

# SUNCOAST CHESS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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The inaugural Black Swan Maroochy Open has been held at the very pleasant venue of the Discovery Beach Resort. Attracting more than 70 players, the tournament was won jointly by **IM Stephen Solomon** and frequent Sunshine Coast visitor **FM Bob Smith**.

Suncoast players featured strongly in the results and if memory serves correctly ran as follows:-

**Ramon Norton, David Waterhouse, Bob Goodwin** and **Gerry O'Connor** collected a share of the rating category prizes. For Gerry the tournament was very sweet, with his first ever prize. Well done Gerry, we'll do a later interview to get a perspective on how it feels to convert from amateur to professional!! **Alan Runciman** took the whole or part of the veteran's prize? The Suncoast player prize was collected by **Kevin M<sup>c</sup>Coll**, but Kevin was not the top Suncoast player, with **Otto Mehlreter** and **Paul Summers** getting the trifecta of equal third place, highest Suncoast players and highest Category A players.

Well done to all players and apologies if I have missed anyone.

**Club Tournament Results** The Noosa Sprung Tournament (over 6 rounds at 60 minutes, then 10 seconds per move) has recently been completed, with the notorious first place-getter **Otto Mehlreter** winning. Sometime Sunshine Coast resident **Peter Crabbe** was the overall best performer, with **Stuart M<sup>c</sup>Coll** once again picking up the best cumulative upsets. Upsetting players is becoming a habit with Stuart over recent tournaments! Final results were:-

- 1st **Otto Mehlreter** (5.5/6)
- 2nd **Ramon Norton** (4/6)
- 3rd-4th **Peter Crabbe** (3.5/4) and **Gerry O'Connor** (3.5/6)

**Vivien Smith** and **FM Bob Smith** also visited the club one night, while over to play in the Black Swan. The same night also saw the return of **Len Girling** to the club. So as the editor had managed to muck up the fourth try with the calendar, we had a handicap tournament. The lower rated player off 15 minutes, with the higher rated player dropping a minute for every full 50 points difference in rating, to a minimum of 5 minutes.

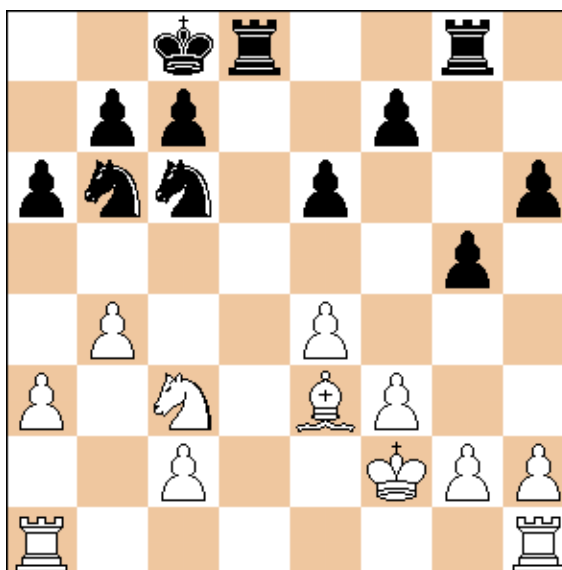
Some surprising outcomes resulted and in one round there was an upset on every board!! Amongst the top boards though, **Paul Summers** and **Otto Mehlreter** both managed to hold **FM Bob Smith** to draws, while **Vivien Smith** defeated **Paul Summers**. Final results were as follows:

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**Games Section** Two games this month, the first a see-sawing game featuring a very restrained **Alan Runciman**. Why restrained? Well he failed to move his g-pawn until the 11<sup>th</sup> move...almost unheard of, but then he did have the Black pieces.

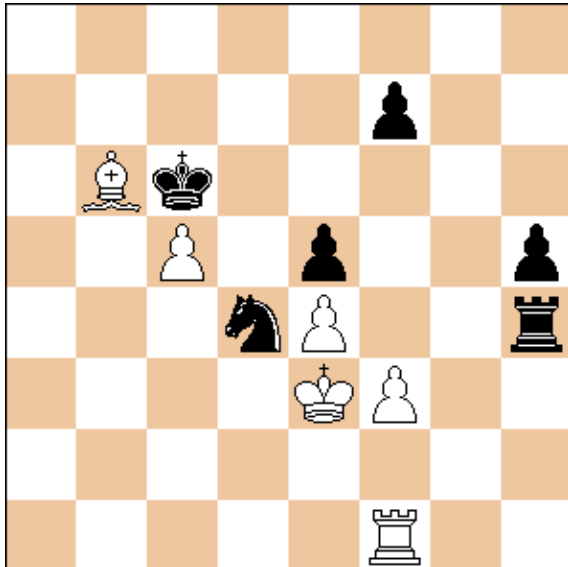
**White:** Andrew Rogers  
**Black:** Alan Runciman  
**Tournament:** 1999 Whale Open, Hervey Bay  
**Opening:** B01, Scandinavian  
**Annotator:** Fritz

1.e4 d5 2.d3 dxe4 3.dxe4 Qxd1+ 4.Kxd1 Nc6  
 5.Nc3 Bg4+ 6.Be2 Nf6 7.Bg5 O-O-O+ 8.Ke1  
 Bxe2 9.Ngxe2 e6 10.f3 h6 11.Bf4 g5 12.Be3  
 Bb4 13.a3 Bxc3+ 14.Nxc3 Nd7 15.Kf2 Nb6  
 16.Nb5 a6 17.Nc3 Rhg8 18.b4=+



18.b3 f5 19.exf5 exf5 20.Rad1 Rxd1 21.Rxd1  
 Rd8 22.Rxd8+ Kxd8= 18...Nc4 19.Bc1 b5  
 20.a4 bxa4 21.Rxa4 Kb7= 21...Nb6 22.Rxa6  
 Nxb4 23.Ra5 Nxc2 24.h4 Nb4 25.hxg5 Nd3+  
 26.Ke2=+ 22.Re1=+ 22.b5 axb5 23.Nxb5 Nb6

24.Ra1 Ra8 25.Bb2 f5 26.Rhd1 Rxa1=  
**22...Rg6+=** 22...Nb6 23.b5 axb5 24.Ra2 b4  
 25.Na4 Nxa4 26.Rxa4 Ra8 27.Rxa8+= **23.b5**  
**axb5 24.Nxb5 Nb6 25.Ra2 h5+=** 25...Nb4  
 26.Ra7+ Kc6 27.Na3 Rgg8 28.Be3 Ra8  
 29.Rxa8 Rxa8 30.Rb1= **26.Be3 Ra8±** 26...g4  
 27.Rb1 gxf3 28.Kxf3 Ne5+ 29.Kf4 f6 30.Ra7+  
 Kb8 31.Bxb6+= **27.Rb2 e5 28.Nxc7 Kxc7**  
**29.Bxb6+ Kd7 30.c4 g4 31.c5 gxf3 32.gxf3**  
**Rag8 33.Rd1+ Nd4 34.Ke3 Kc6 35.Rc1=** 35.f4  
 Rg2 36.Rxg2 Rxg2 37.fxe5 Ne6 38.Rd2 Rxd2  
 39.Kxd2 Nxc5± **35...Rg2 36.Rxg2 Rxg2 37.h4**  
**Rh2 38.Rf1 Rxh4=**



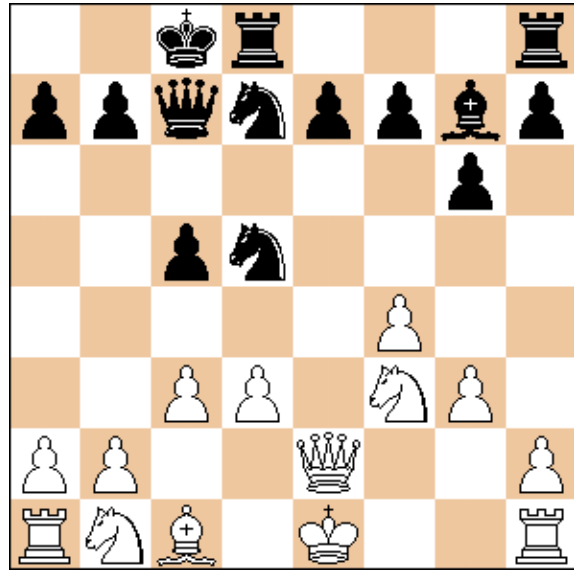
38...f5 39.exf5 Nxf5+ 40.Kd3 Rxh4 41.Rg1  
 Rd4+ 42.Ke2 Rf4 43.Rg5+= **39.Rg1-+** 39.Bd8  
 Rh2 40.Bf6 Re2+ 41.Kd3 Ra2 42.Bxe5 Ne6  
 43.Rh1 Nxc5+= **39...Rf4 40.Rg3 h4 41.Rh3**  
**Ne6 42.Ba7?+-+ 42.Rh2 f6 43.Ba7 Ng5 44.Rf2**  
 h3 45.Bb6 f5+ **42...Ng5 43.Rh1 Rxf3+ 44.Ke2**  
**Rf4 45.Rg1 Ne6 46.Ke3 f6 47.Rd1 Nxc5?+=**  
 47...Nd4+-+ **48.Rc1 Rxe4+ 49.Kf3 Rd4**  
**50.Bxc5 Draw**

From Round 7 of the Maroochy Black Swan  
 Tournament, **Paul Summers** had the following  
 encounter with Hervey Bay Club stalwart,  
**Derek Elkington**.

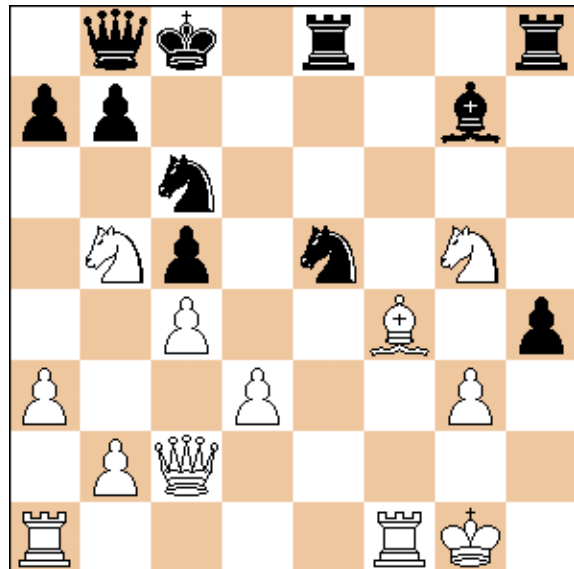
**White:** Paul Summers (1629)  
**Black:** Derek Elkington (1604)  
**Tournament:** 1999 Maroochy Black Swan  
**Opening:** B21, Sicilian Defence, Grand  
 Prix Attack  
**Annotator:** Paul Summers

**1.e4 c5 2.f4 d5 3.exd5 Nf6 4.Nf3?!** This puts  
 the f-pawn under pressure later and is  
 considered doubtful, however Bob Smith FM  
 suggests that the f-pawn is there to be  
 sacrificed **4...Nxd5 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.Bxd7+ Nxd7**  
 White felt that 6...Qxd7 was a better option,  
 allowing the Nb8 to reach its appropriate c6

square **7.d3 Qc7 8.g3** Bob Smith suggests that  
 8.O-O Nxf4 9.Ng5 is difficult to meet **8...g6 9.c3**  
**Bg7 10.Qe2!? O-O-O?**



10...O-O is clearly preferable to long castling  
**11.c4!** An odd looking move, but the N ends up  
 being very poorly placed **11...Nb4 12.a3 Nc6**  
**13.Nc3 e5?! 13...a6 14.O-O Rde8 15.Nb5 Qb8**  
**16.Qc2!** With a long term plan involving the  
 clearance of the weak d-pawn **16...h5 17.fxe5**  
**Ndx5 18.Bf4 f6 19.h4 g5 20.hxg5 fxg5**  
**21.Nxg5 h4**



**22.d4!! cxd4 23.Qf5+ Kd8 24.Nf7+ Ke7**  
**25.Bg5+ Kf8 26.Nh6+ 1-0**