

Northcliffe Gets a Chess Club

a little CRC

Northcliffe Community Resource Centre Manager, Graham, played chess late into the night of Christmas 2022 with friendly neighbourhood chess barbarian, Leon. Amongst the excitement of a few too many whiskies, a fancy new chess set, and some challenging games, it was suggested Northcliffe should have a chess club. We've decided to give it a go and began putting around word in February. We ordered 5 chess sets and clocks and now we're up and running.

After a strong start of 16 people expressing interest in the club, and 9 along to our first event, numbers have declined. If you want to support this activity please come along!

The event happens in the beautiful Northcliffe CRC Meeting Space and things are casual. We're meeting once a fortnight and at the moment there are no fees – just bring your brain! We cater for all ages and skill levels with participants from age 8 to age 'don't ask'. We've had some keen speed-chess players from the highschool, some total beginners, and Leon is currently best-in-club with very few losses to his name.

We plan to start marketing ourselves in Quininup, Manjimup, Pemberton and Windy Harbour, to see if we can build this thing up. We are now the only known WA chess club south of Bunbury, except for school clubs.

Chess is not played by hands but with the mind

It is important to have a fighting spirit while playing chess.

"Chess is a war over the board. The object is to crush the opponent's mind." – Bobby Fischer

Chess can be considered to be mental torture.

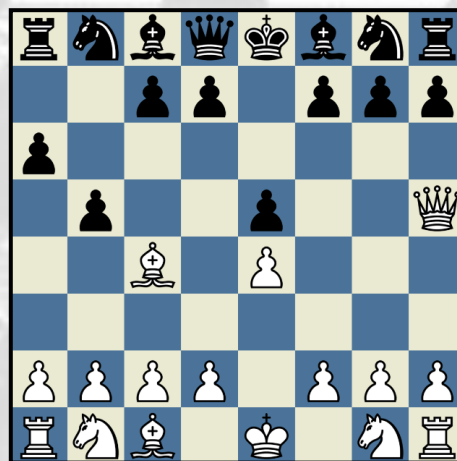
"Chess is the struggle against the error." – Johannes Zukertort

Above all, chess happens to be nothing but a fight.

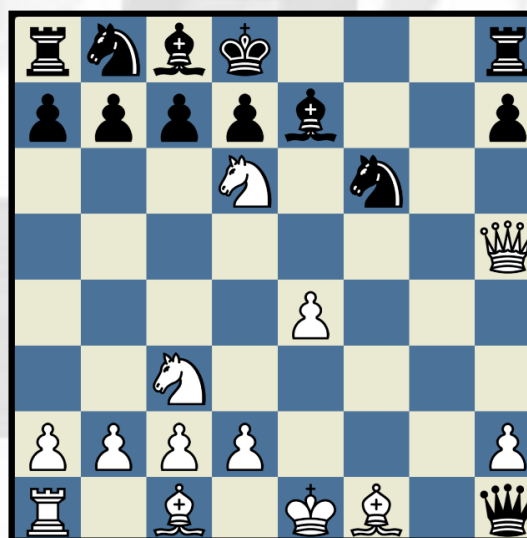
"Chess is the gymnasium of the mind." – Blaise Pascal

"Chess is a fairy tale of 1001 blunders." – Savielly Tartakower

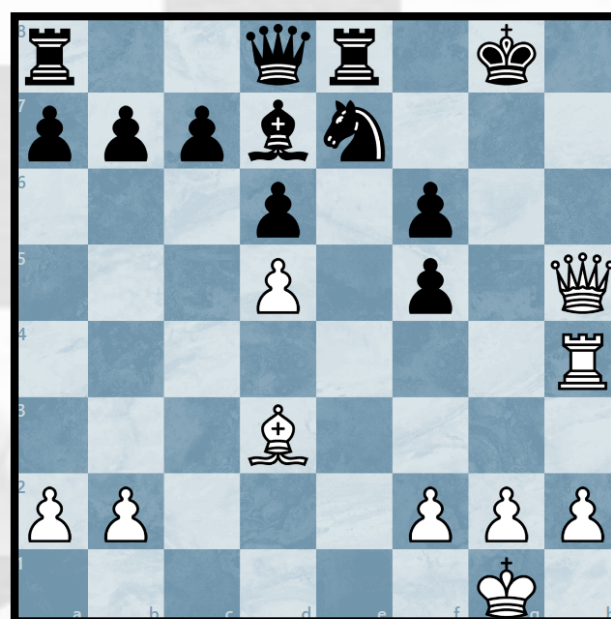
If you want to get prepared we highly recommend signing up a free account on [chess.com](https://www.chess.com). Here you can do lessons, read about the principles of chess and instantly play strangers from around the world, with matched skills. Rapid Chess - ten minute games - are very popular and easy to fit into your day. Alternatively you can play matches with the computer and set it to any skill level you like (600 is a good start).



White to move, mate in 1



White to move, mate in 2



White to move, mate in 3

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10am to 5pm | Thursday, Friday 10 am to 6pm