



# SUNCOAST CHESS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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**H**ave you entered the 1999 Australian Open yet? There have been various steps in the entry process, the first of which cut out on 30/09/1998 for free entry for GMs and IMs. The 30/11/1998 is the next deadline, after which there is an **\$18 surcharge** for entry. So don't hang around, get those entries in.

For Suncoast players, particularly those in Noosa, we should start to think about carpooling arrangements to protect the planet and reduce costs.

**T**ournament Results Section The Noosa Club Championships have been completed, with **Otto Mehlreter** emerging as the winner. Congratulations Otto. **Gerry O'Connor** recorded the best cumulative upsets largely due to a win in the final round against **Paul Summers**. Overall best performer was **Robert Hochstadt**. Well done Gerry and Robert.

A fuller than normal set of results appears below.

- 1st **Otto Mehlreter** (7/7)
- 2nd **Paul Summers** (5/7)
- 3rd **Robert Hochstadt** (4.5/7)
- 4th **Gerry O'Connor** (4/7)
- 5th **Allan Wilkes** (3.5/6)

Have we a club champion at Buderim yet?

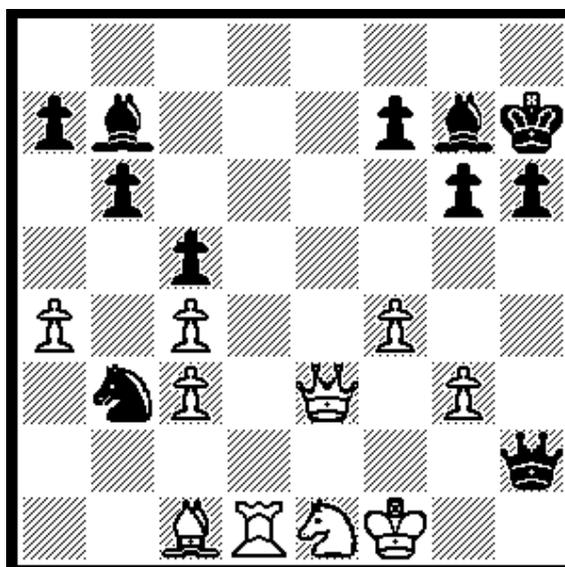
An idea for next year following the respective championships, the winner of the tournament should take on all comers on the following night in a simul. Offers the opportunity for some revenge, eh!

In other OTB tournaments, Suncoast players competed at the Whale Open at Hervey Bay and the Gold Coast Classic. A strong contingent turned up at Hervey Bay, however unfortunately, the editor did not keep a copy of the final results. It is recalled that **Kevin McColl** and **Paul Summers** were among the winners, apologies to others.

**Paul Summers** and **Geoff Smith** both competed in the Gold Coast Classic, with Geoff emerging as the prize winner from the veteran's field of one!! This tournament had classes established beforehand, with Paul competing in the 1600-2000 class at 1614. Whilst there were only 4 players in the class, 5 from 7 was insufficient to win. The folly of running tournaments this way was evident.

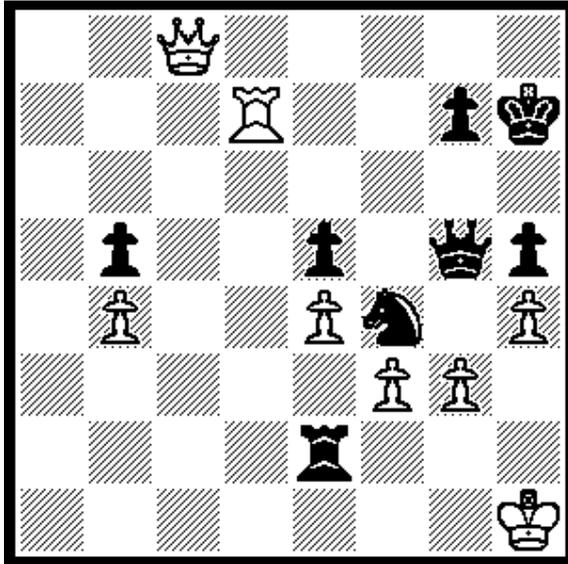
In passing, as with the Gold Coast Open earlier in the year, organisers were disappointed that more Suncoast players did not support their tournament. Please note that if Gold Coast players reciprocate, numbers at Suncoast opens may well drop.

**B**lunders Section We all make them, but perhaps we are most intrigued when titled players make rather gross ones, so here are a few for your enjoyment. The first is a double from Emma-Stein, Mar del Plata, 1966.



With Black to move Stein finds 37...Qc2???. Incredibly, Emma responded almost immediately with 38 Rd7???. So it happens! 37...Bc8 would have been more appropriate for Stein.

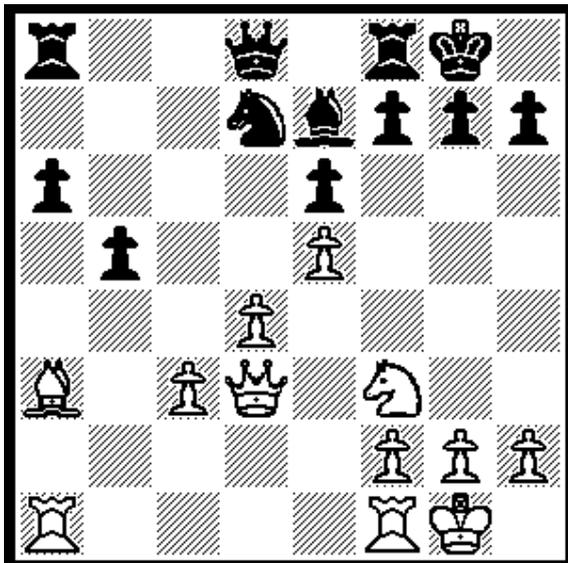
The one over the page comes from Evans-Reshevsky, US Championship, 1964 and has been dubbed the *swindle of the century*. Black is a N ahead and 48...Qf6 is best as 49 gxf3?? Qxh4+ with mate in two. Black got greedy and played 48...Qxg3?? which is meet by the very pretty response 49 Qg8+!! Kxg8 50 Rxd7+!! Now Black must either take the R which gives stalemate or alternatively be subjected to perpetual check across the back row eg. 50...Kf8 51 Rf7+ Ke8 52 Re7+ etc. Apparently Reshevsky did not realise the seriousness of the situation, actually thinking that Evans offer of a handshake was resignation!!



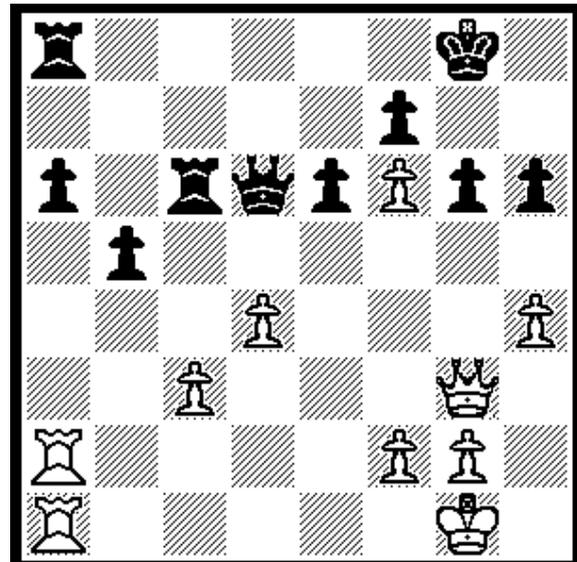
**G**ames Section Allan Wilkes has dug into his archives and produced a number of games from his illustrious career. The first is a win over a Grandmaster and at the time the Women's World Champion. Notes are by the editor.

**White:** Zsuzsa Polgar (2490)  
**Black:** Allan Wilkes (1626)  
**Event:** Hyatt Adelaide Simul, 1988  
**Opening:** D12 Queen's Gambit, Slav

**1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c6 3 Nc3 d5 4 e3 Bf5 5 cxd Nxd5 6 Nf3 e6 7 Bd3 Nxc3** More popular is the continuation 7...Bxd3 8 Qxd3 Nbd7 9 OO Bb4 or Be7 **8 bxc3 Bxd3 9 Qxd3 b5 10 a4 a6 11 axb5 cxb5 12 e4 Be7 13 OO Nd7 14 Ba3 OO** With both sides now castled, Black is a tempo behind in development (Q) and White enjoys good control in the centre. Black's advantage rests with the backward c-pawn and the passed a-pawn **15 e5?!**



The d4 and e4 pawns (a *duo* in Hans Kmoch's terms *Pawn Power in Chess* ) are very powerful. By advancing the e-pawn that power is lost, but worse it also leaves gaping holes at d5 and c4 which could be occupied by Black pieces **15...Re8?!** A precautionary move due to the B at a3, however it could have allowed White the immediate opportunity to advance the c and d-pawns, eradicating their weakness. Therefore probably better was 15...Nb6 eyeing both d5 and c4 **16 Qe4 Nf8** Black proceeds with a much slower route to achieve the same goal! **17 Bxe7 Rxe7 18 Ra3 Rc7 19 Rfa1 Qc8 20 Qe3 Ng6 21 Nd2 Ne7 22 Ne4 Nd5** Had Black chosen the Nd7-b6 path earlier the N would have had the choice of not only d5 or c4, but also a4 putting extra pressure on the c3 pawn **23 Qg5** Threatening 24 Nf6+ **23...Qf8 24 Nf6+ Nxf6 25 exf6 h6 26 Qg3 Rc6 27 R3a2 g6 28 h4 Qd6** With the isolation of the f6 pawn and the WQ the only piece able to make use of its advantage, Black seeks to exchange Qs



**29 Qg4** White could have forced a draw with 29 Qxd6 Rxd6 30 Rxa3 Rxa3 31 Rxa3 Rxc3 32 Ra8+ Kh7 33 Ra7. **29...Rxc3** In choosing not to exchange Qs, White appears to miss that Black quickly develops c-file mating threats **30 h5 g5 31 Qe4 Rac8!** The mating threats secure the pawn with a straight forward endgame win, even against a GM!! **32 g3 R3c6 33 Re1 Rc1 34 Rxc1 Rxc1+ 35 Kg2 Qc6 36 Qxc6 Rxc6 37 Kf3 Kf8 38 Ke4 Ke8 39 f4 g4 40 f5 Kd7 41 fxe6+ Rxe6+!** The Q'side threats prevent the Black gobbling pawns **42 Kf5 b4 43 d5 Rb6 44 Ke4 b3 45 Rb2 Kd6 46 Kd4 a5 47 Kc3 a4 48 Rb1 b2 49 Rxb2 Rxb2 50 Kxb2 Kxd5 51 Ka3 Ke4 52 Kxa4 Kf3 53 Resigns** Two simple slips and you've got a GM!!