4 29.Rd3 Rf5 30.Qd1 Bh6 31.g3  
Kg7 32.Kg2 Kg8 33.Rxd4 Bg7 34.Be3 Qa5  
35.Bd2 Qb6 36.Be3 Qa5 37.Rd8+ Bf8 38.Qd7  
Kg7 39.Bd2 Qb6 40.Qd3 Qc5 41.Be3 Qb4  
42.Qc2 a3 43.bxa3 Qxa3 44.Rd3 Qa8 45.Bb6  
g5 46.fxg5 Rxg5 47.Qe2 Kg8 48.h4 Rg6 49.g4  
Qa4 50.Rd4 h6 51.Bc5 Rg7 52.Rf4 Qa8 53.b6  
Qe8 54.Qf2 Qc6+ 55.Kh3 Qe8 56.Qf3 Qc8  
57.Bb4 Qb8 58.Bc3 Qd8 59.c5 Qc8 60.c6

bxc6 61.b7 Qxb7 62.Rxf8+ 1-0

**Wu,S – Otene,E**

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bg5  
0-0 6.Be4 c6 7.e5 dxe5 8.dxe5 Qxd1+  
9.Rxd1 Ng4 10.0-0 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Bxe5  
12.Rfel Bf6 13.Bxf6 exf6 14.Ne4 Kg7  
15.Nd6 b5 16.Bb3 Na6 17.Re7 Nc5 18.Bxf7  
Kh8 19.Rde1 Bd7?? 20.Ne8 (b4)  
20...Rxf7? (Bxe8) 21.Rxf7 Bxe8 22.Rf8+  
Kg7 23.Rfxe8 Rxe8 24.Rxe8 Kf7 25.Rc8  
Na4 26.b3 Nc3 27.Rc7+ Ke6?? 28.Rxc6+ 1-0

**Charomova,E – Fairley,N**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Bc5  
5.c3 Nf6 6.Qd3 Qe7 7.f3 d5 8.Nxc6 bxc6  
9.Bg5 dxe4 10.Bxf6 exd3+ 11.Bxe7 Kxe7  
12.Bxd3 g6 (a5) 13.Kd2 Kf6 (a5, Be6)  
14.Kc2 Bf5 15.Bxf5 Kxf5 16.Nd2 Rhe8  
17.Ne4 Bb6 18.c4 Bd4 19.Rad1 Red8  
20.Ng3+ Kf6 21.Ne4+ Kf5 (Kg7) 22.Rd3  
Rd7?! 23.Rhd1 Ke5 24.Ng5 c5 25.Ne4 Re7  
26.b4 Kf5 27.Nxc5 Bxc5 28.bxc5 (Rd5+)  
28...c6 29.Rd7 Rae8 30.Rxe7 Rxe7 31.Kc3  
a5 32.Rd6 Re3+ 33.Rd3 Re5 34.Rd7 Kf6  
35.Rd6+ Re6 36.Rxe6+ fxe6 37.Kb3 Ke5  
38.Ka4 Kd4 39.Kxa5 Kxc5 40.a4 h6 41.Ka6  
Kxc4 42.a5 Kb4 43.Kb6 c5 44.a6 c4 45.a7 c3  
46.a8Q c2 47.Qa1 & white won 1-0

**Smith,V – Chen,E**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Be5 5.0-0  
0-0 6.c3 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.Nbd2 Bg4 9.Ne4  
Bb6 10.Ng3 Na5 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 Nxc4  
13.dxc4 Nf6 14.Bg5 Qd6 15.Bxf6 Qxf6  
16.Qxf6 gxf6 17.Ne4 Kg7 18.c5 f5 19.cxb6  
fxe4 20.bxc7 Rac8 21.Rad1 Rxc7 22.Rd5  
Re8 23.Re1 f5 24.Red1 Kf6 25.Kf1 Kg5  
26.Rd6 Ree7 27.Ke2 f4 28.g3 Rf7 29.R1d5  
f3+ 30.Ke3 Rf5 31.g4 Rf6 32.Rxe5+ Kg6  
33.Rxf6+ Kxf6 34.Rxe4 Kg5 35.Re5+ Kg6  
36.Kxf3 Rf7+ 37.Ke3 Rf6 38.f4 h6 39.h4  
Kf7 40.c4 b6 41.f5 Rc6 42.b3 a6 43.Kd4  
Rc7 44.Re6 Rd7+ 45.Kc3 Re7 46.Rxe7+  
Kxe7 47.g5 hxg5 48.hxg5 Kf7 49.g6+ Kg7  
50.b4 Kf6 51.c5 bxc5 52.bxc5 Kc7 53.g7  
Kf7 54.f6 Kg8 55.c6 Kf7 56.c7 Kg8  
57.c8Q+ Kh7 58.g8Q+ Kh6 59.Qh3# 1-0

**2004 Latvian Tournament**

*by Paul Spiller*

This years edition of the popular one day rapid event held on March 21<sup>st</sup> 2004 and hosted by the Howick-Pakuranga Chess Club was notable for a record entry boosted by a large number of junior players and a record number of female entries. This is a pleasing phenomenon for those involved with the promotion of junior chess in Auckland and for the work put in by Federation and club officials. The future success of New Zealand Chess looks assured with so many talented young players starting to make their mark on the game.

Kees Van Den Bosch is to be congratulated for his efforts in driving this event forward. All entries were received either by email or telephone call with a stipulation that no late entries would be taken on the day. At one stage it appeared as though over 100 entries were on the cards, although this reduced to 92 players on the day with a few "no shows".

Once again IA Bob Gibbons officiated as arbiter, assisted on this occasion by Paul Spiller in view of the large entry and shortage of time between rounds.

After the inevitable 20-30 minute starting delay (due largely to the time consuming process of players checking in and paying fees) the tournament got underway with the field being split into three groups appropriately named "Open", "Challengers" and "Reserve".

The Open section contained 21 players rated from David Xu at 1667 up to Paul Garbett at 2351. Eleven players were rated 2000 or above including visiting Canadian player Brian Fiedler. The first two rounds saw 4<sup>th</sup> seed Bert Vanderlee lose twice to Paul Godfrey and Michael Burn, while other top players to lose at least once included Leonard McLaren to Fiedler and Pu Chen Wang to Garbett. After three rounds Garbett took sole lead after defeating Peter Green, a position he retained throughout the tournament. Pu Chen suffered his second defeat (uncharacteristic since he had only suffered two defeats in his last 20 games from the New Zealand Champs and Auckland Interna-

tional) at the hands of a delighted Paul Godfrey (see game). In other key round three games Smith defeated McLaren and Stuart upset Lukey.

In round 4 Garbett defeated Stuart to get to 4/4. Kulashko and Smith drew quickly and were joined by Peter Green and Antonio Krstev on 3 points. David Xu assumed a giant-killing role by defeating Stephen Lukey.

There was no stopping Garbett who completed his fifth straight win this time against Krstev. This was enough for Garbett to be assured of outright first with one round to go since his nearest opponents Smith and Green drew with won another while Kulashko was held to a draw by rapidly improving junior David Xu. The final round was something of an anticlimax with Garbett unable to maintain his winning streak going down to Kulashko. Peter Green was able to grab a share of second place with a last round win over Peter Stuart. Antonio Krstev came out on top in a time scramble with Bob Smith and was joined in 4<sup>th</sup> slot by Gino Thornton who managed to avoid playing any of the top 8 rated players.

In conclusion it was an excellent result for Garbett maintaining his good rapid form after winning the NZ Rapid Championships in Wellington. A disappointing result for PuChen, losing 3 games after a string of recent successes. Peter Green and Alexei continued their good results in these type of events while Stephen Lukey, Leonard McLaren and Bob Smith will be somewhat disappointed with their results this time around. An exceptional performance was put in by lowest rated (and underrated) junior David Xu. He belied his seeding by defeating FM Stephen Lukey and achieving draws against Roger Perry, Alexei Kulashko and Leonard McLaren. Surely a player to keep an eye on for the future.

**Leading scores:**

1<sup>st</sup> place Paul Garbett 5 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> = Alexei Kulashko and Peter Green 4.5 points  
4<sup>th</sup> = Antonio Krstev and Gino Thornton

## Latvian Open 2004

		Rating	Club	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Garbett Paul	2351	Nth.Sh.	5	12:W	7:W	5:W	9:W	10:W	2:L
2	Kulashko Alexei	2331	ACC	4.5	13:WD	9:D	11:W	3:D	22:D	1:W
3	Smith Bob	2287	Wai.	3.5	14:W	8:D	6:W	2:D	5:D	10:L
4	Vanderlee Bert	2263	Pap.	3	15:L	18:L	16:W	12:L	14:W	7:W
5	Green Peter	2244		4.5	16:W	10:W	1:L	15:W	3:D	9:W
6	McLaren Leonard	2224	Nth.Sh.	3	17:W	11:L	3:L	7:D	21:W	22:D
7	Wang Pu Chen	2223	ACC	2	18:W	1:L	15:L	6:D	12:D	4:L
8	Lukey Stephen	2205	Well.C	3.5	19:W	3:D	9:L	22:L	17:W	15:W
9	Stuart Peter	2070	Nth.Sh.	3.5	20:W	2:D	8:W	1:L	11:W	5:L
10	Krstev Antonio	2013	Nth.Sh.	4	21:W	5:L	18:W	19:W	1:L	3:W
11	Fiedler Brian	2000		3.5	22:W	6:W	2:L	20:D	9:L	12:W
12	McCrone Jeffrey	1939	Nth.Sh.	2.5	1:L	15:W	19:L	4:W	7:D	11:L
13	Bennett Hilton	no 1929	Ham.C	0	2:LD	20:LD	:	:	:	:
14	Davis Justin	1890	Gambit	2	3:L	19:L	:W	18:L	4:L	21:W
15	Godfrey Paul	1876	Wai	2.5	4:W	12:L	7:W	5:L	20:D	8:L
16	Hair Philip	1840	Nth.Sh.	1.5	5:L	21:D	4:L	17:L	:W	18:L
17	Perry Roger	1835	ACC	2.5	6:L	22:D	20:L	16:W	8:L	:W
18	Burn Michael	1834	Gambit	3	7:L	4:W	10:L	14:W	19:L	16:W
19	Lynn William	1829	Ham.C	3	8:L	14:W	12:W	10:L	18:W	20:L
20	Thornton Gino	1770	Nth.Sh.	4	9:L	13:WD	17:W	11:D	15:D	19:W
21	Charomova Evgenia	1763	Nth.Sh.	1.5	10:L	16:D	22:L	:W	6:L	14:L
22	Xu David	1667	H-P	3.5	11:L	17:D	21:W	8:W	2:D	6:D

## Latvian Challengers

		Rating	Club	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Eade Don	1698		3	9:L	13:L	2:W	15:W	8:W	4:L
2	Smith Vivian	1667	Wai.	2.5	10:D	16:L	1:L	:W	7:W	14:L
3	Tan Edgardo	1666	Nth.Sh.	4	11:W	7:D	6:W	4:L	16:W	5:D
4	Morten Paul	1616	H-P	5.5	12:WD	14:W	5:W	3:W	10:D	1:W
5	Browne Jeremy	1595		4.5	13:W	9:W	4:L	16:W	11:W	3:D
6	Booth Tony	1560	H-P	3	14:L	12:WD	3:L	13:L	:W	7:W
7	Mitchell Bob	1555	Nth.Sh.	1.5	15:W	3:D	16:L	11:L	2:L	6:L
8	Zhang Michael	1554	H-P	2.5	16:D	10:D	11:L	14:D	1:L	:W
9	Charomova Dimitri	1549	Nth.S	3	1:W	5:L	14:W	10:L	13:L	15:W
10	Wilson Clive	1522	H-P	3.5	2:D	8:D	13:W	9:W	4:D	11:L
11	Lei Jacques	1508	H-P	4	3:L	15:W	8:W	7:W	5:L	10:W
12	Ferner Ulric	no 1502		0	4:LD	6:LD	:	:	:	:
13	Vosloo Johan	1501	Nth.Sh.	3.5	5:L	1:W	10:L	6:W	9:W	16:D
14	Wu Jason	1500		3.5	6:W	4:L	9:L	8:D	15:W	2:W
15	Wu Joseph	1500		1	7:L	11:L	:W	1:L	14:L	9:L
16	Robinson Blair	1443		3	8:D	2:W	7:W	5:L	3:L	13:D

## N Z Rapid Championship, Wellington Congress 2004

by Paul Dunn

The Rapid Championships in Wellington was always going to be another of these close affairs. When you have a Swiss tournament with so many good players, nine rounds will never really be quite enough to separate them. Before the tournament started it was reasonably hard to pick a winner. Obviously Russell Dive has proven himself to be an excellent rapid player, and fellow IM Anthony Ker is not bad either. Stephen Lukey completed the threat contingent from Wellington, although other players such as Nic Croad are handy. From Auckland the danger seemed set to come from quick players such as Bob Smith and Paul Garbett. And this year was looking to be the Chinese year of the Pooch. Wang had already won the Lightning Championship, and very nearly won the full New Zealand title. He was a definite contender for the Rapid crown as well.

From outside of Auckland and Wellington, the guys to watch were German Oliver Koeller and the recently returned Scott Wastney. Aside from those mentioned, there were plenty of other players who could upset the applecart, or even put a run in for the title. My own strategy for this event is to just make sure you have at least three points after the first day. Because I nearly won the thing once, and I'd only had three points after the first day. I figured that in tight field, seven points are a lot of points. But there are also a lot of tough players to get past.

**Round One**

And they're off! As always, in this round the contenders are supposed to put the cannon fodder to the sword. And mix the odd metaphor while they're at it. This seemed to be how it went for the most part. However, Russell Dive managed to get himself into a spot of difficulty against Gino Thornton. A major upset looked on the cards, but it is Gino we're talking about, so a draw offer was duly made and accepted. Leonard McLaren failed to beat Martin Sims, but apart from these two games everything else went to plan.

Well, unless we count Nathan Goodhue's loss to Wayne Power. I'm not sure how this hap-

pened, I was too busy telling Nathan he was "overpowered" to find out. But it meant I got to play Wayne in the second round, which was just the sort of thing I needed to give my tournament a good start.

**Round Two**

Nothing to see here. No casualties in round two. Except for me getting "overpowered". I thought everything was going fine, then suddenly I lost a piece. I was well ahead on time though, so played on as you do. Then Wayne offered me a draw, which I declined, as you do. Then I got mated in two, as you don't. At least Nathan found it amusing. Wayne was joined in the lead by all the usual suspects. Croad wasn't in this company however, but his excuse was a loss to Ker, which is quite acceptable. For his sin of holding Dive in the previous round, Thornton was beaten by McLaren. Dive beat Nyberg to get back on track.

Leaders: Ker, Garbett, Smith, Koeller, Wang, Lukey, Wastney, Power 2, Dive, McLaren, Compton 1.5

**Round Three**

The field began to concertina up now, due to a spate of draws. Oliver Koeller turned the Power off to become sole leader on three points, but all the others on two made uneasy truces. The Garbett/Lukey game was, with hindsight a key match up, but you're never to know that after only round three. Wang versus Ker was another fixture with the potential to influence the final result. Completing the set of drawn matches between the leaders was Wastney versus Smith. Just behind the pack, Dive beat McLaren to pull himself back up where he belonged. Compton lost to me to at least give me some semblance of revenge for the spanking he gave me in the Championship proper. Leaders: Koeller 3, Ker, Garbett, Smith, Wang, Lukey, Wastney, Dive 2.5

**Round Four**

Koeller yielded the last hundred percent record after being held by Garbett. He was joined in the lead by Smith and Wastney, who beat



Wang and Ker respectively. Dive was held to a draw by Lukey, and they were joined by a second mini pack of chasers on three points. This consisted of van Dijk, Croad, Burns, and Chris Smith. Peter van Dijk, who turned the Power off again, and Nic Croad who dealt with Alan Aldrige looked to be the biggest threats here. My loss to Chris Burns was rather comical. We reached a dead drawn King and Pawn endgame with Chris having about twenty one seconds left on his clock. More than enough to stalemate, but in my over optimistic state of mind, not enough to checkmate. So I played a cunning move to let Chris queen a pawn for nothing, despicably going for a win on time. This move so confused Burns, that he lost about half his remaining time trying to take it all in. Then the super fast Burns 6.0 took over, and he mated me with eight seconds to spare. And I deserved it!

Leaders: Koeller, R. Smith, Wastney 3.5, Garbett, Lukey, Dive, van Dijk, Croad, Burns, C. Smith 3

#### Round Five

In the last round of the day the tournament closed right up again. Two of the three leaders, Wastney and Koeller, drew with each other. This gave Bob Smith the chance to take the sole lead. All he had to do was beat Russell Dive. In an extraordinary finish, Russell managed to give mate with just one second remaining on his clock. Now that just HAS to ruin your day! Of the other players on three, Garbett beat Chris Smith, Lukey beat Burns, and Croad beat van Dijk to finish the day where the action is. Lurking in the background were suspicious characters like Ker and Wang, ready to make their move, after they'd defeated the likes of Thornton and Goodhue. And me? Well, I'd managed to scrape past Don Eade in the fifth round to achieve the Botvink of three points for the day. There were a lot of players ahead of me though. An interesting opportunity of putting my theory to the test.

Leaders: Koeller, Wastney, Garbett, Lukey, Dive, Croad 4, Smith, Ker, Wang 3.5

#### Round Six

Oliver Koeller kept up the pace with a win over Dive. Lukey joined him in the lead by beating

Croad. The other two leaders, Wastney and Garbett had a draw. Of those lurking half a point back, Ker and Wang scored victories, over Smith and McLaren respectively. By checkmating Aldridge's queen in about eleven moves or so, I tag on to the back of the leading bunch. So does Chris Smith by defeating Chris Burns

Leaders: Koeller, Lukey 5, Wastney, Garbett, Ker, Wang 4.5, Dive, Croad, van der Hoorn, C. Smith 4

#### Round Seven

Three rounds to go is the time to make your move. Well, either that, or just try to win every game like most of us. But with still ten players in serious contention it was shaping up to being a sprint for the line. Koeller had pretty much lead throughout, but most of the others had always been thereabouts. With each round that passed now though, losers would be dropping out like an episode of New Zealand Idol. Koeller's luck finally ran out at the hands of Lukey, who moved into the lead on his own. Wastney met his fate at the hands of Wang. Ker was dispatched by Garbett. Dive finally ended the dream run of Chris Smith, and Croad got himself into an opening mess against me from which he never recovered.

Leaders: Lukey 6, Garbett, Wang 5.5, Koeller, Dive, van der Hoorn 5

#### Round Eight

The penultimate round, and the sprint was on. Lukey had edged the smallest lead, but now had to face Wang. What added some spice to this game was the fact that the whole Grand Prix could be decided on it. I think Stephen had this more in his mind than Puchen though. For the rest of us, it was simply imperative to win. In the end, Lukey and Wang drew. Garbett took full advantage of this by beating Dive. Oliver and I reached a Bishop and Pawn ending that he should have been able to hold, but under pressure on the board and the clock, he let it go. Rapid chess can be cruel like that.

Leaders: Lukey, Garbett 6.5, Wang, van der Hoorn 6, Ker, Smith 5.5

#### Round Nine

The title of New Zealand Rapid Champion, and the chance to win the Grand Prix were on the

line. With me being white against Stephen, and Paul being white against Puchen, it was a fascinating scenario. Stephen and Puchen had the added pressure of playing for the Grand Prix. I was in the unlikely position of possibly winning the Rapid title for the first time, and then there was Paul. At least Puchen and I knew that we couldn't afford to draw. But those seeds of doubt would be present with the other two. The round started. In what seemed to me to be hardly anytime at all (probably forty minutes though) Puchen and Paul had agreed a draw! I didn't see the position, but possibly Puchen didn't realise exactly what was at stake. Stephen did though, and offered me a draw immediately. I declined, thinking of the glory if I won. I mean Puchen's glory of course, not my own. OK, that's a lie. So I played on. My position started to deteriorate. My clock showed five minutes left. I'd blown it again. Inspirationally, Stephen offered me another draw. Not a problem brother!

First Equal: Lukey, Garbett 7, Third Equal: Wang, van der Hoorn 6.5

Oh well, at least my theory had been proved correct again. I played a relatively weak field (no offense to my opponents) but had a well-timed run. Any of the other three deserved to win it, so Puchen could probably count himself slightly unlucky. On the whole though, he had a phenomenal Congress. As mentioned earlier by Paul Dunn, Paul Garbett and I somewhat re-deemed ourselves for our Championship performance with this result. And Stephen capped off an excellent year by winning the Grand Prix by half a point from Puchen. The usual suspects of Ker, Dive, and Smith, joined this time by Koeller, also had a satisfactory tournament. I'm sure that if it had gone just a few more rounds the final table could well have looked very different. All in all, this rapid stuff is a lot of fun, but it's not quite chess really. It's here to stay though, so we may as well enjoy it. And I think we all did.

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4 points

6<sup>th</sup> = Bob Smith, Stephen Lukey, Peter Stuart, Brian Fiedler and David Xu 3.5 points

#### Latvian Challengers

This group of 16 players was on paper evenly matched with a spread in ratings from 1443 up to 1698. The top four seeds were rated over 1600 including Don Eade, Vivian Smith, Edgardo Tan and Paul Morten.

In the end Paul Morten was too strong and won easily with 5.5/6 a clear point ahead of second placed Jeremy Browne. His only draw was conceded to fellow Howick-Pakuranga club member Clive Wilson. This continues a good string of results for Paul in Auckland weekenders and in his local club where he continues to perform well.

#### Leading scores:

1<sup>st</sup> place Paul Morten 5.5/6  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jeremy Browne 4.5 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> = Edgardo Tan and Jacques Lei 4

points

#### Latvian Reserve

This was by far the largest group comprising 60 players largely made up of juniors. Some of New Zealand's most promising younger players competed in this section including Benny Jones, Sue Mararoa, Devon Smith, Richard Dare and Serra Tang to name a few.

After the dust had settled at the end of round six young Benny Jones emerged victorious with a perfect score of six wins from six games, possibly the first time any player has achieved this in the long history of this event. Well done Benny. Two of the more senior members of the field, Howick/Pakuranga club president Peter Morten and Timu Mararoa managed to survive the junior onslaught and fight their way through to second equal with junior Richard Dare of Hamilton. Dominic Pelle, Ryan Whitehouse, Alistair Nicholl and Brent Cooze tied for fourth.

#### Leading scores:

1<sup>st</sup> place Benny Jones 6 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> = Peter Morten and Timu Mararoa 5

points  
4<sup>th</sup> = Dominic Pelle, Ryan Whitehouse,

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### New Zealand Rapid Championship Results

No.	PNo.	Name	Score	WP	SB	PS	rat.	TPR	W-We
1.	3	Paul Garbett	7.0	50.5	38.25	36.0	2351	2300	-0.47
	8	Stephen Lukey	7.0	50.0	37.00	37.0	2205	2278	+0.70
3.	7	Pu Chen Wang	6.5	49.5	33.50	34.0	2223	2276	+0.65
	10	Mark van der Hoorn	6.5	46.0	33.50	30.5	2037	2039	+0.02
5.	1	Russell Dive	6.0	50.5	31.75	31.5	2363	2187	-1.65
	2	Anthony Ker	6.0	50.0	32.00	32.0	2358	2223	-1.38
	4	Bob Smith	6.0	48.5	31.25	32.0	2287	2168	-1.20
	6	Oliver Koeller	6.0	48.5	29.00	34.5	2224	2129	-1.02
9.	5	Leonard McLaren	5.5	45.5	25.50	28.0	2224	2108	-1.25
	14	Peter van Dijk	5.5	43.5	23.25	27.0	1937	1928	-0.08
	16	Alistair Compton	5.5	43.0	23.00	25.5	1921	1941	+0.28
	21	Michael Nyberg	5.5	39.0	20.50	25.5	1792	1804	+0.19
13.	9	Scott Wastney	5.0	50.0	25.25	32.0	2170	2204	+0.41
	11	Nic Croad	5.0	49.5	24.00	28.0	2010	2005	-0.13
	15	Chris Burns	5.0	44.0	21.50	25.0	1928	1865	-0.76
	17	Alan Aldridge	5.0	41.5	19.25	24.5	1840	1775	-0.85
17.	12	Nathan Goodhue	4.5	41.0	18.75	23.0	1955	1752	-2.34
	13	Bob Gibbons	4.5	42.5	18.25	25.0	1954	1865	-1.08
	18	Ross Jackson	4.5	37.0	16.00	20.5	1837	1637	-2.34
	22	Gino Thornton	4.5	43.5	18.50	22.5	1770	1925	+1.89
	23	Don Eade	4.5	43.5	17.50	21.5	1698	1828	+1.62
	27	Sam McChesney	4.5	40.5	16.75	21.0	1597	1756	+1.89
	29	Russel Gordon	4.5	36.0	14.50	18.0	1579	1601	+0.27
24.	24	Martin Sims	4.0	40.0	16.50	19.0	1667	1683	+0.22
	25	Vivian Smith	4.0	33.5	12.50	17.5	1667	1547	-1.49
	30	Ruwan Fernando	4.0	33.0	10.50	15.0	1579	1459	-1.49
	31	Chris Smith	4.0	46.0	18.00	25.0	1539	1941	+3.46
	32	Wayne Power	4.0	46.5	19.75	23.5	1455	1870	+3.55
	34	John Gillespie	4.0	36.0	11.50	18.0	1447	1575	+1.57
	35	Blair Robertson	4.0	34.0	12.50	16.0	1443	1545	+1.21
	37	Devon Smith	4.0	28.5	8.00	14.0	1344	1468	+1.48
32.	19	William Lynn	3.5	37.5	10.75	23.0	1829	1765	-0.82
	20	Hamish Gold	3.5	36.5	10.75	17.0	1793	1491	-3.52
	26	Mark Wilkins	3.5	33.5	7.75	16.0	1599	1481	-1.45
	28	Pablo Williams	3.5	32.5	6.50	16.5	1594	1568	-0.28
	39	Daniel Baider	3.5	30.5	7.75	17.0	1208	1501	+2.60
37.	33	Courtney Thomson	3.0	31.0	5.00	14.0	1450	1397	-0.60
38.	36	Gary Judkins	2.0	30.0	1.00	9.0	1355	1263	-0.97
39.	40	Oscar Lynn	1.0	29.5	0.00	5.0	0883	1165	+0.91
40.	38	David Smith	0.0	28.0	0.00	0.0	1290	735	-2.97

### Rapid Play Chess Tournament

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### Championship Results

The players' seedings are given in the first column. The pairings are given on the seeding, not on final placing. « denotes a half-point.

2 Ker, Anthony 15b1 9w1 13b1 3w« 5b« 7w« 11b« 1w« 10b« 23w1 19w1 8.0 1  
 11 Green, Peter 24w1 6b1 8w« 5w« 3b« 18b1 2w« 13b0 7w1 9b« 23b1 7.5 2=  
 13 Wang, Pu Chen 26w1 4b1 2w0 8b« 9w1 3w« 10b1 11w1 23b0 6b1 5w« 7.5 2=  
 5 Lukey, Stephen 18w1 20b« 6w1 11b« 2w« 10b0 r0 17b1 1w1 3w1 13b« 7.0 4  
 6 Steadman, Michael 19b1 11w0 5b0 21w« 16b1 9w0 25b1 15w1 8b1 13w0 10b1 6.5 5=

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9 Reedy, Brandon 26w0 20b1 32w1 16b1 2w1 3w0 7b1 10b1 14w1 13w0 6b1 8.0 1  
 2 Wojnar, Jacek 19b1 17w1 12b1 3w« 9b0 24w1 4b113w0 7b1 10b1 14w0 7.5 2=  
 3 Sims, Marlin 20w1 26b1 24w1 2b« 4w« 9b110w« 14b013b1 6w117b0 7.5 2=  
 12 Aldridge, Alan 29b1 33w1 2w0 24b« 5b0 25w1 15b« 1w1 17b« 4w1 13b1 7.5 2=  
 17 Paul, David 34w1 2b0 33w1 6b0 25w«18b« 30w1 24b1 12w« 14b1 3w1 7.5 2=  
 13 Donaldson, Bruce 30w0 34b1 26w1 7w« 28b« 20b1 6w1 2b1 3w0 9b112w0 7.0 6=  
 14 Thornton, Gino 31b« 15w1 1b1 30w« 10b0 5w1 11b1 3w1 9b0 17w0 2b1 7.0 6=  
 24 Mitchell, Robert 7b1 1w1 3b0 12w« 30b1 2b0 28w« 17w0 15b1 5w1 4b1 7.0 6=  
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 10 Vetharanim, Prince 27b« 31w1 28w« 18b1 14w1 4b« 3b« 9w0 11b1 2w0 7b« 6.5 9=  
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 6 Fraemohs, Peter 23b1 30w0 25b« 17w1 7b« 31w1 13b0 29w1 4b1 3b0 9w0 6.0 9=  
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 21 King, Peter 4w0 8b« 15b0 19w0 34w1 22b1 29b0 27w1 16w0 32b1 18w« 5.0 20=  
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 8 Wigbout, Max 25b0 21w« 31b« 23w0 1b0 27w0 16w0 34b« 32b0 33w« 30w1 3.0 33  
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## Wellington Open 2004

Paul Dunn

Wellington's traditional Easter tournament, renamed as the Wellington Open, has been successfully revived after having been somewhat in decline in recent years.

The decision to run it as a Class One, FIDE rated event paid dividends in a modest increase of numbers to 26, but also a dramatic increase in strength, with nearly half the field rated over 2000. Both Wellington IMs, Russell Dive and Anthony Ker played, with FM Stephen Lukey, Nic Croad and Mark van der Hoorn also among the local contenders. It was, however, a strong contingent of Canterbury players who added greatly to the success of the event. Particularly good to see was the participation of FM Roger Nokes, appearing in what must be his first event in this city for many years. The unknown element was provided by visiting German player Jens Nebel (FIDE 2185). (For some reason we seem to get quite a few strong players visiting from that particular country; they are naturally most welcome.)

Part of the fun with any Swiss is that first round: everyone, with the usual if regrettable human urge towards *Schadenfreude*, hopes there will be upsets and embarrassments, as long as they happen only to someone else... In this particular case, Round 1 ultimately provided only some partial upsets, but for a while it looked as though the tournament might get off to a sensational start. Top seed Dive was lucky to avoid defeat by Jeff Boardman, but Alan Aldridge self-mated in a drawn position against Ker. Gavin Marner was also held to the half-point by Auckland junior Michael Zhang.

## Round 2

Nokes was perhaps rather fortunate against his fellow Cantabrian Alistair Compton, who obtained a big positional advantage, but collapsed in time-pressure. Croad also ended the first day on 2/2 after losing a pawn to Jackson but throwing his pieces at his opponent's king. van der Hoorn was solid in drawing with Ker, Paul Dunn much less so in drawing with Lukey.

## Round 3

Nokes-Croad was a complicated struggle which might have gone either way, but eventually arrived in an ending in which no progress could be made. Dive reached a winning position against Nebel, but lacking time to calculate, settled for a draw by repetition. Dunn held Ker to his second draw in a queen ending, but Lukey easily disposed of Sims. The upset of the round was again provided by Boardman, who swindled van der Hoorn in a dead lost position.

## Round 4

Nokes smoothly outplayed Boardman, while Croad squashed Lukey after the latter uncharacteristically drifted into a horribly cramped and passive position when his King's Indian went very wrong. Dive and Ker ground out wins over Marner and Nick Cummings respectively, while Nebel-Dunn quickly reached a drawish position.

## Round 5

With Nokes-Ker and Dive-Croad both drawn, others had a chance to move closer into contention. Nyberg-Nebel and Lukey-Boardman both resulted in easy wins for the higher rated player. van der Hoorn beat Compton in an unclear game, while Dunn obtained a big attack against Marner's king despite a serious opening error and finished with a simple queen sac.

## Round 6

Going into the last round, Nokes and Croad led on 4/5, with a large raft of players chasing half a point back: Dive, Ker, Lukey, Nebel, van der Hoorn and Dunn.

It was at this point that Swiss Perfect's pairing eccentricities came to the fore once again: even with the choice of special last round pairing rules, the program still took colours at least partly into account, instead of the completely direct pairing that is the usual practice. In future manual last round pairings should be preferred.

Anyway, the upshot was that instead of the

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## Council Corner

by NZCF President Bob Smith

These are exciting times for chess in New Zealand. The NZCF initiatives of the past three years are clearly bearing fruit, with the number of juniors playing chess snowballing, and a marked increase in attendance at tournaments. An example is the recent Latvian Tournament, which attracted its biggest field yet – 98 – without even distributing any hard copy entry forms!

**National Inter-Schools Championships**

The initiatives are continuing, with Junior Convenor Felicity Timings already having this year's National Inter-schools Championships well planned. This competition has grown each year since its inception three years ago, and now involves many thousands of children around the country. At least two new regions plan to hold local competitions this year – Gisborne and Hastings.

**Girls' Week**

Plans are also well-advanced for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Girls' Chess Week, from 14 to 20 June. The idea is for clubs to hold girls' tournaments and perhaps even coaching sessions during the week. Female Chess Convenor Viv Smith will be sending out draft entry forms to clubs to encourage them to join in. In Auckland Waitemata Chess Club will again be hosting the Auckland Girls' Championships, while the ever-efficient Jacinta Buist already has her entry forms out for the Christchurch Girls Championships.

**Oceania Zonal**

Another NZCF Councillor who's been busy is Sponsorship Convenor Paul Spiller. NZCF is involved in planning for two major international events. Next year New Zealand will host the Oceania Zonal, which will attract top players from around the region. Paul, Mike Steadman and I have been in talks with prospective sponsors and are hopeful that agreements will soon be reached regarding sponsorship and venue packages.

**Queenstown International**

Another exciting venture is the 2006 Queenstown International, scheduled for mid-January that year. This is the brainchild of New Zealand's only Grandmaster, Murray Chandler. NZCF

Council has been liaising with Murray on the planning for what is expected to be New Zealand's biggest and most prestigious international event for quite some decades (perhaps the strongest ever). Council is planning to incorporate the 113<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Championship and the NZ Major Open in this tournament; clubs will have received notices of a Special General Meeting aimed at making one-off rule changes for this fantastic event.

**Congress in Wanganui**

And before that we have another excellent Congress in Wanganui to look forward. Planning is already well advanced for the 112<sup>th</sup> NZ Congress. Wanganui President Gordon Hoskyn is again the driving force behind the event, with NZCF Patron Ray Thomson continuing his much appreciated financial support.

**Global Chess Enterprises Grand Prix**

The third year of the Global Chess Enterprises Grand Prix has begun promisingly, with as mentioned a great turnout at the Latvian Tournament. At least two more GP events have already been added this year.

I am again administering this competition, with Alexei Kulashko keeping an eye on my maths and posting full results on the grand prix webpage.

**Olympiad**

The Olympiad selection process is now in full swing, with many of the country's leading players keen to be part of the New Zealand teams travelling to Majorca, Spain, in October. Final selections for both the men's and women's teams are expected to be announced in April. There is also a high level of interest in the positions of men's and women's team captains, and the successful candidates should also be decided in April. Olympiad donations can be sent to NZCF, P.O. Box 216 Shortland St, Auckland 1.

**NZCF Bulletins**

Three NZCF bulletins have already been put out this year; if you're not on the mailing list and want to be, drop me a line at bobviv@actrix.gen.nz.

## Otago Easter Open (GCE, Class 3)

by NM Tony Dowden

This year Bruce Donaldson (CA) won the traditional Otago Easter Open in Dunedin with a 'picket fence' of 6/6 from a modest field of eighteen players. He played steady and sensible chess to outclass the field. His best efforts were against Luke Lambert and Brendon Reedy where he demonstrated good understanding of the Sicilian.

**L. Lambert (1705) – B. Donaldson (1782)**  
Rd 3 Closed Sicilian

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.Be3 Rb8 7.Qd2 b5 8.Nge2 b4 9.Nd1 Qb6 10.0-0 f5 11.Rb1 Nf6 12.Bh6 0-0 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Ne3 e6 15.f4 Qc7 16.h3 Bb7 17.exf5?! [White should be trying to organize a pawn advance to g4. Now Black slowly takes over] 17...gxf5 18.Rf2 Nd4 19.Rb1 Kh8 20.c3 bxc3 21.bxc3 Nxe2+ 22.Rxe2 Rg8 23.Bxb7 Qxb7 24.Rg2 Rg7 25.Kh2 Rbg8 26.Nc4 Qd5 27.Ne3 Qc6 28.Rfg1 Qf3 29.Rf1 Qh5 30.Qe1 Rg6 31.Rh1 d5 32.Kg1 Qf3 33.Nf1 Qxd3 34.Qxe6 Re8 35.Qf7 Re1 36.Qf8+ Ng8 37.Kf2 Qe2+ 38.Kg1 Qxf1+ 0-1

**L. Lambert (1705) – Q. Johnson (1954)**  
Rd 2 Closed Sicilian

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.Be3 e6 7.Qd2 Nd4 8.Nge2 Ne7 9.0-0-0?! Bd7 [9...Qa5!] 10.Bh6 Bf6?! [10...Bxh6 11.Qxh6 Qa5] 11.f4 Nec6 12.Rde1 Nb4? 13.e5! dxe5 14.fxe5 Bxe5 15.Nxd4 Bxd4 16.Kb1 [White has a dangerous initiative for the pawn] 16...Bc6 17.Rhf1 Bxg2 18.Qxg2 Bxc3 19.bxc3 Nd5 20.c4 Qb6+ 21.Ka1 Nb4 22.Qf2 0-0-0 23.Re5 Kb8 24.Rb1 Qa6 25.Rb2 Rd7 26.Rxc5 Nc6 27.Qe1 Re8 28.Rcb5 Nd4 29.Qe5+ Qd6 30.Rxb7+ [White converts his pressure into a won ending] 30...Ka8 31.Qxd6 Rxd6 32.Rxf7 Rb6 33.Rxh7 Reb8 34.Rxb6 Rxb6 35.a3 Nxc2+ 36.Ka2 Rd6 37.Kb3 Ne1 38.d4 Rxd4 39.Rxa7+?? Kb8?? A classic case of 'trusting your op-

ponent'. Both sides missed 39...Kxa7 40.Be3 e5 when only White can lose] 40.Re7 Rd3+ 41.Kb4 Nc2+ 42.Kc5 Nxa3 43.Rxe6 Rc3 44.Kb4 Rd3 45.Rxg6 Nc2+ 46.Kc5 Nd4 47.Bf4+ Kc8 48.h4 Kd7 49.Rd6+ 1-0

The 2004 Major Open champion, Brendon Reedy came unstuck against the 2003 Otago Junior champion, Leo Ding (16) who unleashed a devastating king attack which finished with an unstoppable mate. Reedy recovered to beat Lambert nicely but went down to Donaldson in the last round.

**B. Reedy (1830) – L. Ding (unrated)**

Rd 1 Roger Nokes Defence

1.e4 e6 2.d4 a6 3.c4 b5 4.Nf3 [4.cxb5] 4...Bb7 5.Nc3? b4 6.Ne2 Bxe4 7.Ng3 Bb7 8.Bd3 c5 9.Be3 exd4 [9...d6] 10.Bxd4 Nf6 [9...Nc6] 11.b3 Nc6 12.Bb2 Bc5 13.0-0 0-0 14.Bc2 d6 15.Qd3 e5 16.Rad1 Re8 17.Ng5 [White has recovered from his shaky start to exert pressure on Black's king position] 17...g6 18.N3e4 Nxe4 19.Nxe4 Nd4 20.Bc1 Nf5? [20...Qh4 or 20...f5(!) and Black is better] 21.Qh3 Bxe4 22.Bxe4 Nd4! [The best practical try] 23.Bxa8 Qxa8 24.Bg5 [24.Be3] 24...Qe4 25.Qd7? Re6 26.Bh6 Qa8 27.Rd2?! Nf5 28.Bg5 Qe4 29.Qc8+ Kg7 30.Rd5?! Bd4 31.Qxa6?! [White has been unable to administer a snap mate so he grabs a pawn] 31...h6 32.Bd8?! g5! [Cutting off the bishop's retreat and emphasizing the latent power of his centralized pieces] 33.Rxd4 [It dawns on White that most of his pieces are off-side but it is too late] 33...exd4 34.Qb6 Nh4 35.f3 Qe3+ 36.Kh1 [Or 36.Rf2 Qe1+ 37.Rf1 Qd2! 38.Rf2 Re1+] 36...Qd2! 37.Rg1 Re1 38.Bf6+ Kh7 39.Qxd4 Qxg2# 0-1

Geoff Aimers, Luke Lambert and Andrew Stone thoroughly deserved their meritorious

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## Victorian Masters Tournament

by FM Bob Smith

*New Zealand's top junior, Puchen Wang, recently competed in the Victorian Masters Tournament in Melbourne. This is his personal account of the experience.*

David Cordover, the Australian chess guru and Garry Bekker, the Oceania President, invited me to play in the Victorian Masters Chess Tournament from April 13 to 23, 2004. I accepted with excitement and trepidation, knowing I would probably suffer some heavy losses in this strong event. Yet, I could not pass up the opportunity, because I was sure I could learn a lot from it.

On April 13, I set off from Auckland airport early in the morning. Arriving at Melbourne Airport, I met up with fellow kiwi Stephen Lukey.

Together we were warmly welcomed by David Cordover, who also kindly settled me in with James' family. James is a very promising Australian junior who has plenty of chess titles under his belt already. James' mum, Rowena, treated me like an important guest with good food and a nice separate room.

I felt snug and totally relaxed at their home.

On April 14, the battle began. My first opponent was Australian FM Brett Tindall. As expected, Brett kicked off with e4. I responded with d5.

I later sacrificed a piece for three pawns and a draw looked certain. I was pretty happy with that result, considering my rating was lower than Brett's.

The second round proved lucky for me. Perhaps FM Greg Canfell was not in form in that particular round, so I got a win.

I was paired against Stephen Lukey in the third round. We are very familiar with each other's play and perhaps neither of us wanted to hurt the other, so a draw was the outcome.

On April 17, I knew I was in for a hard fight against German IM Peter Froelich. Peter was the first Auckland International

Open Champion two years ago and he defeated a number of our top New Zealand players that year.

I started with e4 and he answered with c5. A fierce battle ensued. I made an error and lost a pawn without any compensation, but managed to hold for a draw. This was the game I was most satisfied with.

But after a day's break I met my waterloo. I have done quite well with my Scandinavian Opening in New Zealand, so I used it again against Malaysian FM Lim Yee Weng. He got a strong initiative in the opening and I was unable to recover.

However I bounced back the next day with a good win over Slobodan Krstic.

But then I was silly enough to use the Scandinavian again against Australian FM Eddy Levi. Eddy used Stephen Solomon's novelty to overpower me convincingly and comprehensively. This was simply a disastrous round for me.

Next up I was doing ok at first in my game against IM Solomon. I used the Colle system to achieve equality in at least the first half of the game.

But Stephen proved too strong, and it was no disgrace to lose to him.

By the last round I had learnt my lesson about the Scandinavian, so I used the French Defence instead against Australian IM Guy West. As a matter of fact, I used to play heaps of Sicilian and French defences in the past. I managed to hold a draw.

This tournament proved very valuable to me. What I learnt from it is that I need to vary my openings to avoid preparation. Next time, perhaps I should use the Sicilian, French, Caro-Kann, Spanish, Modern Defence or Petrosian's to puzzle my opponents. But I must admit that my opponents were better than me. I thank them for their games. Instead of being disappointed, I feel motivated to close the gaps and continue to improve my chess skills.

In all, I brought back plenty of happy memories and am looking forward to playing in another tournament in Australia if my school work allows me to do so.

Final scores: S. Solomon (7.5/9) 1, G. Canfell, P. Froehlich (5.5) 2-3, Lim Yee Weng, G. West, S. Lukey (5) 4-6, P. Wang (4) 7, E. Levi (3.5) 8, B. Tindall (3) 9, S. Krstic (1) 10.

Games (comments by Puchen Wang)

**Tindall,B (2286) - Wang,P (2246)**

An interesting opening lead to an unbalanced endgame where Black sacrificed a piece for 3 pawns. Soon pieces were swapped and a draw became inevitable. 1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.d4 exd5 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.c5 Ne4 7.Nxe4 Qe7 8.Bb5 Qxe4+ 9.Ne2 Qxg2 10.Rg1 Qe4 11.Be3 Bd7 12.Bd3 Qe7 13.Qd2 g6 14.0-0 Bg7 15.Bg5 Bf6 16.Rde1 Be6 17.Bb5 0-0 18.h4 Nxd4 19.Qxd4 Bxd4 20.Bxe7 Bxf2 21.Bxf8 Rxf8 22.Nf4 Bxg1 23.Rxg1 c6 24.Bd3 Bd7 25.Re1 Re8 26.Rxc8+ Bxe8 27.Kd2 Kg7 ½-½

**Lukey,S (2281) - Solomon,S (2404)**

Upset of the tournament (so far)! Solomon hasn't lost in Victoria for years. It took a NZ player to inflict this defeat. An excellent game by Lukey. 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 Qe7 5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 Bxd2+ 7.Nbxd2 0-0 8.0-0 e5 9.d5 Nb8 10.Qc2 a5 11.a3 Na6 12.Qc3 d6 13.b4 e4 14.Ne1 Bd7 15.Nc2 Rfe8 16.Nc3 b5 17.Nb3 a4 18.Nd4 bxc4 19.Qxc4 Qe5 20.Rac1 Reb8 21.Rfd1 Rb6 22.Qc2 Qe8 23.Nc4 Rbb8 24.e3 Bg4 25.Rd2 h5 26.h3 Bd7 27.Kh2 Rc8 28.Na5 Nb8 29.Nc4 Qe7 30.Ne2 Bb5 31.Nb6 Na6 32.Nxa8 Rxa8 33.Nd4 Bd3 34.Qxa4 Qd8 35.Nc6 Qe8 36.Qb3 Nb8 37.Nd4 Qe7 38.Bf1 Bxf1 39.Rxf1 Nfd7 40.Rc1 Ne5 41.Kg2 h4 42.Rdc2 Na6 43.Nc6 Qf6 44.Nxe5 dxe5 45.Kh2 Qf3 46.Qc4 hgx3+ 47.fgx3 Qxe3 48.Qc6 Rd8 49.Qxa6 Rd6 50.Qe2 Qxa3 51.Qxe4 Rg6 52.Rc3 Qa7 53.R1c2 Rf6 54.Rxc7 Rf2+ 55.Kg1 Re2+ 56.Rxa7 Rxe4 57.Rd2 1-0

**Wang,P (2246) - Canfell,G (2329)**  
Canfell in a worse position trapped his own

Queen. Game over! 1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 Ne4 3.Bf4 d5 4.f3 Nf6 5.e4 e6 6.e5 Nfd7 7.c3 c5 8.Be3 Nc6 9.f4 Qb6 10.Qd2 a5 11.a4 Qb3 12.Nf3 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 b6 15.Qc1 1-0

**Tindall,B (2286) - Lukey,S (2281)**

In a fashionable Shvesnikov variation, Black got a good position and sacrificed Q for 3 minor pieces, getting a slight advantage. Tindall was holding the position, black misplayed the mid-game and ended up being checkmated. 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Nd5 Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.c3 Be6 12.Nc2 Rb8 13.a4 bxa4 14.Rxa4 Rxb2 15.Rxa6 Qb8 16.Ra8 Qxa8 17.Nc7+ Kd7 18.Nxa8 Rxa8 19.Bd3 Raa2 20.0-0 Bb3 21.Qg4+ Be6 22.Qf3 Rxc2 23.Bxc2 Rxc2 24.Rb1 Bd8 25.Qd3 Ra2 26.h3 Be7 27.Qb5 Ra3 28.Qb2 Ra4 29.f3 Ra2 30.Qb5 Ra5 31.Qb2 Rc5 32.Ra1 Na5 33.Qb4 Ke7 34.Kf2 h5 35.h4 g6 36.Qb2 Kf8 37.Kg3 Kg7 38.Qb4 Kh7 39.Kh2 Nb3 40.Ra7 Nc1 41.Qa4 Ne2 42.Qe8 Kg7 43.Ra8 Kf6 44.Qh8+ Ke7 45.Qf8+ Kf6 46.Re8 1-0

**Wang,P (2246) - Froehlich,P (2397)**

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nf3 d6 6.cxd4 Nc6 7.Bc4 Nb6 8.Bb3 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Qxd1+ 11.Kxd1 e6 12.Nc3 Bd7 13.Ke2 Bc6 14.f3 Nd7 15.Bf4 g5 16.Be3 Nxe5 17.Bxg5 Rg8 18.h4 Be5 19.Rh2 Be7 20.Bxe7 Kxe7 21.Rd1 Rad8 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.Rh1 Nd3 24.Rb1 Nf4+ 25.Kf2 Rg8 26.Rg1 Nd3+ 27.Ke3 Nxb2 28.Rb1 Rxc2 29.Ne2 Nd3 30.Kxd3 Bb5+ 31.Bc4 Bxc4+ 32.Kxc4 Rxe2 33.Rxb7+ Kf6 34.Rxa7 Re3 35.a4 Rxf3 36.a5 Ra3 37.Kb4 Ra1 38.Rc7 e5 39.Rc6+ Kf5 40.Rh6 Kg4 41.Rf6 e4 42.Rxf7 h5 43.Rg7+ Kxh4 44.Re7 Re1 45.a6 e3 46.a7 Ra1 47.Re4+ Kg5 48.Kc3 Rxa7 49.Kd3 Ra3+ 50.Ke2 Ra2+ 51.Kxe3 h4 52.Kf3 h3 53.Re5+ Kg6 54.Kg3 h2 55.Re1 Kg5 56.Re5+ Kg6 57.Re1 Kf5 58.Rh1 Kg5 59.Rxh2 Rxh2 60.Kxh2 ½-½

**Lukey,S (2281) - Weng,L (2319)**

1.d4 g6 2.e4 c6 3.Nc3 d5 4.e5 Bg7 5.Bf4 Bf5 6.Qd2 Na6 7.Nf3 h5 8.Bxa6 bxa6 9.Na4 Be4

10.Ng5 Bxg2 11.Rg1 Be4 12.e6 fxe6 13.Nxe6 Qc8 14.Nac5 Bh6 15.Bxh6 Nxh6 16.Qf4 Bf5 17.Nc7+ Kf7 18.Nxa8 Qxa8 19.0-0 Qb8 20.Qxb8 Rxb8 21.Nxa6 Rb6 22.Nc5 Ng4 23.Nd3 Nxh2 24.Ne5+ Kf6 25.f3 c5 26.c3 cxd4 27.cxd4 Rb4 28.Rh1 Rxd4 29.Nd7+ Bxd7 30.Rxd4 Ke5 31.Rd3 Bb5 32.Rb3 Bc4 33.Rc3 Nf1 34.Rxc4 dxc4 35.Rxf1 Kf4 36.Kd2 Kg3 37.Rg1+ Kxf3 38.Rxg6 h4 39.Re6 1-0

**Weng,L (2319) - Wang,P (2246)**

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Be2 Nxd5 5.d4 Bf5 6.Nf3 e6 7.0-0 Be7 8.a3 0-0 9.c4 Nb6 10.Nc3 Nc6 11.Be3 Bf6 12.h3 h6 13.b4 e5 14.d5 e4 15.Nd4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 c6 17.Rc1 cxd5 18.c5 Nd7 19.Nxd5 Ne5 20.Bc3 Re8 21.Bb5 Bg5 22.Bxe8 Bxc1 23.Bxc5 Qxe8 24.Bxg7 Qe6 25.Qxc1 Kxg7 26.Qc3+ f6 27.Nc7 Qc8 28.Qg3+ Bg6 29.Nxa8 1-0

**Levi,E (2290) - Lukey,S (2281)**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Nce2 c5 6.f4 Nc6 7.Nf3 Qb6 8.c3 f6 9.a3 Be7 10.h4 0-0 11.h5 a5 12.h6 g6 13.Rh3 a4 14.g4 cxd4 15.cxd4 fxe5 16.fxe5 Rxf3 17.Rxf3 Bh4+ 18.Kd2 Nxd4 19.Nxd4 Qxd4+ 20.Rd3 Qf2+ 21.Qe2 Nxe5 22.Qxf2 Bxf2 23.Rc3 Bb6 24.Ke2 Bd7 25.Bh3 Rf8 26.Bg5 Rf2+ 27.Kd1 Nc4 28.Rac1 Bb5 29.R1c2 Rf8 30.Bd2 Bd4 31.g5 Re8 32.Rf3 Nxb2+ 33.Kc1 Nd3+ 34.Kd1 Ne5 35.Rf6 Bc4 36.Bxe6+ Kh8 37.Bb4 Nc6 38.Rf7 Nxb4 39.axb4 a3 40.Bxd5 Bxd5 0-1

**Wang,P (2246) - Krstic,S (2111)**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.Bd3 Be7 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0 Nge7 9.Bf4 Qc7 10.Qe2 f5 11.b4 Bb6 12.Na3 Nd8 13.c4 Qb8 14.Bg5 dxc4 15.Nxc4 Bc7 16.Rad1 g6 17.Nd6+ Bxd6 18.exd6 Nd5 19.Bc4 0-0 20.Be7 Nf7 21.Bxf8 Qxf8 22.Bxd5 exd5 23.Rxd5 Bc6 24.Rd4 Re8 25.Qd1 Qg7 26.d7 Rd8 27.Re1 Qf6 28.Rd2 Be4 29.h3 Qc6 30.Qb3 Qf6 31.Rc1 Kg7 32.Qc3 Bxf3 33.Qxf3 Ng5 34.Qc3 1-0

**Levi,E (2290) - Wang,P (2246)**

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Bg4 4.f3 Bf5 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.g4 Bg6 7.Nc3 a6 8.Ba4 b5 9.Bb3 Nb6 10.a4 Nfxd5 11.Qe2 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Qd7

13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8+ Nxa8 15.f4 f6 16.Be6 Qc6 17.f5 Bf7 18.d5 Qxc3+ 19.Bd2 Qe5 20.Nf3 Qxe2+ 21.Kxe2 Nb6 22.Ra1 Bxe6 23.dxe6 g6 24.Ra7 h5 25.Rb7 Nd7 26.Rxc7 1-0

**Canfell,G (2329) - Lukey,S (2281)**

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.Bf4 d6 6.h3 Nc6 7.Bh2 Nd7 8.c3 e5 9.Be2 Re8 10.0-0 a6 11.Rb1 f5 12.b4 e4 13.Nd2 Kh8 14.c5 dxc5 15.Nd5 Nde5 16.Nxc7 Qxc7 17.bxc5 Qa5 18.Nb3 Qxa2 19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.Ra1 Qb2 21.Bb5 Be6 22.Bxe8 Bxb3 23.Bxe5 Bxe5 24.Qd7 Bc4 25.Rab1 Qe2 26.Rfe1 Qh5 27.Rxb7 Bb5 28.Qf7 Rxe8 29.Rxb5 Rg8 30.Rb7 Qh4 31.c6 f4 32.c7 fxe3 33.Qxg8+ 1-0

**Wang,P (2246) - Solomon,S (2404)**

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 c6 3.c4 e6 4.e3 Nf6 5.Nbd2 c5 6.b3 cxd4 7.exd4 Nc6 8.Bb2 Bd6 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 b6 11.Rc1 Bb7 12.Ne5 Rc8 13.Bb1 dxc4 14.bxc4 Bb4 15.a3 Bxd2 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Qxd2 Be4 18.Bxe4 Nxe4 19.Qe2 Nf6 20.Rfd1 Qd6 21.Qe5 Qxe5 22.dxe5 Ne4 23.Rd7 Rfd8 24.Rxa7 Rd2 25.Ba1 h5 26.h3 g5 27.Bc3 Rxf2 28.Bd4 Rf5 29.Bxb6 Ng3 30.Kh2 Ne2 31.Rc2 Rxe5 32.Ra6 Rxa5 33.Bxa5 Nd4 34.Rc3 Nc6 35.Bb6 Ra8 36.Kg1 Kg7 37.Kf2 f5 38.Ke2 g4 39.Bc5 Kf6 40.hxg4 hxg4 41.Kd3 e5 42.Rb3 Kg5 43.Rb6 Re8 44.Rb2 Rd8+ 45.Ke3 Rd7 46.Rd2 f4+ 47.Ke2 Rb7 48.Bb4 Kf5 49.Rb2 Ke4 50.Bc3 Rh7 51.Rb6 f3+ 52.gxf3+ gxf3+ 53.Kf2 Rh2+ 54.Kg1 Rg2+ 55.Kf1 Rc2 56.Rb3 Kf4 57.a4 e4 58.a5 e3 59.Be1 f2 60.Bxf2 Rxf2+ 61.Kg1 Nd4 0-1

**Lukey,S (2281) - Froehlich,P (2397)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 Qe7 5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 Bxd2+ 7.Nbxd2 d6 8.0-0 a5 9.a3 e5 10.d5 Nb8 11.e4 a4 12.Qc2 Nfd7 13.b4 axb3 14.Nxb3 Na6 15.Ne1 Ndc5 16.Nd3 Nxd3 17.Qxd3 0-0 18.f4 Bd7 19.f5 f6 20.Qe3 Ba4 21.Nd2 Nc5 22.h4 Ra6 23.Bf3 Rfa8 24.Bd1 Qe8 25.g4 Bxd1 26.Rfxd1 Rb6 27.Ra2 Qa4 28.Rf1 Nb3 29.g5 Nxd2 30.Qxd2 Qxc4 31.gxf6 gxf6 32.Qh6 Qxa2 33.Qxf6 Rb1 ½-½

**West,G (2362) - Wang,P (2246)**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Bd3 c5 5.Nf3

Nc6 6.c3 Nf6 7.0-0 c4 8.Re1+ Be7 9.Bc2 Bg4  
10.Nbd2 0-0 11.Nf1 Re8 12.h3 Bh5 13.Ng3  
Bg6 14.Nf5 Ne4 15.Nxe7+ Rxe7 16.Re3 Nd6  
17.Bxg6 hxg6 18.Rxe7 Qxe7 19.Bf4 Ne4  
20.Qc2 b5 21.Re1 Qd7 22.Nh2 ½-½

### Krstic,S (2111) - Lukey,S (2281)

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e5 c5 4.b4 cxb4 5.a3 Nc6  
6.axb4 Bxb4 7.c3 Be7 8.d4 f6 9.Bd3 fxe5  
10.dxe5 Qc7 11.Qe2 Bd7 12.0-0 Rc8 13.Re1  
Nh6 14.Bxh6 gxh6 15.Qe3 Bf8 16.Na3 a6  
17.Qf4 Bg7 18.Nc2 Ne7 19.Ra3 Qc5 20.Rb1  
Rc7 21.Rab3 Bc8 22.Nh4 Nc6 23.Nf3 Rf7  
24.Qg3 0-0 25.Ncd4 Na5 26.Rb6 Re7  
27.R6b4 Kh8 28.Qh4 Rc7 29.Rb6 Qe7  
30.Qh5 Rxc3 31.Rd1 Qc7 32.Rbb1 Qf7  
33.Qh3 Qe7 34.Ne2 Rc7 35.Ng3 Nc6 36.Re1  
Bd7 37.Nh5 Nd8 38.Qg3 Be8 39.Nf4 Nc6  
40.Qg4 Bf7 41.h4 Rg8 42.Qh3 Bf8 43.Rbc1  
Rg7 44.h5 Rg8 45.Kh1 Nd8 46.Rxc7 Qxc7  
47.Nh4 Qe7 48.Qh2 Nc6 49.Re3 Qc5 50.Qh3  
Qc1+ 51.Kh2 Nxe5 52.Ne2 Qc7 53.g3 Ng4+  
54.Kg2 Nxe3+ 55.fxe3 Qe5 56.Kf2 Bxh5 0-1

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second equal positions with Aimers and Stone also winning the under 1700 grade prize. Jonathan Favel and 2003 Otago Girls' Champion, Josie Burrows (both 12) won the Dunedin Junior Chess Academy award.

The OCC tournament committee wishes to thank its sponsors: the **Lion Foundation** who kindly donated 16 digital game timers as well as **Global Chess Enterprises** who are sponsoring the 2004 Grand Prix. We were also grateful to Trevor Rowell and Graham Haase for assisting with arbiter duties.

**Leading results** (OT unless stated):  
1<sup>st</sup> B. Donaldson (CA) 6; 2<sup>nd</sup>- A. Stone, L. Lambert (Waikouaiti) & G. Aimers 4; 5<sup>th</sup>- B. Reedy (CA), Q. Johnson & H. Gold 3½.  
Under 1700 grade prize: A. Stone and G. Aimers 4.  
Best DJCA players: J. Burrows and J. Favel 3.

Correspondence Chess S.I.C. Master Michael Freeman is currently doing 11 adjudications for the 2003-04 Trophy Tournaments. Michael has no knowledge of the identity of the players, but it would make no difference even if he did. His integrity and professionalism would not allow this. Accordingly we can state that first place has been decided in the Championship and Reserve Championship, with Peter Goffin and Dennis Whitlock winning respectively. But TT2 is up for grabs with Bill Anderson and David Bell fighting it out for first. Depending on adjudications the winner will be either Anderson or Bell, or even a tie.

### 112<sup>th</sup> Congress

Wanganui is pleased to announce that an experienced arbiter, Bruce Pollard of Waitemata CC, has been engaged to direct the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress. Bruce successfully directed the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress, also held in Wanganui, 18 months ago. With this appointment, planning for Congress is now complete.

Wanganui is confident it has compiled an excellent Congress brochure which Ted Frost will shortly be printing. After sample copies have been sent to Bob Smith and Hilton Bennett, for checking, the next step will be to put the information on the NZ Chess website, and to post brochures to clubs. This should all take place in the next few weeks. A great Congress is upcoming.

### Correspondence Chess

E.P. editor Murray Dunwoody will again be publishing an excellent magazine in August. Players with favourite C.C. games or items of interest are invited to forward them to Murray on [mdunwoody@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mdunwoody@xtra.co.nz). S.I.C. M. Michael Freeman will be placing monthly updates on the NZ Chess website; in order to keep players better informed on progress of TT events.

## Correspondence Chess

by Gordon Hoskyn

Profile: Michael G Whaley

This issue's profilee is Michael Whaley, in his day a strong o.t.b. player, and nowadays a top corry player.

Michael was born in Auckland on 27 September 1951 and started playing chess at the age of 10. His keenness took off when he joined the Rosmini College Chess Club, and he went on to compete in a number of college/school events during his schooldays.

A high point was winning the 10 shillings (one dollar) put up by the housemaster for any pupil who could beat him. It was even better when a return match was offered, still with the 10 shilling prize at stake. The sad outcome was that Michael's victory here ended the monetary challenges, sending him back to mowing the lawn to earn some finances to buy chess books. Michael joined the North Shore Chess Club about 1966, and during the 60's and 70's he played in a number of local and national tournaments. A highlight was winning, jointly with Craig Laird, the Major Open at the Nelson Congress in 1969-70.

He has played in a number of Bledisloe Cup matches for Auckland. These were played by telegraph, and took all day and much of the night, and more often than not games went to adjudication. He remembers one game against Dave Goodall of Wellington, in which only about 29 moves were completed in the 10 or so hours allocated for the match.

By his own admission, Michael hasn't played in o.t.b. tournaments for a long time. He is, however, still active in chess, having taken up correspondence chess five years ago.

In his only appearance in a trophy tourney, in the strong 68th Championship, he came 4th, one point behind the winner, Murray Dunwoody of Te Awamutu.

But it is in the handicap tourney that Michael has excelled. In five tournaments, he has finished first three times, and runner-up twice. Handicap tourney D.O.P. Barry Williams, of Wanganui, rates Michael the strongest player he has competing in the handicap tourney.

Michael's c.c. rating is a respectable 2095, placing him 6th highest on the current list. Michael Whaley has kindly annotated the following c.c. games. He decided on these two because they are recent and both reflect the type of opening systems (the French Defence and the Reti/K.I.A.) that he has played throughout most of his chess career.

Frost,E - Whaley,M

[C07]

NZCCA Handicap, 2003

Notes by Michael Whaley

1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.Nd2 a6!? 4.Ngf3 c5 5.dxc5  
Murray Dunwoody played 5.exd5 exd5  
6.Qe2+ Be7 7.dxc5 Nf6 8.Nb3 against me.  
5...Bxc5 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.exd5 exd5 8.0 0 Nge7  
9.Nb3 Bb6

9...Ba7 and Bd6 are also possible.

10.Re1 0 0 11.Be3

This dark-squared B exchange reduces Black's counterplay chances.

11...Bxe3

11...h6 12.Bxb6 Qxb6 13.h3 could lead to a position similar to Karpov-Vaganian Skopje 1976 where Black never achieved equality.

12.Rxe3 h6 13.c3

13.Qd2 Qd6 14.c3 Bg4 15.Nbd4 Nxd4  
16.Nxd4 Nc6 is Polovodin-Psakhis, Irkutsk 1983. According to Psakhis White is slightly better but Black has nothing to worry about.

13...Bg4

Attacking one of the defenders of the blockading d4 square.

14.h3 Bh5 15.Nc5?!

I have my doubts about this move. I think 14.Qe2 or 14.Qd2 leaving the N to eventually blockade on d4 is a better plan.

15...Qc7 16.g4 Bg6 17.Bxg6 Nxg6 18.Nd3

18.Qxd5 is not good after 18...Nce7 19 Qh5 [only move] Rad8 with the idea ...Rd5 giving Black plenty of compensation for the P.

18...Rfe8!?

Perhaps 18...Rfd8 was better but I wanted to either swap a pair of Rs off or encourage White to double on the e-file, where there are

currently no entry points, taking pressure off my P on d5.

### 19.Qe2 Red8

Job done. Its now time to prepare d4, ensuring full equality.

### 20.Re1 d4

Whilst Black has only achieved equality I was starting to cast an eye on that weakened K position.

### 21.cxd4 Nxd4 22.Nxd4 Rxd4 23.Rc1?

Driving Black's Q to a better square. 23.Re8+ immediately held the balance.

### 23...Qd6 24.Re1 Rd8 25.Re8+

25.Ne5 Nf4 26.Qc2 with the idea of Nf3 is possibly better as Black has to watch back rank mates.

### 25...Rxe8 26.Qxe8+ Kh7 27.Ne5 Nh4!

Looking to attack the weakened K position.

Black is clearly better.

### 28.Qxf7

This loses, but what else ...Qd5 is the threat.

### 28...Rd5

Although in the middle of the board the N has few squares available.

### 29.Nc4 Qc6 30.Ne3 Rd7

30...Rd2 may also be good enough, but the move played is forcing.

### 31.Qf4 Re7

The threat of 32...Rxe3 is difficult to meet, e.g. 32.Re2 Nf3+ 33.Kf1 Nd4 wins material, as does

32.Kf1 Qh1+ 33.Ke2 Qxe1+ 34.Kxe1 Ng2+ and 32.f3 Qxf3 and finally 32.Qg3 Nf3+ 33.Kf1 Qb5+. 0 1

Whaley, M – Millar, B

[A05]

NZCCA Handicap, 2003

Notes by Michael Whaley

### 1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.b3 c6 5.Bb2 Be7

5...Nbd7 6.Bg2 Bd6 7.0 e5 is another idea to counter White's setup.

### 6.Bg2 0 0 7.0 0 b6

7...Nbd7 is a commonly played alternative.

### 8.d3 Bb7 9.Nbd2 Nbd7 10.Rc1

GM Mihail Marin, an exponent of this set-up, prefers 10.Qc2 with the idea of e4.

### 10...c5!? 11.e3 Rc8 12.Qe2 dxc4 13.bxc4

13.dxc4 didn't look to give either of us the

chance of playing for an advantage.

### 13...Bd6 14.e4 e5 15.Nh4

With the idea of Nf5 and f4.

### 15...Re8

If 15...g6 16.f4!?

### 16.Nf5 Bf8?!

Better is 16...Bf8, when both sides have everything to play for.

### 17.f4 Qc7 18.Bh3

At this stage I was looking at a slow Kingside build-up in a closed position. Hence this white-squared B would have limited potential, so I wanted to exchange it.

### 18...g6

Making things a little more difficult for Black as this weakens the K's position and the a1/h8 diagonal. However, Black is still very much o.k.

### 19.Ne3 Rcd8 20.Bxd7 Nxd7

20...Qxd7 21.Nd5 Bxd5 (21...Nxd5 22.exd5 exf4 23.Ne4 is also good for White) 22.cxd5 giving White an advantage in space and attacking chances.

### 21.Nd5 Bxd5 22.cxd5 exf4 23.gxf4 Bg7

Natural, but now White gets play on the a1/h8 diagonal.

### 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.Nc4 Nf6?

Allowing an awkward pin.

### 26.Qb2! Qe7?!

Perhaps 26...Qb8 with the idea of gaining Q-side counterplay with a pawn push was better.

### 27.f5 Rf8?

27...g5!? blocking the position offered better chances of resistance.

### 28.d6

Black could have played on in the final position, although he was going to have to part with some material to stop the central pawn roller, e.g. 28...Qb7 29.Rce1 Rfe8 30.e5 Ng8 31.e6+ f6 32.fxg6 hxg6 33.e7 Rd7 34.Re6 etc. 1 0 0

### Trophy tourney progress

as at 25 April, 2004.

70th Championship: P B Goffin 9.5/11, W R Smillie 8.5/11, G A Hoskyn 7.5/11, M L Dunwoody 6.5/10, J C Rapp 6/10, B G Walsh 5/10,

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## NZCCA HANDICAP TOURNEY 2003-04

Name	Grade	Games Completed	Total points	Average points	Wins	Draws	Losses	New grade
Michael Whaley	A	23	124.5	5.41	21	1	1	A
Bill Smillie	A	23	118.0	5.13	21	2	0	A
Craig Welsh	C	16	60.0	3.75	9	1	6	D
Gordon Hoskyn	A	34	112.5	3.31	21	6	7	B
Glenys Mills	C	16	52.0	3.25	8	1	7	D
Ted Frost	A	22	66.0	3.00	8	8	6	B
Alan Winship	C	15	43.0	2.87	7	0	8	D
Dion Kara	B	14	40.0	2.86	7	1	6	C
Ken Reed	B	8	22.0	2.75	4	0	4	C
Garry Putt	B	31	83.5	2.65	14	3	14	C
Logan Cotton	C	25	66.0	2.64	11	0	14	D
Quentin Johnson	A	10	24.0	2.40	3	2	5	B
Graham Lovelock	B	14	31.0	2.21	4	2	8	C
David Drake	C	26	48.0	1.85	8	0	18	E
Philip Rossiter	B	14	22.0	1.57	4	0	10	C
John Harrison-Wilkie	C	12	18.0	1.50	3	0	9	E
Murray McGregor	C	10	6.0	0.60	1	0	9	E
Robert Stephens	B	10	3.5	0.35	0	1	9	D
Lenny Bielski	C	12	0.0	0.00	0	0	12	E
John Atkinson	C	8	0.0	0.00	0	0	8	E

### Other Handicap Players Games

Tim Doyle	A	6	38.0	6.33	6	0	0	A
Bernard Welch	C	6	33.0	5.50	5	1	0	C
David Bell	B	4	22.0	5.50	4	0	0	C
Dennis Whitlock	A	2	10.5	5.25	1	1	0	B
Bevan Edwards	B	4	16.0	4.00	2	1	1	C
Tony Cook	B	3	10.0	3.33	2	0	1	C
Murray Dunwoody	A	3	10.0	3.33	2	0	1	A
Steven Cameron	B	4	10.0	2.50	2	0	2	C
Barry Williams	A	4	8.0	2.00	2	0	2	B
Brian Millar	A	2	3.5	1.75	0	1	1	B
Benjamin Bielski	C	4	0.0	0.00	0	0	4	E
Cathy Williams	C	4	0.0	0.00	0	0	4	E
Prince Vetharianiam	A	3	0.0	0.00	0	0	3	B

## North Island Chess Championship & Rapid Championship 12 - 17 JULY 2004

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## Chess Book Reviews

by Michael Stevenson

### Play 1d4!

by Richard Palliser (Batsford)

In a recent email, Richard had this to say about his book *Play 1d4!* "... idea was to give a repertoire for the club player (with enough textual explanation), but also sufficient theory for the stronger player". Richard has written a repertoire book based on the idea of 1d4 2 e4 which he shows through 12 well written chapters that these opening moves can be played against any defence that a player of the black pieces chooses. The only downside to this otherwise first class book, is Batsford's layout of the pages which have been better in the past. However, this doesn't detract from the fact that Richard's book will well serve any club player or stronger player - just as Richard intended it to. Overall an excellent publication.

### French Defence 3Nc3 Bb4

by Lev Psakhis (Batsford)

As was reported in the last column The French Defence 3Nc3 Winawer variation is one of many new books that Psakhis has written as an update on his 1992 book 'The Complete French' which incidentally became one of the benchmark works on the French defence. As most chess players who play against the French Defence know (and also players who use this variation when playing against 3.Nc3) the Winawer variation is always very popular as there are plenty of highways and byways that both players can utilise. Psakhis has decided to set aside one whole book on this very important variation and through 250 packed pages he covers most of the twists and turns that this defence can bring to the board.

### C.J.S. Purdy's Fine Art of Chess Annotation and Other Thoughts, Volume One, Revised Second Edition

by C.J.S. Purdy (Thinkers' Press)

When this reviewer first started playing club chess I heard a story about the time that the great Bobby Fischer was looking through the

books in a friend's chess library and after noticing an author missing whom he considered to be one of the best in the world, ie C.J.S. Purdy, he mentioned this to his friend. No doubt after reading some of Purdy's books, Bobby's friend would have agreed with him! After reading this book or any other book by Purdy, I'm sure you'll come to the same conclusion that I did, that maybe Fischer knew something! Purdy's book features annotations of 25 world championship events and 25 high level masters' games in such a way that all chess players of any level will be able to read and learn from. In the last part of this first-rate book there are 50 master games from down under that feature players from NZ and OZ. Undoubtedly one of the most important books to come out of Thinkers' Press.

### King's Indian Battle Plans

by Andrew Martin (Thinkers' Press)

Andrew Martin has written many different books on all subjects of chess, but as readers of his chesspublishing.com website and his previous books have come to understand, one of Andrew's main loves in chess is the KID. And on this subject, this new book of his is massive containing over 379 pages and over 200 annotated games. However, don't be fooled into thinking that he has just written a dry tome with variation after variation as no doubt this was not his goal. Andrew's main aim was to create an ideas manual that shows players the way to play or play against this opening that best suits them. So basically Andrew gives the building blocks and then shows his readers how to use them. One final note, Thinkers' Press (chessco.com) is offering for sale a CD with all the raw data that was used in the making of this book as well as some extra games that didn't make it. Both the book and CD together are well worth the investment especially for players who wish to get a head start in the King's Indian defence.

### Giuoco Piano

by Reinhold Ripperger (ChessBase CD)

The Giuoco Piano does not have the same 'sex appeal' that the Ruy Lopez has! Moreover, this view seems to be unfair as the Piano is an extremely chameleon opening in nature. After 3...Bc5 there is the quiet 4. d3 or the racey 4. b4 called the Evans gambit. All these variations Reinhold has covered in the usual ChessBase way. As you play through the 40 games, the gem of this CD is in the training base. It's peppered with questions to work out what the reader has learnt or what needs to be brushed up on. Here is one short game by Bobby Fischer:

Fischer, R - Fine, R

[C52]

NY (skittles game), 1963

[Ripperger]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4 7.0-0 dxc3 8.Qb3 Qe7 9.Nxc3 Nf6 10.Nd5 [Possible is also 10.e5 ] 10...Nxd5 11.exd5 Ne5 12.Nxe5 Qxe5 13.Bb2 The bishop is developed with gain of tempo. 13...Qg5 The queen protects g7. 14.h4 Diversionary sacrifice! [Here White also gets an advantage with 14.Qa3! ] 14...Qxh4 15.Bxg7 Rg8? [15...d6 16.Bxh8] 16.Rfe1+ Kd8 [In the case of 16...Bxe1? 17.Rxe1+ Kd8 18.Qb2+-] 17.Qg3 Fischer wants to deflect the queen from the d8-h4 diagonal.Black resigned here since he is defenceless. 17...Qxg3 [17...Qe7 18.Rxe7 Kxe7 19.Qe5+ Kd8 20.Bf6#] 18.Bf6# 1-0

### The Greatest Tournaments in the History of Chess 1851-1986 (ChessBase CD)

We have all heard what seems to be rather interesting names for past tournaments eg AVRO 1938, Bled 1961 and Bad Kissingen 1928, and to quote the old proverb, 'to understand now you must first understand the past'. Through text mostly written by Manual Fruth you'll learn all about these past tournaments, some of which were named after the places where they were played, some after the winner or maybe, as in some cases, after the sponsor. For each tournament there are text, tables and references, and finally there's more than 1400 annotated games

on this CD. It's very insightful about times gone by, and shows that even past tournaments can be interesting. Readers can learn a lot about the chess of today from studying games from a bygone era.

### Chess (Monthly) Magazine

by Chess & Bridge Ltd

The April 2004 issue of Chess (Monthly) is, as usual, full of articles and annotated games. One of the new breed of writers who seems to be able to write exceedingly well and also annotate games so that any ordinary player can understand him is Richard Palliser. Richard's new article for Chess is about the latest Man v Machine clash in which he writes his impressions of what happened behind the scenes in the Kasparov versus an improved version of Fritz. He then annotates 4 games from this tournament. 'Australian Championship' by Gary Lane (who is the new title holder) asks the question 'More Ozzie GMs please?' You'll understand his tongue 'n cheek comment when you read this copy of Chess (Monthly).

One of Gambit's (gambitbooks.com) new authors Edward Dearing has agreed in the next Review column to write about his upcoming book *PLAY THE SICILIAN DRAGON*.

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R J Weston 4.5/10, E G A Frost 4/11, P A R Vetharianiam 3.5/9, B W Millar 2.5/10, P J Voss 2.5/11, H P Bennett 2/10. Latest results: GOF-FIN beat Vetharianiam. DUNWOODY drew with Walsh. VETHARIANIAM beat Dunwoody, drew Voss. BENNETT beat Walsh, Frost. Reserve Championship: D R Whitlock 9.5/10, G D Putt 7/12, P E Rossiter 6.5/11, B M Williams 5.5/10, G E Lovelock 4/10, G H Mills 2.5/11, K G Reed 2/10. Latest results: WHITLOCK beat Lovelock. PUTT beat Reed (2). ROSSITER beat Lovelock. WILLIAMS beat Reed (2), drew Mills. LOVELOCK beat Putt. REED beat Lovelock (2). TT2: D I Bell 9/11, W Anderson 8.5/11, T D S Kara 6/10, D E Dolejs 5.5/11, J W H Atkinson 4.5/12, A W Hendry 3.5/11, S R Chowhury 2/12. Latest results: ANDERSON beat Dolejs. DOLEJS beat Hendry.



## New Zealand News

### Olympiad Teams

NZCF Council has confirmed the recommendations of the selectors for the New Zealand Open and Women's teams to compete at the World Chess Olympiad in Majorca, Spain, from October.

The teams are (in alphabetical order): Open – IM Russell Dive, FM Peter Green, IM Anthony Ker, FM Roger Nokes, FM Bob Smith, Puchen Wang. Non travelling reserves – 1 Michael Steadman, 2 Nic Croad. Women – Evgenia Charomova, Sue Maroroa, Edith Otene, Vivian Smith Non-travelling reserves – 1 Helen Courtney, 2 Shirley Wu.

NZCF Council has appointed Hilton Bennett as the Open (Men's) Team Captain and overall Manager. Mark Van der Hoorn has been appointed Women's Team Captain.

At the time of publication the selectors were still considering the board orders, in consultation with the team captains, with a final recommendation to Council due in early June.

Congratulations to all the selected players. There was a great deal of interest in both teams this time round, which is a very healthy sign for chess in New Zealand.

The selectors were FM Richard Sutton, ICM Michael Freeman, IA Bob Gibbons and Arthur Pomeroy. They spent many hours analysing ratings and results going back several years, and thanks are certainly due for their diligent approach to what was a difficult job.

As with selections in all sports, there will be disappointment. But now that the teams have been chosen, I encourage all New Zealand chess players to get behind them. On paper the Open team is capable of a very good performance. The women's team could also make some progress this Olympiad; it has a nice mix of experience and youth.

If you would like to support our Olympiad representatives, please send your donation to NZCF, P.O. Box 216 Shortland St, Auckland 1. All donations will be acknowledged in "NZ Chess" and NZCF e-mail bulletins.

### Wanganui C.C.

Waata Hipango has taken out the River City Realty Cup for the 2004 Summer Handicap tournament. Hipango displayed improved form and took his chances against the higher-rated players, to be the only player to win all his games and have a 100 per cent score.

Gordon Hoskyn was the other unbeaten player, but conceded a draw to John Wilson.

Upset wins were recorded by Hipango 3, Kelly Forrest 2 and Barry Williams 1.

Scores: Waata Hipango 10; Kelly Forrest, Gordon Hoskyn 8; Michael Campbell, Dan Hurley, George Hurley, Graham Kane, Thomas Stratton 7; Ivan de Farias, John Wilson 6.5; David Bell, Dilbagh Sangha, Barry Williams 6; Bernard Nicholson 5.5; Ross Maxwell 4; Martin Post 2.5.

### Chess Friends

By Ted Frost, chairman of Chess Friends of NZ Trust

Chess Friends of New Zealand will start its programme of assistance to coaching young chess players by supporting the coaching sessions which William Lynn is planning in Hamilton, in conjunction with the New Zealand junior championships in July.

At this stage William is planning an afternoon programme on Thursday, 8 July, with three 45-minute coaching sessions. Coaches arranged are Mark van der Hoorn to deal with minor pieces in the endgame and William himself to deal with all aspects of diagonal play.

NZCF coach Ewen Green may take part if he is available, but he is negotiating the possibility of taking up a coaching appointment in Australia. William Lynn will consider assistance from other coaches and will appreciate feedback, which can be sent to him by email at Kenneth.Lynn@opus.co.nz or 55 Gilbass Avenue, Hamilton.

Consideration is being given to making a modest charge on students for the coaching and this is under discussion between Hamilton Chess Club and the New Zealand Chess Federation. Chess Friends will provide a payment to the

coaches, as the first venture in an on-going and hopefully expanding programme of coaching our juniors. The trust has \$13,700 invested and has a target of \$20,000 as a basis for a long-term programme.

Contributions to its funds this year are donations from have come from:

Hamilton CC, \$90.00

Mrs E Lynn \$100.00

Hamilton CC \$220.00

Quentin Johnson \$50.00

The donations from Hamilton CC are the result of introducing an additional charge of \$1.00 on entry fees in junior tournaments.

It has been disappointing that other clubs have not taken up this method of raising funds for developing junior chess, especially as the idea was warmly received at the annual meeting of NZCF in Wanganui last year.

It has taken a number of years to build up the capital of Chess Friends to the present level, and most of this support has come from a limited number of clubs. Some have given no indication of practical support at all. As a result the trustees have established a policy of giving priority to any coaching plans from clubs which have given practical support to the trust.

Chess Friends is planning a newsletter to clubs to encourage their participation in its activities.

### April FIDE Ratings

1 Kulashko, Aleksei f	2373 0
2 Bjelobrk, Igor	2362 11
3 Dive, Russell m	2342 10
4 Nokes, Roger f	2324 6
5 Ker, Anthony m	2322 11
6 Watson, Bruce f	2296 19
7 Lukey, Stephen f	2281 10
8 Garbett, Paul f	2276 9
9 Smith, Robert f	2262 19
10 Wastney, Scott f	2261 10
11 Green, Peter f	2259 11
12 McLaren, Leonard	2247 16
13 Wang, Pu Chen	2246 28
14 Steadman, Michael	2242 21
15 Croad, Nikolas	2238 11
16 Freeman, Michael	2218 0

17 Dowden, Tony	2215 0
18 Anderson, Bruce	2188 6
19 Guthrie, David	2171 6
20 Dunn, Paul	2165 8
21 Goffin, Peter	2164 0
22 Beach, Paul	2160 11
23 Hare, Tim	2155 6
24 Spain, Graeme	2154 8
25 Stuart, Peter	2153 8
26 Wheeler, Bruce	2139 18
27 Pomeroy, Arthur	2134 0
28 Latimer, Bryan	2128 11
28 Davies, Robert	2128 11
30 Wells, Clinton	2127 0
31 Lim, Benjamin	2127 15
32 Hart, Ralph	2126 0
33 Van Der Hoorn, Mark	2113 15
34 Compton, Alistair	2112 23
35 Dunn, Alan	2111 0
36 McNabb, Matthew	2109 21
37 Krstev, Antonio	2108 0
38 Turner, Michael	2107 10
39 Le Brocq, Mark	2102 0
40 Bennett, Hilton	2092 15
41 McCrone, Jeffrey	2090 0
42 Benson, Christopher	2084 0
43 Spiller, Paul	2082 9
44 Gibbons, Robert	2081 4
45 Giles, Benjamin	2075 11
46 Goodhue, Nathan	2071 14
47 Martin-Buss, Barry	2068 11
48 Fraemohs, Peter	2054 11
49 Cooper, David	2050 0
50 Hair, Philip	2048 0

### Junior Update

The Hamilton Chess Club decided to have a Junior tournament in Term One of the school year as a practice for the Junior National Tournaments in the first week of the July holidays. Four divisions and first, second and third place for the entire tournament was the format. On Sunday, April 4 we had 68 Under 20 chess players arrive at the Student Centre at St. Paul's Collegiate. Thanks to the Headmaster Mr. Fenton for allowing this tournament to be held in such a wonderful venue. Mr. Willy Prinsloo was the director of Play and Gary Judkins, Wil-

liam Lynn and Phillip Rossiter were the tournament officials. It was pleasing that Bob and Viv Smith brought Devon who went on the win four out of his six games. Ewen Green was also there with some of the students he is coaching. It was no surprise that Puchan (2223) was by far the strongest player and won all his games. There were six players who won five out of their six games: G Thornton (1770) U20, E Charamova (1763), B Robertson (1443), M Ryan (1141) and S Yang (1214) all U16. M Wu (1141) who is under 10 is to be congratulated for also winning five games. E Chen (1173) in the U14 was the only player to be on 4.5 points and there were 12 players on 4 points. There were no disputes and all the players behaved well. On the whole, it was a very successful tournament, which the Hamilton Chess Club will make into an annual event. We are looking forward to the Junior Nationals during the first week of the July holidays which will have the same format for the Open as it was last year. However, we will have a coaching session on the Thursday afternoon and a one day Junior Nationals Rapid Tournament of six games on the Friday.

#### Dunedin Calendar

*Dunedin Women's Open*, Saturday June 19.

Otago CC. 5-round Swiss. Billets \$10 per night.

*Otago Spring Rapid*, GCE Class 3, Saturday August 28, starting noon. Otago CC. 5-round Swiss. Junior entries especially welcome. Billets \$10 per night.

*South Island Rapid*, GCE Class 3, Friday September 24, Otago CC. 6-round swiss. Projected prize-fund \$400. Billets \$10 per night.

*South Island Championship*, GCE Class 2 (probably), September 25-28, Otago CC. 8-round swiss. 40 in 1hr 30 mins, plus 30 seconds per move increment. Projected prize-fund \$800 plus. FIDE-rated, with NZ Master points at stake. Billets \$10 per night.

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During the third school term Otago CC will also be running a South Island Junior and the Dunedin Junior Chess Academy will be running an Under 10 event and a primary/intermediate event.

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expected pairings of Nokes-Dive and Croad-Ker, we had Lukey-Nokes, Croad-Dunn, Ker-Dive and Nebel-van der Hoorn.

With these pairings, some expected Croad to run away with the tournament, but in the event he was outplayed right from the opening by Dunn, who quickly gained a big positional advantage. Some later mistakes killed Dunn's winning chances, but he was never in serious danger in the ending.

Stephen Lukey is especially dangerous with the white pieces, but Roger Nokes was happy to enter into his super-sharp Benoni. White seemed to mistime his e5 break and in the ensuing tactical complications it was Nokes who had seen more, winning rook and two pieces for the queen. He had few problems converting, to record a deserved tournament victory that as he put himself, was "...a victory for risky, tactical chess". Meanwhile, Ker and Dive were doing battle for the umpteenth time (they must have played as often by now as K-K). This time, Anthony looked much better out of the opening but the win of the exchange proved to be not such a good deal as he hoped, and he was forced to scramble for a draw, which was indeed the eventual outcome.

Ultimately, it was left for Jens Nebel to join Croad in equal second, with a steady win over van der Hoorn, while Dive, Ker and Dunn shared fourth place.

Future success will likely be dependant on sponsorship to maintain Class One status, but given a natural tendency for good events to grow, it seems that Wellington's Easter tournament is right back on the map.

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Alastair Nicholl and Brent Cooze 4.5 points. Game from the Open section: An uncharacteristic oversight by Puchen leads to a quick finish.

#### Paul Godfrey - PuChen Wang

1. e4 d5 2. cxd5 Nf6 3. d4 Bg4 4. Nf3 Qxd5  
5. Be2 Nc6 6. c4 Qh5 7. d5 0-0-0 8. Qa4  
Bxf3 9. Bxf3 Qe5+ 10. Be3 Nd4 11. Nd2 a6  
12. 0-0 e6 13. Rfe1 exd5 14. cxd5 Nxf3+ 15.  
Nxf3 Qxd5 16. Rad1 Qh5 17. Rxd8+ Kxd8  
18. Bg5 Bd6 19. Ne5 Re8 20. Qd7 ++ 1-0

## Affiliated clubs

Clubs are requested to advise NZ Chess of any changes in details given below.

**Ashburton** PO Box 204, Ashburton. Meets Monday 7.15pm (Feb-Oct), Admin Building, Ashburton Hospital, Elizabeth St. Contact, Ken Pow (03) 308-3655.

**Auckland Chess Centre** Meets Monday 7.30 & Thursday (Social) 7.30pm, 17 Cromwell St, Mt Eden, Auckland 1003. (09) 630-2042 Clubroom. Contact, Bruce Wheeler (09) 623-0109.

**Canterbury**, PO Box 19-997, Christchurch. Meets Wednesday, 7.30pm., 227 Bealey Avenue; Tel (03) 366-3935 Clubroom. Pres, Craig Hall (021) 1289-543, Sec Mark Sadler (03) 942 5560

**Gambit** Sec, Ted Frost, 103 Koromiko Rd, Gonville, Wanganui. (06) 348-4266

**Hamilton** Thur, 7.00pm, St Pauls Collegiate School. Inquiries Gary Judkins (07) 855-5392. Judkins4@actrix.co.nz

**Hastings-Havelock North**, P.O. Box 184, Hastings, Wed, 7.30 pm, Library, Havelock N High School, Te Mata Rd. Sec, Chris Smith (06) 877-4583.

**Howick-Pakuranga** Tuesday 7.45pm (juniors 6.30-7.30), St John Ambulance Hall, Howick-Pakuranga Highway, Highland Park. Sec, Kees van den Bosch (09) 577-5285, 021 2627079

**Invercargill** Wednesday, 8pm, staff room, South School, Ness St. Contact, John Preston (03) 216-4920.

**Kapiti** Wednesday, 7.30pm, Salvation Army Hall, Bluegum Road, Paraparaumu Beach.

c/- 51 Ames Street, Paekakariki  
Contact, Rosemary Kingston (04) 292-8157

**Mount Maunganui RSA**, 10 Maranui St, Mt Maunganui, Contact Vaughan Collingwood (07) 570-3121, vaughan.lisa@xtra.co.nz

**New Plymouth** 11 Gilbert St, New Plymouth. Tuesdays, 7.30pm. Pres C Bell. Contact B Bowler, (06) 753-6282.

**North Shore** P.O. Box 33-587, Takapuna, Auckland 9. Wednesday 7.30pm, Northcote Community Centre, College Rd/Ernie Mays St. Club Captain, Peter Stuart (09) 449-1812

**Otago** 7 Maitland St, Dunedin.

Wednesday 7.30pm. (03) 477-6919

Tony Dowden (President) (03) 4730524, Duncan Watts (Secretary) (03) 477-5226.

**Papatoetoe** Wednesday 7.30pm Papatoetoe RSA Bowling Club, Cambridge Tce, Papatoetoe. Contacts: John McRae (09) 278-4520, Manhal Yaikooob (09) 277-9605

**Upper Hutt** Monday 7.30pm, Hapai Club, 879 Fergusson Drive. Sec Gerard Denton (04) 5289297 influence@xtra.co.nz

Club Captain Roger Smith (04) 971-6528

**Waitemata** Thursday 7.45pm, Kelston Comm Centre, cnr Great North Rd and Awaroa Rd, Kelston; jun 6.15-7.15, Mondays, schooldays. Postal address: PO Box 21478, Henderson, Auckland 1008. Contact Bob or Viv Smith (09) 817-2664; bobviv@actrix.gen.nz

**Wanganui** Mondays 7pm, 1st floor, Commercial Club, 42 St Hill St. Pres, Gordon Hoskyn, 7 Pehi St (06) 343-6101; Sec Kevin Yorston, 5 Mitchell St (06) 343-7166.

**Wellington** Tuesday 7.30pm, Turnbull House, Bowen Street, Wellington 1. Pres Mike Turner, 125 Makara Rd, Karori (04) 977-0285.

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## Associate members

**Gisborne**, 4/26 Harris St, Gisborne. M.P. Grieve (06) 863-0101.

**NZ Correspondence Chess Assn**, P.O. Box 3278, Wellington.

Sec, J W (Sandy) Maxwell, (04) 237-4753.

**North Harbour Junior** Thursday 6pm-7.30pm Northcote Community Centre, College Rd/Ernie Mays St, c/- Felicity Timings, 13 Macky Ave Devonport, (09) 4453729 ftimings@clear.net.nz

## District Associations

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