

	<p style="text-align: center;">Pacific Northwest Chess Center PNWCC FIDE Open Tournament – Mt Elbrus Dec 14th-16th, 2018</p>
	<p>A 3-section, USCF and FIDE rated 5-round Swiss tournament with time control of 40/90, SD 30 with 30-second increment from move one</p> <p>Guest Players –</p> <p>GM Vladimir Belous</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chess Federation - Russia• USCF 2627• FIDE 2530 <p>GM Andrey Stukopin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chess Federation - Russia• USCF 2629• FIDE 2588 <p>*Guest players don't play each other so to give local players more strong games*</p> <p>Tournament Director – Yumiko Hiebert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• FIDE International Arbiter• Arbiter of the 43rd World Women Chess Olympiad 2018• Chief Arbiter of Japan Chess Championship 2018

GM Vladimir Belous Bio –

When he was only 18 years old, GM Vladimir Belous, an untitled player at the time, took home first place at the Moscow Open in February 2011. During the same year, Belous obtained his International Master title, and went on to earn his Grandmaster title in 2013. Winner of Chicago Open 2016, US Masters 2017, Final four 2018 (President's Cup).

GM Andrey Stukopin Bio -

International grandmaster since 2014 with best results of 1st place in Master's open 2015 in Greensboro and Co-champion of Chicago Open 2018.

Promotion:

- **Players with master's title will receive a laser engraved name plate if register before 11/26/2018**

PNWCC Cell Phone and Electronic Device Policy

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 or designated basket and make it visible to TD's and/or opponents 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. PNWCC or TD's are not responsible for the loss of cell phones.

If a player is found to have a cell phone or electronic device in their pocket or backpack (on or off), the player will receive very severe punishment, including but not limited to, time adjustment on his/her clock, forfeiting the game and expelled from the tournament and PNWCC at the discretion of the TD's.

Only paper-based scoresheets or FIDE approved device can be used for recording games.

By signing up a PNWCC tournament, a player agrees to this cell phone and electronic device policy.

Tournament Info

Sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Masters (2100+)• Challengers (U2100)• Prodigy Section (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 lower entry 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;"><div style="background-color: #90EE90; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">If you want to request byes or send any instructions to the organizers enter them here.</div><div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; margin-top: 5px;"></div></div> <p><u>Registration closes on Thursday Dec 13th, 5:00PM. Onsite registration for additional \$25 if space available.</u></p>
Site	<p>PNWCC 12020 113th Ave NE #C-200, Kirkland, WA 98034 Maybe 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>

Tournament Director	Yumiko Hiebert
Rating	All sections are FIDE and USCF Rated
Clock and Set	Provided by PNWCC
Time Control	40/90, SD 30 with 30-second increment from move one Clock mode 16
Schedule (same for all Sections)	Friday - 6:30PM-7:00PM – IA Yumiko Hiebert will explain some important FIDE rules R1 – Fri 7:00PM R2 & 3 – Saturday 11:00PM & 5:00PM R4 & 5 – Sunday 10:00AM & 4:00PM or sooner if all opponents & TD agree
Membership	Active USCF membership Required. Purchase here
Hotel	Courtyard by Marriott 11215 NE 124th Street Kirkland, WA 98034 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$109/room with free breakfast and parking • Book before 10/31/2018 • Call (425) 602-3200 to book the chess rate (mention “PNW Chess Center”) Be careful with parking in front of the hotel!!!!!!!!!!!! See below!
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 sent by email to the group of players before round starts
Byes	1 half-point bye requested on registration or before round 2 starts First round bye needs to be requested 24 hours before the tournament starts
Communication	Email pnwccdt@gmail.com for all tournament related questions. Text (425) 588-1672 after tournament starts.

Masters Section	
Rating Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USCF October or November 2018 Published Rating 2100+ • USCF Post Event Rating 2100+ before the tournament starts • CFC October or November 2018 Published Rating 2100+ • CFC Post Event Rating 2100+ before the tournament starts • FIDE October or November 2018 Rating 2000+
Play Up	Perfect scorers or clear winners of following events can play up regardless of rating - \$0 play up fee! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PNWCC November 2018 Masters - Challengers Section • PNWCC November/December 2018 USCF Open - Open Section • PNWCC November/December 2018 Saturday G60 Medal <p>If you tie for first for above events, your USCF October or Nov published rating or post event rating before the tournament starts needs to be 2000+</p>

	Wildcard play up with \$75 play up fee (max 4 seats) – Players with USCF 2000+ rating that show strong motivation to improve can play up by applying for the wildcard option. Contact PNWChessCenter@gmail.com . PNWCC has sole authority in approving or declining such applications. All applications need to be made before Nov 30th
Entry Fee	\$150 by Dec 7 th \$175 Afterwards \$200 On-site if space available GM, IM and WGM Free Entry by Dec 7th. No Free entries afterwards
Prizes	Based on 16 Paid Entries <u>\$700 (guaranteed by PNWCC) - \$500 (guaranteed by PNWCC)</u> - \$300 U2400 \$200 U2250 \$200

Important–

If there are less than 6 players in the Prodigy or Challengers sections respectively, these two sections will be merged.

Masters section will not merge with lower sections.

Challengers Section (U2100)	
Rating Requirement	2018 Nov or Dec Published Rating Under 2100 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Players with Nov published rating under 2100 and Dec published rating over 2100 can choose to play in either section by paying the entry fee of the section. • Players with Nov published rating over 2100 and Dec published rating under 2100 can choose to play in either section by paying the entry fee of the section. • Play up allowed for \$50
Entry Fee	\$115 by Dec 7th \$140 Afterwards \$165 On-site if space available
Prizes	Based on 16 Paid Entries \$300- \$200-\$120-\$100-\$80

Prodigy Section (U1600)	
Rating Requirement	2018 Nov or Dec Published Rating Under 1600 or unrated
Entry Fee	\$115 by Dec 7th \$140 Afterwards \$165 On-site if space available
Prizes	Based on 16 Paid Entries

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Volunteers	
Info	<p>PNWCC is 501(c) (3) non-profit organization and is operated by a group of volunteers. Many employers will match their employees volunteer 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)• Ordering pizza• Site noise level control• Manage our social media account• Develop and maintain PNWCC web site - https://www.pnwchesscenter.org/