

# RANGES CHESS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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We meet Thursdays from 6.30pm at  
Upwey Senior Community Centre,  
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**Dear Members / Friends,**

**WELCOME BACK** to a new year of enjoying your chess! Our club meetings resume this Thursday (31/1) and we've got an interesting mix of events lined up in Term1 that we think you will find both fun and challenging. Our club membership grew last year to 12 adults and 25 juniors – most encouraging! We hope to have more new comers this year – **so bring a friend and you will win a prize!**

## COMING UP:

### **Thurs 14/2:**

**Lightning Chess Chocolate Bar Championship** for adults & juniors, 7 rounds over 2 nights.

### **Thurs 28/2:**

**Autumn Allegro (fast chess)** – junior comp has 15 minute games; adults comp has 20 mins.

### **Sun 2/3:**

**Rookies Shield** at the **Knox Festival**, Ferntree Gully Library 1 - 4.30pm (for juniors).

### **Sat 15/3:**

**'King of the Mountain' Junior Chess Comp** 10-3.30pm at Upwey Senior

## Community Centre.

We close Term 1 with a **BBQ supper** on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

## During the Holiday Break:

Congratulations to **Franz Oswald and Damar Bull-Quijano** who entered the Canterbury Summer Swiss 7 round Tournament. Franz scored 3 and came equal 35 (out of 63 entrants) and Damar scored 2 making him equal 52. Well done for a first time effort in this very competitive event!

**Chess Ratings:**

We hope that by the end of 2008 as many as possible of our regular members will have earned an Australian Chess Federation official rating. You get a rating by playing in rated competitions; that is, competitions that have their results sent in to Chess Victoria for rating purposes. After you have played the required number of rated games (10), you are given a number that estimates your level of chess playing ability out of all the other players in Australia who enter competitions. Some of our members already have ratings. For example, Wayne Guy's rating is 2032. My rating is 1712. Franz Oswald's rating has risen to 1566 in the short time he has been playing in competitions. This year more of our club competitions will be officially rated so you will be able to earn a rating when you enter them.

**A Word About Coaching:**

Ranges is proud to have been able to provide our young people the opportunity each week to receive excellent coaching through **Wayne Guy** for only \$5 per hour session. Wayne has been joined by **Grant Lambert** which means we now have two strong chess players available to coach the less experienced and the more experienced players. **Adult coaching** can also be arranged for the same cost through **Peter Morris**. Where else in Melbourne can you get high quality chess coaching at that price?!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

If you can give a little time to help out in the practical running of our club meetings we would love to hear from you. Help with things like setting up the room beforehand, or buying goodies for the 7.30 supper, or washing up glasses and cups would be very much appreciated. Please speak to Paul if you can help. If we get enough offers, maybe we could work out a roster to share the work.

**Ballarat Begonia Chess Tournament:**

This 7 round Swiss tournament is held over the Labor Day long weekend (8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> March) and is highly recommended to our members who would enjoy a challenging weekend away (bring the family to explore the gold mines!). Game time is 90min + 30sec each player – two rounds on Saturday, three on Sunday, and two on Monday. Help with transport and/or motel booking is available. If you are interested, please speak to Paul or Marieke.

See you at the club!

Paul Bearup – Secretary.