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We are all familiar with sponsored walks and swims, but this is my first experience of sponsored chass.

A simultaneous display is to be given by Leonard Barden on Saturday, 9th October, in the Great Hall, Teachers' Training College, Milton, commencing at 12 noon. This event has been arranged by Portsmouth Polytechnic Chess Club, who are also meeting Mr. Barden's fees and expenses.

The indefatigable Terry Hollington now moves in with the following highly original ideas:-

- (a) There is no entry fee, but each player wishing to take part is asked to obtain sponsors.
- (b) Each sponsor will undertake to pay anything upward from ½p for every move that the player that he is sponsoring makes against Leonard Barden, up to a maximum of 30 moves.
- (c) The money raised in this way (which could, given an enthusiastic response, be a sizeable sum) will be donated to the Hampshire Chess Association, with particular emphasis on the furtherance of Junior activities.
- (d) If a player obtains 10 or more sponsors, his Club will receive a refund of the amount of his County registration fee.

All this seems to me to add up to an ingenious and praiseworthy effort to publicise the game locally and, at the same time, help the County, which is hard-pressed financially this year.

Enquiries and requests for entry forms to: T.E. Hollington, 27 Karen Avenue, Drayton, Portsmouth PO6 2HR (Tel. Cosham 87346).

I have for a long while maintained that a reliable measure of any organisation's keenness and success is the number of members that attend an Annual General Meeting when things are going right (when things go wrong, people turn up just to complain:). By this token, Fareham Chess Club must be the greatest in the district (perhaps even in the land) as they had a record attendance of 32 at their recent Annual Meeting at which ex-Hon. Secretary Alan Evans was appointed the new President.

Another successful A.G.M. (this time 21 members attending) was held at Gosport Chess Club, where no great changes took place except the raising of the annual subscription rate. Creeping inflation is beginning to affect the chess world generally, but what other activity can a player obtain these days for a total cost (including County and B.C.F. registration) of less than a pint of beer a week?

The remaining names of local Registered/Graded players are :

H.A. Tadevossian (Fareham)	141 (133)	S.R. Williams (Gosport)	104 (115)
G. Train (Cosham)	136 (124)	F. Wools (I. of W.)	143 (134)
C.W.J. Trotter (Gosport)	136 (134)	W.J.E. Yeeles (Gosport)	166 (171)
S. Wilkinson (Cosham)	113 (119)		2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2

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The game Tehigorin v. Davydov shows a brilliant piece of combination play: 1. Q-Q4+K-B1; 2. B-K6+K-N1 (if 2...BxB, the queen is lost; if 2...PxB, white mates by 3. Q-Q7+); 3. N-Q7+K-B1; 4. N-B5 dis.+K-N1; 5. N-R6+ (a new diversion) 5...PxN; 6. Q-N4 mate.

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r2kr3; ppplnplp; 5N2; 4Q3; 2B3bq; 3P4; PPP5; 5RK1

Tehigorin v. Davydov: St. Petersburg 1874