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|  <p>PNW CHESS CENTER —Quality Chess for All—</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Pacific Northwest Chess Center <u>12020 113th Ave NE #C-200, Kirkland, WA 98034</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">PNWCC FIDE Open – Olympiad Gold</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jan 18-21, 2019</p> |
| <p>Description</p> | <p>A 3-section, USCF and FIDE rated 7-round Swiss tournament with time control of 40/90, SD 30 with 30-second increment from move one, featuring two Chess Olympiad Champion team players from two generations and countries.</p> |
|   | <p style="text-align: center;">Featured Players</p> <p><u>GM Bu, Xiangzhi</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• World’s currently 27th ranked chess player with FIDE Elo 2726 (“Super GM”)• 2018 43rd Chess Olympia 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) <p><u>GM Tarjan, James</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2017 Beat former World Champion GM Vladimir Kramnik in Isle of Man Chess Tournament Round 3. Watch video here• Played for the Team USA at five straight Chess Olympiads from 1974-1982• 1976 22nd Chess Olympiad Champion (Team USA, Haifa, Israel)• Competed in several US Championships during the 1970s and 1980s with the best results of clear second in 1978 |

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.

GM Tarjan, James Bio -

Jim Tarjan was born in Pomona, California in 1952 and as a child was taught to play chess by his father. He began successfully competing in tournaments as a teenager, winning for example the California State Junior Championship (20 and under) in 1966, the Pacific Southwest Open in 1967, and the American Open in 1968. He became an International Master in 1974 and a Grandmaster in 1976. During the 1970s and early 1980s he was one of the leading US players. He represented the US in the Chess Olympiad five times, from 1974 to 1982, twice winning the gold medal for best individual performance on his board. His best result in a US Championship was second place in Pasadena 1978.

In 1984 he stopped playing tournament chess, going back to school and becoming a librarian. From 1986 until 2013 he worked full time in California public libraries. After retiring, he again became active in tournament chess. His best result since then was at the Chess.com Isle of Man Open 2017, where he defeated Vladimir Kramnik in their individual game and finished the tournament with a performance rating of FIDE 2671.

Now living in Portland, Oregon, Tarjan is currently the highest rated player in the US over the age of 65, and the highest rated in Oregon of any age.

| Tournament Info | |
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| Sections | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masters (2100+) • Challengers (U2100) • Prodigies (U1600) |
| Max number of players | 52 |
| Registration | <p>http://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration/ online registration highly encouraged to reduce the work for our volunteers. Register early for the lowest fee. Unpaid entries will not be paired and will be deleted without notice if tournament is sold out. To request byes, use the special instructions field in the online registration form:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p style="background-color: #90EE90; text-align: center;">If you want to request byes or send any instructions to the organizers enter them here.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> </div> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Registration closes on Jan 18th, 5:00PM, two hours before the first round starts. Onsite registration for \$25 more if space available.</p> |
| Tournament Directors | <p>Chief Arbiter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kleist, Fred |
| Site | <p>PNWCC 12020 113th Ave NE #C-200, Kirkland, WA 98034 May move to a nearby hotel that's 5-minute walk away – will notify players by email if this happens. Courtyard by Marriott 11215 NE 124th Street Kirkland, WA 98034</p> |
| Rating | <p>USCF and FIDE Rated Highest of USCF/CFC/FIDE rating will be used for pairing.</p> |
| Clock and Set | Provided by PNWCC |
| Time Control | 40/90, SD 30 with 30-second increment from move one |
| Schedule (same for all Sections) | <p>R1 – Fri 7:00PM R2 & 3 – Saturday 11:00AM & 5:00PM R4 & 5 – Sunday 11:00AM & 5:00PM R6 & 7 – Monday 10:00AM & 4:00PM</p> |
| Membership | Active USCF membership Required. Purchase here |
| Hotel | <p>Courtyard by Marriott 11215 NE 124th Street Kirkland, WA 98034</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$109/room with free breakfast and parking |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book before 12/31/2018• Call (425) 602-3200 to book your room at the chess rate (mention “PNW Chess Center”) <p>Be careful with parking in front of the hotel!!!!!!!!!! See below!</p> |
| Parking | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PNWCC Parking – Free parking in front of PNWCC• Hotel Parking – Free Parking in the garage only. Absolutely don't park in numbered stalls on ground level as it's not hotel property and will be ticketed. Be careful! |
| Special Notes | *Pairing and results will be posted on our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/PNWChessCenter |
| Byes | 2 half-point byes available if requested on registration or before round 2 starts First round bye needs to be requested 24 hours before the tournament starts |
| Communication | Email pnwcctd@gmail.com (preferred communication method) or text (425) 588-1672 (can be irresponsive) for all tournament related questions. |
| Promotions | Players with master's title will receive a laser engraved name plate if register before 12/31/2018 |

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| <h3 style="text-align: center; background-color: red; color: black; padding: 5px;">PNWCC Cell Phone and Electronic Device Policy</h3> <p>If a player brings cell phone or electronic device that can be used for game analysis or communication with external partners, he/she needs to take the phone or device out of pockets or backpack, turn it off and put on the table and make it visible to TD's and opponent before the game starts. If the phone is on or rings during the game, there will be time adjustment punishment at the discretion of the TD's.</p> <p>If a player is found to have a cell phone or electronic device in their pocket or backpack (on or off), the player will be received very server punishment, including but not limited to, forfeiting the game and expelled from the tournament and PNWCC.</p> <p><u>Only paper-based scoresheets or FIDE approved device are allowed to use for recording games.</u></p> <p>By signing up a PNWCC tournament, a player agrees to this cell phone and electronic device policy.</p> |
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| <h3 style="text-align: center; background-color: red; color: black; padding: 5px;">Possible Section Merge</h3> <p>If there are less than 8 players in the Prodigy or Challengers sections respectively, these two sections will be merged. Masters section will not merge with lower sections.</p> |
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| Masters Section (2100+) | |
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| Rating Requirement | Published or Post Event Rating (Real Time Rating) USCF/CFC 2100+ or FIDE Elo 2000+ at registration time. |
| Play Up | Perfect scorers or clear winners of PNWCC Masters Qualifier tournaments (e.g. PNWCC USCF Open, G60 Medal etc. see flyers of such |

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| | events for detail) can play in the Masters section regardless of rating by paying the regular entry fee. Wildcard Play up option with \$75 play up fee (max 6 seats) – Players with USCF/CFC 2000+ published or live rating or FIDE 1900+ rating that show strong motivation to improve can play up by applying for the wildcard option. Contact PNWChessCenter@gmail.com for the application form. PNWCC has sole authority in approving or declining such applications. All applications need to be made before Dec 21st |
| Entry Fee | \$185 by Jan 3 rd , 2019 \$210 afterwards \$235 on-site if space available Free Entry for GM/WGM by Jan 3 rd , 2019 |
| Prizes | Based on 16 Paid Entries \$1500 gtd - \$750 gtd- \$500 -\$400 -\$300 |

| Challengers Section (U2100) | |
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| Rating Requirement | Published or Post Event Rating (Real Time Rating) USCF/CFC 1600-2099 or FIDE Elo 1500-1999 at registration time. |
| Entry Fee | \$140 by Jan 3 rd , 2019 \$165 afterwards \$190 on-site if space available |
| Play Up | Allowed with \$75 play-up fee from lower section |
| Prizes | Based on 16 Paid Entries \$300 - \$250 - \$200 - \$150 - \$100 |

| Prodigies Section (U1600) | |
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| Rating Requirement | Published or Post Event Rating (Real Time Rating) USCF/CFC 0-1599 or FIDE Elo 0-1499 at registration time. |
| Entry Fee | \$140 by Jan 3 rd , 2019 \$165 afterwards \$190 on-site if space available |
| Prizes | Based on 16 Paid Entries \$300 - \$250 - \$200 - \$150 - \$100 |

| Volunteers | |
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| Info | PNWCC is 501(c) (3) non-profit organization and is operated by a group of volunteers. Many employers will match their employees volunteer |

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| | <p>hours for their work in PNWCC. There are a lot of volunteer work you can do for PNWCC. Just to name a few –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organizing and direct tournaments• Clean up the center (take out trashes etc)• Site noise level control• Manage our social media account <p>Develop and maintain PNWCC web site - https://www.pnwchesscenter.org/</p> |
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