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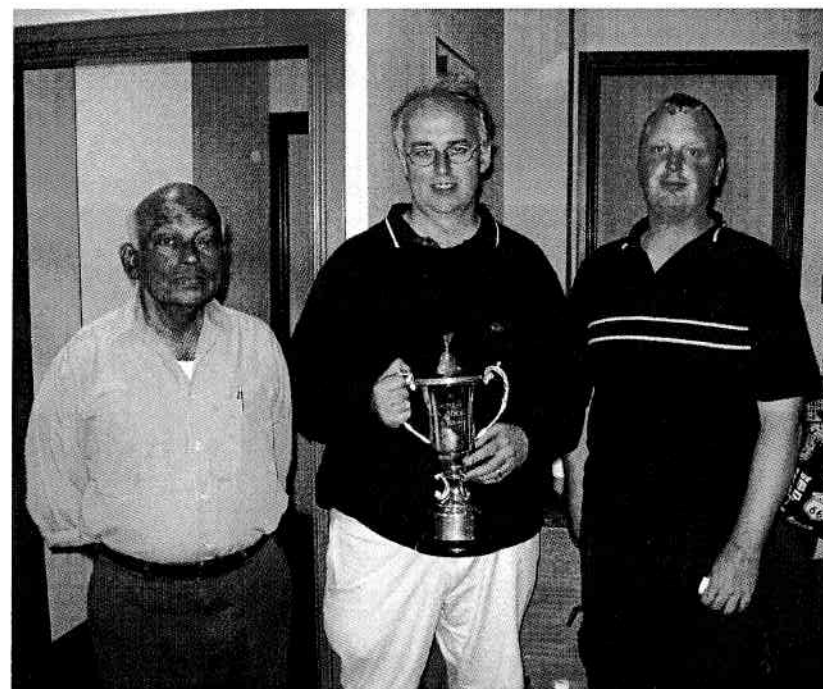
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Wanganui: *Ted Frost has taken out the 2004 - 05 correspondence handicap tourney from a field of 30. Bill Smillie, Waiuku and Bernard Welch Christchurch, were next. Full details will appear in the next issue of NZ Chess.*

2005 St. Paul's Collegiate:

The St. Paul's Collegiate Under 20 Rapid "Class 3" Grand Prix Event was held April 3rd in Hamilton. Fifty-five students competed in this junior tournament playing six games of a time control of 25/25 minutes. Three players tied for first overall with 5 out of 6 points: Devon Smith U16, Jason Wu U14 and Andy Chen U12.

IM Title

Long-time player and former NZ Champion Paul Garbett gained a welcome overdue IM title at the 2005 Oceania Zonal. See report page 17.

Subscriptions: *A reminder from Sharon that subscriptions for the year ending December 2005 are now due. Notices are enclosed with this issue. Thank you to those subscribers who have already paid.*

Front Cover: *Bill Forster, winner of the Major Open, with runner-up Prince Vetharanim (left) and 3rd placegetter Michael Nyberg.*

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112th New Zealand Chess Congress

by Ted Frost

The 112th NZ Congress in Wanganui was eventful in a variety of ways – all favourable for the game and its organization. Here are a few of the highlights:

- * There were three overseas players in the Championship - IM Alex Wohl, now based in Germany but living in Australia when he came to Wanganui two years ago; Tim Reilly, the Australian who shared top place with Wohl two years ago; and Tomas Civin, of Czechoslovakia, who was the top-rated player in the tournament but does not yet have a FIDE title.
- * Wohl won with 8.5 points, in spite of a loss to Civin in round 10.
- * IM Anthony Ker scored 8, including a loss to his long-time sparring partner IM Russell Dive, to finish second but notably to take out his ninth New Zealand Championship (second to IM Ortvin Sarapu's 20 titles). Seven of Anthony's wins have been outright, and he has won it four times in a row, equalling a record set by Sarapu 50 years ago.
- * IM norms were available, but none were gained.
- * Graeme Spain, a Congress player for some years, qualified for the New Zealand National Master title.
- * Smooth running throughout in the hands of Tournament Director Bruce Pollard, with not a single dispute.
- * Thanks to efficiency of the computer programme, the draw for the following round was posted within minutes of completion of the previous round. However, the computer's allocation of colours came into question once or twice.
- * The time control worked extremely well – 90 minutes with 30 seconds added for each move from move one. Players were able to avoid desperate rushes before flag-fall, but also with the exception of one round all games were finished within a few minutes of four hours. Players were able to use all the time they required and it was convincing

- evidence that with time controls of 40 moves in two hours or two and a-half hours, players tended to take unnecessary time because it was available.
- * Virtually all games played out, not too many draws and only one real grandmaster draw in the whole event (Wohl-Dive, round 3).
- * Generally there was a high standard of play throughout, as the game scores show.
- * A warm welcome was extended to the only New Zealand-born Grandmaster, Murray Chandler, briefly in New Zealand on holiday and making arrangements for next year's international tournament in Queens-town which will incorporate the next Congress.
- * The Congress was handled by Wanganui Chess Club with customary efficiency and at the presentation of prizes IM Wohl expressed thanks on behalf of the players – giving a special mention to the provision of finger food and liquid refreshments.
- * Recognition of Wanganui's success and popularity was the AGM decision to hold the 2007 Congress in the River City again – believed to be the first time ever Congress has been held in one city three times in the short span of five years.
- Club president Gordon Hoskyn says Wanganui had a small but select committee set up with the prime object of organising an excellent congress. Judging by the way Congress went and comments passed by players, the committee achieved its aim. Gordon convened the committee and its members were Barry Williams, bulletins; John Wilson, finance; David Bell, transport; Rose Harris, catering; Ted Frost, publicity. "Each and every person did their job in a capable manner, leading to the success of the event," says Gordon. "Most were on deck two years ago for the 110th Congress, and most have signified that they hope to be available again for 2007."

Round-by-round and games selection

Round 1

Spain,G – Civin,T

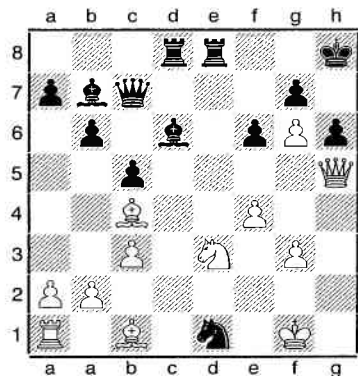
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Ker,A – van der Hoorn,M

[A45]

- 1.d4 ♘f6 2.♙g5 c5 3.♙xf6 gxf6 4.d5 d6 5.c4 ♞b6 6.♞d2 ♙h6 7.e3 ♞g8 8.♘c3 ♘d7 9.f4 f5 10.♘d3 ♘f6 11.♘f3 ♘g4 12.0-0-0 ♙d7 13.h3 ♘f6 14.♘h4 e6 15.dxe6 fxe6 16.♙c2 ♙f8 17.e4 fxe4 18.g4 0-0-0 19.g5 ♘e8 20.♙xe4 ♙g7 21.♞c2 ♞f8 22.♞hf1 ♞b4 23.♞b3 ♙c6 24.♙xc6 bxc6 25.f5 ♙d4 26.♞f3 ♞xb3 27.axb3 ♘c7 28.f6 d5 29.♞df1 ♞d7 30.f7 ♚d8 31.g6 h6 32.♘e2 ♙g7 33.♘f4 e5 34.♘h5 ♘e6



- c35.♘f5 e4 36.♘hxg7 ♘xg7 37.♘xg7 exf3 38.♘e6+ ♚e7 39.g7 1-0

Round 2

Wohl,A – Garbett,P

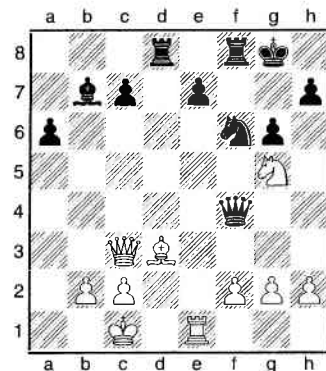
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Lukey,S – Ker,A

[B07]

- 1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 g6 4.♙g5 ♙g7 5.♘f3 a6 6.♞d2 b5 7.♙h6 0-0 8.♙xg7 ♚xg7 9.♙d3 ♘c6 10.e5 dxe5 11.dxe5 ♘g4 12.0-0-0 b4 13.♞he1 bxc3 14.♞xc3 ♞e8 15.♙e4 ♙b7 16.e6+ ♘f6 17.♘g5 ♘d8 18.♞xd8 ♞xd8 19.exf7 ♞b5 20.♘e6+ ♚xf7 21.a4 ♞xa4 22.♘g5+ ♚g8 23.♙d3 ♞f4+ 0-1



Reilly,T – Spain,G

[D94]

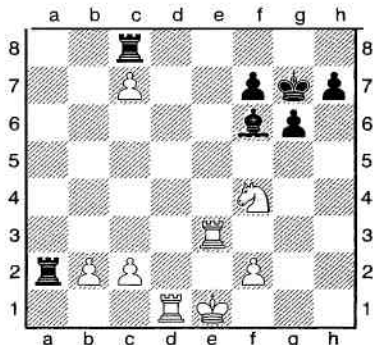
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27.xf5 d3 28.f8+ h7 29.f7 e8 30.h4
c2 31.h5 xa2 32.f8 g8 33.e6 a1+ 34.g
h2 fl 35.f1 1-0

van der Hoorn,M – Goodhue,N

[B01]

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 xd5 3.c3 d6 4.d4 f6
5.c4 a6 6.g2 c6 7.d3 xg2 8.g1
xh2 9.f4 h3 10.g3 d7 11.d5 b5
12.xb5 axb5 13.xb5 c6 14.dxc6 xd3
15.xd3 e5 16.xe5 e7 17.f6 f6 18.c7+
d7 19.e3+ f8 20.d1 g6 21.xd7 g7
22.f4 xa2 23.xc8 xc8



24.d7 xb2 25.e6+ g8 26.d8 g5
27.e8+ g7 28.e6+ f6 29.xc8 xe6
30.e8+ 1-0

Round 3

Ker,A – van der Hoorn,M

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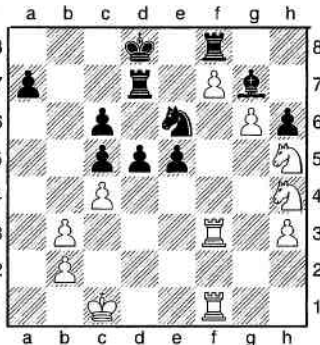
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f6 14.h4 e6 15.dxe6 fxe6 16.c2 f8
17.e4 fxe4 18.g4 0-0 19.g5 e8 20.xe4
g7 21.c2 f8 22.f1 b4 23.b3 c6
24.xc6 bxc6 25.f5 d4 26.f3 xb3 27.axb3
c7 28.f6 d5 29.d1 d7 30.f7 d8 31.g6 h6
32.e2 g7 33.f4 e5 34.h5 e6

Round 4

Wohl,A – Ker,A

[A41]

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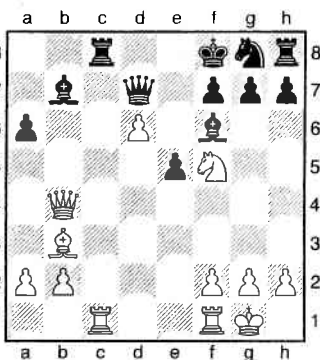


35.f5 e4 36.hxg7 hxg7 37.hxg7 exf3
38.e6+ e7 39.g7 1-0

Spain,G – Sims,M

[B21]

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.c3 a6 5.c4
e6 6.f3 b5 7.b3 b7 8.e2 d6 9.0-0 d7
10.d4 b4 11.d5 exd5 12.exd5 e7
13.f5 f8 14.f4 e5 15.xe5 dxe5 16.d6
f6 17.a1 c8 18.d2 d7 19.xb4



19...e8 20.xc8+ xc8 21.a4+ c6 22.c1
xf5 23.xc6+ d8 24.b6+ 1-0

9.e3 bd7 10.f4 e6 11.f3 c6 12.a1
b6 13.d5 exd5 14.cxd5 c5 15.b5 d7
16.a4 c8 17.f1 e8 18.h3 b8 19.c3
h5 20.a3 e7 21.b4 b6 22.b3 a6 23.e2
a7 24.b5 a5 25.g4 d7 26.d1 f8 27.g
g2 hxg4 28.hxg4 eg8 29.f3 c7 30.g5
d7 31.e4 e7 32.g3 f5 33.gxf6 dxf6
34.d3 f7 35.g1 h6 36.f1 d7
37.e4 xe4 38.xe4 bh3+ 39.e2 f5
40.xf5 xf5 41.f5+ gxf5 42.g5 f6
43.h5 h8 44.xh8 xh8 45.h1 (=)
45...g7 46.h5 g6 47.g5+ f6 48.g1
e4 49.a1 f7 50.a2 d4 51.d3 xe3
52.fxe3 c4+ 53.d2 c3+ 54.d3 e7
55.a3 d7 56.xc3 xa4 57.c6 a3+
58.d2 a2+ 59.d1 b2 60.xb6 a4
61.b7+ c8 62.a7 xb5 63.xa4 xd5+
64.c2 d7 (=) 65.a7+ e6 66.h7 a5
67.h6+ e7 68.d3 a3+ 69.e2 a2+
70.f3 a3 71.h1 e6 72.h8 e7 73.g
e2 a2+ 74.d3 a3+ 75.d4 a4+ 76.g
d5 a5+ 77.c4 a4+ 78.d5 a5+ 79.g
d4 a4+ 80.d5 1/2-1/2

Lukey,S – Dive,R

[E12]

1.d4 f6 2.c4 e6 3.f3 b6 4.c3 b4
5.g5 b7 6.e3 0-0 7.d3 c5 8.0-0 xc3
9.bxc3 d6 10.d2 h6 11.h4 e5 12.dxe5
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e8 26.f5 c6 27.e4 d8 28.h5 dd2
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32.e7 1-0

Bennett,H – Garbett,P

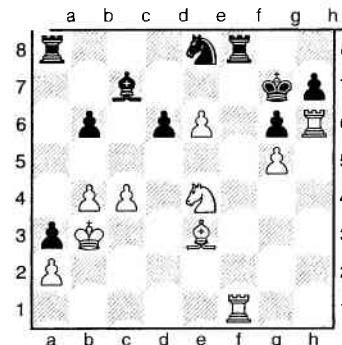
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e6 14.e5 0-0 15.g4 xg4 16.xg4 b4
17.e2 f5 18.f3 g5 19.h5 g6 20.h6 f6
21.f6 xf6 22.f4 ad8 23.h4 a8 24.a3
bxa3 25.xa3 d4 26.xa8 xa8 27.d5 f3+
28.f1 xh4 29.gxh4 xe1 0-1

Reilly,T – Smith,R

[A53]

1.d4 f6 2.c4 d6 3.c3 bd7 4.e4 e5 5.d5
c5 6.f3 a5 7.e3 e7 8.d2 0-0 9.0-0 a4
10.b1 d7 11.g4 a3 12.b3 a6 13.ge2 c6
14.g3 b4 15.h4 cxd5 16.exd5 a5 17.g5
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b8 25.c2 d7 26.b3 g6 27.e7+ g7
28.dh1 h8 29.hxg6 f6 30.h6 f8 31.f4
f7 32.c6 exf4 33.f4 g8 34.f1 g7
35.e3 d7 36.d4 f8 37.e6+ xe6
38.dxe6 f8



39.d4+ g8 40.f6+ xf6 41.gxf6 1-0

Round 5

McDonald,J – Wohl,A

[B02]

1.e4 f6 2.c3 e6 3.e5 d5 4.d4 d6 5.f3 dxe5
6.dxe5 d6 7.g4 f8 8.e4 f5 9.f3 h4
10.d3 xe5 11.dxe5 c6 12.g5 g4 13.xg4
fxg4 14.0-0 h6 15.h4 xe5 16.hea1 xd3+
17.xd3 f7 18.g3 b6 19.a3 a6 20.d2 he8
21.f3 gxf3 22.f2 g8 23.fxf3 e7 24.d2 b7
25.h4 g5 26.g3 f4 27.fef3 ea8 28.e4 f8
29.g1 e5 30.h4 h5 31.e1 g4 32.c3 f4
33.ee1 d5 34.d2 g7 35.g3 e6 36.c4 e7
37.c3 c6 38.e3 d4 39.d1 f3 40.ee1 c5
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Garbett,P – Lukey,S

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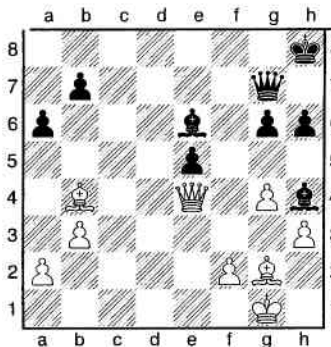
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 31.gxf4 xxf4 32.g1 f1 33.e1 xgl# 0-1

Round 6

Wohl,A – Reilly,T
 [A00]

1.f3 g6 2.d4 d6 3.c4 f5 4.c3 f6 5.g3 g7
 6.g2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.d5 a5 9.a4 c5
 10.dxc6 xc6 11.d1 d7 12.c5 dxc5
 13.c4+ h8 14.xc5 c8 15.f4 e8
 16.e3 g4 17.d2 e6 18.h3 d8 19.c2
 h6 20.e4 xxd1+ 21.xd1 f7 22.exf5
 23.b3 e5 24.e3 c8 25.g4 e6 26.a4 a6
 27.b6 h6 28.e4 g5 29.f5 g5
 30.d5 d7 31.e1 f7 32.b3 h4 33.e2
 g7 34.e3 d8 35.d2 h6 36.b4 xd2
 37.xd2 xb4 38.xb4



38...xf6 39.c3 g5 40.xb7 h5 41.xa6 1-0

Dive,R – Ker,A
 [A41]

1.f3 d6 2.d4 g6 3.c4 g7 4.g3 e5 5.c3
 exd4 6.fxd4 e7 7.g2 bc6 8.c2 e5
 9.c3 d7c6 10.0-0 e6 11.c5 d7 12.d2
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23.e4 h8 24.exf5 fxf5 25.xf5 gxf5 26.f3
 f6 27.e1 c5 28.b4 e4 29.e3 g5
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 e8 34.hxg5 xe3 35.xe3 f8 36.h3 g8
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 g7 54.d6 d7 55.f6 g4 56.f5 a4
 57.xh5+ g6 58.f5+ 1-0

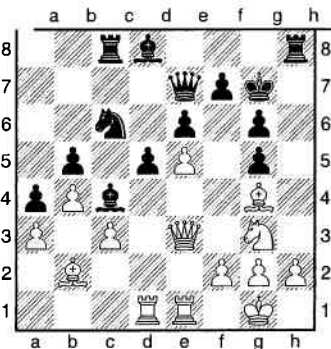
Bennett,H – Garbett,P
 [B23]

1.e4 c5 2.c3 a6 3.g3 b5 4.g2 b7 5.d3 e6
 6.f3 d6 7.0-0 d7 8.e3 g6 9.h3 e7
 10.h2 d5 11.exd5 exd5 12.f4 f8 13.e1
 e6 14.e5 0-0 15.g4 xg4 16.xg4 b4
 17.e2 f5 18.f3 g5 19.h5 g6 20.h6 f6
 21.xf6 xf6 22.f4 ad8 23.h4 a8 24.a3
 bxa3 25.xa3 d4 26.xa8 xa8 27.d5 f3+
 28.f1 xh4 29.gxh4 xe1 0-1

Round 7

Lukey,S – Wohl,A
 [C03]

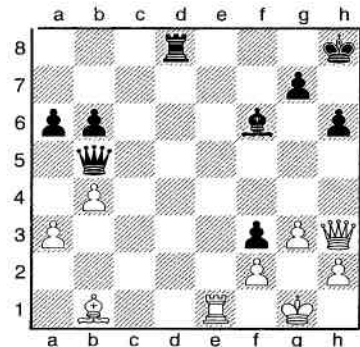
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 fd7 6.c3 c5 7.d3 c6 8.f1 b6 9.dxc5
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 13.fg5 hxg5 14.b4 e7 15.e1 d7 16.e2
 c8 17.b3 a5 18.a3 d7 19.b2 c7 20.f1
 b5 21.e3 c6 22.g3 a4 23.d1 g6 24.f3
 c4 25.ad1 f8 26.d2 g7 27.d1 b5
 28.g4 d8 29.d1 e7



30.f4 gxf4 31.xxf4 b6+ 32.e3 f5 33.exf6+
 xf6 34.xxf6+ xf6 35.f1 e5 36.f3
 xf1 0-1

Reilly,T – Dive,R
 [E41]

1.d4 f6 2.c4 e6 3.c3 b4 4.e3 c5 5.d3
 c6 6.g2 cxd4 7.exd4 d5 8.cxd5 dxd5
 9.c2 b6 10.d3 b7 11.0-0 e7 12.a3 f6
 13.d1 a6 14.f5 xd5 15.c3 xd4
 16.g3 e5 17.h3 c4 18.e3 d4 19.d3
 c7 20.acl e7 21.e4 xe4 22.xe4 d8
 23.d2 f5 24.b1 0-0 25.a2 h8 26.e1
 c5 27.xe6 f4 28.f4 d4 29.a2 f3
 30.b1 h6 31.g3 fe8 32.f1 f6 33.b4 b5
 34.xd8 xd8 35.e1



35...e2 36.f1 d4 37.f5 xf2+ 0-1

Round 8

Wohl,A – Smith,R
 [B36]

1.f3 f6 2.c4 c5 3.c3 c6 4.d4 cxd4
 5.fxd4 g6 6.e4 d6 7.e2 fxd4 8.xd4 g7
 9.0-0 0-0 10.g5 e6 11.d2 c8 12.b3 e8
 13.acl a5 14.f3 a6 15.fdl d7 16.d5
 xd2 17.xd2 xd5 18.xd5 f6 19.d1
 c7 20.e3 d7 21.f2 h5 22.f1 a5 23.b1
 a8 24.d2 c3 25.c2 b4 26.g5 f6
 27.c1 a4 28.g3 c5 29.d2 axb3 30.axb3
 xd2 31.xd2 a3 32.b4 d7 33.c2 (=) 1/2-1/2

Burns,C – Ker,A
 [A00]

1.b4 e5 2.b2 xb4 3.xe5 f6 4.e3 c6

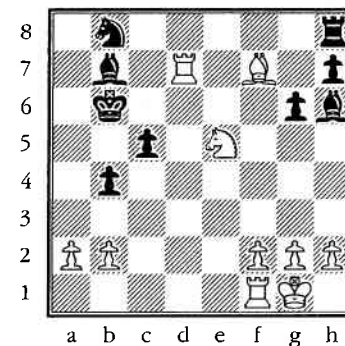
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 xd5 10.e2 e8 11.a4 d7 12.0-0 (=)
 12...b6 13.c3 xc3 14.dxc3 d4 15.d1
 xe2+ 16.xe2 c6 17.c4 ad8 18.ad1 h6
 19.e4 xd1 20.xd1 xe4 21.d2 xf3
 22.gxf3 xxf3 0-1

Reilly,T – Lukey,S
 [E81]

1.d4 f6 2.c4 g6 3.c3 g7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0
 6.e3 c5 7.g2 c6 8.d5 e5 9.g3 h5
 10.e2 h4 11.f1 e6 12.d2 exd5 13.cxd5 a6
 14.a4 b8 15.0-0 e8 16.f4 h6 17.c4
 xc4 18.xc4 f6 19.d2 g7 20.e5 g4
 21.h3 h6 22.e4 f5 23.b4 b5 24.axb5
 axb5 25.bxc5 bxc4 26.cxd6 b6+ 27.h2
 d4 28.c3 b3 29.e1 b7 30.a5 b6
 31.a4 ad4 32.c3 d3 33.f3 b1 34.d7
 g3 35.e3 f5 36.f2 b1 37.e1 xd7
 38.c3 b3 39.a7 a8 40.e6 fxe6 41.dxe6
 c6 42.xa8+ xa8 43.e7 b8 44.d5 e8
 45.b4 b7 46.e6 xe7 47.xg6 xe1 0-1

Thornton,G – van der Hoorn,M
 [A57]

1.d4 f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.c3
 axb5 6.e4 b4 7.b5 d6 8.c4 g6 9.e5
 dxe5 10.d6 a6 11.f3 exd6 12.g5
 b7 13.fxe5 e7 14.fxd6+ xd6
 15.xf7+ e7 16.xd6+ xd6 17.fxf6
 h6 18.d1+ c7 19.d7+ b6 20.fxf6
 xh8 21.0-0 b8



22.Nc4+ Kc6 23.Re7 Ba6 24.Rd1 Bf4 25.g3

Bg5 26.Rd6+ Kb5 27.Rb7+ Bxb7 28.Rb6+ 25.♖e3 f5
Ka4 29.b3# 1 0 26.Qd4 f4 27.Qb6 Rb7 28.Qd4 Nh4
29.Qc4 fxe3 30.g3 exf2+ 31.Kxf2 Rf7+
32.Kg1 Qe3+ 0 1

Round 9

Lukey,S – Civin,T

[E94]

1.d4 ♖f6 2.♗f3 g6 3.c4 ♙g7 4.♗c3 d6 5.e4
0-0 6.♙e2 e5 7.0-0 ♗a6 8.♙e3 ♗g4 9.♙g5
♗e8 10.h3 h6 11.♙c1 ♗f6 12.dxe5 dxe5
13.♙e3 c6 14.c5 ♗h5 15.♗d2 ♗f4 16.♗c4
♗e7 17.♗d6 ♗g5 18.♙g4 f5 19.♙xf4 ♗xf4
20.exf5 gxf5 21.♙e2 ♗xc5 22.♙c4+ ♙e6
23.♙xe6+ ♗xe6 24.♗b3 ♗f6 25.♗ad1 ♗h7
26.♗e2 ♗g5 27.♗d3 ♗c5 28.♗f7 ♗xf7
29.♗xf7 ♗xd3 30.h4 ♗g6 31.♗xb7 ♗g8 0-1

Dive,R – Garbett,P

[A55]

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 d6 3.♗c3 c6 4.e4 ♗bd7
5.♗f3 e5 6.♙e2 ♙e7 7.♗b1 a6 8.b4 b5 9.a4
bxc4 10.♙xc4 0-0 11.0-0 a5 12.b5 cxb5
13.♙xb5 ♗c7 14.♙b2 ♙b7 15.♗e2 ♗fc8
16.♗fc1 ♗d8 17.♗d1 exd4 18.♗xd4 ♙f8
19.♗f5 ♗e5 20.♗d5 ♗xd5 21.exd5 ♗g5
22.♗g3 ♗g6 23.♗e4 ♗c7 24.♗f5 ♙c8

McDonald,J – Reilly,T

[B08]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♗f6 3.♗c3 g6 4.♗f3 ♙g7
5.♙e2 0-0 6.0-0 ♙g4 7.♙e3 ♗c6 8.d5 ♗b8
9.♗d4 ♙xe2 10.♗xe2 c5 11.dxc6 bxc6
12.♗fd1 c5 13.♗db5 ♗bd7 14.a4 ♗b8
15.♗a2 a6 16.♗a3 ♗e5 17.h3 ♗b4 18.f4
♗c6 19.♗c4 ♗d4 20.♙xd4 cxd4 21.♗d5
♗xd5 22.exd5 ♗c5 23.♗h1 ♗xd5 24.♗a3
♗ab8 25.a5 ♗b5 27.Nf5+ Bxf5 28.gxf5
Qe7 29.Rad1 Nd3 30.Qc4 Nb2 0 1

Ker,A – Thornton,G

[E31]

1.d4 e6 2.c4 ♗f6 3.♗c3 ♙b4 4.♙g5 h6
5.♙h4 c5 6.d5 d6 7.e3 exd5 8.cxd5 0-0
9.♙d3 ♗e7 10.♗ge2 ♙g4 11.f3 ♙xc3+
12.bxc3 ♙h5 13.e4 ♗bd7 14.0-0 ♗e5
15.c4 g5 16.♙e1 g4 17.♗g3 ♙g6 18.♙c3
gxf3 19.gxf3 ♗h7 20.f4 ♗xd3 21.♗xd3



IM Alex Wohl, winner of the NZ Championship at the 2005 Congress, flanked by Czech visitor Tomas Civin (3rd) and IM Anthony Ker with Silver Rook

New Zealand Major Open

by Ted Frost

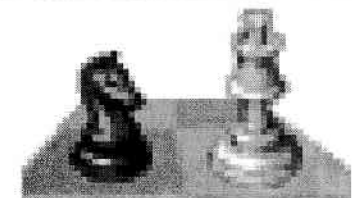
A moderately-sized field of 32 took part in the Major Open at the Wanganui Congress. Neil Gunn (1914) was the top seed and the only player rated over 1900. At the other end of the scale, no player was rated below 1000. The field included two Australians, Sean Watherow (back from two years ago) and Amiel Rosario. Bill Forster (+7, =3, -1) won his first national title with 8.5 points, losing only to Gunn. Local hope Prince Vetharaniam (+7, =2, -2) was second with 8, after successive losses in rounds 5 & 6. Michael Nyberg (+6, =3, -2) was third with 7.5. All three won their vital last-round games.

Grade two was taken out by Michael Wu with 6 points. Michael is only 10.5 years of age, looks like an eight-year-old, and clearly is a player of the future. Second equal on 5.5 were Bob Mitchell, Alistair McGowan and Mana Garland.

Spot prizes: Once again these were popular and helped to ensure the majority of players were in attendance to start their games on time. Each of the 50 players in the Championship/Major Open were allocated a permanent number, randomly selected. Winning numbers were drawn just before the start of play and prizes were choice from a selection of chess books.

Round-by-round winners were Alistair McGowan, Oscar Lynn, David Evans, Michael Nyberg, Don Stracy, Nic Croad, Peter Stuart, Peter Boag, William Lynn, Mathew King and Mana Garland.

The lucky accommodation draw was won by Gino Thornton, who for good measure was also successful in the rapid lucky accommodation draw, at odds of almost 500-1 to achieve this double.



♗g8 22.♗ae1 ♗fe8 23.f5 ♙h7 24.♗d2 ♗g4
25.h3 ♗h4 26.♗g2 ♗e5 27.♗f4 ♗f6 28.♗h5
♗g5+ 29.♗g4 ♗xg4 30.♗xg5+ hxg5
31.hxg4 ♗f8 32.♗f6 ♙g8 33.♗xe8 ♗xe8
34.♙f6 b6 35.♗f3 a6 36.♗b1 ♗b8 37.a4 a5
38.♙xg5 1-0

Lukey,S – Sims,M

[E12]

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗f3 b6 4.♗c3 ♙b7 5.a3
c5 6.d5 d6 7.e4 ♙e7 8.♙d3 ♗bd7 9.0-0 0-0
10.dxe6 fxe6 11.♗g5 ♗c8 12.♗xe6 ♗e8
13.♗d5 ♗e5 14.♗ec7 b5 15.♗xe8 ♗xd5
16.exd5 ♗xd3 17.♗xd3 bxc4 18.♗e4 1-0

Burns,C – Bennett,H

[A00]

1.b4 d5 2.Bb2 Qd6 3.a3 e5 4.e3 Be6 5.Nc3
c6 6.Nf3 f6 7.Be2 Nd7 8.0 0 Ne7 9.d3 g6
10.Na4 Bg7 11.c4 0 0 12.Nc3 Kh8 13.Rc1
f5 14.c5 Qc7 15.e4 d4 16.Nb1 Nf6 17.Nbd2
Rad8 18.Ng5 Bg8 19.f3 h6 20.Nh3 g5
21.Nc4 Bxc4 22.Rxc4 Qd7 23.Nf2 Rg8
24.Kh1 Nh7 25.g3 Bf6 26.Rg1 Nf8 27.Qf1
Nfg6 28.Bc1 Qe6 29.Qh3 Kh7 30.Qh5 Nh8
31.Qh3 Nf7 32.Bd1 Qd7 33.Bb3 Rgf8
34.Rc2 Kg7 35.a4 fxe4 36.Be6 Qc7 37.fxe4
Ng6 38.Ng4 Rh8 39.Rf2 h5 40.Nxf6 g4
41.Nxh5+ Rxh5 42.Qxh5 1 0

Round 11

Goodhue,N – Wohl,A

[A40]

1.d4 e6 2.c4 b6 3.Nf3 Bb7 4.e3 f5 5.Nc3
Bb4 6.Bd2 Nf6 7.Be2 0 0 8.a3 Bxc3 9.Bxc3
Ne4 10.Qd3 d6 11.0 0 Nd7 12.Nd2 Qh4
13.f3 Nxc3 14.Qxc3 Rf6 15.g3 Rg6 16.Rf2
e5 17.Rg2 Qe7 18.Bf1 exd4 19.exd4 Re6
20.Rf2 Re3 21.Qc2 Qf6 22.d5 a5 23.Bd3
g6 24.Nf1 Re7 25.Rd1 a4 26.Rc1 Nc5
27.Qc3 Kg7 28.Qxf6+ Kxf6 29.Bc2 Rae8
30.Nd2 Re1+ 31.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 32.Rf1
Rxf1+ 33.Kxf1 Ke5 34.Ke2 Kd4 35.f4 Ba6
36.Nf3+ Kxc4 37.Ng5 Kxd5+ 38.Ke3 h5
39.h3 b5 40.g4 hxg4 41.hxg4 Bc8 42.Nh7
Ke6 43.gxf5+ gxf5 44.Ng5+ Kf6 45.Nf3
Ne6 46.Nh4 Nd8 47.b3 axb3 48.Bxb3 c5
49.a4 bxa4 50.Bxa4 Ne6 51.Bc2 Nd4
52.Bb1 Bb7 53.Bd3 Bh1 54.Bb1 d5 55.Bd3
Be4 56.Bf1 Ne6 0 1

112th New Zealand Championship Table

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
1	Wohl,Alex	+ 1/12	- 1/4	+ ½/5	- ½/2	+ 1/10	- 1/7	+ 1/6	- ½/8	+ 1/13	- 0/3	+ 1/16	8.5 / 11
2	Ker,Anthony	- 1/17	+ 1/6	- 1/3	+ ½/1	- ½/7	+ 0/5	- 1/4	+ 1/11	- ½/8	- 1/13	+ ½/9	8.0 / 11
3	Civin,Tomas	+ 1/9	- 1/8	+ 0/2	- 0/4	+ ½/14	- 1/10	+ 1/15	- ½/5	+ 1/6	+ 1/1	- ½/7	7.5 / 11
4	Garbett,Paul	- 1/13	+ 0/1	- 1/11	+ 1/3	- 0/6	+ 1/14	+ 0/2	- 1/9	+ 1/5	- ½/7	+ ½/8	7.0 / 11
5	Dive,Russell	- 1/10	+ ½/15	- ½/1	+ 0/6	- 1/13	- 1/2	+ 1/7	+ ½/3	- 0/4	+ ½/8	- 1/18	7.0 / 11
6	Lukey,Stephen	+ 1/14	- 0/2	+ 1/13	- 1/5	+ 1/4	- ½/8	- 0/1	+ 1/7	- 0/3	- 1/18	+ 0/12	6.5 / 11
7	Reilly,Tim	+ ½/16	- 1/9	+ 1/15	- 1/8	+ ½/2	+ 0/1	- 0/5	- 0/6	+ 1/10	+ ½/4	+ ½/3	6.0 / 11
8	Smith,Robert	- 1/11	+ 0/3	- 1/17	+ 0/7	- ½/9	+ ½/6	- 1/14	+ ½/1	+ ½/2	- ½/5	- ½/4	6.0 / 11
9	Spain,Graeme	- 0/3	+ 0/7	- 1/18	+ ½/11	+ ½/8	- 1/12	+ ½/10	+ 0/4	- 1/16	- 1/17	- ½/2	6.0 / 11

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10	McDonald,John	+ 0/5	- ½/14	+ 1/16	- 1/15	- 0/1	+ 0/3	- ½/9	+ 1/18	- 0/7	+ ½/12	+ 1/17	5.5 / 11
11	Burns,Chris	+ 0/8	- 1/18	+ 0/4	- ½/9	+ ½/15	- ½/16	+ 1/17	- 0/2	+ ½/12	- 1/14	+ ½/13	5.5 / 11
12	Stuart,Peter	- 0/1	+ 0/13	+ ½/14	- ½/16	- 1/17	+ 0/9	- 1/18	+ ½/15	- ½/11	- ½/10	- 1/6	5.5 / 11
13	Thornton,Gino	+ 0/4	- 1/12	- 0/6	+ 1/18	+ 0/5	- 0/15	+ 1/16	- 1/17	- 0/1	+ 0/2	- ½/11	4.5 / 11
14	Bennett,Hilton	- 0/6	+ ½/10	- ½/12	+ 1/17	- ½/3	- 0/4	+ 0/8	- 1/16	+ 1/18	+ 0/11	- 0/15	4.5 / 11
15	Croad,Nic	+ 1/18	- ½/5	- 0/7	+ 0/10	- ½/11	+ 1/13	- 0/3	- ½/12	+ 0/17	+ 0/16	+ 1/14	4.5 / 11
16	Goodhue,Nathan	- ½/7	+ 0/17	- 0/10	+ ½/12	- ½/18	+ ½/11	- 0/13	+ 0/14	+ 0/9	- 1/15	- 0/1	3.0 / 11
17	van der Hoorn,Mark	+ 0/2	- 1/16	+ 0/8	- 0/14	+ 0/12	+ 1/18	- 0/11	+ 0/13	- 1/15	+ 0/9	- 0/10	3.0 / 11
18	Sims,Martin T	- 0/15	+ 0/11	+ 0/9	- 0/13	+ ½/16	- 0/17	+ 0/12	- 0/10	- 0/14	+ 0/6	+ 0/5	0.5 / 11

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
1	Forster,Bill	+ ½/31	- 1/25	+ 1/24	+ 1/7	- 1/10	+ 1/5	- 0/4	+ ½/8	- ½/2	- 1/3	- 1/6	8.5 / 11
2	Vetharaniam,Prince	- 1/21	+ 1/12	- 1/13	+ 1/8	- 0/5	+ 0/7	+ ½/3	- 1/9	+ ½/1	- 1/18	- 1/4	8.0 / 11
3	Nyberg,Michael	- 1/23	- ½/4	+ 1/11	+ 0/5	- ½/12	+ 1/24	- ½/2	+ 1/21	- 1/7	+ 0/1	- 1/8	7.5 / 11
4	Gunn,Neil	- 1/17	+ ½/3	- 0/8	+ 1/26	+ ½/6	- 1/15	+ 1/1	- 0/5	+ 1/11	- 1/7	+ 0/2	7.0 / 11
5	Lynn,William	+ ½/24	- 1/18	+ 1/31	- 1/3	+ 1/2	- 0/1	- 0/7	+ 1/4	- 1/8	+ ½/6	+ 0/9	7.0 / 11
6	Stone,Andrew	- 1/30	- 0/9	+ 1/21	+ ½/13	- ½/4	+ 1/10	- 1/11	+ ½/7	- 1/14	- ½/5	+ 0/1	7.0 / 11
7	Aldridge,Alan	+ 1/29	- 1/16	+ 1/9	- 0/1	+ 1/8	- 1/2	+ 1/5	- ½/6	+ 0/3	+ 0/4	- 0/11	6.5 / 11
8	Rosario,Amiel	+ 1/32	- 1/11	+ 1/4	- 0/2	- 0/7	+ 1/25	+ 1/9	- ½/1	+ 0/5	- 1/14	+ 0/3	6.5 / 11
9	Jackson,Ross	- 1/22	+ 1/6	- 0/7	+ ½/12	- ½/24	+ 1/13	- 0/8	+ 0/2	- ½/10	+ 1/15	- 1/5	6.5 / 11
10	Watherow,Sean	+ 0/15	- 1/27	+ 1/22	- 1/16	+ 0/1	- 0/6	+ 0/12	- 1/28	+ ½/9	- 1/17	+ 1/18	6.5 / 11
11	Evans,David	- 1/28	+ 0/8	- 0/3	+ 1/29	- 1/31	+ 1/12	+ 0/6	- 1/20	- 0/4	+ ½/16	+ 1/7	6.5 / 11

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12	Stracy,Don	+ 1/19	- 0/2	+ 1/15	- ½/9	+ ½/3	- 0/11	- 1/10	+ 0/14	+ 0/17	- 1/27	- 1/21	6.0 / 11
13	Paul,David	+ 1/27	- 1/15	+ 0/2	- ½/6	+ 1/14	- 0/9	+ 0/20	- 1/17	+ 0/18	+ ½/21	- 1/16	6.0 / 11
14	Wu,Michael	+ 0/16	- 1/29	- 1/17	+ ½/31	- 0/13	+ 1/19	- ½/21	- 1/12	+ 0/6	+ 0/8	- 1/22	6.0 / 11
15	McGowan,Alistair	- 1/10	+ 0/13	- 0/12	+ 1/20	- 1/26	+ 0/4	- ½/24	+ 1/22	- 0/16	- 0/9	+ 1/30	5.5 / 11
16	Mazur,Julian	- 1/14	+ 0/7	- 1/28	+ 0/10	- ½/19	+ 0/21	- ½/27	+ 1/29	+ 1/15	- ½/11	+ 0/13	5.5 / 11
17	Gold,Hamish	+ 0/4	- 1/23	+ 0/14	- 0/24	- 1/30	+ ½/27	- 1/19	+ 0/13	- 1/12	+ 0/10	- 1/28	5.5 / 11
18	Mitchell,Robert	- ½/20	+ 0/5	- 0/26	+ 0/30	- 1/32	+ 1/23	- 1/25	+ 1/24	- 1/13	+ 0/2	- 0/10	5.5 / 11
19	Garland,Mana	- 0/12	+ 0/21	+ 1/27	- 1/22	+ ½/16	- 0/14	+ 0/17	- 1/25	+ 1/24	- 0/20	+ 1/32	5.5 / 11
20	Pakenham,John	+ ½/18	- 0/24	+ ½/25	- 0/15	+ 1/28	- 1/31	- 1/13	+ 0/11	- ½/21	+ 1/19		5.5 / 10
21	Bell,David	+ 0/2	- 1/19	- 0/6	+ 1/23	+ ½/25	- 1/16	+ ½/14	- 0/3	+ ½/20	- ½/13	+ 0/12	5.0 / 11
22	Smith,Vivian	+ 0/9	- 1/30	- 0/10	+ 0/19	- ½/23	+ 1/26	+ 1/31	- 0/15	+ ½/27	- 1/28	+ 0/14	5.0 / 11
23	Boag,Peter	+ 0/3	+ 0/17	- 1/32	- 0/21	+ ½/22	- 0/18	+ 1/30	- ½/27	+ 0/28	- 1/31	+ 1/25	5.0 / 11
24	Kay,Bruce	- ½/5	+ 1/20	- 0/1	+ 1/17	+ ½/9	- 0/3	+ ½/15	- 0/18	- 0/19	+ ½/32	- ½/29	4.5 / 11

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25	Hoskyn, Gordon	- ½/26	+ 0/1	- ½/20	+ 1/28	- ½/21	- 0/8	+ 0/18	+ 0/19	- 1/29	+ 1/30	- 0/23	4.5 / 11
26	Holdaway, Stewart	+ ½/25	- 0/31	+ 1/18	- 0/4	+ 0/15	- 0/22	+ 0/28	- 1/32	- 0/30	+ 1/29	+ 1/27	4.5 / 11
27	Scarf, Rex	- 0/13	+ 0/10	- 0/19	+ 1/32	- 1/29	- ½/17	+ ½/16	+ ½/23	- ½/22	+ 0/12	- 0/26	4.0 / 11
28	King, Mathew	+ 0/11	- 1/32	+ 0/16	- 0/25	- 0/20	+ ½/29	- 1/26	+ 0/10	- 1/23	+ 0/22	+ 0/17	3.5 / 11
29	Wilson, John	- 0/7	+ 0/14	+ 1/30	- 0/11	+ 0/27	- ½/28	+ 1/32	- 0/16	+ 0/25	- 0/26	+ ½/24	3.0 / 11
30	Reed, Ken	+ 0/6	+ 0/22	- 0/29	- 1/18	+ 0/17	+ 0/32	- 0/23	- 1/31	+ 1/26	- 0/25	- 0/15	3.0 / 11
31	Lin, Alan	- ½/1	+ 1/26	- 0/5	- ½/14	+ 0/11	+ 0/20	- 0/22	+ 0/30	- ½/32	+ 0/23		2.5 / 10
32	Lynn, Oscar	- 0/8	+ 0/28	+ 0/23	- 0/27	+ 0/18	- 1/30	- 0/29	+ 0/26	+ ½/31	- ½/24	- 0/19	2.0 / 11



IM Anthony Ker with the symbol of NZ Chess Championship supremacy, the silver rook, which will have his name added for the ninth time.



Tournament winner IM Alex Wohl playing Australian Tim Reilly, who shared top place with Wohl two years ago.

2005 Oceania Zonal Chess Championship

by Paul Spiller FIDE International Organiser

The 2005 Oceania Zonal Chess Championship held at the Waipuna Hotel and Conference Centre was certainly a milestone event for the New Zealand Chess Federation and New Zealand Chess. Nearly a year of organisational planning came to fruition in a fantastic week of furious chess competition that not only decided the Oceania representatives for the next FIDE World Championship but also at long last saw Paul Garbett's long quest to achieve the International Master title rewarded after a gutsy performance against our regions top players. Not only did Paul achieve a much deserved IM title but Igor Bjelobrk (now resident in Australia) also gained a well deserved and somewhat overdue FM title. The other FM title went to John Humphrey of Australia, another payer who has had consistently good results over the last few years. In the Women's Championship WFM Narelle Szuveges of Australia finally succeeded in obtaining the Women's International Master title that was up for grabs after a long, hard game in the last round against Viv Smith. The two WFM titles were decided on tie-break and will be awarded to Shannon Oliver and Angela Song of Australia. The chances were there for the New Zealand girls but the unfortunate presence of a bye meant those players having the bye were effectively ruled out of title contention.

With such a large field (a record for this event) of 60 in the Open and 17 in the Women's it is hard to do justice to all those individuals that played so well. I would invite readers to check out the official website and games available at www.globalchessenterprises.co.nz in order to get a more in depth appreciation of how closely fought the Championships were. The Open event was very evenly contested with IM Gary Lane just getting his nose in front at the end of 9 rounds. Gary gives his own account elsewhere in this magazine. FM Greg Canfell was his unfortunate victim and must have been having a sense of déjà vu as a similar fate befell him in the last Zonal in Fiji where he missed the IM title in the last round. There was always

a group of 6 – 8 players who were always in contention right up until the last round. Igor Bjelobrk was the early leader along with Paul but two late losses (against Johansen and Humphrey) killed his chances. Reigning Champion GM Darryl Johansen, after an early draw, caught the field but couldn't quite repeat his 2002 performance. Another player to impress was teenager George Xie who is becoming a major force in Australian chess. Other New Zealand players who will be pleased with their results will be FM's Bob Smith and Stephen Lukey who finished in a tie for 6th place. Nokes, Wang and Steadman also played well, but our New Zealand Champion Anthony Ker had a horror start but did regain composure to finish respectably.

The Women's event, unlike the Open, predictably became a two horse race. Reigning Champion Irina Berezina was just too strong and simply overwhelmed the competition. Her quick draw with compatriot Anastasia Sorokina was the only compromise but when Sorokina dropped another half a point later on the Championship was effectively decided. Hopefully Irina will be able to take up the opportunity to compete in the next stage of the World Championship.

Some supporting events were held during and after the Championships. These included the inaugural Oceania Blitz Championship contested by 16 players and jointly won by IM Anthony Ker and WIM Anastasia Sorokina. During this event an Australasian Junior Chess Challenge was also held between 11 year old Raymond Song and 10 year old Andy Chen. Raymond was expected to win being vastly more experienced but Andy played well and will certainly benefit from this experience. He is already able to comfortably hold his own with the majority of the Howick-Pakuranga Chess Club senior players. Watch this space. As part of the overall program of events IM Gary Lane was invited to stay on a few days and conduct a junior coaching clinic. This was extremely successful and attracted 16 of the

upper North Islands promising junior players. Ted Frost will be reporting on this clinic in a separate article. Gary also played two simultaneous challenge events. One was held at the Howick Village Shopping Centre, the other at the Auckland Chess Centre. Gary was impressed with the junior players and conceded defeat to young Michael Wu of ACC. Gary's simul's and coaching were much appreciated and plans are already underway to organise more of these activities in the future.

In conclusion, I believe the whole tournament and associated promotional events were hugely successful. Altogether over 40 Australian players, coaches and Arbiters came for the Championship as well as representatives from Fiji. This is certainly good cause for celebration and augers well for next years Queenstown Chess Classic, widely tipped to be the largest Open event held in New Zealand (outside of junior and school competitions).

My thanks are extended to IA Gary Bekker and Jashint Maharaj of Fiji who did such a good job in making the tournament run so smoothly. With the help of the two DGT boards Gary brought from Australia it was possible to broadcast 5 games live through ICC during the tournament. [NZCF now has three DGT boards and clocks purchased with the help of a MT. Wellington Licensing Trust grant]. Over 7000 hits were recorded on the official website. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped with setting up and typing of games including Sonia Song, Jenny Oliver and Paul Morten.

Of course no tournament such as this could have been possible without generous sponsorship. My thanks go to Mr George Trundle for his support for the tournament and sponsoring of the "Ortvin Sarapu Trophy" and special prize won by Paul Garbett. Other sponsors to be thanked are Reay & Brian Neben of Times Newspapers for their ongoing support of tournaments that I have organised over the last 25 years. Also to Tony Booth and Palatine Pleaters, Jim Benson and Napier Computer Systems, The Borovskis Trust and New Zealand Chess Federation. Special thanks also to FM Bruce Watson for his support of this and previous events.

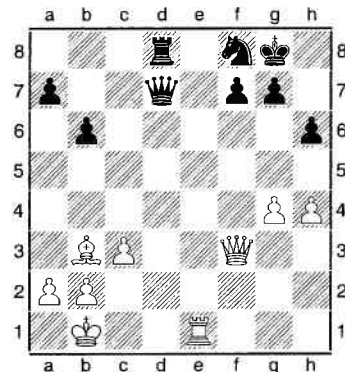
I would also like to thank Mrs Barbara Sarapu and the Sarapu family for their support of this event and their presence at the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. The "Ortvin sarapu Trophy" and \$1,000 cash prize was awarded to Paul Garbett as the top placing New Zealand player in honour of Ortvin, who won the first Zonal tournament held in New Zealand back in 1966. Also to the Hon. Maurice Williamson for opening the event with such a lively and entertaining speech.

Congratulations to all the winners. I hoped that you enjoyed this tournament as much as I did organising it and hope to meet up again at the Queenstown Classic in 2006.

2005 Oceania Championship

by Gary Lane

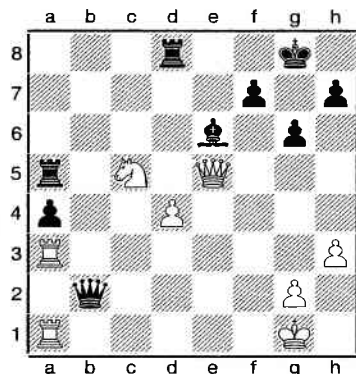
The tournament proved to be tough with a number of contenders having a chance for glory in the last round. I strove to win the tournament by basically keeping in touch with the early leader Paul Garbett, who had an exemplary performance, and taking my chances when they arose. I have recently studied over 1000 puzzles while compiling my recent books for Batsford called 'Find the Checkmate' and 'Find the Winning Move' and it really did help to spot some tricks on my way to clinching 1st place.



In this position from Lane-Lin, Black has been defending for some time but now sees a chance to lessen the onslaught by offering to exchange rooks with **39...Re8** but looked rather shocked when I reached for the queen and played **40**

Qxf7+! When Black thought about it for a moment and promptly resigned. The point is that **40...Qxf7** is met by **41 Rxe8** when the pin on the black queen means White has a winning advantage.

In the sixth round I was up against Stephen Solomon who is a strong international master and was Australia's board four at the Olympiad. In this hard fought game I noticed a tactical idea in his time-trouble and set a devious trap, which he did not see.



I have just moved my rook from the f8 square with **29...Rd8** to target the d4 pawn so White naturally played **30 Rxa4**. At this point he was hoping for **30...Qxa1+ 31 Rxa1 Rxa1+ 32 Kh2** but the 2 rooks against the queen is not winning due to the threat of **Ne4** when indeed **32...Bd5?! fails to impress upon 33 Nd7!** and White is actually better. However, now I had the chance to complete my combination which I had forecast earlier and quickly tried **30...Rxc5!** much to the astonishment of the spectators hovering near the board. There followed **31 Qxc5 Bd5** when it soon becomes apparent that the threat of mate on g2 cannot be adequately defended because the white queen is locked out of the defence. Solomon attempted to struggle on but the position is lost. **32 R1a2 Bxa2 33 Qa5 Qc1+ 34 Kh2 Qf4+ 35 Kh1 Rc8** resigns in view of the threat **...Rc1 mate**.

The last round game was a tense affair because victory would secure 1st place and result in a possible play off if someone else scored 7 points and this was for the scenario for both

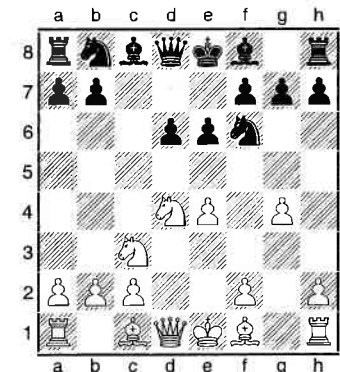
players:

Gary Lane-Greg Canfell

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3

In the past I have played the Closed Sicilian (2 Nc3), the C3 Sicilian (2 C3) and the Grand Prix Attack (2 Nc3 and 3 f4) so I have plenty of options at this point. I decided to play the open Sicilian because in the last round a win was required and wanted to encourage complications in pursuit of victory.

2...e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 d6 6 g4



The sharpest reply known as the Keres Attack because I want to create tactics in the opening to put pressure on Black. The variation is named in honour of the Estonian player Paul Keres (1916-75) who apparently first played it in 1943. It is a tribute to Keres influence as a top player in his homeland that he is the only chess player that I know whose features appear on a bank note.

6...h6 7 h4 Nc6 8 Rg1

This looks a bit wild but it has all been played before with the idea of forcing through the advance **g4-g5** to dislodge the king's knight.

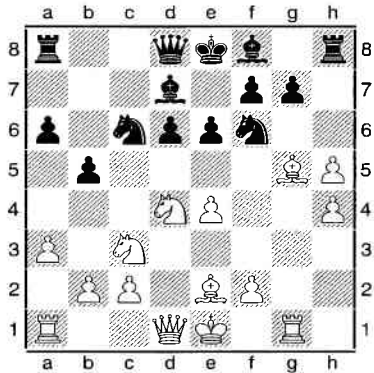
8...h5 9 gxh5 a6!?

A slightly unusual move designed to play something a little bit different in the opening. It might also be something to do with nerves because victory might bring Canfell an instant International Master title if Paul Garbett drew. However in his mind would have been the

memory of when he was in a similar situation two years ago at the Fiji zonal where he stumbled in the vital last round and the master title slipped out of his grasp during a time-trouble scramble. The standard continuation is 9... Nxb5 when 10 Bg5 offers roughly equal chances. **10 Be2!**

A simple solution to the new situation because I clearly declare my intention to hang on to the extra pawn.

10...Bd7 11 Bg5 b5 12 a3



There is no need to play something sharp at this stage because I can cause Black problems by trying to reduce the possibility of counterplay. The only thing is that once Black has extended his queenside pawns then castling queenside himself is a risky policy because the black king would be exposed.

12...Be7 13 Nb3

I wanted to clear the d-file in anticipation of eventually exchanging bishops on e7 when the d6 pawn will be weakened. Instead the direct 13 Qd2 makes it easy for Black to find the correct route towards equality just be taking the pawn back upon 13...Nxb5 14 Bxe7 Qxe7 15 0-0-0 g6 16 Nxc6 Bxc6 17 Qxd6 Qxd6 18 Rxd6 Rc8 gives Black decent compensation because the h4 pawn is rather weak.

13...Ne5 14 Qd4 Rc8

Canfell realises that with a queen on d4 the prospect of him safely castling queenside are slim. Therefore, he gets on with the job of creating attacking prospects by taking control of the semi-open c-file.

15 0-0-0 Qc7 16 f4!

I am planning to open the centre to chase the black king and this is the first stage of the idea. It is critical that

16...Nc6

It is worth noting that 16...Nc4 runs into 17 h6!, which makes it clear that that extra h-pawn is worth having because it deflects the defence of the knight on f6 17...e5 18 hxg7 Rg8 19 fxe5 dxe5 20 Qd3 with a clear advantage.

17 Qd2 b4 18 axb4 Nxb4 19 Kb1

A quiet move to avoid the prospect of a calamity because a careless move such as 19 Qd4? allows 19...Na2+! 20 Kb1 (20 Nxa2?? allows Qxc2 mate) 20...Nxc3+ 21 bxc3 e5 when Black is on top due to White's exposed king and doubled c-pawns.

19...Bc6 20 Qd4

The theme of the last few moves have been my attempts to hit the knight on f6 long enough to allow h5-h6 to eliminate the defence of the king's knight.

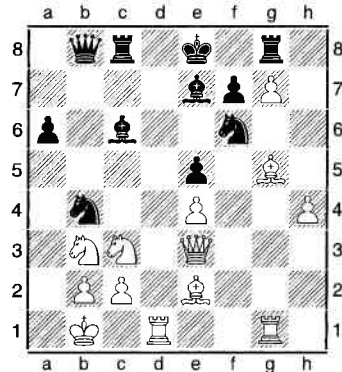
20...Qb8

After the adventurous 20...Nxc2 I should be fine upon 21 Kxc2 Bxe4+ 22 Bd3 when Black's flurry of activity is halted.

21 h6 e5

The only way to block the influence of the queen on the a1-h8 diagonal but at the cost of opening lines in the centre.

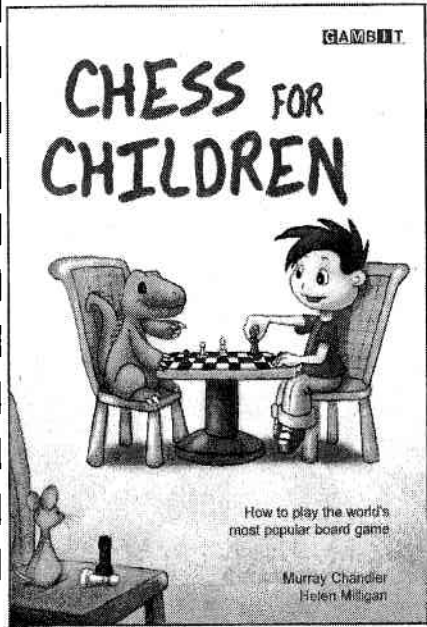
22 hxg7 Rg8 23 fxe5 dxe5 24 Qe3



24...Nxc2

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New Zealand News

Coaching Clinic by Gary Lane

Paul Spiller reports on a very successful coaching clinic held at Waipuna International Hotel, Mt. Wellington following the conclusion of the 2005 Oceania Zonal Chess Championship. IM Gary Lane, winner of the Men's Zonal competition, gave a very entertaining and informative training clinic from 10.00am until 1.30pm.

Taking part were 16 junior players from around the Waikato and Auckland. Players taking part were James Lin, Chang Zhai, Blair Robertson, Max Hay, Hugh McKay, Tim Lamusse, Alan Lin, Terry Chao and Oscar Lynn (all Hamilton) and Michael Wu, Andrew Stone, Sue Maroroa, Andrew Maroroa, Bobby Cheng, Gino Thornton and Andy Chen (all Auckland).

Several parents and coaches were in attendance, including Gary and Gerri Judkins, Temu Maroroa, Mr Chen and William Lynn.

Gary used a variety of coaching methods to keep his young audience entertained and enthralled as some of the history of chess, great players of the past, opening blunders and problem solving were touched on. Gary's emphasis was on player participation.

He insisted on the players first trying to solve problems and puzzles in their heads and then using the board as necessary. Players were asked to work out interesting mate in six problems and had a look at a real position from one of Gino Thornton's games in the Zonal where Gino had missed a win.

He also played through several instructive games, including a famous game involving a queen sacrifice played by the strong English player Sir George Thomas back in 1912.

Gary rewarded the juniors when they found problem solutions by giving them copies of Australian Chess Magazine, small pocket chess sets and copies of his recently published books. As a finale, Gary played through his recent game (which he won) against former World Championship Challenger GM Nigel Short from their encounter at the recent Chess Olympiad in Calvia, Spain.

The coaching clinic was thoroughly enjoyed by all that participated and I am sure all these

young players have benefited from the experience. Thanks to Chess Friends for supporting this initiative and hopefully this can be repeated on a more regular basis in the future.

Wanganui CC

Officers elected at the annual meeting of Wanganui Chess Club are: patron, David Burnham; president, Gordon Hoskyn; vice-president, David Bell; secretary, Kevin Yorston; treasurer, John Wilson; publicity officer, Gordon Hoskyn; club captain, John McDonald; librarian, Ivan de Farias; management committee, president, secretary, treasurer, club captain, librarian, Tony Coady, Kelly Forrest, Rose Harris, Dan Hurley and Dilbagh Sangha; match committee, John McDonald (convenor), Ivan de Farias and Gordon Hoskyn; auditor/financial reviewer, Nigel Hurley; life members, David Burnham and Gordon Hoskyn.

Oceania Zonal Results

The final leading results in the recently completed Oceania Zonal Chess Championships, held in Auckland NZ, were as follows:

Open Division:

1st - Gary Lane (7 pts)
 =2nd - Paul Garbett, George Xie, Darryl Johansen, Jonathan Humphrey (6.5 pts)
 =6th - Alex Wohl, Greg Canfell, Vladimir Feldman, Bob Smith, Stephen Lukey (6 pts)
 Gary Lane will represent the Oceania Zone in the next cycle of the World Chess Championships. Paul Garbett (NZL) gained the IM title, Jonathan Humphrey and Igor Bjelobrk gained the FM title.

Women's Division:

1st - Irina Berezina-Feldman
 2nd - Anastasia Sorokina
 3rd - Narelle Szuveges
 Irina Berezina will represent the Oceania Zone in the next cycle of the World Chess Championships. Narelle Szuveges (AUS) gained the WIM title, Angela Song and Shannon Oliver gained the WFM title.

Further details are available from the tournament website

<http://www.globalchessenterprises.co.nz/>

Correspondence Chess

by Gordon Hoskyn

Player Profile of Max Wigbout

I grew up in The Netherlands. I learned chess about four times, firstly when I was 10 years old, with my father. We didn't get much further than 1.h2-h4 etc. Then at College, I had a friend who taught me again and beat me up time after time. I couldn't stand this and read the books of Euwe and got really hooked. I became a member of a club, but had to resign because my school results deteriorated quickly. At the University I started again. I played mainly OTB, but also correspondence games. This nearly got me into trouble having to fulfill compulsory military service and trying to become a Navy Officer, because I had had correspondence with Russian people! That was around 1963. I guess that this would not be a problem now!

Of course I enjoyed chess a lot, not in the least of which was the many opportunities to see grandmasters play in tournaments and to play against grandmasters in simul. I will never forget the game in which I beat Euwe. I thought a certain move would win (see below), but wasn't sure and thought and thought. I was very impressed by Euwe when he resigned immediately, apparently without thinking.

After military service we moved to Delft, where, as members of the same club, I had a few battles with Jan Timman. I still remember that he was jubilant when he drew with me, but then, he was 12 years old! But then I was busy with a PhD and stopped playing chess again. I even sold most of my chess books! But I couldn't stop and restarted, regretting the loss of some great books! After I migrated with my family to New Zealand, one of the first things I did was to find out about the local chess clubs and pretty soon I became a member of Civic. The highlight of my chess career was probably 1975 when I became Wellington Champion and didn't lose a game during the whole year. Besides OTB I played a bit of

correspondence chess within NZ and once even finished third in the Championship Group. With Philip Clark I founded the Tawa Chess Club, which took a lot of time. It might have been the final nail in my marriage coffin!

One of the following lady friends didn't like me playing chess on my own and suggested that we learn bridge and play together. We both attended bridge lessons, but she didn't like it and I got hooked. The relationship didn't last! I stopped again playing a few friendly correspondence games, including with a German guy, whom I met a few times later in Cologne. After 20 years we still play. I also stopped OTB because I couldn't stand one guy in the Wellington area, who didn't resign a correspondence game because, as I was told by others, he hoped I would claim in which case he would not lose rating points (I kept quiet and after more than 2 months he at last had the decency to resign!). It was silly of course, but I can't stand things like that. I can't stand it either when somebody makes misuse of an obvious writing error in correspondence chess. I don't understand how such a person can feel satisfied with the resulting win.

Anyway, bridge became everything with only a bit of correspondence chess. When I was asked to play in the email Olympic Chess tournament in the NZ team, this came just in time, starting on the day I retired. It was a great experience, although I lost most of my games, and not just because my chess play was rusty. And then I dared to take part in the recent Congress held in Wellington. That was not a success either, probably because I hadn't played for about 20 years OTB. Also, I seem to have lost the competitive edge. But I enjoyed it a lot and hope to play more. With playing and directing bridge still forms an important part of my life.

I'm proud of having represented NZ with chess (see above) and bridge (Senior Team

in Bangkok, two years ago), and hope to continue playing both. I've had some successes, as well as bad results. By now, being 66 years old, I don't care much more if I lose, only when I really blunder, but enjoy the correspondence. It was great to meet people with whom I had played chess by correspondence, e.g. in Cologne, London, Ottawa, Melbourne and last year in Istanbul! I especially like to play friendly people and most are! I hope I'll still be able to play a few games, even OTB, although I haven't had much time yet. It is amazing how busy one can be when retired! I still don't understand how I had time to work!

I'm a bit disappointed that in New Zealand chess and bridge are still not generally recognized as sports, while things like darts are! Also, I miss the weekly columns of chess, bridge, draughts, go and backgammon, which one sees in any self respecting Dutch newspapers. But I enjoy the company of chess and bridge players in NZ. Most are a friendly lot.

A selection of games.

Max Euwe – Max Wigbout (simul)

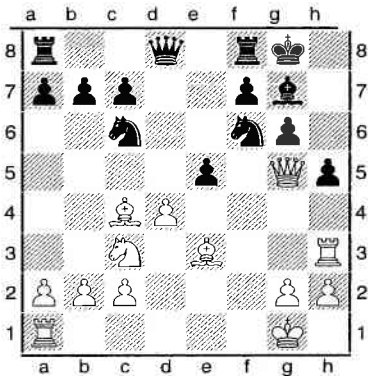
[B33]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Nxc6 dxc6 7.Qxd8 Kxd8 8.Bf4 e6 9.o-o-o+ Ke8 10.f3 Nd7 11.Bc7 f6 12.Bc4 Kf7 13.f4 b5 14.Bb3 c5 15.a4 c4 16.Ba2 Be7 17.Kb1 Ra7 18.Ba5 Nc5 19.Bb6 Rab7 20.Bxc5 Bxc5 21.Rhe1? b4 22.Bxc4 bxc3 23.b3 Rd7 24.f5 Rd2 25.Rxd2 cxd2 26.Rd1 Rd8 27.c3 Bb7 28.Bxe6+ Ke7 29.Bd5 Bxd5 30.exd5 Rxd5 31.Kc2 Be3 32.g4 Kd7 33.b4 Kc6 34.h3 Bf4 35.Rf1 Bg5 36.Kd1 Rd3 37.h4 Rxc3! 0-1

van Dijk, T - Wigbout, M

[D00]

1.d4 ♠f6 2.f3 d5 3.e4 dxe4 4.♠c3 exf3 5.♠xf3 g6 6.♠c4 ♠g7 7.0-0 0-0 8.♠e1 ♠c6 9.♠h4 ♠g4 10.♠e3 ♠xf3 11.♠xf3 e5!
Prepared, as Tom always played this opening and I had read that this is good against it.
12.♠h3 h5 13.♠g5



13...exd4 14.♠d1 ♠e7 15.♠f2 dxc3 16.♠e3 ♠b4 17.b3 ♠a5 18.♠xg6 ♠e5 19.♠xe5 ♠xe5 20.♠d4 ♠e4 21.♠g3 ♠g4 22.♠e1 ♠ad8 23.h3 ♠e4 24.♠xc3 c5 0-1

I remember that I was very tense, as I felt high pressure playing against a very strong player with his opening specialty. I think he was stunned afterwards and discussed it with William Lynn, who also used to play this opening.

David Scott – Max Wigbout

(15 July 1974)

[E82]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 o-o 6.Be3 b6 7.Qd2 Re8 8.Bd3 a6 9.Nge2 c5 10.d5 (? e5!) 10...Nbd7 11.Ng3 (?g4!) 11...Qc7 12.h4 Ne5 13.Be2 e6 14.h5 exd5 15.hxg6 fxg6 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 (cxd5: better?) 17..Bd7 18.Ne4 Bf5 19.Ng3 Qf7 20.o-o-o b5 21.cxb5 axb5 22.b3 c4 23.Nxf5 Qxf5 24.Bd4 cxb3 25.axb3 Rec8+ 26.Kb2 Nd3+ 0-1

And a correspondence game:

Max Wigbout – Mark Noble

[C41]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.Bc4 Be7 6.o-o c6 7.a4 Qc7 8.Qe2 h6 9.Rd1 Nf8 10.Nh4 Bg4 11.f3 exd4 12.Rxd4 Be6 13.Nf5 Bxf5 14.exf5 d5 15.a5! (Freeing a4 square and preventing Qb6) 15...g5 (15...dxc4? 16.Bf4 Qc8 17.Rae1 Ng8 18.Ne4! and

19.Nd6!) 16.Bd3 o-o-o 17.Rda4 Bc5+ 18.Kh1 Re8 19.Qf1 N8d7 20.b4 Bd4 21.Bd2 Be5 22.b5 Nc5 23.Rb4 Kd7 24.a6 Bxh2? 25.axb7 Nxd3 26.bxc6 Qxc6 27.Qxd3 Bb8 28.Ra6 Qc5 29.Nxd5! Nxd5 30.Rb5 Qe7 31.Qxd5+ 1-0

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TROPHY TOURNEY UPDATE

As at 22 April 2005.

71st Championship: R.E. Gibbons 9.5/12, W.R. Smillie 9/12, M.L. Dunwoody 7.5/11, P.H. Goffin 7.5/12, G.A. Hoskyn 6.5/12, H.P. Bennett 6/10, E.G.A. Frost and M. Wigbout 5/12, R.S. Mitchell 4.5/11, D.R. Whitlock 4/10, T.J. Doyle 3/8, R.J. Weston 3/12, P.J. Voss 2/12. Latest Results: GIBBONS beat Goffin, Wigbout, Whitlock, Doyle; drew Smillie, Mitchell. SMILLIE beat Bennett, Weston, Drew Dunwoody, Wigbout. DUNWOODY beat Frost; drew Bennett, Mitchell. GOFFIN beat Dunwoody, Weston. BENNETT beat Voss; drew Wigbout, Mitchell. FROST drew Mitchell. WIGBOUT beat Weston; drew Whitlock. MITCHELL beat Voss. WHITLOCK beat Frost, Mitchell, Voss. DOYLE beat Weston. VOSS beat Doyle.

Reserve Championship: C. Welsh 8.5/10, D. I. Bell 6/8, G.D. Putt 6/10, P.E. Rossiter 4.5/7, D.E. Dolejs and K.G. Reed 4/8, G.H. Mills 4/10, W. Anderson 3/9, B.J. Edwards 2.5/7, A.D. Cook 2.5/9, G.E. Lovelock 1/6. Latest Results: WELSH beat Dolejs, Reed, Edwards; drew Rossiter, Mills. BELL beat Mills, Anderson, Cook; drew Putt. PUTT beat Anderson; drew Reed. ROSSITER beat Dolejs. DOLEJS beat Mills, Anderson. REED beat Cook; drew Lovelock. MILLS beat Reed, Cook; drew Edwards. LOVELOCK EDWARDS beat Anderson. COOK beat Dolejs, Lovelock.

T T 2: S.A. Holdaway 7/8, A.W. Hendry 5/8, J.W.H. Atkinson 4/7 A.C. Winship 3/8, S.R. Chowdhury 0/7. Latest Results: HOLDAWAY beat Atkinson (2), Winship (2); drew Hendry (2). Atkinson beat Winship.

Player Profile of Roderick J. Weston

I am a professional scientist, with the crown research institute, Industrial Research Ltd., in Lower Hutt. I was born in Auckland in 1946 and lived there for 21 years, becoming head prefect and senior athletic champion at Rangitoto College. After gaining a M.Sc. degree with first class honours in chemistry from Auckland University and having joined the DSIR as an undergraduate, I then went to England and obtained a doctorate degree in organic chemistry from Oxford University. I returned to New Zealand in 1972, married Ann, settled in Upper Hutt and now have 3 daughters. I am a member of NZ Masters Athletics and while I find that my vocation and chess take up most of my time, I have enjoyed running half-marathons for the past 20 years and have also completed some 15 marathons during that time. I am a member of Watercolour NZ and the NZ Academy of Fine Arts and occasionally manage to execute some paintings for exhibitions in Wellington. I have also tangoed with genealogy and have traced all of my paternal family in New Zealand (from 1847) and back from there in a direct line in England to the year 1500. I joined the Upper Hutt Chess Club in the early 70's, being encouraged to do so, like many others at that time, by the Fischer - Spassky World Championship.

A further 15 months in England in 1977/78 provided me with the opportunity to work with Nobel Laureate D. H. R. Barton at Imperial College in London. Returning to Upper Hutt, I spent several years as secretary of the Upper Hutt Chess Club, learning among other things, how to construct a Swiss draw for their well-known 30-30 tournament.

After spending several months in 1988, working in Oklahoma, I then moved to Lower Hutt and joined the NZ Correspondence Chess Association and have played in their Trophy Tournaments ever since. I won 2 of these tournaments in 2000 and 2001 and the Reserve Championship in 2002, which then propelled me into the NZCCA Championship in 2003. I have found in my short time at this level that the standard of play is very high and straying from fundamental principles at any time during a game has rapid repercussions. Some two-thirds of the games in the Championship this year

are being played by email, which not only eliminates the cost of postage, but the rapid transfer of score sheets between players, will result in a greater likelihood of a definitive outcome in the 13-month game time and lesser likelihood of adjudication, than if the games were played by snail-mail.

I have had a few of my games published recently, so have chosen two for this article. The first was against Len Purvis from the 2000/01 NZCCA TT. It is a "miniature" that illustrates what I said above.

Purvis,L – Weston,R

[E20]

NZCCA TT, 2000

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 ♘b4 4.♙d2 c5 5.♗f3 cxd4 6.♗xd4 0-0 7.e4

e4 was required, not sure why Len played this move. Was it a slip of the pen?

7...♙xc3 8.♙xc3 ♗xe4 9.♙b4 ♖e8 10.f3

Idea was obvious but execution was wrong.

10...♞h4+ 0-1

Second game I thought might be of interest was a game from the 2004-05 NZCCA Championship v Gordon Hoskyn. My annotation is quite straightforward, viz, that after a standard Scheveringen Opening, Black concentrates his efforts down the Queen's side while White does likewise down the King's side until move 25 when Black decides the pressure on the King's side is such that he transfers his Q to that side to help defend his King's position. The draw was forced with move 29.

Hoskyn,G – Weston,R

[B83]

NZCCA Champ, 04.2005

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♗f6 5.♗c3 e6 6.♙e2 ♙e7 7.0-0 0-0 8.♙e3 ♗c6 9.f4 ♗xd4 10.♙xd4 ♙d7 11.♞e1 ♙c6 12.♞g3 g6 13.f5 e5 14.♙e3 ♗xe4 15.♗xe4 ♙xe4 16.♙h6 ♞b6+ 17.♗h1 ♖fc8 18.♙d3 ♙xd3 19.cxd3 ♖c2 20.f6 ♙d8 21.b3 ♞a6 22.h4 ♖xa2 23.♖a1 ♞b5 24.♞h3 ♖b2 25.h5 e4 26.♖f4 ♞xh5 27.♞xh5 gxh5 28.♖e1 ♙a5 29.♖e3 ♙d2 30.♖g3+ ½-½

2006 Queenstown Chess Classic

News Update

The Queenstown Chess Classic (starting 15th January 2006, and incorporating the New Zealand Championships) is attracting the attention of leading international masters and grandmasters. Entrants to date include four International Grandmasters. GM Ian Rogers is Australia's top-ranked player, and will be one of the favourites to win. GM Drazen Sermek (Slovenia) and 66-year-old veteran GM Hans-Joachim Hecht (Germany) have also confirmed. The fourth Grandmaster is ex-pat New Zealander (and tournament promoter) Murray Chandler.

Two international masters who have already entered are Anthony Ker (New Zealand Champion for the past four years) and Herman van Riemsdijk, a frequent Brazilian representative in the chess Olympics.

A formidable Australian entry is forecast. As well as many top Australian players, attracted by the record NZ \$30,000 in prizes, a number of junior and club-strength players are expected to make the trip. Graeme Gardiner, proprietor of Gardiner's Chess Centre in Brisbane, has booked accommodation for a sizeable group of Australian junior players. The entrant from furthest away, to date, is a club-player from Wales.

The Queenstown Chess Classic is a 10-round FIDE (World Chess Federation) rated event, open to all players of any strength. There will be one game per day, starting at 3pm, from January 15th-24th. An additional \$5,825 in prizemoney is on offer in the Rapidplay and Lightning Championship, to be held 25th-26th January.

Further details can be seen on the tournament website

www.queenstownchess.com

or

contact the organiser Paul Spiller
telephone 09 5347411.

Chess Book Reviews

by Michael Stevenson

Starting Out: The English

by Neil McDonald (Everyman)

Everyman's 'Starting Out' series of books aims at novice players up to medium rated players wanting to learn a new chess opening. Noted author Neil McDonald has carried on from the excellent books in this series by other well-known authors e.g. Ward's (Nimzo-Indian) and Gallagher's (Kings-Indian). Neil's followed the same pattern as his predecessors, namely, that all through his well annotated games he's included helpful, insightful tips and warnings and notes for players wanting to take up this under-rated opening. Both Neil's book and Tony Kosten's book, "The Dynamic English", will give readers a very useful weapon in their 'chess battles'.

Turned Chessmen

by Mike Darlow (The Melaleuca Press)

Readers may think that this type of book is an unusual choice to be placed in a chess review column, and it would be if Mike had just confined his book to woodworking ... but I'm getting ahead of myself. The first portion of 'Turned Chessmen' is on the topics of the history of the game of chess, and chess pieces. Mike has shown himself to be a very skilled writer and historian, and has chocked his book full of diagrams, maps and pictures. The last part is just as interesting and well written. However it will also appeal to another type of readership, those who want to know in easy to follow steps how to manufacture some stunning chess pieces. Mike Darlow can be contacted by email at mdarlow@hinet.net.au and is willing to airmail copies of his book.

Play the Sicilian Dragon

by Edward Dearing (Gambit)

The first fact to take note about Eddie's initial try as an author is the title - it's a little bit misleading as his book would be of interest not only to players starting out to play the Dragon but also to the most hardened players of this

defence. Eddie's introduction runs to about 15 pages, which may seem long. Nevertheless, I found it to be quite refreshing as he included how and why he started to play the Dragon, as well as the lines and endings that he covers in the book. This book runs to an impressive 256 pages and is crammed full of established theory but more importantly there's Eddie's own original themes, plans and theory. There is a PDF file with a sample from the book which can be downloaded from Gambit's website www.gambitbooks.com

Learn from the Legends

Chess Champions at their Best

by Mihail Marin (Quality Chess)

'Quality Press' are new to the ocean of chess publishing, but going by their first two books they are all ready 'making waves'. Their first book features an author who's quickly gained a first-class reputation. Mihail Marin has picked what he and many others believe to be the most important contributions that eight world chess champions have made to the game of chess theory over the years - three being: Fischer's strength with the kings bishop, Petrostian's positional exchange sacrifices and Korchnoi the rebel. There is the risk that a book on this type of subject could read like an old school Latin textbook, but Mihail has skilfully penned it making it both interesting and informative. On a superficial level, Mihail's two books have the 'coolest' chess book covers around. Quality Press's website can be found at www.qualitychessbooks.com with information about their 2nd book "Experts vs. the Sicilian" - which will be reviewed in the next column.

Learn to Play the English Opening the Easy Way

by Roman Dzindzichashvili (Roman's Lab 16)

Uncharacteristically, I will start with the negative sides to this DVD which are also hurdles to overcome. First, on the DVD the white pieces are on the top of the screen, which is fine if Roman was covering a black opening, but with

white pieces it makes learning off the TV harder than it should be. Secondly, English is not Roman's first language so he sometimes has trouble finding the right words to express himself, and it doesn't help when he coughs into his microphone. These negatives aside, the repertoire that Roman has chosen is safe and will give the player of the white pieces attacking chances. On a more positive note, if you overlook the hurdles, then it's worth running with this DVD.

Chess (Monthly) Magazine

by Chess & Bridge Ltd

In their February issue, writer Steve Berry completes his Olympiad report, and for readers down here in New Zealand Gary Lane's article may be of more interest as he's been playing, and winning, here earlier this year. He covers the Australia v England match and annotates his win against Nigel Short. GM Daniel King once more asks 'How Good is your Chess' in his regular and first-class column. ChessPublishing.com website's new writer, well known and respected author IM, John Watson, shows a new move in the English opening on move five in this month's ChessPublishing.com opening article.

New in Chess Magazine

In this first issue of 2005, there are some interesting articles on this year's US Championship. First up Dirk Jan Ten Geuzendam has written an enjoyable commentary on the drama as it unfolded in the competition, which included games that are annotated by the winner Hikaru Nakamura, as well as other players e.g. Rusa Goletiani. The second article is an in-depth interview with Hikaru Nakamura in which he talks about his life in chess, also revealing some personal facts. One of the stories that caught my eye was by GM Vishy Anand who was the 'player of the year', proving that you don't have to be one of the glamour boys who get caught up with all the politics in chess, but that if you keep your head down and work hard, anything is possible.

Finally here's some information about a new

chess players' gym website and also 'DGT Projects' new products that will be out soon. In the next issue there will be a review of different chess computers and software that will include DGT Projects review.

A new international web site guarantees to build your muscles... chess muscles that is. The world's first-ever online chess gym at www.improveyourchess.com claims any player from near beginner to advanced club player will strengthen their game. The site is highly recommended by many masters including IM John Watson who says "'Improve Your Chess' is by far the most impressive venture into online training. It is particularly suitable for players who have a limited time to study but want a systematic and interactive program that allows them to progress at their own pace" Two-time U.S. Women's Champion, Jennifer Shahade adds: "Improve your chess is a convenient and fun way to better your chess in short chunks of time. It is supported by players and trainers who aim to put out the best possible product, in terms of both content and design." And Jonathan Levitt, UK grandmaster and leading chess composer says: "Anybody keen on improving should take a close look at what this fast developing site has to offer, not just because there are top people involved and plenty of imaginative ideas, but also for sheer value for money." Through a package of interactive exercises, Improve Your Chess actually guarantees gym members they will noticeably improve or else they get every cent of their gym subscription back without quibble. "That's how confident we are," said Editor, Grandmaster Tony Kosten. "We cover all the important aspects of chess development, but with the emphasis on improving your tactics, the number one priority of any chess player to above average standard who wants to improve. The publisher of the site, Nathan Goldberg, said: "I've been an average chess player for years and have tried countless methods of improvement. But without much success. "However, with the help of masters and involving club players in testing, I reckon we have created a website that is ideal for anyone like me who wants to win at and enjoy

chess more."

DGT Projects, the world leading company in the development and distribution of digital chess equipment, announce a long term cooperation with World Chess Champion Vladimir Kramnik (Russia). A new DGT product line "Kramnik's choice" including a rosewood electronic chess board, a set of brand new chess pieces and the latest innovation of digital chess clock, DGL XL "Kramnik", will be available by June 1st. The World Chess Champion takes actively part in the development of new digital chess equipment. Director of DGT Albert Vasse said: "We are very happy to use the experience of chess professional of the highest level, in order to further improve our products". Kramnik himself is using the products of DGT for competition and preparation on a regular basis. He identifies with the aim of DGT Projects to bring the highest quality into the world of chess. The agreements include the patronage of the 29 years old Moscovite over the first "DGT ChessLab classroom" in Enschede (Netherlands). The "DGT ChessLab" is fully equipped with electronic boards. The traditional demonstration board is replaced by a projection screen and all activities on the student boards are registered by the computer. In the future DGT Projects plans to provide the concept of the "ChessLab" to all interested chess schools and federations world wide. Last evening Kramnik officially opened the classroom by giving a lesson to a selected group of talented young players from the Enschede region. The World Chess Champion demonstrated his exiting game against Alexander Grischuk, played just 3 days before at the Corus tournament. The Grandmaster answered all kinds of questions by the young Dutch players concerning his career and gave advice how to improve their game and fast forward their chess development. DGT Projects, founded in 1993, developed the DGT 2000, the official FIDE electronic chess clock. The DGT electronic chess board and ToMa software are the standard equipment to live internet broadcasting. Website: www.dgtprojects.com

Vladimir Kramnik, born 25 June 1975, became

the 14th World Chess Champion by defeating Garry Kasparov, London 2000, defended his title against Peter Leko, 2004 in Brissago, Switzerland. Website: www.kramnik.com

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It seems that Black has finally managed to find a way to crash though but I had already calculated that the attack would soon evaporate. At this point we both had less than 10 minutes left on the clock and the tension was high. I later found out that on the Australian chess bulletin board people were posting their own ideas after following the games via the Internet. At this moment, opinion was divided 50/50 on who would triumph. Luckily, I saw further!

25 Kxc2 Ba4 26 Kb1 Qxb3

If 26...Bxb3 then 27 Bxa6! is strong in view of 27...Bxd1 28 Bb5+ Nd7 29 Rxd1 winning.

27 Bxf6 Bxf6 28 Rdf1

The rook transfers to the f-file to attack the bishop on f6 and prepare Be2-d1 meaning that Black is busted.

28...Rb8

After the game Canfell revealed he was considering 28...Qc2+ but discarded it in view of 29 Ka1 Rb8 30 Qc1 Rxc7 (in retrospect 30...Qxc1+ 31 Rxc1 Bc6 offers better prospects when White only has edge in the ending) 31 Qxc2 Bxc2 32 Nd5 winning. However, I can improve dramatically with 30 Rb1, which leaves Black in deep trouble. For instance: Black still has to worry about the threat Bd1 so 30...Bd7 31 Qh6 Be7 (or 31...Rb4 32 Bd1! Qf2 33 Qh7 will pick up an extra piece) 32 Qh8 wins.

29 Qc1 Be7 30 Bd1 1-0

2006 Queenstown Chess Classic

15th - 24th January 2006

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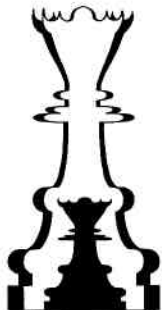
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