



Noble Park Chess Club

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...of chess players



...for chess players

Paddy O'Donoghue Centre, 18-32 Buckley Street, Noble Park, Victoria 3174

...by chess players



The year in review...

As I reflect on this year, I am amazed by our club's rapid and incredible transformation. The club began in December 2006 by hosting its first tournament to much fanfare, the Australian Masters (with no less than two grandmasters). Unsurprisingly, with such a launch, it quickly developed a reputation for strong and serious chess.

However, it is fair to say that no organisation, however auspicious its beginnings or dedicated its members, can be sustained without active growth. Although the chess remained undoubtedly very strong and competitive, the club began to fatigue and decline in numbers.

As we entered our fifth year, a new committee was formed who were determined to revitalise the club. The club already had a core group of loyal members - players who were highly-respected in the chess community and who had been with the club since its very beginning. So, it was a question of how we could start a program of growth

without compromising the club's essential character. There was no doubt that our growth had to be centred on an exceptionally-good junior program. So, in April, we launched our junior coaching program where, perhaps uniquely, all the lessons were provided completely free of charge and subsidised entirely by the club.

The first lessons were initially led by our club stalwarts, FM Dusan Stojic and Domagoj Dragicevic, with a grand total of four keen students. However, word spread very quickly and after a few short months, the classes now regularly see numbers of up to thirty students (plus their parents)!





This was largely due to the efforts of the club’s coach, FIDE Trainer NY Wong and his team of Reg Chong, Peter Morris, Mike Loh (and lately also, club junior, Zach!). Feedback from parents and kids has been overwhelmingly positive – and just as importantly, the program has truly made our club a relevant part of the local Noble Park community.

street. Hopefully, this means that we will give many local schoolchildren the opportunity of learning chess for the very first time (again free of charge to the schools), and who knows, there may be an undiscovered Bobby Fischer in their midst!

For the first time, the club also opened its doors to the general public on two separate open days (in April and September) and a few of us also participated in local festivals to promote both the club and of course, our beloved game of chess. Many people who had not

known of the club’s existence were drawn to us, again putting our club back into the heart of our local community.

In another first, the club started publishing quarterly newsletters this year. This was the brain-child of the editor, Mike Loh, and has been instrumental to the club’s rejuvenation. The publications are always avidly read by our club members and have won much praise from outside our club. The Noble Park Chess Club “family photo” and “5th birthday card” in this issue show how we view ourselves, as a chess family, within the wider chess community.



In conjunction with this strategy, the club also decided to bring chess to our local schools. It was clear that most of the local schoolchildren had not been exposed to chess at all, and so, the club successfully applied for a community grant from City of Greater Dandenong Council to fund school incursions. NY and Reg have already embarked upon this by going to a local school on our





Among all these innovations, we were careful not to lose sight of the characteristics which made our club special. We kicked off the year with our flagship tournament, the Club Championship. Like all our classical tournaments, this event was FIDE-rated with a strong and competitive field. The event ended with Domagoj and Justin Tan tying for first place which under the rules necessitated a play-off series. To everyone's amusement, the play-offs turned out to be of almost world championship proportions – after two classical games, two rapid games, six blitz games and nearly ten hours of extra play, Dom prevailed and was declared a most worthy 2011 club champion.



nice way to celebrate junior achievement.

Increased publicity also resulted in our tournaments seeing increased player numbers throughout the year (and therefore increased membership numbers). This led to Bendigo Bank (Dandenong) sponsoring the final tournament of the year, the Bendigo Bank Masters and Challengers. Ironically, the strength of the Masters field had an unforeseen effect – we had

too many strong players wanting to join the limited 10-player division and so several strong players ended up being excluded!

Outside the club, our members have also had many reasons to celebrate. Dusan finally won his play-off for the Victorian Championship for 2010, and thus was crowned the state champion. Dom was joint winner of the Victorian Open.



The championship also introduced our perpetual trophies - apart from the open championship trophy, there was a best under-2000 junior cup (donated by the Zelesco family), and a cup for the best under-1600 player (donated by Dom). The junior perpetual trophy will be awarded for each of the four classical club tournaments – a





Our club juniors excelled in the Victorian Junior Championship (Enoch Fan was Under-10 champion, Karl Zelesco was Under-12 champion, Zachary Loh came equal 1st Under-16, Kyle Gibson came 2nd Under-18 and Savithri Narenthran was Under-18 girls champion). In November, the club's top two juniors, Justin and Karl will represent Australia in the World Youth Championship in Brazil.

program to cater for adult and junior beginners. We will build upon our schools campaign – taking chess to schools and encouraging children to develop a love for the game. At the same time, children from our junior coaching program will graduate to become new competitors in our club. With a revitalised membership, our tournaments will certainly continue to be as competitive and strong as ever.

can, to make 2012 an equally successful and optimistic year for our wonderful club. Perhaps, consider becoming a member of the 2012 club committee.

After all, this is your club!

**Kai Tan
Noble Park Chess Club President**



The club is fortunate to have a tremendous team in the committee and in the coaching program and, on behalf the club, I would like to thank them and our volunteers for their dedicated work this year. Most of all, the club could not have achieved what it has without the fantastic support of its loyal members, players, kids and their parents.

Our club is small but I believe that this year, we have shown ourselves that a small club can have big plans. So, our big plans will continue next year with the introduction of a brand-new novice membership and tournament

In a previous address, I have stated that we still have much more to do – ambitious plans require a correspondingly large amount of work. As a small club and committee, this is felt all the more by those of us who are involved at the coalface. Thus, I finish this address by asking everyone please, to continue to support our club in any way you

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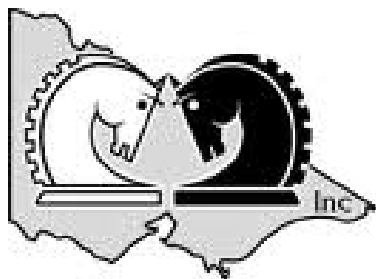
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- Tom Narenthran
- Bosko Mijatovic
- Domagoj Dragicevic

The club also wishes to thank the following for their hard work as volunteers throughout the year:

2011 NPCC Committee:

- President: **Kai Tan**
- Secretary/Treasurer: **Domagoj Dragicevic**
- Publicity: **FM Dusan Stojic**
- Webmaster: **Mehmedalija Dizdarevic**
- Committee Members:

Mike Loh (Editor)

Svetozar Stojic

Reginald Chong

Junior Coaching Program Team:

NY Wong

Reg Chong

Peter Morris

Mike & Zach Loh

FM Dusan Stojic

Domagoj Dragicevic

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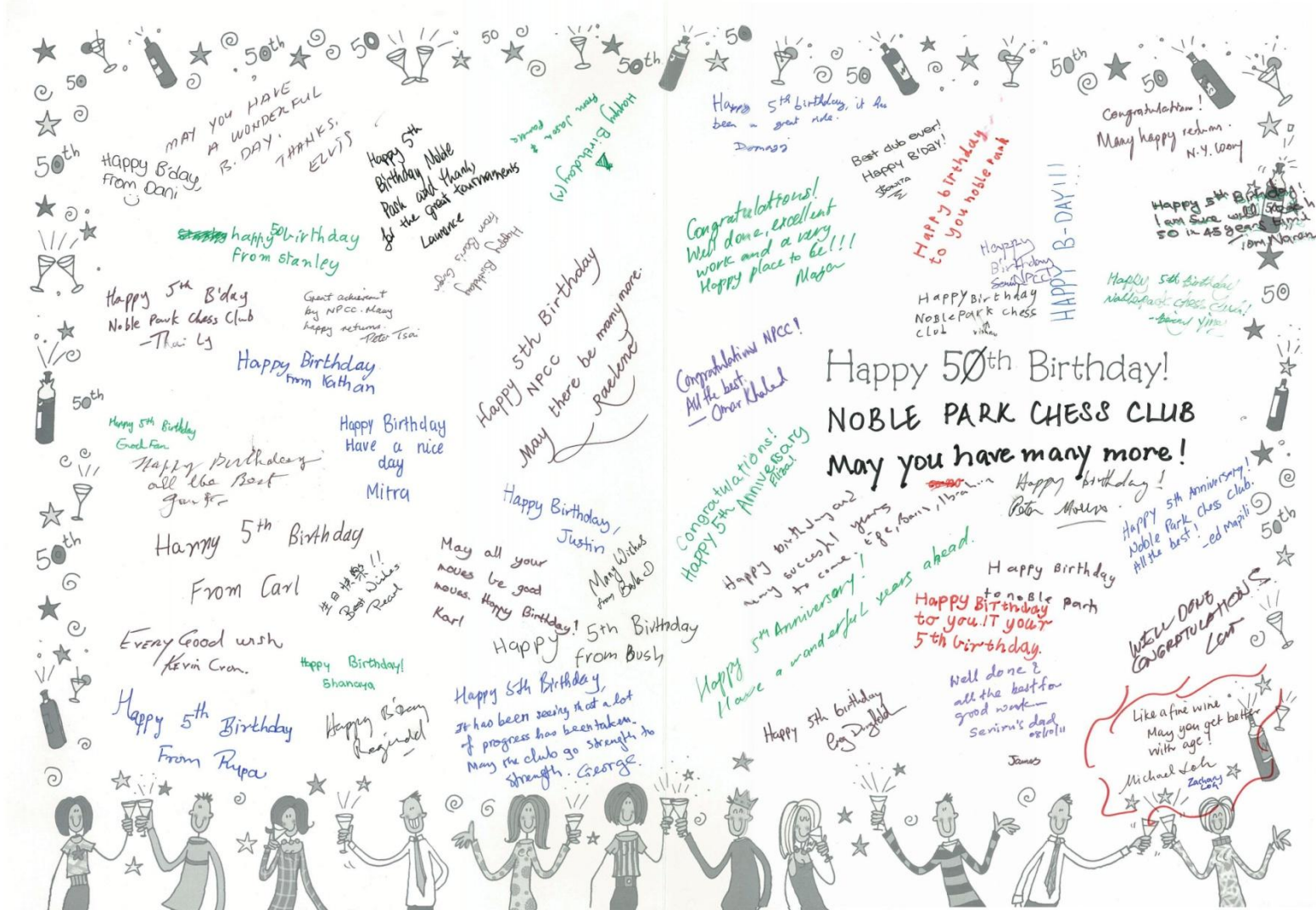




Happy 5th Birthday, Noble Park Chess Club!

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2011 Noble Park Chess Club Honour Roll

Club Championship
Club champion: Domagoj Dragicevic
Equal 1 st Justin Tan
3 rd FM Chris Wallis
Ratings Group A: 1 st Tharmaratnam Narenthran
Best Junior Under-2000: Zachary Loh
Ratings Group B: Equal 1 st Savithri Narenthran and Kevin Cron
Best Under-1600: Savithri Narenthran

NPCC Open
Equal 1 st Domagoj Dragicevic and FM Dusan Stojic
3 rd Justin Tan, John Nemeth, Svetozar Stojic
Ratings Group A: Equal 1 st Kyle Gibson, Zachary Loh, Gregorio Albaraccin, Reginald Chong
Best Junior Under-2000: Karl Zelesco
Ratings Group B: Equal 1 st Jerzy Krysiak, Elvis Espejo, Joseph Sy
Best Unrated: Bonita Gu Yang
Best game prize: Gregorio Albarracin

NPCC Grades
A Grade:
1 st Justin Tan
2 nd FM Dusan Stojic
Equal 3 rd Domagoj Dragicevic, Mehmedalija Dizdarevic
Best Junior Under-2000: Zachary Loh
B Grade:
Equal 1 st Kevin Cron, Ege Girgin
Equal 3 rd Franz Oswald, Laszlo Nemeth
Best Under-1300: Jimmy Ying
Best Junior B-grade Bonita Gu Yang

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Masters
1 st FM Dusan Stojic
2 nd Laurence Matheson
3 rd Domagoj Dragicevic
Best Junior Under-2000: Karl Zelesco
Challengers
1 st Jimmy Ying
2 nd Savithri Narenthran
3 rd Enoch Fan, Laszlo Nemeth, Ege Girgin
Rating group Under-1300: 1 st Cameron Yung
Equal 2 nd Baris Girgin, Bonita Gu Yang, Eliza Mapili, Phoebe Fan

