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*Following a representation from a member
club, NZCF Council has amended the rules for
this year's NZCF Grand Prix to add a fourth
tournament class.*

*The new "Super Class" category (which was
tried at the Queenstown Classic) is aimed at
recognising organisers who go the extra mile to
get sponsorship and raise the quality of their
event; it also recognises that in such events the
strength of the field inevitably makes it harder
to win Grand Prix points.*

*The "Super Class" category will apply to tour-
naments with a total prize-fund of at least
\$4000.*

*Organisers will pay a higher levy - \$200 for
Auckland and Wellington, \$180 outside those
cities.*

*Players will be able to gain the following
Grand Prix points in qualifying divisions: 1st
25 2nd 20 3rd 15 4th 12 5th 9.*

*The "Super Class" category takes effect imme-
diately.*

Latvian

*The Latvian Tournament results (held Sunday
March 19th) were:*

*Open: 1st Puchen Wang 5/6 (draws with
IM's Garbett and Small)*

*2nd= P.Garbett, V.Small, P.Green, A.Krstev,
& L.Mclaren 4/6*

*The Under 1700 section was won jointly with
5/6 points by: Mark Brimble, Jason Wu, Andy
Chen, Michael Zhang & Mario Krstev*

Subscriptions

A reminder these are now due for 2006.

Front Cover: *A Reunion of Champions. From
left to right: IM Paul Garbett, FM Scott Wast-
ney, FM Bob Smith, IM Russell Dive, FM
Roger Nokes, IM Anthony Ker, FM Ewan
Green, GM Murray Chandler, FM Richard
Sutton, NM Graeme Haase and (seated) IM
Bob Wade.*

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Queenstown Chess Classic 2006

by Paul Spiller

It was nearly two years ago when I was first contacted by GM Murray Chandler to discuss the idea of a large international Chess Tournament which he proposed to hold in Queenstown, the adventure capital of the world! On a holiday visit a few years ago Murray became captivated by the sheer magnificence and beauty of this tourist Mecca. It was a grandiose plan which I immediately supported. The potential for the event was huge but largely an unknown quantity. Would players travel from other countries to take part in a remote location in a country by and large isolated from the rest of the world? It was

hard to predict back then the effect of the media hype and publicity that New Zealand would get from the Lord of the Rings trilogy, so a lot of questions were raised. Queenstown is well known as the Adventure Capital of the World, but would this also appeal to the chess playing fraternity? Does over the board

chess mix with bungy jumping? Would the appeal of the tournament and destination be enough? I think that the answer to these questions had already partly been answered at and during the 2005 Oceania Zonal Championships in Auckland. A record 77 players, including nearly 40 Australians, turned out in force and the expectations were raised that twice this number would make Queenstown. Closer to the event, it was even rumoured that a large contingent of Filipino and Indian GM's could be expected. Certainly the final number of overseas competitors (over 110) surpassed my wildest expectations!

I had no doubt that Murray would do a magnificent job of publicising the tournament and this was achieved superbly by way of informa-

tive and colourful website coupled with the printing of around 4000 entry forms that were distributed around the globe. Magazine advertising both here and in Australia helped to get the information out to the chess community. The other important ingredient in ensuring success was the unequivocal support of the New Zealand Chess Federation. I felt it necessary to combine the New Zealand Chess Championship Congress with the Queenstown Chess Classic (as it became branded) to attract the necessary quality and quantity of players. This meant the traditional Major Open Championship was incorporated into the main event.



Queenstown mayor Clive Geddes makes ceremonial first move in the game GM Rogers vs M Wojnar

This necessitated a change to the NZCF rules, in particular a change of dates from the traditional start time in order to allow Australian players to compete after the Australian Championship and a change to a slower time control. It was Murray's desire to provide the optimum playing conditions in order to promote top quality and competitive chess. This was also evident in the insistence of no early (under 30 moves) draws. After a mid year Special General Meeting in 2004, at which time New Zealand clubs fully supported the rule changes, the groundwork was prepared to allow this historic event to take place and a formal agreement was drawn up between Murray and the New Zealand Chess Federation. Some early media coverage was generated when Murray made a visit in January 2005 with Helen Milligan. Helen's expertise with web design was of paramount importance in the promotion and publicity of the Classic. Journalist and former chess player Bernard Carpinter wrote an excellent article that appeared in the Dominion Post in January 2005, and this was followed later by

articles by journalist and chess enthusiast John Gibb in the Otago Daily Times.

In terms of financial support, Murray had proposed from the outset to put up a staggering \$30,000 prize fund and underwrite the main Classic Tournament, a 10 round Swiss. The New Zealand Chess Federation's obligations were to host the New Zealand Rapid Championship and Blitz Championship on the two days following the Classic, adding an additional guaranteed prize fund of \$5,825 thanks to retiring Patron, Dr Ray Thomson. This was a record amount of prize money on offer for a chess tournament in New Zealand and it was hoped would provide the incentive to encourage a top class field. Murray's intention for such a philanthropic gesture was to put something back

into New Zealand chess by providing a "perfect tournament" in a "perfect location". There is no question that such lofty ideals were met and exceeded!

Early in discussions, Murray enquired as to whether or not I would take on the role of chief organ-

izer. Having had previous experience with several major events it seemed like the logical option. Actually Murray and I had previously worked on a major chess event back in 1978, namely the Burroughs Computers Grandmasters Tournament. For those that remember, it was a tremendously successful event and created an increased profile and level of publicity for chess at that time. Incidentally, the tournament was won by Grandmaster Miguel Quinteros of Argentina and also featured the participation of FM Richard Sutton. Part of my role was to appoint arbiters and after early discussions IAs' Cathy Rogers, Gary Bekker and Bob Gibbons were enlisted. They were joined by Fijian arbiter and general secretary of the

Fijian Chess Federation, Jashint Mararaj. Jashint has now completed the requirements for an international arbiter and this title should be awarded at the forthcoming FIDE Congress. This is a first for a Fijian arbiter, and will be a big boost for the Fijian Federation and chess in Fiji.

Preparations for the tournament began heating up towards the latter part of 2005. Entries had been steadily flowing in since the beginning of 2005, but this trickle became a flood during the last few weeks of November and December. Emails from many top GM's and IM's from various parts of the world were becoming increasingly familiar. What conditions were available? Murray had stipulated from the beginning that all available money was to be put



Andrew Brown vs George Trundle, the tournament's oldest competitor

into the prize fund and that no special conditions could be provided for GM's other than a free entry. Unfortunately the cost of air travel from Europe and America was a deciding factor for many strong GM's and IM's who would have struggled to justify a trip to New Zealand

purely to win prize money. It was the hope that some would see this as unique opportunity to experience an antipodean holiday and avoid the Northern winter. This was certainly the case for several strong European players including GM's Hecht and Sermek and several other German, French, Swiss and players from Great Britain. International Master Herman Van Riemsdijk from Brazil made his second trip to New Zealand (previously in 1999) and gave several simul and interesting lectures in his travels around New Zealand. Herman had recently been arbiter at the World Championships in San Luis, Argentina and gave an interesting insight into his experiences there. The tournament proved to be a real melting pot of interna-

tional players with 20 countries represented altogether. Tomas Civin from the Czech Republic had remained in New Zealand after the last New Zealand Championship, one player made the trip from Ecuador and another from Canada. Two French players arrived at the very last minute! All of this added to the unique experience that was the Queenstown Chess Classic.

Of special interest to a lot of New Zealand chess players (and definitely the media) was the return to New Zealand of chess legend, 84 year old New Zealander and International Master Bob Wade. Bob won the New Zealand Championship three times, the last being in 1948 before departing New Zealand and embarking on an international chess career that has spanned six decades. This was Bob's first time back in New Zealand in 58 years and it was certainly a highlight for me that Bob could be part of this whole chess extravaganza. The fact that Bob only lost one game and drew a remarkable encounter against Murray in round two is a testimony to the endurance of this remarkable chess player. It must be mentioned

here that Bob's trip was only made possible by the generosity of George Trundle and his ongoing financial support of New Zealand chess. George and Bob had previously crossed swords in a New Zealand Championship some 60 odd years ago and were able to renew their friendship in Queenstown. Bob also had the opportunity to meet with this brother and sister still living in Dunedin. Before leaving Auckland for the trip back to London, I was able to take Bob to meet Barbara Sarapu in West Auckland. Ortvin's decision to immigrate to New Zealand back in 1950 was the result of discussions that he had with Bob at the famous Oldenberg Tournament in Germany in 1949, but he had never

met Barbara since she and Ortvin has only met a few months after this event.

With preparations complete and all necessary equipment packed into my Toyota van, and then began the three day drive to Queenstown. With over 100 sets, clocks, boards (including the three NZCF DGT boards), banners, computers, printers, not to mention clothing and personal items, I must admit to being a bit apprehensive should anything go amiss on my 1500km drive. I was accompanied by our wife Joanne and daughter Laura and the trip went extremely smoothly. Early preparations had meant a flying trip at the end of November to Queenstown to check out hotel facilities, meet management and liaise with the Queenstown Mayor, Clive Geddes. Clive kindly agreed to officially open the tournament and both he and



*Clash of the Titans
GM Chandler vs GM Rogers*

David Kennedy, CEO of Destination Queenstown were both most supportive and helpful. David provided information packs to all the players at the registration and a covering letter of welcome. With a tournament of this magnitude involving close to 350 players, officials and supporters spread over nearly two weeks, the economic benefits to the local economy have been estimated at more than half a million dollars. The venue itself, The Millennium Hotel, is situated in Frankton Road overlooking Queenstown, only a short stroll to the lake and CBD. It commands magnificent views across Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkables. The tournament was held in a large ballroom situated above the main foyer area and provided a magnificent, spacious and well lit area for the competition. It was widely remarked that the facilities were the best that many players had ever experienced. The room was very well soundproofed considering the large number of players and spectators moving in and around both the tour-

namment room and the adjoining gallery area, where the game analysis took place. One innovative feature to help alleviate crowding around the top boards was the installation of the hotel's 50 inch T.V which allowed a direct live internet relay of the top game. Spectators could watch from the comfort of the gallery armchairs, the action as it unfolded on the top board. This gallery viewing area was also put to good use before the start of the afternoon round. Chess lectures were provided to all those interested between 11am and 12pm. Crowds of 40 – 50 players filled the gallery to listen in to these pearls of wisdom. These lectures were both entertaining and informative and were hosted by International Masters Gary Lane, Zong Yuan Zhao, Bob Wade, Anthony Ker, Herman Van Riemsdijk and Tibor Karolyi. Tibor Karolyi has been working with the Singapore Chess Federation for a number of years and came as chaperone for promising Singaporean junior Ravindran Shanmugam.

I talked with Tibor during the tournament and it is hoped that closer links can be formed in the future in terms of invitations for young New Zealand players to compete in Singapore events.

Before moving on to the event itself, something must be commented about the media coverage. Some time and energy was spent on trying to attract TV1 and TV3 to cover this event. Unfortunately TV3 had staffing issues on the day but TV1 did get involved on the opening day and Tsehei Tiffen did a very good report which was screened on January 15th. I had several local and national radio stations contact me during the first few days and did at least three live radio interviews.

Local papers including the Queenstown Mountain Scene, Otago Daily Times, Southland Times and Christchurch Press were fully involved, with a large number of feature articles. These included several on Bob Wade and at least two featuring young talented 8 year old Bobby Cheng of Auckland.

Less enthusiastic was New Zealand's predominant daily, The New Zealand Herald, although an article did appear at the end of the Champi-

onship. I would like to mention the support of Australian player and enthusiast Amiel Rosario. Amiel has his own Blog site and posted an excellent report with many photographs on the Chessbase site on February 8th (www.chessbase.com).

I highly recommend visiting this site.

Queenstown Chess Classic, Jan 15 – 24, 2006

The final field for the Classic event featured a total of 193 competitors representing 19 different countries and from 5 continents. This included 4 Grandmasters (Rogers, Chandler, Sermek & Hecht), 15 International Masters, 2 Women's International Masters and 15 FIDE Masters and was by far the strongest international open ever held in New Zealand. The tournament finally got underway after a lively speech by Clive Geddes, mayor of Queenstown who expressed his support and that of the Queenstown and Southern Lakes Council for any future events.

Round 1

No surprises really on the top boards although Maciej Wojnar did put up stout resistance against Ian Rogers on board one. Also, some of the junior players achieved creditable draws, notably Jason Wu against FM Jonathan Humphrey, Steven Yang against Paul Beach and Alexandra Jule against Rainer Siegmund. Sally Yu (Australia) even managed to defeat Frank Kreusch (2037) of Germany. The top 5 games were relayed everyday to the internet with use of the NZCF DGT boards and 2 brought in from Australia by arbiter Gary Bekker.

Leading results Round 1:

I.Rogers (Aus) 1 - 0 M Wojnar (NZL)
S. Stojic (Aus) 0 - 1 M Chandler (Eng/NZL)
D. Sermek (Slo) 1 - 0 B Nijman (NZL)
M. Sims (NZL) 0 - 1 Z Zhao (Aus)
A. Wohl (Aus) 1 - 0 W Forster (NZL)
S. Oliver (Aus) 0 - 1 G Lane (Aus)
D. Smerdon (Aus) 1 - 0 C Benson
David Smerdon, fresh from a GM norm and second^r place in the Australian Championship, was a player that many were anticipating a

good result from. He has recently been chosen to represent Australia on Board 2 at the Torino Chess Olympiad. Bob Wade made a good first round start but when asked of his chances to winning another New Zealand Championship title he commented that he was just "hoping to survive"!

Round 2

The highlight of the round was the classic match between chess legends Murray Chandler and veteran Bob Wade. Murray was highly favoured to win, but an exciting struggle ensued with Murray having at times only seconds left on his clock. Murray appeared to be winning but Bob Wade kept finding amazing defensive moves and played an unexpected Queen sacrifice which Chandler had overlooked. A draw was agreed soon after, with Bob commenting that he was completely exhausted. Young Singaporean junior Shanmugam also raised eyebrows by holding German GM Hajo Hecht to a draw. GM Sermek was a bit lucky when Quentin Johnson self-destructed after having a solid position.

Leading results Round 2:

M. Ly (Aus) 0 - 1 I.Rogers (Aus)
 M.Chandler (Eng) .5 - .5 Bob Wade (NZL)
 Q.Johnson (NZL) 0 - 1 D.Sermek (Slo)
 Z.Y. Zhao (Aus) 1 - 0 M.Dizdarevic (BIH)
 D.Bourmistrov (Aus) 0 - 1 A. Wohl (Aus)
 G.Lane (Aus) 1 - 0 D.Dragicevic (Aus)
 J.Chan (Aus) 0 - 1 D.Smerdon (Aus)
 S.Solomon (Aus) 1 - 0 R.Perry (NZL)
 M.Armstrong (Eng) 0 - 1 T.Civin (CZE)
 H.J. Hecht (Ger) .5 - .5 R.Shanmugam (SIN)

Round 3

The third round produced a huge upset when top seed and newly appointed Australian Champion GM Ian Rogers lost an exciting game to German FM Michael Geveke. Rogers was unable to offer an early draw because of the, 'no draw offers under 30 moves rule' and his position became resignable amazingly quickly when Geveke piled up all his pieces against the g2 square.

This result left only one of the GM's, Drazen Sermek (a regular visitor to NZ) on 3/3. 84 year

old IM Bob Wade continued to impress the large gallery of spectators with his draw against German GM Hecht. Bob was heard to say to the tournament organiser, Paul Spiller, after the round "Any more Grandmasters?"

Joining Sermek in the lead were 14 other players including former New Zealand Champions Paul Garbett, Roger Nokes and Richard Sutton and Women's International Master Arianne Caoili of Australia, after her win over Tomas Civin of the Czech Republic. Stephen Lukey staked a claim for a chance of an IM norm with a win over Oceania Champion IM Gary Lane as did teenager Andrean Susilodinata of Indonesia with a win over IM Tibor Karolyi of Hungary.

Leading Results Round 3:

I. Rogers (Aus) 0 - 1 M.Geveke (Ger)
 D.Sermek (Slo) 1 - 0 P.Green (NZL)
 T.Reilly (Aus) 0 - 1 Z.Zhao (Aus)
 A.Wohl (Aus) 1 - 0 M.Steadman (NZL)
 S.Lukey (NZL) 1 - 0 G.Lane (Aus)
 D.Smerdon (Aus) 1 - 0 A.Setiawan (INA)
 S.Wastney (NZL) .5 - .5 S.Solomon (Aus)
 T.Civin (CZE) 0 - 1 A.Caoili (Aus)
 A.Susilodinata (INA) 1 - 0 T.Karolyi (Hun)
 P.Froehlich (Ger) 1 - 0 M.Dougherty (Can)
 M.Chandler (Eng) 1 - 0 B.Donaldson (NZL)
 R.Wade (NZL) .5 - .5 H.Hecht (Ger)

Round 4

The sensation of the round was caused by 12 year old Raymond Song who defeated experienced New Zealand International Master Russell Dive. Song was born in New Zealand but shifted to Sydney 5 years ago. Raymond is already well known in New Zealand having previously competed in the 2003 Auckland International Open and 2005 Oceania Zonal tournaments in Auckland. He finished 1= in the World under 10 Championship in Greece in 2004.

New Zealand FM Roger Nokes held GM Drazen Sermek to a draw, meaning that all four competing GM's had dropped at least a draw. Five players remained on a perfect 4/4 including NZ International Master Paul Garbett after his win over Arianne Caoili. Australia's Matthew Drummond also moved to 4/4 after two

consecutive wins over IM's Dive and Vladimir Feldman.

Leading Results Round 4:

R.Nokes (NZL) .5 - .5 D.Sermek (Slo)
 Z.Y.Zhao (Aus) 1 - 0 S.Lukey (NZL)
 R.Sutton (NZL) 0 - 1 A.Wohl (Aus)
 M.Geveke (Ger) 0 - 1 D.Smerdon (Aus)
 A.Susilodinata (INA) .5 - .5 P.Froehlich (Ger)
 A.Caoili (Aus) 0 - 1 P.Garbett (NZL)
 V.Feldman (Aus) 0 - 1 M.Drummond (Aus)
 S.Solomon 1 - 0 J.Lakner (Aus)
 S.Wastney (NZL) 0 - 1 M.Chandler (Eng)
 H.Bennett (NZL).5 - .5 H.Van Riemsdijk (Bra)
 R.Wade (NZL) .5 - .5 T.Davis (Aus)
 R.Dive (NZL) 0 - 1 R.Song (Aus)

Leading Scores:

P. Garbett (NZL), Z.Y.Zhao, D.Smerdon, A.Wohl, M.Drummond (all Aus) 4/4
 M.Chandler (Eng), R.Nokes (NZL), D.Sermek (Slo), P.Froehlich (Ger), A.Susilodinata (INA), G.West, S.Solomon, I.Berezina (all Aus) 3.5 points.

Round 5

The upsets continued in this round with the defeat of former New Zealand Champion Richard Sutton at the hands of 15 year old Ben Lazarus of Australia. This was followed by an even greater upset when International Master Russell Dive was defeated by 16 year old Australian Girl's champion Alexandra Jule. This completed a horror three consecutive game losing streak for Dive.

International Master Paul Garbett remained the top placed New Zealander after he drew with Australian IM Alexis Wohl to reach 4.5/5. On Board 1, 19 year old Zhao Zong Yuan took the lead with a perfect 5/5 after defeating fellow Australian IM David Smerdon. Murray Chandler stayed in contention by defeating Mathew Drummond. Drazen Sermek and Guy West had an interesting theoretical battle which ended in a draw after a forced repetition of moves. (See annotated game).

Leading Results Round 5:

D.Smerdon (Aus) 0 - 1 Z.Y.Zhao (Aus)

A.Wohl (Aus) .5 - .5 P.Garbett (NZL)
 M.Drummond (Aus) 0 - 1 M.Chandler (Eng)
 D.Sermek (Slo) .5 - .5 G.West (Aus)
 S.Solomon (Aus) 1 - 0 R.Nokes (NZL)
 P.Froehlich (Ger) .5 - .5 I.Berezina (Aus)
 I.Rogers (Aus) 1 - 0 A.Susilodinata (INA)
 J.Lakner (Aus) 0 - 1 H.J.Hecht (Ger)
 I.Bjelobrck (NZL) 1 - 0 C.Wallis (Aus)
 H.Van Riemsdijk (BRA) 1 - 0 M.Ly (Aus)
 R.Wade (NZL) 1 - 0 M.Ali (Aus)

Leading Scores:

Z.Y.Zhao (Aus) 5/5
 M.Chandler (Eng), P.Garbett (NZL), A.Wohl, S.Solomon (both Australia) 4.5

Round 6

GM Murray Chandler moved into equal first place after a fine game against IM Stephen Solomon of Australia. Tournament leader, 19 year old IM Zong Yuan Zhao could not maintain his winning streak and lost against IM Aleks Wohl. This left Wohl, who now plays most of his chess in Europe, in equal first place with Chandler on 5.5/6. Paul Garbett continued his good results with a draw versus Drazen Sermek

Leading Results Round 6:

Z.Y.Zhao (Aus) 0 - 1 A.Wohl (Aus)
 M.Chandler (Eng) 1 - 0 S.Solomon (Aus)
 P.Garbett (NZ) .5 - .5 D.Sermek (SLO)
 S.Lukey (NZ) 0 - 1 I.Rogers (Aus)
 P.Wang (NZ) 0 - 1 D.Smerdon (Aus)
 H.J.Hecht (Ger) 1 - 0 M.Drummond (Aus)
 A.Setiawan (INA) 0 - 1 I.Bjelobrck (NZ)
 J.Chan (Aus) .5 - .5 P.Froehlich (GER)
 R.Song (Aus) 0 - 1 H.Van Riemsdijk (BRA)
 G.Canfell (Aus) 1 - 0 B.Lazarus (Aus)

Leading Scores:

M.Chandler, A.Wohl 5.5/6
 I.Rogers, Z.Y.Zhao, D.Smerdon, G.Canfell (All Aus), P.Garbett, I.Bjelobrck (both NZ), H.Van Riemsdijk (BRA), H.J.Hecht (GER) 5/6

Round 7

New Zealand Grandmaster Murray Chandler seized the lead of the Queenstown Chess Clas-

sic in Round 7 by defeating International Master Aleks Wohl of Australia. IM Paul Garbett suffered his first defeat at the hands of GM Rogers when he never seemed to get properly developed out of the opening. The other two players to keep up the pace were FM Igor Bjelobrk after defeating IM Zhao and IM David Smerdon after defeating FM Greg Canfell. FM Roger Nokes put in a good effort to draw with IM Peter Froehlich to back up his earlier draw with GM Sermek. Veteran IM Bob Wade suffered his first and only loss after being ground down by FM Peter Green.

Leading Results Round 7:

A.Wohl (AUS) 0 - 1 M.Chandler (Eng)
I.Rogers (AUS) 1 - 0 P.Garbett (NZ)
I.Bjelobrk (NZ) 1 - 0 Z.Y.Zhao (AUS)
D.Smerdon (AUS) 1 - 0 G.Canfell (AUS)
H.Van Riemsdijk (BRA).5 -.5 H.J.Hecht (GER)
D.Sermek (SLO) 1 - 0 S.Wastney (NZ)
T.Reilly (AUS) .5 -.5 G.Lane (Aus)
S.Solomon (AUS) 1 - 0 R.Smith (NZ)
D.Stojic (AUS) 0 - 1 T.Civin (CZE)
P.Froehlich (GER) .5 -.5 R.Nokes (NZ)

Leading Scores:

M.Chandler (Eng) 6.5
I.Rogers, D.Smerdon, I.Bjelobrk - 6
D.Sermek, H.J.Hecht, H.Van Riemsdijk,
T.Civin, A.Wohl, S.Solomon, G.West - 5.5

Round 8

Igor Bjelobrk continued his impressive fight back after overcoming a bout of flu at the start of the tournament by defeating Australian IM David Smerdon. He joined Murray Chandler in the lead after Murray drew a tough game against top seed and Australian Champion Ian Rogers. The other two Grandmasters in the field, Sermek and Hecht also won to close the gap on the leading two. Maciej Wojnar, rated at only 1973, continued his impressive run. Earlier he had defeated Dennis Bourmistrov (2143), Women's IM Arianne Caoili (2207) and Akwie Setiawan (2226). In round 8 he employed his favourite Latvian Gambit to undo FM Richard Sutton (2301).

Leading Results Round 8:

M.Chandler .5-.5 Ian Rogers

I.Bjelobrk 1 - 0 D.Smerdon
T.Civin 0 - 1 D.Sermek
H.J.Hecht 1 - 0 A.Wohl
G.West 0 - 1 S.Solomon
Z.Y.Zhao 1 - 0 H.Van Riemsdijk
G.Lane 1 - 0 M.Geveke
I.Berezina 0 - 1 T.Karolyi
P.Green 0 - 1 P.Froehlich
P.Garbett .5-.5 A.Susilodinata

Leading Scores:

M.Chandler (Eng), I.Bjelobrk (NZ) 7/8,
I.Rogers, S.Solomon, (both Aus), D.Sermek (Slo), H.J.Hecht (Ger) 6.5/8,
Z.Y.Zhao, D.Smerdon, G.Lane (all Aus),
P.Froehlich (Ger), M.Wojnar (NZ), T.Karolyi (Hun) 6/8

Round 9

A very long and tense struggle was fought out on the top board between Grandmaster Murray Chandler and FIDE Master Igor Bjelobrk which finally ended after 5 hours and 72 moves in a Chandler victory. This allowed Murray to maintain his half point lead over GM Ian Rogers who kept up the pressure with a win over IM Stephen Solomon. Sermek and Hecht drew their individual game but not without a hard fight. Zhao, Froehlich and Smerdon all came back into contention for a top placing after winning. Aleks Wohl completed a horror three rounds after losing to German player Hendrik Tabatt.

Leading Results Round 9:

M.Chandler 1 - 0 I.Bjelobrk
I.Rogers 1 - 0 S.Solomon
D.Sermek .5-.5 H.J.Hecht
T.Karolyi 0 - 1 Z.Y.Zhao
P.Froehlich 1 - 0 G.Lane
D.Smerdon 1 - 0 T.Reilly
M.Wojnar 0 - 1 T.Civin
A.Wohl 0 - 1 H.Tabatt
H.Van Riemsdijk 1 - 0 M.Steadman
P.Wang 0 - 1 G.West

Leading Scores:

M.Chandler 8/9
I.Rogers 7.5/9
D.Sermek, Z.Y.Zhao, D.Smerdon, H.J.Hecht,
P.Froehlich, I.Bjelobrk 7/9
S.Solomon, G.West, H.Tabatt, H.Van Riems-

dijk, M.Dougherty, A.Ker, R.Nokes, S.Lukey,
R.Smith, T.Civin 6.5/9

Round 10

The final round pairings were crucial for a number of reasons. GM Chandler was paired against GM Sermek, only one of two other players undefeated during the tournament, the other being GM Hecht who was paired against Igor Bjelobrk. Bjelobrk, Susilodinata, Lukey and Nokes still had theoretical chances of IM norms and this was in the end achieved by three of those players. Solomon crashed against talented junior Andrean Susilodinata while Stephen Lukey backed up his earlier win against IM Gary Lane with victory over Brazilian IM Herman Van Riemsdijk. Igor also produced a solid finish with his draw against GM Hecht. Unfortunately for Roger, Czech Republic player Tomas Civin proved too tough. The top game was also a tough struggle with Drazen Sermek managing to hold Murray to a draw. This was enough for GM Chandler to win the 2006 Queenstown Classic outright since the game between GM Rogers and IM Zhao had already finished in a draw. David Smerdon finished the tournament impressively with a win over IM Peter Froehlich, to tie for equal second with GM Rogers. Smerdon's 8 win, 2 loss record gave him the most wins of the tournament and showed, after his fantastic Australian Championship, that he is arguably now Australia's number 2 player. This has been backed up with his selection on Board 2 for the Australian Olympiad team.

The outcome of the tournament was a tremendous success both on and off the board for GM Murray Chandler. The "perfect" tournament had been incredibly successful and his individual result the icing on the cake. In all departments the 1st Queenstown Chess Classic could be called a success.

Leading Results:

D.Sermek (SLO) .5-.5 M.Chandler (ENG)
Z.Y.Zhao (AUS) .5-.5 I.Rogers (AUS)
P.Froehlich (GER) 0 - 1 D.Smerdon (AUS)
H.J.Hecht (GER) .5-.5 I.Bjelobrk (NZ)
S.Solomon (AUS) 0 - 1 A.Susilodinata (INA)

T.Civin (CZE) 1 - 0 R.Nokes (NZ)
S.Lukey (NZ) 1 - 0 H.Van Riemsdijk (BRA)
G.West (AUS) 0 - 1 M.Dougherty (CAN)
R.Smith (NZ) 0 - 1 A.Ker (NZ)
H.Tabatt (GER) 0 - 1 G.Lane (AUS)

Leading Final Scores:

M.Chandler 8.5/10 [NZ Open & Closed
Champion]
I.Rogers & D.Smerdon 8/10
D.Sermek, Z.Y.Zhao, H.J.Hecht, I.Bjelobrk,
A.Ker, S.Lukey, A.Susilodinata, T.Civin, &
M.Dougherty 7.5/10
G.Lane, T.Karolyi, R.Dive, P.Garbett, R.Sutton
& P.Froehlich 7/10

List of Prizewinners:

1st GM Murray Chandler
2nd= GM Ian Rogers & IM David Smerdon
4th= IM Zong Yuan Zhao, GM Drazen Sermek,
GM Hajo Hecht (+ Senior Trophy), FM Igor
Bjelobrk, Andrean Susilodinata, FM Stephen
Lukey, Tomas Civin, IM Anthony Ker & FM
Mike Dougherty
13th= IM Peter Froehlich, IM Paul Garbett, IM
Gary Lane, IM Tibor Karolyi, FM Richard
Sutton (+ Senior Prize), & IM Russell Dive

Early Bird Entry Prize (\$100 of book vouchers) won by Mario Krstev
Best Game Prize for Junior (2 prizes donated by Fly By Wire) Jason Hu and Alexandra Jule
Under 2000: Maciej Wojnar (also Major Open
Champion) & Gareth Oliver
Under 1800: Ben Lazarus
Under 1600: Michael Zhang
Junior Under 12 & Under 15: shared between
Daniel Baider, Raymond Song & Junta Ikeda

An additional Best Game Prize of \$700 was donated by former New Zealand International player Grant Kerr. This was awarded to three players who shared the prize: GM Ian Rogers (for his win over Andrean Susilodinata), IM Anthony Ker (for his win over Alek Safarian) and IM Peter Froehlich (for his win over IM Gary Lane).

No tournament report would be complete without thanking the tournament arbiters who all did

a tremendous job. IA Cathy Rogers kept the press releases flowing out to the media after each round, IA Bob Gibbons as Chief Arbiter kept the team operating efficiently, IA Gary Bekker provided the technical know-how to set up the DGT equipment and provide the live game broadcasting. Jashint Maharaj from Fiji worked long hours to ensure all the equipment was functioning and set up for each round and to make sure that the venue was kept ship shape. Also thanks to the many volunteers who helped with game data entry including Mathew McNabb and Jenny Oliver. Lastly, a big thanks to the Millennium Hotel and staff. In particular I would like to extend thanks to Caroline Lewis who ensured that every need was met. Nothing was too much trouble for her. Finally I would like to extend a special mention to my family members, my wife Joanne, son Jason & daughter Laura who all helped out over many months to ensure the success of this event.

Peter Froehlich 2361 – Gary Lane 2444

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 e6 3.e4 h6 4.Bxf6 Qxf6 5.nc3 d6 6.h4 Nc6 7.Nb5 Qd8 8.d5 exd5 9.exd5 Ne5 10.Qd4 c5 11.dxc6 bxc6 12.f4 Ng6 13. 0-0-0 d5 14.Nf3 Ne7 15.Qc5 cxb5 16.Bxb5+ Bd7 17.Ne5 Nc6 18. Qxd51-0

Ian Rogers 2547 – Andrian Susilodinata 2254 D17

1.d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.Ne5 Nbd7 7.Nxc4 Nb6 8.Ne5 a5 9.f3 Nfd7 10.Nxd7 Nxd7 11.e4 Bg6 12.Be3 Qb6 13.Qd2 e5 14.dxe5 Bc5 15.Bxc5 Nxc5 16.Qd6 Qxb2 17.Nd5 Qxa1+ 18.Kf2 Qb2+ 19.Kg3 cxd5 20.Bb5+ Qxb5 21.axb5 Ne6 22.exd5 Rd8 23.Qb6 Rxd5 24.Qxb7 Rd7 25.Qc8+ Ke7 26.Qxh8 Rd8 27.Qxd8+ Nxd8 28.Ra1 Bf5 29.Rxa5 Bc8 30.Kf2 Kd7 31.Ke3 Kc7 32.Kd4 Kb6 33.Ra8 Kb7 34.Ra1 Kb6 35.Kc4 Be6+36.Kb4 Nb7 37. Ra6+ Kc7 38.Rc6+ Kd7 39. Rc3 Bd5 40.g3 g6 41.f4 h5 42.b6 Bc6 43.Rc1 Bf3 44.Rc7+ Ke6 45.Rc3 45...Be4 46.Kb5 Nd8 47.Ka6 Bg2 48.Ka7 Nc6+ 49.Kb7 Nxe5+ 50.Kc7 Ng4 51.h3 Nf6 52.Re3+ Kd5 53.b7 Kd4 54.b8Q Nd5+

55.Kd8 nxe3 56.Qa7+ Kd3 57. Qxf7 Be4 58.g4 hxg4 59.hxg4 Ke2 60.f5 gxf5 61.g5 Kf3 62.g6 Bd5 63.Qh7 f4 64.g7 Kf2 65.Qh4+ Kf3 66.Kd7 Bg8 67.Kc6 Ng2 68.Qd8 Bf7 69.Qd7 Bg8 70.Qc8 Bf7 71.Qb7 Bg8 Bf7 73.Kd6+ Kg3 74.Ke7 Bc4 75.Qe4 Ba2 76.Qc2 Bg8 77.Kf8 1-0

Alek Safarian 2099 – Anthony Ker 2330 A57

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.f3 g6 6.e4 d6 7.Nc3 Bg7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Qd2 Re8 10.Bxa6 Nbd7 11.Rb1 Qa5 12.b3 Bxa6 13.Bxa6 Rxa6 14.Nge2 e6 15.dxc6 fxc6 16.Kf2 d5 17.exd5 exd5 18.Nxd5 Qxd2 19.Nxf6+ Nxf6 20.Bxd2 Rxa2 21.Rhd1 Bh6 22.Ke1 Nd5 23.Bxh6 Rxe2+ 24.Kf1 Rf2+ 25.Kg1 Rxh2+ 27.Kg1 Rag2+ 28.Kf1+ 29.Ke1 Nc3 0-1
Three winners of the "Grant Kerr" Brilliancy Game Prize shared this prize for these games (\$700 prize donated by former international player for New Zealand, Grant Kerr)

Nancy Lane 1978 – Bob Wade 2171 A46

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 c5 3.e3 [3.Be3] 3...Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.Nbd2 Bb7 6.b3 Nc6 7.Bb2 Nb4 8.Be2 cxd4 9.exd4 Nbd5 10.0-0 Bb4 11.Nc4 0-0 12.a3 Bc3 13.Qc1 Bxb2 14.Qxb2 Nf4 15.c3 Ba6 16.Bd1 d5 17.Qd2 Ng6 18.Nfe5 Nxe5 19.Nxe5 Bxf1 20.Kxf1 Rc8 21.Rc1 Qd6 22.b4 Rc7 23.Be2 a5 24.Bd3 ne4 25.Bxe4 dxe4 26.Qe3 f6 27.Ng4 h5 28.Nxf6+ Rxf6 29.Qxe4 Qxh2 0-1
IM Bob Wade's last round win over WIM Nancy Lane.

D Sermek 2530 – G.West 2355 B01

Notes by GM Drazen Sermek

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Bb5+ Nbd7! (this move is connected with a pawn sacrifice...) 4.c4 a6 5.Bxd7+ [5.Ba4 b5] 5...Qxd7 6.d3! [6.Nf3 Qg4 ; 6.Nc3 c6] 6...e6 7.dxe6 [7.Qe2 Qe7!]? 7...Qxe6+ 8.Qe2 Qxe2+ 9. Kxe2 Bf5 10.Nf3 0-0-0 11.Rd1 Bc5 [11...Bb4!]? Grosar – Filipovic 2003] 12.Be3 [12.d4 Rhe8+ 13. Kf1? Bxd4! 14. Nxd4 (14.Rxd4 Rxd4 15. Nxd4

Bd3+) 14...c5 Black is better] 12. Rhe8 13.d4 Bd6 14. h3 [14.Nc3 Ng4 15.h3? Nf4+ 16.Fxe3 Bf4 17.Nd5 Bh6 is unclear] 14. Nh5! 15.Kf1! [15. g4 Nf4+ 16.Kd2 Be4 17.Ng5 Bg6 is unclear; 15. Nc3? Nf4+ 16. Kf1 Bd3+17.Kg1 Bxc4 Black is better] 15...Ng3+ 16. Fxg3 Rxe3 17.Kf2 Rde8? After 17... Ree8 the game is very unclear 18.Nc3 [18.Ne5! R8xe5! ; 18. Ne5 Bxe5 19.Kxe3 Bxd4+!20. Kxd4 Rd8+ 21. Ke5! I missed this move in the game!! Rxd1 22. Kxf5 And white is better ; 18. Ne5 Re4? 19. Nc3 Clear advantage to White] 18...c5! The two Bishops are very strong and White has to fight for development 19. g4 [19.d5? Bd3 Black is better now] 19... Bc2 [19... Bd3 20.dxc5 Bxc5 21.Kg3 Bxc4? (21...Bd6+=) 22. Rac1 White is better] 20.Rd2 Bd3 21.dxc5 Bxc5 22.Kg3 Bd6+ 23.Kf2 [23.Kf2 ; 23.Kh4? f6 with attack] 23...Bc5 24.Kg3 Bd6+ Draw Agreed!! [24... Bxc4? 25.Rc1] ½ - ½

Richard Sutton writes:

This game came in the middle of the tournament. After a good start, I'd had two unnecessary losses - due in one case to letting a tenuous position hang out to dry for one move too many, and in the other to a "senior moment" on move 7, resulting in my having to hand in the dinner pail on move 12. So I was well and truly loosened up!
"In this game, Black emerges from the opening and Queen exchange with two problems: (1) a poorly placed Knight and (2) an undeveloped Bishop. Further, having opened the h-file, he must be careful not to succumb to an attack there, as in the note to move 33 - that is going to be White's obvious response to passive play. So he stirs up things on the Queenside, accepting a pawn sacrifice and coming within one move of a miraculous solution to both of his problems. But the inherent lack of communication between his pieces continues. White's pincer movement, between the rook on the h-file and the marauding pieces coming through the open centre, proves too much. A cute little checkmate follows.

Sutton, Richard - Bailey, Cameron Queenstown Chess Classic Round 6

Annotations by Richard Sutton

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. g3 Bg7 4. Bg2 d6 5. Nf3 O-O 6. O-O Nbd7 7. Nc3 e5 8. e4 Re8 9. h3 exd4 10. Nxd4 Nc5 11. Re1 a5 12. Rb1 Nfd7 13. Be3 Ne5 14. Bf1 c6 {White's plan is to drive the Black knights back to less active squares, where they will get in the way of Black's other pieces.} 15. f4 Ned7 16. Bf2 Nf8 17. Qd2 Nfe6 18. Nc2 Qc7 19. Rbd1 Bf8 20. g4 Qe7 21. Bg2 Nd7 22. Bg3 Ng7 {The threat was 23 f5, winning the d-pawn. But Black is preparing a break-out on the King-side, which White should now have anticipated by 23. Bf3 and 24 Kg2.} 23. Kh2 h5 24. Bf3 hxg4 25. hxg4 Nf6 26. f5 Nd7 27. Bxd6 Qh4+ 28. Kg2 Bxd6 29. Qxd6 Ne5 30. Rh1 Qg5 31. Qd2 Qxd2+ 32. Rxd2 Nxc4 {The scene of battle moves across to the Queenside. But as far as White is concerned, this is mere skirmishing; his objective is to get what pieces he can through the central squares, to attack the Black king.} 33. Rd4 b5 ({An interesting line is} 33...Nxb2 34. Ne3 a4 {The threat is 35. Rb1 winning the Knight} 35. Rd2 a3 36. f6 Ne6 37. Kg3 {followed by 38.Rdh2 and mate.}) 34. a4 c5 35. Rd5 b4 36. Nb5 b3 37. Rxc5 Nxb2 38. Ne3 Nxa4 39. Rc7 Ba6 40. Nd5 Nh5 ({Black must avoid anything like} 40... Bxb5 41. Nf6+ Kf8 42. Rh8#) ({and} 40... Nxf5 {is unattractive because it brings White's bishop into play as well.}) 41.gxh5 Rec8 (41... Bxb5 42. hxg6 Rf8 43. f6 Rae8 44. g7 {followed by checkmate on h8}) 42. hxg6 Rxc7 43. Nbxc7 Rd8 {Diagram # (This might be an interesting position for Quentin's customary "checkmate" position)}
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New Zealand Rapid Chess Championship

by Paul Spiller

A large field of 73 players took part in New Zealand's strongest ever Rapid chess tournament which followed on from the Queenstown Chess Classic on January 25th and 26th at the Millennium Hotel. The New Zealand Rapid Chess Championship was hosted by the New Zealand Federation and sponsored by retiring patron, Dr Ray Thomson.

Twenty eight overseas players stayed on for the Rapid event including three Grandmasters, Ian Rogers, Drazen Sermek and Hans-Joachim Hecht and a host of IM's including Aleks Wohl, Zong Yuan Zhao, David Smerdon, Stephen Solomon, Tibor Karolyi, Herman Van Riemsdijk and locals Ker, Garbett and Dive. An unexpected entry was that of David Guthrie; briefly back in NZ from the UK on holiday.

Despite the heavyweight field it was anticipated that talented junior Puchen Wang would be a player to watch after a strong showing in Rapid events during 2005.

After the first 4 rounds only GM Sermek, IM David Smerdon, and Puchen Wang were on the maximum 4/4. Top seed Ian Rogers had dropped a half point to IM Karolyi and GM Hecht had fallen victim to Puchen in round 4. Puchen had previously beaten strong Czech Republic player Tomas Civin (2410) in round 3. Sermek had wins over IM's Dive and Van Riemsdijk in rounds 3 & 4.

In round five Sermek defeated IM Smerdon while Puchen caused another huge upset with victory over GM Rogers and was now on a hat trick against the GM's in the field. These leaders [Sermek & Wang on 5/5] were followed by a large group on 4 points including all of the overseas IM's.

The second day began with the clash between the leaders. Unfortunately for Puchen, he could not repeat his giant-killing efforts of the previous two rounds and lost. This gave Slovenian GM Drazen Sermek the outright lead on 6/6. The following group was a point further back including (besides Puchen) GM Hecht, (after a win against Wohl), IM Zhao (after

defeating IM Solomon) and IM Herman Van Riemsdijk (after a win against Civin); GM Rogers could do no better than draw against IM Russell Dive to be half a point further back.

Round seven pitted the 2 leading GM's Sermek and Hecht with the point being split. Zhao and Van Riemsdijk both lost (to Smerdon and Wang, Puchen being somewhat lucky when Herman missed the killer move). This left the leading scores after 7 rounds as follows:

GM Sermek 6.5/7, Puchen Wang 6/7, GM Hecht, IM Smerdon, IM Karolyi 5.5/7

Round 8: Drazen Sermek was again held to a draw, this round by opening theorist and Singaporean junior coach IM Tibor Karolyi.

Karolyi seemed to be very well prepared in the Openings, even though lately he has been concentrating more on coaching rather than playing.

Puchen's amazing run continued with a win over IM David Smerdon, no mean feat considering David's recent run of success. GM Hecht defeated IM Zhao to stay in touch with the leaders. Young Australian player Andrew Brown continued a late run to come from behind and join those on 6 points. Leading scores after Round 8:

GM Sermek, Puchen Wang 7/8; GM Hecht 6.5, GM Rogers, IM Karolyi, Andrew Brown 6 points.

Round 9: Crunch Time! GM Sermek versus GM Rogers had a lot at stake, not least the \$1,500 first prize. At one stage it looked as though Rogers was winning but his time deficit meant that Sermek was able to hold the draw. The other big game did not go well for Puchen and he could not continue his winning momentum, going down to IM Karolyi. GM Hecht was probably pleased not to have to play one of the top seeds in the last round and overcame Andrew Brown.

Final Leading Scores:

1= GM Drazen Sermek & GM Hans-Joachim Hecht 7.5/9

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**Queenstown Classic 2006
Cross Table**

No	Name	Feder	Rtg	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Chandler, Murray	ENG	2537	8.5	121:W	44:D	63:W	28:W	24:W	19:W	20:W	2:D	6:W	5:D
2	Rogers, Ian	AUS	2547	8	23:W	62:W	29:L	73:W	8:W	9:W	15:W	1:D	19:W	4:D
3	Smerdon, David	AUS	2421	8	145:W	61:W	68:W	29:W	4:L	31:W	37:W	6:L	38:W	13:W
4	Zhao, Zong Yuan	AUS	2461	7.5	104:W	45:W	38:W	9:W	3:W	20:L	6:L	25:W	16:W	2:D
5	Sermek, Drazen	SLO	2530	7.5	118:W	96:W	43:W	21:D	22:D	15:D	28:W	10:W	7:D	1:D
6	Bjelobrk, Igor	NZL	2396	7.5	114:W	0:D	52:D	103:W	83:W	68:W	4:W	3:W	1:L	7:D
7	Hecht, Hans-Joachim	GER	2397	7.5	97:W	64:D	44:D	50:W	41:W	24:W	25:D	20:W	5:D	6:D
8	Susilodinata, Andrean	INA	2254	7.5	131:W	90:W	16:W	13:D	2:L	30:D	62:W	15:D	65:W	19:W
9	Lukey, Stephen	NZL	2279	7.5	136:W	99:W	14:W	4:L	63:W	2:L	0:D	45:W	47:W	25:W
10	Civin, Tomas	CZE	2410	7.5	95:W	59:W	69:L	76:W	0:D	42:W	39:W	5:L	23:W	21:W
11	Ker, Anthony	NZL	2330	7.5	128:W	76:W	71:D	32:D	61:L	90:W	83:D	72:W	41:W	33:W
12	Dougherty, Mike	CAN	2206	7.5	87:W	162:W	13:L	89:D	39:L	120:W	86:W	67:W	37:W	22:W
13	Froehlich, Peter	GER	2361	7	116:W	55:W	12:W	8:D	40:D	61:D	21:D	43:W	14:W	3:L
14	Lane, Gary	AUS	2444	7	117:W	66:W	9:L	34:D	70:W	23:W	38:D	29:W	13:L	35:W
15	Garbett, Paul	NZL	2354	7	119:W	73:W	83:W	69:W	20:D	5:D	2:L	8:D	42:D	55:W
16	Karolyi, Tibor	HUN	2364	7	120:W	48:W	8:L	30:D	54:W	47:D	61:W	40:W	4:L	38:W
17	Sutton, Richard	NZL	2301	7	91:W	54:W	88:W	20:L	52:L	67:W	36:W	23:L	66:W	42:W
18	Dive, Russell	NZL	2359	7	137:W	50:W	24:L	46:L	115:L	142:W	138:W	58:W	61:W	53:W
19	Solomon, Stephen	AUS	2415	6.5	60:W	53:W	28:D	41:W	21:W	1:L	33:W	22:W	2:L	8:L
20	Wohl, Alex	AUS	2452	6.5	84:W	65:W	26:W	17:W	15:D	4:W	1:L	7:L	35:L	62:W
21	Nokes, Roger	NZL	2316	6.5	106:W	103:W	77:W	5:D	19:L	45:W	13:D	47:D	34:W	10:L
22	West, Guy	AUS	2356	6.5	86:W	82:W	42:D	47:W	5:D	0:D	35:W	19:L	31:W	12:L
23	Wojnar, Maciej	NZL	1973	6.5	2:L	133:W	186:W	65:W	69:W	14:L	68:W	17:W	10:L	27:D
24	Drummond, Matthew	AUS	2235	6.5	144:W	79:W	18:W	27:W	1:L	7:L	46:D	61:L	71:W	76:W
25	Van Riemsdijk, Herman	BRA	2358	6.5	111:W	108:D	67:W	71:D	62:W	46:W	7:D	4:L	26:W	9:L
26	Steadman, Michael	NZL	2241	6.5	156:W	39:W	20:L	122:W	46:L	49:W	52:D	48:W	25:L	70:W
27	Feldman, Vladimir	AUS	2324	6.5	189:W	58:W	89:W	24:L	45:D	44:D	72:D	52:D	69:W	23:D
28	Wastney, Scott	NZL	2256	6.5	85:W	94:W	19:D	1:L	51:W	66:W	5:L	65:L	87:W	61:W
29	Geveke, Michael	GER	2277	6.5	160:W	122:W	2:W	3:L	66:D	64:W	0:D	14:L	62:D	65:W
30	Oliver, Gareth	AUS	2092	6.5	92:L	134:W	131:W	16:D	56:W	8:D	31:L	124:W	32:D	68:+
31	Wang, Puchen	NZL	2240	6.5	143:W	63:L	95:W	90:W	55:W	3:L	30:W	37:D	22:L	73:W
32	Humphrey, Jonathan	AUS	2254	6.5	74:D	115:W	70:W	11:D	48:D	39:L	116:W	66:D	30:D	64:W
33	Smith, Bob	NZL	2253	6.5	148:W	89:L	118:W	49:D	126:W	48:W	19:L	64:W	39:W	11:L
34	Hohler, Peter	SUI	2183	6.5	130:W	92:D	123:W	14:D	37:L	75:D	97:W	63:W	21:L	74:W
35	Tabatt, Hendrik	GER	2236	6.5	153:W	88:L	117:W	51:D	89:W	115:W	22:L	70:W	20:W	14:L

NZ Chess

No	Name	Feder	Rtg	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
36	Tredinnick, Malcolm	AUS	2172	6.5	139:D	74:W	51:D	88:L	117:W	105:W	17:L	121:W	40:D	67:W
37	Canfell, Greg	AUS	2338	6	141:W	80:W	41:L	58:W	34:W	52:W	3:L	31:D	12:L	45:D
38	Reilly, Tim	AUS	2299	6	150:W	46:W	4:L	99:D	71:W	96:W	14:D	87:W	3:L	16:L
39	Stojic, Dusan	AUS	2022	6	181:W	26:L	140:W	72:D	12:W	32:W	10:L	83:W	33:L	47:D
40	Berezina, Irina	AUS	2285	6	100:W	49:D	64:W	42:W	13:D	0:D	0:D	16:L	36:D	50:D
41	Lakner, Jay	AUS	2207	6	134:W	75:W	37:W	19:L	7:L	121:W	63:D	78:W	11:L	46:D
42	Croad, Nicolas	NZL	2222	6	132:W	102:W	22:D	40:L	99:W	10:L	136:W	46:W	15:D	17:L
43	Green, Peter	NZL	2263	6	157:W	107:W	5:L	54:D	49:D	71:W	44:W	13:L	55:L	88:W
44	Wade, Bob	ENG	2171	6	152:W	1:D	7:D	79:D	94:W	27:D	43:L	84:D	77:D	93:W
45	Dizdarevic, Mehmedalija	BIH	2157	6	125:W	4:L	114:W	102:W	27:D	21:L	94:W	9:L	122:W	37:D
46	Song, Raymond	AUS	2085	6	180:W	38:L	142:W	18:W	26:W	25:L	24:D	42:L	115:W	41:D
47	Spain, Graeme	NZL	2202	6	158:W	67:D	108:W	22:L	112:W	16:D	84:W	21:D	9:L	39:D
48	Ikeda, Junta	AUS	2111	6	124:W	16:L	106:W	92:W	32:D	33:L	100:W	26:L	84:D	86:W
49	Mendes da Costa, Alex	AUS	2065	6	140:W	40:D	72:D	33:D	43:D	26:L	119:W	56:L	104:W	87:W
50	Zworestine, Charles	AUS	2110	6	165:W	18:L	150:W	7:L	95:W	0:D	0:D	85:D	78:W	40:D
51	Milligan, Helen	SCO	2045	6	163:W	0:D	36:D	35:D	28:L	0:D	74:L	109:W	137:W	98:W
52	Lazarus, Ben	AUS	2155	6	98:D	161:W	6:D	84:W	17:W	37:L	26:D	27:D	56:W	0:
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54	Baider, Daniel	NZL	2079	6	173:W	17:L	144:W	43:D	16:L	85:L	106:W	128:W	83:D	100:W
55	Jones, Brian	AUS	2110	6	172:W	13:L	141:W	162:W	31:L	0:D	85:D	136:W	43:W	15:L
56	Bleis, Christian	GER	2267	6	155:W	71:L	146:W	94:D	30:L	145:W	0:D	49:W	52:L	89:W
57	Guthrie, Aaron	AUS	2244	6	142:W	77:L	84:L	156:W	104:W	63:L	102:W	90:W	53:L	94:W
58	Hu, Jason	AUS	2081	6	177:W	27:L	143:W	37:L	119:W	136:L	104:W	18:L	95:W	84:W
59	Armstrong, Malcolm J	ENG	2129	6	159:W	10:L	86:L	153:W	116:L	132:W	105:D	75:D	118:W	91:W
60	Adair, Danny	NZL	2007	6	19:L	149:W	62:L	152:W	65:L	125:L	161:W	139:W	99:W	83:W
61	Chan, Jason	AUS	2132	5.5	164:W	3:L	137:W	86:W	11:W	13:D	16:L	24:W	18:L	28:L
62	Ly, Moulthun	AUS	2162	5.5	133:W	2:L	60:W	105:W	25:L	118:W	8:L	79:W	29:D	20:L
63	Donaldson, Bruce	NZL	2012	5.5	147:W	31:W	1:L	81:W	9:L	57:W	41:D	34:L	64:L	115:W
64	Shanmugam, Ravindran	SIN	2122	5.5	78:W	7:D	40:L	128:W	85:W	29:L	75:W	33:L	63:W	32:L
65	Bourmistrov, Denis	AUS	2143	5.5	168:W	20:L	116:W	23:L	60:W	91:W	0:D	28:W	8:L	29:L
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67	Bailey, Cameron	AUS		5.5	0:W	47:D	25:L	185:W	108:W	17:L	96:W	12:L	103:W	36:L
68	Setiawan, Akwie	INA	2226	5.5	109:W	93:W	3:L	107:W	88:W	6:L	23:L	89:W	74:D	30:-
69	Cailli, Arianne	AUS	2207	5.5	138:W	127:W	10:W	15:L	23:L	77:W	87:L	88:W	27:L	79:D
70	Beach, Paul	NZL	2099	5.5	123:D	98:W	32:L	78:W	14:L	106:W	101:W	35:L	85:W	26:L
71	Bennett, Hilton	NZL	2078	5.5	174:W	56:W	11:D	25:D	38:L	43:L	95:D	116:W	24:L	117:W
72	Siegmund, Rainer	GER	2177	5.5	115:D	139:W	49:D	39:D	93:D	79:W	27:D	11:L	94:D	77:D
73	Eriksson, Ingela	AUS	2101	5.5	178:W	15:L	91:W	2:L	86:D	0:D	0:D	117:W	113:W	31:L
74	Wu, Jason	NZL		5.5	32:D	36:L	78:L	174:W	123:D	173:W	51:W	96:W	68:D	34:L
75	Selses, Hamish	AUS	1975	5.5	186:W	41:L	161:W	96:D	53:D	34:D	64:L	59:D	101:W	66:D

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77	Goodhue, Nathan	NZL	2022	5.5	171:W	57:W	21:L	83:L	92:W	69:L	125:D	138:W	44:D	72:D
78	Zhang, Michael	NZL		5.5	64:L	120:D	74:W	70:L	148:W	126:W	80:W	41:L	50:L	122:W
79	Davis, Tony	AUS	1988	5.5	190:W	24:L	163:W	44:D	0:D	72:L	110:W	62:L	124:W	69:D
80	Krstev, Antonio	NZL	2098	5.5	151:W	37:L	85:L	144:W	111:W	100:D	78:L	95:D	121:D	125:W
81	Thornton, Gino	NZL	2176	5.5	175:W	146:D	92:D	63:L	84:L	143:D	124:L	130:W	110:W	121:W
82	Lachaux, Jerome	FRA	2102	5.5	167:W	22:L	136:L	143:W	137:W	84:L	121:L	101:D	132:W	119:W
83	Wallis, Christopher	AUS	2186	5	154:W	101:W	15:L	77:W	6:L	88:W	11:D	39:L	54:D	60:L
84	Forster, Bill	NZL	1957	5	20:L	168:W	57:W	52:L	81:W	82:W	47:L	44:D	48:D	58:L
85	Krawcheni, Andrei	AUS		5	28:L	183:W	80:W	53:D	64:L	54:W	55:D	50:D	70:L	97:D
86	Wojnar, Jacek	NZL		5	22:L	165:W	59:W	61:L	73:D	108:W	12:L	107:D	90:W	48:L
87	Brown, Andrew	AUS		5	12:L	112:L	177:W	113:W	102:W	76:W	69:W	38:L	28:L	49:L
88	Yachou, Nur	AUS	1994	5	191:W	35:W	17:L	36:W	68:L	83:L	147:W	69:L	155:W	43:L
89	Sofyan, Irvan	INA		5	187:W	33:W	27:L	12:D	35:L	147:D	139:W	68:L	136:W	56:L
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91	Watharow, Sean	AUS		5	17:L	177:W	73:L	140:W	103:W	65:L	99:W	53:L	107:W	59:L
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93	Lane, Nancy	AUS	1978	5	110:W	68:L	0:D	123:W	72:D	0:D	66:L	98:D	140:W	44:L
94	Ali, Mosaddeque	AUS	2038	5	183:W	28:L	127:W	56:D	44:L	163:W	45:L	148:W	72:D	57:L
95	Feldman, Alex	AUS		5	10:L	159:W	31:L	168:W	50:L	166:W	71:D	80:D	58:L	153:W
96	Johnson, Quentin	NZL	2157	5	166:W	5:L	97:W	75:D	120:W	38:L	67:L	74:L	150:W	113:D
97	McKerras, Ross	NZL	2052	5	7:L	129:W	96:L	138:D	134:W	98:W	34:L	100:D	119:D	85:D
98	Yu, Derek	AUS		5	52:D	70:L	135:W	126:L	128:W	97:L	145:W	93:D	102:W	51:L
99	Turner, Michael	NZL	2080	5	188:W	9:L	153:W	38:D	42:L	109:D	91:L	143:W	60:L	160:W
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101	Lee, Andrew	NZL		5	113:W	83:L	102:L	150:W	169:W	0:D	70:L	82:D	75:L	136:W
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103	Bennion, David A	WAL	2096	5	184:W	21:L	157:W	6:L	91:L	153:W	117:D	120:W	67:L	105:D
104	Sims, Martin T	NZL	1965	5	4:L	152:L	165:W	130:W	57:L	133:W	58:L	174:W	49:L	156:W
105	Hall, Craig	NZL	1980	5	161:L	130:W	187:W	62:L	173:W	36:L	59:D	92:W	76:L	103:D
106	Fairley, Natasha	NZL	1755	5	21:L	180:W	48:L	163:D	164:W	70:L	54:L	149:W	127:D	140:W
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108	McNabb, Matthew	NZL	2109	5	193:W	25:D	47:L	109:W	67:L	86:L	148:L	154:D	168:W	123:W
109	Gao, Wen	NZL		5	68:L	191:W	112:D	108:L	146:W	99:D	90:L	51:L	173:W	145:W
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113	Aldridge, Alan	NZL	2002	5	101:L	154:W	162:L	87:L	185:W	175:W	92:D	129:W	73:L	96:D
114	Kalisch, Tom	AUS	1885	5	6:L	172:W	45:L	164:D	139:L	149:W	129:L	151:D	154:W	138:W
115	Jule, Alexandra	AUS	1774	4.5	72:D	32:L	145:W	169:W	18:W	35:L	53:D	76:D	46:L	63:L

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117	Oliver, Shannon	AUS	1956	4.5	14:L	125:W	35:L	175:W	36:L	123:W	103:D	73:L	131:W	71:L
118	Nijman, Brian	NZL		4.5	5:L	166:W	33:L	158:W	110:W	62:L	76:L	134:W	59:L	129:D
119	Schon, Eugene	AUS	1782	4.5	15:L	179:W	53:L	151:W	58:L	140:W	49:L	147:W	97:D	82:L
120	Jackson, Ross	NZL	2065	4.5	16:L	78:D	176:W	146:W	96:L	12:L	131:W	103:L	123:L	164:W
121	Stojic, Svetozar	AUS	1969	4.5	1:L	175:L	192:W	166:W	162:W	41:L	82:W	36:L	80:D	81:L
122	Fraemohs, Peter	NZL	2051	4.5	170:W	29:L	175:W	26:L	100:L	158:W	155:D	125:W	45:L	78:L
123	Yang, Steven	NZL		4.5	70:D	135:W	34:L	93:L	74:D	117:L	156:W	141:D	120:W	108:L
124	Krstev, Mario	NZL		4.5	48:L	137:L	190:W	141:L	156:W	111:W	81:W	30:L	79:L	116:D
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126	Kreusch, Frank	GER	2037	4.5	146:L	158:D	110:W	98:W	33:L	78:L	150:W	155:D	100:L	134:D
127	Beltrami, Matthew	AUS		4.5	169:W	69:L	94:L	137:L	157:W	0:D	0:D	112:D	106:D	128:D
128	Davies, Geoff	NZL		4.5	11:L	184:W	169:D	64:L	98:L	164:W	163:W	54:L	138:D	127:D
129	Chen, Eachen	NZL		4.5	53:L	97:L	147:L	180:W	189:D	167:W	114:W	113:L	141:D	118:D
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131	Hvistendahl, Robert	AUS	1649	4.5	8:L	182:W	30:L	161:D	147:L	181:W	120:L	162:W	117:L	172:W
132	Gloistein, Bruce	NZL		4.5	42:L	192:D	139:L	178:D	151:W	59:L	176:D	163:W	82:L	171:W
133	Kay, Bruce	NZL		4.5	62:L	23:L	173:L	170:W	190:W	104:L	111:L	165:D	177:W	167:W
134	Vosloo, Johan	NZL		4.5	41:L	30:L	180:D	192:W	97:L	185:D	178:W	118:L	174:W	126:D
135	Charmova, Evgenia	NZL	2006	4.5	185:D	123:L	98:L	188:W	138:L	110:L	179:W	164:W	125:L	166:W
136	Holland, Dennis	AUS		4	9:L	174:W	82:W	66:L	107:W	58:W	42:L	55:L	89:L	101:L
137	Shaw, Robin	AUS	1849	4	18:L	124:W	61:L	127:W	82:L	0:D	143:D	152:W	51:L	92:L
138	Cowen, Michael	NZL		4	69:L	110:L	184:W	97:D	135:W	112:W	18:L	77:L	128:D	114:L
139	Taylor, Stefan	AUS		4	36:D	72:L	132:W	112:L	114:W	0:D	89:L	60:L	142:L	180:W
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142	Maguire, Jesse	AUS		4	57:L	171:W	46:L	186:W	90:L	18:L	165:W	110:L	139:W	102:L
143	Smith, Vivian	NZL		4	31:L	147:W	58:L	82:L	172:W	81:D	137:D	99:L	166:D	146:D
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154	Churton, Doug	NZL		4	83:L	113:L	188:D	176:W	145:L	169:W	107:L	108:D	114:L	173:W
155	Nijman, Arie	NZL		4	56:L	163:L	178:D	159:W	161:D	162:W	122:D	126:D	88:L	112:-

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157	Bradley, Chris	AUS		4	43:L	170:W	103:L	110:L	127:L	151:D	187:W	176:D	175:W	107:L
158	Ghobrial, Adel	AUS		4	47:L	126:D	164:D	118:L	178:W	122:L	0:D	146:L	179:D	184:W
159	Seabrook, Roy	NZL		4	59:L	95:L	181:D	155:L	174:L	177:W	169:W	145:L	161:D	176:W
160	Hurn, Robert	WAL		4	29:L	140:L	167:L	177:D	188:W	176:D	172:D	173:D	146:W	99:L
161	Davies, Barry	USA	3.5		105:W	52:L	75:L	131:D	155:D	150:D	60:L	156:L	159:D	168:D
162	Yip, Edwin	NZL	3.5		112:W	12:L	113:W	55:L	121:L	155:L	130:D	131:L	167:L	185:W
163	Humphrey, John	AUS	3.5		51:L	155:W	79:L	106:D	167:W	94:L	128:L	132:L	164:L	189:W
164	Boag, Peter	NZL	3.5		61:L	145:D	158:D	114:D	106:L	128:L	181:W	135:L	163:W	120:L
165	Nelson, John	ENG	3.5		50:L	86:L	104:L	171:W	144:L	183:W	142:L	133:D	169:L	187:W
166	Mitchell, Bob	NZL	3.5		96:L	118:L	170:W	121:L	186:W	95:L	141:L	180:W	143:D	135:L
167	Grigg, Sam	AUS	1755	3.5	82:L	141:L	160:W	147:D	163:L	129:L	151:L	187:W	162:W	133:L
168	Romero, Cesar	ECU	3.5		65:L	84:L	171:W	95:L	150:L	190:L	182:W	184:W	108:L	161:D
169	Goffin, Peter	NZL	2116	3.5	127:L	185:W	128:D	115:L	101:L	154:L	159:L	190:W	165:W	130:L
170	Judkins, Gary	NZL	3.5		122:L	157:L	166:L	133:L	171:L	0:W	0:D	189:W	149:L	188:W
171	Watson, Jean	AUS	3.5		77:L	142:L	168:L	165:L	170:W	0:D	149:L	188:W	178:W	132:L
172	Mulinder, Guy	NZL	3.5		55:L	114:L	191:W	111:L	143:L	192:W	160:D	150:L	185:W	131:L
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175	Egan, Bill	AUS	3		81:L	121:W	122:L	117:L	183:W	113:L	140:L	178:W	157:L	151:L
176	Guo, Emma	AUS	3		107:L	148:D	120:L	154:L	180:W	160:D	132:D	157:D	144:L	159:L
177	Trundle, George	NZL	3		58:L	91:L	87:L	160:D	149:L	159:L	193:W	186:W	133:L	183:D
178	Garland, Mana	NZL	3		73:L	111:L	155:D	132:D	158:L	186:W	134:L	175:L	171:L	191:W
179	Smith, Devon	NZL	3		76:L	119:L	156:L	182:W	153:L	187:D	135:L	192:W	158:D	147:L
180	Slack-Smith, Blair	AUS	3		46:L	106:L	134:D	129:L	176:L	188:D	191:W	166:L	181:W	139:L
181	Smith, Wendy	AUS	3		39:L	153:L	159:D	148:L	193:W	131:L	164:L	183:D	180:L	192:W
182	Oliver, Tony	AUS	3		90:L	131:L	125:L	179:L	184:W	130:L	168:L	191:W	189:L	190:W
183	Nokes, Jacqui	NZL	3		94:L	85:L	130:L	193:W	175:L	165:L	184:L	181:D	186:W	177:D
184	Stevenson, Michael	NZL	3		103:L	128:L	138:L	191:L	182:L	193:W	183:W	168:L	190:W	158:L
185	Jule, Sebastian	AUS	2.5		135:D	169:L	148:W	67:L	113:L	134:D	0:D	153:L	172:L	162:L
186	Kim, Brendan	NZL	2.5		75:L	0:W	23:L	142:L	166:L	178:L	0:D	177:L	183:L	193:W
187	Pedersen, Lachlan	AUS	2.5		89:L	156:W	105:L	100:L	152:L	179:D	157:L	167:L	193:W	165:L
188	Cater-Millano, Amy	NZL	2.5		99:L	150:L	154:D	135:L	160:L	180:D	0:D	171:L	192:W	170:L
189	Duffield, Terry	NZL	2.5		27:L	151:L	193:W	173:L	129:D	174:L	146:L	170:L	182:W	163:L
190	Agagnostou, Basil	AUS	2		79:L	144:L	124:L	0:W	133:L	168:W	152:L	169:L	184:L	182:L
191	Kimura, Mikio	AUS	2		88:L	109:L	172:L	184:W	125:L	156:L	180:L	182:L	0:W	178:L
192	Ghobrial, Paula	AUS	1.5		102:L	132:D	121:L	134:L	0:D	172:L	0:D	179:L	188:L	181:L
193	Ming-Wong, Alexander	NZL	1		108:L	116:L	189:L	183:L	181:L	184:L	177:L	0:W	187:L	186:L

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Letter from the Kingside

by Roger Nokes

So how do you begin a new chess column? It is a quite traumatic occasion for the author, while to the reader I suspect the column is met with a sense of uncertain expectation. Perhaps the wisest choice is not to predict that this is the first of many. My hopes for this column are rather more modest. If the reader is entertained, and at times educated, and the writer avoids any serious "blunders" I will regard the column as a success.

When I floated the idea of my contributing a regular column for NZ Chess with the editor, Graeme Trass, he graciously agreed and asked me what we might call it. To be honest I hadn't even considered the need for a name. However, a name is one way of giving a column an identity and character and I quickly accepted Graeme's suggestion as a worthy one. The result was a highly amusing half hour as my wife, Jacqui, and I engaged our creative talents in inventing possible names for this new landmark in the development of chess in New Zealand. The results of this venture ranged from the inappropriate to the cheesy to the downright bad. Perhaps if you are unimpressed by the name that I finally selected you might like to consider some of the alternatives that came from this brainstorming session - "In the sac with Roger" (inappropriate), "Square dancing" (cheesy), "Nokes en passant" (a little gloomy), "The A Files" (actually we both quite liked this one), and "Rook, line and sinker" (just plain bad). My final choice, I hope, actually conveys something of the nature of the column. This column will be a personal view of chess and chess events, and it will, I am sure, reflect my style as a chess player. So, finally, welcome to my column for NZ Chess, entitled "Letter from the Kingside". I hope it adds something to your enjoyment of reading this magazine. It took little effort to decide on the subject of my first column. In January this year I had the pleasure of attending, and participating in, the Queenstown Chess Classic - the brainchild of Grandmaster Murray Chandler and outstanding chess organiser Paul Spiller. There is

little doubt that this hugely successful event was the most significant chess festival ever staged in this country. Such on-line chess websites as chessgames.com and chessbase.com both included post-tournament coverage, with the Chessbase site providing a first rate report with photographs, stories and games. New Zealand chess had hit the world stage! To Murray, Paul and their dedicated support team, congratulations and thank you.

I am sure that there will be an in-depth report of this event in NZ Chess in the near future, so I will restrict my comments to personal reflections. The Queenstown event reminded me of how much I love the game of chess, and why I continue to dedicate so many hours of my life to studying and playing it. While I relished the daily adventures on the chessboard, I found it incredibly easy to get drawn into the battles going on around me, and I could easily have spent the ten days in Queenstown as a spectator, soaking up the chess creations of my fellow players. The very first round set the tone for the tournament: the top half of the draw playing the bottom half, and the bottom half giving their higher (actually much higher) rated opponents a real fight. I came away from that first round exhilarated and keen to watch the events of the following day. And so it was for the next 9 rounds.

Another aspect of the tournament that I observed was the strong sense of camaraderie amongst the players and officials. This was helped in no small measure, I believe, by the outstanding venue and setting, and also by such activities as the daily lectures given by leading players, and the massive jigsaw puzzle that drew people together. It is no wonder that there are cries for a repeat of this event. If Murray and Paul have the energy to do this again, and you missed out on the first of these Chess Classics, don't make the same mistake again!

A chess column should have some chess and of course an annotated game from the Queenstown event is the obvious choice. What is less

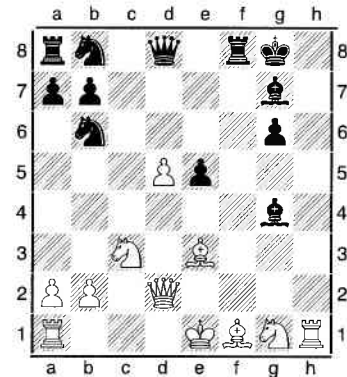
obvious is which game to annotate - there were so many fascinating games played. Ultimately I have chosen a game that had me hooked from the moment I first strolled past the board in round 8. The only problem with this, of course, is that trying to play your own game conscientiously when you are impatient to get back to watch another doesn't contribute to your best chess! However, I can't use that as an excuse for my draw in the same round, as the game below was completed in 26 moves, while mine was the last to finish!

This game is between two of the real talents of Australasian chess. Igor Bjelobrk, whose quiet, unassuming nature belies his chess style, was White against Australian IM David Smerdon. David had arrived in Queenstown fresh from a very successful Australian Championship where he finished second to GM Ian Rogers, and he too has a sharp style that often leads to wildly unbalanced games. The spectators were in for a tactical treat.

Bjelobrk, Igor FM - Smerdon, David IM
Queenstown Round 8

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nb6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Be3 0-0 8.Qd2 e5 9.d5 c6 10.h4 h5 This variation of the Grunfeld is not uncommon, even at the highest level, and generally leads to a sharp fight. **11.g4 cxd5 12.exd5** This position has been seen before, but not very often - only a handful of games in my database. It certainly strikes me as a position that you would only choose to reach if you were familiar with the ensuing complications. **12...hxc4 13.h5 Bf5 14.fxg4** [White wants to open the h file, but at the same time he wishes to ensure that Black will capture on g6 with the f pawn, thus opening the a2-g8 diagonal with potentially lethal threats against the black king. By capturing first on g4 White ensures that the white diagonal will be opened. In Moiseenko-Timofeev EU Cup - 21st St Vincent 2005, played only a few months before the current game, White captured immediately on g6. That game went 14.hxc4 fxg6 15.d6 N8d7 16.Nd5 Rf7 17.Bg5 Nf6 18.Nxb6 Qxb6 19.Bc4 Qd4 and while Black has blunted White's attack he has done so only at the cost of material and he

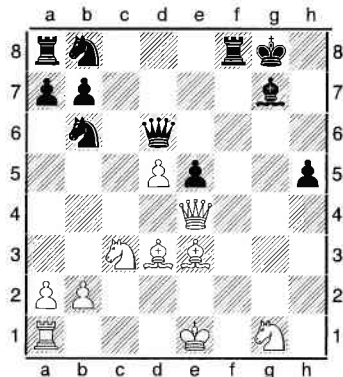
duly lost the game. It would be interesting to see, in the current game, which way Black would have captured on g6 if White had followed Moiseenko's idea.] **14...Bxc4 15.hxc6 fxg6**



It is interesting to compare this position to that which occurred in the Moiseenko-Timofeev game where the black bishop was on f5 and the pawns remained on f3 and g4. It seems to me that the position in the present game provides Black with additional defensive resources that Timofeev did not possess. To begin the f file is now open, granting Black the opportunity to either use his rook more actively in the defence, or perhaps more importantly to sacrifice it for the bishop on f1. This bishop is the key to White's attack, exploiting the weakened squares around the black king. In addition the bishop on g4 offers Black the additional defensive idea of Bh5 blocking the h file; and of course the bishop on g4 prevents White castling queenside and bringing the queen's rook into play. It is perhaps for these reasons that Moiseenko did not choose to capture on g4 on move 15, thence transposing into the current game. **16.Qg2!** [I really like this idea of Igor's. The queen switches to the kingside attacking the vulnerable bishop on g4, and indirectly the pawn on g6. At the same time the queen retains her grip on d5 and avoids possible future tricks with Nc4. The other natural move is 16.Bd3 after which Black seems to have a couple of choices Bf5 or the aggressive e4, a violent attempt to open lines against the white king. 16...e4

17.Nxe4 (17.Bxe4 Nc4 18.Qh2 Bh5 19.Bf4 Nd7 and black seems to be holding. In fact his counter-attack is not far away) 17...Re8 and Black himself has threats down the e file that prevent White from untangling his pieces and landing the knockout punch.] **16...Bh5!?** [Black has a number of alternatives here. 16...Bf5 leaves Black passively placed and White seems to get much the better of it after both 17.Qh2 and 17. Nf3. The exchange sacrifice on f1 doesn't look to be quite adequate either, much as I would be tempted to play it!; 16...Qd7!? seems to be a fighting alternative as it allows Black to delay his decision of where to place the bishop. I can't see my way through the complications after 17.Qh2 (17.Be2 Bxe2 18.Ngxe2 Qf5 19.0-0-0 Qf3) 17...Bh5 (17...Qf5 18.Qh7+ Kf7 19.Bh6 Rg8 20.Nh3 seems strong) 18.Bh3 Qe8 (18...Bg4 19.Bxg4 Qxg4 20.Qh7+ Kf7 21.Bh6 (21.Nge2 N8d7 22.Rf1+ Nf6 and White's attack has stalled.) 21...Rg8 22.Nh3 N8d7 23.Ng5+ and White has the better ending after 23...Qxg5 24.Qxg8+ Kxg8 25.Bxg5) 19.Be6+ Kh8 20.Nge2 N8d7 and the position seems very unclear. Perhaps Black is holding.] **17.Bd3** [Also plausible is 17.Be2 trying to break open the h file without sacrificing the exchange] **17...Qd6** [In order to be able generate counterplay, Black should seriously consider sacrificing his e pawn in order to open the e file and the long black diagonal. 17...e4!? 18.Bxe4 (18.Qxe4 Re8 19.Qf4 N8d7 or; 18.Nxe4 Qxd5!? with complex play) 18...Re8 and White must be careful about his king as

well.] **18.Rxh5 gxh5 19.Qe4**



19...Rf6? [Not 19...Qf6?? 20.Qh7+ Kf7 21.Qxh5+ or; 19...N8d7? 20.Qh7+ Kf7 21.Ne4 with a winning attack; The only defence here is 19...Rf7 20.Qh7+ Kf8 21.Bg6 Nc4 where White's material advantage, and Black's still vulnerable king, leaves White with the better of it.] **20.Qh7+ Kf8 21.Ne4** Suddenly Black is in big trouble because of the vulnerability of the c5 square. **21...Qb4+** [Black really doesn't have any choice as 21...Qxd5 22.Nxf6 Bxf6 23.Bh6+ Ke8 24.Bg6+ Kd8 25.Rd1 is dead lost.] **22.Bd2 Qxb2 23.Rb1 Qd4 24.Ne2 Qxd5 25.Bb4+** [Not so accurate is 25.Nxf6? Qh1+ when things get messy.] **25...Kf7 26.Nxf6** 1-0. As Black is about to lose a bundle of material he resigns: a fine win by White. One does get the sense that this variation requires considerable courage and real accuracy from Black.

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New Zealand News

Jenkins Trophy

North Shore successfully challenged holder Auckland for the Jenkins Trophy on 31st October, winning the 20-board match 11-9. The Shore last held the trophy in 1995. Time flies! The detailed scores:

1	Garbett P.A.	1	Dreyer M.P.	0
2	McLaren L.J.	0	Steadman M.V.R.	1
3	Hart R.	0	Wang P.	1
4	McCrone J.	0	Watson B.R.	1
5	Stuart P.W.	1	McNabb M.	0
6	Barlow M.J.	½	Wheeler B.	½
7	Krstev A.	1	Beach P.K.	0
8	Wang R.	1	Davies R.E.	0
9	Weir P.B.	0	Goodhue N.	1
10	Elliott D.B.	1	Latimer B.	0
11	Mistry P.	0	MacDonald P.	1
12	Thornton G.A.	0	Martin P.	1
13	Le Brocq M.J.	½	Ward K.	½
14	Whaley M.G.	½	Cowen M.	½
15	Gunn N.J.	0	Wu J.	1
16	Wells C.A.	1	Young P.	0
17	Tan E.	1	Zhang M.	0
18	Hair P.I.	½	Chen E.	½
19	Howard M.I.	1	Butland S.	0
20	Johns D.P.	1	Shen D.	0

Garbett – Dreyer

French [C00]

1.e4 e6 2.♘f3 d5 3.♘c3 d4 4.♘e2 c5 5.c3 ♘f6 6.♘g3 ♘c6 7.♘b5 ♘d7 8.0-0 ♘e7 9.cxd4 ♘xd4 10.♘xd4 cxd4 11.♘c4 ♘c6 12.d3 ♗d7 13.e5 ♘d5 14.♗g4 f5 15.exf6 ♘xf6 16.♘e4 ♘f7 17.♘g5 h6 18.♘d2 ♗he8 19.♗h5+ ♘f8 20.♗fe1 ♗e7 21.♗g6 ♗ad8 22.♘xf6 ♗xf6 23.♗xf6+ ♘xf6 24.♘e6 ♘d5 25.♗e5 ♘d7 26.♗f5+ ♘e7 27.♘xd7 ♗xd7 28.♗e1+ ♘d8 29.♘f1 ♗xe1+ 30.♘e1 ♘e7 31.♗e5+ ♘d6 32.♗e4 ♘c5 33.♘d1 ♘f6 34.♗e5+ ♗d5 35.♗e7 ♗d7 36.a3 ♗xe7 37.♘b4+ ♘d5 38.♘xe7 ♘d7 39.f4 ♘e6 40.♘d8 ♘f5 41.♘c7 ♘c5 42.♘d2 ♘e6 43.♘e5 g5 44.♘b8 a6 45.fxg5 ♘xg5 46.♘d6 ♘f6 47.♘e2 ♘g5 48.♘f4 ♘f7 49.♘f3 ♘f5 50.g4+ 1-0.

Stuart – McNabb

King's Indian [E73]

1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 g6 3.e4 d6 4.d4 ♘g7 5.♘e2 0-

0 6.♘g5 h6 7.♘e3 e5 8.d5 a5 9.h4 c6 10.h5 g5 11.g4 cxd5 12.cxd5 b5 13.f3 b4 14.♘a4 ♘a6 15.♘b6 ♗b8 16.♘xc8 ♗xc8 17.♘xa6 ♗xa6 18.♗e2 ♗xe2+ 19.♘xe2 ♘d7 20.♘d2 ♘f6 21.♗hc1 ♗fc8 22.♘g3 ♘e7 23.♘f5 ♘f8 24.♗xc8 ♗xc8 25.♗c1 ♗xc1 26.♘xc1 f6 27.♘c2 ♘f7 28.♘b3 ♘c5+ 29.♘xc5 dxc5 30.♘c4 1-0.

New Zealand Chess Federation

Grand Prix Standings

As at April 2, 2006

The Latvian Tournament on March 19 was another success for the country's top junior. Puchen Wang scored 4 wins and two draws to finish clear first in the 6-round rapid and take the early lead in the Grand Prix Open and Junior divisions.

Latvian Tournament leading scores:

A Grade – P. Wang (5/6) 1, P. Green, V. Small, A. Krstev, P. Garbett, L. McLaren (4) 2-6.

...18 players

B Grade - M. Brimble, Jason Wu, M. Zhang, A. Chen (5/6) 1-4, N. Cruden, J. Gan, R. Taylor, P. W. Power, L. Yang, M. Krstev, V. Collingwood (4.5) 5-11 ...64 players

Grand Prix leaders (top 10 and ties)

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 20, P. Garbett 18.9, M. Steadman 15, R. Smith 10.5, P. Green, V. Small, A. Krstev, L. McLaren 8.4

Under 2000 – H. Marko 24.75, C. Wright 21, N. Goodhue 13.5, P. Godfrey 12, H. Bennett 7.5, J. Browne, J. Huang, D. Eade 4.75.

Under 1700 – J. Wu, M. Zhang, A. Chen 15.66, M. Cowen 15, A. Lin 12, M. Krstev, N. Cruden 8.83, S. Maroroa 6.33, J. Gao, R. Taylor, L. Yang, V. Collingwood 2.5.

Under 1400 – V. Collingwood 29.16, J. Gan, L. Yang 15.66, D. Smith 13.5, T. Gothorp 10.08, R. Collingwood, T. Faulkner 6.33, D. Shen, D. Taylor, E. Yip 3.75.

Junior – P. Wang 20, J. Wu, M. Zhang, A. Chen 15.66, M. Krstev 15.5, A. Lin, G. Thornton 15, D. Xu 12, S. Maroroa 10.5, D. Smith 6.

Senior – N. Cruden 35, R. Collingwood 16.5, Peter Morten 15, K. Van den Bosch 12, J. Cater, T. Faulkner 9, G. Trundle 7.5, M. MacDonald 4.

Female – E. Chen 20, J. Meng, J. Li 13.5, J. Gao, N. Tsoi, L. Dare 5.

Under 14 & Under 1400 – L. Yang 20, D. Shen 15, B. Cheng, B. Wu 10.5, C. Guo, L. Zhang, H. Lin 2.

Grand Prix events coming up:

June 3 to 5, Dunedin – Otago Queen's Birthday Open (Class 3), organised by Otago CC. Six round FIDE-rated swiss, 90 minutes plus 30 seconds a move. Anticipated minimum prize-fund \$300. Entry fees: \$40, \$25 junior. Contact:

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June 24 and 25, Auckland – 29th Waitakere Licensing Trust Open (Class One), organised by Waitemata CC. Four separate five round

swisses, expected time control 90 minutes plus 30 seconds a move. The 'A' tournament will be FIDE rated. Anticipated minimum prize-fund \$5000. Entry fees and other details tba. Contact Bob Smith Caissa@xtra.co.nz

July 3 to 6, Auckland – NZ Junior Championship, organised by Waitemata CC. 7-round swiss for players under 20 on 1/1/06. Time control 90 minutes each plus 30 seconds a move.

July 7, Auckland – NZ Junior Rapid Championship, organised by Waitemata CC. 6-round swiss. Expected time control 25 minutes plus 05 seconds a move. Contact Bob or Viv Smith Caissa@xtra.co.nz

July 10 to 15, Wellington – North Island Championship, organised by Wellington CC. 8-round swiss. Other details t.b.a

July 16, Wellington – North Island Rapid Championship, organised by Wellington CC. 6-round swiss. Other details t.b.a Contact Ross Jackson Irjackson@xtra.co.nz



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Correspondence Chess

by Gordon Hoskyn

Player Profile: Ian Martin Sims

Martin writes

A couple of things to start us off: 1. This is Ian Martin Sims writing, not the much better player, Martin T Sims. 2. Look at my initials – IM Sims. I wish it were so!!! It is easy to sum up my chess – I would be a great player if only my ability matched my passion/love for the game. Sadly, a lack of tactical ability, laziness and a peaceful nature have doomed me to always be an also ran. Here's an example of my lack of fight:

Sims, Martin (1629) - Wastney, Scott (2137)
[A08]

North Island Rapid (1), 15.07.2000

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d3 d5 4.Nbd2 Nc6 5.g3 Nf6 6.Bg2 Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 Bc7 9.Qe2 b5 10.c4 bxc4 11.dxc4 Ba6 12.b3 Nb4 13.Rd1 d4 14.e5 Nd7 15.Ne4 Nc6 16.Bf4 Qb8 17.Re1 Bb7 18.h4 Ncxe5 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Nxc5 Bxf4 21.Nxd7 Qc8 22.Bxb7 ½-½ I knew this position was overwhelmingly in my favour but I felt sorry for Scott as he had a nasty cold. Perhaps one day he will be kind to me?

No, success does not come my way. I don't think I have ever won an OTB tournament which is why I was surprised when Gordon asked me for a bio. Of course, I can be occasionally dangerous when a much better player is desperate and over-reaches:

Sinclair, Mark - Sims, Martin

[A22], Kapiti

Paraparaumu Rapid (5), 08.05.1999

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 Bb4 4.Bg2 0-0 5.Nf3 Re8 6.0-0 Bxc3 7.bxc3 d6 8.d3 Nbd7 9.Rb1 c6 10.e4 Nc5 11.Nh4 d5 12.Ba3 Ne6 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.Qb3 dxe4 15.dxe4 Qc7 16.Rfd1 b6 17.Nf5 Nc5 18.Qb4 Bxf5 19.exf5 Rad8 20.Qb5 Nce4 21.Qb4 Nxc3 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.Re1 Nxa2 24.Qb2 Nc3 25.Re1 Rd1+ 26.Rxd1 Nxd1 27.Qd2 Qd7 28.Qb4 h6 29.Bf3 Qd3 30.Kg2 e4 31.Qf8+ Kh7 32.Bxd1 Qxd1 33.Be7 Qf3+ 34.Kg1 Ng4 0-1 Even rabbits have teeth and it is games like this that keep

me going.

Any success I have ever had has happened in correspondence play but before showing you a few of my best games in this area, some brief history.

I came to chess in my teenage years in the 1960s and joined my first chess club (Otago) in 1972 – the height of the Fischer boom. It was a wonderful first year with club champs, trips to Christchurch and Auckland, disastrous results at university and Max Euwe coming to Dunedin. I got demolished in his simul and nothing changes as Short destroyed me in 2005 (yes, it was short). The decades passed with work and family commitments so there were only sporadic appearances in tournaments with the inevitable mid table finish but a lot of enjoyment.

I started correspondence play in 1975 and got a rude shock – here are my first two games to finish!

Bremner, K - Sims, Martin

[C03]

TT 2 Green, 1975

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 a6 4.e5 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.Ndf3 Qa5 7.dxc5 Qxc5 8.Be3 Qa5 9.Bd3 f6 10.exf6 Nxf6 11.Bg5 Bd6 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nh4 0-0 14.Qg4+ 1-0 and

Guptill, W - Sims, Martin

[C03]

TT 2 Green, 1975

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 a6 4.e5 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.Ndf3 Qa5 7.dxc5 Qxc5 8.Bd3 Bd7 9.Be3 Qa5 10.Ne2 f6 11.Ned4 fxe5 12.Nxe5 Nf6 13.Ndxc6 bxc6 14.Bg5 Qd8 15.0-0 Bd6 16.Re1 Qe7 17.Nxd7 Kxd7 18.Bf5 1-0

Well, that was a rugged start! But then came this game and I was hooked.

Sims, Martin - Hollis, K

[B19]

TT 2 Green, 1975

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.Nf3 Nd7 7.h4 h6 8.h5 Bh7 9.Bd3 Bxd3

10.Qxd3 Ngf6 11.Bd2 e6 12.Qe2 Qc7 13.c4 Bb6 14.Nf5 0-0-0 15.Nxd6+ Qxd6 16.Ba5 Rde8 [16...b6? 17.Bc3, 18.a4, 19.a5] 17.Ne5 Nxe5 [17...Qe7 was played in Karpov-Pomar, Nice, 1974 and was the only reference I had back in these pre-CB and internet days] 18.dxe5 I am proud to say that I worked everything out until the end of the game – something I could never do over the board (even if, in retrospect, I made an error) Qc5 19.b4 Qd4 20.Rd1 Qc3+ [20...Qe4 21.exf6 Qxe2+ 22.Kxe2 b6 23.fgx7 Rhg8 24.Bxb6 axb6 25.f3 Rxb7 26.g4+] 21.Kf1 Nd7 22.f4 With the idea of 23.Rh3 22...Qg3 [22...Qa3 23.Rh3 Qa4 24.Rdd3 c5 25.Ra3 Qc6 26.b5; 22...b5 23.cxb5 cxb5 24.Kf2 -- 25.Rc1; 22...Nb6 23.c5 Nd5 (23...Nc4 24.Rh3 Qb2 25.Qxc4; 23...Na4 24.Rh3 Qb2 25.Qd3 Qxa2 26.Qd7+ Kb8 27.Qc7+ Ka8 28.Rhd3 Qc4 29.Kg1 Rb8 30.Rd8 Rhxd8 31.Rxd8 a6 32.Bb6 -- 33.Qxb8#) 24.Rh3] 23.Qd2 [stronger is 23.Rd4 -- 24.Rh3; 23.Rd4 Qa3 24.Qd1 Nb8 (24...Nb6 25.Rh3 Qxa2 26.Rhd3 -- 27.c5 and mate) 25.Rh3 Qxa2 26.Rhd3 b6 27.Rd2 Qa3 28.R4d3; 23.Rd4 Qc3 24.Qd1 Nb8 or Nb6 25.Rh3 Qb2 26.Rd2; 23.Rd4 c5 24.bxc5 Qa3 25.Qd2+] 23...Nb6 [23...Re7 24.Rh3 Qg4 25.Qd6 (25.c5) 25...Nb6 (25...Qxf4+ 26.Kg1) 26.Bxb6 axb6 27.Ra3; 23...Nb8 24.Rh3 Qg4 25.c5 -- 26.Rd3] 24.Bxb6 [24.Bxb6 axb6 25.Rh3 Qg4 26.Ra3] 1-0 Very satisfying and wonderful to see this game published in the Otago Daily Times. Of course, the writer of the column was groomsmen at my wedding so I had contacts in high places!

Over the years I have had some minor successes at correspondence and my rating in this field was about 400 points higher than my OTB rating as I could take my time, use multiple boards and use books. I won the Reserve Championship in 1977 and was very proud of this game:

Kinchant, Kevin - Sims, Martin

[B24]

TT Reserve, 1977

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 e6 6.Nh3 Nge7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Be3 b6 9.Qd2 d5 10.Bh6 d4 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.Ne2 e5 13.f4 f6

14.f5 g5 15.Bf3 Bd7N [the only reference I had was the following game from the tournament book with no notes – and I did not understand the logic of any of it so I went my own way: 15...Ng8 16.Bh5 a6 17.Kg2 b5 18.a4 Bb7 19.axb5 axb5 20.Rxa8 Bxa8 21.Ra1 Bb7 22.Nc1 c4 23.Be2 Qd6 24.Nf2 Qc5 25.dxc4 bxc4 26.Ra4 c3 27.Nb3! Qb6 28.bxc3 Rd8 29.c4 1-0, 49, Suttles-Gipslis, Sousse, 1967] 16.c3? BINGO! Be8! 17.cxd4?? [Better is 17.c4] 17...Nxd4 18.Nxd4 Qxd4+ 19.Kh1 h6 20.Rad1 Rd8 21.Qf2 Bb5 22.Qxd4 Rxd4 23.Nf2 Nc6 24.a3 Rfd8 25.Be2 R4d7 26.h4 a5 27.Rfe1 Nd4 28.Bh5 Ba4 29.Rd2 b5 30.Re3 b4 31.Bd1 b3 32.hxg5 hxg5 33.Kg2 Nc2 34.Rf3 c4 0-1 A game I used a lot during this game from move 17 on was the following – the advantage of correspondence play; this game features the exploitation of a big hole on d4; Andersson-Browne, Siegen Ol, 1970 1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 e6 6.0-0 Nge7 7.b3 0-0 8.Bb2 d5 9.d3 b6 10.e3 Bb7 11.Qe2 (11.Qc2 dxc4 12.dxc4 Nb4) 11...Qd7 12.Rad1 d4! 13.exd4? (13.Ne4) 13...Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Bxd4 16.Ne4 Kg7 17.h4 h5 18.Rfe1 Nf5 19.Ng5 Rad8 20.Bxd4+ Qxd4 21.Qf3 Rfe8 22.Re4 Qf6 23.Re1 Re7 24.Ne4 Qd4 25.Rh1 Nh6 26.Rd2 Ng4 27.Rhd1 Red7 28.Qe2 Qe5 29.Qf3 Rd4 30.a3 Nf6 31.Nxf6 Qxf6 32.b4? Qe7 33.b5 Qd6 34.Qe3 [there is no defence against the threat of ...e5, ...f5 and an eventual ...e4 as well as ...Rxc4 if one of the Wh Rooks moves] 34...e5 35.f3 f6 36.a4 a6 37.bxa6 [if Wh does not capture B1 will occupy the a file and play ...Ra3] 37...Ra8 38.Ra1 Rxa6 39.Qe2 f5 40.Re1 e4+ 41.fxe4 fxe4 0-1, 47

Over the years (up to 1996) I played in a number of NZ teams. Here is a game in the first Pacific Teams event. The game started in 1982 and finished in 1985! The game features a number of little battles ie a number of sub games inside the one game.

Sims, Martin - Tandai, Prof Koichoi

[B53]

PATT I (NZ v Japan), 1985

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nc6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Qxd4

Bd7 6.Bxc6 Bxc6 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.Bg5 e5 9.Qd3 h6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Nd5 Qd8 12.0-0-0 Qd7 13.Nh4 0-0-0 14.Nf5 Bxd5 15.Qxd5 Qe6 16.Qa5 a6 17.Rd3 Rd7 18.Rhd1 g6 19.Ne3 Be7 20.Nc4 Kb8 21.Qd5 Qf6 22.Rb3 Ka7 23.Nxe5 Rc7 24.Nf3 Rhc8 25.Kb1 Ka8 26.Rd4 Qe6 27.Qxe6 fxe6 28.Rd2 Rc4 29.Re2 Kb8 30.e5 d5 31.Rb6 R8c6 32.Rxc6 Rxc6 33.Nd4 Rb6 34.a4 a5 35.c3 Kc8 36.Kc2 Kd7 37.f4 Ra6 38.g4 Bc5 39.Kd3 Bxd4 40.Kxd4 Rc6 41.b3 Rb6 42.Rb2 Rc6 43.c4 Rb6 44.Kc3 Rb4 45.Rd2 Ke7 46.Rd4 dxc4 47.Rxc4 Rb6 48.Rc7+ Kf8 49.h4 Rb4 50.Rc4 Rb6 51.h5 gxh5 52.gxh5 Kf7 53.b4 axb4+ 54.Rxb4 Rc6+ 55.Rc4 Rb6 56.Rc7+ Kg8 57.Kc4 Rb1 58.Kc5 Rf1 59.Rxb7 Rxf4 60.a5 Re4 61.a6 1-0

Lastly, a game I am proud of because of the middlegame plan (see move 23)

Sims, Martin - Ross, John

[C24]

NZ v Australia, 1991

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 c6 4.Nf3 d6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 0-0 7.a4 Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 Nbd7 10.Nf1 d5 11.Ba2 h6 12.Ng3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Qa5 14.Bxb6! gxh6 15.Nf5 Kh8 16.Nxe7 Qxa4 17.exd5 Qxc2 18.dxc6 bxc6 19.Nxc6 Ng8 20.Re2 Qa4 21.Nxe5 Nxe5 22.Rxe5 Rab8 (Ok I have won a pawn but this position really worried me as Black seemed to have compensation and I didn't have an obvious plan. I don't know what Fritz would say about this position but I am pleased with the idea I came up with – regroup, break pins and become active!) 23.Re1 Rxb2 24.Bc4 Qd7 25.Ra6 Rb7 26.Ree6 Rb1+ 27.Kh2 f6 28.Red6 Qc7 29.Bxg8 Kxg8 30.Qg3+ Kh7 31.Rxf6 Qxg3+ 32.Kxg3 Rxf6 33.Rxf6 Rb3 34.Rf7+ Kg6 35.Rxa7 Rxd3+ 36.f3 Rd2 37.Ra5 Rc2 38.f4 Kf6 39.Kf3 Rc3+ 40.Kg4 Rc2 41.Ra6+ Kg7 42.g3 Rg2 43.f5 Rf2 44.Ra7+ Kf6 45.Rh7 1-0

I finished my last traditional correspondence game in 1996. This coincided with the rise of the internet. I sought instant gratification and now play in four servers which are like correspondence (GameKnot, ChessWorld, ChessCorner and RedHotPawn). Look for me – my handle is PigOnThe7th.

2005-2006 NZCCA

Trophy Tourney progress as at 02 March, 2006.

72nd Championship: Win contenders IA Bob Gibbons and IM Mark Noble have finished with unbeaten scores of 10/12. Both have drawn with identical opponents and each other. They now have to wait and see if they can keep their lead. Back in the bunch Michael Whaley (also unbeaten to date) has 4/5. He needs another 6.5/7 to win outright or 6/7 for a three way tie.

POINTS: R.E.Gibbons and M.F.Noble 10/12, H.P.Bennett 5.5/8, M.L.Dunwoody 5/9, P.B.Goffin 5/10, M.Wigbout 4.5/9, M.G.Whaley 4/5, R.S.Mitchell 4/7, G.A.Hoskyn 4/12, P.A.R.Vetharianam 2.5/6, J.A.McDonald 2.5/9, E.G.A. Frost 2.5/11, B.W.Millar 1.5/12. LATEST RESULTS: GIBBONS beat Mitchell. Drew Bennett, Whaley. NOBLE drew Goffin, Whaley. WIGBOU beat Frost. MITCHELL beat McDonald, Frost.

Reserve Championship: P.J.Voss 8/8, C.Welsh 5/6, B.J.Edwards 3.5/4, G.D.Putt 3.5/7, S.A.Holdaway 3/6, K.G.Reed 2/4, D.I.Bell 2/6, G.H.Mills 2/8, D.E.Dolejs 1/4, W.Anderson 1/9. LATEST RESULTS: VOSS beat Reed. WELSH beat Mills. EDWARDS beat Bell, Anderson. PUTT beat Reed. REED beat Anderson. TT 2: Double round. J.W.H. Atkinson 7/8, J.P. Stewart 3.5/4, T.Coady 2.5/6, C.Bastion 2/7, A.C.Winship 0/1, S.R.Chowdhury 0/5. LATEST RESULTS: ATKINSON beat Winship. Play ceases 31 March, 2006 with unfinished games going to adjudication.

Trophy Tourney Draw 2006-2007.

73rd NZCCA Championship.

Hilton Bennett Hamilton, William Lynn Hamilton, Prince Vetharianam Wanganui, Murray Dunwoody Te Awamutu, Bob Gibbons Auckland, Gordon Hoskyn Wanganui, Peter Voss Motueka, Peter Goffin Auckland, Mark Noble Lower Hutt, Rod Weston Lower Hutt, Dennis Whitlock Auckland, Ted Frost Wanganui, Max Wigbout Wellington. Reserve Championship: Bevan Edwards Auckland, Justin Davis Palmerston North, Mathew King Palmerston North, Bill Anderson Rotorua, Ken Reed Christchurch, David Bell Wanganui, Garry Putt Invercargill, Glenys Mills Waikanae, Stewart Holdaway Pahiatua, Barry Williams Auckland, Gerald Shields Hamilton, Dan Dolejs Nelson. TT2: Roy Chowdhury Blenheim, Tony Hendry Westport, Len Purvis Warkworth, Alan Winship Whakatane.

Chess Book Reviews

by Michael Stevenson

Well, readers, and all those who attended the recent tournament at Queenstown, what a feast we had - wasn't it great to be part of such an exciting event?! But now back to everyday matters...

Chess is my Life

by Victor Korchnoi (Edition Olms)

Chess players are all part of one big 'family' and, understandably, that could make Victor a loveable grandfather whom we all like to spend time with. Victor writes in a very readable style. In his book he starts off with his early life in Leningrad (St Petersburg), which included some tough years through the Second World War, then he shares his memories of the people who most influenced his life while he was growing up, especially his grandmother, right up till his present day busy lifestyle. One fact that I'm sure other readers of this book will be impressed with, is the amount of encouragement, advice and training that he imparts into the next generation of chess players no matter where their strengths lie. To sum Victor's book up, it's a really well written hardcover autobiography about one of the brightest lights in the chess world - and hopefully his light will burn for many years to come.

World Champion Capablanca (ChessBase) Undoubtedly ChessBase Monograph CDs are a great way to study the life and games of past and present chess masters. Even one of the greats of our lifetime (Bobby Fischer) said that there was a lot to learn from Jose Capablanca. Bobby regularly studies Jose's games, and to quote Bobby he once said that Jose was 'the greatest player in the history of chess'. In this CD, GM Robert Hübner covers in detail the games of the 1927 Wch-Match between JC and Alekhine, also GM Mihail Marin takes the reader through some of Capablanca's end-games. Finally Martin Seifert sheds some light on some of Capablanca's combinations, some of which are quite simply 'brilliant'. Before finishing with one of the 300 annotated

games in this CD, some news on upcoming CD/DVDs: Garry Kasparov 'How to play the Najdorf Vol. 2' and also Andrew Martin 'The ABC of the Benko Gambit' will both be released soon and covered in the next column.

Capablanca, J - Marshall, F

[C62]

New York match New York (6), 29.04.1909
[Capablanca]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 d6 4.c3 Not in accord with the true theory of the game, but as I have already said, my knowledge of such things at the time was not of any account. [4.d4! is generally conceded to be the proper continuation.] 4...Bg4 I do not like this move, because later on the Bishop will be driven back by h2-h3 with evident gain of time for White. [4...f5 seems good and leads to interesting complications. 5.exf5 Bxf5= (5...e4? 6.Nd4+-) 6.0-0!? ... d4(6.d4 e4 7.Ng5 Be7 8.0-0 Bxg5 9.Qh5+ Bg6 10.Qxg5 Qxg5 11.Bxg5± Golombek) ; 4...Bd7; 4...g6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.d4 Bd7 7.Bg5 f6 8.Bh4 Qe7 9.Na3 Nh6 10.Nc2 Nd8 11.Bc4 Nhf7 12.Nd2 Ne6= Lasker,E-Speyer/St Petersburg(?)/1909/] 5.d3 [5.d4 Golombek] 5...Be7 [5...g6 Golombek] 6.Nbd2 Nf6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 h6 The manoeuvre intended by Black is too slow to be good. Time is too important to be thus wasted. White with the move possesses an advantage, which can only be held in check by very accurate play on the part of Black. [8...Re8!?!; 8...Nd7!?!; 8...a6 9.Ba4 b5 10.Bb3 d5 11.h3! (11.exd5 Nxd5 12.h3 Bh5 13.g4 Bg6÷ Tarrasch) 11...Bh5 (11...Bxf3 12.Qxf3±) 12.g4 Bg6 13.g5± Panov] 9.Nf1 Nh7 10.Ne3 Bh5 [If 10...f5? 11.exf5 Bxf5 12.Nxf5 Rxf5 13.d4! and White should win, because if 13...exd4 (and if instead of 13...Bf6? then 14.Bd3+- wins the exchange) 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Nxd4± wins at least a pawn.; *10...Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Bg5 12.Nf5 Ne7 Panov] 11.g4! Bg6 12.Nf5 h5 Not good, because Black can derive no advantage from the open h-file, while White will be able to utilize it for his Rooks. Better would have been 12...g5 in order to simplify the position. [12...Ng5 13.Kg2

(13.d4!?! Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 exd4 (14...Bg5?! 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.Rd1) 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.cxd4 Rb8?) 13...Nxf3 14.Qxf3 Bg5 15.Rh1 Bxc1 16.Raxc1 Ne7 17.h4 c6,, Lasker] 13.h3 hxg4 [13...Bg5!?! Minev 14.Nxg5 Nxg5 15.Kg2 d5 16.gxh5 Bxf5 17.exf5±] 14.hxg4 Bg5 [I would have preferred 14...Ng5 though the chances are that the game cannot be saved.] 15.Nxg5 Nxg5 16.Kg2 d5 [16...f6 ... ♠ge6, ♠f7, ♠h8 (Lasker)] 17.Qe2 Re8 18.Rh1 Now what I said in a previous note becomes evident. 18...Re6 19.Qe3 A very important move, the object of which is to shut off the action on the opposing Queen, and at the same time to bring the White Queen into the game. It also creates a weak diagonal in Black's game, against which the White Bishop can act. [19.Bxg5! Qxg5 20.exd5 Bxf5 21.dxe6 Bxg4 (21...Bxe6 22.Bxc6 bxc6 (22...Bxg4 23.Bf3) 23.f3+- Kasparov) 22.exf7+? (22.Qe3! Qg6 (22...Qxe3 23.exf7+) 23.Qg3 Qxe6 24.Bc4 Qg6 25.Rh4 Bf5 26.Qxg6 Bxg6 27.Rah1+-) 22...Kxf7 23.Qe3 (23.f4! Linder; 23.f3! Bh3+ 24.Kf2 Qh4+ 25.Ke3 Qf4+=) 23...Bh3+!!--+] 19...f6 [19...Nh7 20.Qh3 ... ♠h4+-] 20.Ba4 Ne7 21.Bb3 c6 22.Qg3 a5 23.a4 Nf7 24.Be3 b6 To prevent the coming of the Bishop to c5. It favors, however, the plan of White, which is to close in the Black pieces so as to be able to use his own freely. 25.Rh4 Kf8 26.Rah1 Ng8 27.Qf3 Compelling Black to take the Knight, strengthening still more the position of White. 27...Bxf5 [27...dxe4 28.dxe4 Re8 29.Rd1 Qc7 30.Qh3 ... ♠h7, Euwe] 28.gxf5 Rd6 29.Qh5 [29.Qg4 Tarrasch] 29...Ra7 30.Qg6 Nfh6 There is no defense available. [If 30...Ne7 31.Rh8+ Nxh8 32.Rxh8+ Ng8 33.Qh7 Kf7 34.Bxb6! winning. (34.Bd1 Kasparov)] 31.Rxh6 gxh6 [31...Nxb6 32.Bxb6+-] 32.Bxb6+ Ke7 [32...Nxb6 33.Rxb6+-] 33.Qh7+ Ke8 34.Qxg8+ Kd7 35.Qh7+ Qe7 36.Bf8 Qxh7 37.Rxh7+ Ke8 38.Rxa7 time: Capablanca 1h 44min - Marshall: 2h 29min Outside of the opening it would be difficult to find where White could have improved his play. This is one of my best games. I saw Napier the day after I played it and he praised it highly. 1-0

The Benko Gambit

by Jan Pinski (Quality Chess)

At the recent Queenstown tournament, IM Anthony Ker gave a really interesting and insightful talk on two of his games on the Benko Gambit, so it's timely that we now have a look at Jan's book. First off, for that person who is just learning to play this gambit, the format of his book is helpfully and ideally set out. The first part is titled 'Introduction to the Classical Benko Structures'. Through eight games Jan shows his readers in his straightforward and down to earth style an overview of the correct way to play this defence. The second part, covering eight chapters, goes more into standard theory, as well as coming up with some new analysis in many lines. A well written book by renowned theory expert Jan Pinski. To finish, here's one of Anthony's games to show a type of game that can come about from the Benko:

Jones, B (2196) - Ker, A (2336)

[A57]

Auckland op Auckland (6), 29.01.2003

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.Nc3 axb5 6.e4 b4 7.Nb5 d6 8.Bc4 Nbd7 9.Nf3 Nb6 10.Qe2 Bg4 11.h3 Bxf3 12.gxf3 g6 13.Bf4 Nh5 14.Bh2 Bg7 15.e5 dxe5 16.Bxe5 Bxe5 17.Qxe5 0-0 18.Rc1 Nxc4 19.Rxc4 Qa5 20.Rxc5 b3+ 21.Ke2 bxa2 22.Ra1 Rab8 23.d6 exd6 24.Nxd6 Qa6+ 25.Ke1 Qd3 26.Rd5 Nf4 27.Qxf4 Qxd5 28.Ne4 Qd3 29.Nf6+ Kg7 30.Qe5 Qb1+ 31.Kd2 Qxb2+ 32.Qxb2 Rxb2+ 0-1

Catastrophe in the Opening

by James Plaskett (Everyman)

It's not easy to sum up this book as it seems to be going over old ground. It appears to be written with the idea that by studying it you'll be able to capitalize on any blunders made by your opponent. However, you ask isn't that why a club or casual player buys books on the opening or defences that they play? (For example, Italian Game and Evans Gambit by Jan Pinski and Starting Out: Closed Sicilian by Richard Palliser.) Players buy opening books so they don't get found out in the opening. Don't get me wrong this book is interesting, but for the same money maybe investing elsewhere maybe a better idea.

Chess For Zebras

by Jonathan Rowson (*Gambit*)

Before moving onto this book just a small note about upcoming Gambit books. Gambit's website, www.gambitbooks.com, has more info. In the next column there will be many Gambit books not covered in this column. Back to Jonathan's book. Right off the bat I'd say that it gets 10 out of 10 and it's unquestionably one of the best books to be published last year! As a writer Jonathan certainly has the knack of writing like he has his reader in mind at all times and also knows just how to state the best methods to improve. The three main questions that Jonathan endeavours to answer are: 1. Why is it so difficult, especially for adult players, to improve? 2. What kinds of mental attitudes are needed to find good moves in different phases of the game? 3. Is White's alleged first-move advantage a myth, and does it make a difference whether you are playing Black or White? Ultimately this first class book is a great find and will benefit any chess player's understanding of the royal game, and it's a must for the adult player.

Understanding the King's Indian

by Mikhail Golubev (*Gambit*)

As a taster here is what Golubev had to say about his new book in an email." As requested, I am glad to provide a short comment for NZ Chess Magazine. 'Understanding the King's Indian' is, primarily, the collection of the 56 selected King's Indian games, played and annotated by me. 55 of these games I played as Black, and one - as White. All notes are new. The most known of my opponents are, probably: Ivanchuk and Bareev (albeit games against these two are from junior tournaments), Kasidmzhanov, Portisch, Dreev, I.Sokolov, Van Wely, Piket. One may correctly guess that I included in the book not only my wins, but also draws and losses. Additional theoretical material, which is provided in every of 12 Chapters, allows reader to use the book as a repertoire King's Indian book for Black. Hopefully, the readers may find in my book some other qualities as well. One way or an-

other, the book is a result of playing the King's Indian as Black for some 25 years. My best so far ELO rating was 2570 in 1995. More about myself and my work can be found in the web, at www.geocities.com/mikhail_golubev With a very best regards from Odessa, Ukraine. GM Mikhail Golubev"

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3= Puchen Wang & IM Tibor Karolyi 7/9

In conclusion this was a very exciting event and tremendous result for 16 year old Puchen Wang. Against 3 GM's and 3 IM's he scored 4/6 certainly at least an IM result if this had been a standard time control. In fact he scored 75% against an average of 2385 amongst the FIDE rated players.

Also the two GM's Drazen Sermek and Hajo Hecht would have been happy after only finishing in a tie for fourth in the Classic. IM Tibor Karolyi also impressed and was the only other player besides GM Sermek who was undefeated.

The NZCF wishes to extend its thanks to the arbiters Cathy Rogers and Bob Gibbons and to the support of Dr. Ray Thomson for the success of the event.

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tion.)

White now uses his remaining forces to deliver checkmate.)

44. gxf7+ Kxf7 (44... Kf8 45. Ne6+ Kxf7 46. Rh7+ Kg8 47. Nf6#) 45. Rh7+ Kf8 46. Ne6+ Kg8 (46... Ke8 47. Re7#) 47. Nf6# *

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

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

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

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

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