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From the Editor:

Hello and welcome to the first edition of the Otago Chess Club Newsletter. This is the first of (what we hope will be) many newsletters. The idea is to provide a communication which keeps local players in touch with the Otago Chess scene and to provide some interest and entertainment along the way.

Producing a newsletter requires a fair bit of time and effort. While the editorial staff are keen to put in the grunt to make this a viable venture, the chances of success are slim without substantial contributions from the readers. We need annotated games, home analysis, studies, articles on your favourite openings, problems, news and views... in fact almost anything at all which is interesting and chess-related (preferably!). If any of you have a favourite game you've been hoarding away to which Fritz has generously provided some annotations – send it in and it'll (almost certainly) get published! Fancy yourself as a composer of subtle problems? Send them in and get them in print! Read a good chess book recently? Share the knowledge around and write a review! The list could go on and on and on and on and on.....

In this inaugural issue, FM Tony Love has provided his “immortal game” (one of many, he claims!). Quentin Johnson provides an in-depth report on the FIDE rated Malcolm Foord Memorial Tournament held over Queen's Birthday Weekend, and former NZ Champion Graham Haase contributes a study to tax the grey matter.

I apologise in advance to any of you who find the format of text and diagrams a bit basic. As time goes on and we have a bit of a chance to experiment I anticipate that the product will acquire a bit more glitz. To avoid having to charge actual money for the newsletter, distribution will be via e-mail in the first instance, although a few hard copies will be available for those without e-mail.

I suspect that's more than enough for a first editorial. Now read on.....

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Immortal Games

FM Tony Love

The game I've chosen was played in the last round of the 1990-91 New Zealand championship in Auckland. I was on 5/10 from one win, one loss and eight draws and my whole tournament depended on this game. A win would be not a bad result at all, a draw 50% and respectability, but a loss – well, perhaps I should have stayed at home. I played Jonathon Sarfati (NZ champion in 1988-89) six times in various NZ championships and was Black every time. He played d4 against me four times for two wins and two draws and e4 twice for two losses.

SICILIAN DEFENCE

White: J. Sarfati

Black: T. Love

1 e4 c5, 2 Nf3 d6, 3 d4 cxd4, 4 Nxd4 Nf6, 5 Nc3 g6, 6 Be3 Bg7, 7 f3 Nc6, 8 Qd2 0-0, 9 g4

The idea of this move is to avoid the complications that can arise after 9 0-0-0 d5. If now 9 – d5, 10 g5.

9 – Bxg4!?

Black gains plenty of play after this move but, strictly, speaking, it is not sound. However, it was new at the time and I was hoping it would come as a surprise to my opponent.

10 fxg4 Nxc3, 11 Bg1

Black hangs on to his dark-squared bishop. Interestingly, I had this position myself as White when playing for New Zealand against Malaysia in the Asian Teams in Kula Lumpur three years later. I elected for 11 Nb3 and gained a better position although my opponent escaped with a draw.

11 – e6

Threatening 12 – Qh4+.

12 Nxc6?

It is generally advisable to swap material when a piece up, but opening the b-file is asking for trouble.

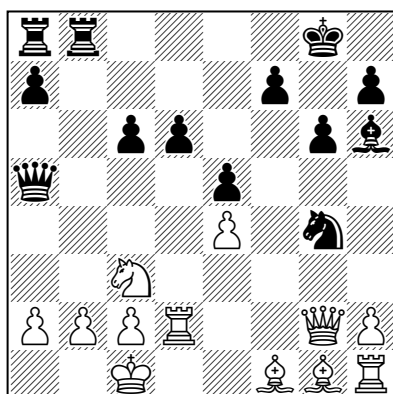
12 – bxc6, 13 Qg2 Qa5!, 14 0-0-0

This looks decidedly risky, but it is difficult to suggest plausible alternatives. Not 14 Qxg4 Bxc3+.

14 – Rfb8, 15 Bd4

The Black knight is still taboo. 15 Qxg4 Rxb2! wins.

15 - e5, 16 Bg1 Bh6+, 17 Rd2 (Diagram)



Or 17 Kb1 Qxc3.

17 – Rxb2!, 18 Qf3

Black wins quickly after 18 Kxb2 Qb4+.

18 – Rxa2!, 19 Kd1

If 19 Rxa2, then 19 – Qxd2+.

19 – Ne3+, 20 Bxe3 Qxc3, 21 Ke2 Ra3, 22 Rd3 Qxc2+, 23 Bd2 Ra2, 24 Rxd6 Bxd2, 25 Qd3 Qc5 26 Qxd2

Desperation, but it makes little difference to the final result.

Rxd2+, 27 Rxd2 Rb8, 28 Bg2 Qc4+, 29 Kf2 Qc3, 30 Rhd1 Rb2, 31 Rxb2 Qxb2+, 32 Kg1 a5

0-1

Malcolm Foord Memorial Tournament 2003 by Quentin Johnson

This event held at Queen's Birthday weekend commemorated former Otago stalwart, Malcolm Foord who died last year. His widow, Mrs. Enid Foord spoke at the tournament opening. Her amusing anecdotes revealed Malcolm's genuine devotion to chess in New Zealand. Local identity, John Gibb also spoke eloquently, among other things recalling that Malcolm was the only Otago player to beat Chandler in a simultaneous exhibition in 1986.

GM Murray Chandler, who recalled Malcolm's kindness during his first NZ Championship, generously sponsored the tournament, thus enabling it to become a Class 2 event in the GCE Grand Prix. A further drawing card was the prospect of achieving a FIDE rating block.

To enhance players' chances of achieving a FIDE rating block, the tournament was divided into two groups with 14 players contesting the Open tournament while 12 fought it out in the B tournament. The top two seeds were locals, NM Richard Sutton (2275) and NM Tony Dowden (2210). The organizers were grateful that FIDE-rated players: Hilton Bennett (Hamilton, 2064), Ben Giles (Maruia Junction, 2005) and Edith Otene (Auckland, 1998) were prepared to travel a considerable distance to the event, as without them FIDE blocks would have been impossible. The B tournament favourites were Alastair Newbould (OT), Bruce Gloistein (CA) and Hamish Gold (OT). However, a few pundits thought that reputations could take a battering when early pairings suggested that upsets could be in the offing.

Round 1. Predictions about upsets were spot on when both top seeds lost! Chris Benson beat top seed, Sutton after the latter dropped a piece due a vulnerable back rank. Bennett was held to a draw by Craig Hall, while fourth seed Quentin Johnson scraped a draw against Geoff Aimers after losing a piece. Veteran Arie Nijman also lost to Brendan Reedy, though it is doubtful that the result of any game Arie is involved – as winner or loser – could be called an upset! Meanwhile in the B tournament, top-seeded Newbould lost to Alan Mulligan and Gloistein drew with Ray Stone to throw the event wide open.

Round 2. Dowden outplayed Duncan Watts in the ending after recovering from his dubious response to Watts' English Opening. Giles also progressed with a smooth win over Benson. Reedy showed that his first round result was no fluke with a win over Bennett, who went astray in time-trouble after being somewhat better. Sutton joined Bennett on half a point when he was unable to break Johnson's resolute resistance. Scores: Dowden, Giles & Reedy 2/2. In the B event Zig Urbanski and Mulligan led on 2/2 respectively beating Gold and the current Otago University champion, Pablo Williams.

Bennett, H – Reedy, B (Rd 2)

1.Nf3 d5 2.b4 Bf5 3.Bb2 e6 4.e3 Nf6 5.c4 Be7 6.Be2 0-0 7.a3 Nbd7 8.0-0 a5 9.Qb3 a4 10.Qd1 c5 11.b5 Nb6 12.d3 Nfd7 13.Nbd2 Bf6 14.d4 Qe7 15.Ne5 Bxe5 16.dxe5 Rfd8 17.Qc1 Nf8 18.f4 Rac8 19.Qc3 d4 20.Qa5 dxe3 21.Nf3 Qc7 22.Qc3 Rd7 23.Rad1 Rcd8 24.Rd6 Ng6 25.g3 Nc8 26.Rfd1 b6 27.Rxd7 Rxd7 28.Rxd7 Qxd7 29.Qxe3 Nge7 30.Nd2 h5 31.Bxh5 Bd3 32.Bd1 Nf5 33.Qe1 Nd4 34.Qe3 Bc2 35.Bxc2 Nxc2 36.Qc3 Ne1 37.Ne4 Qd1 38.Kf2 Nd3+ 39.Ke3 Nxb2 40.Qxb2 Ne7 41.Qd2 Nf5+ 42.Kf2 Qh1 43.Qd8+ Kh7 44.Ng5+ Kg6 45.Qh8 Nh6 46.Qh7+ Kh5 47.Nf3 g6 48.g4+ Kxg4 49.Qxh6 Qxf3+ 50.Ke1 Qxf4 51.h3+ Kf3 52.Qg7 Ke3 53.Qf6 Qxf6 0-1

Watts, D – Dowden, T (Rd 2)

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 f5 4.d3 Nf6 5.g3 Bb4 6.Bd2 0-0 7.Bg2 Bxc3 8.Bxc3 e4 9.dxe4 Nxe4 10.Qc2 d6 11.0-0 Bd7 12.Rad1 Qe7 13.e3 a5 14.Nd4 Ne5 15.b3 Nxc3 16.Qxc3 Nc6 17.Nxc6 Bxc6 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Rd3?! (19.c5 unclear) 19...c5 20.Rfd1 Qe4 21.Rd5 Qf3 22.Qd3?! a4 23.bxa4 Rxa4 24.Qb3 Rfa8 25.R5d2 Rb4 26.Qd3 Qe4 27.Qxe4 fxe4 28.Rc2 Ra3 29.Kf1 Kf7 30.Ke2 Ke6 31.f4 exf3+ 32.Kxf3 R3a4 33.Rdc1 Ke5 34.h3 g6 35.e4 h6 36.Ke3 Ra3+ 37.Rc3 Rxa2 38.Rf1 Rbb2 39.Rf7 Re2+ 0-1

Round 3. Dowden was lucky to draw with Reedy from being a piece down in the ending. Reedy sacrificed his extra piece in a simplifying combination only to find what he thought was a won pawn ending was actually a well known draw involving only a little knowledge of the opposition. Giles moved into the sole lead by breaking up Hall's kingside and evicting its royal occupant. Watts' powerful exchange sac in a Saemisch KID defused Johnson's attack and soon led to a rout. Meanwhile Sutton moved into a higher gear with a well-timed tactic against Bennett. Scores: Giles 3/3; Dowden & Reedy 2½; Nijman, Watts & Bruce Donaldson 2. B tournament leaders Mulligan and Urbanski split the point to arrive at 2½/3; ahead of Newbould, Gold, Trevor Rowell and Williams who all gained ground to get to 2 points.

Giles, B – Hall, C (Rd 3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.Nbd2 Bb4 6.Qc2 O-O 7.Bg2 d5 8.O-O c6 9.b3 Nbd7 10.Bb2 Qc7 11.a3 Be7 12.Rfe1 Rfc8 13.Rac1 c5 14.cxd5 exd5 15.e4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Qxe4 Bf6 18.Ne5 Rab8 19.Bh3 Bxe5 20.dxe5 Bb7 21.Qg4 Qc6 22.f3 g6 23.e6 f5 24.Qf4 Nf8 25.Qh6 Nxe6 26.Rxe6 Qd7 27.Rce1 Rc7 28.Re7 Qxe7 29.Rxe7 Rxe7 30.Qg5 Rbe8 31.Bf1 Bd5 32.Qf6 Bxb3 33.Qh8+ Kf7 34.Qxh7+ Ke6 35.Qxg6+ Kd5 36.Qxf5+ Kc6 37.f4 Re1 38.Kf2 Bd5 39.Be5 Rd1 40.Bh3 Kb5 41.Qd7+ 1-0

Johnson, Q – Watts, D (Rd3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 O-O 6.Be3 e5 7.Nge2 Nbd7 8.Qd2 c6 9.d5 c5 10.g4 a6 11.Ng3 Rb8 12.h4 b5 13.h5 bxc4 14.Rb1 Qa5 15.Bh6 Bxh6 16.Qxh6 Rxb2 17.Rxb2 Qxc3+ 18.Qd2 Qxf3 19.Qg2 Qc3+ 20.Rd2 Qc1+ 21.Rd1 Qe3+ 22.Be2 Nxc4 23.Nf1 Qc3+ 24.Rd2 Ndf6 25.Rh3 Qc1+ 26.Rd1 Qb2 27.Rg3 c3 28.Bd3 Nxc5 29.Rxg4 Bxg4 30.Qxg4 c2 31.Bxc2 Qxc2 32.Ne3 Qc3+ 33.Kf2 Nf4 34.Nf5 Qc2+ 35.Kf1 Qxe4 36.Nxd6 Qh1+ 37.Kf2 Qh2+ 38.Kf3 Qe2+ 39.Kg3 Qxg4+ 40.Kxg4 Rd8 41.Ne4 f5+ 0-1

Bennett, H – Sutton, R (Rd 3)

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.Qxd4 Nc6 4.Qe3 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Bd2 O-O 7.O-O-O Re8 8.Qg3 d6 9.f3 Be6 10.a3 Bc5 11.Nge2 Ne5 12.Bg5 Nh5 13.Qh4? Be3+! 14.Kb1 Qxg5 15.Qe1 Nc4 16.g4 Nd2+ 17.Rxd2 Bxd2 18.Qd1 Nf6 19.h4 Qe3 20.Nb5 Qxf3 21.Rh3 Qf2 22.Rd3 0-1

Round 4. Giles kept up the pace with his fourth straight win, employing his trusty Centre Counter to beat Reedy. Dowden kept in touch with a pleasant positional win against Nijman. The only others still in contention to win the tournament were Donaldson and Sutton, who respectively beat Watts and Hall. Scores: Giles 4/4; Dowden 3½; Donaldson 3; Reedy & Sutton 2½. The B event favourites hit the lead in this round, with Gold beating Mulligan and Newbould beating Rowell, while Urbanski drew with Williams. Scores: Urbanski, Gold & Newbould 3/4; Mulligan & Williams 2½.

Dowden, T – Nijman, A (Rd 4)

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d3 Be7 5.f4 d6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.0-0 Nd4?! 8.fxe5! Bxf3 Necessary since 8...dxe5? allows 9.Bxf7+! Kxf7 10.Nxe5 **9.gxf3 dxe5 10.f4 Bd6 11.f5 c6 12.a4 h5?! 13.Bg5 Qe7 14.Kh1 0-0-0 15.Nb1! c5** Due to the threat of 16.c3 Black has to give his knight a means of retreat, thus he is forced to cede control of the d5 square **16.Nc3 Rdf8 17.Nd5 Qd8 18.c3 Nc6 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Rg1** White has a winning bind and can tighten his grip on the position at his leisure **20...Be7 21.Ne3 Qc7 22.Bd5 Bd6 23.Rg7 Nd8 24.Qg1 Qe7 25.Nc4 Bc7 26.a5 Kb8 27.Nd2 Qd6 28.Nc4 Qe7 29.b3 Bd6 30.Qg2 Qc7 31.Qe2 Nc6 32.Bxc6 Qxc6** Black is left with a hopelessly bad bishop **33.Ne3 Bc7 34.Nd5 Bd8 35.Rgg1** White regroups to place more pressure on the queenside **35...h4 36.c4 Qa6 37.Qd2 Qd6 38.Rg2 Be7 39.Qa2 Bd8 40.a6 b6** Now that the light squares around Black's king are weakened, White switches his attention back to the kingside. The plan is to swap a pair of rooks and win the h pawn **41.Rag1 Qd7 42.Rg7 b5?! Black** has had enough of sitting tight so he lashes out, searching for a swindle based on a rook checkmating on g1 supported by a bishop on b6. Unfortunately this just opens up lines for White's major pieces **43.b4! cxb4 44.Rb1 Rfg8 45.Rxg8 Rxg8 46.c5!** White must keep the Black bishop out of play **46...Qc6 47.Rc1 h3 48.Nxb4 Qd7 49.Nd5 Qc6 50.Nb4 Qd7 51.c6 Qc7 52.Nd5 Qd6 53.Qb3 53.c7+** also wins but the move played completes the theme of light square domination **53...Bb6 54.Nxb6 axb6 55.Qxf7 Rc8 56.Qb7mate 1-0** [Notes by Tony Dowden]

Reedy, B – Giles, B (Rd 4)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.d6 Qxd6 5.d4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.g3 O-O 8.Bf4 Qb4 9.Qd2 Re8 10.Nf3 Nbd7 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Bg4 13.Qe3 Bf5 14.b3 Ng4 15.Qd2 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Bxe5 17.Rc1 Rad8 18.Qe3 Bd4 19.Qd2 Bg4 20.Bd3 Bxf2+ 21.Kxf2 Bf5 22.Rhd1 Rxd3 23.Qxd3 Bxd3 24.Rxd3 Qb6+ 25.Kf3 Rd8 26.Rxd8+ Qxd8 27.Rd1 Qa5 28.Rd3 f5 29.Re3 e5 30.Na4 e4+ 31.Kf2 Qd2+ 32.Re2 Qd4+ 33.Ke1 b5 34.cxb5 cxb5 35.Nb2 g5 36.Nd1 f4 37.Nf2 e3 38.Nd1 Qe4 39.Nf2 0-1

Hall, C – Sutton, R (Rd 4)

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 g5 4.h4 g4 5.Ne5 d6 6.Nxg4 Nf6 7.Nxf6+ Qxf6 8.Nc3 Nc6 9.Bc4 Rg8 10.Nd5 Qg6 11.Rg1 Bg7 12.c3 Bg4 13.Qc2 Bf6 14.Nxf6+ Qxf6 15.d3 Ne5 16.Qf2 O-O-O 17.Bxf4 Nxc4 18.dxc4 Rde8 19.Be3 Qg6 20.Kd2 Rxe4 21.Rae1 Rge8 22.Kc1 Qe6 23.Bd2 Qxc4 24.Rxe4 Rxe4 25.Re1 b6 26.b3 Qd3 27.Qxf7 Rxe1+ 28.Bxe1 Bf5 29. Kb2 Qb1+ 30.Ka3 Qc1+ 31.Kb4 a5+ 32.Kb5 Bd7+ 33.Ka6 Qxe1 34.Qg8+ Qe8 35.Qxh7 Kb8 0-1

Round 5. Dowden assumed the sole lead by grinding out a win against Giles with Black in 81 moves. Donaldson's challenge was blunted by a severe loss to Reedy, while Sutton kept in touch when Watts went astray after earlier sacrificing a pawn for promising attacking chances. Scores: Dowden 4½/5; Giles 4; Reedy & Sutton 3½; Donaldson 3. In the B tournament Newbould also established a clear lead with an eventful win against Gold who, instead of opting to win a piece, played an unfortunate *zwischenzug* handing his opponent a winning attack. Urbanski dropped a half a point after a draw with Rowell, to be joined by Mulligan and Williams, who respectively won against evergreen veteran, John van Zoomeren and young Otago junior, Sean Wilson. Scores: Newbould 4/5; Mulligan, Urbanski, Williams 3½; Gold, Gloistein 3.

Donaldson, B – Reedy, B (Rd 5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.Be3 Nc6 9.Qd2 b5 10.Be2 Qc7 11.Nd5 Bxd5 12.exd5 Ne7 13.c4 bxc4 14.Rc1 Qd7 15.Bxc4 Nf5 16.Bf2 g6 17.O-O Bh6 18.Qd3 Bxc1 19.Bxa6 Rxa6 20.Qxa6 Be3 21.Bxe3 Nxe3 22.Rc1 O-O 23.Rc6 Rd8 24.a3 Nfxd5 25.Na5 Nf4 26.b4 Nexg2 27.Nb7 Rc8 28.b5 Nh4 29.Nxd6 Rxc6 30.Qxc6 Qh3 31.Qc8+ Qxc8 32.Nxc8 Nxf3+ 33.Kf2 Nd4 34.b6 Nc6 35.b7 Kf8 36.a4 Ne6 37.a5 Nc5 38.Na7 Nb8 39.Nb5 Nxb7 40. Nc7 Nxa5 0-1

Sutton, R – Watts, D (Rd 5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 b6 5.Bg5 Bb7 6.f3 d5 7.e3 O-O 8.Bd3 h6 9.Bh4 Be7 10.Nge2 Nbd7 11.O-O e5 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Nxd5 Bxd5 14.cxd5 exd4 15.e4 Ne5 16.Nxd4 c5 17.Nf5 Nxd3 18.Qxd3 g6 19.Nxh6+ Kg7 20.Ng4 Bxb2 21.Rae1 Bd4+ 22.Kh1 Rh8 23.Re2 f5 24.exf5 Qxd5 25.f6+ Kf8 26.Qxg6 Qf7 27.Qg5 Rh5 28.Qf4 Re8 29.Rfe1 Rxe2 30.Rxe2 Qc4 31.Qe4 1-0

Newbould, A – Gold, H (Rd 5)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bc4 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.d3 O-O 8.O-O Nbd7 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Ne5 11.Qe2 Nxc4 12.dxc4 Re8 13.Be3 a5 14.Rad1 Qc8 15.Rd3 e5 16.d6 cxd6 17.Rxd6 Nh5 18.b3 f5 19.Nd5 f4 20.Bc1?! (20.Nb6 +=) 20...Qc5 21.Rd7 Ng3 22.Qg4 Nxf1 23.Nc7? (23.Rxb7! Rab8 24.Qd7 Rxb7 25.Qxe8+ Qf8 26.Qe6+ Rf7 27.Kxf1 unclear) 23...Ng3 24.Nxa8 h5? (24 ... Rxa8 -+) 25.Qxg6 Qf8 26.Rxg7+ Qxg7 27.Qxe8+ Kh7 28.fxg3 Qxg3 29.Qxh5+ Kg8 30.g4+ 1-0

Round 6. Hall-Dowden was a quick draw in an Exchange French, allowing the winner of Sutton-Giles a chance to close on the lead. Sutton proved too good with his fourth consecutive victory taking him within striking distance of Dowden. Reedy spoiled a strong attack against Johnson with a terrible blunder, while Donaldson won well against Lambert to keep the minor prize money in sight. Scores: Dowden 5/6; Sutton 4½; Giles, Donaldson 4; Reedy, Johnson 3½. Newbould maintained his lead in the B tournament after getting his heavy pieces around the back of Williams' position. Mulligan beat Rowell to stay half a point behind, but Urbanski drew with Gloistein to drop a point behind the lead with Gold, who beat Ray Stone. Scores: Newbould 5/6; Mulligan 4½; Urbanski, Gold 4; Williams, Gloistein 3½.

Sutton, R – Giles, B (Rd 6)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.g3 O-O 5.Bg2 d6 6.O-O c5 7.d5 e6 8.Nc3 exd5 9.cxd5 a6 10.a4 Nbd7 11.Nd2 Qc7 12.Nc4 Nb6 13.Na3 Ng4 14.a5 Nd7 15.h3 Nh6 16.Nc4 b5 17.axb6 Nxb6 18.Na5 f5 19.Bxh6 Bxh6 20.e3 Bd7 21.Qc2 Kh8 22.Ra2 Bb5 23.Rfa1 Bg7 24.Nxb5 axb5 25.Nc6 Rxa2 26.Rxa2 Ra8 27.b3 Rxa2 28.Qxa2 h6 29.Qa6 b4 30.Qd3 Kh7 31.e4 fxe4 32.Bxe4 Qf7 33.Nd8 Qe8 34.Ne6 Nd7 35.f4 Nf6 36.Bg2 Qa8 37.Kh2 Qa1 38.Qe2 Qc3 39.Nxg7 Kxg7 40.Qe7+ Kg8 41.Qxd6 c4 42.Qb8+ Kg7 43.Qc7+ Kf8 44.d6 cxb3 45.Qe7+ Kg8 46.d7 Nxd7 47.Bd5+ Kh8 48.Qe8+ 1-0

Lambert, L – Donaldson, B (Rd 6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5 d6 6.N1c3 a6 7.Na3 b5 8.Nd5 Nge7 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bxb5 axb5
11.Nxb5 Ra7 12.Nxa7 Qa5+ 13.Qd2 Qxa7 14.Bxe7 Bxe7 15.c4 Bg5 16.f4 exf4 17.h4 Bd8 18.Qxf4 Ne5 19.Qf1
Qd4 20.Qe2 Ba5+ 21.Kf1 Bg4 22.Qc2 O-O 23.Rc1 Bd2 0-1

Williams, P – Newbould, A (Rd 6)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bd3 Bg7 5.f3 O-O 6.Be3 e5 7.d5 c6 8.Bc4 cxd5 9.Nxd5 Nxd5 10.Bxd5 Nd7
11.Qd2 Nf6 12.Bg5 Qe7 13.Ne2 Be6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.c3 Rac8 16.b4 b6 17.g3 Bxd5 18.Qxd5 Rfd8 19.Rc1 Qc7
20.c4 a5 21.a3 axb4 22.axb4 Ra8 23.Nc3 Qa7 24.Ke2 Qa3 25.Qb5 Qb2+ 26.Kd3 Qf2 27. Rcf1 Qd4+ 28.Kc2
Ra3 29.Nb1 Ra2+ 0-1

Round 7. A dramatic final round encounter between the top seeds saw Dowden, needing just a half point for outright first, played the super-solid Delayed Exchange Ruy Lopez against Sutton. Dowden obtained early middle-game pressure but Sutton effectively equalized before losing an important pawn. However once he realized he was winning, Dowden admitted he “completely lost the plot”. Sutton turned the tables with a whirlwind attack on the king but in time pressure missed some chances, including a bishop sac leading to mate! In the ensuing rook and minor piece ending Sutton (ever the gentleman) quickly conceded that any real winning chances had evaporated and the game was agreed drawn. Giles’ rooks found seventh heaven to convincingly outshine Donaldson’s rook pair. Thus Giles joined Sutton in second equal position. Johnson and Reedy joined the prize list with wins over Benson & Edith Otene. Newbould took outright first in the B tournament with a necessary win over Urbanski. Mulligan claimed second with a win over Stone, while Williams & Gloistein shared 3rd after beating Gold and Wilson respectively.

Dowden, T – Sutton, R (Rd 7)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.Qe1 Nd7 8.Nc3 O-O 9.d4 Bf6 10.Be3 Re8
11.Rd1 Qe7 12.d5 c5 13.a4 Qd8 14.Nd2 Be7 15.Nc4(=) Bd6 16.Qd2 Nf8 17.f4 exf4 18.Bxf4 Ng6 19.Nxd6
cxd6 20.h3 b6 21.Rde1 Ra7 22.Bh2 Rae7 23.Qf2 Qd7 24.Qg3 Ne5 25.b3 Rd8 26.Kh1 Qe8 27.Nb1 b5
28.axb5 axb5 29.Nd2 Ra7 30.Ra1 Qe7 31.Qf2 Qc7? 32.Rxa7 Qxa7 33.Bxe5 dxe5 34.b4 f5 35.bxc5
(35.Qxc5!?) 35...Qa4 36.exf5? (36.g4!) 36...Rf8 37.Nb3?! Qc4! 38.Rd1 Bxf5 39.d6 Bxh3! (39...Bxc2?
40.Qxf8+! Kxf8 41.d7; 39...Qxc2? 40.Qxc2 Bxc2 41.Rc1 and the pawns will promote) 40.Qg3 Bd7 41.Qxe5?
Qh4+ 42.Qh2 Qg4 43.Re1 Rf5 44.c6 Bxc6 45.d7 Bxd7? (45 ... Bxg2+! 46.Qxg2 Qh4+ 47 Qh2 Qxe1+ 48 Qg1
Qh4+ 49 Kg2 Qg4+ 50 Kh1 Qh3+ 51 Qh2 Rf1mate) 46.Qb8+ Rf8 47.Qe5 Qh4+ 48.Kg1 Qf2+ 49.Kh2 Rf5
50.Qe2 Rf6?! (50...Qh4+ 51.Kg1 Rh5 keeps Black’s winning chances alive) 51.Qxf2 Rxf2 52.Nd4 Rd2
53.Re4 Kf7 54.Kg3 1/2-1/2

Donaldson, B – Giles, B (Rd 7)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Nxd5 4.Nf3 g6 5.Be2 Bg7 6.c4 Nb6 7.Nc3 O-O 8.O-O Bg4 9.Be3 Nc6 10.Qb3 Bxf3
11.Bxf3 Na5 12.Qb4 Naxc4 13.Bg5 Bxd4 14.Bxe7 a5 15.Qxb6 cxb6 16.Bxd8 Rfxd8 17.Bxb7 Ra7 18.Bf3 Bxc3
19.bxc3 Nd2 20.Rfe1 Nxf3+ 21.gxf3 Rc7 22.Rab1 Rxc3 23.Rxb6 Rd2 24.Kg2 Rxa2 25.Re7 Rcc2 26.Rbb7
Rxf2+ 27.Kg3 Rg2+ 28.Kh3 Rxh2+ 29.Kg3 Rag2+ 30.Kf4 g5+ 31.Kf5 Rh4 32.Rb8+ Kg7 33.Rbb7 Rf4+
34.Ke5 Re2+ 35. Kd5 Rxe7 0-1

As the only undefeated player, Tony Dowden was the deserved winner of the Malcolm Foord Memorial tournament. He enjoyed some good fortune but one still has to play well to take advantage of it (in this regard he says he is “inspired by the current NZ champion”). Of the two runners-up, Richard Sutton must have regretted his slow start but his sheer class meant that he came within a whisker of overall victory. Although Giles efficiently dispatched the rest of his field, he came up short against the top seeds in what was still a good performance as joint runner-up. Reedy and Donaldson were two other players to perform well: Reedy played a strong field and would have taken the grade prize (awarded to Donaldson) had he not made the main prizelist. The North Islanders were not sighted in the prize list but their presence was greatly appreciated (better luck next time guys). Four players achieved FIDE rating ‘blocks’: Benson (rating performance of 2086), Reedy (2082), Watts (2050) and Craig Hall (1946). After his first round hiccup against Mulligan, Newbould bore out the good form of recent club results in Otago to dominate the B tournament. Mulligan performed well above his rating in coming second, while another to have a good tournament was ex-Wellingtonian, Clarry Webber who picked up the grade prize.

Overall, it was a highly memorable tournament. Thanks are due to: our principal sponsor, GM Murray Chandler; Oceania president, Gary Bekker for paying the FIDE fees; Global Chess Enterprises for sponsoring the Grand Prix; Mrs Enid Foord and John Gibb for agreeing to speak at the Opening Ceremony; Phil Hall for his

fine job as arbiter and lastly, to the Tournament Committee for their efforts (Duncan Watts, Tony Dowden and Quentin Johnson).

Malcolm Foord Memorial Open 2003

| No | Name | Rtg | Club | Total | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|----|--------------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1 | DOWDEN RA, | 2197 | OT | 5.5 | 6:W | 7:W | 4:D | 12:W | 2:W | 8:D | 3:D |
| 2 | GILES BJ, | 1880 | CA | 5 | 10:W | 11:W | 8:W | 4:W | 1:L | 3:L | 6:W |
| 3 | SUTTON RJ, | 2245 | OT | 5 | 11:L | 5:D | 9:W | 8:W | 7:W | 2:W | 1:D |
| 4 | REEDY B, | 1714 | CA | 4.5 | 12:W | 9:W | 1:D | 2:L | 6:W | 5:L | 14:W |
| 5 | JOHNSON QJF, | 1952 | OT | 4.5 | 13:D | 3:D | 7:L | 10:D | 9:W | 4:W | 11:W |
| 6 | DONALDSON B, | 1772 | CA | 4 | 1:L | 14:W | 13:W | 7:W | 4:L | 10:W | 2:L |
| 7 | WATTS D, | 1818 | OT | 3.5 | 14:W | 1:L | 5:W | 6:L | 3:L | 12:W | 9:D |
| 8 | HALL C, | 1757 | CA | 3.5 | 9:D | 13:W | 2:L | 3:L | 12:W | 1:D | 10:D |
| 9 | BENNETT HP, | 2023 | HA | 3 | 8:D | 4:L | 3:L | 11:W | 5:L | 14:W | 7:D |
| 10 | LAMBERT L, | 1702 | OT | 3 | 2:L | 12:L | 14:W | 5:D | 13:W | 6:L | 8:D |
| 11 | BENSON C, | 1790 | CA | 2.5 | 3:W | 2:L | 12:L | 9:L | 14:W | 13:D | 5:L |
| 12 | NIJMAN AJ, | 1884 | CA | 2.5 | 4:L | 10:W | 11:W | 1:L | 8:L | 7:L | 13:D |
| 13 | AIMERS G, | 1724 | OT | 2.5 | 5:D | 8:L | 6:L | 14:W | 10:L | 11:D | 12:D |
| 14 | OTENE EA, | 1508 | AC | 0 | 7:L | 6:L | 10:L | 13:L | 11:L | 9:L | 4:L |

Malcolm Foord Memorial B 2003

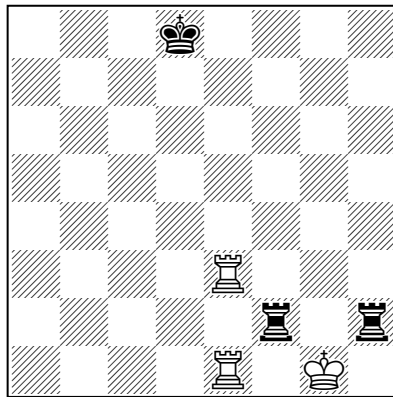
| No | Name | Rtg | Club | Total | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|----|-----------------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1 | NEWBOULD AR, | 1643 | OT | 6 | 2:L | 8:W | 4:W | 9:W | 6:W | 3:W | 5:W |
| 2 | MULLIGAN AW, | 1422 | AS | 5.5 | 1:W | 3:W | 5:D | 6:L | 11:W | 9:W | 10:W |
| 3 | WILLIAMS P, | 1463 | OT | 4.5 | 8:W | 2:L | 10:W | 5:D | 12:W | 1:L | 6:W |
| 4 | GLOISTEIN BN, | 1606 | CA | 4.5 | 10:D | 9:W | 1:L | 11:D | 7:W | 5:D | 12:W |
| 5 | URBANSKI Z, | 1448 | AS | 4 | 12:W | 6:W | 2:D | 3:D | 9:D | 4:D | 1:L |
| 6 | GOLD HR, | 1552 | OT | 4 | 11:W | 5:L | 7:W | 2:W | 1:L | 10:W | 3:L |
| 7 | SCARF R, | 1496 | AS | 4 | 9:L | 10:W | 6:L | 8:W | 4:L | 12:W | 11:W |
| 8 | WEBBER CH, | 1171 | UH | 3 | 3:L | 1:L | 12:W | 7:L | 10:L | 11:W | 9:W |
| 9 | ROWELL T, | 1342 | OT | 2.5 | 7:W | 4:L | 11:W | 1:L | 5:D | 2:L | 8:L |
| 10 | STONE RG, | 1387 | OT | 2 | 4:D | 7:L | 3:L | 12:D | 8:W | 6:L | 2:L |
| 11 | VAN ZOOMEREN J, | 1385 | OT | 1.5 | 6:L | 12:W | 9:L | 4:D | 2:L | 8:L | 7:L |
| 12 | jWILSON S, | 1144 | OT | 0.5 | 5:L | 11:L | 8:L | 10:D | 3:L | 7:L | 4:L |

Problems

By Graham Haase

Graham has kindly contributed a problem from his extensive collection. Have a go at it, and if you can't solve it yourself, the solution is given at the end of the Newsletter. The h1 square is at the bottom right of the diagram.

White to move and win (Prokesh 1948)



International News

- ❖ **Dortmund**: 31 year-old Victor Bologan of Moldova was a comfortable winner of the Dortmund Sparkassen Chess Meeting 2003. Playing black against Brain Games World Champion Vladimir Kramnik in the final round, Bologan secured a draw to finish a point clear of the field on 6.5/10. Second equal on 5.5/10 were Kramnik and Anand with 15 year-old prodigy Teimour Radjabov a further half-point behind on 5/10. Peter Leko (4/10) and Arkadij Naiditsch (3.5/10) made up the remainder of the field.

Kramnik,V (2785) - Bologan,V (2650) [E32]

It Dortmund GER (10), 10.08.2003

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.Qxc3 b6 7.Bg5 Bb7 8.e3 d6 9.Ne2 c5 10.dxc5 dxc5 11.Qc2 h6 12.Bh4 Qe7 13.0-0-0 Rd8 14.Rxd8+ Qxd8 15.Nc3 Nbd7 16.f3 Ne5 17.Bg3 Nc6 18.Be2 Qe7 19.Bh4 Ne5 20.Rd1 Rd8 21.Nb5 Nc6 22.Rf1 g5 23.Bg3 Nh5 24.Bf2 Ng7 25.Rd1 f5 26.Qa4! Rxd1+ 27.Qxd1 Ne8 28.h4! Kg7 29.Kb1 e5 30.hxg5 hxg5 31.Ka1?! Bc8! 32.g3 Be6 33.f4 Qd7 34.Qxd7+ Bxd7 35.Be1 Nf6 36.fxe5 Ne4 37.b3 Nxe5 38.Nc3 1/2-1/2

Bologan's only loss came in Round 7 at the hands of Vishy Anand. It took a fair display of pyrotechnics from the Indian maestro to score the full point.

Anand,V (2774) - Bologan,V (2650) [B17]

It Dortmund GER (7), 07.08.2003

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Ng5 Ngf6 6.Bd3 e6 7.N1f3 Bd6 8.Qe2 h6 9.Ne4 Nxe4 10.Qxe4 Qc7 11.0-0 b6 12.Qg4 g5 13.Qh3 Rg8 14.Re1!! Appears to be a novelty. 14.Nd2 is normal. **14...Bf8** The point is: 14...g4 15.Qxh6 gxf3 16.Rxe6+ fxe6 17.Qxe6+ Kf8 (17...Be7 18.Qxg8+ Nf8 19.Bg6+ Kd7 20.Bf5+ Ke8 21.Bh6!! Bxf5 22.Re1 Kd7 23.Rxe7+ Kxe7 24.Qg7+ Kd6 25.Bf4+ winning.) 18.Bh6+ Rg7 19.Bg6!] **15.Qf5** 15.Rxe6+ Kd8 (15...fxe6 16.Qxe6+ Kd8 17.Qxg8) 16.Bh7 Nf6 17.Rxf6 Bxh3 18.Bxg8 Be6 19.Bxf7! Bg7 (19...Bxf7 20.Ne5) 20.Rxe6 Qxf7 21.Rxc6 while looking promising this isn't wholly convincing.] **15...Bg7 16.h4! Kf8 17.Qh3 Rh8 18.hxg5 hxg5 19.Qg4 c5 20.Bxg5 cxd4 21.Rad1 Bb7 22.Rxe6!! fxe6 23.Be7+!** Forcing the black King out. **23...Kxe7 24.Qxg7+ Kd6 25.Nxd4 Qc5 25...Qd8 26.Nxe6!! Qh4 (26...Kxe6 27.Bc4+ Kf5 28.Rxd7 Rh1+ 29.Kxh1 Qh8+ 30.Kg1) 27.Bc4+ Bd5 28.Rxd5+ Kxe6 29.Rxd7+ Qxc4 30.Re7+ Kd6 31.Qe5+ Kc6 32.Rc7#] 26.Bf5!! Qe5 27.Nf3+ Qd5 28.Qg3+ Ke7 29.Rxd5 Bxd5 30.Qg5+ Kd6 31.Qf4+ Ke7 32.Be4 Rh5 33.Nh4 Rg8 34.Ng6+ Kd8 35.Qf7 Re8 36.Bd3**

In the final position the threats are Bb5 and Ne7 or Nf8 discovering an attack by the Qf7 on the Rh5. **1-0** (Annotation by Malcolm Pein)

- ❖ **Kasparov – Ponomariov World Championship Match**: FIDE has announced that the world championship match between Garry Kasparov and Ruslan Ponomariov will take place at Yalta in the Ukraine between September 18 and October 7 2003. The match will consist of 12 rounds and in the event of a draw a tie-break will be held on October 7. After the match Kasparov will play a match against an X3D version of Fritz in New York in the week of 11 – 18 November 2003.
- ❖ **Ist Malmö Masters**: Malmö, Sweden was the setting for this Category IX tournament held July 28 – August 6. Young English GM Luke McShane (2619) dominated the event, finishing 1.5 points ahead of the field. Final standings: 1. McShane, Luke J g ENG 2619 7.5; 2. Johannessen, Leif Erlend g NOR 2525 6.0;

3. Speelman, Jonathan S g ENG 2589 5.5; 4. Hellsten, Johan m SWE 2511 5.5; 5. Berg, Emanuel m SWE 2495 5.5; 6. Jakobsen, Ole m DEN 2381 4.0; 7. Brynell, Stellan g SWE 2511 4.0; 8. Ahlander, Bjorn m SWE 2393 3.0; 9. Sebag, Marie wm FRA 2432 2.0; 10. Tairi, Faruk SWE 2245 2.0;

- ❖ ***Biel:*** Nine different tournaments were held during the Biel International Chess Festival took which took place 19th July-1st August 2003. The GM event was a Category XVI tournament and was won by Alexander Morozevich (8/10), a full point and a half ahead of Etienne Bacrot (France) and Ilia Smirin (Israel). Veteran Viktor Korchnoi finished well down the field with 2/10.
- ❖ ***Smith & Williamson British Chess Championships:*** The Smith & Williamson British Chess Championships took place Sunday 20th July - Saturday 2nd August at the George Heriot's School in Edinburgh. Abhijit Kunte won the event with a score of 8.5/11 half a point clear of compatriot Pentala Harikrishna, Cypriot Vassilios Kotronias and Paul Motwani. Ketevan Arakhamia-Grant was the leading women's player in 5th.

Local News

Otago Spring Rapid: This GCE Grand Prix Class 3 event was held on Saturday August 30 at the Otago Chess Club rooms, 7 Maitland Street. This 5 round 25/25 Swiss event was jointly won by Tony Dowden and Dmitri Lazarev with 4.5/5. Third was Trevor Rowell on 3.5/5. The B Grade (Under 1500) was won by Bob Clarkson, with John van Zoomeren following close behind. 15 players competed. The presence of Dmitri Lazarev gave the event something of an international flavour – Dmitri is a junior player hailing from Omsk in Western Siberia currently visiting NZ. He has a FIDE rating of 2070 and the quality of his play supported the theory that “every Russian schoolboy is born with a positional bone and knows how to draw an opposite coloured bishop ending a pawn down” (as stated by a prominent local player!). Scoretable and some games in the next newsletter.

South Island Championships 2003: This year the South is being held at Ashburton. The Rapid Championships will be held on September 21 and the Championship proper on 22-26 September. Entry forms are available at the Club or you can register on-line by visiting www.ashburtonchess.cjb.net

All Canterbury Chess Open: This is a GCE Grand Prix event and will be both FIDE and NZCF rated. Format: 6 round Swiss. Time control: G/90 + 30s/move from move 1. Venue: Canterbury Chess Club, 227 Bealey Ave, Christchurch. Dates: Saturday 25 October – Monday 27 October 2003. Entry forms available from the clubrooms or by visiting the website www.auschess.org.au/oceania/canterbury/. Further information is can be obtained by e-mailing Chris Wright (Canterbury Chess Club Vice-President and Tournament Director) at wrights@xtra.co.nz.

That's all for the first edition! Please send all criticisms, comments and contributions to Duncan Watts (watts.duncan@lycos.com).

In the next edition:

- **Part 1 of a two-part article by NM Tony Dowden entitled “The Gentle (and ever so slightly despicable) Art of Swindling”.**
- **Another Immortal Game**
- **Local and International News**
- **Another Problem from Graham Haase**
- **And more.....(probably!)**

Solution to Problem: 1.Rd1+ Kc7 (if 1...Rd2 2.Rd3+ Rxd3 3.Rxd3+ followed by 4.Kxh2 winning the rook) 2.Rc3+ Kb6 3.Rb1+ Rb2 (3...Ka5 4.Ra3#) 4.Rb3+ and wins the rook as above.