

# NEW ENGLANDER

## Chess Club Update – October 2010

### Chairman's Chatter

September is always a busy month. We had the club AGM and the County Executive Meeting that sets the scene for the fixtures that are issued shortly afterwards. Much of this work has been included in this newsletter and hopefully, starts the new season on a good footing.

*Paul Hanks*

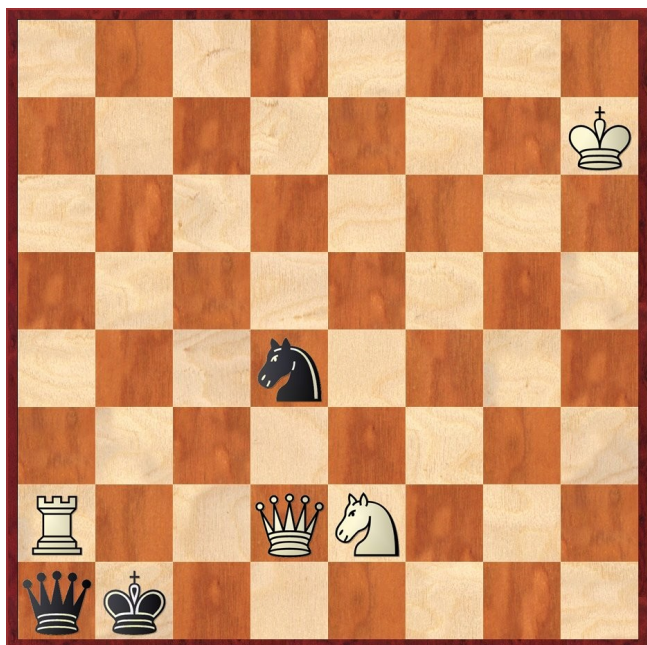
### Diary Dates

The club's calendar of events is attached. The draw and schedule for the Club Championship will be distributed soon.

As advance notice, the County Championship will take place over the weekend of 20-21 November. Please contact Francis Bowers for an entry form.

### Puzzle Problem

White to play and mate in 2.



Last Month's solution

Position: 8/4Q3/7N/8/3b1kN1/3P4/6K1/8

**1 Nf7 Kxg4 2 Qg5#** [1 ... Kf5 2 Qe4#] with bishop moves leading to one or other of these mates.

### Website to Watch

One of the year's most significant tournaments will be held from 9th to 15th October. Sadly, the economic situation is restricting the size of these contests and this year, the Bilbao Masters is a modest competition. It can be followed on [www.bilbaofinalmasters.com](http://www.bilbaofinalmasters.com).

### Result Round-up

Problem Night : 15th September 2010

Pairing	Rd 1	Rd 2	Total
C Ross & M Tarabad	3	3	6
R Jones & D Lane	3	1	4
F Bowers & P Turp	2	1	3

### AGM Summary

The Annual General Meeting was attended by 9 members and enacted the following :

- The treasurer reported £203-75 in hand after spending £88 in league entry fees, £117 membership of New England Club and Institute, £20 on event hospitality
- The club events were as reported in the newsletters
- The committee were re-elected en bloc except for Chris Russell combining treasurer and secretary duties
- The coming season would have the same calendar of events as last year with an additional team in the Fenland Knock-out
- General viewing of alternative venues would be arranged with the aim of deciding whether to switch on 29th September
- Club members expressed their opinions on the format changes being proposed for the County competitions.

### Executive Committee Meeting Summary

The following changes were accepted :

- Reduction of the Fenland Knock-Out to four players per team with a plate competition for first round losers (if there are  $\geq 8$  entries)
- Instigation of an Individual County Blitz Competition to be held in June
- Holding the Individual Championship as a weekend Swiss tournament with a modest entry fee and offering a grading prize
- A prize-giving event to accompany the Blitz competition

Entries to the County leagues were the same as last year and in the "550" competition, Godmanchester, Octavia Hill and Warboys N were drawn in our division. The Fenland Knock-out comprises 8 teams :

St Neots v Pboro      New Eng B v Cambs A  
New Eng A v Royston      Cambs B v Warboys

League fees increased to around £136.

## Match of the Month

### P Hanks v P Turp

Club Championship Round 10, 28.04.2010

**1 d4 d5 2 c4 c6 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 Nc3 Bf5**

I have happy memories playing against this inferior line. One example is P Hanks v M Bird, Brighton : 1 d4 d5 2 c4 c6 3 Nf3 Bf5 4 Nc3 e6 5 cxd5 cxd5 6 Qb3 Qd7 7 Ne5 Qc8 8 Bf4 Nf6 9 Rc1 Na6 10 Nxd5 etc but I could hardly to expect Phil to play so badly. That game shows that while having to protect b7, Black is wandering into a minefield with shrapnel coming down the c file, crossfire on the a4-e8 and f4-b8 diagonals and a whiff of grapeshot from the rampant knights.

**5 cxd5 cxd5 6 Qb3 Bc8**

It takes confidence to play 6 ... Qb6 which gives up a pawn immediately but that is what Fritz's opening book would have you do. I prefer Phil's choice.

**7 Bg5 e6 8 e4 Be7 9 e5 Ne4 10 Nxe4 dxe4 11 Bxe7 Qxe7 12 Nd2 0-0**

If Black tries to hold the pawn with 12 ... f5, White can retain the initiative with 13 exf6 Qxf6 14 Bb5+ Nc6 15 Qa3 Qg6 (15 ... Qxd4 16 Nc4) 16 0-0. Counterattack with either 12 ... Nc6 or 12 ... Qd8 may maintain the material balance but costs the right to castle e.g. 12 ... Nc6 13 Nxe4 Nxd4 14 Qc3 Nc6 15 Nd6+

**13 Nxe4 Nc6**  
**14 Rd1**

I was having a flight of fancy at this point. I was thinking about trapping the black knight after 14 ... Qb4+ 15 Qxb4 Nxb4 16 a3 Nc2+ 17 Ke2 but my analysis found 17 ... Bd7 18 Kd3 Rfc8 19 Rd2 Bb5# when 19 Nc3 is fine.

**14 ... Qh4**

I had underestimated the growing pressure against the d4 pawn. Black can concentrate three pieces on that square but I missed the defensive resource 15 Nd6 Nxd4 16 Qc4.

**15 Qf3**

This move looked preferable to 15 Qe3 as 15 ... Nb4 seems to regain the pawn but 16 Bd3 Nxa2 leaves White with an attacking position.

**15 ... Rd8**  
**16 g3 Qe7**

Luckily, 16 ... Nxd4 tactics fail to 17 Rxd4.

**17 Qc3 Nb4**  
**18 Nd6 Nd5**

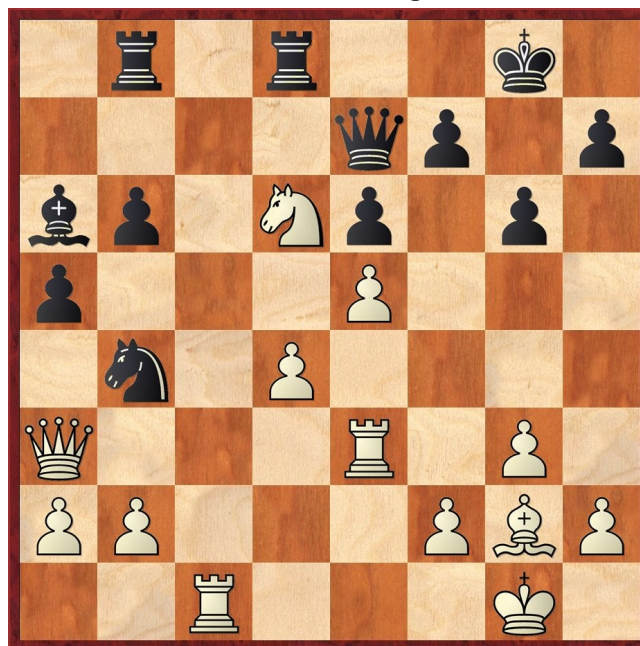
Of course, White's outpost cuts off support to the b4 retreat square so 18 ... Nxa2 19 Qa3 is embarrassing.

**19 Qa3 b6**  
**20 Bg2 a5**  
**21 0-0**

Fritz shouts Bxd5 at me at every opportunity over the next few moves. This motif is good for White but after struggling to castle, I dared not miss the chance!

**21 ... Ba6**  
**22 Rfe1 Rab8**

**23 Rc1 Nb4**  
**24 Re3 g6**



**25 Qb3**

I was happy with finding this quiet move which unmasks 26 a3 as the knight cannot retreat to d5. Both 25 Rec3 and Rf3 had competing claims.

**25 ... Rxd6**  
**26 exd6 Qxd6**  
**27 Rd1**

Even now, the "best" continuation is 27 a3 Nd5 28 Bxd5 exd5. Don't worry! The wait is almost over.

**27 ... Nd5**

The computer recommends 27 ... Bb7 to secure the d5 square for the knight.

**28 Bxd5 exd5**  
**29 Qa4**

I wanted to play 29 Re5 but could not crack 29 ... Bc4. I chose the text move to give Phil more options and consume a few more minutes of his time.

**29 ... Kg7**  
**30 Rde1 Rc8**  
**31 Re7 Rc4**  
**32 Qe8 Qf6**  
**33 Ra7**

I looked at 33 Rxf7+ Qxf7 34 Re7 and thankfully dismissed it even though I did not see 34 ... Rc1+ 35 Kg2 Bf1+ 36 Kg1 Bh3+ 37 Re1 Qxe8

**33 ... b5**

Phil was short of time and played the expected move when 33 ... Rc2 would have asked questions of its own. Now, it is merely a matter of finding checkmate.

**34 Ree7**

34 Re6 also wins but 34 ... Rc8 would force exchanges and take the game to an ending.

**34 ... Kh6 35 Rxf7 Qxd4 36 Rxh7+ Kg5 37 h4+ Kg4 38 Qe6+ Kf3 39 Raf7+ 1-0**

# New England Chess Club Fixtures 2010-11

Updated 21 Sept 2010

		Club Championship	League Match		Internal Event	
		H = home A = away	Fenland Knock-Out		County Event	
Day	Date	All Club	A Team	B Team	550 team 1	550 team 2
Wed	8 Sep	Club AGM	←	←	←	←
Wed	15 Sep	Problem night	←	←	←	←
Wed	22 Sep	North v South	←	←	←	←
Wed	29 Sep	Mini-lightning	←	←	←	←
Wed	6 Oct	→	→	→	H v New Eng 2	A v New Eng 1
Tues	12 Oct	<del> </del>	<del> </del>	A v Spalding	<del> </del>	<del> </del>
Wed	13 Oct	<del> </del>	Div 1 Rd 1A	Div 2 Rd 1A	<del> </del>	<del> </del>
Thurs	14 Oct	<del> </del>	A v P'boro	<del> </del>	<del> </del>	<del> </del>
Mon	18 Oct	<del> </del>	<del> </del>	<del> </del>	A v Godmanch'r	<del> </del>
Wed	20 Oct	<del> </del>	Div 1 Rd 6B	A v Buckden B	<del> </del>	<del> </del>
Wed	27 Oct	<del> </del>	H v Warboys A	Div 2 Rd 6B	<del> </del>	<del> </del>
Wed	3 Nov	<del> </del>	Champ Reserve	H v Cambridge	<del> </del>	<del> </del>
Wed	10 Nov	<del> </del>	Champ Reserve	Champ Reserve	<del> </del>	H v Warboys N
Wed	17 Nov	→	→	→	H v Octavia Hill	H v Godmanch'r
Sat	20 Nov	County Champ	←	←	←	←
Sun	21 Nov	County Champ	←	←	←	←
Wed	24 Nov	<del> </del>	H v Royston	A v Warboys B	<del> </del>	<del> </del>
Wed	1 Dec	<del> </del>	H v Cambs A	Div 2 Rd 7B	<del> </del>	<del> </del>
Wed	8 Dec	<del> </del>	H v Royston	<del> </del>	<del> </del>	H v Octavia Hill
Wed	15 Dec	<del> </del>	Div 1 Rd 2A	Div 2 Rd 2A	<del> </del>	<del> </del>
Mon	20 Dec	<del> </del>	<del> </del>	A v Buckden A	<del> </del>	<del> </del>
Wed	22 Dec	Xmas Special	←	←	←	←
Wed	29 Dec	Xmas Break	-	-	-	-
Wed	5 Jan	<del> </del>	H v St Neots	<del> </del>	A v Warboys N	<del> </del>
Wed	12 Jan	→	→	→	A v New Eng 2	H v New Eng 1
Wed	19 Jan	<del> </del>	Div 1 Rd 7B	H v Spalding	<del> </del>	<del> </del>
Sun	23 Jan	County Junior	<del> </del>	<del> </del>	<del> </del>	<del> </del>
Wed	26 Jan	<del> </del>	Champ Reserve	Champ Reserve	H v Godmanch'r	<del> </del>
Wed	2 Feb	<del> </del>	Champ Reserve	Champ Reserve	<del> </del>	A v Warboys N
Wed	9 Feb	<del> </del>	H v P'boro	Champ Reserve	<del> </del>	<del> </del>
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Tues	15 Feb	<del> </del>	<del> </del>	<del> </del>	A v Octavia Hill	<del> </del>
Wed	16 Feb	Quickplay	←	←	←	←
Wed	23 Feb	<del> </del>	A v Warboys A	Div 2 Rd 8B	<del> </del>	<del> </del>
Wed	2 Mar	<del> </del>	Div 1 Rd 8B	H v Buckden B	<del> </del>	<del> </del>
Wed	9 Mar	<del> </del>	Div 1 Rd 3A	Div 2 Rd 3A	<del> </del>	<del> </del>
tbc		Cambs Rapidplay	←	←	←	←
Mon	14 Mar	<del> </del>	A v St Neots	<del> </del>	<del> </del>	<del> </del>
Wed	16 Mar	<del> </del>	Div 1 Rd 4A	Div 2 Rd 4A	<del> </del>	<del> </del>
Wed	23 Mar	<del> </del>	Champ Reserve	Champ Reserve	H v Warboys N	<del> </del>
Tues	29 Mar	<del> </del>	<del> </del>	<del> </del>	<del> </del>	A v Octavia Hill
Wed	30 Mar	Handicap	←	←	←	←
Wed	6 Apr	<del> </del>	Champ Reserve	H v Warboys B	<del> </del>	<del> </del>
Wed	13 Apr	<del> </del>	A v Cambs A	Div 2 Rd 9B	<del> </del>	<del> </del>
Wed	20 Apr	<del> </del>	Div 1 Rd 9B	H v Buckden A	<del> </del>	<del> </del>
Wed	27 Apr	<del> </del>	Div 1 Rd 5A	Div 2 Rd 5A	<del> </del>	<del> </del>
Wed	4 May	Jamboree?	←	←	←	←
Mon	9 May	<del> </del>	A v Royston	<del> </del>	<del> </del>	<del> </del>
Wed	11 May	<del> </del>	Div 1 Rd 10B	Div 2 Rd 10B	<del> </del>	<del> </del>
Wed	18 May	Masterclass	←	←	←	←
tbc		Cambs Blitz	←	←	←	←