


 <p><b>PNW CHESS CENTER</b> —Quality Chess for All—</p>  <p><b>MSChess</b></p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Pacific Northwest Chess Center and Microsoft Chess</u></b> <b>Chess Olympiad Champions</b> <b>Lectures and Super GM Timed Simul</b> Thursday, Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 2019 @ Microsoft</p> <p>Legendary US Chess Team Captain IM John Donaldson and Super GM Bu, Xiangzhi will visit Microsoft and give 2 hours of chess lectures, followed by a timed simultaneous exhibition by GM Bu in building 99.</p>
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<b>Event Info</b>	
 	<p><b>Featured Guests – Chess Olympiad Champions</b></p> <p><u><b>IM John Donaldson</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• International Master 1983 with two GM norms</li><li>• Peak USCF rating 2601 / Peak FIDE 2467</li><li>• 13 times US Olympian Team Captain (1986-1996 &amp; 2006 to 2018) and led the team to win 1 gold, 2 silver and 4 bronze medals</li><li>• 7 times US World Team Championship Captain (1993,1997 &amp; 2009-2017) and led the team to win 1 gold and two silver medals</li><li>• Author of over 30 books on chess</li></ul> <p><u><b>GM Bu, Xiangzhi</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• World’s currently 27<sup>th</sup> ranked chess player with FIDE Elo 2726 (“<b>Super GM</b>”)</li><li>• 2018 43<sup>rd</sup> Chess Olympia Champion (Team China, Batumi, Georgia)</li><li>• 2017 Chess World Cup Round 4 (Eliminated World Champion GM Magnus Carlson in Round 3. Watch video <a href="#">here</a>)</li><li>• 2015 World Team Chess Champion (Team China, Tsaghkadzor, Armenia)</li><li>• 6<sup>th</sup> Youngest Chess Grand Master in human history (13 years, 10 months, 13 days)</li></ul>
<p><b>Schedule</b></p>	<p><b>5:00 PM – 5:15 PM (Room Turing 99/1919)</b> Welcome and opening Speech by MS Chess Captain Gregory Prentice “Chess Scene in Microsoft and Seattle Corporations”</p> <p><b>5:15 PM – 6:15 PM</b> IM John Donaldson Lecture “The United States at the Batumi Chess Olympiad”</p> <p><b>6:15 PM – 7:15 PM</b></p>

	<p>GM Bu, Xiangzhi Lecture “My games vs World Champion Magnus Carlsen” <b>7:15 PM – 7:45 PM</b> Complimentary Pizza break <b>7:45 PM – 10:00 PM (Room von Neumann 99/1927)</b> GM Bu’s Timed Simul</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GM Bu will play against up to 25 opponents whose USCF rating is under 2000. Higher rated players will be allowed with special permission from GM Bu and PNWCC</li><li>• Time Control - GM Bu 75+10 vs Simul player 45+10</li><li>• Piece Color – Player’s choice (<b>Hint</b> – GM Bu beat World Champion Magnus Carlsen twice with black pieces in 2017. 😊 Watch video here – <a href="#">Video 1</a> &amp; <a href="#">Video 2</a> )</li><li>• <b>Bring your own set and clock for simul. Preset your clock to 75+10 vs 45+10</b></li><li>• <b>PNWCC and Microsoft Chess reserve the rights to make necessary adjustments of the event schedule and format</b></li></ul>
<b>Site</b>	<p>Microsoft Research Building (Building 99) 14865 NE 36th St, Redmond, WA 98052 Lecture will be in room 1919 Simul will be in room 1927</p>
<b>Registration and Suggested Donation</b>	<p>Event is open to public if sponsored/accompanied by a Microsoft Employee Entries are free with suggested donations to newly founded local 501 ( C ) (3) non-profit chess club - Pacific Northwest Chess Center (PNWCC) in Kirkland. Your donation is tax deductible and employer match-able. Register and making donation at <a href="http://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration/">http://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration/</a></p> <p><b>Complimentary pizza</b> will be provided to donors. Seats are limited and we will give priorities to donors over free entries.</p> <p>Option A : Lecture Only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$30 suggested donation to PNWCC</li><li>• Available Seats : 200</li></ul> <p>Option B : Lecture &amp; GM Bu, Xiangzhi Simul Combo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$65 suggested donation to PNWCC</li><li>• Available Seats: 25</li></ul> <p>Option C : GM Bu, Xiangzhi Timed Simul</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$50 suggested donation to PNWCC</li><li>• Available Seats: 25</li></ul>
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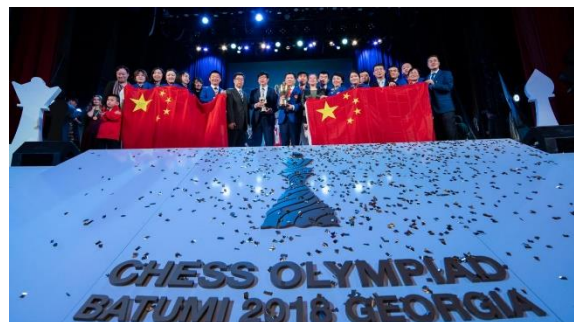
## Bio of GM Bu, Xiangzhi

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.



*GM Bu and his wife WGM Huang Qian on the podium of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Chess Olympiad with team China that won double golds!*

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.



*GM Bu Xiangzhi holding the Hamilton-Russell Cup in Beijing International Airport when returned from Batumi and welcomed by Chinese chess fans*

## Bio of IM John Donaldson



*IM John Donaldson*

Like many chess players from his generation John Donaldson became fascinated with the game while following the Fischer- Spassky World Championship match played in the summer of 1972. Not long after it ended, he joined the Tacoma Chess Club where despite a late start (age 14) he made steady progress earning his National Master and Senior Master titles in 1977 and 1979 respectively. He became an International Master in 1983 shortly after graduating from the University of Washington with a BA in history. He currently has two of the needed three norms for the Grandmaster title.

The past 35 years Donaldson has been a chess professional working as a writer, journalist, coach and historian of the game as well as playing. He has served as the US team captain twenty-one times

including thirteen of the biennial Chess Olympiads. Highlights include first place finishes in the 1993 World Team Championship and the 2016 Chess Olympiad.

He is also the author of over 30 books on all aspects of chess with an emphasis on the history of the game and individual players. Among his best-known works are biographies on Akiva Rubinstein and Bobby Fischer.

Donaldson served as Director of the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club of San Francisco, the nation's oldest, for twenty years, retiring in late 2018. He works as a consultant for the World Chess Hall of Fame in St. Louis and is the Secretary for the Samford Fellowship which is awarded annually to the top chess prospect in the United States.



*US team on podium of 2018 Chess Olympiad*