

# NEW ENGLANDER

## Chess Club Update – November 2015

### Chairman's Chatter

A few months ago, we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> issue of the newsletter. Each year, I try to incorporate improvements and along the way, Ron Jones volunteered to contribute an article on the resources available on the internet – the *Window on the Web*. It hardly seems credible that this feature passes its half-century this month! Many thanks, Ron!

*Paul Hanks*

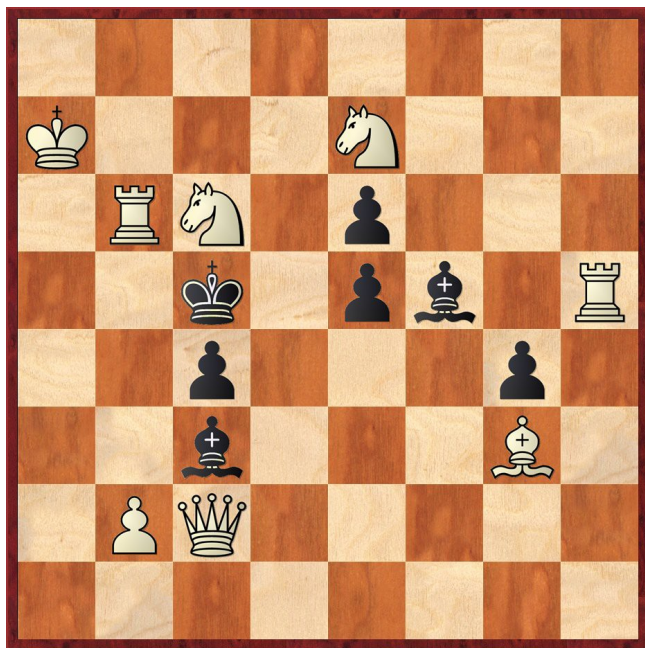
### Diary Dates

28-29<sup>th</sup> November County Championship at Peterborough Bridge Club.

30<sup>th</sup> March Please note the Lancaster Club has been confirmed the date of its AGM and we shall lose the venue on that evening. A reminder will be sent out closer to the time.

### Puzzle Problem

White to play and mate in 2



Last Month's solution (Krivenko 1976)

Position : 8/5KBk/6p1/5PRb/8/8/8/8

1 Rxc6 Bxc6+ 2 fxg6# [1 ... B other 2 Rh6#]

### Window on the Web

The town of Rushden, Northamptonshire, lies about 30 miles south west of Peterborough. Rushden chess club's website is at [www.rushdenchessclub.com](http://www.rushdenchessclub.com). They have a similar number of active players as New England.

The most interesting aspect of the site for the non-member visitor is probably the number of games available to play through. The game viewer has a feature I have not seen before: when playing through a game the result is only revealed when you play the last move of the game.

The site includes several games from the 2015 Nottingham Congress including some played by Sam Herring of Oundle School who now plays for Peterborough. There are many games to play through from league matches and their club's internal tournament.

Following the link *Daily Puzzle Sets* takes you to computer-set puzzles of varying difficulty including, on the day I looked at them, a *White to move, mate in 18* puzzle – far beyond my puzzle solving capabilities.

The link *Stuff* takes you to a page of more links to such gems as *Andrew Martin's YouTube videos*, Wikipedia's *Checkmate Patterns* and *Interference* pages, the *Chess Traps* page on the chess website (a site I reviewed in July) and *Endgame Practice* on chessvideos.tv (reviewed in July 2013).

*Ron Jones*

### Result Round-up

#### Cambridgeshire County Chess Leagues

New England A	0	Royston	5
R Taylor	0	D Coleman	1
S Caraway	0	K Clark	1
M Dunkley	0	L Varnam	1
P Hanks	0	A Stewart	1
F Bowers	0	P Kemp	1

New England A	2	Peterborough A	3
R Taylor	0	A Timosenko	1
S Caraway	½	C Tandy	½
F Bowers	½	A Kamarauskas	½
P Hanks	½	M Connolly	½
P Turp	½	N Fisher	½

New England B	3	Spalding	1
P Hanks	1	P Golimowski	0
R Jones	1	P Szutkowski	0
D Lane	0	J van Gemeren	1
M Tarabad	1	R Coats	0

### Team 550 Competition

<b>Godmanchester</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>NE Cavaliers</b>	<b>3</b>
J Wright	0	F Bowers	1
A Rankine	0	P Turp	1
M English	1	D Lane	0
J Bygrave	0	M Tarabad	1

<b>NE Patriots</b>	<b>2½</b>	<b>NE Cavaliers</b>	<b>1½</b>
S Caraway	1	R Jones	0
C Russell	½	M Tarabad	½
S Walker	0	D Lane	1
J Parker	1	P O'Gorman	0

### New England Club Ladder

<b>White</b>		<b>Black</b>	
J Parker	0	1	N Wedley
J Parker	0	1	P Turp
P Weinberger	0	1	P O'Gorman
D Lane	0	1	J Parker
M Tarabad	1	0	P O'Gorman
P Hanks	1	0	N Foreman

Position	Change		Player	Record <small>28/10/15</small>
	Month	Overall		
1	-	-	N Wedley	1,1
2	+10	+10	P Hanks	1
3	-	-	F Bowers	1
4	-2	-2	N Foreman	0,0
5	+2	+2	P Turp	1
6	-1	-1	I Garratt	1
7	-3	-3	J Parker	0,0,0,1
8	-2	-2	P Cairns	0
9	+2	+2	M Tarabad	1
10	-2	-2	P Weinberger	0
11	-2	-2	P O'Gorman	1,0
12	-2	-2	D Lane	0

### Club Championship

<b>Round 1</b>			
M Tarabad	0	1	D Lane
R Jones	1	0	N Foreman
M Dunkley	1	0	P Turp
R Taylor	½	½	S Caraway
P Cairns	0	1	P Weinberger

Deadline : 30th November. Next draw : 1<sup>st</sup> December

Website : [www.newenglandchess.org.uk](http://www.newenglandchess.org.uk)

<b>Round 1.5</b>			
N Wedley (½)			P Hanks (Rd 1)
<b>Round 2</b>			
P Hanks			C Russell (½)

### New England Grand Prix

Player	Champ	Ladder	League	Cup	550 Team	Total	TPR*
S Caraway	½		1½		2	4	182
M Tarabad	0	1	1		1½	3½	96
F Bowers	½	1	1		1	3½	169
P Hanks		1	2		½	3½	158
J Parker	1	1			1	3	98
D Lane	1	0	1		1	3	101
N Wedley	½	2				2½	122
R Jones	1		1		½	2½	120
P Turp	0	1	½		1	2½	127
R Taylor	½		½			1	163
I Garratt	0	1				1	42
S Walker	1					1	99
S Wozniak	½		½			1	143
P O'Gorman	0	1				1	67
P Weinberger	1	0				1	59
M Dunkley	1		0			1	147
C Russell	½				½	1	99
P Cairns	0	0				0	10
N Foreman	0	0			0	0	46

\* Tournament Performance Rating is approximate & includes Summer Sprint

### Match of the Month

Bullying in chess is surely against the laws of the game, but when our chairman approached me for a Match of the Month, I knew I would have to take up the challenge. In addition, an article would also serve to introduce me to the club.

But which game should I demonstrate? Perhaps a recent one, since my retirement in 2012, or one from a more swashbuckling era (before Fritz caused us to become more rational and, dare I say it, more cautious?).

My thoughts went back to the time when Paul and I played for the University of Sheffield and there are some crusty old games from that era worth a second look. But that was too long ago even if I did score a victory when I was 21 against Peter Large who went on to get the IM title a few years later. Where does the time go?

Or should I choose on sentimental grounds? In my forties, I fondly recall defeating an extremely elderly Vernon Dilworth (1916-2004), whose name lives on in the form of the Dilworth Attack in the Ruy Lopez (1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 0-0 Ne4 6 d4 b5 7 Bb3 d5 8 de5 Be6 9 c3 Bc5 10 Nbd2 0-0 11 Bc2 Nf2 12 Rf2 f6 13 ef6 Bf2 Kf2 Qf6). Quite a lengthy and error-strewn affair, in fact, so not an ideal choice as an article to please Paul!

I have played for so many chess clubs over the years commencing with the Liverpool League (playing for Prescot and Knotty Ash as a boy, I kid you not!) and then, a nomadic phase, dwelling in a variety of other towns; but for several decades my chess has regularly been played for Preston in various leagues/events around the North of England.

When I joined Preston, my daughter was 1 year old. Now she has recently given us a third grandchild! (The source of our desire to relocate and come and take up residence in Oakham recently).

Back to the chess...

How on earth did I manage to win the Gold for Chess at the Mind Sports Olympiad in 2004? It really did happen (a story for another time, sorry to be a tease).

I almost selected a game from a club fixture played in the evening but in the end I settled upon one from a Congress instead. Whilst I cannot point to any weekend Open Tournament in which I have been first, I can point with pride to several second-prize results in Opens and it is from one of these that I alighted on a game I played, at age 33, at a tournament from 1986 about which I have fond memories. I studied our fine game more in that period than I do now!

I hope the game will be enjoyed by the New England members.

**R K Taylor v F Rayner**  
Rochdale Open Rd 4, 26.10.1986

1	<b>e4</b>	<b>c5</b>
2	<b>Nf3</b>	<b>e6</b>
3	<b>c4</b>	<b>Nc6</b>
4	<b>Be2</b>	<b>Nf6</b>
5	<b>d3</b>	

I have obtained some great results against Welsh players over the years. Curious fact : Rayner played for the Welsh team at many FIDE Olympiads and databases will show you a lot of the games he played in these events if you have the time to look them up.

At the aforesaid Sheffield University, we also played alongside a strong positional player, Pete Karmaz, who had jointly been British U16 champion in 1967. His favourite pawn structure was c4, d3 and e4 but following numerous draws, we teased him mercilessly for his boring play. My own playing style was always somewhat less positional than Pete's (an understatement).

5	<b>...</b>	<b>d5</b>
6	<b>e5</b>	

I reckoned 6 cxd5 exd5 7 exd5 Nxd5 8 0-0 would lead to equality but I would have to attend to my isolated pawn with d3-d4 before it became impossible.

6	<b>...</b>	<b>Ng4</b>
7	<b>Bf4</b>	<b>dx4</b>
8	<b>dx4</b>	<b>Qc7</b>
9	<b>Nc3</b>	<b>Ngxe5</b>

This loss of a pawn was intentional (honest!). Some years prior to this game, I had used a vaguely similar idea.

10 **Qd2?**

I defended my bishop on f4 to prevent tactics based on the discovered attack 10 ... Nxf3+. Instead, I need not have worried unduly because 10 Nxe5 Nxe5 11 0-0 Nf3+ 12 Bxf3 Qxf4 13 Qe2 gives me plenty of development for the gambit pawn and I might even consider 13 Qa4+ Bd7 14 Nb5.

10 **...** **Be7?**

Black spurns his chance with 10 ... Nxf3+ 11 Bxf3 e5 12 Nb5 Qb6 13 Qe2 f6 when Black has a small edge.

11 **Nb5**

Now I have sufficient compensation.

11	<b>...</b>	<b>Qb8</b>
12	<b>Nxe5</b>	<b>Nxe5</b>
13	<b>Qe3</b>	

"I'm getting castled - and I don't think that you are, my friend."

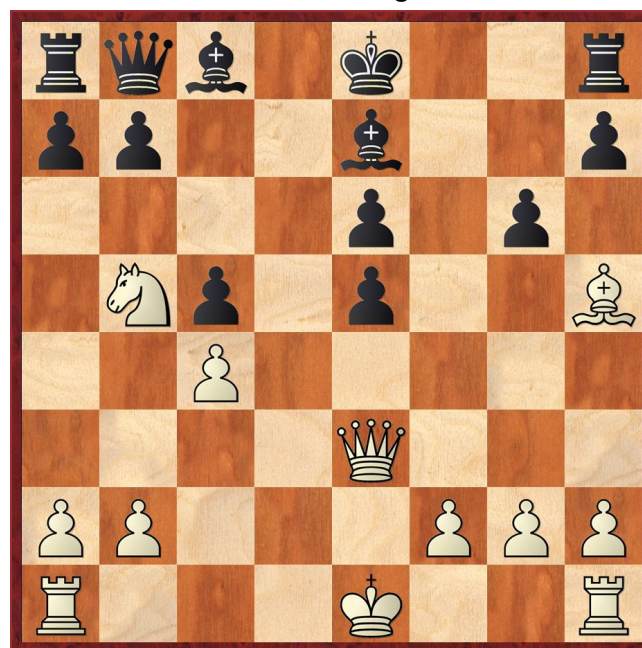
13	<b>...</b>	<b>f6</b>
14	<b>Bxe5!?</b>	

Rejecting some equally plausible (but slower) continuations e.g. 14 0-0-0 due to a tactical shot which livens up the game.

14 **...** **fxe5**

No points for 14 ... Qxe5 15 Qxe5 fxe5 16 Nc7.

15 **Bh5+** **g6**



16 **Qh6!** **gxh5**

Fritz evaluates 16 ... Rf8?! 17 Bf3 Rf7 18 0-0-0 as equally viable but White is preferable in both cases.

**17 Qxh5+ Kd8?**

After 17 ... Kf8 18 Qh6+

- 18 ... Kg8? 19 0-0-0 a6 20 Rd3! is too risky though 19 ... e4 may be more challenging
- 18 ... Ke8 is safest when 19 0-0-0 a6
  - 20 Qh5+ Kf8 21 Qh6+ still only produces a draw
  - 20 Rd3?! e4 21 Qh5+ Kf8 22 Qh6+ Kf7 23 Qh5+ Kg7 24 Rg3+ with any result possible. Black can even give up the queen here with 24 ... Qxg3.

If none of this appeals, White can always bail out with 18 Qf3+ with a simple perpetual check but who is this faint-hearted?

**18 0-0-0+ Bd7**

By now, my opponent knew he was in the mire but twists and turns lie ahead and he might have saved himself.

**19 Rxd7+?!**

19 Qf7 Qc8 20 Rxd7+ Qxd7 21 Rd1 Qxd1+ 22 Kxd1 a6 23 Nc7 Kxc7 24 Qxe7+ Kb8 25 Qxc5 is one good alternative which may have been stronger. If Black varies with 20 ... Kxd7, 21 Rd1+ Kc6 22 Qxe7 Kb6 (to avoid 23 Rd6#) 23 Rd6 Ka5 looks and is terrible provided I could find the crushing 24 Qg5.

19 Rd2! - keeping it simple! - 19 ... Kc8 20 Qf7 Bxb5 21 cxb5 Rd8 (21 ... Qc7 22 Qxe6+ Kb8 23 Rd7) 22 Rxd8+ Kxd8 23 Rd1+ Kc7 24 Qxe7+ Kb6 25 Rd7 surely must win for White.

**19 ... Kxd7**  
**20 Rd1+ Kc6**  
**21 Qf7 Rd8**

21 ... Bg5+ 22 Kb1 Kb6 23 Qxe6+ loses. The black king can only await his execution following 23 ... Ka5 24 Rd3 Rd8 25 Ra3+ Kb5 26 Nc3 or 26 Qg4 (though not 26 b3?? when 26 ... Rd1+ is a draw).

**22 Qxe6+ Bd6?**

Maybe you have to be a computer to survive a position as foul as this but the chance was there. 22 ... Rd6 23 Nxd6 Bxd6 is a better defence. White brings up his reserves with 24 b4! cxb4 25 Qd5+ Kd7 (25 ... Kb6 26 Qb5+ Kc7 27 c5 is also lost) 26 c5 and the game could continue to White's advantage with 26 ... b6 27 Qf7+ Kc6 28 Rxd6+ Kb5 29 Qd7+ Ka5 30 Rd5 b5 31 Qxh7 a6 32 h4 Qg8 33 Qb7.

**23 Rd3 a6!?**

Choice of evils. 23 ... e4 24 Rb3! is winning for White (24 Qxe4+? Kb6 25 Nxd6 Rxd6 26 Rb3+ Kc7 27 Qe7+ only draws) 24 ... Re8 25 Qd5+ Kd7 26 Nxd6 Qxd6 27 Rxb7+ when the white queen picks up the scattered black pawns e.g. 27 ... Kc8 28 Qxd6 Kxb7 29 Qd7+ Kb6 30 Qb5+ Kc7 31 Qxc5+ etc.

**24 Qd5+ Kb6**  
**25 Nxd6 Ka7?**

25 ... Qxd6 would simplify to a hopeless ending.

**26 Qxc5+**

It requires just a little care to bring home the point.

**26 ... b6**  
**27 Nb5+ Kb7**

27 ... axb5 28 Qe7+ Qb7 29 Ra3+ Kb8 30 Qxd8+ wins for White.

**28 Qe7+ Kc6**  
**29 Rxd8 Qxd8**  
**30 Na7+ 1-0**

Losing his queen, Black resigned here. Only later did I discover my small error - I could have mated by force if I had investigated 29 Qe6+! (check it out for yourself).

*Bob Taylor*

## Website to Watch

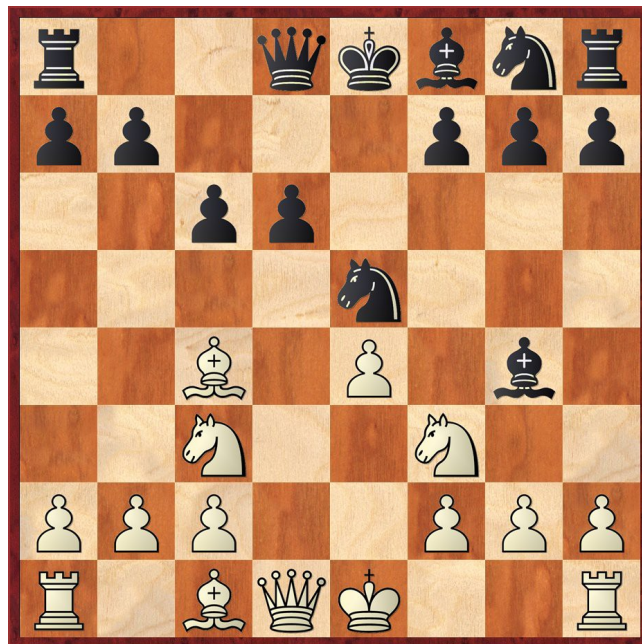
The major event in November takes place from 13<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> in the same venue as the 1972 Spassky-Fischer match in Reykjavik, Iceland. It is the European Team Chess Championship and although many teams have yet to confirm their squads, most of the big names from across the continent are there in either the Open and Women's sections. See [etcc2015.com](http://etcc2015.com).

## Eye Opener

**O Maass v F Terrazas**

El Paso, 1973

**1 e4 c6 2 d4 d6 3 Nf3 Bg4 4 Nc3 Nd7 5 Bc4 e5 6 dxe5 Nxe5**



The stage is set for Legal's mate.

**7 Nxe5 Bxd1 8 Bxf7+ Ke7**

Normally, the point is 9 Nd5# but here, White has to find a twist due to the pawn on c6.

**9 Bxg8**

9 ... dxe5 is best but loses a pawn. Instead, Black tries to wriggle out from the skewer on g5.

**9 ... Qa5 10 Bg5+ Ke8 11 Bf7#**