



## A Second Round - a First for FNQ!

For the first time it's Round 2 of the FNQ inter-school competition in Term 2. The number of students participating in this tournament has grown steadily over the last couple of years. We should see two preliminary rounds and a finals round every year from now on. Plenty of chess for everyone!

More opportunities to play in large competitions should also mean that more and more FNQ juniors join the ratings list this year and in the future. With more experience on the board, I'm sure we'll see more juniors following in Robin Wei's footsteps to represent at state and national championships.

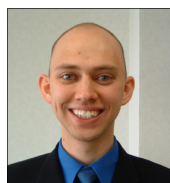
The Queensland Junior Championship is coming up in July, following on from one of Australia's best open tournaments, the Gold Coast Open. GM Ian Rogers, who played a simul here in Cairns just last October, will be there to coach. Keen juniors and their families could really make a holiday of it by heading to the Coast for one or both tournaments and also getting some time in at a Gardiner Chess Centre camp.

There will also be plenty of chess action in Cairns over the June school holidays, Smithfield Centre will once again be hosting free tournaments for juniors - six of them! Great practice for the inter-school finals in August! Check out the calendar over the page for exact dates.

In the meantime, good luck to all teams in today's tourney. See you all on the chess board!

Yours in chess,

David Cowland-Cooper  
IQ Chess FNQ Director



## Best of the Far North

The top rated active juniors in FNQ as at the May 2008 QJRL rating list are:

Robin WEI	1635
Dan SALIER	1012
Justin SABBADIN	910
Andrew TO	905
Henry HARDING	847
Joshua HARTIGAN	829
Mimi DEVINE	792
Sean THOMSON	788
Luther TAGO	782
Tim SCHWEINSBERG	762

The ratings list has grown significantly over the past year. Now there's more than 100 juniors on the list. Let's keep that number growing, team, keep up the good work!

## Cairns Chess Club

The Cairns Chess Club is now seeing regular attendances of more than 10 players every Thursday. The record turnout so far is 20! It's a great venue for adults and children alike to play against new opponents and improve their play, in a very casual atmosphere. Here are the details, hope to see you there!

Weekly on Thursday nights  
6pm to 8:30pm

@ The Coffee Bean  
Stockland Shopping Centre, Earville

Late night shopping, coffee & chess  
Attendance is FREE

## Check it out, mate!

TropiChess #5 featured two puzzles. The solution to the first was a neat example of underpromotion.

1. f8=B! N any move
2. Qxg7++

The second was a little more complex on the board, but the key first move was a rook sacrifice on c6.

1. Rxc6+!

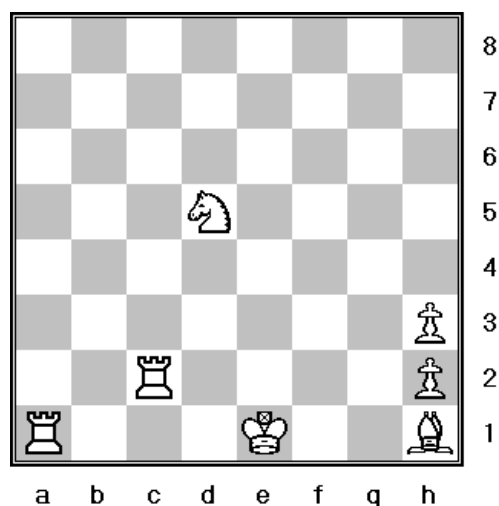
If Black recaptures with the bishop...

2. Qe7++

If with the Queen...

2. Qb4++

Here's a tricky one to keep you busy. It's a Triple Loyds puzzle, so called because there are three parts to the solution. First, place the Black King on a square where it is in CHECKMATE. Second, place the Black King on a square where it is in STALEMATE. Third and last, place it where White's NEXT move is checkmate - and give the mating move of course! Good luck!



*That's what Chess is all about.  
One day you give your  
opponent a lesson,  
the next day he gives you one.*

*- Bobby Fischer*

## 2008 Calendar of Events

Here's a full list of major chess events going on around Queensland for the rest of the year. Be sure to get along to any events in or near FNQ if you can!

Chess coaching at schools in the greater Cairns area will continue right through to the end of Term 4.

For more information about coaching or any of these events, just get in touch with us directly.

Apr 14	Term 2 START
May 6	FNQ Inter-School Ch. Rd. 2 TAS White Rock
Jun 9	Cairns Chess Challenge Open Tournament
Jun 27	Term 2 END

**Jun 30, Jul 2, Jul 4**

**Jul 7, Jul 9, Jul 11**

**Junior Chess Challenge  
Smithfield Centre, Cairns**

Jul 14	Term 3 START
Aug 2-3	Mackay Open
Aug 7	FNQ Inter-School Ch. FINAL TAS White Rock
Aug 9-10	North Queensland Open Townsville
Aug 30-31	Bundaberg Open
Sep 19	Term 3 END

**Sep 20 - Oct 5 Junior Chess Challenge  
Smithfield Centre, Cairns**

Oct 6	Term 4 START
Oct 11-12	Queensland Interschool Finals TBA
Oct 13	Queensland Girls Teams Finals TBA
Dec 12	Term 4 END

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