

RANGES CHESS CLUB NEWSLETTER - 4th Term 2008

TUES 7 - 9pm Advanced Juniors; 7.30 - 11pm Adults
THURS 6.30 - 8.30pm New and Intermediate Juniors
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Dear Members and Supporters,

The number of junior members continued to increase throughout 3rd Term, thanks to the quality coaching they are receiving from Grant Lambert and Wayne Guy. We especially would like to see **more adults** on Tuesday nights either for social or competitive chess or a bit of both. So please continue to spread the word about us to local chess players of all ages and invite them along for a visit. **We aim to be the friendliest chess club in Melbourne!**

CONGRATULATIONS UPWEY SOUTH PRIMARY !

After winning the Yarra Ranges Interschool Chess Competition, Upwey South Primary went on to gain **11th place** out of the **top 50** primary schools throughout Victoria. This is a fine performance against some of the largest and most prestigious schools in the State. Of the five players in the Upwey South team, three are advanced junior players from Ranges and they all scored 6 wins out of 9. In terms of individual computer-rated placings this meant that **Carla Johansen** came 39th, **Hugh Harley** 56th, and **Tiarn Cook** 64th in Victoria. The two other team members, **Joel Bardwell** and **Liam Pan**, have also attended Ranges Chess Club, and they scored a creditable 5.5 and 3.5.

COMPETITION ENTRY FEES – Juniors \$10, Seniors \$15

Just a reminder that starting each term we request an entry fee to help cover costs of book prizes/trophies for our competitions. There now is a lucky draw prize that ANY participant can win. Some of the money will help buy hampers for our Christmas Hamper Competitions. These will be awarded at our **Christmas Break-up Party on Thursday 4th December**. The Club will close over the holidays and re-open Tuesday 27th January and Thursday 29th January 2009.

RANGES ROOKIES SHIELD: Final competition for the year will be held on Sunday afternoon 16th Nov in Ferntree Gully Library. Don't miss it! Enter on line at www.rangeschessclub.com.au

MESSAGE FROM THE COACH ABOUT CHESS.COM

Wayne has created a new "Chess.com" group called 'RangesChessClub'. Wayne writes: We will be able to keep in touch while playing [typing messages to each while playing is allowed, but you can switch this off if you like]. **We can run On-line competitions between all the Tuesday & Thursday night members** and even play games against groups from other countries if we wish - this is called 'Vote Chess'. **I believe this will lead to faster improvement** for anyone [particularly younger players] who participate - as has been shown with my class room students1.

Registering on chess.com is an easy 4-step process requiring you to make up a 'Code-Name' [for example, I am MrWizard, Frits is NordZee & Paul is Koala], a password, provide an email address and Birth Date [don't worry if born after 1995 - just use 1995 as your Birth Year].

Anyone wanting to join [hopefully everyone] will go to 'Groups' on the top horizontal bar.

Next, select "All Groups & Teams".

Next, type 'ranges' in the box marked 'Keywords'

Next, click RangesChessClub

Next, under 'Group Actions', click 'Join this group'

Finally, click 'Submit'

I will receive an email asking me whether to approve or deny membership to the applicant - so I need to know the name of the person [not only the chess.com code-name].

Wayne - **P.S This is completely FREE!**

See you at the Club!

Paul Bearup, Secretary.