



# BOX HILL CHESS NEWS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Fridays

**January 17 and 24** Allegri tournaments \$5 entry fee per tournament \$2 discount if you enter both

**January 31 to March 21. Autumn cup tournament** 7 rds with a free night on March 7, Entry fees \$20 and \$16 [concession] Visitors fees for non members

Tuesdays.

**February 4** Allegro tournament \$5 entry fee  
February 11 to April 6 **New season swiss** 9 rds .  
Entry fees \$15 Visitors fees for non WHJC and BHCC members.

Sundays.

**February 16** Sunday allegro for Juniors and seniors

## VALE JOHN ILLINGWORTH 1917-2002

John Illingworth life member and past president of the Box Hill Chess Club has died in hospital after contracting golden staph infection during a previous stay for a broken shoulder. John has been a member of the club since 1965 and was an active secretary and committee member for many years He was president in 93 and 94.



He was a somewhat idiosyncratic player who believed firmly that his opponent's knights were somehow stronger than his own and would often give up material to swap those pesky pieces off. He often lost on time as he rarely pressed his clock, but was a fine ethical competitor.

John was a keen golfer and dedicated cricket follower and would have been thrilled to have known that the English team finally won a test match. He last played in the 2002 open and started in the Xmas swiss, however his time finally ran out on the morning of the 20th December . May he rest in peace!

## KARL-HEINZ FABER HAS DIED.

Karl-Heinz passed away Monday December 2. He was a keen competitor and a reliable attendant in spite of his at times distressing loss of memory. He was a graceful winner and a cheerful loser who could mix it with the best. [see his game against Marcus

Raine elsewhere]. He believed that his claim to fame was his win against Tal in a simul. And who could disagree with that.

## MEMBERSHIP

At the end of the 2002 calendar year BHCC membership stands at 165 All paid up

Report from the C. V. General Meeting

This was the first AGM held after the name change from VCA (Victorian Chess Association) to CV (CHESS Victoria).

The Treasurer reported that a healthy surplus was achieved in 2002. The main increase in revenue was due to many more schools entering the Interschool Competition that is run by CV.

Box Hill Chess Club proposed that the surplus be used to part-finance travel to overseas events by approved Victorian representatives. The motion was lost at the meeting, but a wider motion was passed authorising the CV executive to approve expenditure on new programs in 2003. It is possible that Whitehorse Junior Chess Inc. will propose a seeding grant be allocated by CHESS Victoria to assist in running coaching classes on Sunday mornings in 2003. Box Hill members who attended the CV AGM included David Flude, John Kable, Phillip O'Connor, Cathy Farrelly and Trevor Stanning. Phillip O'Connor was elected vice-president of CV for 2003.

What is the difference between WHJC and BHCC? [apart from the initials]

The Box Hill Chess Club has been in operation for 51 years and is affiliated with CHESS Victoria. It is responsible for the rental of the premises on Friday and Tuesday nights and is the owner of the chess equipment assets (clocks, board, sets etc) used in events at the Senior Citizens Centre. It is managed by a Committee with Arie Meydan as President, Gerrit Hartland as Captain, Marieke van Dijk as Secretary, John Kable as Public Officer, and Trevor Stanning as Treasurer.

The Whitehorse Junior Chess Club Inc. has been in operation for 2 years with a charter to develop junior chess in the Box Hill area. It is provisionally affiliated as a Club with CHESS Victoria. It is managed by a Committee with Phillip O'Connor as President, Gerrit Hartland as Captain, and Marieke van Dijk as

**BOX HILL CHESS CLUB** inc. ABN 54 929 596 514 and **WHITEHORSE JUNIOR CHESS** inc ABN 352 957 553  
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CLUB MEETINGS Fridays and Tuesdays . Junior coaching classes every Tuesday from 6.00 to 7.30

Secretary. WHJC Inc manages the Tea Club roster for our events (mainly Friday events) and directs the profits to the development of junior chess. Members of WHJC Inc are admitted free of visitors fees to Tuesday events run by the BHCC. A full list of the benefits of joining the WHJC Inc can be obtained from Gerrit Hartland.

### **What is the difference between A and B divisions in Friday major events?**

This is a question whose answer has changed a few times in recent years. A few years back if you were in B division then it was strictly just that....you only played B division players for the duration of the tournament. This arrangement was unsatisfactory for some players who were close to the top of B division. These players often remarked that they liked the occasional game against an A Division player. The Club then changed to running events as an all-in SWISS. There were no separate divisions. The down-side of this second arrangement was that quite a few of the earlier rounds of the tournament have pairings where the rating difference between players is 300+ points, resulting in many one-sided games. This is a known drawback of the SWISS pairing system when the field contains players from rating strength 600 to 2200. In 2002, we switched back to an A and B division philosophy, achieved by a permanent acceleration of 2 points for the A division players. This arrangement guarantees for the first 3 rounds that A division players are paired with A division players, and B division players are paired with B division players. In the fourth round of the tournament there are sure to be A's on 0 or 1 point (because they have been meeting tough A players in the first three rounds) and some B's on 3 or 2.5 points (because they have been previously paired against B's). Naturally the computer starts to pair these A's against B's and generally the rating difference is no more than 150 points. So, this new approach achieves the best of all systems. We hope BHCC Committee meeting ...28/11/2002 Most of the discussion centred around the calendar for the year 2003, and the arrangements we need to put in place as Gerrit Hartland scales back his Friday role in 2003. Any volunteers who would like to run a Friday tournament (as DOP, or Tournament manager) should feel confident to do so as there is an instruction kit in preparation at the moment. Assistance can also be expected from the pool of BHCC luminaries around the Club. We already have covered the Autumn Cup and the Teams Tournament. If you wish to volunteer to be involved in other Friday events on the calendar please discuss with Arie Meydan in the first instance.

**The Club plans to trial starting at 7.45pm on**

### **Friday nights in 2003. Please be on the look out for details of start times.**

The Committee instructed its delegates to the CHESS Victoria to propose a motion to use the surplus funds accumulated by CV in 2002. A report on that motion is contained elsewhere.

FLAGFALL! Your opponent loses on time. You win? Yes? No? Maybe! The rules of Quick Play finish [as in the Christmas swiss tournaments] state that the game is drawn if both flags are down and it cannot be established which flag fell first.. OK but with digital clocks the first clock to reach zero has a minus sign the second clock does not. No point in playing on as it is easily established whose flag was down first. However in rapid play [including blitz]. the rule states that if both flags are down the game is drawn. End of story; and the arbiter cannot interfere and call time. So keep your eye on that clock.

Gerrit Hartland

2002 OPEN by Trevor Stanning

First some history; the 1982 Box Hill OPEN was led by Robert Jamieson as he used the event as a warm-up for the World Chess Olympics to be held later that year. Robert went on to have the highest board 1 performance rating at the Olympics.

In 2002 we therefore held high hopes for 8 Box Hill juniors who used our OPEN as a warm-up for the World Junior titles held in Crete in November.

Our 2002 OPEN was well attended with 107 players including 11 visitors from other Clubs.

First we should recognise those who volunteered to assist in the smooth running of the event. These include Anton Nincevic and his set-up crew of Marieke van Dijk and Bruce Simpson, Frank Meerbach as DOP, and Phillip O'Connor who produces computer pairings and web-site progress scores. A big thank you to all who assisted in putting equipment away at the end of each evening.

There has been some debate about the prize fund philosophy in the OPEN. The facts are these... the tournament was conducted in two divisions with 53 players in each division. Prizes in A division totalled \$240, and in B division \$170. This is the usual split in Box Hill events as we like to make sure that money prizes can be won by all strength players. The highest rated player in B division was 1300, so essentially half the field are rated under 1300. A prize was awarded in B division to the best player under 1000 rating, and in A division to the best under 1650. On top of all this were two more prizes...the best Junior Under18 and the best Senior Over 60. We have been awarding these latter two prizes for many years as a way of encouraging players who are usually in the bottom half of the ratings. This part of the philosophy needs to be reviewed as it is now

quite possible that these prizes can both be won by A division players, thus skewing the amount of money being won by A players. In future we need to award encouragement prizes in each of A and B division; or re-examine the justification for these special prizes. We experimented with different locations within the playing hall for boards 1-10. Players on these boards characteristically use their full time allocation and noise disturbance to these games needs to be managed as other players finish their games and analyze, or play blitz, or socialise around the canteen. I think the best arrangement we settled on is to locate boards 1-10 near the stage and to ask early finishers to use the room that is set-up for junior coaching at 7pm.

This is the first tournament I have managed from start to finish, from production of the advertising flyer to payment of the prizes. I appreciated the help and guidance along the way from many, and in particular Gerrit Hartland. I kept track of all the tasks done and the timing of those tasks, and this has created a computerised list of how to run and resource a tournament. If you would like to inspect this list and volunteer to help out in this year's tournaments please talk to me.

And now to the results.

A Div: 1st: **Denis Bourmistrov** \$150

2nd: **Janusz Dutka** \$50

3rd: **Jan de Gier** \$30

U1650: eq 1st **Kohei Endo, Dusan Stojic.** \$20

B Div: (U1300) 1st: **Reubban Muthusamy** \$80

eq 2nd: **J Schlossberg, J Carey, A Nilolayevsky, Rukman Vijayakumar, S Elbrish** \$10 each

U 1000: **Rengan Vijayakumar** \$40

**Milenko Rikalo** (Best senior player) \$50

**John Nemeth** (Best junior player) \$50

#### 2002 WHITEHORSE FESTIVAL TOURNEY

A good crowd of 66 players including the usual BHCC phantom player [Trevor Stanning in this case] ranging from the mysterious Eric Teichman to up and comers Voharica Gardiyawasam and William Paine enjoyed [I hope] one of the smoothest organised tournaments I had the pleasure to direct. We started ON TIME and we finished ON TIME, thanks to the precise Stefan Taylor, the unflappable Trevor Stanning and the set-up crew of Marieke Van Dijk, David Flude, Bruce Simpson, and Janusz, Ania and Tomasz Dutka

Let us also pay tribute to Whitehorse Council with it's generous support with a free venue and \$300 towards the prize fund

Prize winners: 1st: E Teichmann \$120

2nd: D Bourmistrov \$70.

Eq 3rd: D Partsi, M Pyke, C Savige, \$21 each.

Best Senior: D Flude \$50. Best Junior: M Lee. \$45

U 1600: 1st: B Simpson \$50. U1450: 1st: E Rice \$50

1st U 10: A Chee \$30 2nd U 10: J Carey

#### GAMES

The following 2 games are our tribute to those two club stalwards who have passed away

#### Event "Tuesday Grades Date 27.3.01

White Raine, Marcus. Black Faber, Karl-Heinz  
Result 0-1

**1 e4 e5 2. Nf3 d5 The Elephant Gambit is very dangerous if white does not know the theory. 3. d4 dxe4 4. Nxe5 Bd6 5. f4** (5. Bc4 Bxe5 6. Qh5 Qe7 7. Qxe5 is the main line) **5...exf3 6. Qxf3 Qe7 7. Be3 {black already has a slight advantage} 7... Bxe5 8. dxe5 Qxe5 9. Nc3 Nf6 10. Bc4 O-O black has a clear advantage} 11. O-O** (11. Nd5 Nxd5 12. Bxd5 c6 13. Bb3 Bg4 14. Qxg4 Qxe3+, 11. O-O Bg4 and white is losing material) **11... Ng4** black threatens checkmate and to win the bishop on e3 **12. Bxf7+ Kh8 13. Bf4 Qc5+ 14. Kh1 Rxf7** black now shows his experience by consolidating his position **15. Rae1 Nf6 16. Re5 Qf8 17. Bg5 Nc6 18. Re4 h6 19. Rh4 Ne5 20. Qe3 Nfg4 21. Rxf7 Qxf7 22. Qf4 Qxf4 23. Bxf4 Ng6** 0-1

#### Event Autumn Cup Date "2000.02.25"]

White Fell, Nathan. Black Illingworth, John  
Result 0-1 Annotator Fell,R

**1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 e5 This is the Kalishnikov variation of the Sicilian Defence. 5. Nf3 g6 6. Bg5 Nf6 7. Bc4 Bg7 8. O-O O-O 9. Bb5 d6 10. Qd5 Qc7** (10... Nxd5 11. Bxd8 Rxd8 12. exd5 Ne7 13. Bc4 e4 is one way of giving white problems.) **11. Bxf6 Bxf6 12. Nc3 Nb4 13. Qb3 Nc6 14. Nd5 Qd8 15. Qc3** (15. Nxf6+ Qxf6 with the idea of putting pressure on the backward pawn on d6 is a better idea.) **15... Bg7 16. Bxc6 bxc6 17. Qxc6 Rb8 18. Rab1 Bb7 19. Qc7 Bxd5** (19... Qxc7 20. Nxc7 Bxe4 and black wins a pawn) **20. Qxd8 Rfxd8 21. Exd5 Rdc8 22. c3 h6 23. Nd2 f5 24. f4 e4 25. h3** (25. Rfd1 Rb5 26. Kf1 Kf7 27. Ke2 Ke7) **25... Rc5 26. g4 Rxd5 27. Rfd1 Rd3** White Resigns (27... Rd3 28. Nb3 Rxh3 29. gxf5 gxf5 30. Rxd6 Rg3+ 31. Kh1 Rf3 {black wins the pawn on f4. The two connected passed pawns will win the game for black. Nevertheless white should

2002 BOX HILL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP crosstable

No	Name	Fed	Loc	Tot	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Bourmistrov, Denis	A1	2040	8	73:W	69:W	3:D	57:D	38:W	8:W	17:W	4:W	5:W
2	Dutka, Janusz	A1	1873	7.5	45:W	22:W	70:W	29:W	17:L	44:W	3:D	27:W	9:W
3	Rikalo, Milenko	A1	1810	7	51:W	19:W	1:D	28:W	27:W	17:W	2:D	5:L	21:W
4	De Gier, Jan	A1	2001	6.5	19:L	31:W	5:W	0:D	33:W	28:W	7:W	1:L	17:W
5	Nemeth, Janos	A1	1932	6.5	7:D	59:W	4:L	19:W	69:W	49:W	44:W	3:W	1:L
6	Muthusamy, Reu	B1	1179	6.5	47:W	84:W	95:L	60:W	80:W	59:D	56:L	90:W	81:W
7	Stojic, Dusan	A2	1638	6	5:D	81:W	69:D	10:W	8:L	35:W	4:L	44:+	27:W
8	Le, Tuan N	A1	1904	6	56:W	49:W	33:W	17:L	7:W	1:L	28:W	9:L	30:W
9	Endo, Kohei	A2	1326	6	43:W	62:W	17:L	70:W	44:L	33:W	30:W	8:W	2:L
10	Lycett, Garry	A1	1705	6	95:W	27:L	58:W	7:L	45:W	22:D	73:W	17:D	31:W
11	Schlossberg, Jon	B1	1085	6	78:W	34:D	18:L	39:W	12:W	56:L	55:D	89:W	79:W
12	Nikolayevsky, Art	B1	1259	6	63:W	67:W	45:L	24:L	11:L	83:W	82:W	20:W	32:W
13	Vijayakumar, Ruk	B1	1252	6	68:W	53:W	79:L	55:W	56:D	48:L	75:W	18:D	34:W
14	Vijayakumar, Ren	B2	706	6	25:L	52:L	98:W	67:W	62:W	37:W	71:W	79:W	29:L
15	Carey, Jamie	B1	1026	6	85:W	32:W	20:W	50:L	88:D	99:L	0:D	80:W	41:W
16	Elbrish, Sam	B1	1259	6	52:W	26:W	36:W	79:L	95:W	58:L	89:W	96:L	37:W
17	Dragicevic, Domag	A1	1826	5.5	74:W	21:W	9:W	8:W	2:W	3:L	1:L	10:D	4:L
18	Hickman, Casey	B1	1164	5.5	0:D	66:W	11:W	25:W	72:W	21:L	23:L	13:D	0:D
19	Lugo, Ruperto	A2	1612	5.5	4:W	3:L	88:W	5:L	50:D	81:D	79:W	29:W	0:D
20	Gombik, Louis	B1	1224	5.5	76:W	39:D	15:L	65:W	41:L	60:W	53:W	12:L	47:W
21	Hilliard, Geoffrey	A1	1698	5.5	80:W	17:L	51:W	44:L	74:D	18:W	69:W	49:W	3:L
22	Campara, Miralem	A1	1693	5.5	88:W	2:L	71:W	38:L	79:W	10:D	29:D	57:W	28:D
23	Umber, George	A2	1602	5.5	44:L	95:W	100:W	33:D	28:L	69:L	18:W	73:W	49:W
24	Leviczky, Laszlo	B1	1161	5.5	83:W	56:D	34:D	12:W	71:W	79:L	72:W	48:L	0:D
25	Martin, Richard	B1	1017	5.5	14:W	0:D	0:D	18:L	76:W	80:L	60:W	88:D	90:W
26	Wallis, Christopher	B1	1074	5.5	91:W	16:L	0:D	84:W	89:D	40:L	63:W	71:D	88:W
27	Dizdarevic, Mehm	A1	1947	5	36:W	10:W	29:L	30:W	3:L	38:W	57:W	2:L	7:L
28	Raine, Marcus	A1	1904	5	35:W	30:W	57:D	3:L	23:W	4:L	8:L	50:W	22:D
29	Lee, Michelle	A1	1702	5	46:W	44:W	27:W	2:L	57:D	30:L	22:D	19:L	14:W
30	Liston, Howard	A1	1702	5	31:W	28:L	72:W	27:L	58:W	29:W	9:L	35:W	8:L
31	Nemeth, Laszlo	A2	1547	5	30:L	4:L	40:W	88:W	35:L	54:W	38:W	69:W	10:L
32	Sellayah, Renishk	B1	1226	5	42:W	15:L	39:W	47:W	46:L	95:W	34:L	64:W	12:L
33	Meydan, Arie	A1	1771	5	50:W	72:W	8:L	23:D	4:L	9:L	59:D	81:W	56:W
34	Nincevic, Anton	B1	1281	5	65:W	11:D	24:D	89:W	54:L	63:W	32:W	46:L	13:L
35	Burak, Mehmed	A2	1577	5	28:L	46:W	44:L	90:W	31:W	7:L	51:W	30:L	70:W
36	Chmiel, Rad	A1	1654	5	27:L	51:L	16:L	61:W	40:W	46:W	58:D	74:W	0:D
37	Wan, James	B1	1238	5	70:L	93:W	64:W	43:W	59:L	14:L	68:W	54:W	16:L
38	Stojic, Svetozar	A1	1714	5	90:L	79:W	74:W	22:W	1:L	27:L	31:L	58:W	57:W
39	Yap, Jonathan	B2	984	5	86:W	20:D	32:L	11:L	66:W	82:D	95:W	41:L	64:W
40	Van Dijk, Devrim	B1	1256	5	64:W	103:W	31:L	53:W	36:L	26:W	80:W	45:L	96:L
41	Tischman, Fred	B1	1254	5	82:W	54:L	84:D	78:W	20:W	88:D	70:L	39:W	15:L
42	Lugo, Jerome	B2	625	5	32:L	47:L	77:W	63:L	85:W	52:L	91:W	67:W	61:W
43	Galiabovitch, Elen	B2	965	5	9:L	83:W	86:W	37:L	92:W	89:L	61:L	82:W	95:W
44	Rushdi, Nasim	A1	1923	4.5	23:W	29:L	35:W	21:W	9:W	2:L	5:L	7:-	45:D
45	Bekker, Gary D	A2	1576	4.5	2:L	71:L	12:W	95:W	10:L	50:L	54:W	40:W	44:D
46	Carey, Peter	A2	1377	4.5	29:L	35:L	61:W	58:L	32:W	36:L	0:D	34:W	73:W
47	Loo, David	B2	802	4.5	6:L	42:W	62:W	32:L	0:D	53:L	65:W	75:W	20:L
48	Parker, Derek		1552	4.5	0:	88:L	0:D	59:D	0:D	13:W	0:D	24:W	0:D
49	Harutyunyan, Vah	A1	1698	4.5	71:W	8:L	90:D	81:W	70:W	5:L	50:W	21:L	23:L
50	Armerman, Mend	A2	1485	4.5	33:L	73:D	89:D	15:W	19:D	45:W	49:L	28:L	74:W
51	Spiric, Bob	A2	1464	4.5	3:L	36:W	21:L	54:W	73:L	70:W	35:L	59:D	69:W
52	Bagdasarian, Dav	B1	1014	4.5	16:L	14:W	68:W	80:L	60:L	42:W	64:L	76:D	75:W
53	Benjamin, Frank	B1	1139	4.5	98:W	13:L	63:W	40:L	82:D	47:W	20:L	61:W	72:L
54	Yu, Derek	B2	959	4.5	97:W	41:W	80:W	51:L	34:W	31:L	45:L	37:L	89:D
55	Loo, Jonathan	B1	1083	4.5	60:L	77:W	82:W	13:L	63:L	92:W	11:D	66:W	71:L
56	Wilson, Norm	A2	1588	4	8:L	24:D	81:L	72:D	13:D	11:W	6:W	0:D	33:L
57	Fell, Rowan	A2	1528	4	104:W	100:W	28:D	1:D	29:D	0:D	27:L	22:L	38:L
58	Elliott, Alan	A2	1540	4	100:L	89:W	10:L	46:W	30:L	16:W	36:D	38:L	59:D
59	Turner, Adrian E	A2	1562	4	81:D	5:L	73:L	48:D	37:W	6:D	33:D	51:D	58:D
60	Cocks, James	B2	669	4	55:W	61:L	67:W	6:L	52:W	20:L	25:L	68:L	82:W
61	Petrou, Anthony	B1	1164	4	75:W	60:W	46:L	36:L	64:L	67:W	43:W	53:L	42:L
62	Fielder, Shaun	B1	1162	4	87:W	9:L	47:L	75:W	14:L	68:L	0:D	0:D	76:W
63	Shan, Indran	B2	737	4	12:L	92:W	53:L	42:W	55:W	34:L	26:L	95:L	86:W

64	Qian, Paul	B2	818	4	40:L	98:W	37:L	105:W	61:W	71:L	52:W	32:L	39:L
65	Lauder, Natasha	B2	877	4	34:L	87:W	0:D	20:L	78:L	91:W	47:L	84:W	66:D
66	Illingworth, John	B1	1127	4	93:D	18:L	75:L	77:W	39:L	97:W	84:W	55:L	65:D
67	Chan, Robert K	B1	1014	4	92:W	12:L	60:L	14:L	102:W	61:L	85:W	42:L	83:W
68	Khung, Farn Ling	B2	802	4	13:L	85:W	52:L	92:L	91:W	62:W	37:L	60:W	80:L
69	Flude, David A	A1	1712	3.5	79:W	1:L	7:D	73:W	5:L	23:W	21:L	31:L	51:L
70	Sharman, Scot A	A1	1717	3.5	37:W	90:W	2:L	9:L	49:L	51:L	41:W	0:D	35:L
71	Chong, Trevor	A2	1357	3.5	49:L	45:W	22:L	74:L	24:L	64:W	14:L	26:D	55:W
72	O'Connor, Phil	A2	1539	3.5	89:W	33:L	30:L	56:D	18:L	0:D	24:L	0:D	53:W
73	Jenkins, Keith	A1	1686	3.5	1:L	50:D	59:W	69:L	51:W	74:W	10:L	23:L	46:L
74	Miller, Anthony	A2	1570	3.5	17:L	80:W	38:L	71:W	21:D	73:L	81:W	36:L	50:L
75	Leong, Melford	B2	702	3.5	61:L	78:D	66:W	62:L	84:W	101:W	13:L	47:L	52:L
76	Devoy, Sean	B2	760	3.5	20:L	86:L	83:W	85:W	25:L	78:L	92:W	52:D	62:L
77	Van Dijk, Marieke	B2	723	3.5	84:L	55:L	42:L	66:L	87:L	0:D	93:W	98:W	85:W
78	Ng, Nelson	B1		3.5	11:L	75:D	91:W	41:L	65:W	76:W	0:	0:	0:
79	Bourmistrov, Alex	A2	1507	3	69:L	38:L	13:W	16:W	22:L	24:W	19:L	14:L	11:L
80	Foster, John	A2	1356	3	21:L	74:L	54:L	52:W	6:L	25:W	40:L	15:L	68:W
81	Simpson, Bruce	A2	1393	3	59:D	7:L	56:W	49:L	90:W	19:D	74:L	33:L	6:L
82	Farrelly, Cathy	B2	733	3	41:L	97:W	55:L	86:W	53:D	39:D	12:L	43:L	60:L
83	Tham, Christopher	B2	621	3	24:L	43:L	76:L	87:W	86:W	12:L	0:D	0:D	67:L
84	Thakur, Udit	B2	820	3	77:W	6:L	41:D	26:L	75:L	87:W	66:L	65:L	0:D
85	Dutka, Ania	B2	472	3	15:L	68:L	87:W	76:L	42:L	93:W	67:L	92:W	77:L
86	Yu, Sally	B2	217	3	39:L	76:W	43:L	82:L	83:L	0:-	97:W	87:W	63:L
87	Gray, Alan	B2	658	3	62:L	65:L	85:L	83:L	77:W	84:L	98:W	86:L	97:W
88	Goudy, Arthur	A2	1331	2.5	22:L	48:W	19:L	31:L	15:D	41:D	90:L	25:D	26:L
89	Frost, Peter	A1	1754	2.5	72:L	58:L	50:D	34:L	26:D	43:W	16:L	11:L	54:D
90	O'Connor, Gray	A2	1497	2.5	38:W	70:L	49:D	35:L	81:L	0:-	88:W	6:L	25:L
91	Leung, James	B2	495	2.5	26:L	0:D	78:L	97:W	68:L	65:L	42:L	93:D	92:D
92	Dutka, Tomasz	B2	336	2.5	67:L	63:L	0:W	68:W	43:L	55:L	76:L	85:L	91:D
93	Tan, Koon-Siong	B2		2.5	66:D	37:L	0:D	0:-	0:-	85:L	77:L	91:D	98:W
94	Ziffer, Rocheleh		1157	2.5	0:	0:	0:	0:	0:	0:	0:	0:	0:
95	Petkovic, Ratko	A2		2	10:L	23:L	6:W	45:L	16:L	32:L	39:L	63:W	43:L
96	Meldau, Henning			2	0:	0:	0:	0:	0:	0:	0:	16:W	40:W
97	Lauder, Chloe	B2	186	2	54:L	82:L	0:D	91:L	98:W	66:L	86:L	0:D	87:L
98	O'Connor, Andrew	B2	599	1	53:L	64:L	14:L	0:D	97:L	0:D	87:L	77:L	93:L
99	Kable, John R		1507	1	0:	0:	0:	0:	0:	15:W	0:	0:	0:
100	Wheelwright, Philip	A1	1757	1	58:W	57:L	23:L	0:	0:	0:	0:	0:	0:
101	Lang, Neville		0	0	0:	0:	0:	0:	0:	75:L	0:	0:	0:
102	Curtis, Sam		0	0	0:	0:	0:	0:	67:L	0:	0:	0:	0:
103	Celesti, Gabrielle		0	0	0:	40:L	0:	0:	0:	0:	0:	0:	0:
104	Stojic, Milan		1133	0	57:L	0:	0:	0:	0:	0:	0:	0:	0:
105	Poon, Jason			0	0:	0:	0:	64:L	0:	0:	0:	0:	0:

## 2002 FRIDAY X RATED SWISS

No	Name	Fed	Loc	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Lojanica, Milenko	A	2012	1	10:L	12:W	14:L	5:L	:	:
2	Dizdarevic, Mehmedalija	A	1947	3	11:W	15:W	3:L	10:W	6:L	:
3	Nemeth, Janos	A	1932	4	12:W	10:D	2:W	6:W	7:D	:
4	Anderson, Tim	A	1931	2	:	:	60:W	:	37:W	:
5	Narenthran, Tharmara	A	1928	2.5	13:D	18:W	6:L	1:W	14:L	:
6	Dutka, Janusz	A	1873	3.5	14:D	17:W	5:W	3:L	2:W	:
7	Rothlisberger, Marcel	A	1848	3.5	15:L	8:W	13:W	17:W	3:D	:
8	Chowdhury, Mahmud	A	1787	2.5	19:L	7:L	21:D	25:W	17:W	:
9	Frost, Peter	A	1754	3.5	17:D	13:D	28:W	14:D	10:W	:
10	Sharman, Scot A	A	1717	2	1:W	3:D	25:D	2:L	9:L	:
11	Flude, David A	A	1712	2	2:L	21:L	12:W	20:D	:D	:
12	Lycett, Garry	A	1705	2	3:L	1:L	11:L	33:W	22:W	:
13	Johns, Martin	A	1702	3	5:D	9:D	7:L	21:W	15:W	:
14	Liston, Howard	A	1702	3.5	6:D	22:D	1:W	9:D	5:W	:
15	Campara, Miralem	A	1693	1.5	7:W	2:L	17:L	:D	13:L	:
16	Stanning, Trevor	A	1667	1	18:L	40:L	22:D	29:D	:	:
17	Chmiel, Rad	A	1654	1.5	9:D	6:L	15:W	7:L	8:L	:
18	Palit, Vikram	A	1485	1.5	16:W	5:L	:D	:	:	:
19	Sauvage, Eric	A		1	8:W	:	:	:	:	:
20	Exner, Rolf	B	1625	3	29:D	36:D	27:D	11:D	33:W	:
21	Umber, George	B	1602	3	30:W	11:W	8:D	13:L	29:D	:

22	Wilson, Norm	B	1588	3	32:W	14:D	16:D	37:W	12:L	:
23	Burak, Mehmed	B	1577	2.5	33:L	37:L	40:W	42:W	27:D	:
24	Meldau, Henning	B	1575	2	34:W	25:L	36:L	44:W	:	:
25	Miller, Anthony	B	1570	3.5	35:W	24:W	10:D	8:L	30:W	:
26	Suderson, Sunilson	B	1569	2.5	36:D	29:L	30:L	40:W	44:W	:
27	Turner, Adrian E	B	1562	3	37:D	33:W	20:D	30:D	23:D	:
28	Parker, Derek	B	1552	0	:	:	9:L	:	:	:
29	Nemeth, Laszlo	B	1547	3.5	20:D	26:W	43:W	16:D	21:D	:
30	Brooks, Chris	B	1512	2.5	21:L	34:W	26:W	27:D	25:L	:
31	Butler, John M	B	1476	2	:	:	:W	36:W	:	:
32	Richter, Sally-Anne	B	1464	1.5	22:L	35:W	33:L	:D	36:L	:
33	Simpson, Bruce	B	1393	2	23:W	27:L	32:W	12:L	20:L	:
34	Carey, Peter	B	1377	1.5	24:L	30:L	42:L	49:D	45:W	:
35	Alamanos, John	B	1344	0	25:L	32:L	44:L	41:L	:	:
36	Neymanis, Eric	B	1343	3	26:D	20:D	24:W	31:L	32:W	:
37	Van Dijk, Devrim	B	1256	2	27:D	23:W	:D	22:L	4:L	:
38	Goudy, Arthur	C	1331	3	46:L	48:W	47:D	45:D	43:W	:
39	Endo, Kohei	C	1326	1	47:L	50:L	58:L	67:L	71:W	:
40	Nincevic, Anton	C	1281	3	48:W	16:W	23:L	26:L	50:W	:
41	Elbrish, Sam	C	1259	4	49:L	51:W	50:W	35:W	42:L	48:W
42	Nikolayevsky, Artem	C	1259	4	50:W	47:W	34:W	23:L	41:W	:
43	Tischman, Fred	C	1254	2	51:W	49:L	29:L	63:W	38:L	:
44	Vijayakumar, Rukman	C	1252	3	52:W	53:W	35:W	24:L	26:L	:
45	Sellayah, Renishka	C	1226	2.5	53:L	52:W	49:W	38:D	34:L	:
46	Gombik, Louis	C	1224	1.5	38:W	:D	:	:	:	:
47	Muthusamy, Reubban	C	1179	2.5	39:W	42:L	38:D	53:L	54:W	:
48	Petrou, Anthony	C	1164	2	40:L	38:L	71:W	58:W	:	41:L
49	Fielder, Shaun	C	1162	2.5	41:W	43:W	45:L	34:D	53:L	:
50	Ziffer, Rocheleh	C	1157	2	42:L	39:W	41:L	51:W	40:L	:
51	Benjamin, Frank	C	1139	1.5	43:L	41:L	55:D	50:L	63:W	:
52	Illingworth, John	C	1127	0	44:L	45:L	:	:	:	:
53	Wallis, Christopher	C	1074	3.5	45:W	44:L	:D	47:W	49:W	:
54	Carey, Jamie	D	1026	3	64:W	63:L	68:W	55:W	47:L	:
55	Martin, Richard	D	1017	2.5	65:W	61:W	51:D	54:L	:	:
56	Chan, Robert K	D	1014	3	66:L	69:W	63:L	68:W	70:W	:
57	Galiabovitch, Elena	D	965	3	67:W	64:W	65:L	70:W	:	:
58	Yu, Derek	D	959	3	69:W	66:W	39:W	48:L	:	:
59	Lang, Neville	D		0	71:L	70:L	69:L	73:L	65:L	:
60	Tan, Calvin	D		0	:	71:L	4:L	72:L	:	:
61	Lauder, Natasha	D	877	2	72:W	55:L	62:L	69:W	:	:
62	Thakur, Udit	D	820	3	68:W	:L	61:W	71:W	67:L	:
63	Qian, Paul	D	818	3	73:W	54:W	56:W	43:L	51:L	:
64	Devoy, Sean	D	760	1.5	54:L	57:L	72:W	:D	:	:
65	Shan, Indran	D	737	3	55:L	:L	57:W	66:W	59:W	:
66	Van Dijk, Marieke	D	723	2	56:W	58:L	70:L	65:L	69:W	:
67	Vijayakumar, Rengan	D	706	4	57:L	72:W	:+	39:W	62:W	:
68	Cocks, James	D	669	1	62:L	73:W	54:L	56:L	72:L	:
69	Gray, Alan	D	658	1	58:L	56:L	59:W	61:L	66:L	:
70	Lugo, Jerome	D	625	2	:	59:W	66:W	57:L	56:L	:
71	Dutka, Ania	D	472	2	59:W	60:W	48:L	62:L	39:L	:
72	Dutka, Tomasz	D	336	2	61:L	67:L	64:L	60:W	68:W	:
73	Yu, Sally	D	217	1.5	63:L	68:L	:D	59:W	:	:

There were a vast number of prize winners in this tournament almost too many to mention. But here goes:

**Div A:** J Nemeth 1st \$40. J Dutka, M Rothlisberger, P Frost, H Liston, eq 2nd \$10 each. **Div B:** A Miller, L Nemeth, eq 1st \$32 each. R Exner, G Umber, N Wilson A Turner, E Neymanis, eq 3rd \$3 each. **Div C:** A Nikolayevsky 1st \$40. C Wallis 2nd \$25. Ru Vijayakumar, A Goudy, A Nincevic, S Elbrish, eq 3rd \$4 each. **Div D:** Re Vijayakumar 1st \$40. J Carey, R Chan, E Galiabovich, D Yu, P Qian, U Thakur, I Shan, eq 2nd \$6 each.

## 2002 LOSING POINTS LIGHTNING.

A good number of 47 players turned up despite or perhaps because of the date change. The highest rated player Geoff Saw received 1.5 losing points, the lowest rated player Cathy Farelly received 6.5 losing points. The winner Marcus Raine and runner-up Anthony Miller played 12 rounds. 3rd place getter Denis Mc Mahon [all the way from WA] played 11 rounds Prizes \$25 for 1st \$15 for 2nd \$10 for 3rd.

## 2002 XMAS-SWISS on TUESDAYS cross table

No	Name	Feder	Loc	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	Aghamalyan, Armen	A	A	1969	6	7:W	4:W	2:W	12:W	3:W	5:W
2	Kempen, Leon	A	A	1941	5	8:W	11:W	1:L	13:W	16:W	6:W
3	Rikalo, Milenko	A	A	1810	3	9:L	8:W	11:W	20:W	1:L	4:L
4	Chowdhury, Mahmud	A	A	1787	4	10:W	1:L	18:W	16:L	26:W	3:W
5	Wheelwright, Philip	A	A	1757	3	12:D	9:D	20:W	22:W	7:L	1:L
6	Bergmanis, Olgerts	A	A	1755	3.5	:D	12:L	8:W	17:W	9:W	2:L
7	Flude, David A	A	A	1712	4	1:L	10:W	22:W	18:W	5:W	:
8	Harutyunyan, Vahram	A	A	1698	3	2:L	3:L	6:L	27:W	10:W	15:W
9	Stanning, Trevor	A	A	1667	3.5	3:W	5:D	12:L	23:W	6:L	26:W
10	Chmiel, Rad	A	A	1654	2	4:L	7:L	21:W	11:L	8:L	20:W
11	Meldau, Henning	A	A	1575	3	14:W	2:L	3:L	10:W	12:W	:
12	Parker, Derek	A	A	1552	3.5	5:D	6:W	9:W	1:L	11:L	23:W
13	O'Connor, Phil	A	A	1539	3	21:L	26:W	15:W	2:L	20:W	:
14	Hartland, Gerrit	A	A	1530	0.5	11:L	:D	:L	:	:	:
15	Kloprogge, Joe	A	A	1450	2	22:L	24:W	13:L	28:W	18:L	8:L
16	Simpson, Bruce	A	A	1393	3	23:W	20:L	27:W	4:W	2:L	18:L
17	Kloprogge, Ion	A	A	1392	3.5	24:W	:D	:L	6:L	19:W	22:W
18	Neymanis, Eric	A	A	1343	4	26:W	21:W	4:L	7:L	15:W	16:W
19	Hickman, Casey	B	B	1164	1	:	:	:	:W	17:L	:
20	Feng, Kingsley	B	B		2	27:W	16:W	5:L	3:L	13:L	10:L
21	Sanderson, Paul	B	B	1075	1	13:W	18:L	10:L	:	23:-	:
22	Dalton, Samuel	B	B		2.5	15:W	28:W	7:L	5:L	:D	17:L
23	Dalton, Laurie	B	B		2.5	16:L	27:D	28:W	9:L	21:+	12:L
24	Ng, Nelson	B	B		2	17:L	15:L	26:-	:	29:W	27:W
25	Pearce, David	B	B		0	:	:	:	:	27:L	:
26	Dalton, Joshua	B	B		2	18:L	13:L	24:+	29:W	4:L	9:L
27	Van Dijk, Marieke	B	B	723	1.5	20:L	23:D	16:L	8:L	25:W	24:L
28	Russell, Phillipa	B	B		1	:D	22:L	23:L	15:L	:D	29:L
29	Anderson, Bill	B	B		1	:	:	:	26:L	24:L	28:W

Prize winners A div: 1st Armen Aghamalyan \$50. 2nd Leon Kempen \$30

B div: eq 1st Sam and Laurie Dalton \$25 each.

### A GAME FROM THE OPEN

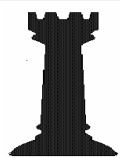
Jan de Gier is a new BhCC member who joined us from Canberra. In round one he was drawn against Ruperto on board 2. The clash of David v Goliath [in ratings of course] Jan later recovered from this early set-back and finished a creditable third

[Event "Box Hill Open"] [Date "2002.09.13"]

[Round "1.2"] [White Lugo, Ruperto 1612] [Black "De Gier, Jan" 2001] [Result "1-0"] Annotator "jp"

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 b6 {this is the Queen's Indian Defence which for a long time was thought to be boring and drawish.} 4. g3 c5 5. Bg2 Bb7 6. O-O cxd4 7. Nxd4 Bxg2 8. Kxg2 Qc7 9. b3 Nc6 10. Bb2 Qe5 11. Bc3 Nxd4 12. Bxd4 Qf5 13. Nc3 { white has more space but black has a solid position with no obvious weaknesses.} 13... Be7 14. Qd3 Qh5 15. Qf3 Qxf3+ 16. Kxf3 h5 17. h4 Ng4 18. Kg2 Rg8 19. F3 Nh6 20. e4 {white is following the correct positional plan of putting his pawns on the opposite colour to his bishop.} 20... g5 21. hxg5 Rxd5 22. Be3 Rg6 23. Bxh6 Rxh6 24. Rh1 O-O-O {white has two pawn islands versus three which guarantees an enduring edge in the endgame.} 25. Rad1 d6 26. Kf2 a6 27. Ne2 Kc7 28. f4 Rg8 29. Kf3 h4 30. Rh3 f5 31. exf5 exf5 32. Rdh1 {piling up on the weak pawn.} 32... Bf6 33. gxh4 Rg4 34. h5 Kc6 35. Rg3 Rh4 36. Rxh4 Bxh4 37. Rh3 Bf6 38. Ng3 d5 39. Nxf5 Rh8 40. cxd5+ Kxd5 41. Rh1 b5 42. Rd1+ Ke6 43. Ng3 b4 44. Ne4 Bc3 45. Rd6+ Ke7 46. h6 a5 47. f5 Bb2 48. Re6+ Kf8 49. Nd6 {black has walked into a checkmate. A very steady positional game from Ruperto.} 1-0

**FIDE rated tournament.** As last year we have again set dates aside for a 10 player r.r. FIDE rated tournament to be held on Tuesday evenings from April 29 to July 1. If you are a non rated FIDE rated player or a FIDE rated player hoping to improve your rating this may be your tournament. As a BHCC member you have preference but book your place early



# WHITEHORSE JUNIOR CHESS inc

ABN 52 352 957 553

News from and information about our junior chess organisation



2003 Membership fees for WHJC

**Membership fees of \$30 for 2003 are now due, and should be forwarded to the Whitehorse Junior Chess treasurer, Phillip O'Connor at the above address.**

Please keep your membership up to date, it helps our organisation and it will ensure your continuing participation discount

2003 Calendar

The Sunday calendar for 2003 is now available at the club. Sunday tournaments with senior participation will again be held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month starting 16<sup>th</sup> February. Seniors who participated during the year were [from memory and in no particular order] David Flude, Howard Liston, Janusz Dutka, Robert Chan, Marieke Van Dijk, Nelson Ng, Henning Meldau, Peter Braham, Neil Mc Nab, Gunars Priede and Peter Carey. I hope these and many more will join us in 2003.

2003 coaching schedule

In addition to our now wellknown coaching classes on Tuesdays from 6.00.to 7.30, we will be introducing **coaching on Sundays** from 10.30 to 12.00 for Whitehorse Junior Chess and Box Hill Chess Club members. The lessons will be conducted by experienced professional coaches who will rotate at 3 or 4 weeks intervals. The term fee for members will be **\$80** for the first 8 weeks term starting on February 16. Fees for casuals or non members will be **\$15** per session. Please book your place early. **As a member you have priority**

The 2002 Rookies and Queens cups

As we know the Rookies and Queens cup trophies are permanently held at the end of the year by the player who has won the trophy most frequently in the year

The system of the Rookies and Queens cups tournaments originated with Chess Ideas and was taken over by Whitehorse Junior Chess in 2002. IM Michael Gluzman and his organisation Chess Ideas maintain their interest in the tournaments by their coaching input and their support for the format.

Month	Rookies Cup winners	Queens cup winners
February	Vikram Palit	Stephanie Wong
March	Vikram Palit	Jocelyn Shan
April	Rukman Vijayakumar	Jocelyn Shan
May	Jesse Jager	Yvonne Kushnir / Elena Galiabovich
June	Vikram Palit	Yvonne Kushnir / Michelle Yii
July	Denis Bourmistrov	Michelle Lee
August	Vikram Palit	Elena Galiabovich / Ania Dutka
September	Vitaly Beliavsky	Michelle Lee
October	Adrian Chee	Michelle Yii
November	Edward Rice	Michelle Yii
December	Edward Rice	Peta Artlett / Niki Liew

The overall winners for 2002 are Michelle Yii and Vikram Palit

World Junior results.

**Whitehorse Junior Chess and BHCC members Denis Bourmistrov, Andjelija Zivanovic, Ruperto Lugo , and Michelle Lee, selected world junior candidates have acquitted themselves well at the just completed world Junior Championships in Crete. Denis finished in the under 18 section with 4.5/11, Andjelija in the under 18 girls with 4/11, Ruperto in the under 12 boys with 5/11, and Michelle with 6.5/11. Private entrants Dusan and Svetozar Stojic and Casey Hickman performed well. Svetozar gained 4 points in the under 16 boys Dusan 4.5 in the under 14 boys and Casey got 3.5 points in the under12 girls**

**A happy New Year to everyone. May we all receive the big rating gains we deserve.**

## WORLD JUNIOR REPORTS.

### 1 From Michelle Lee

From the 15<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> November, I was selected to represent Australia in the World Youth Chess Festival 2002 in the Under 12 Girls Category, held in Crete, Greece. We had 10 selected players and 8 private entries in our Australian team. There were about 90 competitors in my division and altogether about 860 players.

Approximately 100 countries took part in this major tournament. We stayed in the five star Creta Maris Hotel by the beach. It had great facilities with 5 swimming pools, two gyms and a disco. The weather was wonderful, the food was great and we had fantastic views from our balcony.

The first round started 5 and a quarter hours late! Some people finished at 3am. Luckily, I finished earlier but unfortunately, I lost to the German girl. I castled myself into an attack without knowing it would be so dangerous. The second round was, luckily, on time at 4.30pm. This round, I was playing another Australian from Canberra, Tamzin Oliver. I managed to win this game after she blundered a pawn and later the exchange. Since the third and fourth game was on the same day, I lost the third game in the morning to an Azerbaijan girl where I missed an easy one move threat where I could have just taken her bishop. After this chance, I played an unsound move which resulted with me down a knight. The fourth game was in the afternoon and I was playing a Brazilian girl. I won after 17 moves when she resigned for no significant reason. I had a slightly better position with more space, and a safe king whilst hers was exposed in the centre. In the fifth game, I played a girl from the Uzbekistan. I stopped her from castling, opened her up and eventually she blundered her queen.

The sixth game was a good game against an English girl who came sixth in the tournament. She blundered a piece and I finally won. On the rest day, to make up for their disgraceful late start, we were taken on a free tour to the ruins of Knossos with police escorts. After that we went to the beach and had a bit of fun for the rest of the day. The seventh round was a hard game against a Vietnamese girl. I was slightly better but I, somehow, swapped off position and lost. The eighth round was against the Singaporean and I escaped with a draw in a lost position. The ninth round, I faced a Latvian and although I was better from the start, I managed to win in time trouble. I played a Turkish girl in round ten and I forced a draw just after the opening. The last round was against a Russian who had only lost one game and drawn most of the others. After the opening, which I mucked up, we had a boring draw. So after a shaky start, I ended up on a fairly respectable 6½ points and was positioned =14<sup>th</sup> out of 90. I was only hoping to come in the top 50%.

Thank you very much to the Box Hill Chess Club and everyone who donated to the travel fund. Thank you also to Gerrit who started the fund for us. I had a fabulous time and a wonderful experience.

### Event "World Youth Chess Championships 2002 Date "2002.11.23

#### Round "9 White "Skinke(LAT), Katrina" [Black "Lee, Michelle"] [Annotator "mlee 07"]

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 {Manuel Weeks, a NSW coach and I prepared a different line from my normal line. This took a lot of preparation for there were so many complicated lines with different ideas.} 4... Nf6 5. Nc3 Nc6 6. Be2 {In this position, I had been prepared against 6...Ndb5, Be3 and Nc6 but I decided to use the same ideas as 6...Be3.} 6... Bb4 7. Nxc6 { It was basically the only move which didn't lose a piece} 7... bxc6 8. e5 Ne4 9. Qd4 Qa5 \$1 10. Bd2 {Probably the best move} (10. Qxe4 Bxc3+ 11. bxc3 (11Kd1 Rb8 12. bxc3 Qxc3 \$19) 11... Qxc3+ \$19) 10... Nxd2 11. Kxd2 Rb8 12. Rab1 ( 12. Kc1 \$1 \$11 {Both my opponent and I missed this move.}) 12... Bc5 13. Qf4Rb4 14. Qg3 Bd4 15. f4 (15. a3 Rb8 {This continuation is equal}) 15... O-O 16. h4 {Trying to counterattack me} 16... f6 17. exf6 Bxf6 { Threatening 18...Bc3+ and taking on f4} (17... Rxf6 { Maybe 17...Rf6 was better but I thought it would be safer playing 17...Bf6}) 18. Rhf1 Bxc3+ 19. bxc3 Rxb1 20. Rxb1 Qxa2 {I decided to just go for the pawn since I didn't see any way of getting a better advantage} 21. Rf1 (21. Rb8) 21... Ba6 {I swapped off bishops as my bishop was slightly worse and the less peices there were on the board, the better it was for me} 22. Bxa6 Qxa6 23. Rf3 Qc4 24. h5 {Going ahead with her attack} 24... Rf6 25. Qh4 Qd5+ 26. Kc1 (26.Rd3 Qxg2+) 26... c5 {A pretty pointless move but in the end, having the pawn on c5 turned out to be useful. I didn't have much to do and as we were both in serious time trouble, I was hoping she would play 27.h6? which she did!} 27. H6 Rxh6 {After I played this move, I had 1 second on my clock but luckily with the increments, I ended up with 31 seconds which was just enough to think about my next move.} 28. Qd8+ Kf7 29. c4 \$2 Rh1+ 30. Kb2 Qd4+ 31. Rc3 (31. Ka2 Qa1+ 32. Kb3 Rb1#) (31. Kb3 Rb1+ 32. Ka4 Qxc4+ 33. Ka5 Qb5#) (31. c3 Qd2+ 32.Ka3 Ra1+ 33. Kb3 Qa2#) 31... Qd1 {This was safe since there were no checks} 32. Ra3 Qb1+ 33. Kc3 Qb4+ 0-1

## 2 From Ruperto Lugo

I arrived at Crete on the 14th of November to compete in the Under 12 section for the first time, as I was previously competing in the Under 10 division. The playing field was much stronger than I had first anticipated, with 3 players being Fide Masters and many more being rated over 2000. There were 860 players, and 82 countries participating, making this one of the biggest tournaments ever. Then came the first day: No preparation was done for the first round, as the pairings weren't posted yet.

The opening ceremony was fairly hectic, with tons of people crowding around the entrance. Upon arriving to the playing hall with the Australian delegation, we soon discovered that the pairings were being delayed, as some players had still not arrived. Four hours later my division was allowed in, and when I checked the pairings I found that I was scheduled to play on two boards. The pairings were redone twice more after we arrived in, and we were forced to wait even longer. The pairings were taking a very long time to get done, so naturally the whole delegation left to have dinner while waiting for the pairings to finish. After a good half hour we returned to the playing hall, and I took my place against Ranja Panjuari, a Canadian rated 2127. The game went for around 2.5 hours, and I was played into a lost endgame. The next day was fairly simple – breakfast, prepare for my game, lunch, then the game. My next game was against Mansur Mingatchev of Russia, rated 2137. There wasn't much of a delay today as yesterday, however I believe my game could have gone better, and I was defeated in 27 moves by the Kings Indian. I was slightly disappointed from losing the first two games, but I was confident I could get on the score board without too much difficulty. Rounds 3 and 4 were difficult, as they were both played in the same day...

The third round came, and I was to play Joseff Thomas from Wales. I was black, and I played my usual Pirc defense. This time both my opponent was unrated, so I knew I shouldn't lose. But a series of positional blunders costed me the game, and it was highly disappointing being the first game I lost to an unrated player. Fourth round arrived quickly, and my next opponent was G. Papandrea, a local. Here I finally won my first game, using the Modern Defense. The first rest day came after round 4, and it was a good chance to relax and mess around... But before long I had to play the fifth round, against the Frenchman Sebastian Feller. This game ended quickly, after my four pawn attack was successful. And finally... I had a string of draws to complete my tournament. Round 6 – Richard Bielek Jr. was to be my opponent from Czechoslovakia rated 1942. This was a rather boring game, which after a while ended in a draw. The seventh round was a major disappointment, as I discovered after I accepted the draw that I overlooked a chance to win material and most likely come out on top. This round was against Berik Akkuzov of Kazakhstan. The following round was the opposite of the previous – I was losing. My opponent had a pawn on the seventh which I had to commit my king and rook to in order to defend it; however he didn't appear confident in his endgame abilities and offered a draw (after I offered him a draw a move before) Another round came, against Teodor Anton of Romania, in which though I was a piece down my compensation was too much for his liking and again a draw. Nearing the end of the tournament, my tenth opponent was B. Galmandakh of Mongolia. Again I was down in the endgame but I managed to hold off all his attacks and it resulted in a draw. Finally, the last round of the tournament approached. My last round was against A. Aydogdu of Turkey, and after 27 moves we both conceded a draw, as the position was very boring; not many pieces left.

I was hoping to score 5.5 in this tournament, as 50% was my overall target anyway. Though I didn't reach my target, I did enjoy the tournament on the whole. It was a good experience and it was fun to compete with others my age.

I would like to thank all the members at the Box Hill Chess Club for supporting the Australian Team throughout the tournament, especially Gerrit Hartland for his help. I would also like to thank the Box Hill Council for their help in this trip. Once again, thanks to all.

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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f4 0-0 6.Nf3 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Be2 exd5 9.cxd5 c4 10.0-0 b5 11.a3 Qb6+ 12.Kh1 Re8 13.e5 Ng4 14.Ng5 Nf2+ 15.Rxf2 Qxf2 16.Nge4 Qb6 17.Nxd6 Bd7 18.Nxe8 Bxe8 19.Bf3 Nd7 20.d6 Rb8 21.Nd5 Qf2 22.Rb1 Nxe5 23.fxe5 Bxe5 24.Bf4 Bxb2 25.d7 Bxd7 26.Bxb8 Bf5 27.Ne7+ Kf8 28.Nxf5 gxf5 29.Qd8+ Kg7 30.Qg5+ Kh8 31.Rd1 Bd4 32.Be5+ 1-0.

If it only was as easy as that always. Gerry

Due to space restriction the reports from Denis Bourmistrov and Andjelijah Zivanovic are held over to the next issue