

# SUNCOAST CHESS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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**B**etter late than never, another edition. We report on the Hervey Bay Open held in March this year, provide a game from that tournament, provide an update on tournament results and don't include a calendar!!

**Tournament Results** A large contingent of Suncoast players travelled to *whale country* to compete in the Hervey Bay Open. **Paul Summers, Dominic Patissier, Bob Goodwin, Derrick Jeffries, Gerry O'Connor, Alan Runciman, Geoff Smith, Ted Hislop, David Waterhouse** and **Stuart McColl** all participated. An impressive lineup from one club, eh!

Unfortunately, sheer numbers don't guarantee results and the editor's recollection is that none of the Suncoast players featured in the final count, though there were some good individual games:-

- **Paul Summers** (1614) drew (but should have won) against Craig Laird (2232)
- **Derrick Jeffries** (1384) drew with Graham Forsyth (1523) and Tony Weller (1643)
- **Gerry O'Connor** (1247) drew with Clifford Hartley-Holl (1498)
- **Geoff Smith** (1082) defeated Nick Kospartov (1288)
- **Ted Hislop** (1047) defeated Don Hamilton (1333)
- **David Waterhouse** (1230) drew with Clifford Hartley-Holl (1498)
- **Stuart McColl** (1158) drew with **Dominic Patissier** (1328).

All up some impressive results. Meanwhile at home, the Noosa Rapid Championship was held over 7 rounds through March and April. By popular vote, this tournament used Fischer time limits for the first time in a Noosa tournament. The rate of play was 20 minutes plus 10 seconds for every move. **Paul Summers** is the Noosa Rapid Champion for 1999 winning with a picket fence. Results are below:-

1st **Paul Summers** (7/7)  
2nd **Otto Mehltreter** (5.5/7)  
3rd **Gerry O'Connor** (4/7)

**Wolf Koch** scored the best upsets in this tournament defeating **Dominic Patissier** and **Gerry O'Connor** and drawing with **Greg Collins**.

**Paul Summers** was the best performer lifting his rating by 43 points.

Buderim must not be playing tournaments. The last results which were received were published in August last year following their winter tournament!!

**Ratings Review** Last year around this time we had a look at our ratings over time. This year and perhaps every six months we will use these pages to conduct a ratings review. ACF ratings are published regularly, but there is no equivalent for our club ratings.

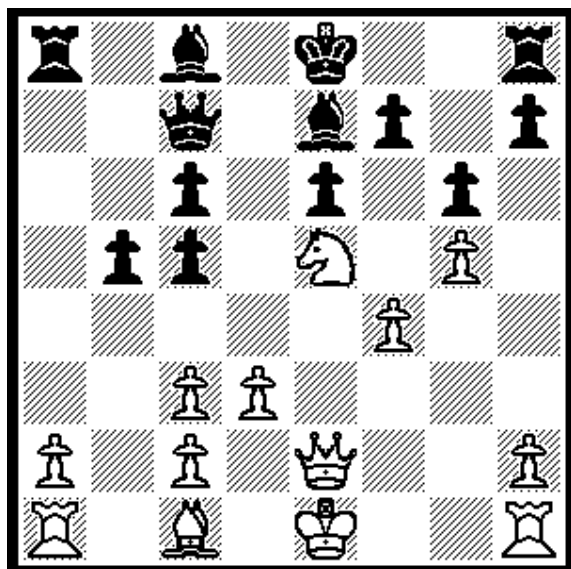
Name	1998	1999	Difference	%age change
McColl, Kevin	1857	1819	-38	-2.1%
Mehlreter, Otto	1718	1775	57	3.2%
Summers, Paul	1734	1762	28	1.6%
Crabbe, Peter	1452	1458	6	0.4%
Patissier, Dominique	1358	1364	6	0.4%
O'Connor, Gerry	1407	1415	8	0.6%
Wilkes, Allan	1384	1364	-20	-1.5%
Hochstadt, Robert	1285	1355	70	5.2%
Edgar, Arch	1336	1336	0	0.0%
Koch, Wolf	1281	1327	46	3.5%
Runciman, Alan	1333	1321	-12	-0.9%
Romano, Ross	1313	1313	0	0.0%
McColl, Stuart	1244	1203	-41	-3.4%
Simic, Lazar	1128	1114	-14	-1.3%
Trethewy, Darren	1115	1094	-21	-1.9%
Young, Peter	989	972	-17	-1.7%
Gilmore, Dave	883	881	-2	-0.2%

So what does this also show. While the movements are not great, congratulations must go to **Robert Hochstadt** who heads the list of improvers by a considerable margin. Well done Robert! **Wolf Koch** and **Otto Mehlreter** are also clearly on the improve.

**Games Section** The following is game features FIDE master and former Queensland Champion and Suncoast player **Craig Laird** against **Paul Summers**, from the Hervey Bay Open.

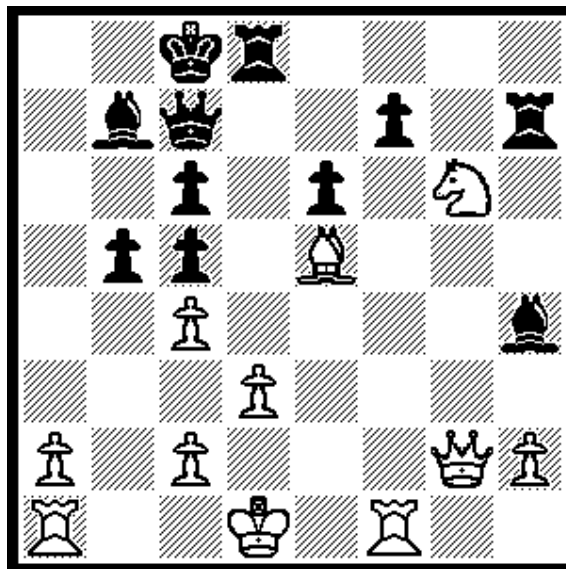
**White:** Summers, Paul (1614)  
**Black:** Laird, Craig (2232)  
**Opening:** B20, SICILIAN DEFENCE, Grand Prix Attack

**1 e4 c5 2 f4** The Grand Prix Attack, so named for the frequency of its play (and the number of victims) in the Grand Prix Circuit in Britain in the 70's and 80's **2...e6 3 Nf3 Nc6 4 Nc3 d5 5 Bb5 a6** Prodding the piece in this situation is often regarded as a loss of tempo. That is, if White is prepared to place a piece on an exposed square such as b5, then White must be prepared to exchange the N at c6. This theme occurs in a number of other variations including **2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Qxd4 Nc6 5 Bb5** and in the Nimzowitsch-Rossolimo **2...Nc6 3 Bb5**. In the text though, Black retains the c-pawn and therefore the option of a rapid Q'side expansion after ...b5, so perhaps **5...a6** is OK here **6 exd1? axb5 7 dxc6 bxc6 8 Qe2 Nf6 9 Ne5** In many lines of the Grand Prix Attack, the N at e5 is handily placed **9... Qc7 10 d3 Be7 10...Bd6** may be preferable **11 g4** Black was critical of this move immediately after the game, *typical Summers prefers attacks before King safety*, however White has the initiative and therefore must attack. Post-game analysis failed to prove the move unsound **11...Nd5 12 g5 Nxc3 13 bxc3** Black inflicts a gash in White's Q'side pawn structure, but it costs a tempo and yields White improved control of the centre **13...g6??** With the black-square Bs remaining on the board, this move plays right into White's hands. Black reckoned on **13...Ra4** being strong, however post-game analysis suggested otherwise



**14 Bb2 h6 15 Rf1!** Bringing all pieces to bear onto the soon-to-be opened f-file **15 hxg 16 fxg Rh7 17 c4** Opening the long Black diagonal created by **13...g6 17...Bxg5 18 Qg2 Bh4+ 19 Kd1 Bb7** Black appears to have retained the gambitted pawn, with the option of castling Q'side, however the pawn is easily regained **20**

**Nxg6! 000 21 Be5** And now the B switches to the short diagonal on the opposite side of the board



**21...Qd7 22 Nxh4!** This manoeuvre is subtle, but likely to be deadly. If Black captures with **22...Rxh4 23 Qg3 R** moves **24 Bb8** with the idea of **Ba7** and **Qb8** mate. With both players running very low on time, Black chooses the safest course **22...bxc 23 Qe4 Rxh4 24 Qxh4 cxd 25 c3 Qd5 26 Qf4** Renewing the threat on the b8 square **26...f5 27 c4** Black thought that White should proceed with **27 Bb8**. White was afraid of the Black K simply walking to the Q'side, meanwhile with the White Q involved in the attack the Black Q would wreak havoc as White remains relatively undeveloped **27...Qg2 28 Qf2 Qe4 29 Bg3 e5** Both players now have only seconds left on their clocks before the 10 seconds per move kicks in **30 Re1 Qxc4 31 Kd2 f4 32 Rxe5 fxc3 33 hxc3 Kb8 34 Rxc5 Qb4+ 35 Kd1 Qa4+ 36 Kd2 Qb4+** and a few more repetitions were completed before a draw was agreed