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Pacific Northwest Chess Center

12020 113th Ave NE #C-200, Kirkland, WA 98034

Super GM Lecture and Blitz

Wednesday, Jan 16, 2019

Featured Super GM - [GM Bu, Xiangzhi](#)

- World's currently 27th ranked chess player with FIDE Elo 2725 ("Super GM")
- 2018 43rd Chess Olympiad Champion (Team China, Batumi, Georgia)
- 2017 Chess World Cup Round 4 (Eliminated World Champion GM Magnus Carlsen in Round 3. Watch video [here](#))
- 2015 World Team Chess Champion (Team China, Tsaghkadzor, Armenia)
- 6th Youngest Chess Grand Master in human history (13 years, 10 months, 13 days)

GM Bu, Xiangzhi Bio –

Bu was born in Qingdao, a famous seaside city of China in 1985 and started chess training since age 6, inspired by his compatriot GM Xie Jun's Women's World Champion victory over GM Maya Chiburdanidze in 1991. A few years later Bu easily won in the Chinese junior championship and went on to achieve success in the international arena: he won 3rd place in the U12 World Youth Championship in 1997 and 1st place in the U14 World Youth Championship in 1998.

In 1999 he achieved three GM norms within only two months, which made him the youngest grandmaster at the time, at the age of 13 years 10 months and 13 days, a record that was only broken two years later by GM Sergey Karjakin. In 2000, Bu defeated the Azerbaijani chess talent Teimour Radjabov by 6½-1½ in an eight-game Future World Champions Match organized by Garry Kasparov and was considered a super talent for future world champion contender.

In 2004, Bu became the chess champion of China. In 2007 Bu won the World Cup in blindfold chess, where he beat Karjakin, Carlsen, Polgar, Topalov and Harikrishna! He was also the winner of the World Mind Sports Games in rapid chess in 2008.

At the end of 2008, Bu's rating was FIDE 2714 and the Chinese player occupied a high place in the world rankings table. Motivated by Bu, there arose a new generation of strong Chinese players, Wang Hao, Wang Yue, Li Chao and later Ding Liren, Yu Yangyi and Wei Yi. China has since become a chess power house, winning the Chess Olympiad in 2014 and 2018, and World Team Championship in 2015.

In a recent interview, Bu said that his former interest in chess was resurrected by his marriage to WGM Huang Qian- training with an ambitious wife, he returned his rating to above 2700 and is full of determination to re-enter the chess elite. The Bu's both played in 2018 Chess Olympiad and helped Team China achieved double gold in Batumi, Georgia.

GM Bu's most significant individual career highlights include his 2017 victories over World Champion Magnus Carlsen in the World Cup round 3 (watch video [here](#)) and World Rapid Round 1 (watch video [here](#)). Bu defeated Carlsen in both games with black pieces.

GM Bu will be the first world class chess player to visit and compete in Pacific Northwest Chess Center, and PNW chess fans will have the opportunities to play him and listen to his lectures in PNWCC.

Event Info	
Max number of players	48
Sites	PNWCC - 12020 113th Ave NE #C-200, Kirkland, WA 98034
Registration	http://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration/ online registration highly encouraged. Online registration closes 1 hours before event starts at 5:00PM on Jan 16th, 2019.
Schedule	6:00PM – 7:00PM Super GM Lecture <p style="text-align: center;">“My Victories over World Champion Magnus Carlsen”</p> 7:30PM – 10:30PM Super GM Blitz <p style="text-align: center;">11 round single swiss USCF rated blitz with time control 3+2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*GM Blitz games will be recorded with HD cameras and uploaded to PNWCC YouTube Channel if technology allows.</p>
Rating	USCF Jane2019 Published Regular rating will be used for pairing
Tournament Director	Jacob Mayer/Xuhao He
Rule	USCF Blitz Rule
Clock and Set	Provided by PNWCC
Time Control	3+2 (3 minutes with 2-second increment start from move one)
Membership	Active USCF membership Required. Purchase here
Parking	*PNWCC Parking – Free parking in front of PNWCC
Entry Fee	Entries are free with suggested donations to PNWCC. Complimentary pizza will be provided to donors. Seats are limited, and we will give priorities to donors over free entries. Option A – Lecture Only - \$35 Option B – Blitz Only - \$45 Option C – Combo - \$65
Blitz Prizes	\$200 gtd - \$100 gtd - \$50 gtd Super GM upset prize \$25/game
Blitz Byes	2 half-point bye available requested on registration or before round 3