"I knew by now that
I had visited his evil homeland, but I did
not know the rules of combat"
G Casparov

Drogheda Chess

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Batumi Games
Carlos Santos IM (2395)
Gerry O'Connell (2201) Round 2
1.d4 Nf6
2. c4 g6,
3.Nc3 d5
4. Nf3 Bg5
5. e3 0-0
6. b4 a5!?
7. b5 c5,
8. bxc6 bxc6,
9. Ba3 Ba6,
10. Rb1 Re8,
11. Be2 Nbd7,
12. cxd5 cxd5,
13. 0-0 Bxe2,
14. Qxe2 e5,
15. Nb5 Ne4,
16. Rfc1 Rb8,
17. Bb2 Nb6,
18. dxe5 Nc4,
19. Bd4 Qd7,
20. Nc3 Nxc3,
21. Bxc3 Qf5,
22. Rxb8 Rxb8,
23. h3 Nxe5,
24. Nxe5 Bxe5,
25. Bxe5 Qxe5,
26 Qd2 a4,
27. Rd1 Rb2
Draw Agreed

Another Year Another A.G.M.

Drogheda Chess Club held their AGM on Tuesday 26th September at 8.15pm in the Boyne Valley Hotel. The following officers were elected for the coming season
President: Andrew Thomson
Chairman: Pat Scanlan
Secretary: Donal O'Boyle
Treasurer: Kieran Rogers
PRO Frank Pentony

Having completed another successful season in the Leinster Chess League, the club are looking to consolidate their position in the Heidenfeld Shield (Div. 2) and maybe that long overdue promotion for the BA Cup team.
On the home front while the club nights are slow to get started, a regular crowd attend on Tuesday nights but a few new or old faces are always welcome. The Autumn Swiss Tournament is scheduled to begin in a forthnight. So whether you're a regular chessnut or someone who would like to play, why not come along any Tuesday night at 8pm to the Boyne Valley Hotel.

Rogers is King of the Castle

Kieran Rogers (the boy) swept all before him when he captured the Senior Championship in May. The long reign of the O'Boyle dynasty appears to be at an end. As if to make his point absolutely clear, he followed this success by taking the No1 position on the club gradings, the first time Donal O'Boyle has been passed since the gradings were introduced in 1993. His fame didn't end there as he finished joint first in the St Benildus tourney in the summer. Of course, winning the title is one thing. Retaining it is another!

Heidenfeld Fixtures

30 Sept	Tallaght	Away
21 Oct	UCD	Home
05 Nov	Elm Mount B	Away
19 Nov	Elm Mount A	Home
09 Dec	Kilkenny	Away
13 Jan	Ballyfermot	Home
27 Jan	Celbridge	Home
10 Feb	Bray	Away
24 Feb	St Benildus	Home
10 Mar	Lucan	Away
01 Apr	Rathmines	TBA

"I'm not playing with lifeless black and white pawns. I'm playing with flesh-and-blood human beings." E.Lasker

D Rumens P Adams Gtr Manchester Autumn Open

Bird Opening

1. f4 d6
2. e4 e5
3. d4 e x d4
4. Nf3 Nf6
5. Q x d4 Be7
6. Nc3 0-0
7. Be3 Nc6
8. Qd2 Re8
9. 0-0-0 Bf8
10. Bd3 a6
11. Rhe1 Bg4
12. h3 Bxf3
13. gxf3 Qd7
14 Qg2 Qe6
15. Nd5 Nh5
16. f5 Qc8
17. Qg4 g6
18. Rg1 Bg7
19. Q x h5! g x h5
20. Bh6 Re5
21. R x g7+ Kf8
22. Rg8+ K x g8
23. Rg1+ Kh8
24. Bg7+ Kg8
25. Nf6 mate

2000 LCU gradings

	2000/01	1999/00
O'Boyle Donal	1819	1871
Rogers,Kieran	1665	1651
Thomson,Andrew	1633	1653
Parker,Jack	1527	1515
Reid,Joe	1491	1430
Mitchell,Philip	1400	1390
Cowley,Michelle	1362	1436
Phillips,Dary	1338	1328
Pentony,Frank	1302	1227
Kennedy,Stephen	1292	1120
Murphy,Eoin	1284	1326
Scanlan,Pat	1274	1194
Dee,Alan	1230	0
McDonnell,Paddy	1205	1210
Cummins,Tom	1201	1295
Evers,Brendan	1186	1064
Tyndall,Alan	1114	1114
Kelly,Brendan	1113	1068
Churchill,Adam	1075	0
Eagleton,Michael	1071	1113
Black,Elaine	1064	0
O'Boyle,Enda	1017	1160
O'Connor,Maurice	981	1027
Quinn,Deirdre	981	981
Baizert,Alex	964	964
Thomson,Noeleen	863	863

Schools Chess

The 2000/1 Drogheda Concentrates Schools Chess League will start shortly with enteries being invited from all schools in the North-east. St Olivers Community College will be looking to retain their title but will find tough opposition from De La Salle College, Dundalk. Our Ladys College, Greenhills and St Mary's Diocesan School are also due a change of fortune, and Drogheda Grammar School and St Josephs CBS cannot be ignored. Contact Enda O'Boyle 982 3207 or Frank Pentony 983 4314.

The club would like to put on record their thanks to Drogheda Concentrates for their continued support for the past 11 years and the teachers and students in the various schools for their dedication and patience. The added bonus of the competition is that at least two Greenhills College students went on to represent Ireland in the Chess Olympiad in recent years.

The **2000 June Congress** was won by Daire McMahon (Dublin) and E Llorens(Bray) with several local players figuring in the prizes in the lower sections.
In addition, the Irish Veterans Championship was played with local interest centering on defending Champion Andrew Thomson and Tom Cummins. However Jack Parker had other ideas and took the title in fine style.

Dont forget that the club play on Tuesday nights in the Boyne Valley Hotel at 8.15 PM.