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President's message

We are pleased to bring the club newsletter back, after a hiatus of several years; this has been made possible by the generosity of Janaki Narenthran, Tom's daughter, who volunteered to help and has taken on the role of editor. Special mention also goes to Tom for suggesting that the newsletter should be revived.

The club has had an excellent start to 2018, with a fun Open Day, two successful Knights Cups, the Club Championship as strong a tournament as ever, and the JCP a runaway success involving 30 kids coming to learn and play chess in the hour before our tournaments on Saturdays. I will take this opportunity to thank all the coaches (Carl and George Loucas, Nick Ilic, Ethan and Kathleen Hooi, and John Nemeth) for their hard work and dedication to that program.

A new service offered by the club, after we set up online banking towards the end of 2017, is online registration, provided to the club free of charge by George Loucas' Comps Online website. At the back of this newsletter we include a leaflet explaining how to use this; a key point is that it is possible and helpful to register online but pay by cash on the day, if you don't have online banking or don't wish to pay by bank transfer.

A word however on the future of the club; Dom and I cannot be expected to run the club indefinitely on our own, so we would like to find new Committee members who would be able to open and run the club on days when we are unavailable. If you think you might be able to help in this regard, or with some other aspect of club administration, you are encouraged to take Tom and Janaki's lead and approach us!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next tournament, the Open,

Chris Wallis
NPCC President



2018 Club Championships

The first tournament for the club as usual at the start of the year is the Club Championships. Total number of entrants for this year is 26 players, one more than last year.

Special mention goes to Kevin Cron who is playing his 10th consecutive club championships.

There are number of pleasing things for the club championships including number of titled players, number of past club champions, returning players from last year, returning players from previous years and also we are glad to see new faces at the club.

Thank you for all players who are participating in the tournament.

Round 1

Round 1 mainly produced results according to ratings with one exception with our new member Karl Imberger defeating Milic Sucevic. This is Karl's first tournament and it would have pleasing for him to have a win in his very first game.

Round 2

Like round 1 round 2 results mostly went according to rating. The only game that didn't go according to rating was a drawn game between Kevin Cron and Milic Sucevic. This was the first drawn game of the tournament.

Round 3

Round 3 had some interesting pairings with players of similar ratings facing each other. On board 1 top seed Karl Zelesco drew against Domagoj Dragicevic in an entertaining game. On board 2 Chris Wallis for the first time in his chess career decided to play 1. c5 against 1. e4, which worked well for him as he defeated John Nemeth. The only other player to join Chris was Eugene Schon who defeated Thai Ly in a long game as well. There were few upsets in the round with Ruicheng Wang defeating Leon Leontyev on board 6 and Jackie Li defeating Kevin Cron on board 11.

Round 4

Board 1 clash between Chris Wallis and Eugene Schon produced a draw to take them to 3.5/4. Joining them on 3.5/4 was Karl Zelesco who defeated Thai Ly. Funnily enough, even after loosing in round 2 against higher rated player, Thai played another higher rated players in this

round. Similar things happened with John Nemeth who played higher rated Dom Dragicevic on board 3. However that game was a draw. The main upset of this round occurred on board 7 where Milic Sucevic defeated Leon Leontyev.

Round 5

Round 5 produced more drawn results and threw the tournament wide open for other players. Although this tournament seems to have lot of draws, you can be assured that all the draws have been hard fought draws. This time we had draw on board 1 with Karl Zelesco drawing with Chris Wallis and on board 2 Eugene Schon drawing with Domagoj Dragicevic. This all meant that Karl, Eugene and Chris were on 4/5 and they were joined by Tom Narenthran who defeated Ruicheng Wang on board 3 and Nicholas Ilic who defeated Ethan Hooi on board 4. There was also an upset in this round with Kathleen Hooi defeating Carl Loucas on board 8, and newcomer to the club Shaju Jensen defeated Leon Leontyev on board 11. Leon seemed to have a reasonable position, but then he made a mistake, which allowed a nice combination by Shaju to get into a winning position.

Round 6

I will not give a prize to anyone that guesses the result on board 1. Yes, the game was a draw with Eugene Schon and Karl Zelesco. However, this game went until close to 8 pm where Karl had rook and knight against Eugene's rook. This is normally a drawn position, and Eugene was able to hold the draw.

The biggest upset of the tournament was on board 2 where Nicholas Ilic defeated Chris Wallis. Chris seemed to have the game under control but then Nick created some play to cause problems and won the game. This meant that for the first time in the tournament we had a sole leader. Tom Narenthran wasn't able to join Nick after drawing with John Nemeth. Tom played a dubious opening as Black 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d5 however John was not able to exploit the opening. On board 5 there was a sblings battle as Ethan Hooi defeated Kathleen Hooi. On board 7 Milic Sucevic drew with lower rated Carl Loucas. There was a position where Carl gave a check, and Milic had a choice of placing his king on g1 or h2. Milic chose h2 which lost the game, had he placed the king on g1 the game would have continued. Shaju Jensen continued his fine first tournament by defeating Tanya Kolak on board 8.

Round 7

Going into this round Nicholas Ilic was the sole leader however he lost his lead by losing to Eugene Schon. This





once against opened the door for other players to join the lead. Both Karl Zelesco and Domagoj Dragicevic were able to do this. On board 8 the game between Milic Sucevic and Jackie Li was fairly even, however Milic was able to use his experience and win an equal ending with clever play. In the battle of brothers Kevin Cron defeated Jack Cron to register his first win of the tournament.

Round 8

Going into this round there were three players in equal first place. However by the end of the round there are two players in equal first. Karl Zelesco moved onto 6.5/8 after defeating Tom Narenthran where he was joined by Eugene Schon who defeated Ethan Hooi. Domagoj Dragicevic wasn't able to join them after losing to Chris Wallis who moved into third place on 6/8. An interesting game occurred on board 4 where Ruicheng Wang drew with higher rated Nick Ilic. Although Nick was a piece up, Ruicheng with the White pieces had dangerous passed a and b pawns. Nick wasn't able to stop both of those Dragicevic wasn't able to join them after losing to Chris Wallis who moved into third place on 6/8. An interesting game occurred on board 4 where Ruicheng Wang drew with higher rated Nick Ilic. Although Nick was a piece up, Ruicheng with the White pieces had dangerous passed a and b pawns. Nick wasn't able to stop both of those pawns and Ruicheng was able to promote one of the pawns to a queen however with only a queen against rook, bishop and a pawn draw was the result. Speaking of queens there was a queen endgame on board 10 between Leon Leontyev and Jackie Li. Even though Jackie was a pawn up and at one stage had some possible mating threats Leon was able to draw the game.

Begonia Open 2018

By Chris Wallis; with thanks to George Loucas for his excellent photography!

The Ballarat Chess Club's Begonia Open continues to go from strength to strength, this year featuring four GMs, three IMs, three FMs and a total of 18 players rated over 2000! 138 chess players, including nine members of the Noble Park Chess Club, made the annual pilgrimage to Victoria's premier Open tournament. Of these - Chris Wallis and John Nemeth shared =3rd overall with four other players, finishing on 5.5/7 and taking home \$300 apiece. Meanwhile, tournament

victory was shared by James Morris and Anton Smirnov, scoring 6/7.

My time trouble woes came even before the commencement of the tournament this year; running well behind schedule, I had to bail out of round 1 with a phone call to the organisers around 1:30 pm! Of course they were too busy to pick up, but after some trial and error I managed to indirectly pass on my bye request. On the positive side - this gave me time to settle in and may have ultimately been helpful; success in this tournament can depend on the ability to ration one's playing strength and not to 'crash' on the final day!

On arrival, I discovered that Anton had conceded a draw to the promising NSW junior Matthew Clarke; he had played for zugzwang in an ending with knight vs bishop, but Matthew carefully avoided falling into the trap.

In round 2, I was paired with Axel Ahmer, and won the game in a technical fashion after his premature ...f5 break in the Old Indian, allowing me a hegemony over the central light squares. Also in this round, Darryl Johansen was held to a draw by Russell Murray in a fascinating rook ending.



Ethan plays Singaporean junior Sean Goh in round 2.





defeat my own student! (or at least not lose) John is playing Sharjeel Ansari a few boards across.



John vs Kyle Gibson, and the start of Darryl's draw vs Russell Murray.

Arriving back at the motel just before midnight (as usual for the Ballarat Saturday night!), I found that for round 3 I had been paired with my own student Reiner Ng! From a preparation point of view I found this inconvenient, because although I knew his opening repertoire perfectly - I naturally approved of it and had ensured it was tough to refute! However, in the event I obtained a slight advantage as Black in the Nimzo-Indian by using a somewhat obscure line, and eventually Reiner blundered the exchange. Meanwhile, Fergus Chiverton held highly rated British visitor Philip Crocker to an unlikely draw, after some bizarre tactics lead to a somewhat better endgame for the local junior.



Carl Loucas during his Round 3 game with Stewart Booth, frequent winner of the Victorian Country Championships. In the background I appear somewhat perplexed, trying hard to

During round 4 I had the opportunity to play up and coming junior Albert Winkelman from the ACT; fortunately, I was able to conserve energy this round as he rapidly blundered a pawn in the opening, to a standard tactic Nxd5 cxd5 Bc7 in the QGD Exchange structure. Elsewhere, Zhong Yuan Zhao was flagged by Junta Ikeda, who had been clearly worse all game with no 'theoretical' winning chances to speak of! On board 7, John Nemeth put Fergus Chiverton's dream run (he had previously won against Nick Ilic and a draw with Philip Crocker!) to an end, setting up a round 5 encounter with yours truly. This keeps up a tradition of NPCC players being paired to play, no matter where in the world they happen to be (for example, in round 1 of the Malaysian Open in 2011 I played Zach Loh; an inevitable pairing as I had begun to play in Noble Park events earlier that year...)

My game against John got off to a very dubious start; he played a Reti system, and when I developed my bishop to g4 and traded on f3, he recaptured with the e-pawn. Fearful of a possible bind following f3-f4, d3-d4, I overreacted with ...g7-g5?, and was very fortunate later to hold the draw in time trouble. With this round, the only players remaining on 100% - Moulthun Ly, James Morris and Junta Ikeda - all had dints made in their scores. Going into the final day Moulthun, James and Anton formed the leading group with 4.5/5, while John and I remained further back in the peloton, with our more 'modest' 4/5. Meanwhile Les and Goran drew their game on board 24, and on the neighbouring board 25 Nick beat MCC stalwart Roger Beattie. It's worth mentioning that our good friend from Mentone Chess Club, Mehtin Mustafa, put in a surprise appearance as spectator in the evening!

Round 6 saw a brilliant win against David Cannon in my best game of the year so far, annotated below, while John defeated James Watson. The draw between Moulthun and Anton on board 1 allowed James Morris to surge into the outright lead with 5.5/6 by beating Junta, closely pursued by many players on 5/6. Another all-NPCC pairing occurred on board 40, with a draw between Ethan and Les. Kathleen drew solidly against strong junior and former club regular Christopher Lim, while Carl Loucas managed something similar against Russell Murray, Darryl's nemesis from round 2!





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In round 7 I fell into difficulties as Black against Darryl's Catalan, having been skilfully manoeuvred out of my repertoire, but later Darryl let me off the hook, overlooking a simply winning tactic. Finally the position was even looking better for Black, but I accepted Darryl's offer of a draw, unwilling to risk a guaranteed prize in what was rapidly deteriorating into 'uncontrolled' time trouble. John had a more comfortable draw on 1st board, with James keen to 'lock in' 1st place. He was therefore joined by Anton, who beat Queenslander and perennial Begonia participant Stephen Solomon, to also land on 6/7. However, the game of the round was played on board 53, where James Arthur won a 5-hour marathon against Sophie Chang; as Patrick Cooke speculated during the prizegiving, 166 moves may be a new record for the tournament! They had arrived at an endgame in which, despite his extra knight, James' king was confined in the corner and he would have to take care when bringing it out into the game. He managed to simplify that task with an exchange of rooks.

The final round; in the background I am struggling against



Darryl's Catalan, while in the foreground Nick faces Josh Specht, unfortunately losing in short order; but he had staged a good comeback to reach the top boards after losses in the early rounds.



John vs James Morris on board 1!

At the prizegiving, John and I received envelopes for 3rd, but they were empty! It transpired that the tournament had moved into the digital age and we would be required to provide our bank details, a slight complication compared with the usual process - though this is nothing compared to the Open tournaments in Europe, where one is required to fill out a tax form before receiving prize money! (as I personally experienced at the Trieste Open in 2014).

Wallis, Christopher - Cannon, David [E73]

Begonia Open (6.6), 12.03.2018

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Bg5 Na6 7.Qd2 [I twice played 7.f4 against Ari Dale in December 2017, and obtained an advantage the second time; but decided to mix things up as those games are hardly a secret.]

7...e5 [Several days earlier, David had tried 7...c6 against me at the MCC Championship; and additionally, Tom Narenthran played it against me at round 2 of the Noble Park Championship! This is better suited to positions where White has already committed to f2-f4.]

8.d5 c6 9.f3 Nc7 [9...cxd5 10.cxd5 Bd7 11.Bxa6 bxa6 12.Nge2 was seen in the high level game Le - Ivanchuk, Danzhou 08th 16/7/2017; eventually White won, and he does appear to have something of an edge, despite Black's play on the queenside.]

10.g4 [Seizing space on the kingside and taking h5 under observation, to preclude any mischevious ...Nh5-f4 sorties by Black's knight. Moreover White's king's knight can now be developed to f2 via h3.]





10...cxd5 11.cxd5 h6 12.Be3 [There is no point committing the bishop to h4, especially as this would interfere with the pawn advance h2-h4-h5.]

[Not 12.Bxh6? , running into the standard tactic 12...Nxe4! 13.fxe4 Qh4+ 14.Kd1 Bxh6 with a clear advantage for Black.]

12...Nfe8? [A pleasant surprise; now White favourably walls up the kingside and then prepares to break through on the opposite wing! This is possible because the central pawn blockade is too far up the board, limiting Black's freedom to manoeuvre.]

[He should really play 12...h5 ; after 13.g5 Nh7 , Black can entertain thoughts of counterplay with the break ...f6, and White doesn't have it all his own way.]

13.h4 Kh7 [After White had taken control of h4, it was necessary for Black to defend his pawn as the ...Qh4+ trick had 'expired'.]

14.Nh3 Bd7 15.h5 g5 16.0-0 [After the game, David said he realised around here that I hadn't really been planning to checkmate him on the kingside! Of course I wouldn't say no to it, but he kept that side of the board blocked so progress has to be made elsewhere.]

16...Bf6 17.Nf2 Qb8 18.b4 b5 [Although White is given the opportunity to break with a2-a4, it's hard to suggest a good alternative; letting the pawn advance to b5 doesn't look viable.]

[While 18...a6 merely delays the inevitable, since White replies 19.a4 .]

19.Rfb1 Ng7 20.Nd3 Rc8 21.a4 bxa4? [A serious mistake; now White is winning.]

[21...a6 is better; probably White will win anyway, especially with the manoeuvre Nc1-b3-a5 (and then maybe onto c6).]

22.Nc5! Be8 [Or 22...Rd8 23.Nxd7 Rxd7 24.Rxa4 followed by Rba1.; 22...dxc5 23.bxc5 wins easily.]

23.N5xa4 Nb5 [Not a blunder; without this, Black would be crushed by b4-b5-b6.]

24.Nxb5 Bxb5 25.Nb6! Bxe2 [David was right to say that there are no prospects after 25...axb6 26.Bxb5 followed by Bc6.]

26.Nd7 Qb5 27.Nxf6+ [Strangely enough, attention shifts to Black's apparently impregnable fortress on the kingside...]

27...Kh8 28.Rb2 Bxf3 29.Rf1 Bh1 30.Bxg5 [Ignoring Black's decoy with the bishop and going straight for the king.]

30...Bxe4 31.Nxe4 hxc5 32.Qxg5 Qb6+ 33.Rbf2 [Black resigned.]

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Junior Coaching Program 2018

The junior coaching program has been revived by the club last year in 2017 and the coaching program has continued strongly in 2018. The program runs between 2pm and 3pm and gives a chance for kids to learn more about chess. We have different levels with beginners, intermediate and advanced levels. Throughout the first term we have had up 30-40 kids come to the club for the program. Most of the kids have signed up for the term however we do get few kids who come in casually as well.

We want to thank our coaches as well for providing the coaching. The coaches include John Nemeth who coaches an advanced group, Carl Loucas and Nick Illic who coach an intermediate group whilst George Loucas, Ethan Hooi and Kathleen Hooi provide coaching for beginners.

Currently there are no classes due to school holidays however they will restart on Saturday 21st April. The club is also looking to start up a reserves tournament where the kids would play a tournament from 3 pm onwards - thanks to George and Prince for volunteering to run that!

February Knights Cup!

by Chris Wallis, with thanks to Calvin Augustine for providing the photo!





The first Knights Cup of the year, held in the afternoon on Sunday February 18th, saw an excellent turnout of 32 players! Candidate Master Regan Crowley joined the fun, along with representatives of the Ballarat Chess Club Cameron Frame and brothers Leonard and Justin Goodison.

Regan ran away with the U18 section, scoring 6.5/7 after conceding a single draw when newcomer Jesse Zafirakos was unable to convert his extra piece; Matthew Arthur made a successful first appearance, winning 1st U12, while regular Knights Cup entrant Damaris Augustine and another newcomer Jayden Zhang won the U10 and U8 divisions respectively.

The event ran smoothly with good sportsmanship all round. It was rated on the ACF Quick List for March; we pride ourselves on offering a regular ACF Rapid Rated event.



Darline makes a move; but despite the obvious danger to his king, Felix ultimately pulled through for the point.

February Knights Cup
Cross Table at round 7 sorted by score

Pos	NAME	Rtg	T	Fed	Pts	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Crowley, Regan	1499	CM	VIC	6.5	+B14	+W2	+B5	+W10	=B3	+W6
2	Augustine, Damaris	501		VIC	6.0	+B15	-B1	+W26	+W5	+B4	+W16
3	Zafirakos, Jesse	0		AUS	5.5	+B27	+W12	+B7	+W4	=W1	+B9
4	Ng, Reiner	1058		VIC	5.0	+W20	+B21	+W9	-B3	-W2	+W11
5	Arthur, Matthew	758		VIC	5.0	+W22	+B19	-W1	-B2	+W20	+B13
6	Li, Jackie	905		VIC	5.0	+B23	+W25	-B10	+W13	+B11	-B1
7	Abubakar, Nahuel	0		VIC	4.5	=B8	+W17	-W3	+B21	+W19	+B15
8	Arthur, James	679		VIC	4.5	=W7	=B11	=W19	-B15	+W17	+B27
9	McIntyre, Julian	751		VIC	4.0	+B18	+W13	-B4	+W28	+B10	-W3
10	Prince, Alan	447		VIC	4.0	+W30	+B16	+W6	-B1	-W9	-W12
11	Cho, Joseph	487		VIC	4.0	=B17	=W8	+B23	+W12	-W6	-B4
12	Goodison, Leonard	580		VIC	4.0	+W26	-B3	+W22	-B11	+W18	+B10
13	Zhang, Jayden	469		VIC	4.0	+W24	-B9	+W30	-B6	+W22	-W5
14	Clerk, Max	413		VIC	4.0	-W1	-B15	+W24	+B26	+W28	+B19
15	Kannan, Archit	0		VIC	3.5	-W2	+W14	+B25	+W8	=B16	-W7
16	Wang, Cunmeng	582		VIC	3.5	+B28	-W10	+B20	+W18	=W15	-B2
17	Ooi, Michael	0		VIC	3.5	=W11	-B7	+W27	-B19	-B8	+W22
18	Aberathne, Dinethsa	0		VIC	3.5	-W9	+B24	+W21	-B16	-B12	+W25
19	Dang, Ryan	442		VIC	3.0	+B31	-W5	=B8	+W17	-B7	-W14
20	Goodison, Justin	269		VIC	3.0	-B4	+W32	-W16	+B29	-B5	+W23
21	Clerk, Felix	460		VIC	3.0	+B32	-W4	-B18	-W7	+B29	+B28
22	Aberathne, Chanara	0		VIC	3.0	-B5	+W31	-B12	+W25	-B13	-B17
23	Alphonso, Aaron	221		VIC	3.0	-W6	+B29	-W11	-B24	+W26	-B20
24	Powney, Thomas	0		VIC	3.0	-B13	-W18	-B14	+W23	-B25	+B32
25	Dang, Ryley	500		VIC	2.0	+W29	-B6	-W15	-B22	+W24	-B18
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March Knights Cup!

by Chris Wallis, with thanks to photographer Calvin Augustine!

Attendance in March was down compared with February; we speculated that everybody was 'chessed out' after all the other events in March (Begonia Open, Rookies Cup, CV Age Group Rapids, regular club events...). Despite all this, twenty players came to do battle. Special interest was generated by a one-off prize: the winner of the tournament would receive entry to GM Timur Gareyev's 10-board blindfold simul at the Melbourne Chess Club several days later, sponsored by the club!

Eventual winner of the U10 section, James Arthur, seemed to be a dangerous rival for top seed Nick Ilic; only half a point behind, in round 5 he gave Nick some trouble from the opening, but this didn't last and Nick won the event with 6.5/7, just ahead of Akshayan Manivannan (6/7). Unusually a full point separated





Akshayan from the next player, Robinson He (U12 winner), who also unusually was on his own with 5/7! The U8 and U10 sections were merged but we hope to run an U8 section in April.

To make up for the delay receiving our trophy order, we presented all players with a Participation certificate (and plan to continue this in future!), and we are making efforts to ensure all prizewinners receive their trophy or medal by the next tournament on April 22nd.

Knights Cup March 2018

Cross Table at round 7 sorted by score

Pos	NAME	Rtg	T	Fed	Pts	1	2	3	4	5
1	Ilic, Nicholas	1727		VIC	6.5	+B9	+W15	+B2	+W6	+B4
2	Mannivannan, Akshayan	0		VIC	6.0	+W13	+B5	-W1	+B11	+B6
3	He, Robinson	407		VIC	5.0	+B7	=W4	=B11	+W8	+B1
4	Arthur, James	743		VIC	4.5	+W10	=B3	+W7	+B5	-W1
5	McIntyre, Julian	758		VIC	4.5	+B16	-W2	+B9	-W4	+B1
6	Parikh, Rohan	476		VIC	4.0	+B17	+W18	+B12	-B1	-W2
7	Augustine, Damaris	759		VIC	4.0	-W3	+B10	-B4	+W15	+B9
8	Dang, Ryan	533		VIC	4.0	-W12	+B19	+W17	-B3	-W1
9	Dang, Ryley	432		VIC	4.0	-W1	+B14	-W5	+B17	-W7
10	Clerk, Felix	308		VIC	4.0	-B4	-W7	+B15	+W18	-W1
11	Kannan, Archit	620		VIC	3.5	+W19	-B12	=W3	-W2	+B1
12	Mannivannan, Ashwin	0		VIC	3.0	+B8	+W11	-W6	+B13	-W3
13	Prince, Alan	536		VIC	3.0	-B2	+W16	+B18	-W12	-W5
14	Abubakar, Nahuel	662		VIC	3.0	-B15	-W9	+B16	+W19	+B8
15	Augustine, Darline	228		VIC	3.0	+W14	-B1	-W10	-B7	+BY
16	Rasaratnam, Anisha	322		VIC	3.0	-W5	-B13	-W14	+BYE	+B1



Top 4 boards in round 2: Nick Ilic vs Darline Augustine, Julian McIntyre vs Akshayan Manivannan, Robinson He vs James Arthur, Ashwin Manivannan vs Archit Kannan.





Simultaneous Blindfold Exhibition with GM Timur Gareyev

On the 27th of March, Melbourne Chess Club held a Simultaneous Blindfold Exhibition with GM Timur Gareyev, and I was thrilled to be 1 out of 10 people to be a part of this event. From the start of the game, it was amazing to see how Timur was playing all 10 games with a clear idea of what was going on, and even helping some of his opponents if they made some sort of catastrophic error. The atmosphere was great, and everyone seemed to enjoy the experience, and this is definitely something that I will be remembering for a long time. I was also 1 of 3 people who managed to win my game (with a bit of luck), and here is the analysis of it, done by myself:

(171) Ilic, Nicholas (1767) - GM Gareyev, Timur (2580)
[B20] NPCC Championships, 27.03.2018

1.e4 c5 2.b3 Nc6 3.Bb2 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bb5? (Normally Bb5 is played with a pin, and the intention of trading with the knight on c6) **5...Nd4 6.Bd3 d5 7.e5 Nd7 8.Nce2?** (The idea of Nce2 was to be able to trade pieces and eventually have a good bishop on d4, but I missed f6-e5) **8...Nxe5 9.Nxd4 Nxd3+ 10.cxd3 cxd4 11.Bxd4 f6 12.Nf3 e5 13.Nxe5** (The point of Nf3 was to be able to sacrifice on e5 and get an attack going) **13...fxe5 14.Qh5+ Kd7 15.Bxe5 Qe8 16.Qxe8+?** [16.Qe2=] **16...Kxe8 17.0-0 Bf5 18.Rfe1 Kd7 19.Rac1 Bd6 20.d4** [20.Bxg7 (Bg7 is still a lot better for black, but it picks up a pawn)] **20...Rac8** (Now black is obviously much better) **21.Bxg7 Rhe8 22.h3 Re2 23.g4** [23.Rxe2 Rxc1+ 24.Re1 Rxe1#] **23...Be4 24.Bh6** (Still covering checkmate) **24...Bh2+??** (Timur thought that he had a Rook on c6, which would have resulted in an automatic win) [24...Rc6 25.a4 Bh2+ 26.Kxh2 Rxf2+ 27.Kg3 Rg2+ 28.Kh4 Rxh6+ 29.Kg5 Rxh3-+] **25.Kxh2** (Now white is slightly better) **25...Rxf2+ 26.Kg3 Rf3+ 27.Kh4 Rc6 28.Rxc6 bxc6 29.Be3 Bd3** (My plan here to swap rooks, which I eventually did, was quite a poor decision. Without rooks, this position should have been a draw, but with rooks, I have the slight edge) **30.Rg1 a5 31.Rg2 Bb1 32.a3 Bc2 33.b4 a4** (In this position, a4 had the intention to win, but if he had swapped axb4, then my chances of winning would be minimal) **34.Rf2 Rxf2 35.Bxf2 Kc7 36.Bg3+ Kb6 37.Kg5 Kb5 38.Bd6 Kc4 39.Bc5 Kd3** [39...Kb3 40.h4 Bd3 (40...Kxa3 41.b5+ Kb2 42.b6! a3 43.Bxa3+ Kxa3 44.b7+-) 41.Kh6 Bb5+- 42.h5 Kxa3 43.g5 Kb3 44.Kxh7 a3 45.g6 a2 46.g7 a1Q 47.g8Q (

And this should be winning for white)] **40.Kf5 Kxd2+ 41.Ke5 Bd3 42.b5 Bxb5** (Now the queenside is locked, so white can focus on his two kingside pawns) **43.g5 Ke3 44.h4 Be2 45.Kf6 Kf4 46.Kg7 Bd3 47.Kh6 Kg4 48.h5 Kf5 49.Bb6** (Meeting any future attempts of Kf6 with Bd8+) **49...Ke6 50.g6 hxg6 51.hxg6 Ke7 52.Kg7 Ke8 53.Bc5 Be4 54.Kf6 Bc2 55.g7 Bh7 56.Ke6 Bg8+ 57.Kd6 Kf7 58.Kxc6** (Now black could draw the game in two ways: - Bh7, which gives up d5, but later defends by giving up the bishop for the d-pawn and placing the king on a8 - Kg7, in a variation that will be covered) **58...Kxg7 59.Kb5 Kf6 60.Kxa4 Ke6 61.Ka5 Kd7??** [61...Bf7 62.a4 Be8 63.Kb4 Kd7 64.a5 Kc7 65.a6 Bc6= (And there would be no way for white to promote the pawn)] **62.Kb6 Kc8 63.Bd6** (Now the game is pretty much finished, black is going to have to give up his bishop for the a-pawn, which will result in a winning endgame for white) **63...Bh7 64.a4 Bd3 65.a5 Be2 66.a6 Bxa6 67.Kxa6 Kd7 68.Be5 Kc6 69.Ka5 Kd7 70.Kb5 Ke7 71.Kc5 Ke6 72.Kc6 Ke7 73.Kxd5 Kd7 74.Kc5 Ke7 75.d5 Kd7 1-0**



Gareyev with his toughest opponents on the night: left to right, GM Timur Gareyev, CM Regan Crowley, Nick Ilic and Alanna Chew Lee





ONLINE REGISTRATION Noble Park Chess Club 2018

We are excited to announce that the Noble Park Chess Club will be introducing an online system for registrations this year. The Comps-Online registration system is easy to use and allows parents/competitors to register for all Noble Park Chess tournaments and Coaching lessons.

To register on-line:

Go to the Noble Park website:

<http://www.nobleparkchess.org.au/> and click on **ONLINE REGISTRATION**

- Click on **REGISTER NOW** to Create a New Account. For **School/Club Name** you can type **Noble Park Chess Club**. Once you have filled in your details, you will be emailed a confirmation document. Click on the link in this email to activate your account. Then you can simply log back in and follow the 4 steps to complete all of your entries. **If you already have an account with Comps-Online, just login.**
- Proceed to the **Payments Page – Step 4** to review your entry summary and click to accept the terms and conditions of the competition (compulsory). Then choose Bank Transfer payment option:

Bank Transfer:

This requires you to log into your own bank account and directly transfer the money to the Organiser's account listed on your invoice. Full payment must be made before your registration will be accepted.

Please Note: You can also pay on the day after you register if you do not have online

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- An invoice will be emailed to you confirming that your registration has been received. **Please Note: If you do not receive an invoice within 15 minutes in your Inbox or in your Junk Mail folder, please contact Comps-Online Technical Support on (03) 9841 5940.**

All of your information will be securely stored on the Comps-Online website for future competitions.

Please note that registrations for this competition can only be accepted once full payment has been received.





2018 Noble Park Chess Club Open

A 7 Round Swiss Tournament ACF and FIDE Rated !!!

Playing dates:

April
21/4/2018 Round 1

May
5/5/2018 Round 2
12/05/2018 Round 3
19/5/2018 Round 4
26/5/2018 Round 5

June
2/6/2018 Round 6
9/6/2018 Club closed
16/6/2018 Round 7

Venue: Paddy O'Donoghue Centre, 18-34 Buckley St, Noble Park 3174(plenty of parking available and 2 minutes walk from the train station)

Entry fees: Members \$40, Non-members \$70(if a player wishes to become a member, the fees will be \$80 full, \$70 concession, \$60 each if family)

Online registration available at <http://nobleparkchess.org.au> from April 7th

Prize fund(based on 40 paying entries)

1st: \$400
2nd:\$250
3rd: \$150

3 Rating Groups: 1st \$100, 2nd \$50

If there are more than 40 entrants, the prize fund will increase.

Prizes will be shared equally between players on equal scores.

Starting time: 3 p.m. sharp on all playing days

Rate of play: 90 minutes + 30 sec per move

Entries: At the club not later than 2:45pm
Saturday April 21st

For entries you can contact Dom Dragicevic on 0421896365 or ddragicevic16@gmail.com





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Noble Park Chess Club Knights Cup April 22nd

A 7 Round Swiss Tournament for juniors
under the age of 18.

When: April 22nd, arrive by **1:45 pm** to register for a **2:00 pm** start; finish time is variable but likely around **6-6:30 pm**.

Venue: Paddy O'Donoghue Centre, 18-34 Buckley St, Noble Park 3174 (plenty of parking available and 2 minutes walk from the train station)

Entry: \$10 for Noble Park Chess Club junior coaching program members, \$15 otherwise. **Online registration** available at <http://nobleparkchess.org.au/> .

Field Limit: The April event will have a field limit of 50 players, early entries are encouraged!

Prizes: Trophy for 1st, silver and bronze medals for 2nd and 3rd, in the age groups: U8, U10, U12, U18. Age category prizes are restricted to players in the appropriate age range (only 10- and 11-year-olds may win an U12 prize, etc.). Eligibility for an age group is determined by age at the start of the

event (if a player turns 10 on April 22, that player is only eligible for U12) If there is a tie, sum of progressive scores will determine which player receives a trophy and which player receives a medal.

Time Control: 15 minutes per player for the whole game.

For further information please contact (email preferred):

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Mentone

Allegro 2018

Venue: St Augustine's Anglican Church, 90-92
Como Parade West, Mentone.

ACF rated: 7 round Swiss

Time control: 10 minutes + 3 seconds

Schedule: April 19
1st round commences 8.00pm and final
round about 10.30pm.

Entry fees: Non-concession \$10
Concession \$5

Prizes: 90% of entry fees returned in prizes.

Public transport: 600 metre walk from Mentone
Station, which is located in the same street. Buses 708,
811 and 812 stop in front of the venue.

Arbiter: Gael Calvez 0466 593 067
gaelcalvez@gmail.com.





NOBLE PARK CHESS CLUB JUNIOR PROGRAM TERM 2 2018

NPCC will continue to run our popular Junior Coaching Program in 2018. We are committed to providing high-quality chess coaching in small groups with lots of individual attention. Chess is a fun game and benefits various skills including concentration, careful decision making and visualisation. No previous experience with chess is required.

Coaching will be provided by John Nemeth, experienced and friendly young players Carl Loucas, Nick Ilic, Ethan Hooi and Kathleen Hooi, and George Loucas (beginners group).

Location: Paddy O'Donoghue Centre, 18-32 Buckley St, Noble Park

Times: 2 – 3 pm Saturdays

Dates: Apr-21, Apr-28, May-5, May-12, May-19 May-26, June-2, June-16, June-23

Contact: nobleparkchess@gmail.com OR:

Chris Wallis 0423 464 857

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Cost: \$60 for entire term (9 classes), \$10 per class on a casual basis

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Registration Form NPCC Junior Coaching Program Term 2 '18

Full name: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Mobile 2 (or email): _____

