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19/08/1998	Robert Isted Memorial 'B' 1998
02/12/1998	Dandenong Club Championship
18/12/1998	Box Hill Xmas Swiss
15/12/1998	VCA Victorian Championship
15/12/1998	VCA Vic Championship Reserves
15/12/1998	Vic Senior-Women's Champ'ship
15/12/1998	Vic Qualifying Championship
06/07/1998	City of Melbourne Open
20/12/1998	Elwood Xmas Swiss
14/12/1998	Melbourne Chess Club Open
03/12/1998	Frankston CC Championship
20/02/1999	Dandenong Champ'ship Play-Off
26/01/1999	VCA Australia Day Weekender
01/02/1999	Dandenong Holiday Challenge
29/11/1998	CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT

### **QVB CHESS FESTIVAL 1999 - QANTAS JUNIOR TOURNAMENT**

by Richard Gastineau-Hills

The Qantas Junior Tournament attracted 32 entries. This was somewhat disappointing by NSW standards - perhaps many of the regular juniors were too exhausted after the Australian Junior Championships or the three junior tournaments that the NSWJCL conducted earlier in the month. In fact there was only one Australian Junior competitor who could raise the strength to play again: David Laugery - and he must be very fit indeed as he had also played in the Australian Open!

The tournament was won by 15-year-old Lucas Liang who has finished high up in several junior tournaments lately but had not previously captured first place. Half a point behind Lucas were the top seed Jonathan Hui and Alex Feldman, son of Vladimir and Irina who were slogging it out in the IM Tournament.

A new find in the tournament was nine-year old Jeniya Sharamova, a recent arrival from Russia. She scored a creditable 4½ out of 8, including a win from the experienced David Laugery.

1st Lucas Liang 6½/8, =2nd Jonathan Hui and Alex Feldman 6, U16 James Har-

26/11/1998	RESPINI A
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26/11/1998	RESPINI C
26/11/1998	JUNIOR INVITATION
11/12/1998	MIDLAND CHRISTMAS TOURN
10/12/1998	BUNBURY SUMMER
14/10/1998	HARRIS SHIELD A1
14/10/1998	HARRIS SHIELD A2
14/10/1998	HARRIS SHIELD B1
14/10/1998	HARRIS SHIELD B2
14/10/1998	HARRIS SHIELD C1
14/10/1998	HARRIS SHIELD C2
23/02/1999	CITY OF FREMANTLE
07/03/1999	SOUTH-WEST OPEN
07/03/1999	SOUTH-WEST JUNIORS

5½, U14 Joseph Descallar 5, U12  
Vincent Suttor 4½, U10 Jeniya  
Sharamova 4½

#### **1999 NSWCA Handicap Quickplay**

Report by Chief Arbiter Charles  
Zworestone

Held at the Ashfield Catholic and Community Club on Valentine's Day (!), the second annual NSWCA Handicap Quickplay tournament attracted 42 participants: 20 up on last year. Top seed was Fred Flatow (2150), followed closely by Dutch visitor Daan Zult (FIDE 2105) and Johnny Bolens (2020). Other notables were Richard Parfait (1946), Kerry Stead (1941) and Louie Cruz (1936); it was good to welcome Richard and Louie, in particular, back to an NSWCA event after a lengthy absence.

The brainchild of Mario Falchoni, the event was a knockout with players eliminated after dropping the number of points equal to their initial handicap (based on rating).

Louise Cruz won the event after the only other remaining players, Joseph Descallar and Chris Kevork agreed to a last round draw, eliminating themselves! Special thanks to the Ashfield Catholic and Community Club for providing a superb venue

## **I THINK, THEREFORE I CAN**

*By Chris Depasquale*

Last month I made passing reference to the regular hate-mail I get from Mr Killjoy. Here is a recent example:

Dear Sir,

I must again protest at the flippant and entertaining way you write about chess. I have been following your career closely, and know a lot of things. For example, I know that your collection of newspaper columns, published as *My 60 Memorable Columns*, was so funny it was even translated into German and published in Germany. It is not as if the Germans are noted for their sense of humour, and I can't really imagine anybody bothering to translate a serious Australian chess book into another language.

I know I am right on this point because I, personally, know dozens of people who enjoy reading your columns, even though they do not know the first thing about chess.

The only acceptable way to write a chess column is using the following, well-tried formula:

First paragraph: "Here are the results from the last tournament..."

Middle paragraph: "Here are the details of the next tournament..."

Final paragraph: "Here is a game from the last tournament..."

It is perfectly simple. It has worked for dozens of chess columnists around the world. Most importantly, of course, the only people interested in reading such a column are the few hundred people who play organised chess.

Some people just laugh at your stuff, but I have unravelled your sinister plot - I know what you are trying to do. You are trying to hijack chess, take the game away from the elite few, and bring it to the masses.

I have noticed, too, that you are prepared to pour scorn on the elite few, just because they print things that are factually incorrect. Just how ignorant are you? Don't you know that the entire history of civilisation is the elite few twisting or ignoring facts that don't fit their own opinions?

And you have been taunting our adminis-traitors (I use the term advisedly) and organisers, too. Don't you realise that more people in Australia play chess than play football and basketball combined? If it wasn't for the low competence level displayed by some chess adminis-traitors, organisers, journalists, etc., our game could end up like those other sports, and then where would we be?

I have analysed you closely, Mr Depasquale, and I can summarise your problem in one word. Guilt! You know you could have made an excellent impoverished grandmaster had you tried. You know you could have been an excellent chess organiser for the elite few; I have seen your efforts with the Black Opal Tournament of Champions and the Australian Masters. Yet you rejected these paths, selfishly preferring a career and a home life, only dabbling in chess as a side-line.