

The Lincoln Chess Club internal competitions are proving popular with members enabling them to play competitive chess against each other with the results going forward to the English Chess Federation to update their grades.

The standard play competition has a time control of 80 minutes to start with plus a 10 second increment for each move made, the same time control as for Lincolnshire League matches, so also good practice as well.

A new competition starts each January, May and September with players playing each other twice once as white and the other as black and so Jason Golding, who also captains our B team in Division 2 South, challenged me to a game in the Summer competition which started in May.

In our game with Jason as white we pick up the game after I have just played 19. ...Qxa2 (see diagram) putting me 4 pawns up and feeling that I am in control. However, Jason had other ideas as he played 20. f5 Bd5 21. fxe6 Bxe6. Jason's next move proved to be match winning - can you see it?

Jason played 22. Rxf6 gxf6 23. Nh5 Qb2 24. Qh6 f5 25. Nf6+ Qxf6 26. Qxf6 losing my queen a5 27. Nf4 and I resigned unable to prevent 28. Nh5 and then 29. Qg7 mate.

Both Jason and I will be playing in the Cleethorpes Rapidplay on Sunday.

Also coming up is the Lincolnshire County Championship on the week-end of July 16 & 17. Email me on peter.sherlock4@ntlworld.com if you would like an entry form.

Lincoln Chess Club play at the Lincoln Labour Club, Grafton House, 32 Newland. LN1 1XJ on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. Now open after lockdown. [www.lincolinchessclub.co.uk](http://www.lincolinchessclub.co.uk)

