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AUSTRALIAN  
**JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE**



## Welcome to the second AusJCL newsletter for 2015!

It has been two months since the last newsletter and so much has already happened in Australian Junior chess. We hope you enjoy the summary below and please let us know if you would like us to include your story or photo!



Did you know the AusJCL is now on Facebook? Why not like us today to stay up to in between the newsletters.

### **The JETS Squad has been selected!**

Congratulations to those that have made it to the Junior Elite Training Squad. Click on the picture to find the complete list. The training camp will be held at Somerset College on the Gold Coast from June 27 – July 1. Coaches



will likely include GMs Melkumyan, Johansen and Rogers and IMs Illingworth, Ly and Kourkounakis.

# 50 MOVES

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**The JETS have a new sponsor - 50 Moves magazine!**

All JETS candidates will receive a **FREE 6 months subscription** (or extension to existing membership) to this wonderful new digital chess magazine!

Young Australian chess players IM Moulthun Ly and Fedja Zulfic have established 50 Moves - a fantastic digital chess magazine with regular contributions by leading Australian players and overseas guests.

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Anton Smirnov winning the Best Australian Junior Bedi Cup at the Doeberl Cup.  
Find more amazing photo's from the tournament right here: [AusJCL Flickr Album](#)



**2015 Commonwealth Chess Championship Junior selections  
New Delhi, India, between 22 and 30 June 2015**

The AusJCL is conducting junior selections for the Commonwealth Championships (male and female). Players potentially interested in being selected to represent Australia as our representatives, receiving free accommodation, must contact Junior Selections Co-ordinator Tristan Boyd at [tristan.s.boyd@gmail.com](mailto:tristan.s.boyd@gmail.com) by **24 April 2015**. No late applications will be accepted. Please do **not** use the AusJCL website form.

The quick selections method (average of ACF March 2015 and FIDE April 2015) will be used. Where a player has an ACF rating but not a FIDE rating, the ACF rating will be used. Players who have not recently applied must supply all relevant information in Section 5.4 of the [ACF Selections By-Laws](#). Players who have applied for other events recently will be asked to confirm their details.

All applicants must retain a copy of all emails they send and are responsible for

ensuring that their email has been sent and received by the deadline. If an application has not been acknowledged within 7 days, please call Tristan on 0423 529 642.

Each Commonwealth country is eligible to field one Junior Girl (Under-20), one Junior Boy (Under-20) player and one boy and girl each in under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 as official entrants. Their board and lodging will be provided free in a five star hotel. A player's eligibility is based on their age as at 1 January 2015.

### **PROVISIONAL SELECTION SCHEDULE**

24 April 2015: Applications close

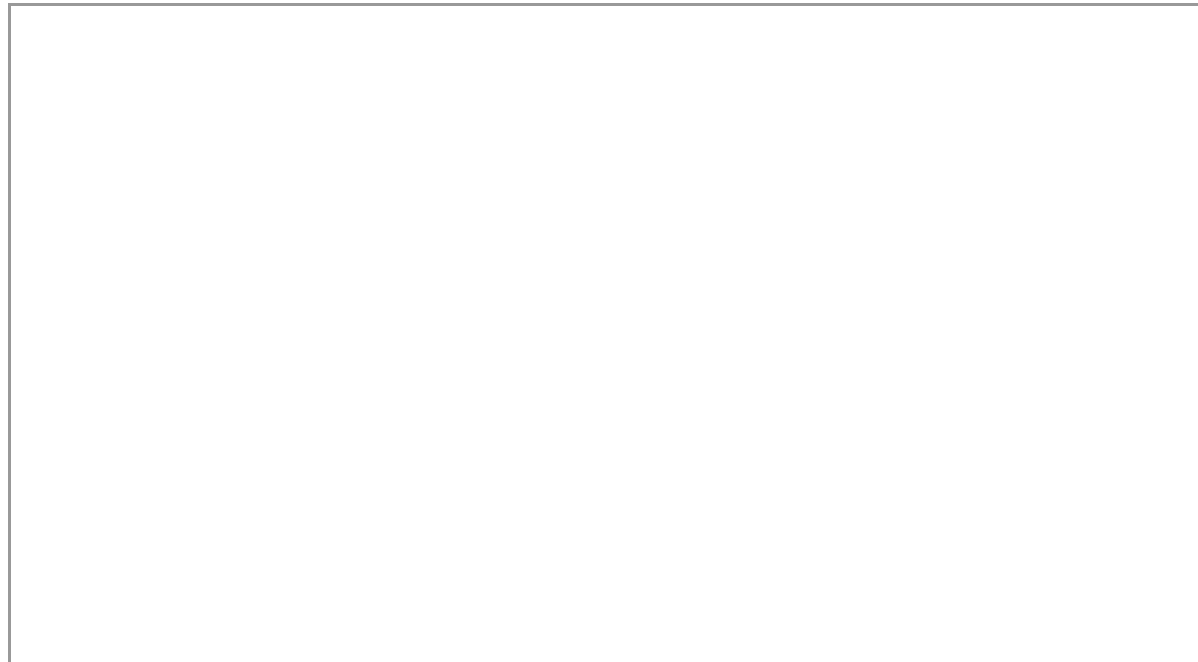
1 May 2015: Selection results finalised and published

5 May 2015: Deadline for notifying organisers of Australian nominees

Tristan Boyd

Junior Selections Co-ordinator

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The Thai Open Chess is currently happening in Bangkok and some great Australian Juniors are playing some amazing games. Have a look at some of the photo's that have been made by our own Cathy Rogers: [AusJCL Flickr Album](#)

## WHIP AROUND THE COUNTRY



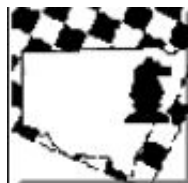
## Queensland

The Term One Gold Coast Junior Masters was held over the weekend of 7/8 March. Aaron Fahey was the winner, although he did drop one game to Oliver Yang. Second Was Hikaru Oka, and there were 18 players. Hikaru Oka, Jaden Teow, Jasper Moss, Jim Sarney and Byron Morris all picked up double digit ratings points.

There was an excellent turnout of 64 players on the Sunday for the under 800 event. The winner was Tiran Mahaarachchi on 8/9, followed by Silvester Vrbancic on 7.5. Both players gained many ratings points, as did Keanu Matsuura, Darby Ross and William Burns.

Full results of both events at: <http://gardinerchess.com.au/event-results/>

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**New South Wales**

### Doeberl Cup update from a NSW perspective- Premier Division

This was hotly contested by some of the top local players as well as visiting international players, many of them GMs or other titled players. Anton Smirnov continued his good form with equal 7th place. After 6 rounds he was 5/6 (2 draws) but managed 2 draws in the final 3 games to end up on 6/9. The highlights were a win against second place getter GM Daryl Johansen and an epic fighting draw against GM Zong-Yuan Zhao in the final round that lasted 117 moves. Anton played the last 38 moves with a queen and a pawn against a queen, bishop and pawn. He eventually out-manuevered his opponent and showed such fighting spirit to manage a stalemate. Rishi Dutta managed 2.5 points with 3 draws against higher rated players including Zachary Loh (FIDE 2230).

### Major Division (1400-2000)

Newly crowned Australian Girls Champion Kristine Quek kept up her good form in Canberra with an opening round draw against top seed Angelito Camer (ACF 1989). She ended with 3.5/7 and equal 32nd. Ending the tournament on the same score was Kashish Christian, both girls being the highest placed NSW girls in the major. On 2.5/7 were 3 other NSW juniors – Luke Marsh, who finished strongly after losing his first 3 games, Parunithan Ranganathan and Thomas Johnston. David Marsh finished the tournament with 2/7. All juniors in the major were able to pull off results against players of much higher rating.

### Minor Division (under 1600)

Fiona and Kevin Shen were placed equal 5th with 5/7, with Kevin spoiling the top seed Clive Lane for a draw. Ryan Lane and Yifu Wu finished with 4/7. Eva Ge will get a rating boost with 3/7 with 2.5 of those points coming from players that were 250+ ratings points above hers. Nathan Soo finished with 2.5 out of 7 with the highlight being an opening round draw against fellow junior Ryan Lane.

### U1200

Reuben Soo finished equal 15th with 2 wins and 2 draws from his 6 games.



## Western Australia

The Perth Open played over the weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> February had 3 of Perth's Juniors featuring quite prominently. They took out 3 of the first 5 placings of the tournament. Patrick Gong the Australian under 16 Champion won the tournament, with the former under 16 Champion George Carolin-Unkovich tying for second place with the current State Champion Yita Choong. In 5<sup>th</sup> place was the third junior Adam Kelly.



## South Australia

South Australia has had a quiet start to the new year, with some of the tournaments not starting until later in the year. However, that did not stop South Australian students Riley Karyiannis, Kevin Lower and Oscar Herrmann to travel interstate to play in the Doeberl cup in Canberra. Oscar came second in the Minor group and Riley and Kevin also played some amazing games.

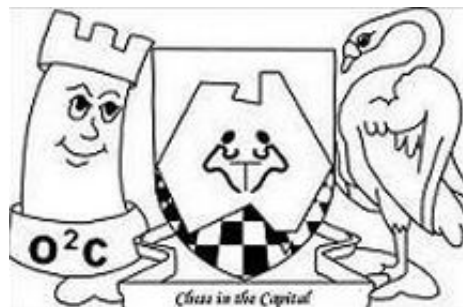
The City of Adelaide Junior Tournament held in the school holidays saw 40 students participate. Some of the winners were as follow - Under 21: 1st Eddie Han, 2nd Peter Gregoric, 3rd George Karassoulos. For more details check out the SAJCL website: <http://www.sajuniorchess.org/index.htm>





## Victoria

Unfortunately we have been unable to get a junior update from Victoria in time. The Begonia Ballarat Tournament has been played and with so many strong players from this state, we are sure they did amazingly. If you want to provide us with an update for the next newsletter - please email us on [chesslife@bigpond.com](mailto:chesslife@bigpond.com)






## ACT

You are all aware that the Doeberl cup was held in Canberra over the Easter Weekend and many Juniors from around the country participated. The 2015 Doeberl Cup was won by GM Zhou Weiqi from China who finished the tournament on 7.5 points. Australian GM Darryl Johansen and GM Surya Shekhar Ganguly from India were both half a point behind, in second and third places respectively. For full details and photo's please check out: <http://www.doeberlcup.com.au/>

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