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## Message from the Guru

**I'm very excited to announce the launch of the Victorian Chess Challenge!**

Chess Kids has partnered with Kids Off The Kerb to put together a fantastic charity fundraising program for schools. Schools receive 20 free chess lessons, plus the opportunity to win lots of great prizes. Individual students who raise more than \$25 for Kids Off The Kerb also receive prizes. And the whole program finishes with The Challenge. One of Chess Kids Master Coaches will attend the school and take on a challenge against 20 players simultaneously.

By participating in this challenge you will be supporting a charity that provides support for disadvantaged and at risk young people. They give children and young people the chance to achieve a sense of worth, purpose and belonging.

The website [www.chesschallenge.com.au](http://www.chesschallenge.com.au) launched just a couple of days ago and already 12 schools have registered to take part. Check it out and talk to your school about registering. You'll be supporting a great cause (Kids Off The Kerb), you'll get free chess lessons, plus the rare opportunity to Challenge a Master Coach!

Visit [www.chesschallenge.com.au](http://www.chesschallenge.com.au) for more details and to register.

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**RJ SHIELD**

**May RJ Shields**

There were three RJ Shield events in May as follows:

**Clayton Leading Scores:**

- 6/7 D.Lee & E.Girgin
  - 5 M.Salazar, H.Lai, H.Batlis, R.Vijian & A.Khalil
- (38 Players)

**Mildura Leading Scores:**

- 7/7 Z.Harrison
  - 6 L.Harrison
  - 5 J.Harrison, L.Kelly, C.O.Callaghan & B.Matthews
- (33 Players)

**Doncaster Leading Scores:**

- 6.5/7 R.Nowak & I.Lee
  - 5 A.Blenkiron & C.Fu
- (20 players)

For full results and updated ratings just log on to [www.chesskids.com.au](http://www.chesskids.com.au) and click on the ratings and results button.

Here is the battle between the two top players at the Clayton event. The game fluctuates with White winning a piece but then losing it back.

RJ Shield Clayton  
**Dmitry Lee 1247**  
**Ege Girgin 1272**  
 Queens Gambit



- 1.d4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nf3 c5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.Bxd7+ Nbx7 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.O-O O-O 10.Nc3 Nb6 11.Nb5 Qd7 12.Nbd4 Rfe8 13.b3 Rac8 14.Bb2 Ne4 15.Qd3 Qg4 16.Rac1 Bd6 17.Nb5



*Dimitri Lee v Mae Salazar at Clayton*

- a6 18.Nxd6 Nxd6 19.Qd4 Qxd4 20.Bxd4 Nd7 21.a4 b5 22.Rfd1 bxa4 23.bxa4 Rc4 24.Ra1 Nf5 25.Bb2 Rc5 26.Ba3



- 26... Rc4 27.Rxd5 Nb6 28.Rxf5 Rxa4 29.Rc5 Nc4 30.Rc1 Nxa3 31.Rc8 Rf8 32.Rxf8+ Kxf8 33.Ra1 Rb4 34.Kf1 Rb1+ 35.Rxb1 Nxb1 36.Nd4 a5 37.Ke2 a4 38.Kd3 Ke7 39.Kc2 Na3+ 40.Kc3 Nb1+ 41.Kb2 Nd2 42.Ka3 Ne4 43.f3 Nc3 44.Kb4 Nd5+ 45.Kxa4 Nxe3 46.Kb4 Kd6 47.g3 Ke5 48.Kc3 Nd5+ 49.Kd3 Nb4+ 50.Kc3 Nd5+ 51.Kd3 Nb4+ 52.Ke3 Nd5+ 53.Kd3 1/2-1/2

## Johannes Zukertort (1842-1888)



By IM Robert Jamieson

**THOUGHT HE WAS A PRETTY GOOD CHESS PLAYER.**



Indeed he once attended a banquet at a chess tournament where a toast was proposed to “The World Chess Champion.” Both he and Wilhelm Steinitz (World Champion 1866-1894) stood up! A bit embarrassing but an easy mistake to make.



Zukertort v Steinitz

Zukertort was clearly one of the better players in the world yet he too could make mistakes (and not just at dinner parties). Take a look at the position in the diagram.



This is from the game Blackburne v Zukertort 1881 and it is Black (Zukertort) to play. White's last move was **1.c5** threatening **2.Bxa6+**. You have several candidate moves. You could swap the bishops; you could play **1...Bb5** to attack the N on a4; you could retreat the **B** to **b7** or you could throw in **1...Ba3+** before doing any of these.

Which move would you choose?

Zukertort chose **1...Bb5??** and after **2.Bxb5** he resigned. Embarrassing! Even more embarrassing would be if he played **2...cxb5** allowing **3.Qa8#**. What can we learn from this? Always ask yourself “what will my opponent reply” before making your move.



With IM Robert Jamieson

## Kill his Counter-play.

Having a won game is great, but to ensure the win you need to kill off any possible counter-play. Making your pieces active and restricting his pieces is the way to go. In the following game White makes some small errors and nearly lets his opponent escape.

On-Line Game

Ivan Zelich 1780

Green-Pigeon 1676

Benoni Defence

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 d6 4.Nc3 g6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.Be2 O-O 8.O-O Ng4 9.Bd2 Nde5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.f4 Nd7 12.a4?

Unnecessary as Black is not yet threatening ...b5. 12.Qc2 was better.

12...h5?

Weakening his K-side. Better was 12...Bd4+ 13.Qc2 Nf6 14.e5?!

I prefer 14.h3 and building up a bit more before committing to a break-through.

14...dxe5? (14...Bf5) 15.fxe5 Ng4 16.e6 Bd4+ 17.Kh1



17...Nf2+

This is a bit greedy but 17...f5 18.Bxg5 hxg5 19.Nb5 Bg7 20 Bf4 leaves Black all tied up.

18.Rxf2 Bxf2 19.Bh6 Kh7? (19...Bd4)

20.Bxf8 Qxf8 21.Rf1 fxe6 22.Bxh5?

Allowing Black to keep his piece. 22.Bd3! is crushing.

22...Qf5! 23.Qxf5 exf5 24.Bxg6+??

Better was 24.Rxf2 gxh 25.Re2 Kg6 26.Rxe7 and White ends up with rook on the 7th and passed d pawn and Black has no play.



(Analysis diagram)

24...Kxg6 25.Rxf2 Bd7?

Endgames are about active play so 25...e5! was better.

26.Kg1 Rh8 27.b3?

Better was 27.g3 to keep the R out of h4.

27...Rh4 28.Re2 Kf6 29.g3 Rd4 30.Re3

Rd2 31.h4 a6 32.h5 b5 33.axb5 axb5

34.Nxb5?

Better was 34.h6 bxc4 35 h7

34...Bxb5 35.h6 Bd7?

Better was 35. ... Kg6 36.cxb5 Rxd5

37.Re6+ Kh7 38.b6 Rd3 and Black is threatening to draw.

36.h7 Rd1+ 37.Kh2 Rd2+ 38.Kh3 f4+

39.g4 Bxg4+ 40.Kxg4 Rg2+?

(40...Rh2 41.Rh3 1-0) 41.Kh3 1-0



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## Obey the Rules and Win!

In the opening there are many moves to choose from so we make rules to help new players choose good moves without much effort.

Break the rules and the results can be terrible.

Chess Kids On-Line

**Jono88**

**ZhiXin**

Queen's Indian Defence

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4**

Why not [seize the centre](#) if it's there for the taking?

**2...e6 3.e3?**

OK, but a bit passive and blocks in the QB. 3.Nc3 was preferable.

**2... b6**

Black [wants to castle](#) so he needs to move the KB but she is not yet sure which is the best square. Better therefore to [preserve your options](#) with the KB and try to develop something else instead.

**4.Nc3 Bb7 5.Nf3 Bb4 6.Bd3 Bxc3+?**

I think it's better to wait until you have to exchange (after say a3) otherwise you are wasting a move in effect. The N is not going away.

**7.bxc3 (see Diagram)**

**7...Ng4??**

A silly move breaking the rule about [not moving a piece twice in the opening](#). I tell my students to [move each piece only once and put it on the best square](#).

Does Black perhaps want to play f5 or is he trying to attack with just one piece?

A very bad move.

**8.e4**

Seize the centre while you can.



Black to play his 7th move.

**8...d5?**

Mixing things up before he has castled or [completed his development](#).

**9.exd5 exd5 10.Ba3!**

Good stuff! Making it hard for Black to castle and punishing him for swapping off his dark squared B.

**10... dxc4?**

Playing a move and perhaps expecting the obvious reply. Before you make your move you should always [have a quick look around for unexpected responses](#).

**11.Qe2+!**

Ouch! Always [examine checks and captures](#) ... and this is a good check.

**11... Kd7 12.Bf5+**

Winning a free N on g5.

**12...Kc6**

But, [having seen a good move \(Bxg5\) White looks for a better one](#).

**13.Qxc4!# 1-0**

A neat win by White. Black broke virtually all the rules and was duly punished.

# INTERSCHOOL CHESS IN THE 21ST CENTURY



**Take Tornelo, Australia's new tournament management software, the latest iPad2 and a Launchpad Kiosk iPad stand and what have you got?**

The Chess Kids Interschool Chess Competition, now being run using the very latest technology!

The players add results, check scores and monitor rating changes during the event via the iPad without any assistance from the arbiter.

The best example of how Tornelo benefits players was about 2 minutes after one of

the players won his game (on board 1) he received a phone call from his dad, congratulating him on the win. His dad had been following the results online and knew the moment an important victory was won... not quite the same as being in the room, but the next best thing.



Spr0cket (who created the LaunchPad hardware) were so interested when we told them what we were doing that they came to watch, subsequently adding a [blog post](#) to their website.

And who won the tournament?

Tucker Road Primary finished top with 21.5 points from Melbourne Grammar on 18 and Firkbank Grammar and Southmoor Primary on 14 points.

Conor Murkies -Hirsch and Alexander Csendes tied for first place on 6 points from 7 games.

Tornelo even recorded some of the games which you can now see on the Chess Kids website.

## INTERVIEW

### WITH FORMER WOMENS WORLD CHESS CHAMPION,



### ALEXANDRA KOSTENIUK.

by Dennis Holland

Kosteniuk learned to play chess at the age of five after being taught by her father. She has a younger sister named Oxana, who is a FIDE master level chess player.

In 2001, at the age of 17, she reached the final of the World Women's Chess Championship, but was defeated by Zhu Chen. Three years later, she became European women's champion by winning the tournament in Dresden, Germany. She also won the 2005 Russian Women's Championship, held in Samara, Russia, finishing with a score of  $+7 =4 -0$ . In August 2006, she became the first Chess960 (Fischer random) women's world champion after beating Germany's top female player Elisabeth Pähtz 5.5-2.5. She defended that title successfully in 2008 by beating Kateryna Lahno 2.5-1.5.[1] However, her greatest success so far has been to win the Women's World Chess Championship 2008,

beating in the final the young Chinese prodigy Hou Yifan, with a score of 2.5-1.5.

**1) I've heard in one of your videos that you said "chess is good for kids". Can you explain why you think chess is good for kids?**

Yes indeed I did say that chess is good for kids. Chess is excellent to teach kids that practice (i.e. study - work) is useful and brings positive results. I think chess is very fair - the more you train the better you will become, and in practical terms one sees the results very clearly. If you prepare well for your game, chances are you will win. So chess teaches the value of work, which is so useful both in school and in life. Apart from that, in the course of practicing chess, kids develop a superior memory, train their logical skills, and get good in problem-solving kinds of activities. And for younger kids, chess teaches to concentrate, by that I mean that to solve a problem one may need to sit and think for a few minutes at a time quietly without running around or screaming, or doing 36 other things at the same time.

**2) At what age do you think kids should be introduced to chess?**

You can introduce chess to kids as early as 3, but I think 4 is a better age to be introduced to the game. My Mom and I have started a chess school for kids in Moscow, and we accept applications from the age of 3. The school is very popular and many parents want their kids to start early. Now that a few years have passed since we started the school, we see that several of the kids who started at 3 are now doing quite well! As for me, my Dad taught me to play chess when I was 5, and that's also a good age to start.

**3) What benefits have you gained in other aspect of your life, as a result of playing chess?**

I think I have learned (it's now part of me) that one needs to work to achieve something. Nothing is easy in life, you need to work or to fight to get anything. In chess you get to know that every game you play. Chess also teaches

you every day that you need to improve. You think you know it all, and... you lose, so you have to start training from scratch again. It's very humbling. And it shows that there is never an end to learning!

**4) Congratulations on becoming the 12th woman world chess champion! What other great achievement have you had in chess?**



I have achieved quite a lot in chess, apart from being the 12th women's world chess champion in classical chess. I have also got the highest title of women's world chess champion since 2006 in Chess960, which is Fischer Random Chess, which requires pure chess skills and no opening memorization. I also have under my belt the scalp of very many male Grandmasters, in classical, classic and in blitz chess. In blitz chess, I have proven that anything is possible, and beaten chess giants such as Anand, Carlsen, Aronian, Grischuk, Morozevich, and many more. I have placed many of my wins on my YouTube channel "chessqueen" ([www.youtube.com/chessqueen](http://www.youtube.com/chessqueen))

**5) What do you think of the level of chess in Australia, and do you think you will ever come and play chess in Australia?**

Nowadays the level of chess all over the world is quite good, but the countries with the highest number of top GM's are those either with the biggest tradition of chess in history, or where chess is well promoted and taught in schools. Also it is important to have tournaments played with prizes to support local IM's and GM's. I have not heard of many important chess

tournaments in Australia, but there are Australian GM's that travel the world to play in strong world tournaments. I played in 2003 against your Grandmaster Ian Rogers in Wijk aan Zee (and beat him, the game is at <http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1260032> ).

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**By IM Robert Jamieson**

**The other evening my phone rang and the Guru was on the line. "Are you playing on the Chess Kids On-Line at the moment" he enquired?**

"No, I'm playing Civ 3" I replied.  
"Then I have good news and bad news" he replied. "What's the bad news" I enquired?  
"Someone has hacked your account and is playing under your name at the moment!" the Guru informed me. "Oh dear" I exclaimed.  
"What's the good news?" To which the Guru replied "He's won two games and your rating has gone up!!"

So next time you are on-line and you beat IM Robert Jamieson I can always say it's not me!

(PS The culprit has since been arrested and has been sentenced to do 5 weeks community service at Chess Kids).



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