

The George Renison Memorial Jamboree took place recently. George was chairman of both Grimsby Chess Club and Lincolnshire Chess Association for several years until his untimely death 20 years ago.

In recognition of his services the Jamboree has been held annually with the venue alternating between Grimsby and another club in the county. This year Scunthorpe and Barton on Humber combined forces to hold the event at the Age UK premises on Crosby Road in Scunthorpe.

Nine teams of 4 players each including 2 from Grimsby, 2 from Scunthorpe, and 1 each from Barton, Louth, Horncastle, Lincoln and Newark locked horns in the 4 round rapidplay tournament with an excellent buffet provided after round 2.

Newark, who normally play in the Nottinghamshire League, were making a guest appearance with a strong team made up of Alex Combie, Andy George, Graham Ladds and Jim Wellington. They came through to win with 14½ points out of 16 with Grimsby A, who were the early leaders, runners-up on 13 points followed by Scunthorpe A on 11½, Louth on 10 and Lincoln on 8.

Board 1 for Lincoln was Murray Smith, who is also playing for Newark 1 in the Nottinghamshire League Division 1 this season, won all his games.

His best game was in round 2 when he was paired as white against John Grasham, board 1 for Horncastle, and we pick up the game after black has just played 33. ...Qb7 (see diagram) - can you how Murray unlocked black's defence.

Murray played 34. b4 Rc7 35. Nxf6+ Kf8 36. Rh8+ Ke7 37. Qe6 mate. There are a number of different ways to mate black's king - perhaps you can find them.

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

