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Final scores:

**First:** Murray Chandler 8.5

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4-12: Zhao, Sermek, Hecht, Bjelobrk, Susilodi-  
nata, Civin, Ker, Lukey, Dougherty 7.5

(Bjelobrk, Susilodinata and Lukey made IM  
norms and Hecht took the Seniors trophy)

13-18: Lane, Karolyi, Froehlich, Dive, Garbett,  
Sutton 7 points

(Sutton won the NZ Senior prize)

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GM Murray Chandler

**Front Cover:** GM Nigel Short, framed and  
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## 2006 Wellington Open



### Easter Weekend

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## 10 Days on tour with a GM

by Chris Benson

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2005, Christchurch International Airport, and I'm waiting for godot, aka Chess Grandmaster Nigel Short. This is the culmination of months of negotiation, emails, grovelling for sponsorship, and hours upon hours of organising. Out from the doors a slightly built, pale looking figure in a black greatcoat emerges and I recognise him immediately. So begins one of the most fun and ultimately gratifying experiences of my chess life. Over the next 11 days Nigel, as the GM talent, and me as the hanger-on, conducted a 5 simul chess exhibition tour of New Zealand. This is our story!



The Wellington crowd

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Wellington. We were met by the largest crowd of onlookers we would have on the whole tour, and a great occasion was begun by an introduction by Mayor Kerry Prendergast. She even made the ceremonial first move for Nigel, on board one against Anthony Ker. Threatening to play something that would 'guarantee a Wellington win' she instead moved his kings pawn to e4. The relief on Nigel's face was noticeable! Result – Nigel had 25 wins, 4 draws (Nijman, van der Hoorn, Ker, Thomas) and 1 Loss (Scott Wastney)

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Sightseeing. Bill Forster and wife Maria kindly spent the day with us, showing Nigel the sights of Wellington. Lunch at the Backbencher with a group of Wellington club members.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Hamilton. Lovely lunch with Hilton Bennett before a quick snooze at the motel. Nice venue in the Novatel Hotel. Initially I was down to play, and then Hilton pointed out two guys tossing a coin to see who would take the last board. I gave up my spot, so both guys could enjoy the occasion. After an hour I could see a spring in Nigel's step, and a smile on his face. 'We're

going to be in the bar early tonight' he whispers as he passes. 'I have one stinky position, but the rest are all under control'. His words prove prophetic, it's the shortest of the 5 simul, at 3 ½ hours. Compare this with Wellington at 4 ½ hours, and the others at around 4. Result – Nigel had 28 wins and 2 draws (Bennett, Wagner)  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Auckland. Breakfast in Hamilton with Hilton and Gary Judkins. Driven to Auckland by Paul Spiller. Nice hotel with two bedroom unit provided by

Scenic Circle. Traffic into Auckland is unreal, believe everything you read! Venue is in Pukuranga. There was no way Paul would get back to pick us up in time so he suggests the ferry from downtown Auckland to Halfmoon Bay, which is a great idea. Unfortunately the weather doesn't play its part, but the trip is quite cool for someone who doesn't normally ride a ferry. Nice venue in 'Te Tuhi - The Mark', although one half of the floor is wooden which adds to the noise when people leave and come back.

Quite a number of younger participants, and one in particular, 6 year old Harry Yuan, is proving a handful both for me AND his mother to keep quiet. However, this didn't seem to upset his play, he was second last to succumb!



Nigel has just taken his coat..... and his gloves off in Hamilton

Last was Bobby Cheng. Nigel was hugely impressed with the play of these two, being so young!

Result – Nigel had 26 wins, 3 draws (Cowan, Morten, Davies) and 1 loss (Bruce Watson)  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Sightseeing with Bob Smith around the Waitakere ranges and then on to his home for a stunning breakfast. Nigel and Bob talk politics, Viv and I discuss her game from the previous evening. Back to Christchurch for a rest. Dinner with members from the Christchurch club that night at a local

restaurant.

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Winery visit to Daniel Schuster wines in Omihiri, north of Amberley. Danny has kindly sponsored prizes for those lucky enough to achieve a draw or victory against Nigel, and we are able to sample the very wines we are giving away in a beautiful setting, set above his vineyard in his new tasting room. The weather plays its part, a nice hot summer's day, perfect. Late lunch at Waipara Springs winery (do you see a pattern here?)

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Christchurch. Will all due deference and modesty, the Christchurch venue is simply the best in the country. A lovely air conditioned, full carpeted double exhibition room at the Christchurch Convention Centre. Very quiet, loads of space for

spectators. Unfortunately for the Canterbury participants, Nigel is rested and in good form. Result – Nigel had 29 wins and 1 draw (Cummings)

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November – coaching the patzer! Yes, I finally get some one on one coaching from a Grandmaster, someone who once sat opposite Gary Kasparov and gave (almost) as good as he got. He pulls no punches – I'm tactically inept, and lax in my calculation skills. Have to overcome some of my initial impressions of a chess position, and not write off

moves as quickly as I seem to do. Many suggestions as to how to improve. A couple of good smashings. A very enjoyable day!  
 Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Dunedin  
 Back to my old home town, and my first chess club. Was not expecting a full house, the only one on tour, but at least I will get to play. Do a television interview in the afternoon during which Nigel casually thrashes me in a game, filmed for posterity by Channel 9! Bugger. The



Justin Davis (closest), William Lynn, and Hilton Bennett (partially obscured).

simul is held at the club, very little room to move and the boards are spread round the room, making logistics difficult. Spectators start getting in the way as the night progresses. One young player is playing on hopelessly lost, with almost no material. Nigel's not happy. One player resigns, and Nigel asks why 'I'm not even sure I am winning here' he says, and comments that there are many others who SHOULD

be resigning before this one.  
 Result – Nigel had 24 wins and 2 draws (Johnson, Watts)  
 Other highlights (or lowlights)  
 the Green Parrott in Wellington, great food and wine!  
 the Outback Nightclub in Hamilton, say no more!  
 4 cell-phone interruptions in Auckland, including two from the same person!

lovely Italian food at the Viaduct Basin  
 Viv Smith's simply stunning brunch in Auckland, just the most exquisite food, and a lot of hard work. Very much appreciated!  
 The 'lady of the night' who provided the dinner 'entertainment' at Iconic in Christchurch being turned away from 6, yes 6 dining places in Dunedin as the kitchens had shut, and a big

thanks to the Aussie owner of the place which we finally found, who was only too pleased to assist us introducing Nigel to some of the best Pinot Noirs he will ever drink.  
 Lastly, but most importantly, I want to express my thanks to:  
 Alan Aldridge and Alla Baider who organised the whole Wellington event  
 Bill and Maria Forster who very kindly put us up in Wellington and provided the most splendid hospitality  
 Hilton Bennett who organised and co-sponsored the event in Hamilton  
 Paul Spiller who organised and co-sponsored the event in Auckland  
 Michael Cowan who drove us round Auckland looking for dinner  
 Craig Hall who assisted me in Christchurch  
 Trisha Chyr who arranged things at the Christchurch venue  
 Quentin Johnson who organised the event in Dunedin  
 Mrs QJ who picked us up from Dunedin airport  
 Graeme Haase who took us to Dunedin airport the next day  
 Vero Insurance for their generous sponsorship  
 Daniel Schuster Wines for his most generous sponsorship  
 Scenic Circle for their contribution  
 For my part, my company, Benson Insurance Brokers picked up the bulk of the tab for this tour. For me this was a great experience, living with and seeing a GM operate up close and personal. It is something I would not swap, and will not forget. In fact, I'm hungry for more. It must be said, that in some respects the support from the grass roots of the chess community was somewhat disappointing, but overall I was very pleased with the way Nigel was received, and the events themselves were extremely successful. For those who have read this far, your support is vital to ensure the future of chess in this country. It must be said, for example, that it was a close run thing in some venues getting the full number of participants. Maybe I'm being simplistic, but this should have been the least of our issues. As

Nigel said, we are a backwater of chess but we don't need to be. Travel here is difficult for those who can make a living playing chess in Europe, but this need not prove a burden. Nigel for his part, is keen to re-visit New Zealand in the future, and has already put me in touch with others who might be interested in coming. Let's look forward to the next chess happening!!!

**Short,N (2672) – Wastney,S (2261)**  
**[C38]**

*Nigel Short Simul (Wellington)*

**1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 g5 4.Bc4 Bg7 5.d4 d6 6.0-0 h6 7.c3 Nc6** A standard position from the King's Gambit. **8.Na3** Avoiding the complications in the mainline (8.g3). **8...Nf6 9.Qd3 0-0 10.Bd2 d5! 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Rae1 Nde7 13.Bb3 Bf5** Black has broken up White's pawn centre and developed freely. Does White really have sufficient compensation for the pawn? **14.Qe2 Ng6 15.Nc4 Re8** I was tempted to win the exchange here, but decided White gets too much compensation. [15...g4?! 16.Nfe5 Ncxe5 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.Rxf4! ( $\leq 18.dxe5$  Bd3 19.Of2 Bxf1 20.Rxf1 Bxe5 21.Bxf4 Bxf4 22.Qxf4) 18...Bd3 19.Qe3 Ng6 20.Qxd3 Nxf4 21.Bxf4] **16.Qd1 Qd7 17.h3 Rxe1 18.Bxe1 Re8 19.Bf2 a6 20.a4 Bf6** Preparing h5-g4 **21.Nh2 b5 22.axb5 axb5 23.Nd2 Bd3 24.Re1 Rxe1+ 25.Qxe1 Qe7 26.Ng4 Qxe1+ 27.Bxe1 Bg7 28.Nf2 Bf5 29.Bd1 Nge7 30.Bf3 Be6 31.Nfe4 Bd5 32.Be2 b4 33.Nc5 bxc3 34.bxc3 Nd8 35.Bf2 Nf5 36.Na6 c6 37.Nb4 Be6 38.Bf3 c5! 39.Nc2 [39.dxc5?? Bxc3] 39...cxd4 40.cxd4 Nd6** Making way for the f-pawn **41.Kf1 f5 42.Ke2 g4 43.Ba8 Nb5** Threatening to trap the bishop by Nc7, so white is forced into taking on g5. **44.hxg4 fxg4 45.Kd3 Nc7 46.Be4 Nd5 47.Bh4 Nf7 48.Nc4 Bf8 49.Kd2 Nd6 50.Nxd6 Bxd6 51.Be1 Kf7 52.Ke2 Nf6 53.Bd3 Bd5 54.Kf1 Be4 55.Bxe4 Nxe4 56.Ke2 Ke6 57.Kd3 Kd5 58.Bh4 g3 59.Bd8 Nf2+ 60.Ke2 Ke4 61.Bb6 Nd3 62.Bd8 h5 63.Bh4 Nc1+ 64.Kf1 Kd3 65.Ne1+ Kxd4 66.Nf3+ Ke3 67.Kg1 Ne2+ 68.Kh1 Nd4**

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## New Zealand Seniors Championship 2005

by FM Bob Smith

Now in its fourth year, this event for players over 60 was held concurrently by Waitemata Chess Club with the NZ Women's Championships. Nine players turned out at Green Bay High School – nearly double the number last year. The overwhelming favourite was newly qualified Senior William Lynn, from Hamilton. With a rating of 1832 he was rated more than 150 points ahead of second seed, Don Stracy, from Wellington. Third seed Tony Booth (1674) was playing in the Championship for the first time, while others expected to challenge for the major places included defending champion Neil Cruden and former joint champion Bob Mitchell.

### Round One

The tournament began with a huge upset, as top seed Lynn lost to Mitchell. Lynn won a pawn and looked to be on the way to a comfortable victory, but the position became unclear after he swapped off the wrong pieces. He then fell for a crushing tactical trick.

Second seed Stracy also went down, losing to Pat Young after he was saddled with a backward pawn and then swapped rooks into a lost pawn ending. Third seed Booth was also in trouble after misplacing his rook, but Peter Morten then went badly astray, swapping into a lost pawn ending instead of a drawn rook ending. No such trouble for Cruden, who smashed Ron Collingwood's king-side and finished off neatly. Bottom seed George Williams had the bye.

### Round Two

Lynn bounced back with a typically wild win against Stracy. Lynn's sacrifice of an exchange for a pawn was somewhat unclear. Later Stracy gave the material back to reach a probably drawn ending, but Lynn's technique proved better. Booth had another win, after Mitchell played below par, missing several fairly obvious tactics.

Young's Danish Gambit worked a treat against Morten, who soon had an unsafe king and development problems. The upset of the round was Williams' win over Cruden. The latter steadily built up a winning position, only to

make a horrible tactical blunder.

Leaders: Booth, Young, Williams 2, Lynn, Cruden, Mitchell, Collingwood 1.

### Round Three

No-one managed to maintain a perfect score. Booth dropped a draw to Stracy in a long game where he stood better but white defended tenaciously. Williams also drew, after frittering away a big opening advantage against Collingwood. A third draw was Cruden against Lynn, in just 13 moves. Lynn was already in a very difficult position when the draw was offered, and sensibly grabbed it with both hands. The only winner of the round was Mitchell, who gradually outplayed Young to move back into contention.

Leaders: Booth, Williams 2.5, Mitchell, Young 2, Lynn, Cruden, Collingwood 1.5.

### Round Four

Booth moved into the clear lead with a win over Collingwood. The game was level for a long time, until the latter misplaced his pieces and became too passive. Mitchell kept up his challenge with a win over Williams. He built up strong queen-side pressure and, with his opponent's pieces badly tangled, it was only a matter of time before he won material. Young had what's known as "a bad day at the office". He stood clearly better against Cruden until a horrible blunder on move 23. Morten also had a bad oversight, giving Lynn a piece even earlier (move 17).

Leaders: Booth 3.5, Mitchell 3, Lynn, Cruden, Williams 2.5.

### Round Five

With three rounds to go, it was now or never for Lynn, as he faced the tournament leader. A tactic netted him a pawn early on, but Booth looked to have some compensation. However it never proved enough and eventually Booth fell for a decisive trick in a pawn down ending. Meanwhile Mitchell and Cruden drew in a game where the latter failed to make the most of a clear advantage, allowing Mitchell to gradually dissipate any pressure. Morten versus Collingwood won't make it into either

player's "best games" collection, with Morten eventually winning an error-filled game. Williams went down to Stracy, who easily converted an endgame win after capturing a weak d-pawn. Leaders: Lynn, Booth, Mitchell 3.5, Cruden, Young 3.

### Round Six

All three leaders scored full points. The easiest was scored by Booth, who had the bye.

Despite winning a pawn, Lynn was later in serious danger of drawing with Young, who didn't find the right defence in a complex ending of

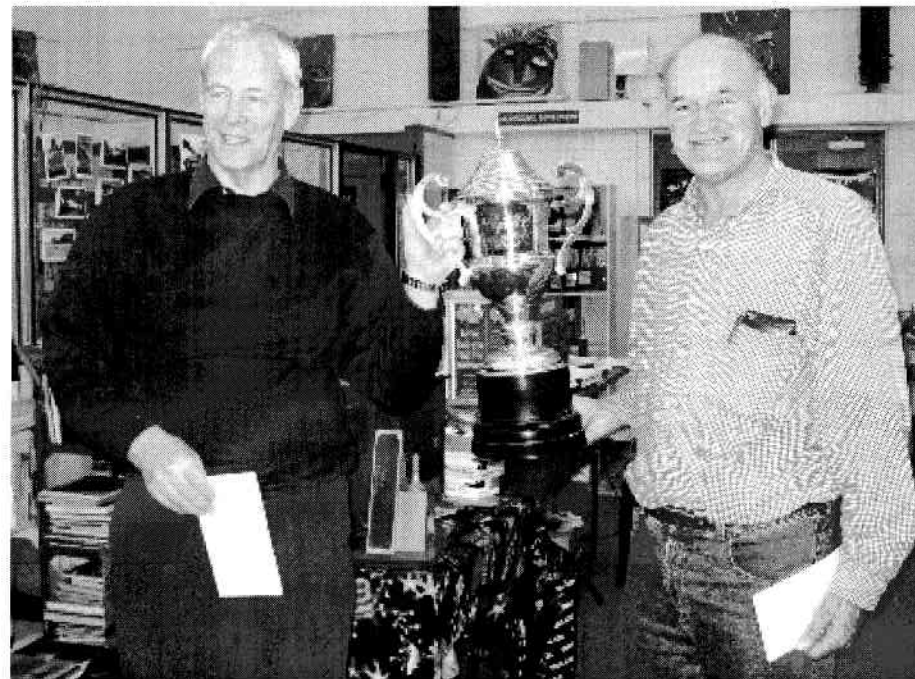
material early in the opening.

Leaders: Lynn, Booth, Mitchell 4.5, Cruden 4.

### Round Seven

Cruden had the bye and could only wait and hope as Lynn, Booth and Mitchell all strove for wins to give them a share of the title.

Lynn had no trouble against Williams, who gave a pawn on move 7 and then swapped into a lost ending. Mitchell was also in no real danger, after Morten sacrificed a piece for two pawns in



Joint winners of NZ Seniors' Championship 2005 Bob Mitchell and William Lynn with the Ortvín Sarapu Trophy

three pawns versus a knight. Mitchell's win was more straight-forward, after a tactical trick won material from Collingwood on move 18. Cruden stayed just behind the leaders with a win over Stracy, who dropped a pawn and then got himself into a nasty pin.

The other winner was Morten, who beat Williams after the latter missed a chance to win

the opening, and never gained enough compensation.

But Booth was in trouble early on against Young, and was probably losing by move 20. However Young frittered away his big advantage and swapped into a lost bad bishop versus good knight ending. Booth should have wrapped up the point comfortably, but allowed a king

infiltration and in the end only just managed to draw. Stracy finished off the tournament with perhaps his best effort, his passed a and h pawns proving too hard for Collingwood to handle in a knight ending.

**Final scores:** W. Lynn, R. Mitchell (5.5/7) 1-2, A. Booth, N. Cruden (5) 3-4, D. Stracy, P. Young (3.5) 5-6, P. Morten (3) 7, R.G. Williams (2.5) 8, R. Collingwood (1.5) 9.

#### Conclusion

After a bad start Lynn did well to recover to share first place with Mitchell, who was the only player to beat him. For his part, Mitchell played fairly consistently throughout, apart from an "off-day" against Booth.

The joint winners clearly deserved their success – they were the only players not to have a bye. Lynn and Mitchell shared \$325 in prize-money, the Ortvin Sarapu Memorial Trophy and also some valuable Grand Prix points for the Senior Division.

In third equal place Tony Booth missed the silverware by a whisker. However, some of the positions he gained points from were not entirely convincing, so perhaps third was a fair reflection. Also third equal was defending champion Neil Cruden. He generally played quite well, but will be ruing his silly round two blunder against Williams.

Sharing fifth equal were Don Stracy and Pat Young. Stracy hung tough throughout the tournament, and recovered well from a bad start. Young achieved many good positions, but often failed to get the most out of them.

Of the others, Morten played his usual brand of unbalanced, up and down chess, while Williams was obviously rusty and played a little too passively after years away from the game. Collingwood also suffered from overly passive play which did not do enough to put pressure on his opponents.

The tournament was directed by Bob Smith, and no players caused him any aggravation at all.

The only difficulty for some was remembering to continue to keep score with the 90 moves plus 30 seconds a move time control.

And the only difficulty later was trying to decipher some of the scoresheets!

#### Games Selection

##### Mitchell,B - Lynn,W

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0  
6.Nge2 c5 7.d5 Nbd7 8.Bg5 Ne5 9.Nc1 Ne8  
10.Be2 f6 11.Be3 b6 12.b3 f5 13.Rb1 Nxf3+  
14.Bxf3 Bxc3+ 15.Ke2 fxe4 16.Bxe4 Nf6  
17.Bf3 Bf5 18.Nd3 Ng4 19.Qc1 Bg7 20.h3  
Nxe3 21.Qxe3 Bd4 22.Qd2 Qd7 23.Rbe1 Bxd3+  
24.Qxd3 Rae8 25.Bg4 Rf2+ 26.Kd1 Qb7  
27.Be6+ Kh8 28.Re4 Bf6 29.Re2 Rxe2 30.Qxe2  
Qa6 31.Rf1 Qa5 32.Qc2 Rb8 33.g4 b5 34.g5  
Bxg5 35.Qb2+ Bf6 36.Rxf6 1-0

##### Cruden,N - Collingwood,R

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Be7 5.Bc4  
Nf6 6.Qe2 Bg4 7.f3 Bh5 8.Nc3 Nbd7 9.Nf5 0-0  
10.Bg5 Re8 11.0-0 Ne5 12.Bb3 Nc6  
13.Nxe7+ Nxe7 14.g4 Bg6 15.h4 h6 16.Bxf6  
gxf6 17.Qd2 Kg7 18.f4 Nc6 19.Qd5 Re7 20.g5  
Qd7 21.gxh6+ Kh8 22.Rdg1 a6 23.f5 Bh7  
24.Qd2 Na5 25.Qd4 Nxb3+ 26.axb3 Re5  
27.Nd5 Qd8 28.Rg7 c6 29.Qg1 Qf8 30.Nxf6 1-0

##### Stracy,D - Young,P

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0  
Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.Qe2 Be7  
10.Rd1 Na5 11.Nbd2 Nxd2 12.Bxd2 Nc4  
13.Bxc4 bxc4 14.Ba5 0-0 15.Nd4 Qd7 16.Nxe6  
fxe6 17.b3 Qb5 18.Bc3 cxb3 19.Qxb5 axb5  
20.cxb3 b4 21.Bb2 Bc5 22.Bd4 Bxd4 23.Rxd4  
c5 24.Rd2 Rf5 25.Re2 Rf4 26.Rc1 c4 27.g3 Rd4  
28.bxc4 Rxc4 29.Rb1 Ra3 30.Kf1 Rd3 31.Reb2  
Rdd4 32.f4 h6 33.Kf2 g5 34.fxg5 hxg5 35.Re1  
g4 36.Rbe2 Kg7 37.Kg2 Re4 38.Rxe4 Rxe4  
39.Rxe4 dxe4 40.Kf2 Kg6 41.Ke3 Kf5 42.Kd4  
e3 43.Kxe3 Kxe5 44.Kd3 Kd5 45.Ke3 e5  
46.Kd3 e4+ 47.Ke3 Ke5 48.Kd2 Kd4 49.Ke2 e3  
50.Kd1 Ke4 51.Ke1 Kf3 52.Kf1 e2+ 53.Ke1  
Ke3 0-1

##### Morten,P - Booth,A

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Bc4  
Nf6 6.Nc3 g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.Re1 0-0 9.Be3 Ng4  
10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Rb1 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Nxe3  
13.Rxe3 Qa5 14.Rg3 Qc5 15.Bb3 Ba6 16.h4  
Bc4 17.h5 Bxb3 18.cxb3 Rab8 19.hxg6 fxg6  
20.Qd2 Rf6 21.Rf1 Rbf8 22.Qh6 R8f7 23.Qe3  
Qa3 24.Qe2 Rf4 25.Re3 Rh4 26.e5 dxe5

27.Rxe5 Qd6 28.g3 Rh6 29.Qe3 Kg7 30.Re6  
Qd5 31.Qd4+ Qxd4 32.cxd4 g5 33.Rfe1 Rhf6  
34.Rxf6 exf6 35.Re6 Rc7 36.Kg2 Kf7 37.Re1  
Rd7 38.Rc1 Rxd4 39.Rxc6 Rd7 40.b4 h5 41.a4  
Kg6 42.b5 Rb7 43.Rc5 Rd7 44.a5 Kf7 45.b6  
axb6 46.axb6 Ke6 47.Rc6+ Ke5 48.Rc7 Kd6  
49.Rxd7+? Kxd7 50.b7 Kc7 51.b8Q+ Kxb8  
52.Kf3 f5 53.Ke3 Kc7 54.f4 g4 55.Kd3 Kd6  
56.Kd4 Ke6 57.Kc5 h4 58.gxh4 g3 0-1

##### Cruden,N - Lynn,W

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c3 Nf6 4.Qc2 Nc6 5.d4 e6  
6.dxc5 dxc5 7.Bf4 Be7 8.Na3 Bd7 9.Rd1 Qa5  
10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 Rfc8 12.Nc4 Qd8 13.Nd6 ½-½

##### Mitchell,B - Young,P

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.e3 Be7  
6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Bxe7 Qxe7 8.Rc1 c6 9.a3 0-0  
10.Nf3 Nxc3 11.Rxc3 e5 12.Be2 e4 13.Nd2 Nf6  
14.0-0 Be6 15.Nc4 Rfd8 16.b4 Rac8 17.Qb1  
Nd5 18.Rcc1 Nf6 19.Nd2 Bd5 20.Rc3 Rc7  
21.Rfc1 a6 22.Nb3 h6 23.Nc5 Nd7 24.R1c2  
Nxc5 25.bxc5 Rdd7 26.Rb2 f5 27.Rb6 Qf7  
28.Qc1 Qg6 29.Bc4 Qf7 30.a4 Bxc4 31.Rxc4  
Qe6 32.a5 Qf7 33.Rc2 Qh5 34.Rb1 Qf7 35.Rd2  
Rd5 36.Rdb2 Rdd7 37.Rb4 Qd5 38.R1b2 Qf7  
39.Qb1 Kf8 40.Qd1 Kg8 41.f4 Rd5 42.Qe1  
Rdd7 43.Qh4 Qe7 44.Qh3 Qe6 45.g3 Qf7  
46.Rg2 Qe6 47.Qh5 Qf7 48.Qe2 Qe6 49.h3 Rf7  
50.Rb1 Rf6 51.Kh2 Rg6 52.Rbg1 Qf6 53.g4 Re7  
54.gxf5 Rxxg2+ 55.Rxxg2 Qxf5 56.Qg4 Rf7 57.h4  
Qxg4 58.Rxxg4 Rf6 59.h5 Rf5 60.Rh4 Kf7  
61.Kg3 Ke6 62.Rh2 Rf7 63.Kg4 Kf6 64.f5 Re7  
65.Kf4 Kf7 66.Rg2 Ke8 67.Rg6 Kf7 68.f6 gxf6  
69.Kf5 Re5+?? 1-0

##### Lynn,W - Stracy,D

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3  
e6 6.Bc4 Qc7 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Qe2 Ng4 9.Be3 Be7  
10.Rac1 0-0 11.h3 Nxe3 12.Qxe3 Re8 13.Rfd1  
d6 14.Qf4 Bd7 15.Nb5 Qb8 16.Nxd6 Bxd6  
17.Qxd6 Qxd6 18.Rxd6 Red8 19.e5 Kf8  
20.Rcd1 Ke7 21.a3 Rac8 22.b4 f6 23.exf6+ gxf6  
24.Bb3 a5 25.b5 Na7 26.Rb6 Rc7 27.Rdd6 Nc8  
28.Rxe6+ Bxe6 29.Rxe6+ Kd7 30.Rxf6 Re8  
31.b6 Rc1+ 32.Kh2 Re2 33.Nd4 Ree1 34.Ba4+  
Ke7 35.Rh6 Rc4 36.Nf5+ Kd8 37.Bb3 Rf4  
38.Rf6 Rxf2 39.Kg3 Rxf5 40.Rxf5 Nxb6 41.Bg8

Re7 42.Kf4 h6 43.Rxa5 Rg7 44.Bd5 Nxd5+  
45.Rxd5+ Kc7 46.g4 Kc6 47.Rf5 Rg6 48.Ke5  
Kc5 49.Rf6 Rg5+ 50.Ke6 Kc4 51.Rxh6 Ra5  
52.Rh7 Rxa3 53.g5 b5 54.Rh4+ Kc5 55.g6 Rf3  
56.g7 Re3+ 57.Kd7 Rd3+ 58.Kc7 1-0

##### Booth, A - Lynn,W

1.e4 c5 2.Bc4 d6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.f4 g6 5.d3 Bg7  
6.Bd2 Nf6 7.h3 a6 8.a4 0-0 9.Nf3 e6 10.Ba2  
Bd7 11.0-0 Rb8 12.Rb1 Nb4 13.Bb3 Bc6 14.e5  
Bxf3 15.Qxf3 dxe5 16.Be3 Nd7 17.Ne4 b6  
18.fxe5 Nxe5 19.Nf6+ Kh8 20.Qf4 Nd7 21.Ne4  
Nd5 22.Bxd5 exd5 23.Ng5 Bf6 24.Qh4 Bxg5  
25.Bxg5 f6 26.Bh6 Rf7 27.Rbe1 Re7 28.Rxe7  
Qxe7 29.Re1 Qf7 30.Rf1 Re8 31.Bg5 Re6  
32.Qf4 Qe7 33.Bh6 Ne5 34.d4 cxd4 35.Qxd4  
Nf7 36.Bd2 Qc5 37.Qxc5 bxc5 38.c3 Kg7  
39.Kf2 Ne5 40.Be3 Nd3+ 41.Kf3 c4 42.Rb1 Re7  
43.b4 cxb3 44.Rxb3 Kf7 45.Rb6 Ne5+ 46.Kf2  
Nc4 47.Rxa6 Rxe3 48.Rc6 Rxc3 49.a5 Ra3  
50.a6 Ne5 51.Rc7+ Ke6 52.a7 h5 53.h4 Kd6  
54.Rb7 Nc6 55.Rf7 Ke6 0-1

##### Booth, A - Collingwood,R

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bc5 4.d3 d6 5.Bg5 c6  
6.Nf3 Bg4 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.h3 Bh5 9.g4 Bg6  
10.Na4 Qa5 11.c3 Qc7 12.Nxc5 Nxc5 13.b4  
Ncd7 14.Re1 h5 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.g5 0-0-0  
17.gxf6 Nxf6 18.Ng5 Rdg8 19.Kf1 Qe7 20.Re3  
Nh7 21.Nf3 Ng5 22.Nxxg5 Qxxg5 23.Rg3 Qe7  
24.Qf3 Kc7 25.Qe3 Kb8 26.Ke1 Bh7 27.Kd2 h4  
28.Rgg1 Rg6 29.Rxxg6 Bxxg6 30.Rg1 Qd8 31.Qf3  
Qe7 32.Kc2 Rh7 33.Qg4 Kc7 34.f4 Bh5 35.Qg8  
Rh6 36.f5 b5 37.Bb3 Kb6 38.Rg7 Rf6 39.Qh7  
Qf8 40.Rg8 Rh6 41.Qg7 Qxxg7 42.Rxxg7 Be2  
43.Rg1 Bh5 44.Kd2 Kc7 45.Rg7 Kb6 46.Bxf7  
Bf3 47.Ke3 Bh5 48.Bxxh5 Rxxh5 49.Rg6 Kc7  
50.Kf3 Rh8 51.Kg4 Kd8 52.Rxd6+ 1-0

##### Lynn,W - Young,P

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 d6 5.a3 Be7  
6.f4 exf4 7.Bxf4 Ne5 8.Bxe5 dxe5 9.Nf3 Bd6  
10.0-0 Bg4 11.Qe1 0-0 12.Qh4 Qe7 13.Ng5 h6  
14.Nxf7 Rxf7 15.Rxf6 Bc5+ 16.Kh1 Qxf6  
17.Bxf7+ Qxf7 18.Qxxg4 Rf8 19.h3 Bd4 20.Rb1  
b6 21.Nb5 Qa2 22.Re1 Bxb2 23.Nxc7 Bxa3  
24.Re2 Bc1 25.Ne6 Rf1+ 26.Kh2 Bf4+ 27.g3

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## Rating News 2005 Period 2

by Rowan Wood

For the third period in a row, IM Ben Martin is at the top of the standard rating list. IM Russell Dive has halved the gap in taking outright second place. IM Anthony Ker is third while Alexei Kulashko and Roger Nokes swap places.

NZ Rapid Champion IM Dive has been top-pled from the top of rapid rating list where he had occupied that position for the previous two periods. IM Ker is now top of the heap ahead of IM Paul Garbett and IM Martin. IM Dive is now fourth with Kulashko unchanged at number five.

Status quo on the junior lists with Wang Pu Chen unchallenged at number one ahead of

Gino Thornton. However, new entry Andy Machdeom is sure to make his presence felt. He enters the standard list at four and goes one better on the rapid list. Daniel Baider moves up four positions on the rapid list to be fourth and retains his third place on the standard list.

On the women's rating lists, Evgenia Charomova is still number one. Viv Smith has both second places, after recapturing second place on the standard list.

All top five positions on both senior lists remain unchanged with Richard Sutton at number one.

## Top 20 Open Standard

1 (unc) MARTIN BMS	OT 2385
2 (unc) DIVE RJ	WE 2378
3 (- 1) KER AF	WE 2364
4 (+ 1) KULASHKO A	AC 2350
5 (- 1) NOKES RI	CA 2344
6 (unc) GARBETT PA	NS 2314
7 (+ 1) SMALL VA	WE 2303
8 (+ 2) NOBLE MF	UH 2289
9 (+ 2) WASTNEY SC	GA 2275
10 (- 3) SMITH RW	WT 2269
11 (+ 4) WANG PC	AC 2265
12 (- 3) LUKEY SG	WE 2253
(unc) SUTTON RJ	OT 2253
14 (- 1) GREEN PR	AC 2235
15 (new) CROAD N	WE 2229
16 (- 2) STEADMAN MVR	AC 2219
17 (new) SPAIN GA	GA 2206
18 (- 1) BJELOBRK I	AC 2200
(new) WANG R	NS 2200
20 (- 4) MCLAREN LJ	NS 2193

## Top 20 Open Rapid

1 (+ 1) KER AF	WE 2353
2 (+ 1) GARBETT PA	NS 2347
3 (+ 1) MARTIN BMS	OT 2344
4 (- 3) DIVE RJ	WE 2338
5 (unc) KULASHKO A	AC 2336
6 (new) NOKES RI	CA 2317
7 (- 1) NOBLE MF	UH 2297
8 (unc) WANG PC	AC 2269
9 (- 2) SMITH RW	WT 2267
10 (+ 2) LUKEY SG	WE 2258
11 (- 2) GREEN PR	AC 2254
12 (+ 1) WATSON BR	AC 2231
13 (- 2) DOWDEN RA	OT 2227
14 (- 4) MCLAREN LJ	NS 2223
15 (+ 1) CROAD N	WE 2218
16 (- 2) LOVE AJ	OT 2205
17 (+ 1) WASTNEY SC	GA 2201
18 (- 1) SUTTON RJ	OT 2178
19 (new) HART R	NS 2171
20 (- 1) BARLOW MJ	NS 2163

The following open standard-rated tournaments have been processed: NZ Junior, NZ Senior, NZ Womens', North and South Island Championships, Merv Morrison Memorial, North Shore Open, Waitakere Trust Open, Waikato Open, All-Canterbury Championships and Otago Queen's Birthday. Club tournaments rated are: Auckland Winter Cup and Championships, North Shore Championships, Waitemata Arnold Cup, Winter Cup, Round-Robins and Preliminary, Wellington Autumn Cup and Championships, Canterbury Chas L

Hart Cup and Eric Browne Shield, Otago Cleland Trophy and Championships.

The following open rapid-rated tournaments have been processed: NZ Junior, North and South Island Championships, Upper Hutt 30/30, South Island Junior, Canterbury Schoolpupils and Otago Spring. Club tournaments rated are: North Shore Championship, Wellington Championship, Canterbury Arie Nijman Trophy and Otago Championships.

## Top 20 Junior Standard

1 (unc) WANG PC	AC 2265
2 (unc) THORNTON GA	NS 2027
3 (unc) BAIDER D	WE 1964
4 (new) MACHDOEM A	CA 1881
5 (- 1) STONE A	NS 1828
6 (new) HUANG J	MM 1804*
7 (- 2) XU D	AC 1747
8 (- 1) MCCHESENEY S	CA 1741
9 (- 3) CHARAMOVA E	NS 1681
10 (+ 4) WU J	AC 1651
11 (- 3) DING L	OT 1639*
12 (- 3) BOOK JE	WT 1638
13 (- 3) WATSON J	CA 1622
14 (- 3) GAO W	NS 1607
15 (unc) WU M	AC 1600
16 (- 4) ROBERTSON BMA	HA 1592
17 (new) RILEY T	IN 1575*
18 (- 2) WILSON D	WE 1565
19 (- 6) MAROROA SY	HP 1536
20 (- 2) CHEN AG	HP 1531

## Top 10 Women Standard

1 (unc) CHARAMOVA E	NS 1681
2 (+ 1) SMITH VJ	WT 1617
3 (new) GOODKIND L	HA 1578*
4 (- 2) MAROROA SY	HP 1536
5 (+ 4) CHEN E	AC 1469
6 (- 2) OTENE EA	WT 1452
7 (unc) WU S	WT 1447
8 (new) GARCIA CASTRO V	1431
9 (- 3) COURTNEY HK	GA 1380
10 (- 5) FAIRLEY N	NH 1365

## Top 10 Senior Standard

1 (unc) SUTTON RJ	OT 2253
2 (unc) VETHARANIAM P	WA 1888
3 (unc) LYNN KW	HA 1782
4 (unc) HAASE GG	OT 1749
5 (unc) PORTOUGAL V	WT 1740
6 (+ 3) NIJMAN AJ	CA 1691
7 (unc) BOOTH AJ	HP 1677
8 (new) CAPPER DS	WE 1625
9 (+ 1) CATER JE	PT 1616
10 (- 2) SOUTHGATE B	OT 1615

## Top 20 Junior Rapid

1 (unc) WANG PC	AC 2269
2 (unc) THORNTON GA	NS 2081
3 (new) MACHDOEM A	CA 1882
4 (+ 4) BAIDER D	WE 1829
5 (- 2) XU D	AC 1823
6 (- 1) CHARAMOVA E	NS 1750
7 (- 1) STONE A	NS 1729
8 (new) CHEN E	AC 1673
9 (+ 3) PETRESKI F	NS 1658
10 (- 3) MCCHESENEY S	CA 1645
11 (- 2) ZHANG MC	AC 1629
12 (new) SELLARS T	UH 1624
13 (unc) ROBERTSON BMA	HA 1603
14 (unc) WATSON J	CA 1600
15 (- 5) WU J	AC 1556
16 (- 1) CHEN AG	HP 1547
17 (- 1) WU M	AC 1524
18 (- 7) WILSON D	WE 1512
19 (new) KRSTEV M	NS 1507
20 (new) LIN A	HA 1500

## Top 10 Women Rapid

1 (unc) CHARAMOVA E	NS 1750
2 (unc) SMITH VJ	WT 1718
3 (+ 3) CHEN E	AC 1673
4 (- 1) OTENE EA	WT 1440
5 (- 1) WU S	WT 1406
6 (+ 2) MAROROA SY	HP 1372
7 (+ 2) BAIRD V	OT 1360*
8 (- 3) CLOETE DI	NS 1353
(- 1) MILLS G	KP 1353
10 (unc) BURROWS J	OT 1348

## Top 10 Senior Rapid

1 (unc) SUTTON RJ	OT 2178
2 (unc) VETHARANIAM P	WA 1946
3 (unc) LYNN KW	HA 1837
4 (unc) NIJMAN AJ	CA 1810
5 (unc) HAASE GG	OT 1732
6 (+ 2) CAPPER DS	WE 1661
7 (- 1) PORTOUGAL V	WT 1613
8 (- 1) GLOISTEIN BN	CA 1609
9 (new) MITCHELL RS	NS 1554
10 (unc) CATER JE	PT 1544

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69.Ng1 White plays for one last trap 69...Nf5  
[Not falling into 69...f3?? 70.Nxf3 Nxf3 71.gxf3  
Kxf3 72.Bxg3 Bxg3 reaching a drawn position]

70.Bd8 Bc5 71.Bg5 Be7 Forcing the exchange of  
bishops and leaving White with no more tricks.  
This was enough for Nigel to resign. 0-1

Wellington Open

Easter Weekend

## New Zealand News

### New Zealand Chess Federation

#### 2005 Grand Prix Final Standings

Congratulations to the following winners in the 2005 NZCF Grand Prix:

**Open** – 1 Puchen Wang \$500 2 Peter Green \$350 3 Stephen Lukey \$250 4 Russell Dive \$200 5 Anthony Ker \$150

**Under 2000** – 1 Gino Thornton \$300 2 John Zhang \$200 3 Hilton Bennett \$150

**Under 1700** – 1 Michael Zhang \$250 2 Arie Nijman \$150 Hamish Gold \$100

**Under 1400** – 1 Eachen Chen \$150 2 Mario Krstev \$100 3 Michael Cowen \$50

**Junior** – 1 Jason Wu \$150 2 Daniel Baider \$100 3 Andy Chen \$50

**Female** – 1 Viv Smith \$150 2 Sue Maroroa \$100 3 Natasha Fairley \$50

**Senior** – 1 Neil Cruden \$150 2 Bob Mitchell \$100 3 William Lynn \$50

**Under 14 & Under 1400** – 1 Bobby Cheng \$100 2 Judy Gao \$60 3 Balomohan Shingade \$40

**Best non-prize-winning North Islander outside the main centres** – Graeme Spain \$50

**Best non-prize-winning South Islander** – Roger Nokes \$50

Winners will be advised shortly of an official prize-giving ceremony, to be held in Auckland. Those outside the City of Sails not able to attend should e-mail me with postal details so cheques can be forwarded.

According to the rules players can win only one prize, so the lists above do not completely show where people finished in the different divisions. For example Eachen Chen actually finished first in three divisions, while Puchen Wang topped both the Open and Junior sections.

The top 20 in each division are listed below, or if fewer, those scoring over 10 points.

Throughout the year 253 players won Grand Prix points, in 23 events.

The full list can be found at

<http://homepages.ihug.co.nz/~kulashko/Chess/grandprix.htm> a site kindly maintained by Alexei Kulashko.

**Open** – P. Wang 93.5, P. Green 79.4, S. Lukey

77, R. Dive 63, A. Ker 51.75, P. Garbett 50, G. Spain 49.9, R. Smith 49.8, N. Croad 47.25, R. Nokes 26.5, M. Steadman 24.11, B. Watson 21.9, P. Zhang 21.15, B. Martin 20, G. Thornton 17.66, M. McNabb 17.36, A. Kulashko 15, N. Cummings 14.6, A. Krstev 13.5, R. Sutton 12.

**Under 2000** – G. Thornton 75.17, P. Zhang 67.67, H. Bennett 64.67, P. Mistry 42.5, J. Browne 36.07, R. Gibbons 36, D. Baider 35.67, Caleb Wright 35.63, R. Perry 32, B. Donaldson 30.45, A. Machdoem 30, J. Wilson 29.5, P. Fraemohs 26.98, R. McKerras 25.57, M. Sims 22.9, R. Jennings, D. Adair 20, E. Chen 17.58, R. Jackson 17.25

**Under 1700** – M. Zhang 80.25, Jason Wu 62.5, A. Nijman 56, E. Chen 46.83, V. Smith 34.5, H. Gold 28.58, N. Cruden 26.5, M. Cowen 24.5, S. McChesney 24, D. Dolejs 20.11, C. Smith, M. Wu, D. Shen 20, A. Chen 18, T. Maroroa, A. Maroroa, E. Charomova, R. Mitchell, R. Scarf, A. Mulligan, S. Maroroa 17.5.  
**Under 1400** – E. Chen 95, M. Krstev 74.17, B. Cheng 47.92, M. Cowen 46.25, B. Dellaca 40.08, S. Yang 35.25, T. Maroroa 32.75, A. Maroroa 28, J. Gao 26.8, D. Fairley 25.3, R. Keeling 24, F. Petreski 23.3, R. Dare 23.25, L. Yang 20.3, M. Wu, D. Shen 20, B. Kluge 17.5, T. Chifu 16.5, Peter Morten 15.67, A. Davies, L. Kopp 13.5.

**Junior** – P. Wang 85, Jason Wu 73, M. Zhang 72, G. Thornton 71.5, E. Chen 63.67, D. Baider 63.25, A. Chen 52, J. Wilson 49.5, J. Huang 33.17, M. Krstev 32.5, S. Maroroa 29.9, A. Machdoem 29.5, S. McChesney 26.5, T. Chifu 21.58, M. Wu 21, B. Cheng 20.9, D. Shen 20.6, R. Dare 19.4, D. Smith 18.25, J. Watson 18, S. Maroroa 12.4, J. Loo 12, L. Yang, M. Saib, A. Ming-Wong, 10.5.

**Female** – E. Chen 97.5, V. Smith 83, S. Maroroa 76.84, N. Fairley 70.67, J. Gao 59, E. Charomova 58.67, Shirley Wu 32.20, L. Dare 31.5, Sharon Wu 28.87, H. Courtney 25.5, C. Liu 24.70, J. Nokes 21, N. Tsoi 12.

**Senior** – N. Cruden 85.17, R. Mitchell 78.67, W. Lynn 37.5, R. Sutton 25, J. Cater 21, C. Wilson, Peter Morten 19.5, B. Kay, B.

Gloistein 17.5, P. Young 17.17, S. Varga 15, H. van der Hulst, M. Garland 12, D. Stracy, D. Capper, A. Nijman 10.5.

**Under 14 & Under 1400** – E. Chen 97.5, M. Krstev 79, B. Cheng 65.5, J. Gao 54.5, B. Shingade 36.67, L. Yang 30.72, D. Shen 29.05, F. Petreski, Sharon Wu 26.67, A. Lee 25, A. Maroroa 24.98, Shirley Wu 16.67, R. Torrance 14.6, M. Harrison, L. Xiaweng 13.5, A. Ming-Wong, B. Li 12, T. Chifu 10.5.  
The hugely successful Queenstown Classic and the NZ Rapid, also in Queenstown, had a big impact upon the final placings, as expected. IM's Russell Dive and Anthony Ker forced themselves into the Open prize-list, while Puchen Wang's excellent Rapid result took him to the top spot. There will be a full report and games in an upcoming issue of "NZ Chess" magazine.

The 2006 Grand Prix now starts, with all players on zero points. The first event of the year is the **First 25' & 5" Rapid**. 18 February, 2006. Class 2. 6-round swiss at the Hillier Centre, Mt Maunganui.

### 48th NZ Congress, Wanganui 1938-39

by Gordon Hoskyn

Let's have a look at the 1938-39 Congress at which some of the chess greats of the past competed.

At Wanganui JB Dunlop (Dunedin) b.1888 won the NZ Championship tournament for the fifth time; he was destined to win it again at Wellington next year and then retire from active chess play and a few years later would retire to Hastings from his profession as a dentist. Robert Graham (Bob) Wade (Wellington) won the Premier Reserve tournament at Wanganui qualifying for the NZ Championship the next year. This was his very first tournament! he lost only one game in the last round to Norman M. Cromarty (Wanganui) who thereby secured an unshared second place and the prize for the best played game. In later years Cromarty was to win the NZ Correspondence chess championship three times and would place equal 4th in the championship at Palmerston North 1946-47 and outright 4th when the congress

returned to Wanganui in 1948-49.

EJ Dyer (Wellington) was Wade's dentist and had twice won the Wellington Chess Club championship and regularly played in the Dominion (as it then was...) championship. Harold McNabb (Nelson) won the Nelson championship many times, as did his brother FN McNabb. He learnt the elements of chess in 1931 at the age of 16. He spent two years in hospital, 1934-35, with a spinal injury, during which period he was to study chess intensively, aided by a unique chess board mounted on a tripod with plug-in pieces that his brother had specially made for him. This intensive study was well rewarded. At Auckland 1936-37, his first attempt at the NZ Championship, he came equal second. At Wanganui 1938-39 he came second outright. He won the All-Wellington Championship in 1943, with a score of 10-1 and again with the same score in 1944. He would regularly achieve second or third in later NZ Championships and would win the Wellington Workingmen's Club Championship several times and place well in the Wellington Chess Club Championship. Edward Herbert Severne (Wellington) b.1887 d.1955 was a veteran noted for his resilience in defence who played a great number of NZ Championships. His best result was tying the NZ Championship with Wade at Wellington 1943-44. He lost the play-off however and thus never became NZ champion. He did win the Wellington Chess Championship on one occasion and place highly other times. Gordon Cole (Nelson) won the NZ Correspondence Championship in 1940, 1942 and 1943. He was a veteran of several NZ championships. David Ireson Lynch (Hastings) would win the NZ championship at Christchurch 1950-51. He was in the prize list of several other NZ championships and had wins and placings in the Correspondence Championships. Fedor Kuskop Kelling (Wellington) was of course the grandfather of NZ Chess. His achievements are too numerous to summarise here!

### Waitemata Chess Club

Bob Smith successfully defended his club



championship title, scoring 6.5/7 in the 8 player finals. This was Smith's 28<sup>th</sup> championship title. Runner-up Mark Brimble (5.5) was the biggest threat, starting with 5/5, but then lost the crucial game against Smith.

The other finalists were Alen Machina and Othmar Storchenegger (4), Paul Godfrey (3), Viv Smith (3), Neville Easterlow (1.5) and John Robinson (0). Robinson started with three losses (B. Smith, Godfrey, Brimble) and then defaulted the rest. Easterlow didn't manage a victory, but was the only player to take half a point off the winner.

Paul Godfrey won the Championship Preliminaries with seven straight wins (Smith was seeded through to the finals), but could not reproduce that form in the finals.

Alen Machina was runner-up in the Prelims, with 5.5.

The Reserve Championship was convincingly won by Brett Rider with 6.5/7, followed by Shirley Wu (5.5) and John O'Connor and Mike Currie (4).

The Most Improved Player for 2005 was Eachen Chen, who looks a strong contender for this year's Women's Olympiad team. Eachen was also awarded the Junior Cup for the club's best junior of the year.

Other results from the 2005 season: Winter Cup – Bob Smith (5/5) 1, Paul Godfrey (4.5) 2.

Summer Cup – Bob Smith (5.5/6) 1, Victor Portougal (4) 2.

Under 400 Tourney - David Plumpton & Shirley Wu (4.5/6) 1-2.

Round Robin A - Bob Smith & Viv Smith (4.5/5) 1-2.

Round Robin B - Jacques Lei (4/5) 1, Neville Easterlow (3.5) 2.

Round Robin C - Eachen Chen (4.5/5) 1, Shirley Wu, John Francis, Devon Smith & Marcus Rowe (3) 2-5.

Arnold Cup - Bob Smith (5/5) 1, Victor Portougal & John O'Connor (4) 2-3.

Half-Hour Tournament - Bob Smith (6/6) 1, Viv Smith (4.5) 2.

Five Minute Champion - Paul Godfrey (8/10) 1, Bob Smith & Brett Rider (7) 2-3.

Five Minute Reserve - Sue Maroroa (9.5/10) 1, Bruce Pollard (7.5) 2.

Here is a nice quartet of games by William Lynn, a prominent player and administrator on the New Zealand chess scene.

1970 North Island Championship

**KW Lynn – R Waayman**

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bd3** A very risky line ...**cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 Qxd4 10.Nc3 a6 11.Qe2 Ne7 12.Rd1 Qb6 13.Be3 Qd8** At this stage a correspondence game Carpinter – Lynn was in progress. 13...**Qc7** was better! **14.f4 g6 15.Rac1 Nf5 16.Bxf5 gxf5 17.Rxd5!!** played after first considering 17.Nxd5 to which there was no satisfactory follow up ...**exd5 18.Nxd5 Rc8 19.Nf6+ Ke7 20.Rd1 Rc7 21.Qd2** threatens mate ...**Qc8 22.Bb6 Rc6 23.Qb4+ Ke6 24.Qb3+ Rc4 25.Nxd7** otherwise Black plays **Bc5+ ...Ke7 26.Qa3+** Black resigns

1992 Hamilton Club Champs

**William Lynn – Simon Hunt**

(notes by Hilton Bennett)

**1.d4 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.Nc3 Bf5 4.f3 exf3** William has been playing this sharp gambit line for over 25 years **5.Qxf3 Qc8 6.Bc4** Applies pressure to f7 ...**Be6 7.Bxe6 Qxe6+ 8.Nge2 c6 9.0-0 Nf6 10.Nf4 Qd6** Black is seriously behind in development but White now needs to open some more lines **11.d5! g6 12.Be3 Bg7 13.dxc6 bxc6** To deny the White knights the d5 square **14.Rad1 Qb4 15.Nfd5!** The knight goes there anyway ...**cxd5 16.Nxd5 Qa5 17.Bb6!** Cuts Black's queen off from c7 ...**Qxa2 18.Nc7+ Kf8 19.Rd8+ Ne8 20.Rxe8 mate.** 1-0

Feb 1971 Melbourne simul

**A Matanovic – W Lynn**

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Bc5 5.c3 Nxe4** Benelux variation of the Ruy Lopez **6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Qc2 Nxf2** Part of the opening idea **10.Rxf2 Bxf2 11.Qxf2 Nxd5** Black has a lead in material

but White has attack **12.Bc4 Nf6 13.Bg5 0-0 14.Nc3 c6** Black is behind in queenside development **15.Bd3 Qb6** To trade queens **16.Qxb6 axb6 17.Bxf6 gxf6** Black's pawn structure is in tatters **18.Ne4 d5** Opens a line for the bishop **19.Nxf6+ Kg7 20.Nh5+ Kh8 21.h3 f5 22.Nf4 Bd7 23.a3 Rae8 24.Kf2 Rf6** A rook lift. Black needs activity. **25.g3 Rd6 26.h4 c5** At last Black's bishop has some play **27.Rd1 d4 28.Bc4 b5 29.Bb3 c4 30.Ba2 d3** Suddenly a dangerous passed pawn and Black is now getting counter play **31.b3 Rc8 32.Ne5 Be6 33.bxc4 bxc4 34.Nexd3 Bg8!** Now threatening 35...**cxd3 35.Nb2 Rxd1 36.Nxd1 c3!** If 37.**Bxg8** then c2! **37.Nxc3 bxa2** Black is now the exchange up **38.Nb5 Kg7 39.Nd6 Rc2+ 40.Ke3 Rc3+ 41.Kd4 Rxa3 42.Nxb7 Bf7** Stops a knight check on h5 **43.Nd6 Kf6 44.Nxf7 Kxf7 45.Ne2 Kf6 46.Nf4 Rf3 47.Kd5 Re3 48.Kd4 Re4+ 49.Kd3 Ke5 50.Nh5 Rg4** Now the last game of the simul remaining **51.Ke3 Re4+ 52.Kd2 Kd4** Opposition of the kings **53.Ng7 Re5 54.Nh5 Ke4 55.Ke2 Re6 56.Kf2 Ra6 57.Kg2 Ra2+ 58.Kh3 Kf3 59.Ng7 Ra1 60.Kh2 Kg4** Threatening Ra7 followed by Ra2+. White resigns 0-1

NZ Correspondence Championship 1978-9

**Paul Beach – W Lynn**

Best Game Prize. Notes by W Lynn

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Bd3 h6 11.Bh4 g5** To gain control of the e5 square **12.fxg5 Ne5 13.Qe2 Nfg4 14.Nf3 hxg5 15.Bg3 Nxf3 16.gxf3 Ne5** All according to plan **17.f4 gxf4 18.Bxf4 Bd7 19.Rdf1 Bf6 20.Bd2 Nxd3+ 21.Qxd3 Be5** Now it's the Bishop occupying e5 **22.h4 Rh7 23.Rfg1 0-0-0 24.h5 Be6 25.Nd5** A fine tactical move highlighting the unguarded Rook on h7 ...**exd5 26.exd5 Qb6!!** Black's Queen attacks both b2 and g1 **27.c3 Rxb5** The point **28.Be3 Bf4!** More tactics, but necessary **29.Bxf4 Rxd5** The Rook on this square is now controlling the game **30.Qh3+ Kb8 31.Rd1 Qa5!** Further control of d5 and the pawn at a2 is the final target **32.Kb1 Qa4!!**

**33.Qg4 f5. 0-1** A game I thought both players deserved to win as there were plenty of tactics from both sides.

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**Bxg3+ 28.Kxg3 Rg1+ 29.Rg2 Rxg2+ 30.Kxg2 Qxc2+ 31.Kg3 Qxd3+ 32.Kh4 Qd7 33.Qf5 Qe7+ 34.Kg4 Qf6 35.Qxf6 gxf6 36.Kf5 Kf7 37.Nc7 a5 38.h4 Kg7 [38...h5!] 39.h5 Kf7 40.Nb5** black lost on time 1-0

**Young, P - Booth, A**

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c4 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Nc6 7.Be3 Nf6 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 Ne5 10.f3 a6 11.Qd2 Bd7 12.Rfd1 Rc8 13.b3 Nc6 14.Rac1 Qa5 15.Nxc6 Rxc6 16.Nd5 Qd8 17.Bd4 Ne8 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Qd4+ Kg8 20.c5 e5 21.Qb4 Bc8 22.Kf1 f5 23.exf5 Rxf5 24.Bd3 Rf7 25.Be4 Rxc5 26.Rxc5 dxc5 27.Qxc5 Be6 28.Qc3 Qe5 29.Qe3 Qh4 30.Kg1 Kg7 31.Qf2 Qd8 32.Qe2 Rd7 33.Ne3 Nd6 34.Bd5 Kf6 35.Ng4+ Bxg4 36.fxg4 Qe7 37.Qf3+ Kg7 38.h3 Nb5 39.Be4 Nd4 40.Qf2 Qc5 41.Kh1 Rf7 42.Qd2 Qb5 43.Bd3 Qd5 44.Rf1 Rxf1+ 45.Bxf1 e4 46.Qf4 b5 47.g5 Ne6 48.Qf6+ Kg8 49.Qc3 Qf5 50.Qc8+ Nf8 51.Qxf5 gxf5 52.Be2 Ne6 53.Kg1 Nxg5 54.Kf2 Kf7 55.Kg3 Kf6 56.h4 Ne6 57.a4 Nd4 58.Bd1 b4 [58...c3 59.axb5 axb5 60.Bh5 Ke5 61.b4 f4+ 62.Kh2 e2-+] 59.Kf4 h6 60.g4 Ke6 61.gxf5+ Kf6 62.Kc3 Nxf5+ 63.Kxe4 Nxb4 64.Kd5 Nf5 65.Kc5 Ke5 66.Kxb4** and somehow black drew. 1/2 -1/2

**Collingwood, R - Stracy, D**

**1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 b6 3.e3 Bb7 4.Bd3 e6 5.0-0 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Qe2 Be7 8.Ba6 Bxa6 9.Qxa6 0-0 10.Nbd2 d5 11.b3 Qd7 12.Bb2 Rab8 13.Qe2 Rfc8 14.Rac1 b5 15.Rfd1 c4 16.Rb1 a5 17.e4 dxe4 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.Qxe4 Qd5 20.Qxd5 exd5 21.Re1 Bd6 22.Re2 Re8 23.Rbe1 Rxe2 24.Rxe2 Kf8 25.g4 Re8 26.Rxe8+ Kxe8 27.h4 Ke7 28.Kf1 h6 29.Ke2 Ke6 30.Ke3 f5 31.g5 f4+ 32.Ke2 Kf5 33.Bc1 Nd8 34.gxh6 gxh6 35.Ng1 Ne6 36.Kf3 Be7 37.Ne2 Bxh4 38.Bxf4 Bg5 39.Bxg5 Nxg5+ 40.Ke3 cxb3 41.axb3 a4 42.bxa4 bxa4 43.Nc1 h5 44.Nd3 Ne4 45.Nc5 Nxc5 46.dxc5 a3 47.c6 Ke6 48.Kd2 a2 49.c7 Kd7 50.Kc2 a1 Q0-1**

## Correspondence Chess

by Gordon Hoskyn

**Player Profile: Peter J Voss.***(Peter writes)*

Chess as an enjoyably challenging mental adventure beckoned to me when I was quite young – about the age of 11. In our home sitting room then, among other things, were an antique, free-standing chess table, an old wooden French chess set, and a chess book of middle game studies written by Fred Reinfeld. I only needed someone to spark in me an interest in the game, then those items and the game itself would become a life-long pleasure for me. The Anglican Sister of the Holy Name, teacher at St Michaels School, Christchurch, was the catalyst for that to happen. I owe her a deep debt of gratitude for that.

That early interest in the game encouraged my parents to introduce me to the Canterbury Chess Club where a Mr and Mrs Abbott, keen members, willingly helped me on my way.

Also, my father linked me up with a Mr Bayertz, Wellington. That's when I played my first correspondence game. Dusty, tatty copies of the Australian Chess magazine, edited by (IM) Cecil Purdy, a leading Australian player, being about the club room often came home with me. A lot of the games in them were played by new European immigrants from war-torn areas (e.g Lajos Steiner) who startled the local Aussie players with their skill at the game, just as Ortvin Sarapu did when he came to New Zealand.

I remember the sense of loss I felt reading of Alekhine's death, destitute and an alcoholic, in Lisbon, Spain, maligned for playing in tournaments under German patronage during the war.

As a 14 year old, I had enjoyed playing over some of his brilliantly clever middle game strategies in Reinfeld's enlightening book.

That must have been about 1947.

Unfortunately I only played friendly games during my university years, and the next 30 years after that, apart from two or three congresses – in the Reserve Grade. I remember watching blind Terry Free compete then, exploring the positions through the touch of his

fingers on the pieces. It was then I came to know George Trundle, Graham Mears and the late Julian Mazur quite well – all competent players.

As I neared retirement, an old flat mate of mine from university days, Don Stracy, rekindled my interest in the game. He had taken part in quite a few tournaments – Championship and Reserve, over the years. So, from about 1991 onwards we teamed up and took part in numerous events. Correspondence chess became an interest at that time, too.

I have been Director of Trophy Tournament play for correspondence chess since about 1993, taking over from Ken Reed. At the same time I gradually worked my way through the grades to the championship level. However, ill-health has dogged me over the last 18 months and my play has fallen away. It has been an enjoyable challenge playing some very talented corre players such as Murray Dunwoody, Tim Doyle, Peter Goffin, Michael Whaley and Gordon Hoskyn and many others. Two highlights for me were participating in a simultaneous tourney in Blenheim, about 20 players against Grandmaster Boris Spasky. I lasted 36 moves against him, was one of the last to finish. He won, of course! The other was organising and successfully managing two South Island Championships in Blenheim in the mid 90's on behalf of the NZ Chess Federation.

Well, chess has been a very beguiling goddess for me, holding me in thrall over the years, and given me much pleasure.

Enclosed is one memorable correspondence game of mine.

**H.Bennett - P.Voss**67<sup>th</sup> NZCCA Championship  
2001-02

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Bc4 d5 4.exd5 Qh4+ 5.Kf1 Bd6 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Ne4 0-0 8.d4 Nf5 9.Nxd6 cxd6 10.Qd3 g5 11.Nf3 Qh6 12.Kg1 g4 13.Ne1 Re8 14.Bd2 Ne3 15.Bb3 Bf5 16.Qb5 Nd7 17.g3 Nf6 18.Bxe3 Rxe3 19.Ng2 f3

20.Nf4 Rae8 21.Qb4 Re2 22.h4 gxh3 e.p.  
White resigns.

**Player Profile : Logan Cotton.***by Gordon Hoskyn*

Logan Cotton is currently a 57-year old third generation New Zealander of mixed UK stock. He was born and raised in Dunedin, and attended Otago Boys High School and Otago University. He has worked mainly in superannuation, insurance, advertising and sales, and been stationed in Dunedin, Invercargill, Christchurch, Hawera, Hastings, Palmerston North, Auckland, Tasmania and now New Plymouth. Currently he works a night shift as a forecourt attendant at a local service station. Logan is married to Coral, his second wife, but is her fourth husband. There's just the two of them and their cat at home now, with all eight children from former marriages grown up and living elsewhere. None of them seems interested in chess. His favourite drink is Baileys Irish Cream and favourite food is pineapple and ice cream. Hobbies away from chess are writing and cards.

CHES: Logan learned to play chess at the age of eight, playing at school along with his five brothers and sisters none of whom now play much. He has been a visitor to several chess clubs around the country, but never a permanent member. He has been a regular member of the NZCCA since 1979, and since then has won a number of handicap tourney awards. Reason for joining came as a result of reading Murray Chandler's regular column in the NZ Listener. Murray mentioned the current name and address of the NZCCA, so off went an entry. CC likes: Opponents who `chat`. CC Dislikes: Players writing `impossible move`, or 10-word greetings or comments in the Conditional Moves column. Logan's current CC rating is 1348 and his 380 completed games, behind Gordon Hoskyn 737, John Atkinson 471 and Glenys Mills 415, makes him the fourth most prolific player. Logan Cotton comments that world chess seems to be in a mess these days, and that he is concerned that the NZCCA as an organisation may not have a future, unless it can modernise, and provide the sort of service

that new chess players will want to use.

**Player Profile: NM Peter W. Stuart***( Peter writes)*

I was born in Auckland and, apart from the first few weeks in Titirangi (which I don't remember a lot about) and time spent overseas, I've always lived on the North Shore. I learnt to play chess in the third form at Takapuna Grammar but it wasn't until my fifth form year that I learnt about tournaments, via an announcement at assembly about the Auckland Provincial Schoolpupil Championship, played in the May holidays. Although I hadn't played any chess since the winter term in the fourth form, I remember thinking that I was the best player at Taka Grammar and wondering how I might compare with kids from other schools.

Not very well, it turned out – I scored 4½/8 – but I heard about the North Shore Chess Club, which soon had a new member, the following year a new champion, and the year after a new club captain. I didn't play in open tournaments while at school because the holidays were for FUN, especially the summer ones with all the beaches around the Shore.

There wasn't a lot of encouragement for juniors in those days. At the end of that first year at North Shore the club champion asked me to play a few training games before he played in the Premier Reserve where he was one of the top seeds. We played the games at home and the score was 1½-1½ but I was very lucky; in the second game he overlooked a stalemate combination and lost while the third game had to be agreed drawn because of lack of time and I was a pawn down. I had bought the then latest *Modern Chess Openings* and had hopes of one or two more books courtesy of Santa but I had not seen anything on the endgame, a matter of concern since I'd lost a drawn King and pawn ending against Glenn Turner in another schoolpupil tournament in the August holidays. And I spotted a copy of Fine's *Basic Chess Endings* on the book-shelf at my training opponent's home, only to be informed that "it was too advanced for you!" Needless to say I bought it when I saw it in a bookshop – and read it from cover to cover.

I first played in the New Zealand Championship at Auckland 1969-70; 8<sup>th</sup> = doesn't sound too bad but it was only 3½ points. Things got a little bit better after that and I've now played 25 times in this event with a best result of clear second. I believe I have the dubious distinction of having drawn more games than anyone else in New Zealand Championships – but perhaps only because Tony Love stopped playing! Success in the national championship led to selection for Olympiad teams at Skopje 1972, Nice 1974 and Buenos Aires 1978. Subsequently, I managed/captained the New Zealand teams in three more Olympiads – Malta 1980, Lucerne 1982, and Thessaloniki 1984. I also started playing chess by correspondence in the early 1970s with a second place in the New Zealand Reserve Championship and later in the decade gained several major placings in the Championship but never the title. The only international correspondence event I have played in was the Castiglione Plate, an Italian organised tournament that started in 1973; I qualified for the second round okay but about then left for an extended period overseas so was unable to continue. The thought of taking years to complete one correspondence tournament has, since then, put me off entering any more international events but the increasing prevalence of email move transmission might mean it's time to think about this again. After a break of about ten years I had another go at the New Zealand Correspondence Championship and this time struck gold, winning consecutive titles in 1990/91 and 1991/92, the latter shared with Russell Dive. I've played once again since then but not for a few years now. As already intimated above, I started organising and directing tournaments at North Shore while still at school and one of the most satisfying things in my chess career is contributing to the development of the club into one of the country's consistently strongest. So much chess is played in local club tournaments – most of it if you think about it – that a well-run club with good tournaments is very important. Starting with the North Shore-organised annual

Congress in 1996/97, I directed four consecutive congresses. This saves playing and wasn't planned; I did the first one because the club had to find a director and I was handy and available and then got asked again, and again, and again. Somewhere along the way I started thinking about the International Arbiter title and it was lucky for me that New Zealand organised the 2000 Zonal tournament in Auckland, thus giving me the opportunity for a second qualifying international tournament – you need four norms and only two can be national championships. Then work commitments prevented my playing in the congress for a couple of years so I missed six in a row as a player. Since then, however, I've played in the last three and have maintained a high level of activity, if not success, in local events. I've added a few games, none of which have appeared before in *New Zealand Chess*.

#### Stuart,P - Ker,A

##### *Sicilian Defence [B40]*

95th NZ Chp, North Shore (6), 03.01.1988  
**1.d4 e6** [Anthony had earlier been a French man but, not long before this game, he seemed to have switched to the Modern Defence – although he played a couple of Caro-Kann's in this Championship. Maybe he was afraid of my opening preparation (that's a joke, by the way).] **2.♁f3 c5?** [And now I worked out that 3.e4 would produce a Sicilian, not an opening that Anthony was ever renowned for playing the black side of. I was the congress organiser and was having a disaster at the board and the result of this game didn't really matter, so ...] **3.e4! cxd4 4.♁xd4 ♁f6 5.♁c3 ♁b4** [After quite a bit of thought Anthony comes up with a fairly rare line, and probably not a very good one. I guess he wished to avoid the Kan/Taimanov/Paulsen type variations that I never got to play against him because he always wimped out with 2.c3!] **6.♁db5** [6.e5! ♁d5 7.♁d2 ♁xc3 8.bxc3 ♁e7 9.♙g4 0-0 10.♁h6 g6 11.h4 ♙a5 12.♙g3 and White is rather better] **6...d5** [6...♁c6 transposes to a Sicilian Four Knights] **7.e5 ♁e4 8.♙g4 a6** [8...♙a5 9.a3!? ♁xc3+ (9...♁xc3 10.♙xb4

♙xb4 11.axb4 ♁xb5 12.♁xb5+ ♁d7 13.♁d3±; 9...a6 10.♙xg7 ♙f8 11.axb4! ♙xa1 12.♁c7+ ♁e7 13.♁e2 ♙a7 14.f3 b5 15.♁xb5 axb5 16.fx4 dxe4 17.♙g5+ ♁e8 18.♁c3→) 10.♁xc3 ♁xc3 11.♁d2± and the bishop pair confers a slight advantage on White; maybe the ugly 8...g6 would've been better] **9.♙xg7 ♙f8 10.♁d6+!?** ♁xd6 **11.exd6 ♙xd6 12.♁h6 ♁d7 13.0-0-0!± ♁xc3 14.bxc3 ♙a3+ 15.♁b1 b5** [15...f6 16.♙e1 (16.♙xh7 ♙f7 17.♙g8+ ♁e7 18.♁e2 is also good) 16...e5 17.♙xh7 ♙f7 18.♙g8+ ♁e7 19.♁d3 and moves like ♁g6 and f2-f4 bode ill for Black, who instead goes for counterplay] **16.♙xh7 b4 17.c4!** [Decisive.] **17...♁c5 18.♙g7** [not 18.♁xf8? ♁a4 19.♁g7 ♁c3+ 20.♁xc3 bxc3 and White has to scramble for a draw] **18...♁d7 19.cxd5 e5 20.d6 ♙c3 21.♙g5 f6 22.♙f5! 1-0.**

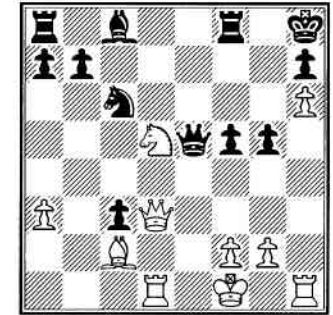
#### Stuart,P - Hampl,M

##### [E48]

##### *57th N.Z. Corres Chp, 1990/91*

**1.d4 ♁f6 2.c4 e6 3.♁c3 ♁b4 4.e3 c5 5.♁d3 ♁c6 6.♁ge2 cxd4 7.exd4 d5 8.cxd5 ♁xd5 9.a3 ♁e7 10.♁c2 0-0 11.♙d3 g6 12.h4 ♁xc3 13.bxc3 e5 14.♙g3 exd4 15.h5 ♁d6 16.♁f4 ♁xf4 17.♁xf4 g5 18.h6 dxc3!?** [I was following the game Foisor-Hébert, St John 1988, which continued: 18...f6 19.0-0 dxc3?! 20.♙ad1 ♁d4 (20...♙c7 21.♁b3+ ♁h8 22.♁g6+) 21.♙xc3 gxf4 22.♙xd4 ♙b6 23.♙xf4 ♁h8 24.♙e1 1-0] **19.♙d1** [The Foisor plan of castling to complete development doesn't work now because after 19.0-0? Black simply wins the h-pawn by 19...♙f6 ] **19...♙e7+** [I thought 19...♙f6 was better, e.g. 20.♙h5!? (20.♁d5 ♙e5+ 21.♙xe5 ♁xe5 22.♁f6+ ♁h8 23.♙d5 ♁g4 and White doesn't have enough for the pawns) 20...♙e5+ 21.♁f1 f6 22.♙d3 ♙f7 23.♙e1 and White probably has adequate compensation] **20.♁f1 ♁h8?** [One can understand Black's wish to unpin the g-pawn, but there are dangers for the king in the corner, too. Black had two preferable alternatives: 20...♁e6 21.♙xc3 ♁e5! (21...f6? 22.♁xe6 ♙xf6 23.♁b3) 22.♙e1 (22.♙xe5?? ♁c4+) 22...gxf4 23.♙xe5 ♁c4+ 24.♁g1 ♙xc5 25.♙xe5 ♙ad8 26.♙h4 ♙d6 and White's advantage is minimal;

or 20...f6 21.♁d5 ♙f7 22.♙d3 with compensation for the pawns] **21.♁d5 ♙e5** [Or 21...♙c5 22.♙xg5 ♙c4+ 23.♁g1 ♙g4 24.♙g7+! ♙xg7 25.hxg7+ ♁xg7 26.♙xh7+ ♁g8 27.♁f6#] **22.♙d3** [22.f4! gxf4 23.♙g7+ ♙xg7 wins as in the last note, a tactic I missed during the game] **22...f5**



**23.♙h3! ♙e4** [23...♁e6 24.♙c3 ♙xd5 25.♙xc3+ ♖] **24.♙xc3+ ♙e5 25.♙c5** [The position I was aiming for – and I could see no defence for Black] **25...♁d7 26.♙e3 ♙b2** [26...b6 27.♙b5 a6 28.♙b1!+ ] **27.♙b3 ♙e5 28.♙xb7+ ♙f7** [28...♁e6 29.♙xc6 ♙ad8 (29...♙ac8 30.♙c7) 30.♙c7 ♙xc7 31.♁xc7 ♙xd1+ 32.♁xd1+ ] **29.♙xd7** [29.♙xd7 ♙xd7 30.♙xc6 ♙dd8 (30...♙ad8 31.♙e1 ♙d6 (31...♙xd5 32.♙f6+ ♁g8 33.♁xf5!+ ) 32.♙c7 ♙b2 33.♙xd6! ♙b5+ 34.♁d3! ♙xd3+ 35.♁g1+ ) 31.♙e1! ♙d4 (31...♙xd5 32.♙f6+; 31...♙ac8 32.♙b7 ♙b8 33.♙f7 ♙f8 34.♙xf8+ ♙xf8 35.♙xe5+ ; 31...♙b2 32.♁xf5+ ) 32.♁xf5! and Black is completely defenceless] **1-0.**

#### Stuart,P - Lynn,K

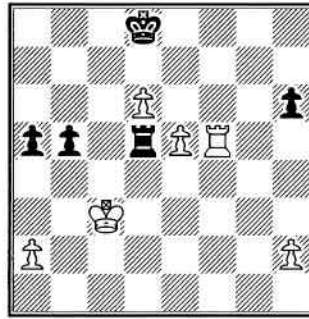
##### *Queen's Gambit [D41]*

##### *58<sup>th</sup> N.Z. Corres Chp, 1991/92*

**1.d4 ♁f6 2.c4 e6 3.♁c3 c5 4.♁f3 d5 5.cxd5 ♁xd5 6.e4 ♁xc3 7.bxc3 cxd4 8.cxd4 ♁b4+ 9.♁d2 ♁xd2+ 10.♙xd2 0-0 11.♁c4 b6 12.d5 ♁a6** [12...♁a6 13.♁xa6 ♁xa6 14.d6± e5!+ 15.0-0 f6 16.♁h4! ♁c5 17.f4 exf4 18.♙d5+ ♙f7 19.♁f5 ♙f8 20.♙xf4 ♙d8 21.c4+ Moskalenko-Djuric 1989] **13.d6!?** [13.dxe6 fxe6 14.♙d1 ♙c7∞ Pribyl-Smejkal 1972] **13...♁c5**

14.e5 ♖b7 15.♟d4 ♖h4 [15...f6!? had to be considered. After the text Black has an annoying initiative while White simply wants to swap everything off for a winning pawn ending. Of course, it's never quite as easy as that!]  
**16.0-0 ♖ac8 17.♖a1 ♖e4 18.f4 ♟d3! 19.♟xd3 ♖xd4+ 20.♟h1 ♟e4 21.♖cd1 ♖xd3** [21...♟c5 22.♟xe4 ♖xe4 23.♖f2 ♟c2 24.♟d2 is a quite different ending but also better for White]  
**22.♖xd3 ♟xd3 23.♟xd3 ♟c5** [23...♟c2 24.♟g1 ♟d8 (24...♟xa2? 25.♟c1 ♟d8 26.♟dc3/+-) 25.♟a3! with a big plus] **24.♟e1** [maybe this is unnecessary; 24.♟g1!?] **24...♟d8** [24...f6? 25.f5!+-] **25.♟d2 ♟f8 26.♟g1 ♟c4 27.g3 ♟e8** [Black would like to double rooks with 27...♟dc8 and then bring his king to d7 but it doesn't work because of the pawn fork]  
**28.♟e2 ♟d7 29.♟c2** [Realising the first phase of White's plan, the exchange of one pair of rooks. Before offering to exchange the second pair of rooks on the c-file (phase 3) Black's queenside pawns must be weakened (phase 2) else K & P endings are drawn] **29...♟dc8 30.♟xc4 ♟xc4 31.♟f2 f5?** [31...f6! 32.♟e3 fxe5 33.fxe5 ♟c5 34.♟d4 ♟d5+ 35.♟e4 ♟c5 36.♟f2 ♟e8 and, while all the winning chances are with White, his active rook (together with the weak support for White's protected passer) gives Black counterplay] **32.♟e1 g6 33.♟d2 h6 34.♟d3 ♟c5 35.♟b2!** [35.♟c2? ♟xc2 36.♟xc2 ♟c6 37.♟c3 ♟d7 38.♟c4 ♟c6 39.a4 a6 40.h3 ♟d7 41.a5 b5+ 42.♟c5 h5=] **35...♟c6 36.♟b4 ♟c1 37.♟d2 ♟c5 38.♟d4!** [38.♟a4 ♟b7! 39.♟d4 ♟c8! gets White nowhere] **38...♟d7** [38...♟d5? 39.♟xd5 exd5 40.♟d3 b5 41.♟d4 b4 42.d7! ♟xd7 43.♟xd5 a5 44.♟c5+-] **39.♟a4 a5** [Phase 2 completed; K & P endings are now won as the white king can penetrate on the queenside] **40.♟a3 ♟c4 41.♟c3! ♟a4** [41...♟xc3 42.♟xc3 ♟c6 43.♟c4 g5 44.h3 gxf4 45.gxf4 h5 46.h4+-] **42.♟c7+ ♟d8 43.♟e7** [I was now expecting the win to be quite easy but in reality great accuracy is required to extract the full point] **43...g5!?** [43...♟xa2+ 44.♟d3 b5 (44...a4 45.♟xe6 a3 46.♟xg6 ♟a1 47.♟g8+ ♟d7 48.♟g7+ ♟c8 49.♟c2+-) 45.♟xe6 b4 46.♟xg6 ♟a1! (46...b3? 47.e6) 47.♟d2! ♟d7 (47...♟a2+

**48.♟e3! ♟a3+ 49.♟d4 ♟a1 50.e6+-)**  
**48.♟g7+ ♟c8 49.e6 +-] 44.♟xe6 gxf4 45.gxf4 ♟xf4 46.♟f6** [46.♟xh6!?] **46...♟d4+!?** [46...b5 47.♟d3 (Δ e6) 47...♟f1 48.♟d4 ♟d7 49.♟f7+ ♟e8 50.e6 ♟e1 51.♟d5+-] **47.♟c3 ♟d5! 48.♟xf5 b5**



**49.a4!** [49.♟h5 ♟e8 (49...♟d7? 50.e6+! ♟xe6 51.♟xd5 ♟xd5 52.d7+-; 49...♟d1 50.♟xh6+-) and White has nothing better than to continue with 50.a4 as in the game] **49...♟xa4 50.♟c4 ♟d2 51.♟f3** [There is a simpler win by 51.♟b5! a3 (51...♟d7 52.♟f7+ ♟e8 53.♟e7+ ♟d8 54.♟a7+-) 52.♟c6 ♟c2+ 53.♟d5+-] **51...♟d7 52.♟e3** [52.♟d3! ♟e2 (52...♟c2+ 53.♟d5 ♟e2 54.♟g3 ♟d2+ 55.♟e4 ♟e2+ 56.♟f4 ♟xh2 57.♟g7+ ♟c6 58.♟c7+ ♟b6 59.e6+-) 53.♟d5 ♟e1 54.h3 (54.♟f3 ♟d1+ 55.♟e4 ♟e1+ 56.♟f5 ♟b1 57.♟e3 ♟f1+ 58.♟g6 ♟e6 59.♟xh6 a3 60.♟xa3 ♟xe5 61.d7 ♟d1 62.♟xa5+ ♟f6 63.♟a6+ ♟e7 64.♟a7 ♟h1=) 54...h5 55.h4 ♟e2 (55...a3 56.♟xa3 ♟d1+ 57.♟e4 ♟e6 58.♟xa5 ♟h1 59.♟a8 ♟xh4+ 60.♟e3 ♟h1 61.♟e8+ ♟d7 62.♟e7+-) 56.♟g3! (this is better than 56.♟f3 when the king is likely to get in the way) 56...♟d2+ 57.♟e4 ♟e2+ 58.♟f4! ♟f2+ 59.♟e3 ♟f1 60.♟g7+-] **52...♟b2** [52...♟d1 53.e6+ wins; 52...♟c2+!? was the best defence, though the following sample variation suggests that White is still winning: 53.♟d4! (53.♟b5? a3! 54.e6+ ♟xd6 55.e7 ♟c5+ draws; 53.♟d5 ♟d2+ 54.♟e4 ♟xh2=; 53.♟d3 ♟b2) 53...♟e6! 54.♟h3 ♟d2+ 55.♟c3 (55.♟d3 ♟c2 (55...♟xh2? 56.♟c3+-) 56.h4 h5 57.♟c3 ♟c8 58.♟e4 ♟c4+ 59.♟d4 ♟b4=) 55...♟d1 (55...♟e2

56.♟xh6+) 56.♟c2 ♟d4 57.♟d3 ♟c4+ 58.♟b2 ♟c8 59.♟e3 ♟c4 60.♟a3 ♟d4 61.♟e2 h5 62.♟e3 h4 63.♟e2 h3 64.♟e3 ♟d1 65.♟xa4 ♟d2 66.♟b3 a4+ 67.♟a3! (67.♟xa4? ♟xh2 68.♟d3 ♟a2+ 69.♟b3 h2=) 67...♟d4 68.♟e2+-] **53.♟c5** [53.e6+?? ♟xd6 54.e7 ♟b4+ 55.♟c3 ♟b3+-; 53.♟d3! ♟b4+ (53...♟e2 transposes to the 52.♟d3 line) 54.♟c5 ♟b3 55.♟c4 ♟b4+ 56.♟d5 ♟b5+ 57.♟e4 ♟b3 58.♟d5+-] **53...♟e6** [53...♟c2+!? is effectively the same as 52...♟c2+, transposing after 54.♟d4] **54.♟d3 ♟b8** [54...♟d7 55.e6+ ♟d8 56.♟g3 ♟c8 57.♟g8+ ♟b7 58.e7+-; 54...♟b3 55.♟d4 ♟b8 56.♟xa4+-] **55.♟c6** [55.♟c6 ♟d8 56.♟c7 ♟d7+ 57.♟c8 ♟a7 58.d7 ♟a8+ 59.♟b7 ♟d8 60.♟c7 ♟e7 61.e6+-] **1-0.**

**Goris,R - Stuart,P**

*Sicilian Defence [B47]*

ACA Interclub (1), 27.04.1994

**1.e4 c5 2.♟f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♟xd4 ♟c6 5.♟c3 ♖c7 6.f4 a6 7.♟f3 b5** [7...♟c5!? 8.♟d3 b5=] **8.♟d3 ♟b7** [8...♟c5] **9.0-0 d6** [9...♟f6 10.e5!± Adams-Rajkovic 1989] **10.♟h1 ♟e7 11.f5 ♟f6 12.♟e3 exf5? 13.exf5 0-0 14.♟g5 ♟e5** [14...♟fe8!? 15.♟xf6 ♟xf6 16.♟d5 ♟d8 17.c3] **15.♟xe5 dxex5 16.♟xf6 ♟xf6 17.♟e4 ♟h8?!** [Safer was 17...♖c6] **18.♖h5** [18.♟xf6 was indicated, and after 18...gxf6 19.♖e1 (not 19.♖e2?? e4 winning the bishop) 19...♖c6 20.♟f2 is about equal] **18...♟ad8 19.♟ae1** [19.♟xf6] **19...♟xe4** [19...♖b6!?] **20.♟xe4 ♟d4 21.c3 ♟d2 22.g4** [22.♟e2 ♖c4 23.♟fe1 ♖xe2 24.♖xe2 ♖xa2 allows Black an extra pawn but converting it might be a problem] **22...h6 23.h4** [23.♟g1 ♟g8 24.g5 hxg5 25.h4 and now 25...g4 is necessary, when 26.♟xg4 (or 26.♟g2 ♟fd8 27.♟xg4 ♖c4) 26...♟fd8 27.♟e1 ♟f8 is very nice for Black] **23...♟xb2!** [Fortunately, Black can ignore White's demonstration on the kingside; fortunate, because there's nothing much Black could do about it anyway.] **24.g5** [Likewise, White may as well proceed with his own attack since defensive resources are lacking, e.g. 24.♟f3 ♖c4! 25.g5 ♟e2 26.♟xe2 (26.♟e3 ♟xe3 27.♟xe3 ♖f1+ 28.♟h2 ♖f2+ 29.♟g2 ♖xe3-) 26...♖xe2 27.♟d3 ♖d1+ 28.♟g2 e4 29.♟xe4 ♖e2+ 30.♟h3 ♟e5+-] **24...♖xc3 25.♟f3?** [I think White can defend

successfully with 25.♖g4!, e.g. a) 25...hxg5?? 26.hxg5 ♟xg5 27.♖h5+ ♟h6 28.f6!+-; b) 25...♖d2 26.♖h3 ♟e7 27.f6 gxf6 28.gxf6 ♟b4 (28...♟xf6 29.♟d1 ♖e2 30.♟de1 ♖d2=) 29.♟g1 ♖f4 30.♟g7 ♟xe1 31.♟h7+ ♟g8 32.♟g7+ ♟h8=; c) 25...♟d8!? 26.f6! g6 27.h5 (27.gxh6 ♟xf6) 27...♖d2 28.♖h3 ♖xg5 29.hxg6 fxe6 30.♟g1 ♖h5 31.♖xh5 gxh5 32.♟g7 ♟xf6 33.♟h7+ ♟g8 34.♟g1+ ♟g5 35.♟xh6 ♟f2 36.♟xg5+ and it's about equal] **25...e4! 26.gxf6** [26.♟e2 ♖xe2 27.♟xe2 ♖h3+ 28.♟g1 ♟d4+ +-; 26.♟xe4 ♟e5 27.♟fe1 ♟h2+ 28.♟g1 ♖c5+ 29.♟e4e3 ♟f4+-; 26.gxh6 exf3 27.hxg7+ ♟xg7 28.♖g4+ (28.♟g1+ ♟g2+-) 28...♟h7 29.♖h5+ ♟g8 30.♖g4+ ♟g7+-] **26...exf3 27.fxe7+ ♖xg7 28.♖xf3 ♖f6+-** [Black wins a second pawn and it's all over.] **29.♖e4 ♟xa2 30.♟b1 ♟a4 31.♟b4 ♟xb4 32.♖xb4 ♟g8 33.♖e4 ♟c8 34.♟h2 ♖d6+ 35.♟h1 ♖c6 36.♟e1 ♖xe4+ 37.♟xe4 ♟g7 38.♟e7 ♟f6 39.♟a7 ♟c6 0-1.**

**2005-2006 NZCCA Trophy Tourney progress as at 14 January, 2006.**

72nd Championship: M.F.Noble 9/10, R.E.Gibbons 8/9, H.P.Bennett 5/7, M.L.Dunwoody 5/9, P.B.Goffin 4.5/9, G.A.Hoskyn 4/12, M.Wigbout 3.5/8, M.G.Whaley 3/3, P.A.R.Vetharanim 2.5/6, J.A.McDonald 2.5/8, E.G.A.Frost 2.5/9, R.S.Mitchell 2/4, B.W.Millar 1.5/12. Latest results: DUNWOODY beat Bennett.Drew Goffin.MITCHELL beat Millar. Reserve Championship: P.J.Voss 7/7, C.Welsh 4/5,S.A.Holdaway 3/6, G.D.Putt 2.5/6, D.I.Bell 2/5, G.H.Mills 2/7, B.J.Edwards 1.5/2, K.G.Reed 1/1, D.E.Dolejs 1/4, W.Anderson 1/7. Latest results: VOSS beat Mills.WELSH beat Dolejs.HOLDAWAY beat Mills, Anderson.PUTT drew Bell,Mills.BELL beat Anderson.MILLS beat Anderson.REED beat Holdaway.ANDERSON beat Dolejs. TT2:J.W.H.Atkinson 6/6, J.P.Stewart 3.5/4, T.Coady 2.5/6, C.Bastion 2/7, S.R.Chowdhury 0/5. Latest results: ATKINSON beat Coady (2), Bastion (2), Chowdhury.BASTION beat Chowdhury (2). Play ceases on 31 March, 2006.Unfinished games will go to adjudication.

## Chess Book Reviews

by Michael Stevenson

Happy New Year! As well as catching up on some interesting reviews from regular top chess magazines in this review, I'll be showing one of the games on the Chess Informant CD ROMs – as promised last year.

### The Chigorin Defence

by Valery Bronznik (*Kania*)

Right from the outset, I'd like to say that the author Valery has written one of the best books to be published on this unrated defence to the Queen's gambit that has been published in the last few years. As you can see from the game below the Chigorin is very playable, taking the player of the white pieces out of his/her comfort zone, and it's black's player that sets the tone of the game after only the second move.

### Pillsbury, H - Chigorin, M

[D07]

London (27), 1899

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.e3 e6 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Qb3 Bxf3 7.gxf3 Nge7 8.Bd2 0-0 9.Bd3 Rb8 10.cxd5 Nxd5 11.0-0-0 Bxc3 12.Bxc3 b5 13.Bd2 Rb6 14.Rdgl a5 15.f4 f5 16.Rg3 a4 17.Qd1 Ncb4 18.Bxb4 Nxb4 19.Rhg1 Rf7 20.Bb1 a3 21.bxa3 Nd5 22.Qb3 b4 23.axb4 Rxb4 24.Qd3 c5 25.dxc5 Qa5 26.Bc2 Qxa2 27.f3 Rc4 28.R3g2 Rd7 29.c6 Rxc6 30.Qd4 Qa3+ 31.Kd2 Rxc2+ 32.Kxc2 Nxe3+ 33.Kb1 Rxd4 34.Rxg7+ Kf8 35.Rg8+ Ke7 0-1

Through over one hundred games and three hundred pages, this hardback book will readily show and teach the reader the ins and outs of this defence. In summary this book is suitable for those players wanting a well written guide who are just starting to play this opening, as well as being jam-packed with great ideas for more seasoned players. Overall this is a first-class book about this defence.

### Chess Informant

by Sahovski

As most players know Chess Informant is

what most of the top players, as well as the lesser lights, use when training or preparing for tournaments. After corresponding with other players about different chess products that are out there at the moment, one unfortunate misunderstanding that has come to light is that Chess Informant comes out only in book form. Not true. As well as the book form, most, if not, all of the games are available on computer CD ROMs. In this world of portable and home computers, this makes for much easier study of chess games. An excellent title that's going to be released this year is a CD ROM on Garry Kasparov with his bio, stats, facts, photos and combinations. Here's one of Garry's own games taken off the CI CD ROM just to whet your appetite.

### Kasimdzhanov, R (2678) - Kasparov, G (2804)

[D48]

Chess Informant 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.0-0 a6 10.e4 c5 11.d5 Qc7 12.dxe6 fxe6 13.Bc2 c4 14.Nd4 Nc5 15.Be3 e5 16.Nf3 Be7 17.Ng5 0-0!N [17...h6 Ue 81/(368)] 18.Bxc5 [18.b4 cxb3 (18...h6 19.Bxc5 hxg5 20.Bxe7 Qxe7 21.a3 Rad8 22.Qe2 g4 23.Rad1 Rd4÷) 19.Bxb3+ Nxb3 20.Qxb3+ Qc4 21.Qxc4+ bxc4 22.Rab1 Bc6÷] 18...Bxc5 19.Ne6 Qb6 20.Nxf8 Rxf8 21.Nd5 [21.Kh1 Bxf2 22.Qe2 Bd4 23.Nd5 Bxd5 24.exd5 Qd6÷; 21.a4 Bxf2+ (21...b4 22.Nd5 Nxd5 23.exd5 Bxf2+ 24.Kh1 b3 25.Be4 Qe3 26.Bf3 e4 27.Bg4 Qc5 28.Be6+ Kh8 29.d6 e3 30.d7 Qb6 31.Bxc4 (31.Rc1 Qxe6 32.d8Q Bxg2+ 33.Kxg2 Qe4+=) 31...Bxg2+ 32.Kxg2 Qg6+ 33.Kh3 Qh6+=) 22.Kh1 Bd4 23.axb5 axb5⊙; 21.Qe2 Qe6 22.Kh1 (22.h3 Bd4⊙) 22...Ng4 (22...Bd4) 23.Nd1 Bd4 24.h3 Nf6 25.Rc1 g6 26.b3 Nh5÷] 21...Bxd5 22.exd5 Bxf2+ 23.Kh1 e4 24.Qe2? [24.d6 e3 25.Bf5 (25.d7 g6!; 25.b3 c3 26.b4 Rd8 27.Bb3+ Kh8) 25...g6 (25...Qc5 26.d7 Rd8 (26...Qxf5 27.d8Q Rxd8 28.Qxd8+ Kf7 29.Qb6±) 27.Qf3 Qe5 28.Rxf2 exf2 29.Qxf2 Nxd7 30.Bxh7+ Kh8 31.Bf5 Qf6

32.Qg3?) 26.Bh3 Kg7 (26...Qc5 27.d7 Qe7 28.Qf3 Kg7 29.Rfd1 Rd8 30.Rd4) 27.d7 Nh5÷ (27...Ne4 28.Qd5 Nd2 29.Rfd1 Qf6 30.Bg4 h5 31.Be2 Rd8 32.a4 Qxb2 33.axb5 Qxb5 34.Qd4+ Kh7 35.Qf6f) ; 24.a4 Bd4 (24...Rd8 25.axb5 axb5 26.Qe2 e3 27.b3 c3 28.Rfd1 (28.d6 Rxd6 29.Ra8+ Kf7÷) 28...g6 29.d6 Kg7 30.Qd3 b4 31.Ra6 Qc5 32.Rda1 Qe5÷ ... 33.Ra7+ Nd7 34.R1a5 Qe6) 25.axb5 axb5 26.Qe2 Bxb2 27.Rad1 Bd4 28.Bxe4 Re8 29.Rxf6 Qxf6 30.Bxh7+ Kf8 31.Be4 Qe5 32.Qf3+ Kg8 33.Rf1 Qxe4 34.Qf7+=] 24...e3 25.Rfd1? [25.Rad1 Qd6 26.Bf5 Kh8 27.Rxf2 exf2 28.Qxf2 Re8μ; 25.b3 c3? (25...Nxd5 26.bxc4 Nf4 27.Qf3 bxc4 28.Qe4 Qh6 29.Qxc4+ Kh8 30.Rab1÷) ] 25...Qd6 26.a4 [26.b3 c3 27.Bf5 g6 28.Be6+ Kg7 29.Rac1 Ne4μ] 26...g6! 27.axb5 axb5 28.g3 Nh5! [28...Qe5? 29.d6 Nh5 30.d7 Nng3+ 31.hxg3 Qxg3 32.Bf5=] 29.Qg4 Bxg3! [29...Re8 30.Kg2 e2 31.Kxf2 exd1Q 32.Qxd1 Rf8+ 33.Kg2 Nf6μ] 30.hxg3 [30.Qe6+ Qxe6 31.dxe6 e2 (31...Bh4!?) 32.hxg3 Nng3+ 33.Kg2 exd1Q 34.Rxd1 Nh5-+; 30.Rg1 Bf2! (30...Bxh2 31.Bxg6 Ng3+ (31...hxg6 32.Qxg6+ Qxg6 33.Rxg6+ Kh7 34.Re6 Bf4-+) 32.Rxg3 Bxg3 33.Bxh7+ Kxh7 34.Ra7+ Kh6 35.Qh3+ Kg6 36.Qh7+ Kf6 37.Ra6 Qxa6 38.Qh6+ Ke5 39.Qxa6 Rf1+ 40.Kg2 e2 41.Qe6+ Kd4 42.Qxe2 Rf2-++) 31.Qxh5 Bxgl 32.Rxgl Rf1!-+] 30...Nng3+ 31.Kg2 [31.Kgl e2 32.Re1 Qc5+ 33.Kh2 Qf2+ 34.Kh3 Nh5 35.Qe6+ Kg7-+] 31...Rf2+ 32.Kh3 Nf5 33.Rh1 h5! 34.Qxg6+ Qxg6 35.Rhg1 Qxgl 36.Rxgl+ Kf7 0-1

### New in Chess magazine

Sorry – it was remiss of me not to mention in past reviews that NIC has changed the layout of their magazine. All the diagrams and photos are now in colour making it much more enjoyable to read, (not to say it wasn't really presentable before). In the new issue of NIC, the big news is of course Veselin Topalov winning the FIDE world championship in Argentina. Dirk's column is titled 'Topalov the Magnificent Seven' and is full of facts about the players at the board as well as spotlighting

life behind the scenes. His column is finished off with notes from the players themselves, which are certainly invaluable to learn from. 'At the Crossroads' is Garry Kasparov's regular column in which he gives his insightful views on the world championships, and the new world champion.

Overall this is a really good magazine with the added bonus of articles from top players writing about their own games.

### Australian Chess

I would like to share with you some info about two of the regular columns in this issue. 'The Finalto must be Winning' by IM Zong Yuam Zhao certainly makes the study of endgames most enjoyable. Zong has an easy-to-read writing style in his column. Each issue gives the reader exercises to try and solve, then moves on to teach some of the secrets on the art of winning endgames. Incidentally, Australian Chess's 'Games Column' by IM John-Paul Wallace is an example of a type of column that is sadly missing from NZC. Each issue John-Paul goes into detail about some interesting games that have recently been played around the world with some high quality game analyses.

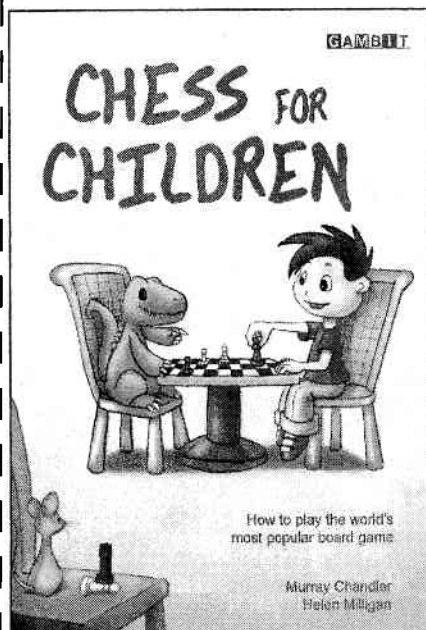
### Chess (Monthly) Magazine

by Chess & Bridge Ltd

In the January issue of 'Chess', Andrew Greet gives the lowdown on the start of the 4NCL, which is the UK national chess competition featuring players such as Ward, King, Kosten and Shirov. In past reviews I wrote about Daniel King's regular column and, as usual, his new column is a real gem. Even though there are good quality magazines that come out of the UK, this one is by far the best around at the moment.

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