

Andrew Watson and Neil Milson are the subject of this week's game. Andrew now lives and works in Skegness and is secretary of Skegness Chess Club which he helped set up about four years ago. Before that he was secretary of Horncastle Chess Club and is always active in the county ready and willing to help out in county events. In fact this season he has taken on the mantle of League Secretary.

Neil Milson, father of Samuel and Amy, is an active member of Louth Chess Club and can be found helping out on club nights as well as captaining on of their teams in Division 2. Neil lives with wife Sue in Grimoldby and works in the agricultural sector.

Their game came early in 2021 on a Thursday evening online event when a field of 21 took part. Played over 6 rounds with 10 minutes for each round plus a 5 second increment it was Neil's son Samuel who took the plaudits but I am concentrating on those players who rarely come top of the table but are happy to support county events.

Andrew, as white, opened with 1. d4 with Neil replying with the Kings Indian defence 1. ...Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. Bg5 Bg7 4. e3 0-0 5. Bd3 d5 6. Nbd2 Nc6 7. c3 Nd7 8. Qc2 f5 9. h4 and Andrew is advancing his h-pawn to unhinge Neil's defence 9. ...Nf6 10. Bxf6 Rxf6 11. h5 gxh5 12. Rxh5 Rh6 13. Rxh6 Bxh6 14. Bxf5 Bxf5 15. Qxh5 and Andrew wins a pawn and now his queen is in a strong position 15. ...Qd6 16. 0-0-0 Rf8 17. Qg4+ Kh8 18. Rh1 Rg8 19. Qh5 Rg6 and Neil's rook helps to defend the bishop (see diagram).

Andrew now played 20. g4 Qf6 21. g5 Rxc5 22. Nxc5 Qxc5 23. Qxh6 Qxh6 24. Rxh6 and Andrew is now a rook to the good and went on to win a few moves later. Andrew finished on 1.5 points and Neil 1, but it's the taking part that counts.

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