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### Breaking News

A new stand alone  
**Canterbury Junior web site** now operational

#### **Bobby Yu**

Winner of the under 8  
Australian Junior

#### **Emily Lin**

Winner of the under 8  
Australian girls cham-  
pion

#### **Jody Middleton**

Winner of the under 10  
Australian girls cham-  
pion

#### **Justin Tan**

an early leader ion the  
Australian Junior  
championships

#### **Trevor Stanning**

awarded the  
Koshnitsky medal.

#### **GM Darryl Johansen**

wins Australian  
championship for the  
6th time.

### 2012 Australian Championships

From Peter Tsai

The 2012 Australian Championship was held in Geelong at the Spinx Hotel. It was an 11 round Swiss with only 1 game played per day. More than half of the Championship field were title holders (2 GM, 7 IM and 7 FM) and more than half were under the age of 20 with the youngest 10 years old. Our chess club was well represented with 7 players in the Championship and 15 in the Reserves. After a slow start of 2 draws from the first 2 games, the Championship was won by GM Darryl Johansen on 8.5/11. It was his sixth title win, the last being in 2002. There was a 4 way tie for equal 2<sup>nd</sup>: IM Vladimir Smirnov, GM Zong-Yuan Zhao, IM George Xie and IM Stephen Solomon on 7.5/11.

The Reserves was won by Justin Penrose on 9/11, closely followed by our Junior member, Ari Dale on 8.5/11. Third place was shared by Frank Lekkas, David Spuler and Omar Khaled on 8 points. Other Box Hill members to win prizes were, Doug Hamilton (Seniors), Max Chew Lee (Group prize) and Jason Chew (Group Prize).

There was an issue with the older electronic chess clocks in round 1 with the extra 30 minutes not added after the first 90 minutes. These clocks were required to be reset with the move counter from round 2. The tournaments were relative incident free which made the job of the 2 Arbiters (IA Charles Zworestine and FA Peter Tsai) much easier.

The Lightning Tournament was held on Thursday 6 January on a rest day of the Championship. Many visitors entered this tournament and it was good to see Zhigen Lin, Derek & Sally Yu playing again. The Lightning Tournament was won by IM Moulthun Ly on 9.5/11 followed by FM Max Illingworth and IM George Xie on 8.5/11 sharing equal second.

Runners up Left Smirnov,Xie  
Right Solomon watching Zong

### Calendar

#### **January 13 Friday**

Fischer Random  
rds 3 and 4 . Start7.45 PM

#### **January 15 to 22**

Australian Junior  
Championships  
in Melbourne

#### **January 15 to 22**

Queens town classic  
New Zealand

#### **January 20**

Fischer Random  
rds 5 and 6 . Start7.45 PM

#### **January 27**

Fischer Random  
rds 7 and 8 . Start7.45 PM

#### **January 29 Sunday**

Sunday coaching starts  
2.00PM

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#### **January 31 Tuesday**

Tuesday coaching starts  
6 .00PM

#### **February 3 Friday**

Allegro 5 rds . Start7.45  
PM

#### **February 5 Sunday**

Sunday coaching  
2.00PM

#### **February 7 Tuesday**

coaching 6.00 PM to 7.30  
PM New Season Swiss  
Rd 1 7.45 PM start

#### **February 10 Friday**

Autumn Cup

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Contact Antonette  
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Marcus is the sponsor of the Joy Raine grand prix series and the donor of our 3 latest DGT boards



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Contact Pearl Yung  
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## A new web site for Canterbury Junior Chess

We have developed a new stand alone web site for the Canterbury Junior chess Club. The web address is [www.canterburychess.org.au](http://www.canterburychess.org.au) The site is a basic site with a page about us, a calendar page, an upcoming tournament page, a coaching page, news page, and last but not least a photo gallery. The site

carries entry forms for all events and also a membership application form. The latest newsheets are also available on the site. Archived materials and tournaments in progress will continue to be available on our tried and trusted Box Hill Chess Club web site: [www.boxhillchess.org.au](http://www.boxhillchess.org.au)

## TERM 1 Coaching Details

Go to the coaching pages of the new Canterbury Junior Web site for details and entry forms;

<http://canterburychess.org.au/coaching/>

## Friday Allegro February 3. 5 rounds

Rate of play: 15 minutes plus 5 seconds per move from move one

Entry fee: \$5, Visitors fees \$5.

No Visitors fees for Box Hill Chess or Canterbury Junior Chess members.

Clock start: 7.45 PM.

Prize Fund \$2.00 of each entry will go to the prizes.

Rules: FIDE rapid play rules apply. There is no requirement to score.

**Enter:** at the Club on Tuesdays or Fridays **or** by mail to 23 Chester Street Surrey Hills 3127 **or** Enter on the day by 7.30 at the venue **or** Submit the event entry form on CJCC web site and pay on the day

## 2012 Fischer Random tournament

The Fischer Random event has attracted a small number of participants this year and almost none of the usual junior contingent who are no doubt rationing their time to play in the Australian Junior Championships running Jan 14-22.

The round 3 position is RKNQBBR, and this is the most challenging possibility for king-side castling that will appear in Fischer Random.

Two games this week (Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan) from the RKNQBBR position. Newcomers welcome to join in for the evening.

No	Name	Rtg	Total	1	2	3	4
1	Ebeyan, Thomas	4		3:W	4:W	2:W	6:W
2	Bartnik, Robert	3		4:W	5:W	1:L	3:W
3	Flude, David A	2		1:L	8:W	7:W	2:L
4	Krstevski, Tristan	2		2:L	1:L	6:W	7:W
5	Hughes, Jack G	1		8:W	2:L	0:	0:
6	Millington, Garry	0		0:	0:	4:L	1:L
7	Krstevska, Tanya	0		0:	0:	3:L	4:L
8	Barry, Jack	0		5:L	3:L	0:	0:

Thomas Ebeyan The surprise packet of the tournament. Not yet highly rated but obviously full of promise. Wins against David and Robert rated twice as high cannot be bad

## 2011 BOX HILL-CANTERBURY AUTUMN CUP

**Tournament:** A 7 round swiss tournament

**Rate of Play:** 75 min. / player / game plus 30 sec. per move from move one

**Ratings:** ACF rated.

**FIDE forfeiture time:** 30 minutes

**Entry fees:** Early bird entry fee of \$30 must be paid by weekend finishing January 30

**Full entry fee:** \$40.

With \$10 discount for current BHCC or CJCC members on all fees

Free entry for Grand Masters and International Masters and FIDE masters who are members of the Box Hill Chess Club

**Payments:** Cash, or cheque to the Box Hill Chess Club Inc.

**Entries:** by mail to the address below or in person at the Club.

Or via the web from Canterbury Junior or the Box Hill Chess club web sites

**Enquiries:** Gerry Hartland tournament organizer Telephone 9878 3163

**E-mail:** [gerrit.hartland@bigpond.com](mailto:gerrit.hartland@bigpond.com)

**Prizes:** First \$300, second \$150

8 Ratings prizes to the value of \$60 each

**Playing schedule:**

Friday February 4, 11, 18, 25, 7.45 PM

Friday March 4, 18, 25. 7.45 PM

Friday April 1. 7.45 PM

Note: March 11 free night with an allegro.

**Box Hill Chess Club Grand Prix points** will apply to this tournament

## Canterbury Junior Memberships for 2012

2012 memberships are now due and payable to pick up the tournament discounts for the year

Early renewals as January 08

Weeraratne family

Ken, Lucy

Van Zyl Smit family

Rion, Michael, Alex, Thomas

Barry family

Jack, Jeff

Lau family

Andrew

Chan family

Kris, Luis

No new members to report this week

## 2012 Tuesday New Season Swiss

The 2012 Tuesday New Season Swiss is organised by Canterbury junior Chess Club and The Box Hill Chess Club

A 6 round swiss tournament starting February 7

### Details:

Visitors welcome.

Clocks start 7:45 pm. Forfeit time 30 minutes

Rate of play: 60 min. plus 30 seconds per move from move 1

ACF rated. 6 rounds

Entry fee **\$30**. Cash or cheque to Canterbury Junior Chess

**\$10** discount for CJCC and BHCC members

### Playing nights:

Rd 1, February 7    Rd 2, February 21    Rd 3, February 28

Rd 4, March 6    Rd 5, March 20    Rd 6, March 27

**Club closed nights: February 14, March 13**

**Prize fund: \$5** of each entry received will go to the prize fund.

Minimum guaranteed prize fund **\$80**

## 2012 Australian Junior Championships

Winners at the 2012 Australian Junior Championships

Top Jody Middleton under10 Australian Girls champion

Centre Emily Lin under 8 Australian Girls champion

Bottom Bobby Yu under 8 Australian junior champion



## Playing the Monster by David Flude

In the very strong tournament in Queenstown New Zealand two of our club members ran up against really strong players in the first two rounds. Karl Zelesco was paired against a player who is on the cusp of being a super Grandmaster. Eugene Schön played a very strong Grandmaster in round two. Both of these players have enough experience to handle the situation well. However many club players struggle when paired against a really strong player. So here is some advice.

### Before the round

If possible find out who you are playing. Get organized the night before the game. Put all your bits and pieces in a bag and check that everything you need is there. Do not stay up late preparing. Get a good night's sleep. Have breakfast and then have a quick look at your opponents games to see what he plays against your usual systems. Try and get some exercise before the game. This will help get your brain working. Get to the venue early. Find your board sit down and get ready to start

### The Opening

Play your normal opening systems. Under no circumstances should you try something different. A very common error is to play 1.Nf3 or 1.c4 when they are not part of your normal repertoire. Your opponent. Will almost certainly know more about them than you do. Even more important is not to try to force drawish positions in the opening. If for example you play the exchange variation against the French Defence or the King's Indian Defence do not be surprised if your opponent plays on and on and uses his superior technique to grind you down. Should you play gambits? If you normally play a sound gambit then that is what you should play. For example the Marshall Attack against the Spanish is good enough to draw against anybody if you play it correctly. If your opponent is a stodge merchant he will not be terribly pleased to be a pawn up but facing a very dangerous attack.

### The middle game.

Play sensibly. Put your pieces on good squares. Do not make anti-positional moves. Your opponent will know how to exploit them. Avoid weakening pawn moves. Do not wimp out. The real problem is if you reach a position where you do not know how to proceed. This will happen to you throughout your chess career. In the short term you should look at all the imbalances in the position. This is likely to suggest a plan. I suggest that the long term solution is to play openings which lead to middle games where you have a clear plan.

### The ending

One key idea: the passed pawn. Endgames, and some middle games, are all about creating and advancing a passed pawn. Either the pawn queens, or your opponent gets so tied up in knots trying to stop it that they lose something else.

### 3 principles (Fine)

Without pawns, you must be at least a Rook ahead in order to force mate (exceptions: R+R wins against two minor pieces; four minor pieces win against a Queen) If you are two or more Pawns ahead the win should be routine by advancing the Pawns  
With only one Pawn advantage, you will win if you can

use it to gain more material - it is not usually enough just to advance the Pawn. Often one Pawn advantage is thought to be a theoretical draw, although the practical difficulties may be very great. Winning by the advance of the Pawn may be won because it allows entry with the King, or causes distraction from one vulnerable side, or allows simplification into a known won ending.

15 general laws (Fine again)

Doubled, isolated and blockaded pawns are weak: avoid them!

Passed pawns should be advanced as rapidly as possible. If you are one or two pawns ahead, exchange pieces but not pawns.

If you are one or two pawns behind, exchange pawns but not pieces.

If you have an advantage, leave pawns on both sides of the board.

If you are just one pawn ahead, in 99 cases out of 100 the game is drawn if there are pawns on only one side of the board.

The easiest endings to win are pure King+Pawn endings.

The easiest endings to draw are those with opposite coloured bishops.

The King is a strong piece: use it!

Do not place pawns on the colour of your bishop.

Bishops are better than knights in all except blocked pawn positions

Two bishops vs. B&N or N&N are usually a real advantage. Passed pawns should not be blockaded by the king: the only piece which is not much harmed by watching over an opponent's pawn is the knight.

A rook on the seventh rank is worth a pawn.

Rooks belong behind passed pawns, of your own or the opponent.

12 practical tips (Mednis)

The king is a fighting piece and should be centralised and used actively.

Material advantage wins endgames: hold on to your material

Be wary of sacrificing pawns for development: only in Rook+Pawn endings is an active piece worth material.

Try and gain tempi whenever possible, but without giving up material.

The fewer the pieces, the more important the pawns

Keep a flexible, sound pawn formation: avoid doubled, isolated and blockaded pawns.

Passed pawns must be pushed.

The outside passed pawn is an advantage: in King&Pawns endings it is decisive.

Rooks belong behind passed pawns.

In open positions the two bishops are murder: in most other positions they are a real advantage.

In open or semi-open positions a bishop is usually superior to a knight.

The knight is superior to the bishop in blocked positions or when the bishop is hemmed in by pawns on the same colour squares as the bishop.

COOL TIP: MEDNIS says 'good technique' means:

not allowing counterplay,

holding on to material advantage,

establishing a clear plan and following it

being careful,

never being in a hurry,

avoiding complications (and ... winning the game!)