SUNCOAST CHESS CLUB NEWSLETTER

We get bigger and better. The *Noosa Chess Club Newsletter* is no more. Enthusiastic members of the Buderim branch of the Suncoast Chess Club have reacted favourably to the newsletter and thus our little leaflets warrant a broader banner, hence the *Suncoast Chess Club Newsletter* is born. All lawsuits may now be directed to the Suncoast Chess Club!!

Lets hope the Buderim enthusiasm persists, with the presentation of plenty of annotated games, news and tournament results. It won't take much enthusiasm to exceed Noosa's with only the editor and **Dominique Patissier** contributing so far! Remember these pages cannot be filled with promises!!

Noosa Tournament Results. Two tournaments have been completed since the last issue. The Noosa Hot Tournament:-

- First **Otto Mehltreter** with 6.5/7
- Second **Alan Runciman** with 4.5/7
- Third was a four way tie, **Gerry O'Connor, Dominique Patissier, Robert Hochstadt** and **Wolf Koch** all finishing with 3.5, although Dominique competed in 6 rounds.

Alan Runciman was the star performer in the tournament with a performance rating of 1501, successfully advancing his club rating by 44.

Following the recent Committee Meeting at Noosa (attended by 12 participants), a handicap lightning event was held. For Buderim players who have not participated in these, they are based on difference in rating points. The higher rated player gets 5 minutes and for this tournament for every 100 points difference in rating, the lower rated player received an extra minute to a maximum of 5 minutes (giving a maximum of 10 minutes). Higher rated players dominated and next time we play one of these we might try 1 minute for every 50 points difference and really put the pressure on.

Results in this double play tournament were:-

- First **Otto Mehltreter**
- Second -Third **Paul Summers** and **Kevin McColl**.

In an interesting twist, Paul defeated Otto in both games, Otto defeated Kevin in both games and Kevin defeated Paul in both games!! Mind you, it was all a little closer than the results might suggest!!

Plenty of over the board news from non-Suncoast events with the Hervey Bay Open held this month. Over 60 players took part with a strong Suncoast contingent including **Kevin McColl, Paul Summers, Derrick Jeffries, Alan Runciman, Dominique Patissier, Robert Hochstadt, David Waterhouse** and **Geoff Smith** participated. Whilst most of our club members were pleased with our results, we were somewhat embarrassed by the behaviour of one of our participants, **not** listed above. Let us hope that this is the last time we witness this sort of thing.

Greg Canfell and Stephen Solomon shared first with 6.5/7 after drawing their game. Suncoast players performed well as follows:-

- Sharing the under 1800 Rating Division prizes with 2 non-Suncoast players were **Kevin McColl** and **Paul Summers** with 5/7.
- Sharing the under 1500 Rating Division prizes with 2 non-Suncoast players was **Derrick Jeffries** 4.5/7.
- Sharing the under 1200 Rating Division prizes with 1 non-Suncoast player was **David Waterhouse** with 4/7.

Unfortunately, **Allan Wilkes** our volunteer for this month's annotated game has been ill, and perhaps doesn't even know he was *volunteered*. Get well soon Allan.
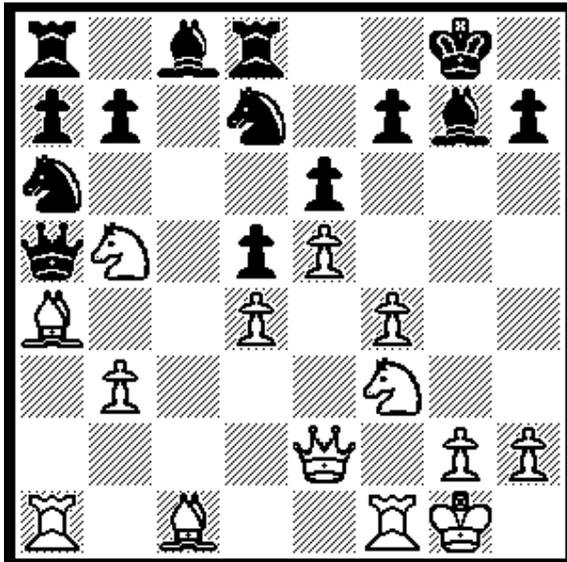
a. Can we suggest for the coming months that each of the participants in the Hervey Bay Open provide notes to their best or most interesting game and pass it to the editor for inclusion. This would provide us with 8 quality games. Your names appear above, so get cracking. We know who you are and will come looking!! Remember annotating improves your chess!!

A new innovation this month is the rules section (see page 2), flowing from an Alan Runciman question. Specific issues can be addressed, just ask the editor.

Games Section This month's game will be the first of the Hervey Bay Open results, with notes by **Paul Summers**.

White: Paul Summers (1649)
Black: Dizdarevic, Mehmedalija (1863)
Opening: B09 Pirc Defence, Austrian Attack

1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 f4 Bg7 5 Nf3 OO 6 e5 This is an old Pirc line, now discarded in favour of 6 Bd3. **6...Nfd7 7 Bc4 Nb6** In the very next round, against White, ex-Suncoast player **John Myers** varied with 7...c5 8 dxc?! (8 e6!) dxe 9 OO Qc7 10 Qd5, where White *gambitted* a pawn and obtained plenty of play **8 Bb3 Na6 9 a4!?** Book is 9 Ne4 Bf5 10 Ng3 Bg4 11 h3 Bxf3 12 Qxf3 dxe 13 Qxb7 exf 14 Ne2 Qc8 15 Qc6 Qe8 16 Qxe8 Raxe8 17 Bxf4 e5 when Black had equalised in I Zaitsev-Savon, 1970 USSR Championships. 9 a4!? aims to cramp Black's Q'side, hoping eventually to shut it down completely **9...e6 10 OO** The need to play a5 is reduced, as the Black QB is locked in anyway **d5 11 Qe2 c5 12 a5 Nd7 13 Nb5!** *Gambitting* a pawn in order to obtain the beautiful d6 square for the N (not to mention, consequent play against the Black Q) **13...c4 14 Ba4 Qxa5 15 b3!** Preparing the unplayed threat of 16 Ba3 **15...cxb 16 cxb Rd8?!**

Allowing the other serious threat, however it is difficult to suggest an improvement for Black in such a cramped position. White easily obtains full compensation for the gambit pawn, so the acceptance of the pawn is probably the questionable move **17 Bd2 Qb6 18 Qe1 Qc6 19 Rc1 Nac5 20 Nd6** There is no rush to capture the N. While Black will lose material, White's position in the Pirc can often self-destruct. By not capturing, White maintains the tension in the position, but more importantly maintains a large number of candidate moves. These must, of course, be checked by Black who has already consumed most of his time **20...Qc7 21 Ng5!** Complicating in Black's time trouble by switching the attack to the K'side and
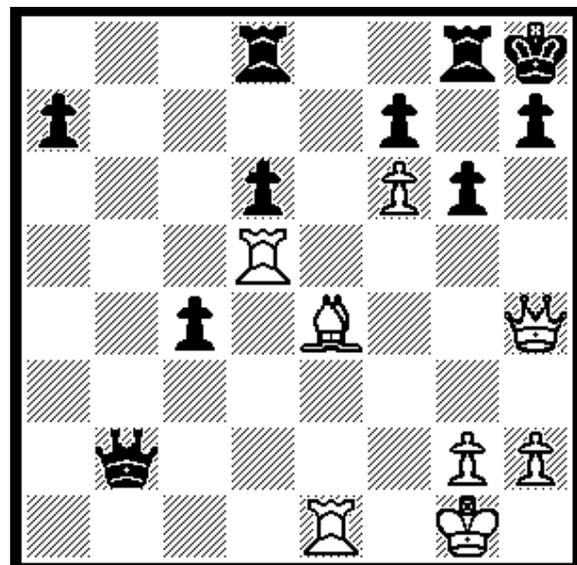
stretching Black's resources to the limit **21...Qxd6 22 exd6   Bxd4+ 23 Be3 Nd3 24 Qg3 Nxc1 25 Rxc1 Bxe3+ 26 Qxe3 a6 27 Bxd7   Bxd7 28 Qh3 h5 29 Qe3   Bc6 30 Qe5 Rd7   31 Nxe6** One last trick **31...fxe6 32 Qxe6+ Kg7 33 Rxc6 Resigns**

Rules Section Article 4.3 of the FIDE Laws of Chess is the rule which governs the touching of pieces. If a player deliberately touches (without first expressing his intention eg. *j'adoube*):-

a. *One or more pieces of the same colour, he must move or capture the first piece touched that can be moved or captured; or*

b. *One piece of each colour, he must capture the opponent's piece or, if this is illegal, move or capture the first piece touched which can be moved or captured. If it is unclear, the player's own piece shall be considered to have been touched before his opponent's.*

Tactics Section Pinning is a common theme, described by Reinfeld as *an attack on a piece which screens a second piece from attack.*

The following diagram is White to play and win. The answer is upside down below, don't cheat!! Better players should get this within a few seconds, others may need a minute or even 2.

Answer: 1 Qxh7+ Kxh7 2 Rh5++