

INTRODUCTION

Well we started the year with drive, dedication and commitment and indeed so did your editor, but we have now almost ground to a halt again.

You cannot have a chess club, without chess players and when our weekly numbers drop to the very low levels of recent weeks, it becomes hardly worthwhile. Where has the commitment gone from the year's start?

Our goal must be to secure some new members, so that whenever we have a few players away, which is inevitable, there are sufficient numbers still there to continue. It is very depressing to arrive for a club championship lightning tournament and find a total of three players.

Meanwhile, some complain that the evening round starts a few minutes late, while others complain that they expect to play with another colour, but if all you contribute to the club is your presence, would it not be better to either do something constructive and fix the problem or show some tolerance to others who make the effort. When a very small number of club members run the books, do the draws, write the newsletters, open and close the club venue, ensure there are supplies for coffee, etc. and others just complain, it does not make for a healthy situation. In a club of our size, each of us must make an effort to contribute something to it, apart from our presence.

Now on the upside, we are finding some paths forward where we can all share the load. The first of these is to achieve some publicity for the club through a *sports* report in the *Noosa News*. Each member will have the responsibility of drafting up a short report on the week's tournament round once every cycle through all members.

RATINGS

The intention was to include our updated ratings in this section, however there have been next to no rating shifts amongst club members due to:

- Players not entering rating events – and it has to be said that there has been a grave dearth of Suncoast players participating in weekenders organised by other clubs;
- The Suncoast Open results not yet included in the calculations; and
- Your editor not submitting Noosa club results yet (the time will be found).

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Now there are no guarantees that this information is 100% accurate or bang up-to-date, as our record keeping has fallen a little behind as well, but here we go:

Noosa Ruddy Rapid: 6 rounds, 20 minutes followed by 10 seconds per move

1 st	Paul Summers	6/6
2 nd	David Campkin	5/6
3 rd -5 th	Dominique Patissier;	3/4
	Gerry O'Connor &	3/6
	Otto Mehlreter	3/6

Noosa Falling Leaves: 6 rounds, 60 minutes followed by 10 seconds per move

1 st	Paul Summers	5/5
2 nd -3 rd	David Campkin &	4/5
	Dominique Patissier	4/6

Stuart McColl Memorial, fixed openings, Pirc & Blackmar-Diemer: 4 x 2 rounds, 10 mins followed by 10 secs per move

1 st	David Campkin	7/8
2 nd	Otto Mehlreter	6.5/8
3 rd	Paul Summers	6/8

Noosa Rapid Championship: 6 rounds, 20 minutes followed by 10 seconds per move

1 st -2 nd	Otto Mehlreter &	5/6
	Paul Summers	5/6
3 rd	David Campkin	3.5/6

GAMES SECTION

Internet FICS star David Campkin took on Club Champion Otto Mehltreter in the 5th round of the Noosa Ruddy Rapid.

(4) Mehltreter,O (1771) – Campkin,D (1526) [C76]

Noosa Ruddy Rapid (05), 23.03.2003

[Summers,P & Campkin,D]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 d6 5.0-0 Bd7 6.c3 g6 7.d4 Bg7 8.Bg5 Nf6 9.Re1 [Δ9.d5] 9...0-0 10.h3N [10.Nbd2 h6 11.Bh4 Qe8 12.Bb3 Nh5 13.Nc4 Bg4 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Ncxe5 dxe5 16.h3 Be6 1-0 in 29 Plachetka,J (2443)–Vazelakis,D (2117)/Nikea GRE 2001]

Position after 10.h3



10...h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Bg3 b5 13.Bb3 Nh5 [13...exd4 14.cxd4 Nh5 15.Bh2=] 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 [14...dxe5 15.Qxh5 exd4 16.Bd5±] 15.Nxc6 Bxc6 16.fxc3 Qd7 17.Nd2 Rae8 18.Qf3 Kh8 19.d5 Bb7 20.a4 f5 21.exf5 Rxe1+ 22.Rxe1 Diagram 22...Be5? [Δ22...bxa4 23.Ba2 Rxf5±] 23.Qh5 Qg7 24.g4 [24.axb5 Rxf5 25.Nf3 axb5+-] 24...c6 [24...bxa4!? 25.Bxa4 Bxd5±] 25.Nf3 cxd5 26.Nxe5 [Δ26.axb5!? axb5 27.Qg6 Qxg6 28.fxc3+-] 26...dxe5± 27.axb5 axb5 28.Qg6 [28.Ra1 Qf6±]

Position after 22.Rxe1



28...Qxg6 29.fxc3 Re8 30.Rd1 Rd8 31.Rf1 Rd7 32.Rf6 Kg7 33.Re6 e4 34.Kf2 b4 35.Ke3 Kf8 36.Kd4 [36.cxb4 d4+ 37.Ke2 e3+-]

Position after 36.Kd4



36...Re7?? Black had no time left and ultimately lost on time [36...bxc3 37.bxc3 Kg7 38.g3 (38.Ba2±) 38...Bc8 39.h4 Rc7 40.Re5 gxh4 41.gxh4 Kxg6 42.Bxd5 Bxg4 43.Bxe4+ Kf6 44.Rc5 Rxc5 45.Kxc5 Ke5 46.Bd5 Kf4 47.Kd6 Be2 48.h5 Bxh5 49.c4 Be8 50.c5 h5 51.Be6 h4 52.Bc8 Kg3 53.Bb7 h3 54.c6 Bxc6 55.Bxc6 h2 56.Bb7 Kf2 57.Bc6 Kg1 58.Bd5 h1Q 59.Bxh1 Drawn] 37.Rxe7 [37.g7+ Rxg7 38.Bxd5 bxc3 39.bxc3 Bxd5 40.Kxd5 Rc7+-] 37...Kxe7 38.cxb4 Kf6 39.b5 Kxg6 40.b6 Kf6 41.Bxd5 e3 42.Bc4 [42.Bxb7?? e2+-] 42...Bxg2 43.Kxe3 Ke5 44.Bf1 Bb7 45.Be2 Kd6 46.Bf3 Ba6 47.Bg2 Kd7 48.Kd4 Kd6 49.b7 Kc7 50.Ke5 Bb5 51.Kf6 Be8 52.b4 Kb8 53.b5 Bxb5 54.Kg6 Bd3+ 55.Kxh6 Kc7+- 0-1