

Rooty Hill RSL Chess Club Newsletter – 5 July 2020

This Monday 6 July – Online Blitz Tournament 10 min 7 rounds

Starts 6.30pm sharp and registrations open at 5.30pm.

This Wednesday 8 July – Online Arena Tournament 5 min + 3 sec

Starts 6.30pm sharp and registrations open at 5.30pm.

Last Monday 29 June – Online Blitz 10 min 7 rounds

19 Players - Winner "SparksEd89" (Edward Hu) 6 out of 7.

For all results go to <https://www.chess.com/tournament/live/rooty-hill-chess-club-10-minutes-7-rounds-1291425>

Last Wednesday 1 July – Online Arena Tournament 5 min + 3 sec

With only three registrations, there were not enough players to organise a tournament.

COVID-19 and Return of our Chess Club

Due to the need to create the necessary Social Distancing space between gaming machines that is now required by the NSW Government, Rooty Hill RSL (HQ) is currently using our playing hall as a storage room for 230 gaming machine stools and purchased joinery to assemble new gaming bases.

Sadly, following further communication this week from Rooty Hill RSL (HQ), we must advise that there is a further delay in returning to over-the-board-play. We are now hoping to restart on Monday 3 August, depending on new updates from Rooty Hill RSL (HQ).

We will present a new Chess Calendar when we have access to a playing area again.

In the meantime please join us on our Online Chess Club at <https://www.chess.com/club/rooty-hill-chess-club> on Monday and Wednesday nights. Any friends are welcome to join as well.

Donato Mallari 1968 – 2020

This week we received the sad news that Donato Mallari has passed away.

Donato was an enthusiastic, popular player and was a respected member of various chess clubs during his chess career, including Rooty Hill Chess Club.

He was one of the most active players in NSW in the last ten years.

His greatest achievement was being awarded the FM title at the 2017 Oceania Zonal Championship in Auckland with a 6 out of 9 score. Other achievements included shared first in the 2012 Rooty Hill FIDE Open and winning the 2013 North Sydney Chess Club Championship ahead of a strong field, including a young (but already very strong) Anton Smirnov who he beat in their individual game.

For Donato playing chess was lots of fun and even a painful loss would hardly effect his mood. After all there was always the next game to look forward to!

One of his chess skills that stood out was to keep looking for hidden tactical resources to escape defeat in lost positions. Often against the odds he would succeed in doing so.

He will be greatly missed and we wish his family lots of strength during this difficult time.