

Defending the trophy we won last year Lincoln entered two teams in the George Renison Memorial Jamboree featured in last week's article. However, Lincoln A (David Coates 1½, Ian McDonald 2½, Geoff Collyer 4, yours truly 3½) had to settle for third place on 11½ behind Louth A on 13 and Grimsby A on 12½ while Lincoln B (Doug Lindberg 4, Hannah Dale 2, Eric Lindberg 2, Robert Dale 3) came forth on 11 points.

The complex pairing system meant that Doug and David met in the last round in this week's featured game with David, as white, following the queen's gambit 1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 d5 4. cxd5 Nxd5 5. e4 Nxc3 6. bxc3 Bg7 7. Nf3 c5 8. Rb1 0-0 9. Be2 cxd4 10. cxd4 (see diagram).

Doug played 10. ...Qa5+ 11. Bd2 Qxa2 winning the pawn and his passed a and b pawns combined with the powerful bishop on g7 won the day.

Doug and his father Eric come from Melbourne Australia and some football readers may recognise Doug as he was on Lincoln City's books as their reserve goalkeeper for part of last season and now plays for Boston Town whilst Eric is a mature student at Lincoln University.

Robert Dale and myself were paired against each other in round 3 and after I had managed to stave off a strong attack by Robert a draw was agreed.

Meanwhile Robert's daughter now known as Hannah Ball, a regular in this column in previous years, is going in the opposite direction. After recently graduating from Exeter University she is starting a new life with her husband Roger in Hong Kong - we wish her well.

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

