

## Chania Chess Academy 4.5 - White Knights Chess Club 1.5

Our third round opponents were the Chania Chess Academy from Greece.

David Buttell sat out today's match and went exploring around Porto Carras.

Unfortunately despite spending 3 hours preparing this morning for my opponents Sicilian he played a French and I somewhat felt I had been out prepared as he played a sharp McCutchen variation and I unfortunately went wrong on move 18 and soon lost. Our white boards were not going well as soon after Bill resigned two pawns down in a rook and pawn ending again resulting from a french opening.

Pete Heaven battled hard against his opponent instead who generally had a slight edge. A draw was agreed when Pete was forcing off the queens to leave a bishop and 6 pawn each endgame. Peter Bevan got into a strong endgame position against his opponent but missed the winning combination and eventually drew.

Adam May had a long game against his opponent where he ended up being 2 pawns down in a queen and bishop endgame. He did have a chance to win one pawn back but after missing that he had no way back and eventually resigned.

Allan Pleasants had a nice game against his opponent. They ended up getting into a double rook and pawn endgame where Allan had got one of his pawns one square away from queening. A draw was agreed as Allan could not see how to progress the position. Unfortunately he missed a combination that would have won the final position.

A game we can happily forget unfortunately.

We have an Irish team tomorrow which will be our last chance to win a match to avoid a bye on Tuesday. Fingers crossed it goes better than today.