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We had simuls with 2 FMs simultaneously! We had lots of chess! We had free food! Best of all, we had LOTS of people come by to check out the club!

Even the illustrious Chess Victoria President, IM Leonid Sandler, made an appearance. Roving reporter and chess personality, Elliot Renzies, was there with his trusty camera to help us celebrate the event. Other notable visitors were NY Wong (well-respected arbiter, FIDE Trainer and FIDE Arbiter) and Peter Tsai (another well-respected arbiter and member of Box Hill Chess Club committee).

By our estimates, more than 50 people came through the Centre door. 28 people of all ages participated in the simuls. Congratulations to Baris Girgin for winning his match and Kyle Gibson for his draw, both against FM Dusan Stojic. Baris wins a voucher for free entry into a Noble Park Chess Club tournament.

There were a number of enquiries from parents about the club and our new free coaching program for juniors. Thank you to everyone who came to the club; we hope you enjoyed the day. Also, a big thank you to Pearl Yung from Northern Star Chess for her support.





Club Championship Report



Our Club Championship at the beginning of each year is always regarded as the club's flagship tournament. It is held as the first event of the year and sets the tone for all the events which follow. This year, the club decided that it would present perpetual trophies to the champion, Under-1600 champion and best Under-2000 junior, and we also introduced new prizes which included free entries to other club tournaments.

In the past, the reputation of our club's strength has resulted in our championship attracting many of the top players. Although our field this year is small with 21 players, it is an impressive list led by FM Chris Wallis and defending champion, FM Dusan Stojic. Both players are co-Victorian champions for 2010 and newly-elected as FIDE masters. The rest of the starting field includes our hard-working club stalwart, Domagoj Dragicevic (who was the Club Champion in 2008), fast-improving juniors (no doubt, hoping to pick up

some valuable rating points) and experienced hands such as FM Abdulwahab Rashid, Mehmedalija Dizdarevic, Bosko Mijatovic and Svetozar Stojic.

We pride ourselves in being a close-knit group who are supportive of each other – and we often see our members supporting each other in weekender or interstate tournaments. So, saying this, we are pleased to welcome no less than 9 players becoming new members of the club, whilst the club also welcomed back several players who were returning after a long absence from the club and chess.

On behalf of the club, I also wish to take this opportunity to thank many of you who have been members of the club for years now and who continue to loyally support the club throughout.

Finally, heartiest congratulations to all the winners for a tournament well-played.

Kai Tan (Club President)



Club Champions-elect
Domagoj Dragicevic & Justin Tan



Under-1600 Champion
Savithri Narenthran



Best Junior Under-2000
Zachary Loh



Round by Round Commentary by Domagoj Dragicevic

Round 1 5th February 2011

The 2011 Noble Park Club Championships began on the first Saturday in February. The impressive field of 21 players was headed by FM Chris Wallis and defending champion FM Dusan Stojic, joint champions of the 2010 Victorian Championship. Competition will be strong from both seasoned players and improving juniors.

The majority of games played in Round 1 went according to rating, exception being the game between Zachary Loh and Khadem Jahid where a long (104 moves), hard fought draw was played.

Round 2 12th February 2011

Two members of the Narenthran family joined the tournament in this round, bringing the total number of players to 23. Some notable results:

Newcomer Khadem Jahid continued his impressive start by beating Milic Sucevic; other upsets included Jamie Kenmure overcoming Kyle Gibson and Savithri Narenthran defeating Kevin Cron. Svetozar Stojic held his younger brother, Dusan, to a draw on Board 2. The first battle of junior players saw Karl Zelesco winning over Zachary Loh. At the end of this round, 4 players were on the full 2 points: top seed Chris Wallis, Domagoj Dragicevic, Justin Tan and Karl Zelesco.

Round 3 19th February 2011

No major upsets in this round with wins to the higher rated players as expected. Chris Wallis defeated Justin Tan on board 1 in a very complicated game. The annotated version of that game can be found in newsletter #1. On Board 2, Domagoj Dragicevic defeated Karl Zelesco. Zachary Loh was involved in a battle against Kyle Gibson, playing another long

drawn game lasting 66 moves. Franz Oswald and Milic Sucevic scored their first points with a draw on Board 10.

Round 4 26th February 2011

Before the start of play, the president of the club, Kai Tan, presented trophies donated to the club for the Club Championship and Under-2000 junior. A big thank you to the Tan and Zelesco Families for their contribution to the club. As the current club champion, FM Dusan Stojic was presented with the trophy.

Domagoj Dragicevic defeated FM Chris Wallis in an exciting game on Board 1 to emerge as the sole leader. Tharmaratnam Narenthran moved into second place with the upset of the round by defeating FM Dusan Stojic. All in all, it wasn't a good day for the Stojic family as Svetozar Stojic suffered a defeat by Bosko Mijatovic and Milan Stojic succumbed to Kyle Gibson. Meanwhile, Joseph Sy accounted for Milic Sucevic and Karl Zelesco continued his good form, drawing with FM Abdulwahab Rashid.

Round 5 5th March 2011

Heading towards the business end of the tournament, every point was vital for the frontrunners.

On board 1 Domagoj Dragicevic extended his lead by defeating Tharmaratnam Narenthran but his closest rivals managed to keep in touch. FM Chris Wallis and Justin Tan were now a point behind with wins over Bosko Mijatovic, and Dusan Stojic respectively.

The upsets in the tournament continued with Zachary Loh defeating Svetozar Stojic in a match where Zachary's attack ran out of steam but he defended well enough to outlast Svetozar. And on board 8 Joseph Sy made it two-in-a-row by defeated Kyle Gibson. Milan's perseverance paid off with a draw against Franz

Oswald, rewarding him the first points of the tournament. Unfortunately Milic Sucevic's comeback hasn't gone well at all, losing to Reginald Chong.

On board 6, Kevin Cron defeated Jamie Kenmure to take the sole lead in his rating group. In the battle of the juniors, Savithri Narenthran defeated Enoch Fan, continuing her fine form since winning the Australian Juniors Under-18 girl's championship.

Three juniors (Karl, Savithri, Zachary) are now tied for the best junior Under-2000 prize on 2.5/5.

Round 6 19th March 2011

In another sign of a revitalised Noble Park Chess Club, Domagoj announced the awarding of a new trophy for the Under-1600 Club Champion.

On Board 1 Justin Tan defeated Domagoj Dragicevic to move into share of the lead. FM Chris Wallis had an opportunity to join the two players on 5/6, but failed to capitalise on his good position against FM Abdulwahab Rashid, with the game ending in a draw leaving Chris in third place with 4.5/6. On board 3, Tharmaratnam Narenthran continued his good form holding higher-rated Mehmedalija Dizdarevic to a draw, and taking control of his rating group. Juniors, Karl Zelesco and Zachary Loh, who are both fighting it out for best junior Under-2000 junior prize, defeated Khadem Jahid and Savithri Narenthran respectively, to move into share of the lead in the junior prize. Under-1600 championship has gotten interesting as well, with the leader Kevin Cron losing to Bosko Mijatovic, and remaining on 3/6. Other players in the section have moved up to 2.5/6 and will challenge the leader in the final round.



Round 7 27th March 2011

Going into the last round, there was plenty to fight for in all divisions. After long battles, the two leaders Justin Tan and Domagoj Dragicevic both won their respective games against Bosko Mijatovic and Mehmedalija Dizdarevic to confirm equal first place finishing on 6/7. Playoff matches have been scheduled for 17th – 18th April to determine the 2011 Club Champion.

Third place was sealed by Chris Wallis who had defeated Tharmaratnam Narenthran finishing on 5.5/7. The loss didn't matter too much for Tharmaratnam Narenthran as he had won his rating group with 4/7. For the best junior prize under 2000, it was contested between Karl Zelesco and Zach Loh who were on 3.5/7, but they both had tough last round games. Karl Zelesco lost to Dusan Stojic in a very interesting game, which could have gone either way whilst Zach Loh was very fortunate to win his game against FM

Abdulwahab Rashid after Abdulwahab blundered his rook in a winning position. The win for Zach meant that he collected Best Junior Under-2000 prize and the trophy.

The battle for Under-1600 Champion and the second rating group saw Kevin Cron leading on 3/6, with 5 players hoping to catch him on 2.5/6. Kevin ended up drawing against Enoch Fan after missing a simple win, and it proved costly, as on next board, Savithri Narenthran defeated Joseph Sy to go to 3.5/6, and due to a better head-to-head record against Kevin has become Under-1600 Club Champion. Khadem Jahid had a chance to join them on 3.5/6, but he only managed a draw against Jamie Kenmure. Milic Sucevic won his first game of the tournament by defeating Kyle Gibson, whilst on board 11 Kai Tan defeated Franz Oswald.

So here are the prize-winners. All the placegetters received a cash prize and also a \$40 voucher, which can be used at any of this

year's Noble Park CC tournaments. All Noble Park tournaments will have an entry fee of \$40 for members and \$70 for non-members.

Club champion:

Equal 1st Domagoj Dragicevic, and Justin Tan

3rd Chris Wallis

Ratings group A:

1st Tharmaratnam Narenthran

Ratings group B:

Equal 1st Savithri Narenthran and Kevin Cron. Savithri is awarded the Under-1600 Champion due to a better head-to-head record

Best Junior Under-2000:
Zachary Loh

Special home-grown puzzle

White has multiple threats but Black has a way to force a draw from this position. If Black plays Kxe7, White is able to play Nd5 forking king and queen. What should Black play?



Funny captions!

Think of a funny one? Send it in.



Send in your responses to Domagoj (ddragicevic16@gmail.com) or tell one of the committee.



The finals standings of the club championship in full colour! Starting from the top left hand corner, read clockwise towards the centre.



23-25 Stojic, Milan (0.5pt)



22 Oswald, Franz (1pt)



20-21 Gibson, Kyle (2pt)



20-21 Tan Kai (2 pt)



16-19 Sucevic, Milic (2½pt)



6-10 Dizdarevic, Mehmedalija (4pt)



6-10 Narenthran, Tharmaratnam (4pt)



6-10 Mijatovic, Bosko (4pt)



4-5 Loh, Zachary (4½pt)



16-19 Sy, Joseph(2½pt)



6-10 FM Rashid, Abdulwahab (4pt)



1-2 Tan, Justin (6pt)



1-2 Dragicevic, Domagoj (6pt)



16-19 Chong, Reginald (2½ pt)



6-10 Stojic, Svetozar (4pt)



3 FM Wallis, Christopher (5½pt)

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4-5 FM Stojic, Dusan (4½pt)



16-19 Kenmure, Jamie (2½)



11-13 Zelesco, Karl (3½pt)



11-13 Narenthran, Savithri (3½pt)



11-13 Cron, Kevin (3½pt)



14-15 Jahid, Khadem (3pt)



14-15 Fan, Enoch (3pt)



Victorian Teams Championship

Presenting the provisional Noble Park Teams for the 2011 Victorian Teams Championship. Noble Park Chess Club was the champion in 2008 and runner-up in last year's competition. This year we are again fielding strong teams in multiple divisions. Details of the competition can be found in Carl Gorka's blog "[CoffeeHouse Chess](#)". If you are interested in playing for Noble Park Chess Club, please contact Domagoj or Kai. Don't miss out, closing date for entries is April 20 and competition starts in May.

Team 1



FM Dusan Stojic

FIDE 2306
ACF 2255



FM Eddy Levi

FIDE 2183
ACF 2209



Domagoj Dragicevic

FIDE 2196
ACF 2174



Justin Tan

FIDE 2124
ACF 2072



Svetozar Stojic

FIDE 2035
ACF 2013

Team 2



Mehmedalija Dizdarevic

FIDE 2006
ACF 1972



Omar Khaled

FIDE 2032
ACF 1959



FM Abdulwahab Rashid

FIDE 2017
ACF 1909



Bosko Mijatovic

FIDE 1954
ACF 1869



Zachary Loh

FIDE 1736
ACF 1746



Kai Tan

FIDE 1885
ACF 1635

Team 3



Reginald Chong

FIDE 1814
ACF 1597



Enoch Fan

FIDE 1803
ACF 1593



Jerzy Krysiak

FIDE 1640
ACF 1465



Khadem Jahid

ACF 1457



Jamie Kenmure

FIDE 1787
ACF 1363



Joseph Sy

FIDE 1639
ACF 1355



Milan Stojic

FIDE 1532
ACF 1271

Provisional team order shown – final team placings to be confirmed for all 3 teams



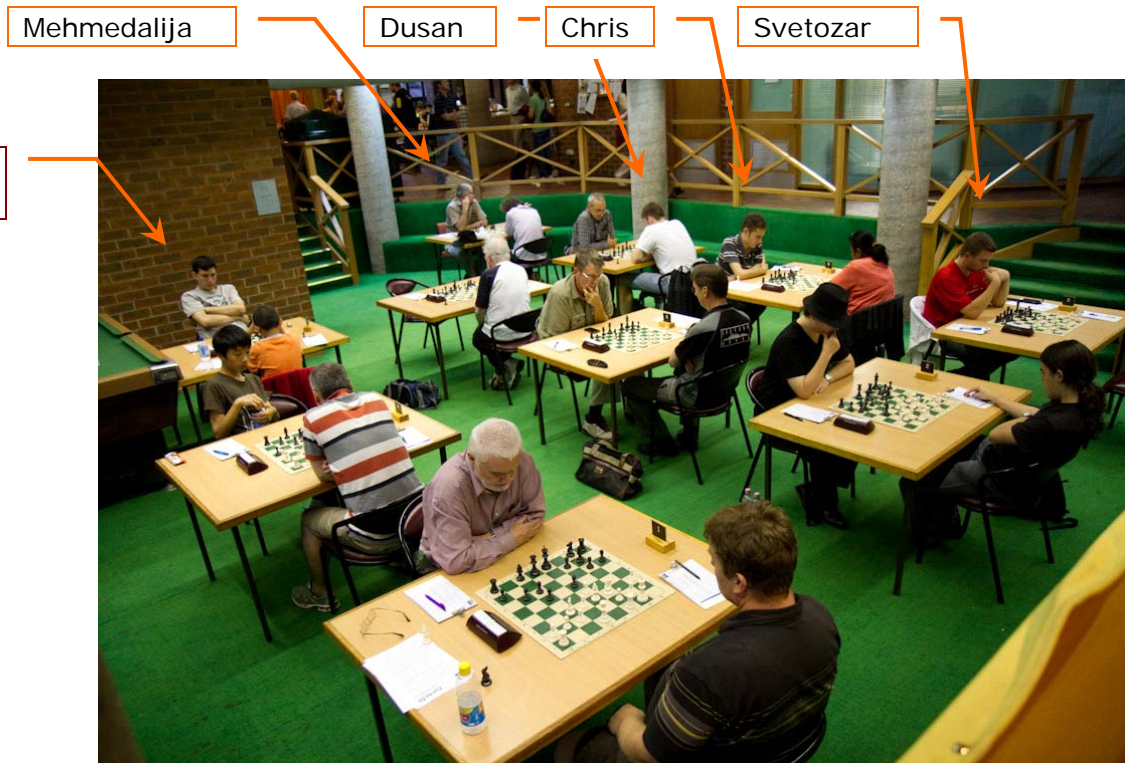
45th Ballarat Begonia Open Report



Each year, over the Victorian Labour Day long weekend, Ballarat Chess Club hosts the Begonia Open. The tournament is 45 years young and is a favourite of Victorian chess players. This year, a record number of 129 players competed in this prestigious Yulgilbar-Think Big Australian Chess Grand Prix class 3 tournament. Noble Park Chess Club was well represented in this tournament with no less than twelve current members playing. Our club members achieved fantastic results with the final standings as follows:

“The blunders are all there on the board, waiting to be made.” – Savielly Tartakower

No	Name	Feder	Rtg	Loc	Total
2	Wallis, Christopher	VIC	2305	2331	6
4	Dragicevic, Domagoj	VIC	2194	2174	5.5
13	Stojic, Dusan	VIC	2306	2255	5
14	Tan, Justin	VIC	2124	2072	5
20	Stojic, Svetozar	VIC	2035	2013	4.5
26	Zelesco, Karl	VIC	1843	1873	4.5
29	Loh, Zachary	VIC	1736	1746	4.5
38	Dizdarevic, Mehmedalija	VIC	2006	1972	4
49	Fan, Enoch	VIC	1803	1593	4
65	Gibson, Kyle	VIC	1634	1522	3.5
88	Kenmure, Jamie	VIC	1787	1363	3
112	Oswald, Franz	VIC	1706	1385	2



Domagoj and Enoch

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



To celebrate their success at this tournament, each club member was asked to contribute a game for the newsletter. Cheers!

Nemeth, Janos (2076) - Wallis, Christopher (2331) [A22] 2011 Begonia Open (7), 14.03.2011

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 Bb4 4.Bg2 0-0 5.d3 c6 6.Qb3 Bxc3+ 7.Qxc3 Re8 8.Nf3 Qe7 9.Bg5 d5 10.0-0 dxc4 11.Qxc4 Nbd7 12.Rad1 h6 13.Bc1 Nb6 14.Qc2 Nfd5 15.a3 Bg4 16.Rfe1 Rac8 17.e4 Nc7 18.Be3 Ne6 19.Qc3 Qf6 20.d4 exd4 21.Bxd4 Nxd4 22.Qxd4 Qxd4 23.Rxd4 c5 24.Rd2 Re7 25.h3 Bd7 26.Rc2 Bb5 27.Bf1 Be8 28.Nd2 f6 29.Rec1 Rec7 30.b4 Na4 31.Nb3 Bf7 32.Nxc5 b6 33.Bb5 Nxc5 34.bxc5 Rxc5 35.Ba4 Rxc2 36.Rxc2 Rxc2 37.Bxc2 Kf8 38.Kf1 Ke7 39.Ke2 Kd6 40.Kd3 Kc5 41.Kc3 b5 42.f4 a5 43.Bd1 Bc4 44.Bc2 b4+ 45.axb4+ axb4+ 46.Kd2 Kd4 47.Bb1 Bf1 48.h4 Bg2 49.e5 fxe5 50.fxe5 Kxe5 51.Ke3 Bd5 52.Bg6 b3 53.Bb1 b2 54.g4 g5 55.hxg5 hxg5 56.Kd2 Be4 0-1

Dragicevic, Domagoj (2174) - Morris, James (2248) [B26] 2011 Begonia Open (6), 14.03.2011

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.h3 0-0 8.Nge2 Rb8 9.0-0 b5 10.Qd2 b4 11.Nd1 Nd7 12.Bh6 e5 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Ne3 Nd4 15.f4 f6 16.Rf2 Nb6 17.c3 bxc3 18.bxc3 Nxe2+ 19.Rxe2 Na4 20.Rc1 Be6 21.Rc2 Rb1+ 22.Kh2 Ra1 23.Rf2 exf4 24.gxf4 f5 25.exf5 Bxf5 26.Nxf5+ Rxf5 27.Be4 Rf8 28.c4 Qh4 29.Qe3 Qf6 30.Qd2 Qd4 31.Rg2 Nb6 32.f5 Qe5+ 33.Rg3 Nd7 34.Qg2 [34.Qg5 Nf6 35.fxg6] 34...h5 35.h4 Nf6 36.Kh3 Ng4 37.Rxg4 hxg4+ 38.Qxg4 Rxf5 39.Re2 Rf6 40.Bd5 Qf5 41.Re7+ Kh6 42.Qxf5 gxf5 43.Rxa7 Rd1 44.Ra3 Rd2 45.Kg3 f4+ 46.Kf3 Kh5 47.Be4 Rh2 48.Ra8 Rh3+ 49.Kf2 f3 50.Rh8+ Kg4 51.a4 Rh2+ 52.Kf1 Ra2 0-1

Kerr, Bill (2032) - Dragicevic, Domagoj (2174)

[A08] 2011 Begonia Open (4), 13.03.2011

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 e6 4.0-0 c5 5.d3 Nc6 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.e4 b6 8.Re1 Bb7 9.c3 Qc7 10.a3 a5 11.a4 Ba6 12.exd5 exd5 13.Nf1 0-0 14.Nh4 Qd7 15.Ne3 g6 16.Nf3 Rad8 17.Nc2 Rfe8 18.Bg5 Kg7 19.Qd2 Qf5 20.Rad1 Ne4 21.Bh6+ Kg8 22.Qf4 Qxf4 23.Bxf4 Nf6 24.Bh3 Bd6 25.Bg5 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Kg7 27.d4 h6 28.Bxf6+ Kxf6 29.Ne3 Bf8 30.Ng4+ Kg7 31.Nge5 Nxe5 32.Nxe5 Bb7 33.Nd3 Bc6 34.b3 Rb8 35.Bg2 Bd6 36.Kf1 Bb7 37.Nf4 Bxf4 38.gxf4 cxd4 39.cxd4 Ba6+ 40.Kg1 Rc8 41.h4 Rc3 42.Bxd5 Kf6 43.Kg2 Rd3 44.Re4 Rd1 45.f3 Rd2+ 46.Kg1 Bc8 47.Re8 Rxd4 48.Rxc8 Rxd5 49.Rc6+ Kf5 50.Rxb6 Kxf4 51.b4 axb4 52.Rxb4+ Kxf3 53.Rb5 Rd4 54.Rb3+ Kg4 55.Ra3 Kxh4 56.a5 Rd7 57.a6 Ra7 58.Kg2 Kg4 59.Ra4+ Kf5 60.Kf3 Ke5 61.Ra5+ Kd6 62.Ra1 Kc6 63.Ke4 Kb6 64.Ke5 Rxa6 65.Rh1 Ra5+ 66.Kd6 h5 67.Rf1 Rf5 68.Rb1+ Ka5 0-1

Stojic, Dusan (2255) - Savige, Colin B (1968) [C99] 2011 Begonia Open (2), 12.03.2011

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.Re1 0-0 8.h3 d6 9.c3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Qc7 12.Nbd2 cxd4 13.cxd4 Bd7 14.Nf1 Rfc8 15.Bd3 Nc6 16.Be3 g6 17.Rc1 Qb7 18.Bb1 exd4 19.Nxd4 Ne5 20.b3 Rxc1 21.Bxc1 Rd8 22.Bb2 Nh5 23.Nf5 Bf6 24.N1e3 Bc6 25.Nd5 Bxd5 26.exd5 Nf4 27.Ne3 Qd7 28.Bd4 Bg7 29.Ng4 Nxd5 30.Qd2 Nxg4 31.hxg4 Bxd4 32.Qxd4 Nc7 33.Qb6 Ra8 34.Rd1 d5 35.f3 Rd8 36.Rc1 Ne6 37.Qxa6 d4 38.Bd3 Nf4 39.Qxb5 Qe7 40.Rd1 Qe3+ 41.Kf1 Re8 42.Be4 Rc8 43.g3 Rc2 44.Qe8+ Kg7 45.Qe5+ f6 46.Qe7+ Kh6 47.Qf8+ Kg5 48.gxf4+ Kh4 49.Bxc2 Kg3 50.Rd2 Qxd2 0-1

Tan, Justin (2072) - Dyer, Alastair (2022) [B42] 2011 Begonia Open (7), 14.03.2011

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Bc5 6.Nb3 Be7 7.Qg4 g6 8.Qe2 d6 9.Na3 Nd7 10.Nc4 Qc7 11.a4 b6 12.0-0 Ngf6 13.Bf4 0-0 14.h3 e5 15.Bh6 Re8 16.f4 Bf8 17.Bxf8 Kxf8 18.fxe5 dxe5 19.Rf3 Kg7 20.Raf1 Re7 21.Qf2 Qc6 22.Ne3 Bb7 23.Qg3 Ree8 24.Qg5 Re6 25.Bc4 Rae8 26.Nd2 b5 27.Bd5 Qb6 28.a5 Qc7 29.R1f2 Bxd5 30.exd5 Rd6 31.Nf5+ Kh8 32.Nxd6 Qxd6 33.Rxf6 1-0

Teichmann, Erik (2367) - Stojic, Svetozar (2013) [A00] 2011 Begonia Open (2), 12.03.2011

1.b4 e5 2.Bb2 d6 3.c4 Be7 4.e3 Nf6 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Nf3 Re8 7.d4 e4 8.Nd2 d5 9.Qb3 c6 10.a4 Be6 11.Be2 Nbd7 12.h3 Nf8 13.b5 h5 14.g4 hxg4 15.hxg4 Bxg4 16.cxd5 Bxe2 17.Kxe2 cxd5 18.Rag1 Qd6 19.Rg5 Rad8 20.Na2 Qe6 21.Ba3 Bxa3 22.Qxa3 a6 23.Nc3 Qd6 24.Qb3 axb5 25.axb5 Ne6 26.Rg3 Ra8 27.Rgh3 Kf8 28.Na4 Nd7 29.Nb1 Ke7 30.Nbc3 Nf6 31.f3 Rec8 32.fxe4 dxe4 33.Rf1 Ng5 34.Rh4 Rxa4 35.Nxa4 Nf3 36.Rhh1 Qxd4 37.Qa3+ Qd6 38.Qxd6+ Kxd6 39.Rd1+ Ke5 40.Rc1 Ra8 41.Rc5+ Ke6 42.Rc4 g5 43.Nc5+ Kd5 44.Rc2 g4 45.Rd1+ Ke5 46.Kf2 Rh8 47.Rdc1 b6 48.Nb3 Rh2+ 49.Kf1 Rh1+ 50.Kg2 Rh2+ 51.Kf1 g3 52.Rxh2 gxh2 53.Kg2 Ng4 54.Rc8 Nxe3+ 55.Kh1 Nf1 56.Rg8 Kf4 57.Nc5 e3 58.Nd3+ Ke4 59.Ne1 Nxe1 60.Rg4+ Kf3 61.Rf4+ Ke2 62.Rf2+ Kd1 63.Rxf1 e2 64.Rxf7 Nd3 65.Kxh2 e1Q 0-1



Loh,Zachary (1746) - Stead,Kerry (2039) [A00] 2011 Begonia Open (1), 12.03.2011

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c5 4.d5 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 Qa5 6.Qc2 f5 7.g3 d6 8.Bg2 Nf6 9.Nf3 Nbd7 10.0-0 Ne4 11.Bb2 Nb6 12.Nd2 Nxd2 13.Qxd2 Nxc4 14.Qc2 Nxb2 15.Qxb2 b6 16.Rfe1 0-0 17.f4 Rf7 18.e4 c4 19.Rad1 Qc5+ 20.Kh1 Bd7 21.Rd4 Rc8 22.Bf1 b5 23.e5 Be8 24.a3 h6 25.Qb4 Kf8 26.Bg2 Rg7 27.h3 Rc7 28.g4 Qxb4 29.axb4 Bd7 30.e6 Bc8 31.Ra1 a6

32.Rf1 Bb7 33.Kh2 Rc8 34.Kg3 Rg8 35.g5 Kg7 36.h4 Rh8 37.Rh1 Ra8 38.Ra1 Rh7 39.Bf3 Rf8 40.Rh1 Rfh8 41.Bg2 Kf8 42.Bf3 Ke8 43.Bg2 Kd8 44.Bf3 Kc7 45.Bg2 Kb6 46.Ra1 Rf8 47.Bf3 hxg5 48.fxg5 Rfh8 49.Rf4 Ra8 50.Ra5 Rhh8 51.Bg2 Rac8 52.Bf3 Rcf8 53.Bg2 Rf7 1/2-1/2

Gibson,Kyle (1522) - Selnes,Hamish (1788) 2011 Begonia Open (5), 12.03.2011

1.e4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.cxd5 exd5 4.exd5 Nf6 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Nc3

Be7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.0-0 Nb6 9.d4 Nbx d5 10.Re1 Bf5 11.Bc4 c6 12.Bg5 Re8 13.Ne5 Be6 14.Qd2 Nd7 15.Bxe7 Rxe7 16.Nxd7 Rxd7 17.Bxd5 Bxd5 18.Re5 f6 19.Re3 Qc7 20.Rae1 Bf7 21.R1e2 Rad8 22.h3 Rxd4 23.Qe1 Qc8 24.Re4 Rxe4 25.Rxe4 Re8 26.Rxe8+ Qxe8 27.Qxe8+ Bxe8 28.b4 Kf7 29.f4 Ke6 30.Kf2 b6 31.Ke3 c5 32.bxc5 bxc5 33.a3 h5 34.h4 Bc6 35.g3 Kf5 36.Ne2 Kg4 37.Kf2 g6 38.Nc3 g5 39.fxg5 fxg5 40.hxg5 Kxg5 41.Ne2 Bb5 42.Nc3 1/2-1/2



Photo courtesy of Elliot Renzies.

GameOn Day @ Greaves Reserve



Our vision is to bring people of all ages and background together through the game of chess.

We figured about 50 people came through our "turnstiles" with about 30 taking part in the simul. There were people of all walks of life and ethnic background. Club Prez, Kai, was there doing the organising. Dusan and Domagoj did most of the chess playing. It was great to see Domagoj teaching a little girl, about 4-5 years old, the finer points of chess. Meanwhile her Mum and Dad were inside the "Simul Room" doing battle with Dusan!

Mike

On a beautiful sunny day on 20th March 2011, Noble Park Chess Club was out in force, promoting chess in the Greater Dandenong community.



Upcoming events:

- April 9 **Noble Park Open** start (7 rounds, FIDE-rated)
- Jun 11-13 2011 Victorian Open @ Box Hill Chess Club
- June 18 Lightning
- Jun 25 - Aug 27 **Grades** (10 players per group, 9 rounds, round-robin)
- Jul 2-3 2011 Victorian Junior Championship @ Canterbury Junior Chess. U12 start 2 Jul; U18 start 12 Jul
- Jul 12-15
- Sep 3 Lightning
- Sep 10 - Nov 26 **Noble Park Masters** (11 rounds, FIDE-rated)



Profile: FM Dusan Stojic



1. How did you get started in chess?
Who taught you?
My father showed me the rules when I was 5, and I started getting lessons when I was 6. When I was 10, I moved to Australia (from Serbia) with my family and chess continued almost uninterrupted.
2. I think you are in uni, right? What are you doing in uni?
I'm studying Law and Commerce (major in Economics) at Monash Uni, Clayton.
3. How do you balance between uni and chess?
For me, uni takes priority over chess. So it is important to prioritise by playing the most important tournaments, and studying chess during holidays or periods when I don't have all the assignments due/exams.
4. What would you do when you graduate?
Hopefully practice in the field of commercial law.
5. Would you consider playing chess professionally?
This is definitely far from my thoughts at the moment, as I have quite a bit to go before I get to that kind of a level. If somehow I improve drastically in a relatively short period, I probably wouldn't mind being a chess professional.
6. You said your dad used to drive an hour to Noble Park for you and Svetozar to play chess. What is the attraction of Noble Park?
Yes, we drove for at least an hour each way (from Deer Park) before we moved two years ago. The thing that makes NPCC such a great club is the strong players and a friendly atmosphere.
7. What was your best result in a Noble Park tournament?
Champion in 2007 (playoff against D. Dragicevic), 2009, 2010.
8. What is your best chess achievement?
Shared 1st in 2006 Doeberl Cup, Victorian Championship co-winner in 2006 (with I. Goldenberg) and 2010 (with C. Wallis), and getting my FM title this year.
9. Which is your worst chess moment?
Sydney International Open 2009 – I finished with 3.5/9 and lost about 45 FIDE points.
10. What are your favourite chess tournaments to play in?
Other than in Noble Park ☺, Doeberl Cup
11. Any advice for junior chess players?
Work hard on eliminating weaknesses from your game rather than improving in areas in which you are already strong.

Favourite Game

(1) Stojic,Dusan (2238) - Hamilton,Douglas (2216) [B33] Victorian Championship Melbourne (8), 12.08.2010 [Stojic,Dusan]
 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Nd5 Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.c3 0-0 12.Nc2 Bg5 13.a4 bxa4 14.Rxa4 a5 15.Bc4 Rb8 16.b3 Kh8 17.Nce3 g6 18.h4 Bxh4 19.g3 Bg5 20.f4 exf4 21.gxf4 Bh4+ 22.Kd2 This line became popular at the GM level after Topalov (who else?) unleashed it against Leko in Linares 2005. I studied it not too long ago and checked some lines before this game, so I was happy that Hamilton went into it. 22...Ne7! [The other move here is 22...f5 which leads to some ultra-sharp lines.]

23.Kc1 clearing the 2nd rank for the rook 23...Nxd5 24.Nxd5 Be6 This line should be OK for Black, but white has good compensation. There are still some unresolved tricks on the h-file and Black will probably have to give back a pawn soon (a5 in most cases). 25.Kb1!? [25.Qd4+ is the alternative 25...Kg8 and now Ra2 or Kb1] 25...f5? When I saw this move, I was sure it was bad because it didn't come up in any of the lines I analysed. Black is probably already close to losing. 26.Qd4+ Kg8 [26...Bf6 loses to 27.Nxf6 and Bxe6 after Q(R)xf6] 27.Ra2! Black's main problem is that he will never be able to ease the tension on the a2-g8 diagonal and the h-file. For some reason it takes my computer ages to figure out that White's winning,

but it seems obvious to the human eye. 27...Rb7 [27...Bf6 was a better try, but after 28.e5 Bg7 29.Rah2 h5 30.Qg1! Black can't protect the g-file.] 28.Rah2 Bf6 29.e5 Bh8 [If 29...dxe5 30.fxe5 Rd7 (30...Bg5 31.Nf6++) 31.Nxf6+ Rxf6 32.Rxh7 Rxh7 33.Qxd8+ Rf8 34.Bxe6+] 30.Nc7! Bxc4 31.Qxc4+ d5 [31...Rf7 32.Rxh7 Bg7 33.Rxg7++] 32.Nxd5 h5 This allows a nice finish, but of course Black's position is hopeless. [32...Rbf7 33.Rxh7 Bg7 34.e6 Re7 35.Rxg7+ Kxg7 36.Qd4+; 32...Rff7 33.Rxh7 Bg7 34.Nf6+ Bxf6 35.exf6] 33.Nf6+ Kg7 34.Nxh5+ gxh5 35.Rg1+ Kh6 36.Rxh5+ Black resigned. 36...Kxh5 37.Qe2 and mate on the h-file. 1-0