

# DAILY BULLETIN

## 2012 Australian Junior Chess Championships



## The Biggest Australian Junior Ever!

### Message from Simon Dale (Tournament Organiser)

"Melbourne Chess Club took on the responsibility to host the 2012 Australian Junior Chess Championships less than 9 months ago when it became clear that this prestigious event did not have a home. This was made possible because Spensley Street Primary School offered their new school hall as a venue. Since then we have been working furiously to get everything in order for a fantastic competition including help from Spensley Street parents who don't even have kids participating.

With over 250 competitors this will be one of Australia's biggest chess competitions, with particularly large numbers in the U10, U12 and U14 divisions. We are most excited to see how many juniors are playing in the event for the first time and for many of them this will be their first Australian Chess Federation (ACF) rated competition. Regardless of how the kids do, participating in a national tournament is an amazing experience and will hopefully strengthen their chess enthusiasm and establish friendships with their peers from around the country.

There are plenty of great Melbourne cafes a short drive from Spensley Street Primary School, but better still, a small group of parents are working at bring Melbourne cafes to Spensley Street. There will be plenty of refreshments, lunch food and snacks for sale from the school canteen. We have even hired a fabulous coffee machine to provide excellent fair trade organic coffee for those parents who will need their daily dose."



### Comooooonication During the Event

Each day we will print (and email) a Daily Bulletin like this. This is where arbiters will tell you of any changes, give reminders and report on tournament progress.

Plus, you get lots of juicy gossip, pictures, chess stuff, player profiles and maybe even the occasional joke.

### Welcome to all players!

Of the 231 players registered so far a massive 137 (60%) have never played in an Australian Junior before, so welcome to all these new players!

The most experienced players (all in the U/14s) are playing in their 6<sup>th</sup> Aus Junior!

### Are chess players getting younger?

This tournament is wide-open with most of the top players away in New Zealand at the Queenstown Classic.

My money is on 10-year-old Anton Smirnov (pictured below) to win the U18 event and become the youngest Australian Junior Champion in history!



Can it be possible? We have a girl, Stella Cameron, entered – according to her entry form, she will be eligible for an Under 4 prize in this tournament! Don't worry, we'll be lenient about the recording her moves rule...



## Training Squads

If you are rated over 1400 (average rating of the 2011 squad was 1561) then you should consider applying for the **Johns-Putra Elite Training Squad (JETS)**. Run by the Aus JCL this squad is free for the 30 best applicants and the expectation is that players (eventually) go on from here to represent Australia at World Youth events.

If you are rated below 1400 but would like to get your rating to (or over) 1400 (and maybe apply to JETS next year) then you should consider the Chess Kids Training Squad ([www.chestraining.com.au](http://www.chestraining.com.au)).

## Ratings & Statistics

The ratings used in this event are ACF (adult) ratings. You may well have a junior rating, which has been used to give you an 'estimated rating' for seeding purposes. Estimated ratings are greyed out on Tornelo, ACF ratings are **bold**.

If you don't have an ACF rating you will need to play 20 games against rated opponents before you get one. The ACF publishes their ratings list every 3 months.

Tornelo ([AusChess.tornelo.com](http://AusChess.tornelo.com)) also displays ACF Ratings after each rating list is published along with other statistics and games. To add to the confusion – FIDE (World Chess Federation) ratings are used for seeding and pairing the Under 18 age group.

## Shopping!



Chess World will have a small stall/shop open 10am – 4pm most days during the Aus Junior. We'll have chess books, souvenirs, gifts and chess sets. So make sure you bring lots of cash! Most credit-cards are also accepted. 😊

## Keep in touch during the event

For light-hearted commentary, photos, videos and chat please visit the event **"2012 Australian Junior Chess Championships"** on Facebook. We'll be making daily, if not hourly, updates!



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For anything to do with chess; results, games, scores, pairings, there will be live games and results broadcast from [AusChess.Tornelo.com](http://AusChess.Tornelo.com).

To get the most out of your Tornelo experience, see an arbiter or visit [www.Tornelo.com](http://www.Tornelo.com) for some introductory videos and help.

## Coach Profile – Carl Gorka

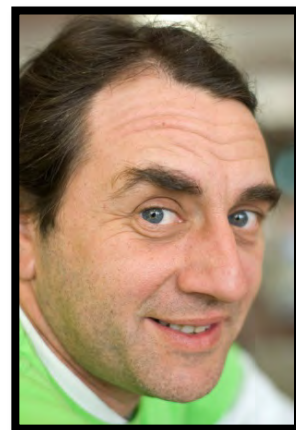
**Age:** 45

**Born:** England

**Favourite sports/hobbies:**  
Running, coffee tasting

**Greatest Chess Achievement:**  
Winning with a double bishop sacrifice against ex-Aus Champion, Doug Hamilton.

**Greatest Coaching Achievement:** Teaching 3-year-olds to play and think strategically!



**One thing to get more kids playing chess:** Chess on TV

**What did you get for Xmas:** Running shorts and shirts

**Pets:** 2 cats (Alice and Candy), 2 budgies (Beau and Bella)

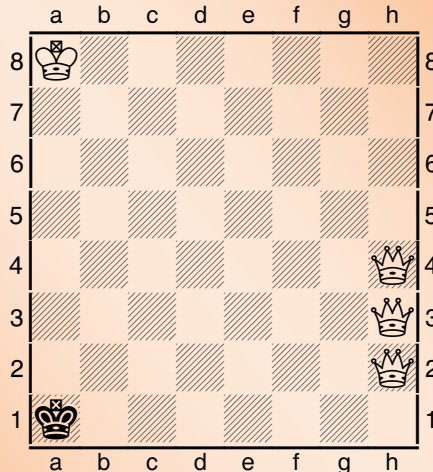
**Chess quote:** "Pawns are the soul of chess" – Philidor

**Chess Joke:** A rook, bishop and knight walk into a bar and ask "Do you take checks?"

**Favourite Player:** Victor Kortchnoi

**Contact Carl:** Ring 1300 4-CHESS or [chesskids.com.au](http://chesskids.com.au)

## Brain Buster 1



**White to play and mate in 7**

Looks easy? There is a catch. The Q's are not allowed to move off the h-file. See the Bulletin Editor with the correct answer (and a completed Player Profile) before Round 1 starts and you could win a prize!

[Play.Chesskids.com.au](http://Play.Chesskids.com.au)

Safe, fun and FREE – battle other kids from around Australia. Play Chess and chat online with over 3565 registered users!

# DAILY BULLETIN #1

## 2012 Australian Junior Chess Championships



### Off to a flying start!

#### Under 18 Championships – 21 players

Only one game per day, so not too much to report yet. One upset, with Eric Shi defeating Thomas Feng and his trendy new haircut.

Interestingly 11 of the 21 players are eligible for other age-groups but have chosen to 'play up' for the main title.

#### Under 18/16 Girls Championships – 8 players

The format of this event is an unusual one to cater for the small number of players. A round-robin to qualify players to "Top 4" or "Bottom 4" followed by another 4-player Round Robin to determine final results. To win the U/16G Title you will need to qualify Top 4...

A good win by Zoe Harrison in the first round in an early start towards the Top 4....I think she'll make it!

#### Under 16 Championships – 12 players

Talk about value for money! This event is being played as a round-robin with 11 games. Players; don't forget to check the schedule for your extra games! Pairings for the entire event are on [AusChess.Tornelo.com](http://AusChess.Tornelo.com) so you should start preparing for your key opponents.

#### Under 10 Championships – 60 players

I'd say this is going to be the most exciting and hard-fought of all the events (perhaps except the U14s). Already there are at least 5 players who have played tournament games for close to 6 hours today. That's more than the longest of tennis matches in the Australian Open!

It will be a test of strength and stamina and it will certainly not be easy for the top seeds. So far still 5 players undefeated.

#### Under 10/8 Girls Championships – 20 players

Straight to the top for the 4 I'd say are best contenders for this title (Yuvini, Jody, Denali and Amelia).


The big match in Round 4 will be top 2 seeds Jody Middleton v. Yuvini Perera. Jody is a tricky, attacking player and Yuvini is slow-and-steady...should be a great game to watch! Emily Lin is looking good for the U/8 title.

#### Under 8 Championships – 27 players

There are 6 players who could qualify for an Under 6 prize (and two of them already on 2 points!), that's the same as the number of Girls in the U18 and 16! Maybe there should be \$1200 in prizes and titles for U6's next year?

#### Game Entry

We collected (almost) 103 out of the 174 games played today – not a bad start! But, we do want to end up will all of them! Please keep entering them during quiet moments or at home! Also, feel free suggest how Tornelo can be improved - it is a home-grown application and can be updated/changed at fairly short notice!

A few games now have comments (look for  icon) anyone can make comments on the games. Keep your eyes open for comments and tips by Tasmanian legend Kevin Bonham and also from myself and other coaches.

#### State by State – 132 players today, 258 in total

Victoria – 189 players	Queensland – 24 players
NSW – 19 players	ACT & SA – 9 players
TAS & WA – 4 players	<b>Total interstate visitors = 69</b>

This is only a slight increase over the 65 interstate visitors to the 2009 event in Adelaide (total of only 99 players).

#### Who is this Bulletin Editor, David Cordover?

I'm the one doing lots of talking; probably spruiking the benefits of Tornelo! 😊 Approach me at any time for all tournament, bulletin, Tornelo, Training Squad or coaching questions or issues!

I'm a lot less scary in person than my picture.

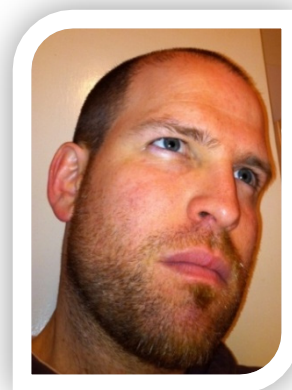
#### FREE T-Shirts!

Yes, you heard correctly. FREE! So, how do you get them?

There are lots of ways to get your free T-shirt; answering (correctly) my puzzles in the bulletins, finding spelling mistakes in the bulletin, submitting pictures, annotated games, good jokes and player profiles. Sadly, none of these are guaranteed – although you'd have a very good chance, particularly if I like you. 😊

A guaranteed way is at the end of 9 games to show me a scorebook with 9 signatures to prove you entered your game into Tornelo EVERY round! (Or if I check online and see all your games are there).

Then you get your FREE T-shirt!



## Player Profile – Denali Durden (QLD)

Denali is a mountain in Alaska and means “Great One”.

**Born:** Australia, attends St Kevin’s Catholic

**Future Career:** Air hostess

**Favourite sports/hobbies:** Swimming, skipping, reading, drawing and camping

**Greatest Chess Achievement:** Winning the 2011 Australian U/10 Girls Championships

**What I like about chess tournaments:** Travelling to new places and making new friends

**One thing to get more kids playing chess:** More girls only tournaments

**Favourite player:** WIM Alexandra Jule

**What did you get for Xmas:** 500 piece Butterfly puzzle

**Pets:** Chocolate Labrador called Sequoia

**Quote:** “In life; be the chess player, not the chess piece!”



## Shopping!



There will be a small bookstall open 10am – 4pm on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. We’ll have chess books, souvenirs, gifts and chess sets. So make sure you bring lots of cash! Most credit-cards are also accepted. ☺

## Answer to Brain Buster 1

Solved first by McKinley Keys (U12) – answer:  
 1. Qh5 (or h6) Kb1 2. Qh8 Kc1 3. Q8h7 Kd1 4. Q7h6 Ke1 5. Q3h5 Kf1 6. Qh1+ Kf2 7. Q5h2++

## Coach Profile – IM Robert Jamieson

**Age:** 60 (last profile he was 19 ¾ - what happened?)

**Born:** Australia, attended Haileybury College

**Favourite sports/hobbies:** Tennis, gardening, eating chocolate

**Greatest Chess Achievement:** IM title at Zonal in 1975 and GM norm at Lugano Olympiad 1982 (shared bronze medal for board 2 with Kasparov).

**Greatest Coaching Achievement:** Coaching David Cordover (Aust. Junior Champ 1996) and helping him get interested in chess.

**Greatest non-Chess Achievement:** Treasurer, Australian Davis Cup Tennis Foundation.

**One thing to get more kids playing chess:** Kids need heroes/role models so invest heavily in the very best juniors (like Bobby Cheng).

**What did you get for Xmas:** Books and chocolates. (I still have the books). **Pets:** 2 dogs, 2 chooks, 7 ducks, 4 guinea pigs and some goldfish.

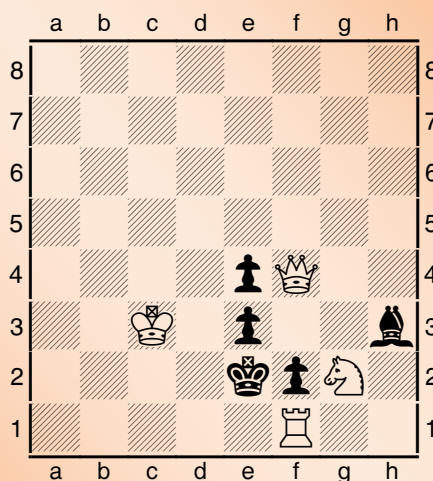
**Chess quote:** “Chess is a constant battle against your own stupidity.” **Favourite Player:** Karpov, followed by Purdy

**Chess Joke:** The ACF website

**Contact Robert:** Ring 1300 4-CHESS or [chesskids.com.au](http://chesskids.com.au)



## Brain Buster 2



**White to play and mate in 3**

This is really, seriously hard! I’ll give you a clue – the white squares are weak and you also need an answer to Black’s next move ...Kxf1.

# DAILY BULLETIN #2

## 2012 Australian Junior Chess Championships



### A record breaking event!

#### More like cricket

In only one respect do I wish that chess were more like cricket. No, not the bats. I just wish there were more statistics ... mainly because I think this event would be setting a whole heap of records!



The only statistic really ever kept is size and this event soundly surpasses the 2007 Canberra record (210 players) to become the largest Australian Junior Championships ever (258 players). We challenge the Gold Coast, Queensland to attract more next year!

We also have the youngest player (Stella Cameron – not yet 4), possibly the youngest player to win a game (Oliver, 4½) and there is even a chance we will have the youngest Champion (can Anton's do it?). We also had the youngest 8 year-old with Gaby Rips only 8 and 4 days.

Thanks to a great game-entry effort today (adding 185 games today out of a total of 199 played) we are now back on track to break the record of 1139 recorded games which was made in Canberra in 2007....keep it going!

A few more games have comments (look for **2** icon) and I have asked some very famous guest commentators to take a look through your games and make some comments as well.

One of the games contains the comment "This move is the secret blue fish." If you can tell me which game and what move number then YOU are the t-shirt winner! ☺



#### Under 18 Championships – 3 rounds of 9 played

Anton and Alistair (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> seeds) drew today, a smart strategic play to keep top seed Justin Tan under pressure.

No upsets today unless you count James Watson's club-mates coming down from Ballarat to find he had the bye!

#### Under 18/16 Girls – 3 of 7 preliminary rounds

Poster girl Charlotte Dilnutt has had a tough start to the tournament, playing the top 2 seeds and Zoe for a grand total of zero. And it doesn't get any easier today!

Zoe Harrison was crushing Ruihong until she blundered mate in 1. You can't afford many of these mistakes in a round-robin!

#### Under 16 Championships – 3 rounds of 11 played

All going according to ratings so far with Pasan and Bernard on perfect scores. I've always been told that the best strategy in round-robin events is "don't lose". Keep that in mind.

#### Under 10 Championships – 7 rounds of 9 played

I predicted it would be a close event and it certainly is. Kris and Haran are snapping at the heels of the leaders.

Today sees the battle of the brothers – the winner gets to go to a new school!

#### Under 10/8 Girls Championships – 7 of 9 played

There were a few key encounters yesterday and it was Jody who came out on top. You need a bit of luck to win any tournament and she certainly had the luck in her game against Amelia. Her lone-queen attack managed to find a checkmate in a clearly winning position for Amelia.

Emily and Cassandra are both on 4 points tied in the lead for the Under 8 title. Hopefully they play each other soon!

#### Under 8 Championships – 7 of 9 played

Bobby defeated Jason in round 5 in what might have been the deciding game of the tournament. It was a very exciting game with first Bobby taking the attack, then the tables turned and it looks like Jason was going to win for a while.

Watch out for Christopher Lim - he is doing very well, still Under 6 and already has 4 points! Also Harry Phillips has the potential to be a future champion.

Good to see Victoria on top in every category except the U16 Open. I guess we have to throw NSW a bone...

C'mon Max and Jack, grab that bone.

## Player Profile – Miranda Webb-Liddle (VIC U18G)

Miranda is a type of fizzy drink and means “Never Wrong”

**Born:** Australia, attends John Monash Science School

**Future Career:** Mechatronics Engineering

**Favourite sports/hobbies:** Equestrian, music (cello, piano and percussion)

**Greatest Chess Achievement:** Representing Australia at the World Youth Championships 3 times and placing 61<sup>st</sup>

**What I like about chess tournaments:** Seeing friends

**Favourite player:** Kasparov

**Pets:** 6 horses, 2 dogs and a cat

**Quote:** “You must take your opponent into a deep dark forest, where  $2+2=5$  and the path leading out is only wide enough for one.” - Mikhail Tal

Miranda has only missed one Australian Junior since 2007 (2010), because she was living in France!



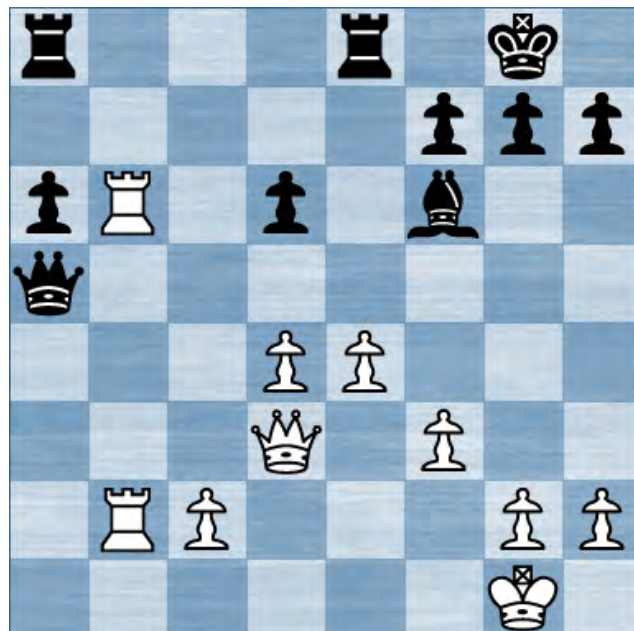
## Answer to Brain Buster 2

The first person to correctly solve this tough one was Vishal Bhat. Quite a few made attempts, but didn't quite get the answer!

1.Qh2 is the key first move. If 1...Kxf1 then 2.Qh1+ Ke2 3.Nf4# If 1...Bxg2 2.Qh5+ Kxf1 (or 2...Bf3 3.Qb5#) 3.Qd1# But what if 1...Bf5?

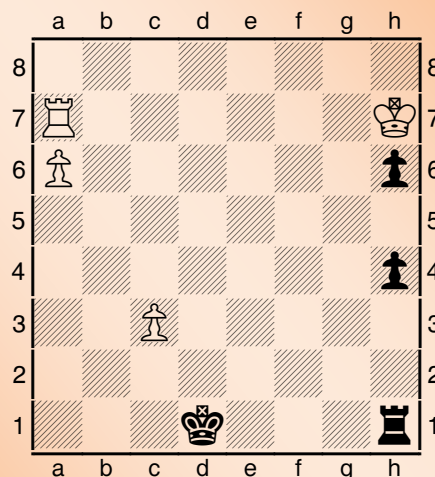
## FREE scoop of ice-cream!

Bring this bulletin to the Canteen and you'll get a free scoop of ice-cream with every drink purchase (\$3). Valid 1pm – 3pm only!



**William Maligin v. Vishal Bhat** – Here Black played the nice move 22...Bxd4+ ... forking everything and deflecting William's queen. After 23.Qxd4 Vishal played Qe1++

## Brain Buster 3



### White to play and win

An endgame puzzle today. Endgames are the most important phase of the game. Your Hint: *Where do rooks belong in the endgame?*

## Game of the day: An unusual sight, Miranda attacks

### Miranda Webb-Liddle – Stephanie Gu

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Bg5 c5 4. c3 e6 5. e3 Bd6 6. Nbd2 Nbd7 7. Bd3 O-O 8. e4 c4 9. Bc2 Be7 10. e5 Nh5 11. Bxe7 Qxe7 12. h4 g6 13. Qe2 f5 14. g3 b5 15. Ng5 a5 16. a3 Ba6 17. g4 Nf4 18. Qf3 fxg4 19. Qxg4 h6 20. Nh3 Nxh3 21. Qxg6+ Kh8 22. Qxh6+ Kg8 23. Rxh3 Rf7 24. Rg3+ Rg7 25. Qh7+ Kf8 26. Qh8+ Kf7 27. Rxg7# 1-0

### Chess Kids Training Squad

If you finish in the top half, but don't win your tournament, you should visit [www.chesstraining.com.au](http://www.chesstraining.com.au) – maybe you'll win next time?

# DAILY BULLETIN #3

## 2012 Australian Junior Chess Championships



### Meet our youngest Champions!

#### Under 8 Championship – 114 games

Bobby Yu (VIC) dominated this event, finishing a full 2 points ahead of the field! Kevin Shen and Michael Pogrebinsky (both NSW) finished strongly to finish equal 2<sup>nd</sup>. Harry Phillips and James Kwe were the top players still eligible for the U8 next year with 6 points.

A special award was handed out to Christopher Lim (5 points) for being the Top player Under 6!



Bobby Yu  
Australian Under 8  
Chess Champion

#### Under 8 and 10 Girls Championship – 90 games

This was probably the most exciting finish of the day.

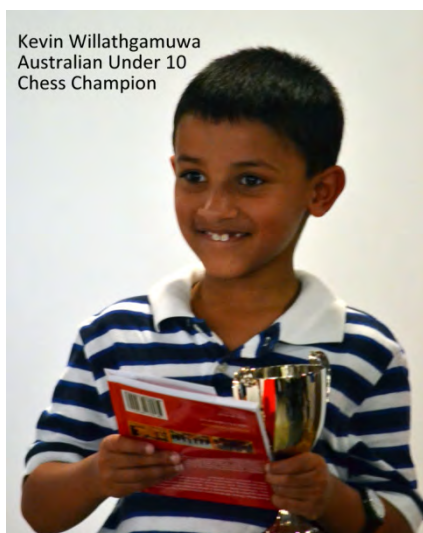
Emily Lin and Cassandra Lim were both equal first U8 going into the last 2 rounds. Both had tough games against U10 players and hoped the other would stumble. Neither did, and they both won their last 2 games against top U10 girls and ended up in a playoff match. Emily's attacking style was just too much for Cassandra and she won 2-0 to take the Under 8 title.



Emily Lin  
Australian Under 8 Girls  
Chess Champion

#### Under 10 Championship – 267 games

After losing to Ethan Lim (eventual runner-up) in round 5, Kevin Willathgamuwa let nobody, not even his brother, stand in the way! 4 straight wins while Ethan gave away 3 draws in the last 4 rounds gave him the title. Kevin also won the U8 title last year and has got a good shot at the U12 title this year!



Kevin Willathgamuwa  
Australian Under 10  
Chess Champion

In the meantime Jody was helped into first place, overtaking Phoebe (after losing to her in round 7), by Emily's last round victory over Phoebe.



Jody Middleton, Australian Under 10 Girls Chess Champion

#### Under 8 Girls Playoff Match – Game 2

##### Cassandra Lim – Emily Lin

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 b5 5. Bb3 d6 6. Nc3 b4 7. Nd5 Be6 8. O-O Bg4 9. h3 h5 10. d3 a5 11. a4 bxa3 12. bxa3 Nd4 13. hxg4 hxg4 14. Nxd4 Qh4 15. f3 g3 16. Nxc7+ Kd7 17. Bh6 Qh2#

### Under 16 Championship – 24 games

Wake me when there is an upset. Pasan crushing Max has been the most exciting thing so far.

### Under 18 Championship – 40 games

An important win for Justin Tan over the very dangerous (even if he is short) Zachary Loh. Anton (equally, if not more so, short and dangerous) gave away another draw. Today, being a warm day, you will need a pair of shorts.

### Under 18/16 Girls – 16 games

Keep a close watch on the Zoe v. Miranda game today – it could be the tournament decider! Or if not the decider then at least a preview of the second game they may have to play in the finals.

### Games input on Torneo

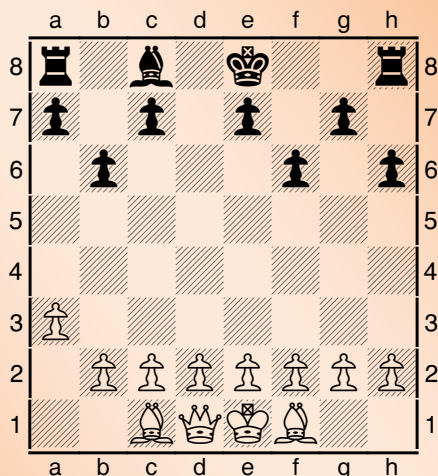
We are up to 439 games of the 551 total games played – not quite 80%. For the U12s and older I'm expecting a much better %...there is no reason we can't aim for 100%.

### Answer to Brain Buster 3

1.Rg7 if ...Re1 (aiming to stop the pawn by Re8) then 2.Rg1 Rxc1 3.h7 and promotes.

If 1...Kc2 2.Rg2+ Kb3 3.Ra2 Kxa2 4.h7!...5.h8=Q

### Brain Buster 4



#### Black castled and White claimed a win!

After the Problem Solving yesterday you're probably sick of puzzles; so here is an Arbiters' Problem.

In the Lightning today Black played ...O-O in the above position and White claimed a win. With no input from either player I awarded the win. But was I right?

You need to work backwards to prove your answer.



### Player Profile – Zhi-Lin Guo (VIC U14G)

*Named after Creedence Clearwater Revival ... And I wonder, still I wonder.*

**Born:** Australia, attending Balwyn High in 2012

**Future Career:** None (*Sensible plan!*)

**Favourite sports/hobbies:** Swimming, tennis and roller-blading (*Did you know I used to roller-blade a lot?*)

**Greatest Achievement:** Beating David Flude (*I understand, every time he mentions the word "gambit" to me, I wish I could do the same.*)

**What I like about chess:** Playing different people

**What I don't like:** Losing on countback

**Favourite player:** Judit Polgar

**Greatest non-chess achievement:** Getting a cake out of the baking tin in one piece



**Pets:** 2 chickens and a turtle (*Eric, the turtle, isn't that smart, he can only beat Zhi-Lin 1 out of every 3 games.*)

**Quote:** "A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kickboxing"

**Chess**



# DAILY BULLETIN #4

## 2012 Australian Junior Chess Championships



### All tournaments are now under-way!

#### Under 18 Championship – Cameron takes the lead!

A huge win today for Alistair Cameron over top seed Justin Tan. This gives Alistair the lead by half a point and to boot, he's played everyone higher rated than him.

Anton and Justin are playing today to see who can keep the chase going!

#### Under 16 Championship – just past half-way

Well done Bazli for good use of the open file to create the first big upset of the event. Dmitry Li is also punching well above his weight – let's see how he goes against Pasan (tournament leader with 6/6) today.

#### Under 18/16 Girls – last round before Finals

Today is the last round in the Girls before they split into 2 groups of 4 for a Finals Series of 3 games. The match of the day is Ruihong v. Stephanie – the winner gets into the top half and the loser will probably be relegated to the bottom half. A draw means another exciting playoff!

The other game to watch is Miranda v. Janaki, which if Miranda wins, might put her out of reach – 1.5 ahead going into the final 3 games.

#### GOOD WORK - Games input on Tornelo

Great work today with game entry – in all the U12 and U14 events we only missed 3 games (and I've been promised they'll be entered today)! Up to a total of 598 games recorded so far – that's almost as many in the ENTIRE event last year!

Under 18s and 16s are getting it easy thanks to Frank Lekkas who is updating all the games LIVE on AusChess.Tornelo.com

#### Coaches – you can help too!

As a reward for all the work that these kids are putting in I'm putting a call out to all chess coaches – you can help by adding your comments to games in Tornelo.

If you're logged in and looking at a game you can add an insightful comment. It's as easy as jotting down a couple of words while you're analysing with your students or preparing for their upcoming games.

Not only will the kids feel great to know that a famous player/coach such as yourself was looking at their game – but they (and anyone else who looks at it) will learn something!

Lets see if we can get to 250 games with coaches comments (and not just from Carl, Robert and me!).

#### Under 14 Championship – no easy games

They thought that Andrew Pan (335 points higher rated than the 2<sup>nd</sup> seed) would have an easy time of it – but not so! Stuart Nicholls played a great game yesterday to get the better side of a draw.

Ege Girgin unleashed a nice tactic to win a piece and the game against 2<sup>nd</sup> seed Vincent Chen. Jason Chew is the only U12 who is "playing up" into the U14 and is showing he'll be a contender in this division too with a draw against 7<sup>th</sup> seed Alex MacAdam!



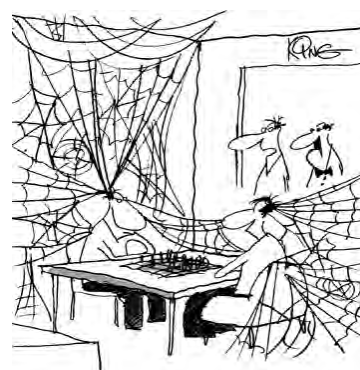
SINCE WHEN HAVE MINE-FIELDS BEEN PART OF CHESS??

#### Under 12 Championship – anyone's tournament

It's going to take a while before things become any clearer in this event. Any one of the top 10 players could easily win the title, plus there are a host of very, very underrated (or unrated) players.

#### Under 14/12 Girls Championship

There's a new girl in town, and it seems she has some talent! Eliza Mapili had a great start with a win over Fiona in an epic first round battle, followed by a long draw with Chloe. I bet she had an early night last night and is ready for more long games today!



"Long game??"

## Lightning Championships – U18 playoffs still to go

The Problem Solving and Lightning events were held on the rest-day (Tuesday).

Nigel Nettheim did another magnificent job of putting together the exams and is now about half-way through marking them all! This event only started in 2007 and has now become a real feature of the Aus Junior festival.

The Blitz results are all online – including 4 of the 5 playoff games. Titles will be awarded on Sunday:

Open U18 and U16 Champions – Playoff between Justin Tan and Anton Smirnov (8.5/11) due in the next few days; winner is U18 Champion and loser is U16 Champion.

Open U14 Champion – Andrew Pan (8/11)

Open U12 Champion – David Cannon (9/11)

Open U10 Champion – Kevin Willathgamuwa (2-1 (in a bullet playoff) against Ethan Lim)

Open U8 Champion – Jason Chan (6.5/11)

Girls U18 Champion – Miranda Webb-Liddle (won playoff)

Girls U16 Champion – Denise Lim (lost playoff to MWL)

Girls U14 Champion – Zhi Lin Guo (8/11)

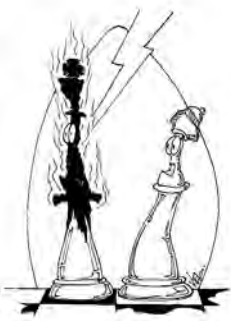
Girls U12 Champion – Jody Middleton (7/11)

Girls U10 Champion – Yuvini Perera (6.5/11)

Girls U8 Champion – Nada Mohamoud (2/11)

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## Game of the day

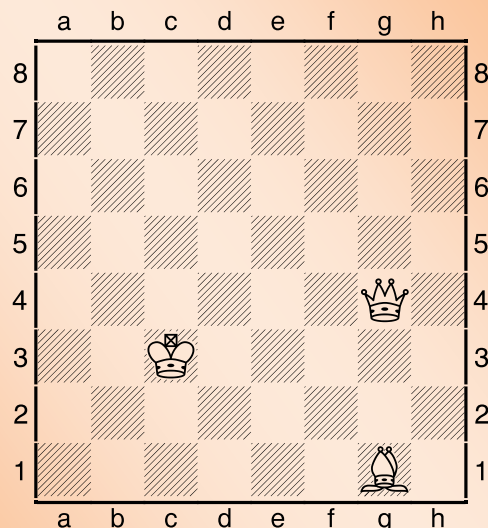
Rebecca Strickland – Nicole Chin

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. Nf3 e5 4. Bc4 Nf6 5. O-O a6 6. d3 d6 7. Ng5 Be6 8. Bxe6 fxe6 9. Nxe6 Qd7 10. Nd5 Nxd5 11. exd5 Nd8 12. Qh5+ g6 13. Qg4 Be7 14. Ng7+ Kf7 15. Qxd7 Kxg7 16. Qxe7+ Nf7 17. Bg5 Rhe8 18. Qf6+ Kg8 19. h4 1-0

## Answer to Brain Buster 4

White's last move was a2-a3. Black's last move must have been to capture a White knight. The only places the knight could have moved to, then be captured, were e8 or h8. In both cases ...O-O would be illegal.

## Brain Buster 5



**Black's King has fallen off the board.**

Place it back on the board:

- a) To make it stalemate
- b) To make it checkmate
- c) So it is White to play and mate in 1



## Player Profile – Eliza Mapili (VIC U12G)

*Loves singing, dancing and reading – but not talking to me*

**Born:** Philippines, attending Harrisfield Primary

**Future Career:** Medicine **Chess Coach:** Resti Raganit

**Favourite sports/hobbies:** Bat tennis

**Greatest Chess Achievement:** Milo Checkmate Philippines Gold Medal

**What I like about chess:** Challenges, meeting people, seeing new places

**What I don't like:** Mental drain (*Then don't talk to Flude!*)

**Favourite player:** Garry Kasparov

**What did you get for X-mas:** Dress, watch

**Best tournament:** Vancouver, Canada; the challenge was amazing!

**Pets:** Dog "Buster" (*The same name as all my pet ghosts*)

**Quote:** "Doesn't matter if you're Black or White."

# DAILY BULLETIN #5

## 2012 Australian Junior Chess Championships



### A good day for Black (63 white wins, 66 black wins, 13 draws)

#### Under 18 Championship – Alistair now a point clear

Daniel Lapitan probably went out too hard to try and beat Alistair and it backfired. You have to be more patient and just play the game.

This leaves Alistair only once chance to falter – and that is if he doesn't put his R1 game against Adam into Tornelo! Then I'll give him 0 for the game and bring him back to equal with Justin, Anton and Willis. ☺

If Alistair wins he will be the first Aus Junior Champion from Adelaide in 20 years (Trevor Tao, 1992). I think he is already the only SA player in the last 10 to win any title!

#### Under 16 Championship – An exciting run home

Now it's hotting up. Thanks players, now I have something to write about. Pasan took a 10 move draw against Dmitry, obviously terrified after my big talk-up in the bulletin. Jack then beat Bernard to move into 2<sup>nd</sup> place (half-point behind Pasan). The last 2 rounds will see Pasan v. Bernard and then Pasan v. Jack in the final round!

#### Under 18/16 Girls – Into the Finals.

Ruihong lost a pawn early, then Stephanie gave it back to stem the attack and eventually outplayed Ruihong in the endgame. After the long game Stephanie made it into the Top 4 while Ruihong was relegated to 5<sup>th</sup> place at best.

The Top 4 Finals will be Mirana, Janaki, Stephanie and Zoe. Technically anyone can still win, but Miranda has a very handy 1.5 point lead.

The B-Finals probably won't change the final standings much, with the main game to look out for being today; Molly v. Anna both vying for 3<sup>rd</sup> place U16.

#### Under 14 Championship – Who will step up?

This is still way too close to call. Good game by Stuart Nicholls to beat Martin Jack today and 17 players within a point of first place. Someone needs to break the pack!

#### Under 12 Championship – Brothers on top!

Today will test the age and experience of Rishi and David against youthful energy of the Willathgamuwa brothers. If Finley Dale could sit still for more than 10 minutes he'd have a chance too!

On your time think tactics, on his think strategy.



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#### Under 14/12 Girls Championship – The long games

There seems to be an unofficial competition between these girls to see who can play the *longest* game, and also who can promote the most queens! I think Alanna's 5 queens is winning, as is her 97 move game against Denise.



Chess cheerleaders jump up and down but don't make any noise.

#### Games input on Tornelo

Under 14s are the clear winners – 100% entry in the past 2 days!! Girls keep playing such long, long games that we are a couple of games behind. Under 12s are doing very well – only 3 missing. C'mon lets make a big effort to catch up to 100% today! I'll even help those girls with really long games and no breaks between – just give me your scorebooks.

There are now 78 games with commentary. Thanks to the coaches and players who have been sharing their knowledge and ideas! Make sure your coach does too.

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Upstairs in the Victorian coaching room.



## Answer to Brain Buster 5

- a) h1 is stalemate
- b) e3 is checkmate
- c) a8 allows Qc8++

Well done McKinley for solving it first (again)!



### Player Profile – McKinley Keys (VIC U12)

**Born:** USA, attending Clifton Hill Primary

**Future Career:** Physicist

**Favourite sports/hobbies:** Footy, guitar

**Greatest Chess Achievement:** Best player in Clifton Hill Primary school (advanced class) 3 terms in a row

**What I like about tournaments:** Learning from experience

**What I don't like:** It's scary (*yep, chessplayers look scary*)

**Favourite player:** Bobby Fischer

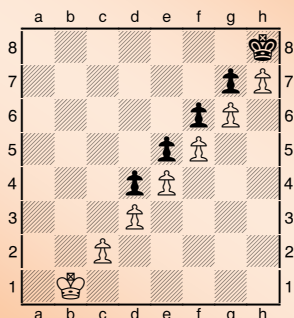
**Greatest non-chess achievement:** Learning calculus in grade 4 (*wow, you should and chat to arbiter Charles Z.*)

**X-mas presents:** Remote-control helicopter, physics kit, hydrogen car kit, books, graphing calculator.

**Pets:** Dog, "Cody" (*the one on the left in the picture*)

**Quote:** "Chess is life" – Bobby Fischer

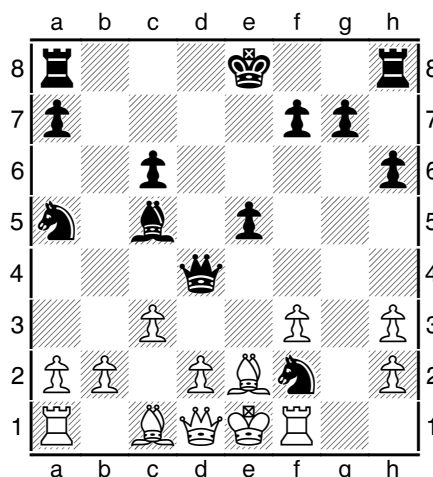
### Brain Buster 6 – White to play and win



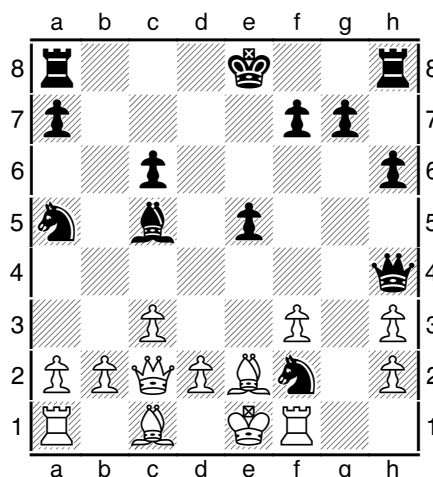
### Game of the week!

Peter Gregoric- Jimmy Ying Under 14 Round 2

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 d5 5.exd5 Na5 6.Bb5+ c6 7.dxc6 bxc6 8.Be2 h6 9.Nh3 Qd5 10.f3? 10.0-0 looks scary but is better. Black can break up white's king side pawn defence, but will miss the light squared bishop for an attack 10...Bxh3 11.gxh3 10...Bxh3 11.gxh3 Bc5 12.Nc3 12.c3 was necessary preventing black's queen from coming to the g1-a7 diagonal 12...Qd4! Black's plan is simple but effective. Hitting on f2 with irresistible threats 13.Ne4 13.Rf1 Doesn't help 13...Qh4+ 14.Rf2 Qxf2# 13...Nxe4 14.Rf1 Nf2 Black traps a queen, but white has counter-attack on black's queen 15.c3



15...Qh4! Relentless attack 16.Qc2 Allows a very pretty smothered mate 16.d4 Ne4+ 17.Rf2 Qxf2#; 16.Ba6 Nxh3+ 17.Ke2 Nf4#



16...Nd3+ 17.Kd1 Qe1+!! 18.Rxe1 Nf2# 0-1

This reminded me of a famous, ancient game by Greco.

Anonymous – Greco Europe, 1620

1.e4 e5 2.f4 f5 3.exf5 Qh4+ 4.g3 Qe7 5.Qh5+ Kd8 6.fxe5 Qxe5+ 7.Be2 Nf6 8.Qf3 d5 9.g4 h5 10.h3 hxg4 11.hxg4 Rxh1 12.Qxh1 Qg3+ 13.Kd1 Nxe4 14.Qxd5+ Bd7 15.Nf3 Nf2+ 16.Ke1 Nd3+ 17.Kd1 Qe1+ 18.Nxe1 Nf2# 0-1

## Youngest ever Australian Junior Lightning Champion



**Anton Smirnov, Aus Junior Lightning Champion at age 10! Smashing (now GM) David Smerdon's record of 12.**

### Lightning Playoff – a new champion

Anton Smirnov and Justin Tan played a 2-game playoff yesterday afternoon with Anton winning 2-0. I was impressed by his very mature play in both games. Check Tornelo (U18 Lightning) to view the games.

### Under 18 Championship – great technique

Alistair Cameron proved he could checkmate with N+B against K today. A win is a win, even if he had to stare at the position from the other side of the board for a long time because he's only ever practiced the checkmate with White!

### Under 18/16 Girls – the pressure is on

Miranda drew and Zoe won which makes tomorrow's game between them all the more important. A win will give Miranda the title and Zoe needs to win to keep in contention for the U18 title.

Ruihong's draw today virtually ensured she will get 3<sup>rd</sup> U18 – does that mean we'll need a playoff for 3<sup>rd</sup> U16 between Mollie and Anna?

### Under 16 Championship – retraction

Apologies for thinking Pasan played a 10-move draw in round 7; apparently it was a hard-fought game with most of the moves missing from Tornelo!

A lot of pressure now on Pasan. A full point ahead but has to play #2 (Bernard) and #3 (Jack) in the final 2 rounds and they're going to make him really work for his title.

### Under 14 Championship – anyone from anywhere

Just when you think that Andrew Pan might break away from the pack he has another draw. And the pack keeps sniffing at his heels.

It's a well rounded event with NSW, VIC, SA, QLD, ACT and WA represented in the top 10!! And TAS in 12<sup>th</sup> ...

Joseph Wong is equal first with 5 points after a brief victory over Tom Cricketer where half his moves were with his Queen!! Obviously Tom didn't expect the Queen to move yet again!

### Under 14/12 Girls Championship – long and pink

If we were recording the average length of games then this is the event with by far the longest games!

Also as the event progresses the players seem to be wearing more and more pink. Today it was table numbers, jumpers, lunchboxes, pens, shirts and even donuts. I'm calling the girls for an ALL PINK final round!!



### Under 12 Championship – 5 on 5 (not basketball)

Rowan has taken the lead with a group of 5 on 5 behind him. He continues to avoid playing his brother, maybe we can save it as an exciting last round game for the title!

### David Cannon – Kevin Willathgamuwa

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 c5 4. exd5 Qxd5 5. Ngf3 cxd4 6. Bc4 Qc5 7. Qe2 Nc6 8. Nb3 Qb6 9. Bf4 Bb4+ 10. Bd2 Nf6 11. O-O Be7 12. Bf4 O-O 13. Rad1 Rd8 14. Be5 Nxe5 15. Nxe5 a6 16. Rd3 Qc7 17. Rfd1 b5 18. Nxd4 bxc4 19. Rc3 Bb7 20. Rxc4 Qb6 21. b3 a5 22. Nec6 Re8 23. Qe5 Nd5 24. Nxe6 Bf6 25. Qxd5 Rxe6 26. Re4 Rxc6 27. Rde1 Rcc8 28. Qc4 Bxe4 29. Qxe4 Qe6 30. Qxe6 fxe6 31. Rxe6 Re8 32. Rd6 Re1# 0-1



Arbiters Frank, David and Charles waiting for a 4<sup>th</sup> for their game of “ring-a-ring-a-rosie”.

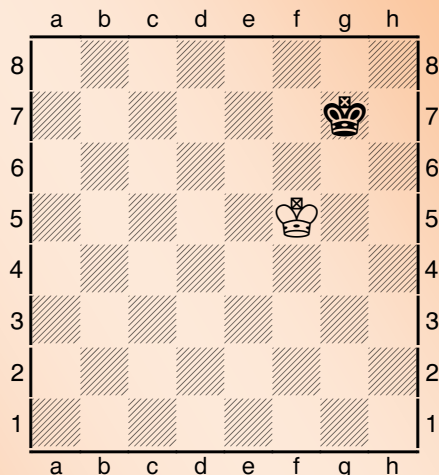
### Games input on Tornado

We are now at 891 games recorded (86 commented) in Tornado and still very close to 100% in the older age-groups.

Just one thing that I'd like everyone to check – take a look at your games and make sure that they have the right number of moves! You should also make sure you choose the right “reason” at the end of the game...and if you've not finished entering it then choose the “coming back later” option – and don't forget to come back later!

Remember, free t-shirts on the last day for anyone who has all 9 games entered (with the right number of moves)!

### Brain Buster 7



An easy puzzle this morning so Matthew Pyper has no chance to be first to solve it!

- Place 2 Black pawns on the board so it is White to play and it is an ILLEGAL position
- Place 3 Black pawns on the board so it is White to play and it is an ILLEGAL position

In both parts of the puzzle you must be able to remove ANY one of the Black pawns to create a LEGAL position.

Part b) has 2 solutions (although if the White king was anywhere else there would only be 1).



### Melbourne Chess Club President – Grant Szuveges

**Vital Statistics:** Born in Australia, age 35

**Favourite sports/hobbies:** Watching wild animals in national parks, AFL football

**Greatest Chess Achievement:** =7<sup>th</sup> Australian Open 1999. Winner Christmas Swiss 1997. FM title.

**Coaching Achievement:** Initiating specialist blitz coaching

**Greatest non-chess Achievement:** Travelling to 45 countries (18 of them 3 times or more!)

**One thing to get more kids playing chess:** Run a fancy dress blitz or allegro tournament

**Favourite holiday spot:** Nepal and former Yugoslavia

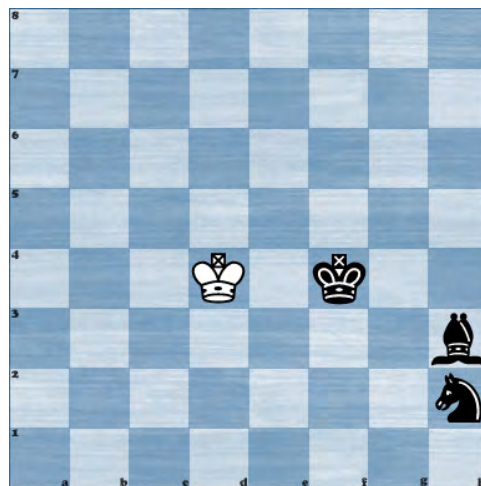
**Pets:** I want to buy guinea pigs or a rabbit for my kids

**Quote:** “The position is about passed pawns! You give me passed pawns and I'll shut up!”

**Favourite players:** Tal, Portisch, Petrosian and Johansen

### Answer to Brain Buster 6

1.c3 dxc3 2.Kc1! c2 3.d4 exd4 4.Kxc2 d3+ 5.Kd1 and so on until you get the opposition and can promote your g-pawn. Avoiding stalemate.



Could you win from this position in less than the 38 moves it took Alistair? What about if you're under pressure?

# DAILY BULLETIN #7

## 2012 Australian Junior Chess Championships



### A very exciting finish planned for today!

#### Under 18 Championship – one more to go

The tournament is still in the balance. Alistair Cameron ended up in a drawn R+P endgame against Michael Chan after a tactical skirmish and needs a win in the final round against Zachary Loh to secure the title. A draw will almost certainly put him into a playoff against either Justin or Anton (Justin if they both win).

#### Under 18/16 Girls – a new star is born

What a finish! Zoe beat Miranda to put the pressure on big time! Miranda now needs to win against Janaki in the final round to win the title. Zoe and Stephanie will be playing for both the U16 Girls title and a shot at the U18 title, if Miranda loses, or a playoff if she draws!

Ruihong locked in 3<sup>rd</sup> U18 and if Anna and Mollie finish with the same result today they will playoff for 3<sup>rd</sup> U16G.

#### Under 16 Championship – retraction of a retraction

Turns out there was a 10-move draw and I shouldn't have listened to just any old Grandmother's passing gossip!

Anyway, enough of the retractions and unsubstantiated gossip...after an uneventful beginning, this tournament has got everyone on the edge of their seats!

Three players equal with 8.5/10. Pasan and Jack playing to join Bernard in the playoff (Bernard is clear favourite to beat Bazli, but stranger things than a last-round loss have happened under pressure!).



Jack Puccini – having a 'breakthrough tournament'

#### Under 14 Championship – anyone from anywhere

These players are just the best! They all show up on time, they enter all their games into Tornelo immediately, they are playing great long games. All in all, if there was a prize for the best tournament – U14s win it!

Andrew Pan has the lead by the slimmest of margins, so a draw won't be enough. Another 'must win' game!

#### Under 14/12 Girls – long, long, hard fought games

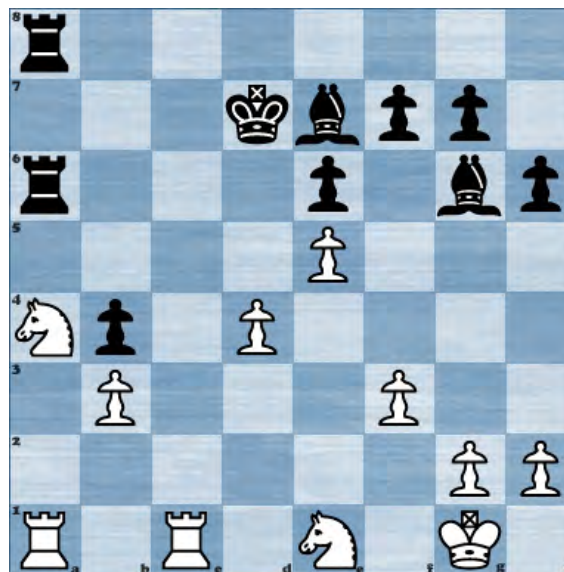
Potentially yet another playoff possible with Zhi-Lin (draws with Alanna and Nicole) and Denise (loss only to Zhi-Lin) equal first with 7 points. Neither has an easy last round game – so another 2 games to keep an eye on!

Alanna is playing Chloe and a draw will get her a playoff for the title with Eilza if she wins. A win gives a guaranteed outright U12G title.



#### Under 12 Championship – NSW dominates

Kevin won the U10 and it looks like it's Rowan W's turn for a title here. Hats off to NSW who could make a clean sweep of the prizes in this division.



From the R8 "battle of brothers". Can you see what Rowan (white) played here to win material?

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# DAILY BULLETIN #8

## 2012 Australian Junior Chess Championships



**Goodbye, see you next year in QLD!**



**Australian Junior Girls and Australian Junior Champion!  
Miranda Webb-Liddle and Alistair Cameron**

### Prize Tally

State	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Total	\$
VIC	18	15	6	<b>39</b>	\$2694
NSW	12	7	4	<b>23</b>	\$2112
SA	1	3		<b>4</b>	\$662
QLD	2	-	2	<b>4</b>	\$267
TAS	1	-	-	<b>1</b>	\$10

### Is the event improving? Make up your own mind.

Let's take a look back at the Year 2000 (Aus Junior held in Morwell, Victoria), to make some comparisons. '00 is year 2000 and '12 is this year. #s is number of players.

State	'00 \$	'12 \$	'00 #s	'12 #s
VIC	\$1768	\$2694	58	205
NSW	\$2271	\$2112	24	19
SA	\$220	\$662	8	8
QLD	\$235	\$267	19	25
TAS	-	\$10	-	4
WA	\$45	-	9	5
ACT	\$1357	-	24	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5895</b>	<b>\$5745</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>276</b>

In 2000, 23% of players were girls (33); 19 from interstate.

This year, 18% girls (49) and of those just 8 interstate girls.

In total we welcomed 70 interstate visitors this year; in 2000 there were 84 from interstate.

In 2000, 41% of players aged U12. This year 63% are U12.

Clearly the world is changing quickly. Is this event changing fast enough to keep up? We welcome ideas and feedback – email me [cordover@chesskids.com.au](mailto:cordover@chesskids.com.au)

### Under 18 Champion – Alistair Cameron

Calm under pressure and no losses. Alistair proved very worthy of the AJC title. Anton gave away too many draws and Justin lost his key game to Alistair. Rupert Coy had a great event to finish with 5.5.

### Under 18 Girls Champion – Miranda Webb Liddle

Nerves showed a little in rounds 8 and 9, but won when she really needed to. After 6 years of trying it's good to see Miranda finally take home the title!

### Under 16 Champion – Bernard Chau

The most boring start and the most exciting finish! Jack played a terrible opening and got crushed, leaving Pasan and Bernard to battle out the Playoff. 2 draws in the 15 minute games and a blunder in the first of the 5 min games gave the title to Bernard.



### Under 16 Girls Champion – Stephanie Gu

Experience made the difference in the Zoe v Stephanie last round decider. Stephanie played the opening better, grabbed a pawn and went on to win the game and title. Zoe still went home with 2<sup>nd</sup> U18 and showed she will be a strong contender for the U18 title next year.

There was no way to split the tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> so a 4<sup>th</sup> playoff was held with Anna winning both games.



### Under 14 Champion – Andrew Pan

Being higher rated is never enough! Andrew Pan and Stuart Nicholls went into a playoff for the title. Stuart had the better of the first game but accepted a draw, hoping to win with white in the second game. I'm no opening expert, but it looked like he played too passively against the Najdorf and Andrew broke through in the centre.



### Under 14 Girls Champion – Denise Lim

I've said all along that the U14s are my favourite age group, just so polite, focused and well behaved! Denise had only one loss during the event (from a winning position against Zhi-Lin) and won the other 8.

She couldn't be more deserving of the title. Well done.

### Under 12 Champion – Rowan Willathgamuwa

After Kevin won the U10 I guess Rowan really wanted to go home with a title too and he played outstandingly.

A NSW clean-sweep of the prizes with Rishi in second and Kashish in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Victorian David Cannon was the only player to hold Rowan to a draw, but his tactical style was too inconsistent to place in this event.



### Answer to Brain Buster 8

1.Qc5!! e3 [1...Kh4 2.Qe3 gxf3 3.Qg5#; 1...gxf3 2.Qg1 Kh4 3.Qg5#] 2.Qc8 gxf3 3.Qxf3#

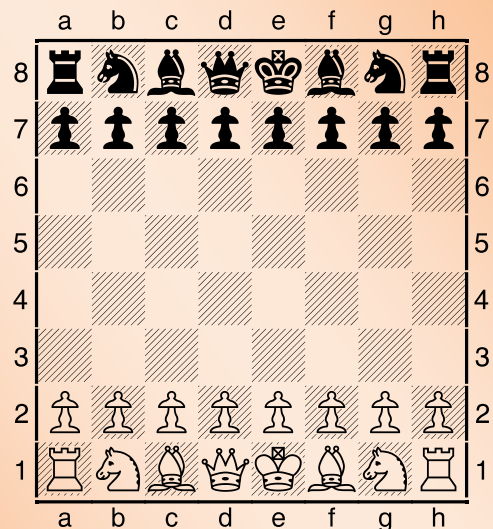
### Under 12 Girls Champion – Alanna Chew Lee

A last round loss put Alanna into a playoff with Eliza. Sadly Chloe (who beat Alanna in the final round) missed out on the playoffs by countback.

The girls in this event tended (in lots of games) to get stuck in early-middlegame positions and not be able to think of anything to do; so they move around in circles. In the first playoff game Alanna's circles improved her position while Eliza's didn't and Alanna managed to get a draw from only 2-pawns up in the second game to claim the title.



### Brain Buster 9



White to play and win.

Ha! I'd like to see Matthew try and solve this!

Again, Matthew Pyper gave me the first move (3<sup>rd</sup> time lucky), but I ran away before he could tell me the rest. So, "technically" he may not have been first to solve yesterday's problem!

# Championships Prize Winners



## Under 18 Championship (21 players)

Alistair Cameron	\$500	1 <sup>st</sup> U18
Justin Tan	\$240	2 <sup>nd</sup> U18
Anton Smirnov	\$240	3 <sup>rd</sup> U18
Michael Chan	\$100	
Rupert Coy	Chess Set	

## Under 18 Girls Championship (3 players)

Miranda Webb Liddle	\$400	1 <sup>st</sup> U18G
Zoe Harrison	\$200	2 <sup>nd</sup> U18G
Janaki Narenthran	\$150	3 <sup>rd</sup> U18G

## Under 16 Championship (12 players)

Bernard Chau (1-1, 1½-½)	\$250	1 <sup>st</sup> U16
Pasan Perera (1-1, ½-1½)	\$250	2 <sup>nd</sup> U16
Jack Puccini	\$100	3 <sup>rd</sup> U16

## Under 16 Girls Championship (5 players)

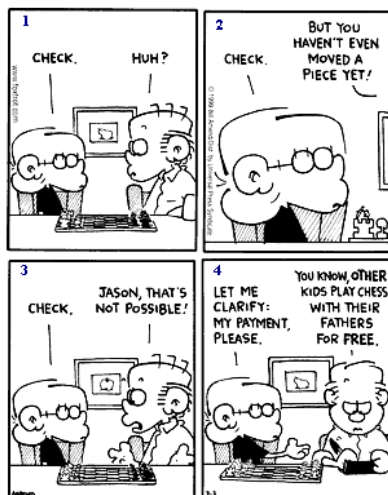
Stephanie Gu	\$250	1 <sup>st</sup> U16G
Ruihong Lu	\$120	2 <sup>nd</sup> U16G
Anna Griffin (2-0)	\$30	3 <sup>rd</sup> U16G
Mollie Yeowart (0-2)	\$30	=3 <sup>rd</sup> U16G

## Under 14 Championship (43 players)

Andrew Pan (1½-½)	\$150	1 <sup>st</sup> U14
Stuart Nicholls (½-1½)	\$150	2 <sup>nd</sup> U14
Vincent Chen	\$60	3 <sup>rd</sup> U14
Joseph Wong	\$50	=4 <sup>th</sup> U14
Callum Gray	\$50	=4 <sup>th</sup> U14
Martin Jack	\$50	=4 <sup>th</sup> U14
Jimmy Ying	\$50	=4 <sup>th</sup> U14
Tom Slater-Jones	Book	State prize
George Carolin-Unkovich	Book	State prize
Alex MacAdam	Book	State prize
Ethan Derwent	Book	State prize
Mason Carter	Book	State prize

## Under 14 Girls Championship (5 players)

Denise Lim	\$120	1 <sup>st</sup> U14G
Zhi-Lin Guo	\$80	2 <sup>nd</sup> U14G
Nicole Chin	\$50	3 <sup>rd</sup> U14G
Rebecca Strickland	Book	4 <sup>th</sup> U14G



## Under 12 Championship (67 players)

Rowan Willathgamuwa	\$150	1 <sup>st</sup> U12
Rishi Dutta	\$100	2 <sup>nd</sup> U12
Kashish Christian	\$45	3 <sup>rd</sup> U12
Finley Dale	\$45	=3 <sup>rd</sup> U12
David Cannon	\$40	=5 <sup>th</sup> U12
Kevin Willathgamuwa	\$40	=5 <sup>th</sup> U12
Daniel Yuan	\$20	=7 <sup>th</sup> U12
Tristan Krstevski	\$20	=7 <sup>th</sup> U12
Jamie Fay	\$20	=7 <sup>th</sup> U12
Melvin Teo	\$20	=7 <sup>th</sup> U12
Hamish Jones	\$20	=7 <sup>th</sup> U12
Leon Yi Ming Lee	\$20	=7 <sup>th</sup> U12
Carl Loucas	\$20	=7 <sup>th</sup> U12
Liam Harrison	Book	State prize
Oscar Pearce	Chess set	Improvement award

## Under 12 Girls Championship (13 players)

Alanna Chew Lee (1½-½)	\$70	1 <sup>st</sup> U12G
Eliza Mapili (½-1½)	\$70	2 <sup>nd</sup> U12G
Chloe Chin	\$70	3 <sup>rd</sup> U12G
Fiona Shen	\$30	4 <sup>th</sup> U12G

## Under 10 Championship (60 players)

Kevin Willathgamuwa	\$100	1 <sup>st</sup> U10
Ethan Lim	\$60	2 <sup>nd</sup> U10
Tony (Junhao) Zhong	\$40	3 <sup>rd</sup> U10
Vishal Bhat	\$30	=4 <sup>th</sup> U10
Kris Chan	\$30	=4 <sup>th</sup> U10
Luis Chan	\$30	=4 <sup>th</sup> U10
Matthew McConnell	\$30	=4 <sup>th</sup> U10
Rowan Willathgamuwa	\$12	=8 <sup>th</sup> U10
Kevin Song	\$12	=8 <sup>th</sup> U10
Dongwoo Shin	\$12	=8 <sup>th</sup> U10
Chris Fu	\$12	=8 <sup>th</sup> U10
Ken Weeraratne	\$12	=8 <sup>th</sup> U10

## Under 10 Girls Championship (13 players)

Jody Middleton	\$80	1 <sup>st</sup> U10G
Phoebe Fan	\$50	2 <sup>nd</sup> U10G
Denali Durden	\$30	3 <sup>rd</sup> U10G
Amelia Mendes	\$30	4 <sup>th</sup> U10G

## Under 8 Championship (27 players)

Bobby Yu	\$50	1 <sup>st</sup> U8
Kevin Shen	\$25	2 <sup>nd</sup> U8
Michael Pogrebinsky	\$25	3 <sup>rd</sup> U8
Jason Chan	\$15	=4 <sup>th</sup> U8
Harry Phillips	\$15	=4 <sup>th</sup> U8
James Kwe	\$15	=4 <sup>th</sup> U8

## Under 8 Girls Championship (7 players)

Emily Lin (2-0)	\$35	1 <sup>st</sup> U8G
Cassandra Lim (0-2)	\$35	2 <sup>nd</sup> U8G
Sophie Davis	\$15	3 <sup>rd</sup> U8G

## Lightning Championships Prize Winners

### Under 18 Championship (43 players)

Anton Smirnov (2-0) \$85 1<sup>st</sup> U18  
Michael Chan Book 2<sup>nd</sup> U18

Justin Tan (0-2) \$85 1<sup>st</sup> U16  
Bernard Chau Book 2<sup>nd</sup> U16

Andrew Pan \$30 1<sup>st</sup> U14  
Zachary Loh Book 2<sup>nd</sup> U14

### Under 18 Girls Championship (15 players)

Miranda Webb Liddle \$55 1<sup>st</sup> U18G

Denise Lim \$55 1<sup>st</sup> U16

Zhi Lin Guo \$30 1<sup>st</sup> U14

Jody Middleton \$30 1<sup>st</sup> U12  
Alanna Chew Lee \$10 =2<sup>nd</sup> U12  
Kashish Christian \$10 =2<sup>nd</sup> U12

Yuvini Perera \$10 1<sup>st</sup> U10

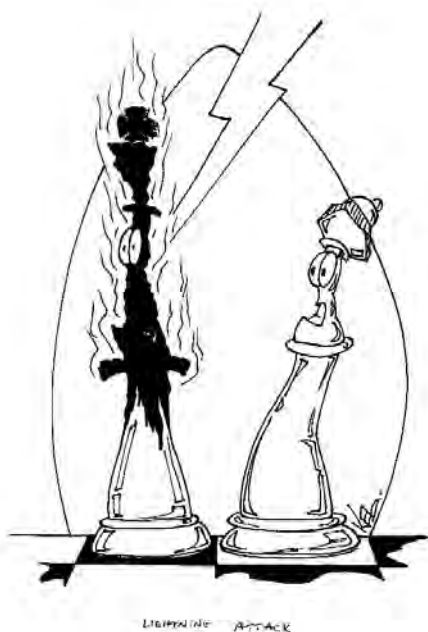
Nada Mohamoud 1<sup>st</sup> U8

### Under 12 Championship (51 players)

David Cannon \$80 1<sup>st</sup> U12  
Finley Dale \$25 2<sup>nd</sup> U12

Kevin Willathgamuwa (2-1) \$45 1<sup>st</sup> U10  
Ethan Lim (1-2) \$45 2<sup>nd</sup> U10

Jason Chan Book 1<sup>st</sup> U8  
Bobby Yu won a Lucky prize and 2<sup>nd</sup> U8



## Problem Solving Prize Winners

### Under 18 Championship

Andrew Pan \$50 =1<sup>st</sup> U18  
Anton Smirnov \$50 =1<sup>st</sup> U18  
Alistair Cameron 2<sup>nd</sup> U18

Max Chew-Lee 1<sup>st</sup> U14

Savithri Narenthran \$50 1<sup>st</sup> U18G  
Miranda Chew-Lee 2<sup>nd</sup> U18G

Denise Lim \$30 1<sup>st</sup> U16G

David Cannon \$40 1<sup>st</sup> U12  
Tristan Krstevski 2<sup>nd</sup> U12

Rowan Willathgamuwa \$20 1<sup>st</sup> U10

Bobby Yu 1<sup>st</sup> U8

Andreea Vissarion \$40 1<sup>st</sup> U12G  
Fiona Shen 2<sup>nd</sup> U12G

Denali Durden \$20 1<sup>st</sup> U10G

Matthew McConnell Book Enc. award

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