## New Englander

## Chess Club Update - February 2020

## Chairman's Chatter

The new ECF grading list for January is out! In case you have not noticed, there may be an error as it seems probable that the latest Club Championship results have been omitted. Watch this space...

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Diary Dates
$19^{\text {th }}$ February Chairman's Challenge Round 2
7-8 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ March Closed Championship Congress for the East Anglian Chess Union at Whittlesford. For an entry form, please see www.eacu.org.uk under the tab "Fixtures and Events".

## Puzzle Problem

White to play and mate in 2 - courtesy of the January 2020 ECF newsletter where it is described as a "strategic" two-mover.


Last Month's solution (Skogsenden 1970)
Position : 2Q3N1/3r4/3k4/r5P1/2b3K1/2n5/7p/6b1
1 Ra4 Kh5 2 Bf7\# [1 ... Kf5 2.Bd3\#; 1 ... Kf4 2 Rf7\#; 1 ... Kh4 2 Rh7\#; 1 ... Kh3 2 Bf1\#; 1 ... Kf3 2 Bd5\#]

## Website to Watch

With a big tournament coming in March, there are lean pickings in February but the Prague Masters from $12^{\text {th }}$ to $21^{\text {st }}$ gives some high-level competition. The website is praguechessfestival.com/tournaments-english/masters-english/master-games-english if you want to view it in English!

## Result Round-up

Cambridgeshire County Chess Leagues

| New England A | $\mathbf{2}$ | Cambridge | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| J Dilley | 1 | A Stewart | 0 |
| P Hanks | 0 | S Palucha | 1 |
| R llett | 0 | D Waller | 1 |
| P Spencer | 0 | N Hutchinson | 1 |
| E Knox | 1 | M Symanski | 0 |


| Royston | $\mathbf{2 1} / \mathbf{2}$ | New England A | $\mathbf{2 1 ⁄ 2}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| Default | 0 | J Dilley | 1 |
| K Clark | 1 | P Hanks | 0 |
| P Kemp | $1 / 2$ | R llett | $1 / 2$ |
| M Pinner | 1 | P Spencer | 0 |
| Default | 0 | E Knox | 1 |


| New England A | $\mathbf{2} 1 / 2$ | St Neots A | $\mathbf{2 ¹ ⁄ 2}^{2}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| J Dilley | $1 / 2$ | A Chapman | $1 / 2$ |
| R llett | 1 | R Gompelman | 0 |
| P Spencer | 0 | C Emery | 1 |
| E Knox | 1 | R Palumbo | 0 |
| C Russell | 0 | P Barkas | 1 |


| New England B | $\mathbf{2}$ | Peterborough B | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| P Spencer | $1 / 2$ | A Richards | $1 / 2$ |
| E Knox | $1 / 2$ | M Connolly | $1 / 2$ |
| C Russell | 1 | C Bengtson | 0 |
| M Tarabad | 0 | L Howland | 1 |

Team 550 Competition

| NE Cavaliers | $\mathbf{2} 1 / 2$ | NE Patriots | $\mathbf{1 1 ⁄ 2}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| R Jones | 1 | P Spencer | 0 |
| M Tarabad | 0 | S Walker | 1 |
| N Wedley | $1 / 2$ | M Ingram | $1 / 2$ |
| J Sutherland | 1 | E Smith | 0 |

Club Championship

| Round 1 |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| E Knox | P | P | M Tarabad |
| R llett | 1 | 0 | J Sutherland |


| Round 2 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C Russell (1⁄2) | P | P | P Turp (1) |
| D Lane (0) | P | P | P Hanks (1) |
| Round 3 |  |  |  |
| J Sutherland (1/2) | P | P | M Tarabad (0+P) |
| R Jones (11⁄2) | P | P | P Spencer (1) |
| S Wozniak (2) | P | P | P Turp (1+P) |
| Round 4 |  |  |  |
| P Turp (1+2P) | P | P | E Knox (11⁄2+P) |
| D Lane (1+P) | P | P | T Ingram (1⁄2) |
| $J$ Sutherland (1/2+P) | P | P | R Jones ( $111 / 2+\mathrm{P}$ ) |
| M Tarabad (0+2P) | P | P | E Smith (0) |
| Round 5 |  |  |  |
| R Ilett (3) |  |  | S Wozniak ( $211 / 2+\mathrm{P}$ ) |
| $R$ Jones (11⁄2+2P) |  |  | P Hanks ( $211 / 2+\mathrm{P}$ ) |
| E Knox (11⁄2+2P) |  |  | S Walker ( 2112 ) |
| P Turp (1+3P) |  |  | P Spencer ( $111 / 2+\mathrm{P}$ ) |
| N Wedley (11⁄2) |  |  | C Russell ( $1112+\mathrm{P}$ ) |
| D Lane (1+2P) |  |  | $J$ Sutherland ( $1 / 2+2 P$ ) |
| T Ingram (1/2+P) |  |  | E Smith (0+P) |
| M Tarabad (0+3P) |  |  | P Weinberger (1) |
| Match night : $12^{\text {th }} \begin{gathered}\text { February } \\ \text { Next draw : } 1^{\text {st }} \text { April }\end{gathered} \quad$ Deadline : $31^{\text {st }}$ March |  |  |  |

## Chairman's Challenge

| Player | AB | ES | SW | $\boldsymbol{M T}$ | $\boldsymbol{N W}$ | JP | JS | Tot |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A Bhattacharyya | X | $\underline{4 / 3}$ | 0 | $\underline{22 / 1}$ | $25 / 3$ | $29 / 1$ | $\underline{1 / 4}$ | 0 |
| E Smith | $4 / 3$ | X | $\underline{11 / 3}$ | $11 / 3$ | 0 | $\underline{19 / 2}$ | P | 0 |
| S Wozniak | 1 | $11 / 3$ | X | P | $19 / 2$ | $11 / 3$ | $19 / 2$ | 1 |
| M Tarabad | $22 / 1$ | $11 / 3$ | P | X | $19 / 2$ | $11 / 3$ | $19 / 2$ |  |
| N Wedley | $\underline{25 / 3}$ | 1 | $19 / 2$ | $19 / 2$ | X | 0 | $11 / 3$ | 1 |
| J Parker | $\underline{29 / 1}$ | $19 / 2$ | $11 / 3$ | $11 / 3$ | 1 | X | P | 1 |
| J Sutherland | $1 / 4$ | P | $19 / 2$ | $\underline{19 / 2}$ | $\underline{11 / 3}$ | P | X |  |

New England Club Ladder

| 5$\vdots$000 | Change |  | Player | Record @ 29/01/20 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 5 <br> 0 <br> 0 | $\begin{aligned} & \overline{\mathrm{IN}} \\ & \stackrel{0}{0} \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| 1 | - | +3 | $J$ Sadler | 1/2, 1 |
| 2 | - | +1 | P Spencer | 1 |
| 3 | - | -2 | P Weinberger | 0 |
| 4 | - | -2 | M Tarabad | 1/2,0 |

New England Grand Prix

| Player | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Q } \\ & \text { E } \\ & \text { E } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ذ} \\ & \stackrel{0}{0} \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | § | $\stackrel{2}{3}$ | E ¢ ¢ ¢ | П | 号 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| R llett | 3 |  | 51/2 | 1 | $1 / 2$ | 10 | 169 |
| R Jones | $11 / 2$ |  | 3 |  | 2 | 6112 | 145 |
| E Knox | $11 / 2$ |  | 21/2 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 126 |
| P Spencer | $11 / 2$ | 1 | 1 | $1 / 2$ | 1 | 5 | 117 |
| J Dilley |  |  | $31 / 2$ | 1 |  | 41/2 | 208 |
| C Russell | $11 / 2$ |  | 2 | 1 | 0 | $41 / 2$ | 106 |
| P Hanks | 21/2 |  | $1 / 2$ | 1 | $1 / 2$ | $41 / 2$ | 155 |
| S Walker | 21/2 |  |  |  | $11 / 2$ | 4 | 125 |
| S Wozniak | 21/2 |  |  |  | 1 | $31 / 2$ | 141 |
| $J$ Sutherland | $1 / 2$ |  |  |  | 2 | 21/2 | 87 |
| N Wedley | $11 / 2$ |  | $1 / 2$ |  | 1/2 | 21/2 | 93 |
| M Ingram |  |  |  | 1 | $11 / 2$ | 21/2 | 109 |
| J Sadler |  | $11 / 2$ |  |  | 1 | 21/2 | 146 |
| P Weinberger | 1 | 0 | 1 |  | 0 | 2 | 93 |
| P Turp | 1 |  | $1 / 2$ |  |  | 11/2 | 136 |
| M Tarabad | 0 | $1 / 2$ | 0 |  | 1 | 11/2 | 95 |
| T Ingram | $1 / 2$ |  |  |  |  | $1 / 2$ | 70 |
| D Lane | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 93 |
| A Bhattacharyya | 0 |  |  |  |  | 0 | 30 |
| E Smith | 0 |  |  |  | 0 | 0 | 42 |
| J Parker |  |  |  |  | 0 | 0 |  |

## Match of the Month

## Carl Watkins v Jason Dilley

Warboys A v New England A; 27.11.2019

| 1 | e 4 | g 6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 | d 4 | Bg 7 |
| 3 | c 3 | d 6 |
| 4 | Nf 3 | $\mathrm{Nf6}$ |
| 5 | Bd 3 | $0-0$ |
| 6 | $0-0$ | $\mathrm{c5}$ |
| 7 | $\mathrm{dxc5}$ | $\mathrm{dxc5}$ |
| 8 | h 3 | $\mathrm{Nc6}$ |
| 9 | $\operatorname{Re} 1$ | Nd 7 |

All fairly standard stuff so far if you like this type of thing. I like this position for Black who has equalised without any fuss. White's pieces look slightly awkward although development will come naturally.

| 10 | Qe2 | Nde5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 11 | Nxe5 | Nxe5 |
| 12 | Bc2 | Qc7 |
| 13 | f4 | Nc6 |



White has finished his development. Both rooks have made it to the centre and all other major pieces have left home during which time Black has simply attempted to untangle the queenside. Whilst White is ahead with development, I was still happy with my position as Black. As so often in the Modern Defence or Pirc, White has committed to the centre and I was comfortable in biding my time as the black squares on White's kingside looked to me a future area of weakness.

| 16 | $\ldots$ | Bb7 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 17 | Rd 2 |  |

A major exchange of heavy duty pieces on the d file looks imminent!

| 17 | $\ldots$ | Rad8 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 18 | Red1 | Rxd2 |
| 19 | Rxd2 | Rd8 |
| 20 | Qd1 |  |

Here I believe White should force the action by exchanging rooks (e.g. 20 Rxd8+ Nxd8 21 Nc4 b5 22 Nd2 c4 23 Qf2) and trying to centralise his knight which is currently offside and away from where the action ultimately takes place. The played move just seems to lose crucial time.

| 20 | $\ldots$ | Bh6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 21 | Rxd8+ | Nxd8 |

Black now has a slight edge.

| 22 | Qd2 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 23 | $g 3 ?$ |

The first blunder of the game and it will turn out costly. As previously mentioned, the black squares on White's kingside very swiftly become his downfall. Black still holds good chances in either of White's alternative choices :-

- 23 f5 Bxe3+ 24 Qxe3 Nf4 25 fxg6 hxg6 26 Nc4 b5 27 Nd2
- 23 e5 Qc6 24 Bd1 Qd5 25 Qxd5 Bxd5 26 c4 Be4 27 g3
23 ... g5!
Overloading the h2-b8 diagonal.


Another inaccuracy which speeds up the conclusion. White's best try is to take on f4. For example, 26 Bxf4 Nxf4 27 h4 b5 28 Ne3 c4 29 Nf5 Kf8.

| 26 | $\ldots$ | Kf8 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 27 | Bxf4 | Nxf4 |
| 28 | Qg4 | Bc8 |
| 29 | Qf3 | Nxh3+ |
| 30 | Kh1 | b5 |
| 31 | Ne3 | Ng5 |
| 32 | Qg2 | Qf4 |
| 33 | Nd5 | Qh4+ |
| 34 | Kg1 | Bh3 |

More accurate is $34 \ldots \mathrm{Bg} 4$ when White has to give up his queen the move after next to avoid being mated relating to the threat $35 \ldots$ Nf3+ 36 Kf1 Qe1\#. For instance, 35 Kf1 Bh3, 35 Qf2 Nh3+, 35 Qh2 Qe1+ $36 \mathrm{Kg} 2 \mathrm{Bf} 3 \#$ etc.
35
36
37
Qf2
Kh1
Bd1

Qg4+
$36 \quad$ Kh1
Nf3

The only move that prolongs the agony is 37 Nf 4 .

37
38

Qxg2
Bg2+
Qh4 0-1

