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We wish our Olympiad team all the best in sunny Khanty-Mansiysk (Siberia) ...

David Cordover  
Chess Guru



**Laurence Matheson wins the 2010 Victorian Junior Championships.**

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# VICTORIAN OPEN 2010

by IM Robert Jamieson

I decided to pop into watch the Vic Open at the Box Hill Chess Club over the Queen's Birthday weekend. There was a strong field assembled, including GM Smerdon down from Canberra, plus a good collection of promising juniors and seasoned veterans. The tournament organisers, Gerrit Hartland and Trevor Stanning, also fall into the later category and made me most welcome.

It was interesting to watch the games in progress. IM James Morris, sporting his new shorter haircut, somehow lost two exchanges against Paul Bearup but still won! See if you can count how many wins his opponent missed.

### J.Morris v P.Bearup



1.f5 Bxd3+ 2.Kxd3 gxf5 3.exf5 e4+ 4.Kxe4 Be5 5.g6 fxc6 6.fxc6 Kf8 7.Ne3 Bxh2 8.Kf5 Rc5+ 9.Nd5 h4 10.Bg5 Be5 11.Bf6 Rh5+ 12.Ke6 Bxf6 13.Nxf6 Rhe5+? (13...Rh6!) 14.Kxd6 Rg5 15.Nd7+ Kg7 16.Nxc5 Rxc6+ 17.Kd7 h3 18.Bd5 Rg2 19.b3 Rd2 20.Ne6+ Black lost on time. He's still winning!



Bobby Cheng

Nearby, two young boys achieved a strange position where Black's N was trapped and useless and I was trying to work out if he could set up a blockade. Young minds however only think of attacking and White, then Black, self-destructed as follows:

### T.Gamage v C.Poh



1.g5? (1.Be4!) fxc5 2.Rxf8+ Rxf8 3.Rxf8+ Kxf8 4.Kg2 Ke7 5.Kg3 Kf6 6.Kg4 e4?? (Just sit tight and White can't make progress) 7.Bxe4 Ke5 8.Bb1 Kd4 9.Kxg5 Kc3 10.h4 Kxb3 11.h5 Kb2 12.h6 gxh6+ 13.Kxh6 Ka3 14.g7 Nf7+ 15.Kh5 Kxa4 16.g8=Q and White won.

It's a great skill to be able to do nothing well! I must write an article on that soon!

Looking elsewhere I couldn't take my eyes off the game Solomon v Ng where Solo seemed to be trying to sacrifice pieces and Ng was trying not to take them. In the end Isaac negotiated his way to quite waters. Would you have grabbed the material?

**S.Solomon v I.Ng**



**11.e5 dxe5 12.fxe5 Qxe5 13.Bf4 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Qxd4+ 15.Kh1 Nd5 16.Bxb8 O-O 17.Rad1 Qc5 18.Nxd5** and a draw was agreed even though after 18...Rxb8 19.Nxe7+ Qxe7 Black appears to be a pawn up for not much.

On the top board David Smerdon was battling against Bobby Cheng and after some exchanges Bobby accepted David's draw offer.

Many thought he could have played on and my computer has White at 1.5 pawns up. As a rule of thumb, if you can play on against a stronger opponent without much risk then you should do so. It shows them that you're not scared and that you think you can beat them!

**B.Cheng v D.Smerdon**  
(see diagram next column)

One possible continuation is: **1.Ba2 Nc4 2.Re1 Ne5 3.Rb1 Qd7 4.Qf2 Qc7 5.Kh1 Nc6 6.Rc1 +=**



On this occasion I was barracking for Bobby as at lunch time I had rocked up to my favourite Maling Road Chocolate shop only to discover that it was full and there was a grandmaster sitting in my "usual" chair!

There were 6 players sharing the leading coming into the last round but only two won through to share the spoils, Erik Teichmann and Bobby Cheng. Bobby had the tougher task, paired against IM Igor Goldenberg and they reached the following position after White had just played 1.c5

**I.Goldenberg v B.Cheng**



1. ... Nxc5 2.Bxc5 a2 3.Bd4 Ke4 4.Bf6 Kf3  
 5.Bd4 g3 6.Kh3 a4 7.Bc3 g2 8.Kh2 Kf2  
 9.Bd4+ Kf1 0-1

I think a lot of the locals were very pleased with Bobby's win in the tournament and one wag dryly noted that a very strange thing happened at the prize-giving. Bobby, a shy boy at the best of times, gave a speech! As he accepted the trophy he said "Thank You!"



The 3 "Live Boards" at the Vic Open

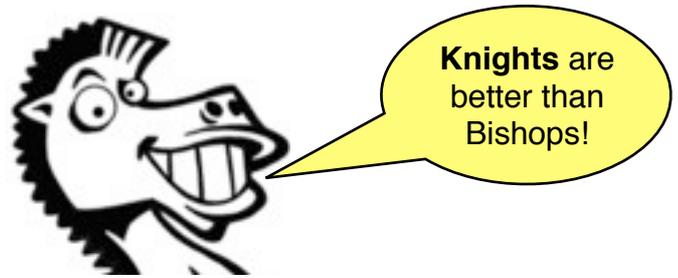
Everyone agreed that it was a fun tournament and the Box Hill Chess Club is to be congratulated on their efforts. I particularly enjoyed the 3 live boards which meant that you could follow the top games from home whilst eating your Maling Road take-away chocolates! It takes more than a GM to keep me from my chocolates.

**Leading Scores:**



6/7	B.Cheng 2290
	E.Teichmann 2375
5.5	D.Smerdon 2531
	C.Wallis 2223
5	S.Solomon 2387
	I.Goldenberg 2336
	J.Morris 2254
	M.Rudjevic 2257
	D.Hamilton 2114
	M.Dizdarevic 2036
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(87 Players)



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## GEORGE TRUNDLE NZ MASTERS TOURNAMENT JULY 3-11, 2010

Place	Name	Fed	Rating	Score	Berg
1	West, Guy	AUS	2325	8.5	34.75
2	Steadman, Michael	NZL	2277	6.5	24.25
3	Smith, Robert W	NZL	2273	5	18.50
4-5	Shen, Daniel	NZL	2163	4.5	17.75
	Cheng, Bobby	AUS	2332	4.5	15.50
6-9	Watson, Bruce R	NZL	2274	3.5	14.75
	Van Riemsdijk, Herman C.	BRA	2416	3.5	14.25
	Solomon, Stephen J.	AUS	2423	3.5	12.50
	Thornton, Giovanni Antonio	NZL	2181	3.5	10.75
10	Hart, Ralph	NZL	2223	2	9.00

Guy's performance rating for this effort: a mere 2796! - Ed.

### Report by IM Guy West.

This annual event, subsidised by veteran New Zealand chess patron George Trundle, was held at the Auckland Chess Centre from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> of July, 2010. Ten players contested a 9 game round robin played at one game per day. The format was designed to provide an opportunity for New Zealand players to gain IM norms. The highest rated New Zealand hopeful was the tournament organiser, FM Mike Steadman, who is being regularly coached via Skype by GM Ian Rogers.

Cash prizes starting at NZ \$1,000 for first were on offer, plus foreign IMs were, perhaps unwisely, offered an incentive of NZ \$50 per win, making a win and a loss financially preferable to two draws! Coupled with having our airfares paid and billets provided, it made the conditions quite tempting for the imported IMs. No doubt it was planned as a pleasant, painless extraction of our Elo rating points! FM Stephen Lukey had to withdraw from the field at the last minute, and was replaced by talented young New Zealand Olympiad selectee Gino Thornton, who proved to be a worthy substitute. The IM norm was unchanged at 6.5 points out of 9. With World Under 12 Champion Bobby Cheng, and New Zealand's latest junior sensation, Daniel Shen in the field, it looked like being a potential smorgasbord of bony chickens for the IMs to choke on. There was also a Challengers Event run concurrently, with Tony Dowden the top seed at 2123. Replayable games and commentary on both events can be found online at:

<http://www.chesschat.org/showthread.php?t=12033>

### THE PLAY

In the Masters, the two top rated players met immediately in round 1, with Van Riemsdijk managing to reach an opposite coloured bishops ending and draw, after seemingly mucking up the opening a bit against Solomon's well prepared Sicilian. Dowden started disastrously in the Challengers, losing to veteran Bob

Gibbons after greedily gobbling some poisoned prawns in a suicidal attempt to win.

In round 2 of the Masters two significant results occurred, that set something of a pattern for the tournament. Mike Steadman beat Solomon with black, and I won with black against Bobby Cheng. I felt relaxed playing Bobby, because for the first time he had a higher FIDE rating than me and I felt no pressure to win! Another interesting result was the defeat of Van Riemsdijk by Bruce Watson, who found a clever Queening combination in a seemingly worse knight ending.

Round 3 saw the young New Zealanders produce a sensation. Tail-ender Gino Thornton managed to turn around a dubious opening position with white to beat IM Solomon in a nice tactical melee, his first victory over a 2400 plus player. IM Van Riemsdijk kept solidarity with the top seed, losing with the white pieces against Daniel Shen. Steadman and myself won again to share the lead on 3/3, prompting one enthusiastic Kiwi fan to predict on Chesschat that Steadman was not only one of the favourites in the event, but soon to be the actual winner! Round 4 was expected to see a reality check for the young guns, but Daniel Shen, having beaten the second seed the previous round, now used the white pieces to beat Solomon and move to 3/4! Thornton, not to be outdone, beat Bruce Watson with black from a completely lost position. Bobby Cheng lost with the white pieces though, beaten by equal leader Mike Steadman. Steadman was looking ominous; calm and well prepared at the board, with the air of quiet confidence befitting a 'junior' coached by Ian Rogers. I mentally chalked him down as the 'New Zealand Teichmann', a motivated veteran who was nevertheless improving his game and should be treated as highly dangerous.

Round 5 though saw Steadman finally slowed, drawing with Ralph Hart despite a very promising position for most



IM Guy West

of the game. This 'collapse' as I was quick to label it, enabled me to take the lead with a win over Daniel Shen in which I utilised the infamous Irish pawn centre, (tripled isolated pawns.) New Zealand Olympiad board 1, Bob Smith, moved into third place with a black win over Herman Van Riemsdijk. Just over the half way mark we had the bizarre situation of the two top seeds having scored only one win between them out of 10 games. In round 6 I finally ran into trouble, managing to get a very bad position against Van Riemsdijk in only 10 moves, despite having white. I managed to fight back and get a small edge, but the game was soon drawn. Luckily for me, Bob Smith was also able to draw an interesting game with Steadman, leaving me still half a point clear. Stephen Solomon at last snaffled a full point, a complicated struggle against Bobby Cheng where Solomon played very nicely with the black pieces.

Round 7 saw the tournament leaders clash, as well as a titanic battle of the seconds, with cross-board Grandmaster Ian Rogers pitted against Chesschat Grandmaster Jean Watson. Jean had to concede this one to Ian, as Steadman achieved an unpleasant edge out of the opening against my Nimzo Indian. Apparently I played a line that is considered no good for Black, but luckily I didn't know this and eventually after a complex struggle the game turned my way and I was able to win. Unfortunately this left Mike needing 1.5/2 for the IM norm, though not as tough an ask as that of the only other norm contender, Bob Smith, needing 2/2. Meanwhile Tony Dowden had finally inched ahead by half a point in the Challengers, but with 2 tough opponents remaining.

Round 8 was one of mixed fortunes for the players trying for norms. Steadman, in a great show of mental toughness, beat Van Riemsdijk with black from what looked like a typically grovelly French position, leaving himself needing only a draw with white against Shen in the last round to get an IM norm. Alas, despite a tremendous effort, Smith was unable to grind down Solomon's French in a 124 move Queen-less marathon that ended in a draw. Smith appeared to miss at least one win, but it was never going to be easy against the top seed and noted endgame specialist. Despite missing the norm, Smith stayed in outright 3<sup>rd</sup> position on 5, a full point ahead of Daniel Shen in 4<sup>th</sup>.

Round 9 saw the only Grandmaster draw for 'Iron Mike' Steadman, when he quickly wrapped up the IM norm with white against Daniel Shen. I beat Solomon with black after he blundered a pawn in a Queenless middle-game, finishing on a good note, whilst Stephen must have been left wondering if he'd inadvertently walked under a ladder. Thornton finished off a good performance by drawing easily with white against Van Riemsdijk, but Smith somewhat ruined an otherwise good result by losing with black to Bruce Watson. Meanwhile in the Challengers there was an exciting finish, with 4 players all tying for first on 6/9, Bob Gibbons, (first on tiebreak), Tony Dowden, Helen Milligan (ex wife of Murray Chandler), and 13 year old Alan Ansell, (the kid who beat Darryl Johansen with the infamous knight on f4 to h2 move!)

I was ecstatic with my result, more so when Kevin Bonham posted that it was a 2796 performance. My head occupied two whole seats on the flight home. Jean was a very good second, sending me links to the games of each opponent and exhorting me to keep winning, as I have a tendency to coast when leading. Apparently I played in the Trundle once before, some years ago, and came equal first with Solomon, so something about the venue must suit me.

Mike Steadman thoroughly deserved his IM norm, playing great fighting chess despite also being the organiser of the event. Ewen Green, the arbiter, did a terrific job during the actual events and took most of the load off Mike. The secret of Mike's improvement appears to be partly the work he is doing with Ian Rogers, and partly an increased self belief and determination at the board. He certainly projected the gravitas of a serious player on a mission. Bob Smith was understandably upset by his

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final round loss, but nevertheless put in his usual determined showing and wouldn't have lost any fans. He has a very tough assignment coming up soon, playing board 1 for New Zealand at the Olympiad. (Steadman is board 2.) Good luck to the Kiwis!

Bobby Cheng would be disappointed with only 50% after his recent successes, but obviously every player has their ups and downs. A big challenge for Bobby will be handling the transition from hunter to hunted. He is now a 'name' player that opponents set themselves for, and psychologically this is a much tougher position to be in. That pressure is something he will gradually adapt to. Daniel Shen by contrast was not expected to do as well, being the lowest rated player, but showed why the New Zealanders are excited about his potential. He is a very mature player for his age, with a good positional understanding, and beat two over 2400 IMs in successive rounds at one point. No doubt he is already being touted in some quarters as the next Wang Puchen. Solomon and Van Riemsdijk had unsuccessful tournaments, with every fear you have about being a high seed in such events coming true. Neither of them ever really got their coats off. Stephen very generously after the tournament said that he felt he'd played well, but his opponents just played better. I think he might have added that luck just didn't go his way. It was good to see Van Riemsdijk return to form in the North Island Championship straight after the Masters finished, winning it with 7/8 ahead of Bob Smith on 6.5 and Stephen Solomon and a couple of others on 6. When I had to prepare for Herman I was amazed at his career, with wins over many famous Grandmasters of the past. As Leonid Sandler put it, he is a 'true Brazilian Legend'. Gino Thornton was impressive, starting poorly but recovering well and scoring some exciting wins. He was taking his chess more seriously than I expected and is starting to see a return on the talent he undoubtedly possesses. For once maybe chess will win out over poker? Bruce Watson would be disappointed with 3.5, but at least finished on a good note. He would have been going for a norm originally, so once that was impossible he was reduced to a spoiler role. Ralph Hart is the kind of player who is all or nothing,

he is a free spirit who plays interesting openings and is always going for the attack. Sometimes such an approach can backfire and this was just one of those tournaments. He's beaten all the top New Zealanders at some point, but perhaps the distraction of billeting me took its toll. He was a very gracious host and took the result philosophically.

George Trundle Masters Round 2

**FM Bobby Cheng AUS 2332**

**IM Guy West AUS 2325**

Benko Gambit

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Nf3 g6 5.cxb5 a6 6.b6**

Very popular these days. Bobby lost a bad rapid game to me at Billanook with this line a couple of years ago, but this time he really knew what he was doing!

**6...Qxb6 7.Nc3 d6 8.e4 Bg7 9.Nd2 O-O 10.a4 Nbd7**

**11.a5 Qa7?!**

11... Qc7 is the normal move, but I have won with this oddity before. My idea is to use the c7 square to reposition my Kings knight to b5.

**12.Nc4 Ne8 13.Bg5!**

An excellent move, cutting across Black's strategy. 13... f6 would be a serious positional compromise, so I had to do something I hadn't wanted to do.

**13...Ndf6 14.Nb6 Rb8 15.Bc4 h6 16.Be3 Nc7 17.Qe2**

**Nd7 18.Nca4**

White has played the opening excellently and has a slight bind and the better chances.

**18...Ne5 19.O-O Bd7?! 20.Nxd7 Nxd7 21.f4?!**

Here White missed a chance to capitalise on what is now a very good position. 21. Qd2! Simultaneously threatens the h6 pawn and the beautiful exchange sac idea, 22. b4! Neither of us saw it at the time.

**21...Nb5 22.Kh1 Rb7?!**

Planning to reposition the Queen on b8, where it exerts pressure on b2 and control over the e5 square. But in the meantime White has the powerful blow 23. e5! Both of us saw this during the game, but underestimated Black's defensive problems. The move chosen is still dangerous for Black of course, but the ceding of the e5 square allows counter-chances.

**23.f5?! Rbb8!**

The hardest thing to do in chess is undo something you just did! The potential opening of the f-file means that Black must regroup immediately. The tempting 23... g5? Runs into a monstrous attack after 24. h4!

**24.Nb6!?**

A clever pawn offer, trying to lure Black's Queen away from its lateral defence of the Kingside, whilst getting some value from the increasingly off side knight. Black correctly declines the offer and goes for dark squared counter-play.

**24...Nd4 25.Bxd4 Bxd4 26.Ra3?!**

Committing too much to the attack, and now the momentum of the game shifts. White had to admit that his advantage had largely dissipated and perhaps be content with the pragmatic 26. Nxd7. Mind you, during the heat of the battle, the rook lift is a scary move to meet!

**26...Nxb6 27.axb6 Qxb6 28.Qg4?**

Perhaps surprisingly, White is clearly losing after this move. His last chance to bail out was probably 28. Rb3, but Black has definitely taken over the advantage.

**28...Qxb2!**

Defensive eating! If you can reintroduce pieces into the defense whilst taking material, it makes good sense.

**29.Rh3 Bg7!**

This move clarifies White's problem. Taking on g6 will expose a back rank weakness, whilst winning back one of his pawns with 30. Bxa6 loses neatly to 30... Rb4 31. fxg6 f5!

**30.fxg6 fxg6 31.Qe6+**

Relatively better may have been 31. Qxg6, but after exchanging rooks on f1 Black can just push his a-pawn and none of the attacking attempts succeeds.

**31...Kh7 32.Qxe7**

Setting up the nice cheapo Rxh6+! Now Black can win by the computerlike 32... Qd2!, but I decided that psychologically and practically the pretty text move, exploiting the back rank theme, wanted to be played.



**32...Qf6 33.Qxf6 Rxf6 34.Rhf3**

White correctly calculates that lines involving taking the a-pawn lose even more surely.

**34...Rxf3 35.gxf3 a5 36.Rf2**

Preparing to challenge the passed pawn from in front. 36. f4 would have lost to Rb4.

**36...g5**

Black's eventual invasion on the dark squares is now inevitable, so even though White is only a pawn down with opposite colored bishops, the position is completely lost.

**37.Ra2 Rb1+ 38.Kg2 Rb2+!**

Normally the last thing you want is a pure bishops on opposites ending when you're winning, but every rule has its exceptions. This exchange leaves White with no target and no counter-play.

**39.Rxb2 Bxb2 40.Bb3 Kg6 41.h4 Be5 42.Kh3 Kh5**

Trying to provoke White to take on g5, whereupon Kxg5 would create a third passed pawn.

**43.Bd1!**

Setting a nice trap. If 43... Bf4? 44. e5! probably draws.

**43...Kg6 44.hxg5 Kxg5 45.Kg2 Kf4 46.Kh3 Bf6 47.Kg2 h5 48.Kf2 h4 49.Kg2 c4 0-1**

With White's pawns blockaded, Black is effectively 3 pawns up.

Notes by Guy West

# KARPOV FOR PRESIDENT!

By Robert Jamieson

**He's got my vote even though I'm a monarchist. I'm talking about the Presidency of FIDE (the World Chess Federation).**

For years now FIDE has been run by Kirsan Ilyumzhinov who is also President of a small Soviet Republic on the Caspian Sea. He's a wealthy man and has put in a lot of money to chess but to the outside observer FIDE appears to be just as corrupt and driven by politics as it was under the Campomanes regime.

Campomanes, a Phillipino Chess Administrator who was the chess equivalent of Ferdinand Marcos (ex-Phillipine Dictator), recently passed away aged 83 years. He did a lot of good promoting chess but eventually ended up serving time in gaol for embezzlement.

His successor, Ilyumzhinov, has a lot of political clout in Russia and it has been fascinating watching Karpov and Ilyumzhinov vie for the nomination of the Russian Chess Federation. The chess officials seem to want Karpov, and voted for him, whilst a rival meeting backed by the politicians voted for Ilyumzhinov at the same time! Let's hope the chess players win.

And what of Karpov? He was one of my chess idols when I was growing up and must be rated as one of the greatest players of all-time. His great rival, Kasparov, has given up chess for real politics and has been making a nuisance of himself in Russia for the last few years.

According to local news agency SarInform, Karpov announced that he has the ambition to become FIDE President. "It is necessary to restore order," Karpov was quoted. "The problems with the World Championship, the

calendar, changes of decisions, changes during a cycle, this didn't happen before. Besides, the prestige of the World Champion should return to its old level."



The new Presidential elections which will take place during the General Assembly of the FIDE Congress, held during the 39th Olympiad in Khanty-Mansiysk in September this year. Nominations for the office of President must reach the FIDE Secretariat at least three months before the opening of the General Assembly. To be elected, each candidate must first be nominated by his federation.

The Russian Chess Federation has tried to officially nominate Anatoli Karpov as their candidate and the politicians have tried to stop them!

**IT IS NECESSARY TO RESTORE ORDER, THE 12TH WORLD CHAMPION REPORTEDLY SAID.**

After Bessel Kok's failed attempt to win the FIDE Presidential elections during the Turin Olympiad in May 2006, Karpov would be another big name fighting against current FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov. The 12th World Champion never concealed that he's unhappy with Ilyumzhinov's policy. During the opening press conference of their rapid and blitz match in Valencia last year, he and his old rival Garry Kasparov took the opportunity to heavily criticize FIDE.

In recent times, Karpov has been occupied mainly as a businessman and politician. Since 2005, he has been a member of the Public Chamber of Russia. These days he only plays a few tournaments a year.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Victorian Championships 2010

The Championships and Reserves will be twelve player round-robins from July 15th to August 28th held at Box Hill, Elwood and Melbourne Chess Clubs in rotation.

The entries for this round-robin are:

- 1.C.Gorka ACF rating 2083
- 2.D.Stojic 2155
- 3.FM B.Cheng 2280
- 4.IM M.Rujevic 2193
- 5.FM E.Levi 2221
- 6.C.Wallis 2130
- 7.FM D.Hamilton 2112
- 8.IM J.Morris 2213
- 9.D.Beaumont 1835
- 10.IM I. Goldenberg 2336
- 11.IM L.Sandler 2238
- 12.GM D.Hacche 2138

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### Lidums Checkmate Open (Adelaide)

Quite a few Victorians made the trip to Adelaide for this Grand Prix event played 3-4 July in two sections (57 players).

#### Leading Scores:

- 5.5 GM D.Smerdon
- 5.5 GM D.Johansen
- 5 FM E.Teichmann
- 5 IM J.Morris
- 4.5 IM I.Goldenberg
- 4.5 C.Wallis

### Victorian Junior Championships

These events were held from 27/6 to 2/7 at the Box Hill Chess Club.

#### Title-Holders:

- U18 OPEN Laurence Matheson
- U18 GIRLS Savithri Narenthran
- U16 OPEN Thomas Feng
- U16 GIRLS Janaki Narenthran
- U14 OPEN Kyle Gibson
- U14 GIRLS Stephanie Gu.
- U12 OPEN Joshua Devarajh

- U12 GIRLS Savithri Narenthran
- U10 OPEN Finley Dale
- U10 GIRLS May-Yi Foo
- U8 OPEN Ethan Lim
- U8 GIRLS Jody Middleton

Thanks to Gerrit Hartland, Trevor Stanning and DOP David Hacche for putting on a great event.

### MCC Blitz Marathon

FM Michael Baron completely dominated the inaugural MCC Blitz Marathon scoring 57.5 out of a possible 63 points! To indicate how dominant Baron was, he scored 7 "Fischer scores" of 6-0 from his 9 matches, thus accumulating 7 bonus points! The only players to take half a point off him were Jesse Jager who scored 3-3 against him and Bill Jordan who scored 1.5 points. Everyone else got hit by a truck!

### City of Melbourne Open 2010

This event has just finished with the junior players doing very well.

#### Leading Final Scores (after 9 rounds):

- 7.5 D.Dragicevic, D.Stojic
- 7 M.Rujevic
- 5.5 B.Fitzpatrick, J.Tan, S.Urban, P.Skiotis, T.Ly. G.Lycett, M.Pyke



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## PLAYING THE CHESS CIRCUIT

by IM Robert Jamieson

Club players enjoy their weekly game of chess but it can become boring playing the same opponents week after week.

One solution is to have a holiday and enter the world of the chess weekender circuit. On the Queen's Birthday Weekend you could enter the Vic. Open in Canterbury and enjoy the chocolates at Mailing Road. On the Labour Day Weekend you can go to Ballarat for the Begonia Open and over Easter you can go to Canberra for the Doeberl Cup or if you wanted a new challenge in July you could have gone to Adelaide for the Lidums Open.



IM James Morris v Karl Zelesco

10 year-old Karl Zelesco, a very promising player from the Box Hill Chess Club, decided to have a go and journeyed to Adelaide for the Lidums Tournament.

He was rewarded with a game against IM James Morris in round 1 and Karl was not daunted by his higher rated opponent. He sacrificed for the initiative and there was a surprise chance to draw but Karl missed it.

Here is their exciting encounter.

Lidums Checkmate Open

IM James Morris 2213

Karl Zelesco 1603

Queen's Pawn Game

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bg5 Ne4 4.Nxe4 dxe4  
5.Bf4 h6? 6.e3 Nd7 7.Ne2 g5 8.Bg3 Bg7  
9.Nc3 Nf6 10.Nb5 Nd5 11.c4 c6 12.cxd5  
cxb5 13.Bxb5+ Bd7 14.Bc4 Rc8 15.Bb3  
Bb5 16.h4 g4? 17.Qxg4



17...Qa5+ 18.Kd1 O-O 19.Be5 f6 20.d6+  
Kh8 21.dxe7 fxe5 22.exf8=Q Rxf8  
23.Rc1 exd4 24.Rc8 Rd8 25.Kc1 dxe3  
26.Rxd8+ Qxd8 27.fxe3 Qc7+ 28.Kb1  
Bd3+ 29.Ka1 a5 30.Qd1? (30.a4) b5?  
(Missing a draw with 30...Bxb2+ 31.Kxb2  
Qe5+ 32.Kc1 Qa1+ 33.Kd2 Qb2+ 34.Bc2  
Qb4+ 35.Kc1 Qa3+=) 31.Qc1 Qd7 32.Bc2  
a4 33.Bxd3 a3 34.Qd2 Bxb2+ 35.Kb1  
Qxd3+? 36.Qxd3 exd3 37.Rd1 b4 38.Rxd3  
Kg7 39.Rd6 Be5 40.Rb6 Bc3 41.Kc2 h5  
42.Rb5 Kg6 43.g4 hxg4 44.Rg5+ Kh6  
45.Rxg4 Kh5 46.Re4 Be1 47.Kb3 Bd2  
48.Rxb4 Bxe3 49.Kxa3 Bc5 50.Kb3 Bxb4  
51.Kxb4 Kxh4 52.a4 Kg5 53.a5 Kf6 54.a6  
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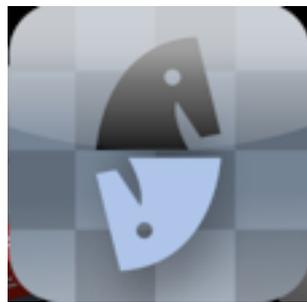
## Best Apple Chess Apps.

With IM Robert Jamieson

I've always been Mac Man and am thrilled with my new iPad to compliment my iPhone. The iPad is my constant companion and chess opponent!

There are some great chess apps. available from the Apple iTunes Store.

My favourite chess playing program is "Shredder" which does just about everything you could want and one thing that I don't want. It keeps beating me!



Yes, it plays a really strong game and can be used to go through your tournament games to find any mistakes that you may have made. I was playing through one of my old games from 1979 which I thought I had played quite well, but Shredder came up with a tactic that I had completely missed. Fortunately my opponent missed it too. Costs around \$13 but it's worth it.



Another great app is "Great Chess Games" which has around 100,000 top grandmaster games with a clear chess board display and simple interface.

The other one I have is "Chess DB" which has about 500,000 games but you

have to enter the name of the player that you want rather than the easier way of selecting from a list of players.



I have "Chess Timer" which is a chess clock in my iPhone! When I get challenged to a game between rounds in a RJ Shield tournament I rip out my iPhone and use "Chess Timer" rather than a chess clock. It's compact, simple to use, and even a duffer like me can set the chess timer whereas I find the buttons on a normal chess clock rather confusing. The kids can't wait to use it.



Finally, I wanted a chess board for the iPad to play against a human opponent. I chose iChessboard because it has a nice looking board and pieces. I like the aqua and white squares! It does the job but the program is stupid as it allows any moves - legal or otherwise! Still, that doesn't matter much so long as you keep playing legal moves, and it costs only \$1.19.

It has a clock with various formats which I find difficult to cope with and a big red button for each player to press when they have made their move.



# JAMMO'S CHESS PUZZLE

I've now done nearly 50 of my weekly puzzles at [www.chesskids.com.au](http://www.chesskids.com.au) and sometimes I get complaints that they are too hard.

This month therefore, especially for OTM readers, I've decided to present a puzzle that has something for everyone.

Have a look at the position below with White to move. White is clearly winning, being two solid pawns ahead with no weaknesses, so this should be pretty easy. All I want you to do is to find a move which results in immediate resignation. What could be simpler?



White to play a move that results in immediate resignation.

## "Jammo's Chess Puzzles"

appear weekly at [www.chesskids.com.au](http://www.chesskids.com.au)

There's just one small thing. After 1.Rc7?? you are the player who will resign immediately after I hit you with my "killer" move. And what is the move? I'm not telling. It's one move deep so see if you can find it yourself.

1.Rc7! threatens the Black Q and when the Q moves 2.Rxg7+ is fatal. Now that was easy wasn't it?

**ANSWER:**

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