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Introduction

Well I hope you all had a good Christmas and are looking forward to the rest of the season. This newsletter will cover the recent Hampshire Congress, an update on the County and League situation and an annotated game from the New Hampshire Individual champion, Michael Yeo.

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The Southampton and Portsmouth Leagues are at about the halfway stage, with Cosham A and Gosport A looking the likely candidates in Portsmouth Division One. Whilst in Southampton Division One, Southampton A look like they are in the best position, but Passed Pawn A and reigning champions Stoneham A (formerly Eastleigh Unity) are also in the hunt.

Games

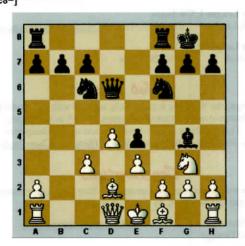
The Hampshire Congress (see separate report) produced a number of excellent games this year. The winner Michael Yeo has kindly supplied one of his wins, with extensive analysis.

Coburn, J - Yeo, M [D07] Hants Congress 2002 (1), 01.11.2002 [Yeo, Michael J.]

In 1991, I lost to the same opponent in Round 1. This year, I made sure I had the afternoon off!

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nc6 3.e3 e5 4.cxd5 Qxd5 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Bd2 Bxc3 7.bxc3 Qd6 8.Nf3?! Probably not the best choice. 8.Bd3 is more usual e.g: [8.Bd3 Nf6 9.Ne2 0-0 10.0-0 e4 11.Bc2 Bg4 12.Qe1!? Rad8 13.Ng3 Rfe8 14.c4 h5!? 15.h3 Bc8 16.Qe2? g6! 17.Qd1 Qf8 18.Bc3 h4 19.Ne2 Nh5 20.Ba4 Bd7 21.Rb1 b6 22.Rb5 f5! 23.Rd5 Nb8 24.Bxd7 Rxd7 25.Qa4!? Rxd5 26.cxd5 a5 27.Rc1 Qf7 28.Bb2 Rd8 29.Qc4 Rd7 30.Ba3 Nf6 (30...g5!? 31.d6 c6 32.d5!?) 31.Nf4 g5!? 32.d6! cxd6?! (32...Qxc4! 33.Rxc4 cxd6! (33...c6 34.Ne6 g4 35.hxg4 fxg4 36.Rc2!+/) 34.Ne6! (34.Rc8+ Kf7 35.Rxb8 gxf4 36.Rxb6 fxe3 37.fxe3 Nd5 8.Rxd6 Rxd6 39.Bxd6=/+) 34...Kf7 35.Nxg5+ Kg6 36.f4=) 33.Qc8+ Kg7 34.Qxb8 gxf4 35.Bxd6 fxe3 36.fxe3 Kg6 37.Be5 Re7 38.Qh8 Qh7? 39.Qxf6+1-0 Kasparov,G-Yeo,M 1989 (A five minute game - I panicked on move 32 when I realised I had 1 minute left to his 3. How I came to be playing him is a very long story...!)]

8...e4 9.Ng1 [9.Ng5 Qe7=/+]
9...Nf6 10.Ne2 0-0 11.Ng3 Bg4? An awful oversight! [11...Qe7=; 11...Re8=]



12.Qc2? [12.Nxe4! Nxe4 13.Qxg4 Nxd2 14.Kxd2+/=]
12...Rfe8 13.h3 Bd7 14.a3?! Rad8 15.Be2 g6?! [15...Nb8= \(16.c4 \) c5; 15...b5!?=]

16.0-0 h5!? I could still remember my game against Kasparov!
17.Rfd1 h4 18.Nf1 Nh7 19.c4 Ng5 Fritz thinks white is a lot better here, but at the time I was reasonably happy with my position.
20.Bg4? [20.Bc3+/-; 20.c5+/-]

20...f5 [20...Bxg4 21.hxg4 h3=/+]

21.Be2 f4 22.Bg4? I was fairly sure he would play this again, but now white is definitely a lot worse [22.c5 Qf6 23.Bc4+ Be6 24.Bxe6+ Qxe6 (24...Rxe6 25.exf4 Nxd4 26.fxg5+/-) 25.exf4 (25.Qa2=/+) 25...Nxd4 26.Qb1 Nxh3+ 27.gxh3 Qxh3 28.Nh2 Kh7=/+]

22...f3 [22...Bxg4!? 23.hxg4 h3! 24.Qb3 (24.Nh2 hxg2 25.Kxg2 f3+26.Kh1 Kg7 27.c5 Qxh2+28.Kxh2 Rh8+-+) 24...f3 25.g3 b6=/+]
23.gxf3 [23.Nh2! fxg2 24.Kxg2 (24.c5 Qf6 25.Bxd7 Rxd7 26.Qb3+Kh7 27.Kxg2 Qf5-+) 24...Bxg4 25.hxg4 Rd7=/+; 23.c5 Qf6 24.Qb3+Kh7 25.Nh2 fxg2 26.Qxb7 Bxg4 27.Nxg4 Qf3-+]

23...Bxg4 24.fxg4 [24.hxg4 Nxf3+ 25.Kh1 (25.Kg2 Qf6-+) 25...Qe6 (25...Qf6-/+) 26.Nh2 Nxh2 27.Kxh2 Rf8 28.Bb4 Rf3 29.Rg1 Nxb4 30.axb4 Rdf8 31.Raf1 Kg7-/+]

24...Qf6! 25.f4 [25.Be1 Qf3 26.c5 Kh7-+]

25...exf3 26.Nh2 [26.Kh2 Nxd4 27.exd4 Re2+ 28.Kh1 (28.Kg1 Nxh3+ 29.Kh1 Rg2-+) 28...Nxh3-+; 26.Bc3 f2+ 27.Kh2 Nxd4 28.Bxd4 (28.Rxd4 Rxd4 29.Bxd4 Nf3+ 30.Kh1 Nxd4 31.exd4 Re3-+) 28...Rxd4 29.Rxd4 Nf3+ 30.Kh1 Nxd4 31.exd4 Re3-+)

26...Nxh3+ 27.Kh1 [27.Kf1 Nxd4 28.exd4 Re2-+]

27...Nf2+ 28.Kg1 Nxd1 29.Rxd1 Nxd4! Fritz eventually agrees that this is the best, although there are many other possibilities

30.exd4 Re2 31.Nxf3 Rxd4 32.Nxd4? and White resigned not waiting for 32....Qf2+ 0-1



Hampshire Congress

This Hampshire Congress, incorporating the Hampshire Individual Championship was held the weekend of 1st November 2002 at Eastleigh College. The format was the same as the previous year, with an Open and an under 125 graded tournament. The trend in numbers was positive, with a slight increase seen in total.

Keeping the tradition of the last two years, the winner of the Open Tournament (Thomas Rendle) did not enter this year, although the Hampshire Champion, Dominic Tunks was defending his title.

The first couple of rounds did not spring many surprises, although in round two, two of the top seeds failed to get maximum points. This was as Khaled Esmat (169) held Michael Yeo (202) to a draw and John Wheeler (170) beat David Pye (185).

In round three there were 4 players on maximum points, Bill Purkiss, Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell, John Wheeler and Martin Newbury. On board one Bill Purkiss beat Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell in 14 moves. It seems that Jeremy played a dubious move in the opening (7.Qb3) and after Bill's reply Nxd4, decided to really mix it up with 8.Bxf7, rather than move his Queen back to d1, where he obviously stood worse. After this Jeremy then sacrificed his Queen for two Knights, for which he was never going to get enough compensation, and resigned soon afterwards. This meant that the board one game was the first to finish and Bill was on maximum points.

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Fraser-Mitchell - Purkiss,W [D32]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.e4 dxe4 6.Bc4 Nc6 7.Qb3? Nxd4 8.Bxf7+ Ke7 9.Bxg8 Nxb3 10.Bxb3 Ke8 11.Nxe4 Qe7 12.f3 Bf5 13.Bg5 Qe5 14.Ne2 Bxe4 15.Bf4 Qxb2 0-1

Also moving onto maximum points was John Wheeler who defeated Martin Newbury. In fact, both Bill and John were 1 point ahead of the field, as none of the other players on 1½ managed to win their games.

Round four was the Saturday evening game and John Wheeler took a bye. This left Bill playing the up-floated Khaled Esmat in a game that was the turning point of the competition.

Khaled played an excellent game, beating Bill, which meant that John Wheeler was in the sole lead after the fourth round, with four players half a point behind.

Leader Board after Round Four

Name	Score
John Wheeler	31/2/4
Bill Purkiss	3/4
Michael Yeo	3/4
Khaled Esmat	3/4
Martin Newbury	3/4

With all to play for in the 5th round, there were a lot of hard fought games. The board one game between John Wheeler and Bill Purkiss went the distance. I don't know if Bill won the exchange, or John sacrificed it, but John did get some compensation for it. In the end John won the exchange back, but agreed a draw in the Quickplay finish, when he had less time than Bill.

Martin Newbury was late for his game and suffered the price, losing on time against Michael Yeo from admittedly a bad position. Meanwhile Khaled Esmat was blundering all his pieces against Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell, in the same way that Jeremy had done against Bill Purkiss in round three and Khaled soon resigned

Coming into the last round, whoever won the top board game would win the tournament. John Wheeler probably only needed a draw from this game to win the Silver Rook, as his sum of progressive score was the best. Bill Purkiss, Jeremy-Fraser-Mitchell and Martin Newbury had to hope that the top board was drawn and for them to win, to share 1st prize.

The Yeo v Wheeler game was quite a bit of theory, but John's position started to fall apart when he played 12...c5. Instead of this 12...d5 looked stronger. This would have stopped Michael's Knight moving to e4 where it was very dominant. In fact, from there it moved into d6 and soon afterwards a tactical exchange won Michael a Rook and the Hampshire Championship. This was Michael Yeo's first win of the Hampshire Championship, from 10 previous entries.

Yeo,M - Wheeler,J [B06]

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1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.f4 c6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be3 Nd7 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 e6 9.0-0-0 Qa5 10.Kb1 Ne7 11.g4 0-0-0 12.Rd3 c5 13.e5 Nc6 14.Ne4 dxe5 15.Nd6+ Kb8 16.dxe5 Rhf8 17.Bg2 Bxe5 18.Nxb7 Qb6 19.Rb3 Nb4 20.Nxd8 Rxd8 21.fxe5 1-0

In the fight for 2nd place, Bill Purkiss and Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell won against Martin Newbury and David Cordner respectively and they therefore shared 2nd place.

Meanwhile four players shared the U160 grading prize, with Ian Cary taking home the trophy on tiebreak. Richard Perrin won the U140 grading prize.

Prize Winners					
1 st	M.Yeo	5/6	£120		
2 nd =	W.Purkiss	41/2/5	£60		
2 nd =	J.Fraser-Mitchell	41/2/5	£60		
U160 gp	I.Cary	3/6	£15		
U160 gp	F.N.McLeod	3/6	£15		
U160 gp	A.Mills	3/6	£15		
U160 gp	G.Stuart	3/6	£15		
U140 gp	R.Perrin	3/6	£50		

The under 125 tournament that was run alongside the Open was a great success for ex Ladies Champion Gillian Moore, who has come back to chess after a break.

Gillian scored four wins and two draws from her six games, which was enough to win first prize outright. A.Hayes was second on 4½ points, whilst there were 5 players on 4 points. Darren Radford won the under 100 grading prize with 3½ points.

Prize Winners					
1 st	G.Moore	5/6	£90		
2 nd =	A.Hayes	41/2/5	£60		
3 rd =	P.Marshall	4 /5	£6		
3 rd =	P.Flack	4 /5	£6		
3 rd =	R.Langham	4 /5	£6		
3 rd =	A.Mayer	4 /5	£6		
3 rd =	M.Garrod	4 /5	£6		
U100 gp	D.Radford	31/2/6	£40		

Next year's tournament will likely be around the same time; so don't forget to leave some time for this in your diary.

County Chass

The County season has got off to a mixed start, with the B team beating Dorset, but the A team losing to Cornwall and Gloucestershire.

Meanwhile in the Chiltern League we beat Oxford and Berks, but lost to Bucks. The U125 team in the Chiltern League has had better success, winning all four games so far.

West of England Matches

Hants A beat Dorset B 7 – 5 Hants A lost to Cornwall 7½ - 8½ Hants A lost to Gloucestershire

Chiltern League - U170

Hants beat Oxford 9½ - 6½ Hants beat Berks 12 - 8 Hants lost to Bucks 6½ - 9½

Chiltern League - U125

Hants beat Oxford 10 - 6
Hants beat Berks 10 - 6
Hants beat Bucks 10½ - 5½
Hants beat Oxford 8½ - 7½

If you are interested in playing in any of the remaining matches, please contact the respective match captain.

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Web Site

Don't forget, the Web Site is continually updated with the results from the Southampton and Portsmouth Leagues, as well as the County matches. There is also a more extensive article on the Hampshire Congress, including all the games. www.HampshireChess.co.uk

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