



SUNCOAST CHESS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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CLUB TOURNAMENT NEWS

A handicap event was one of the highlights of early March. In an attempt to get a new player at the head of the list, the Real Handicap Lightning was held. 5 minutes each was the baseline, with a minute penalty per 50 points rating difference. While we have done this before, what we hadn't done was also to deduct the time from the higher rated player, to a minimum of two minutes. So while the lower players time increased, in addition the higher player's time decreased.

This approach did the trick with **Dominique Patissier** pulling off first place!!

1st Dominique Patissier 6/7

2nd Otto Mehlreter 4.5/7

3rd Gerry O'Connor & Paul Summers 4/7

HERVEY BAY TOURNAMENT NEWS

A very successful weekend at Hervey Bay attracted more than 60 players. Although not strong, top seed Stephen Solomon, then John Myers, then **Otto Mehlreter** (sorry Otto but you know what I mean), but plenty of middle-ground depth. Unfortunately the rating divisions suffered due to the lack of depth at the top, with all players rated 1600 and up competing in the open division. We at first thought this would mean that most of the higher Suncoast players would be excluded from the prizes. Instead they shone, hitting big heights:-

- Equal second were **Bob Goodwin** and **Otto Mehlreter**, with John Myers. An excellent performance, especially from Bob.
- Various ratings division and veterans prizes were shared by **Dominique Patissier**, **Gerry O'Connor**, **Alan Runciman**, **Stuart McColl** and **Derrick Jeffries**. Special congratulations go to Stuart who collected his first ever prize!!

Well done to all players!!

Thanks to players who have provided the following games. For those interested, the first two are annotated by Fritz using natural language.

Patissier,D – Myers,J [A48]

Hervey Bay Open (2), 11.03.2000

[Fritz 6 (5s)]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.e3 g6 4.c3 Bg7 5.Bd3 d6
6.Nbd2 Nc6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 e5 9.dxc5 dxc5
10.Ne4 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 Qc7 12.Bxc6 [12.Bd5
Rd8 13.Ng5 Rd7=] 12...Qxc6 13.e4 b5 14.a4
a6 15.axb5 axb5 [15...Qxb5 16.b3=] 16.Rxa8
Qxa8 17.Qd6 Bb7 18.Nxe5 Bxe4 19.f3 Bf5
[19...Bxe5!? 20.Qxe5 Re8=] 20.Nc6 Re8
21.Rxe8+ [21.Ne7+ Kh8±] 21...Qxe8± Do you
see the mate threat?



22.Qd8 [22.Ne7+!? is an interesting alternative
22...Kh8 23.Be3±] 22...Qxd8= 23.Nxd8 b4
24.cxb4 cxb4 25.Nc6 Bf8 26.Kf2 Bd7 27.Ne5
Bb5 28.f4 f6 29.Nf3 Kf7 30.Be3 Ba6 31.Bd4
Ke6 32.Ba7 Kd5 33.Nd2 Bd6 34.g3 h5 35.Ke3



Bb7 36.Bb6 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

Goodwin,B (1348) – Hartley–Holl,C (1450)
[C21]

Hervey Bay Open, 03.2000

[Fritz 6 (5s)]

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.c3 Danish Gambit **dx c3**
4.Bc4 d6 5.Nxc3 Nf6 6.e5 Qe7 7.Nf3 dxe5 last
book move. **8.0-0** [Δ 8.Ng5!? Be6 9.Qb3 \mp]
8...Bg4+ 9.h3 Qc5 [Δ 9...Bh5!?-+] **10.Qb3**
[10.Qa4+ Bd7 11.Qb3 Bc6=] **10...Bxf3**
11.Bxf7+ Kd8 12.gxf3 Nc6 13.Be3 Qb4
14.Qe6 [14.Rfd1+ Bd6 \mp] **14...Bd6** [14...Qxb2
15.Rad1+ Nd4 16.Qxe5+-] **15.Bg5** If White
now would get Nd5 in, he might survive



15...Be7?? throws away the game [Δ 15...Rf8
16.Rfd1 Nd4 17.Bxf6+ gxf6 18.Qxf6+ Kc8 \mp]
16.Rfd1+ Nd4 17.Qxe5 c5 [17...Kc8 cannot
change destiny 18.Rxd4 Qc5 19.Nd5+-] **18.Bf4**
[Δ 18.Nb5! secures the point 18...Qxb5
19.Rxd4+ cxd4 20.Qxb5+-] **18...Rc8 19.Be6**
[19.Ne2 Nd7 20.Nxd4 cxd4 21.Rxd4+-
(21.Qxg7?! is clearly worse 21...Bf6 22.Bg5
Qe7+-; 21.Qxd4?! Qxd4 22.Rxd4 Bf6+-)]
19...Nd7?? the position is going down the drain
[19...Ke8 20.Rxd4! White moves ahead of the
opponent 20...cxd4 21.Bxc8 dxc3 22.bxc3
Qa3+-] **20.Qd5+-** [20.Qxg7?! is a useless try
20...Re8 21.Bxd7 Kxd7 \pm] **20...Rc7 21.Bxc7+**
Kxc7 22.Qxd7+ Kb8 23.Qxe7 Nxf3+ [23...Qb6
is not the saving move 24.Bd5 Rc8 25.b4+-]
24.Kh1 a6 [24...Qh4 does not help much
25.Qxg7 Rd8 26.Qg3+ Qxg3 27.Rxd8+ Kc7
28.Rd7+ Kc6 29.fxg3+-] **25.Rd8+** [Δ 25.Bd5
and White has reached his goal 25...Nh4 26.a3
Qb6 27.Qxh4 g5 28.Qg3+ Ka7+-] **25...Rxd8**
26.Qxd8+ Ka7 27.Rd1 Qf4 [27...Nd4 doesn't
get the bull off the ice 28.Bd5 h6 29.Qc8+-]
28.Qd6 [28.Nb5+ axb5 29.Qa5+ Kb8 30.Rd8#]
28...Qh4 [28...Qxd6 otherwise it's curtains at

once 29.Rxd6 Ng5+-] **29.Qxc5+ b6** [29...Ka8
does not solve anything 30.Rd7 Qf4 31.Rd8+
Qb8 32.Nb5 Qxd8 33.Qa7#] **30.Qc7+ Ka8 1-0**

Van der Meer,A (1219) – Summers,P (1639)
[B20]

Hervey Bay Open (2), 11.03.2000

[Paul Summers & Fritz 6 (5s)]

Prior to the game, White informed Black that he
was going to play very positional chess to
counter Black's tactical game **1.e4 c5 2.Ne2 e6**
At this point White wrote 3. g3 on the
scoresheet, but then changed his mind **3.Nbc3**
Knowing that a finchetto was intended, Black
sets out to upset the White plan **3...b6 4.g3**
Bb7 5.Bg2 f5 6.0-0 Nf6 7.e5?! Bxg2 8.Kxg2
Ng4 9.f4 Another pawn on a black square
means the bishop will have trouble finding
development and there is little point to the
knight at e2 **9...Qc7 10.h3 Qb7+ 11.Kg1 h5!?**



[11...Nh6 Fritz 6 (5s) 12.d4=] **12.h4??** [12.hxg4
hxg4 13.Kf2 Only move 13...Rh2+ (13...Qf3+
14.Ke1 Rh1 15.Rxh1 Qxh1+ 16.Kf2 Qh2+
17.Ke1=) 14.Ke1+- Black gains little headway,
though White will have difficulty in getting his
pieces to effective squares] **12...c4! 13.Nd4**
[13.d4!?= (Fritz 6 (5s)) is noteworthy] **13...Bc5**
14.Nce2 [14.Ncb5 Fritz 6 (5s) 14...a6 15.Nd6+
Bxd6 16.exd6 Qd5 \mp] **14...Qd5** [14...Qe4!? Fritz
6 (5s) 15.c3 Nc6 16.Qe1-+] **15.c3 Nc6 16.d3**
Nxd4 [16...Bxd4+?! Fritz 6 (5s) 17.Nxd4
(\leq 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Nc3 Qc5 \mp) 17...cxd3
18.Qxd3 Nxd4 19.Qxd4 Qxd4+ 20.cxd4=]
17.cxd4 Bxd4+ 18.Nxd4 Qxd4+ 19.Kg2 Rc8!
20.dxc4 Qe4+ 21.Qf3?? [Δ 21.Kg1 Fritz 6 (5s)
21...Rxc4 22.Re1 \mp] **21...Qc2+ 22.Kg1??**
[22.Rf2 Fritz 6 (5s) 22...Nxf2 23.Qxf2 Rxc4
24.Qxc2 Rxc2+ 25.Kf3-+] **22...Qh2# 0-1**