

The George Renison Memorial Jamboree is now an established tournament on the county calendar being played in memory of George who was the chairman of Grimsby Chess and president of Lincolnshire Chess Association until his untimely death some 20 years ago. The venue of St. James School in Bargate, Grimsby provided a suitable backdrop where 8 teams of 4 players, 4 from Grimsby and 2 each from Lincoln and Louth, pitted their wits in a very closely contested 4 round tournament.

Louth A took an early lead which they maintained throughout to win with 13 points out of a possible 16 but runners up, Grimsby A, ran them close finishing on 12½ with the result not being decided until the final game. The two Lincoln teams finished 3rd and 4th on 11½ and 11 points respectively.

This week's featured game was my first round match playing as black on board 4 for Lincoln A against Martyn Plaskitt playing for Grimsby A with the initial moves following the queen's opening 1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 d5 3. Bf4 e6 4. e3 Bd6 5. Ne5 b6 6. Bd3 0-0 7. Nd2 Bb7 8. Qf3 Nbd7 9. 0-0-0 and Martyn castled queen's side and I could see a kingside avalanche coming my way 9. ...Qe7 10. h4 h5 and now I could think about exchanging pieces with an outpost for my knight on g4.

Play continued 11. Rde1 c5 12. c3 cxd4 13. exd4 Bxe5 14. Bxe5 Ng4 15. Qg3 Nxe5 16. dxe5 and my knight on g4 forced white to retake with the pawn rather than the rook 16. ...Qc5 (see diagram). Martyn played 17. Nb3 overlooking my next move 17. ...Qxf2 18. Rh3 Qxg3 19. Rxg3 giving me a pawn advantage and I went on to win.

Lincoln Chess Club play at the RAOB Club, 58 South Park on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. www.lincolnchessclub.co.uk

