

Ranges Chess Club Newsletter

CHESS MOVES**What's happening in
1st Term:****TUESDAY NIGHTS:**

- Advanced Juniors Coaching by Dr G;
- Starting 3rd Feb: Adults V Juniors Handicap Allegro 7 round Competition (15 min). Double points if a junior beats an adult!
- Starting 3rd March: **Ranges Open Chess Tournament** (5 rounds—60 min + 10 sec)
- 21st April: Transfer Chess Team Challenge.

THURSDAY NIGHTS:

- Intermediate Juniors Coaching by Mr Wizard
- Starting 5th Feb: New Year Lightning Competition (9 rounds);
- Ladder Competition—three sections each with prizes;
- Starting 19th March: Easter Egg Challenge (7 rounds—10 mins each player).

SUNDAY 1st March**Rookies Shield Competition**

1.00 to 4.30pm FTG
Library

During the Christmas holidays the Australian Junior Chess Tournament was held in Adelaide and two of our youngest club members, **Denise and Ethan Lim**, had excellent results.

Both came first in their age groups. Denise won the Under 10 Girls Title and Ethan the Under 8 Open Championship. The game time was 60 minutes plus 60 seconds.

Denise played 9 rounds, winning 6 of her games in the Under 12 section, earning her the Under 10 title. Ethan played in the Under 12 Open section which meant that most of his opponents were older than him. Ethan won 6 of his 11 games and became

Ranges Chess Club meets on two nights for two reasons: space, and so that we can best cater for **the needs of all our members**.

The **Tuesday night** meeting is for adults and rapidly improving juniors. These juniors have reached a standard in their chess that means they would benefit from the more advanced coaching provided by **Grant Lambert**, alias Dr G. On

the Under 8 champion. Denise and Ethan also won the Rapid Chess Titles for their age groups (20 minutes plus 10 seconds) and Ethan won the Under 8 Lightning (5 minutes) Chess Title.

We as a club congratulate Denise and Ethan on doing so well!

Their parents, Yew Sze and Poh Choo Lim, had planned to go to Ballarat but when those plans fell through they heard about the tournament and decided to switch their family holiday to Adelaide.

The Championship ran from January 2nd to 13th and with juniors from all states competing.

Tuesday nights they also get the opportunity to play in the adult competitions.

On the **Thursday nights** we have coaching for beginners and intermediate juniors with **Wayne Guy**, alias Mr Wizard. This is followed by fun competitions.

On both nights there are ample opportunities for everyone to enjoy their chess and win prizes.

We as a club very much



Ethan Lim and Zachary Loh (playing White) in the Under 12 Open

Next January 2010 the Australian Junior Chess Championship will be held in Tasmania. If there is sufficient interest **maybe we could organize a group of Ranges juniors to go to Hobart under the supervision of some of our supportive parents.**

Any volunteers? Please talk to Yew Sze and Poh Choo.

appreciate the dedicated coaching that Wayne and Grant provide for the very low cost of \$5 per session.

At the start of this year some of the Thursday night juniors who have shown rapid improvement will be offered the opportunity to change to the Tuesday night meetings if this suits them.

Why do we meet on two nights?

Rookies Shield Gets Bigger in 09

Last year the series of Rookies Shield Chess Competitions held in the Ferntree Gully Library was a great success. A total of 98 children entered one or more of the five Sunday afternoon competitions.

The over-all winner of the 2008 Rookies Shield was **Joseph Wong**, closely followed by **Joshua Devarajh** and **Damar Bull-Quijano**.

Ruihong Lu was the Top

Scoring Girl entrant.

In the final Rookies for the year we even had two adults enter. So in future we will be adding a **Top Scoring Adult trophy** and inviting more adults to join in the fun.

Also, each of the five competitions will have its **own trophies and prize money for all the age group winners**.

Entry fee is still only \$10. To enter online go to the club site:

www.rangeschessclub.com.au

and click on the Rookies tab.

Here are the Sunday dates for the five Rookies Competitions coming up this year:

1st March 1.00 to 4.30pm
(part of the **Knox Festival**)

3rd May 1.00 to 4.30pm

21st June 11am to 4.30pm
(15 minutes per player)

30th August 1.00 to 4.30pm
(10 round Lightning Chess)

15th Nov 1.00 to 4.30pm.



Tom helps adjudicate during one of the Rookies Competitions at FTG Library

ADULTS MEMBERS WANTED !

By the end of last year Ranges had grown to a total of about **50 members**. This growth has been very exciting and encouraging, but 38 of those regular attendees are juniors. **We need more adult players!**

To cope with numbers we switched to a two evening per week arrangement. Seven of our top juniors joined in with the adults on

Tuesday nights and received advanced coaching from Grant. However, sometimes some of the adults were away and the juniors outnumbered us.

To keep things in balance, and to give our juniors real competition, we need more senior players to join in on Tuesday nights.

In addition, we have about 8 more rapidly improving

juniors who are ready to transfer from Thursdays to Tuesdays at the start of this year.

So we are keen to hear from any adults, whether experienced players or beginners, who would like to play competitively or just for fun.

Maybe some of the Dads or Mums could join?



Ranges Chess Club

Where we meet:

Upwey Senior Community Centre,
6 Mahony St Upwey
(Melway 75 A9—behind Bendigo Bank)

TUESDAYS

7 - 9pm Advanced Juniors
7.30 — 11pm Adults

THURSDAYS

6.30 — 8.30pm Beginners
and Intermediate Juniors.

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Official Australian Chess Ratings

This year the club aims to help more of our members, juniors as well as adults, earn official Australian Chess Federation ratings. This rating ranks you in comparison to other chessplayers in Australia.

To give you an idea of how it works, the highest rated player

in Australia currently is Grandmaster Ian Rogers on 2605.

Our only Ranges junior with a rating at the moment is Damar Bull-Quijano on 567 but that will soon go higher. Five other juniors (Carla, Ruihong, David, Denise and Ethan) only have to

play a couple more games in rated tournaments to earn one. A number of the Ranges competitions will be rated this year.

Among the adult members, ten have ratings with coach Wayne Guy the highest on 2032.

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