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Many apologies for the errors in the last edition. First up we had Robert Hochstadt masquerading in the lighter frame of Stuart McColl at the Hervey Bay Open. Unfortunately, Robert didn't make it to Hervey Bay, but Stuart did! Secondly, in the game Summers-Dizdarevic, the move 14 Ba2 had a typo and should have read 14 Ba4. Thanks to Dominique for identifying this. Eagle eyes amongst you may have noticed that the diagram had the B in the correct position. Once again, many apologies.

Apologies also for the late issue of this edition, the editor has had a few mobility problems, but is now back on deck. Next issue will follow very shortly, as the editor's pleadings have come up trumps. We are swamped with news, games and information. Well done, **Derrick Jeffries**, **Robert Hochstadt**, **Stuart McColl** and **Kevin McColl**.

Keep the information coming though, by phoning the editor on 54424168, dropping information to members at Buderim or Noosa to pass to the editor or post to 12 Carramar Street, Tewantin 4565. The continuation of the *Suncoast Chess Club Newsletter* relies on the input from its members.

Tournament Results **Alan Runciman** competed in the annual Darling Downs Open over Easter, scoring 3.5/7 and equal first in his rating division. Alan advises that his best win was against Shiloh Norris who, while rated close to Alan, is improving and is probably underrated.

The Buderim Autumn Tournament over 7 rounds has been completed with a tied result at the top of the table:-

- 1st - **John Potts & Derrick Jeffries** with
- 2nd 5/7.
- 3rd **Ted Hislop** with 4.5/7

Best performer in the tournament was **Ted Hislop** with his best ever result of 4.5/7, well done Ted!!

The Noosa Rapid Championships (30 mins. per clock) have been completed with the following results:-

- 1st **Kevin McColl** with a picket fence 6/6.
- 2nd **Paul Summers** with 5/6
- 3rd **Otto Mehlreter** with 4/6.

Congratulations to **Kevin McColl**, the **1998 Noosa Rapid Champion**. Best performer in this tournament was **Allan Wilkes** whose club rating jumped by 37 points. **Darren Trethewy** scored the most number of upset points improving his rating by 23 points.

Many thanks to **Robert Hochstadt** for the following report:-

January 2nd, 1999 is fast approaching and for those of you who've had your head in the sand for the past 18 months, that's the date on which the 1999 Australian Open Chess Championships start. The venue is the Sunshine Coast University College campus and the event will be over 11 rounds finishing on January 14th. The Open promises to be one of the biggest and best chess tournaments seen in this country in years!!

The steering committee, which is organising the tournament, is made up of a number of well known Suncoast Chess Club members most of whom have had to place promising chess-playing careers on hold as they put all their energy into making this event a success!!! (*Excuses, excuses - Ed*) **David Waterhouse**, the committee chairman, is expected to receive a knighthood from the queen for services to chess in general and to The Australian Open in particular. Well done David, er...I mean Sir David. Keep up the good work - there's still much to be done! David has been working 40-hour weeks on the incredible amount of detail associated with putting on an event of this magnitude. If I wasn't on the committee myself I wouldn't have believed that hosting and organising this tournament was so involved! It really does require dedication, devotion and determination, not to mention a love of the game and Sir David embodies all these fine traits.

Derrick Jeffries is Sir David's right hand man. He's not likely to have a knighthood bestowed on him but he might sell a few of his video's (chess, not porno) to some of the 300 to 400 and maybe even 500 chess players expected to participate at The Open. His charm, business acumen, wide community contacts and pony-tail have unfortunately still not helped us to attract a major sponsor but it's only a matter of time! Derrick is the man behind the man and he, and Sir David, make a wonderful couple....I mean, *team*. In all seriousness, Derrick and David are primarily responsible for what is shaping up to be a memorable 12 days.

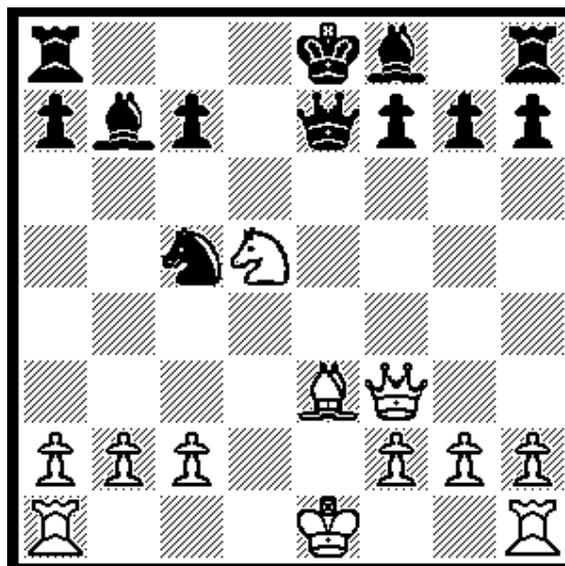
More about the other members of the steering committee in future issues of the *Suncoast Chess Club Newsletter*. Now for news hot off the press. It's confirmed! **Grandmaster Sergey Tiviakov** of Russia, rated 30th in the world (2640), is coming to The Open. The committee are currently also negotiating with **GM Vadim Milov**, another Russian and rated 34th in the world (2635) who has also expressed his desire to play. Tiviakov is in his twenties and is expected to be in the top 20 in the very near future. We are privileged to have him involved in our tournament but we expect him to be only the first of many Grandmasters at the 1999 Australian Open Chess Championships.

Games Section This month's game is hopefully the second of 8 games to be published from the Hervey Bay Open, with notes by **Kevin M^cColl**. Game scores (preferably with annotations) are still required from **Alan Runciman**, **Dominique Patissier**, **David Waterhouse** and **Geoff Smith**.

White: Kevin M^cColl (1703)
Black: IM Stephen Solomon (2458)
Event: Hervey Bay Open, 1998
Opening: B43, Petroff Defence

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nf6 The Petroff has been Black's pet defence for most of his rise to the top of Australian chess. In recent years Solomon has become well versed with 2...Nc6, however has struggled against 3 d4 exd 4 Bc4 which leads to sharp unbalanced positions, to White's liking. The Petroff on the other hand aims for balanced positions and is notorious for draws amongst top flight players **3 d4 Nxe4 4 Bd3 Nc6!!?** White was somewhat stunned by this move, thinking it a novelty, but the move is 8 years old (Solomon) **5 d5 5 Be4** allows 5...d5 6 Bd3 e4 which is good for Black **5...Nc5!?** 5...Nf6 is mainline, but I prefer Nc5, Solomon **6 dxc6 e4 7 Bc4** GM Timman claims 7 Be2 exf3 8 cxd7+ Bxd7 9 Bf3+= (*Short-Timman, Groningen, 1996 continued 7 cxb Bxb7 8 Be2 exf3 9 Bxf3 Bxf3 10 Qxf3 Be7 11 OO OO which resulted in a win for Short in 44 moves, after Black missed a forced drawing sequence around move 24. See Queensland Chess Magazine, March, 1997 p. 30, for the full game score - Ed*) **7... exf3 8 Qxf3** A novelty, 8 exd7+ is sounder **8...Qe7+ 9 Be3 bxc6 10 Nc3** White's compensation for the pawn seems rather nebulous, however Black has serious development problems and is at least 4.5 developing moves behind. With an open centre, 2.5 tempos is generally sufficient for a pawn in the opening **10...d5 11 Bxd5!! cxd5 12 Nxd5 Bb7!** (Diagram 1) Black spent 12 minutes on this obvious defence

Diagram 1 Position after 12...Bb7!



13 Nxe7?! Black had analysed at move 10 the next 9 moves of the game and typically White went at least 5 moves deeper! 13 OO threatening both 14 Bxc5 or 14 Rhe1, comes perilously close to an immediate win, eg. 13...Ne6 14 Nf6+ wins or 13...Bxd5 14 Qxd5 Rd8 15 Qc6+ wins. But on analysing 13 OO Rd8, White got hopelessly lost in the complications, deciding the piece sacrifice was too unclear and reverting to the lines in the game. It transpired during the post-mortem that 13 OO Rd8 loses to 14 Bc5 Qxc5 15 Rhe1+ Be7 (15...Kd7 16 Ne7+ Ke8 17 Nc6+ followed by Rd8++) 16 Ne7 Rd1+ (not 16...Bxf3 17 Nc6+ and mates) 17 Qd1 with a theoretically won position **13...Bxf3 14 Bxc5 Bxg2** Black also spent a surprising 12 minutes on this move too **15 Rg1 Bh3 16 Nd5 Bxc5 17 Nxc7+ Ke7 18 Nxa8 Rxa8 19 Rxc7 Bf5!** This is the move White missed at move 10. Here there are 2 threats, 20...Bg6 followed by ...Kf6 as well as 20...Bxc2 Black now has a theoretically won position, but had to work hard for win with just 13 minutes left to White's 41 **20 Rg3 Bxc2 21 Rc1 Bb4+ 22 Ke2 Bg6 23 Rb3 Ba5 24 Rb7+ Kd6 25 b4 Re8+ 26 Kf1??** It was a pity to spoil this Solomon masterpiece. 26 Kd2 would have kept the game alive a bit longer. Black had less than 8 minutes compared to White's 34 and in such situations one should take their time and not speed up to the pace of the player in time trouble, as White did **26...Bd3+ 27 Resigns** As 27 Kg2 Bd5+ or 27 Kg1 Rg8 28 Kh1 Be4