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Our Inaugural Newsletter!

Here at Noble Park Chess Club, we are *very* excited to bring you our brand new newsletter.

In each newsletter, we plan to share with you information about the club, players, interesting games from club competitions and upcoming events.

Each newsletter will be issued once a quarter and will be posted on our club website:

www.nobleparkchess.org.au

or sent out via e-mails.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new members to the club. We are sure you will enjoy the friendly atmosphere and great facilities.

It is also fantastic to see all the familiar faces back at the club. This might be an overused cliché but it is the members that make this club great and we thank everyone for your efforts.

The club meets every Saturday afternoon at the Paddy O'Donoghue Centre. Games commence at 3:00PM.

Lastly, we hope you will read each issue of our newsletter. Drop us a line - let us know what you think.

*Noble Park Chess Club
Committee*

Upcoming events:

March 20 (Sun) 11am - 5pm	We will be at the 2011 Dandenong GameOn Sport and Cultural Day . Come and visit our stand, we'll have simulms and giveaways. The venue is Greaves Reserve located off Bennet Street in Dandenong. (Melways Ref: 90 A7 & 89 K6).
April 2 (Sat) 3pm - 6pm	We are hosting our first ever Open Day . Have a go at the simul against FM Dusan Stojic, the 2010 Joint Victorian Champion. Giveaways, coaching for juniors, meet friends, quick game of blitz.



Noble Park CC – Then and Now

Noble Park Chess Club was founded in August 2006 with the aim of building chess awareness in the Greater Dandenong community. Our vision is to bring people of all ages and background together through the game of chess. As part of the Chess Victoria family, Noble Park Chess Club is contributing towards raising the profile of Victorian chess at a national level.

The club was launched with great fanfare with the advent of the prestigious Dandenong International Chess Festival. This tournament featured some of Australia's best players including 2 Grandmasters and 6 FIDE Masters in a two-

tiered competition. Average rating for Division 1 tournament was an incredible 2276! For anyone nostalgic about that tournament, the winner was George Xie. The games are still available from the club website at this location: <http://www.nobleparkchess.org.au/page19.html>

Each year, club members play in the Club Championship, Noble Park Open and Grades tournaments. One of the great hallmarks of the club is its player strength. We were the 2008 Victorian Teams Champion and the runner-up in 2010. The joint Victorian Champions for 2010, FM Dusan Stojic and Chris Wallis, are both members of this club.

To cater for the pedigree of our players, most of our tournaments are FIDE-rated as well.

This club is not just about strong players. We cater for players of all strengths through the Grades tournament. Players are divided into groups of similar playing strength to allow better match-ups.

Lastly, the club is embarking on a renewal phase. We recognise that for the club to sustain itself and continue to grow, we need players of all age groups as part of its fabric. Stay tuned to this newsletter and the club website for more information on activities in the near future.

Annual membership:

- \$120 full
- \$100 concession
- \$85 for each member of family membership (if third person is a junior then \$25)

Membership benefits:

- \$40 tournament fee (\$70 for non-members)
- \$10 lightning fee (\$25 for non-members)

“When you see a good move, look for a better one”. – Emanuel Lasker





Calendar of Events

All tournaments (except lightning) are FIDE-rated and 90mins + 30secs.

Club Championship (7 rounds)	Feb 5 to Mar 26
Open Day	Apr 2
Noble Park Open (7 rounds)	Apr 9 to Jun 4 (except Apr 23 & 30)
Lightning	Jun 18
Grades (10 players per group, 9 rounds, round robin)	Jun 25 to Aug 27 (except Jul 16)
Lightning	Sep 3
Noble Park Masters (11 rounds)	Sep 10 to Nov 26 (except Oct 29)



Games from the 2011 Club Championship

Tan, Justin (2161) – Rashid, Abdulwahab (2017) [C10]

2011 Noble Park Chess Club Championship (2.4), 12.02.2011 [Justin]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bd7 5.Nf3 Bc6 6.Bd3 Nd7 7.0-0 Ngf6 8.Ng3 Bd6 This rare line gives White an obvious advantage.

[8...Be7]

9.Qe2

[It is more accurate to play 9.Re1! 0-0 10.Ne5 when 10...Bxe5 11.dxe5 Nd5 is met with 12.Qh5±]

9...0-0

[9...Bxf3 10.Qxf3 c6]

10.Ne5 Bxe5 11.dxe5 Nd5 12.Rd1

[I probably should have played 12.Qe4 g6 13.Qd4± Black's kingside has been weakened.]

12...Qh4 13.Be4 Nc5 14.Bxd5 The most accurate move.

[14.Qc4? Nxe4 15.Nxe4 Qh5 (15...Nb6! 16.Nf6+ Qxf6±) ; I rejected 14.Rd4 because of 14...f5!? 15.exf6 Nxf6?? (15...Qxf6=) 16.Nf5!+-; 14.c3 Nxe4 (14...Nxc3! 15.Bxh7+ Qxh7 16.bxc3 Rfd8) 15.Nxe4 Nf4

16.Qf3 (16.Bxf4 Qxf4=) 16...Nxc2!±]

14...Bxd5 15.Be3 Ne4 16.Rd4 [16.Nf5!? exf5 17.Rxd5±]

16...Nxc3 17.hxc3 Qe7 18.Qh5 f5 19.Kh2!?

Interesting, but not the best. [19.Rh4! was considered, but I was not sure I was winning after 19...h6 (19...g6 20.Bg5! Qg7 21.Qe2±) 20.Qg6 Qf7 21.Rxh6 Qxg6 22.Rxc6±]

19...h6

[19...g6 weakens the dark-squares. 20.Qe2±]

20.Rh1 Rad8 21.Rh4 b6 22.Kg1

[22.c4 Bb7 23.Bxh6 gxh6 24.Qxh6 Qg7 25.Qxe6+=]

22...Qe8 23.Qe2 Qc6??

[23...Bb7 24.Bxh6 gxh6 (I missed 24...Qc6! 25.R1h2 (25.f4 gxh6 26.Rxh6 Rd1+!-) 25...Ba6!? 26.c4 (26.Qh5 Qxc2+) 26...Qd7=) 25.Rxh6]

24.Rxh6! gxh6 25.Qh5 Rd7

[25...Rf7 26.Qxh6+-; 25...Qd7 26.Bxh6 Qh7 27.Qg5+ Kf7 28.Bxf8+-; 25...Qe8! The best defence. 26.Qxh6 Qe7! Only move. 27.Qh8+ Kf7 28.Qh5+!

(28.Rh7+ Kg6! 29.Rh6+ Kf7 when White's best is to take the perpetual with 30.Rh7+ Kg6 31.Rh6+) 28...Kg8 29.Bh6! Rf7! Again, the only move. 30.Bg5 Rh7 31.Bxe7 this is the best winning attempt: (31.Qxh7+ Qxh7 32.Rxh7 Kxh7 33.Bxd8 is probably a draw despite White being two pawns up.) 31...Rxh5 32.Rxh5 Rd7 33.Bf6 Bxa2 34.Kf1

a) 34.Kh2 c5 35.Kh3 Rd2=;
b) 34.f3!? probably leads to a draw: 34...c5 35.g4 (35.Rh8+ Kf7 36.Rc8 (36.Rh7+ Ke8 37.Rxd7 Kxd7=)) 35...fxg4 36.fxg4 Rd2 37.b3 Rxc2 38.g5 Rc1+ 39.Kh2 Bb1 40.Rh8+ Kf7 41.Ra8 Bf5 42.Rxa7+ Kg6 43.Rg7+ Kh5 44.Rg8 Rb1=;]

26.Bxh6 Black resigned.

[26.Bxh6 Rh7 (26...Rff7 27.Qg6+ (I was actually considering the picturesque 27.Bg7!? Kxg7 28.Qh8+ Kg6 29.Qh6#) 27...Rg7 28.Qe8+ Kh7 29.Bc1#) 27.Qg6+ Kh8 28.Bg7+]

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“You must take your opponent into a deep dark forest where 2+2=5, and the path leading out is only wide enough for one”
- Mikhail Tal



Wallis, Chris (2296) – Tan, Justin (2161) [C95]

2011 Noble Park Chess Club Championship (3.1), 19.02.2011

[Wallis, Chris]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Nb8

Introducing the Breyer Variation, a solid opening which was played often by Carlsen last year. **10.d4 Nbd7 11.Nbd2 Bb7 12.Bc2 Re8 13.Nf1 Bf8 14.Bg5** The point of this move is to leave the g3 square unoccupied so that the bishop can be retreated to h4 after the inevitable ...h7-h6.

[14.Ng3 is the main line.]

14...h6 15.Bh4 c5 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.N3h2 I decided it would be useful to move my queen to f3, and later on this knight can spring forward to g4. **17...Qb6 18.Qf3 Be7 19.Ne3 g6 20.Rad1± Rad8**

[20...h5, preventing my next move, was expected. Then however Black's kingside can be compromised by 21.g4 .]

21.Nhg4 Kg7 22.Bg3 A benefit of the 14 ♗g5 variation. **22...Nxcg4**

23.hxcg4 [23.Qxcg4 h5 looked like a waste of time, but there were drawbacks to the pawn capture as well – White's kingside looks less 'crowded' here. After 24.Qe2 White has a slight advantage.]

23...Qe6 24.Nd5 Bd6 25.Bh4 Rb8?!

[25...g5 is stronger – it's better to give White the f5-square than to let White's bishop control d8. After 26.Bg3 (If 26.Ne3 Black can get away with 26...Bf8 27.Bg3 Qxa2 since only the f5-square is available for White's attack.) 26...Nf6 27.Ne3 Bf8 White can claim

a slight advantage, but Black's position remains solid.]

26.Rd2 Rbc8 27.Red1 Bf8 28.Ne3 I was starting to consider sacrificing on f5 here. [A nice positional move would be 28.b3 , preparing c3-c4. Then, 28...Bxd5 29.exd5 Qd6 30.c4 is strong for White.]

28...Rc7

[28...Nf6 makes the knight more relevant and prevents ♜f5+ ideas.]

29.c4 Nb6 30.b3 Bc8

[30...bxc4 31.bxc4 Nxc4 32.Nxc4 Qxc4 leads to problems for Black after 33.Qf6+ Kh7 34.Qb6 .]

31.Bd8?! [31.Nf5+ works already: 31...gxf5 32.exf5 e4 is what I didn't like, but 33.Qf4 Qe5 34.f6+ Kg8 (Or 34...Kg6 35.Bxe4+ Qxe4 36.Qxc7 .) 35.Qxe5 Rxe5 36.Bg3 is winning for White.]

31...Rb7

[Black had to play 31...Rd7]



32.Nf5+! Kh7

[Capturing the knight leads to: 32...gxf5 33.gxf5 Qc6 34.Qg4+ Qg6 35.Qh4 (35.fxg6 Bxg4) 35...Qc6 36.Rd6 Bxd6 37.Qf6+ Kg8 38.Qxh6 followed by ♜f6 or ♜d3.]

33.Qh3 This isn't exactly correct but it led to some very interesting complications!

[33.Bh4 is sounder, with ideas of ♜d6.]

33...gxf5 34.exf5 Qc6 35.g5 Kg8

[35...Rd7 is Black's best defence, after which he has some drawing chances: 36.Rxd7 Nxd7 37.Be7!! An amazing interference tactic – if the rook captures it will be lost, but if the bishop takes Black will be checkmated by f6+.

37...Rxe7 (37...Kg8 38.Rd6 isn't advisable for Black.) 38.f6+ Kg8 39.fxe7 Bxe7 40.gxh6 Nf8 41.Qg3+ Ng6 is better for White but Black is still in the game.]

36.Bf6

[36.Qg4 is more convincing.]

36...e4 Blocking my bishop, but this isn't what I was worried about.

[I wasn't sure what to do after 36...Nd7 , but then 37.Rd6 Qc7 38.Rxd7 Bxd7 39.Qg4 would be hopeless for Black.]

37.Rd6! Qc7

[Not 37...Bxd6 38.Qxh6 with mate.]

38.gxh6 Kh7 39.Rd8 Rxd8 40.Rxd8 Nd7 41.Bg5 f6 42.Re8 Saving the more valuable piece.

[42.Bxf6 Nxf6 43.Rxf8 Rb6 would be harder to win.]

42...fxg5

[If 42...Qa5 White can consolidate by playing 43.Bf4, when his kingside threats are decisive (he can play ♜g4 followed by mate as in the game).]

43.Qh5 Qf4 Overlooking mate in two but Black couldn't have survived much longer.

[43...Rb6 44.Qf7+ Kxh6 45.Rxf8 Qe5 46.Rg8 is a handy win.]

44.Qg6+ Kh8 45.Qg7#

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“Modern chess is too concerned with things like pawn structure. Forget it, checkmate ends the game.” – Nigel Short





19th February 2011 – a “Pawn” collage

*“The winner of the game
is the player who makes
the next-to-last mistake” –
Savielly Tartakover*



Profile: Domagoj Dragicevic



- Age: 28
- How did you learn to play chess?
I was watching my Dad and his friend play all the time.
- At what age did you start playing chess?
Started playing at age of 10.
- How did you get started at Noble Park Chess Club?
I have been in the Noble Park committee since joining the club in 2007
- Why do you like playing at Noble Park Chess Club?
I enjoy good atmosphere in the club, everyone's friendliness, and there are lots of good battles on the chess board.
- What was your best result in a Noble Park tournament?
2008 Club Champion (after playoff matches against FM Dusan Stojic and Eugene Schön).
- What is your best chess achievement?
Achieving an IM norm in Queenstown 2009, beating GM Ian Rogers in Doeberl Cup 2006.
- Which is your worst chess moment?
2009 Noble Park Open - I was pretty lucky to even score 5/9, probably lost 30 rating points. I have probably forgotten other bad chess moments.
- Longest game ever played (in terms of number of moves)?
139 move win against Eugene Schön in Q+P against Q.
- Who is your favourite player?
Bobby Fischer is my favourite player because of his great attacking style.
- What are your favourite chess tournaments to play in?
Queenstown Classic (great place), Doeberl Cup.
- Other hobbies and interests besides chess?
Sudoku puzzles, sports.

Favourite Game

Dragicevic, Domagoj – Solomon, Stephen [A28]

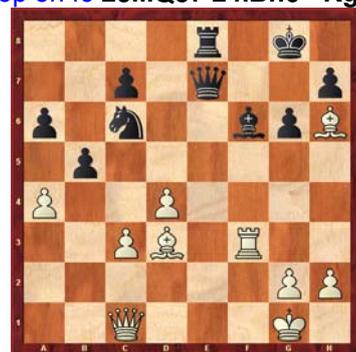
2010 Melbourne Cup Weekender,
03.11.2010

[Dragicevic, Domagoj]

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e3 d5 4...Bb4 is the most popular move for black **5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Bb5 Nxc3 7.bxc3 e4** most common move is 7.. Bd6, with the game move it may take some time for white's bishop on c1 to get to a better square **8.Ne5 Bd7 8..Qg5** may be tempting, but it's a losing move after **9.Qa4** when white has many threats, for example **9..Qxe5, 10. Bxc6** when after **10..bxc6, 11.Qxc6** wins rook on a8. A better option than the game move may have been **8...a6**, when after **9.Nxc6** Black can play **9..Qd5**, and will regain the piece back. **9.Nxd7 Qxd7 10.Qa4 f5 11.0-0** White's position has to be liked here, black is in bit of a tangle, white's bishop on b5 is doing a great job restricting any movement for black, white can even later on exchange bishop for knight and leave black with double pawns. **11...Be7 12.f3 exf3 13.Rxf3 0-0** black has at least castled, but comfortable

position for white to play **14.d4** now white is going to get strong centre, and has simple plan of developing the bishop on c1, and doubling the rooks on f file. **14...Kh8** moving the king avoiding any possible checks by the bishop or the queen later on. **15.Bd2 g6** maybe black should play **15... a6** to see what white will do with the bishop. I probably would have played **16.Bd3** and focus on the kingside attack. **16.Raf1 Kg7 17.Qc2** white decides to focus on black's weaknesses on the kingside now, although **17. Bd3** would have been a better way to start. **17...a6?** the move **17. Qc2** was serious error by white as black had a chance to get back in the game by **17...Nxd4!** After **17..Nxd4 18.cxd4** is forced, and then after **18..Qxb5, 19. Qxc7 19..Rf7** white perhaps has slight edge, but it's a much better alternative than the game. **18.Bd3 Rae8 19.e4** with this move, white opens up his bishop on d2 to get in the game, black has weaknesses on the kingside **19...fxe4 20.Bxe4 Rxf3 21.Rxf3 Bf6 22.Bd3 b5** if white doesn't succeed with his attack, black will have counterplay with **b4**, when white's

structure on the queenside will be weakened. **23.Qc1** keeping the pressure on, **Bh6+** threatens to win bishop on f6 **23...Qe7 24.Bh6+ Kg8**



25.a4! hard to believe that this move is the key to a great combination white will produce, white needs his bishop on d3 to get to c4. **25...b4 26.Bc4+ Kh8 27.Qf1!** no escape for black now, if bishop on f6 moves, white's rook comes to f7 **27...Na5 28.Rxf6 Nxc4 29.Rf7 Qd6** if **29..Qe6**, then white win by **30.Rf8+ 30.. Rxf8, 31. Qxf8, 31..Qg8, 32.. Bg7+ mate 30.Qxc4 Re1+ 31.Kf2** black can't stop **32. Bg7+**, and then any rook move along seventh rank wins **1-0**

