



CHESS CHATTER

BALLARAT CHESS CLUB NEWSLETTER



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August Action!

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Teeter-Totter Teters

We hit off the Teters Memorial with a stunning 35 players and also saw the return of two time club champion, Peter Miitel. Then, the juniors decided to tip the scales once again: round one saw Sean Macak, who is on the up-and-up, defeat Peter Miitel. Also, Chantelle Barnett scored a brilliant win against 4th seed, Rodney Jacobs... the biggest upset for the year!

A couple of notable lesser upsets occurred in round two: Sean Macak took the point off the higher rated Ian Boyle, while Louis Douglas held chess coach, Rob Bailey, to a draw.

Sean and Louis reversed the scoring for the following round: this time Sean took the draw from Rob Bailey and Louis defeated his much stronger opponent, Kent Baden.



A crowded club room for round 3

Rob Bailey faced Chantelle Barnett for round four and, after coming from behind a few times, decided it best to take yet another draw.

In round five, Sean beat Louis in a key match for the reserves title, moving half a point clear of Chantelle, who drew with Peter Wang and is undefeated! With these energetic teens putting in such a great performance, we should tip our hats to our coaches, Rob Bailey and Jasan Barnett, whose hard work has obviously been paying off. Keep up the good work!

Fletcher Morrow

It was Ballarat's turn to host the Fletcher Morrow and they faced off against a much stronger Geelong with a somewhat slim hope of winning the shield for 2018. Underrated on eight of the top ten boards, it would not be an easy feat to accomplish.

Even though Bas van Riel managed to score a great win against Geelong's captain, Michael Sugrue, and the draw master, Patrick Cook, scraped up his usual half point, the final two points brought in by Kevin Perrin and Kiki Dunn were not enough to take the hopeful club home. But, Ballarat will be back next year with the usual determination and, hopefully, a stronger team to meet the challenge.



The two teams converse



The Ballarat Juniors

By the Editor

Meet Justin Goodison

For this inaugural issue of *The Ballarat Juniors*, I chose to interview the winner of this year's Club Championship C grade. At only ten years old, Justin Goodison has become quite a power to reckon with. Even though currently rated at only 505, he is an aggressive attacker who can speedily punish anyone who doesn't pay enough attention. Justin learned to play chess from his dad when he was about six years old and first showed up at our club about two years ago. He is currently being coached by professional chess coach, Rob Bailey. Rob is a fun coach to learn from and Justin likes him best for the many jokes he makes. Aside from chess, Justin also likes to play soccer and even some instruments: the base, ukulele and piano. Soccer, though, is definitely his favourite activity. Justin likes chess because of all the tactics the game involves. Not too surprisingly, his favourite chess piece is the knight because of all the clever forks it is able to deliver. Justin's favourite chess player is former GM, Mikhail Tal, who was well known for his tricky and lethal tactics at the board. I was glad to hear that the best thing Justin likes about the Ballarat Chess Club is being able to play with all of the other children. This is definitely one thing that our club encourages: for more young people to come and have a good time playing chess in a friendly atmosphere.



Justin proudly holding his C grade medal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

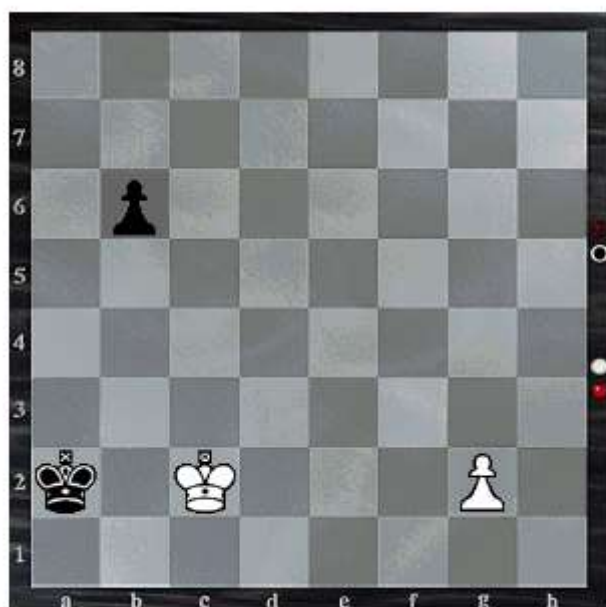
DATE	EVENT
20/09/18	Blitz 3
22 - 23/09/18	Best in the West Held in Melbourne
27/09/18	Social night/Endgame Tournament
04/10/18	Social night/Variant chess
11/10/18	Annual General Meeting All members welcome
13 - 14/10/18	Vic Country Championships Held in Geelong
18/10/18 - 29/11/18	Koelle Tournament - Rounds 1-7
06/12/18	Blitz 4
08/12/18	Chess Triathlon Day
13/12/18	End of Year Function
20/12/18	Christmas/New Year Break
27 - 31/12/18	Australian Championships Held in Melbourne
17/01/19	Social night



Justin playing his dad and older brother, Leonard



CHESS PUZZLE OF THE MONTH – PROMOTE TO WIN IN NINE MOVES



Promote to win-

White to Move

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| 1. _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ |
| 4. _____ | _____ |
| 5. _____ | _____ |
| 6. _____ | _____ |
| 7. _____ | _____ |
| 8. _____ | _____ |
| 9. _____ | _____ |

The key to winning is the same, but the number of moves you might use to promote may vary. This is only one example.

The solution to this puzzle will be provided in the next issue. Visit our site at ballaratchess.com to view this and other issues of ChessChatter. If members wish to contribute to future issues, send your submissions to newsletter@ballaratchess.com

A PICTORIAL ROUND-UP OF AUGUST 2018

ARTHUR TETERS MEMORIAL: CLUB MEMBERS CONCENTRATING HARD



12th AUGUST: BALLARAT FACES OFF AGAINST GEELONG IN THE FLETCHER MORROW

