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On the front cover:

Hank Harris (Boise) at the BCC #2 Chess Tournament in Boise, Idaho. Hank has one of the nicest chess sets in all of Idaho, and he plays regularly each week at the Boise Chess Club. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland

On the back cover:

Coquille Chess Team at the K-12 National Chess Championships in San Diego:
Clockwise starting on left: Tanner Flood, Hailey Riley, Aaron Grabinsky, Josiah Perkins, Joshua Grabinsky. Photo credit: Nancy Keller

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Washington Chess News

The following story on the 2013 National Chess Day Simul was not sent to the editor until after the deadline for the April 2014 issue had come and gone. It is important to submit material to the email address shown on page 2 (editor@nwchess.com). The story was sent to a different email address back on December 7 and would have been considered for the January issue if it had been received by me. I still like the story even now.—Editor.

One versus One Hundred to Help One Thousand – National Chess Day Simul

By Breck Haining

National Master Elliott Neff issued a challenge for National Chess Day this year (October 12, 2013). He would play up to one hundred opponents in a simultaneous exhibit to raise funds to purchase chess equipment for Huaheng Elementary, an inner city school in China. There was no charge to play in the simul, but donations were requested for the cause.

About Huaheng Elementary

If you have kids that play chess you may have read about Huaheng in the December 2012 edition of Chess Life for Kids. I surmise most readers of Northwest Chess did not see that article, so I'll tell you a bit about the school here. Huaheng is situated in an old part of Nanning, the capital of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region in China. On a map you will find Nanning north and east of the border between China and Vietnam. The Zhuang are 1 of 55 ethnic minorities in China recognized by the government. They are the largest minority in China. Most Zhuang live in and around Guangxi, primarily in rural areas.



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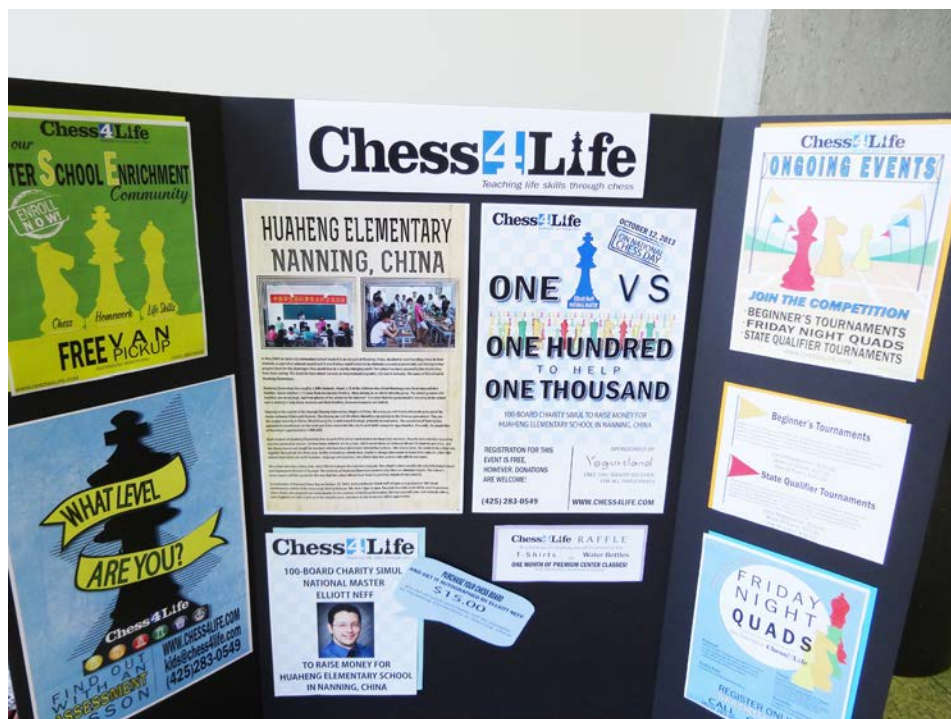


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The population of Nanning has exploded over the years as the rural poor have moved to the city seeking economic opportunity. The population presently is approximately 7,000,000. Over 1/3 of the children attending Huaheng come from families that are very poor. Roughly another 1/3 are from families with a parent employed by one of four major railroads companies that operate in Nanning. We do not know how well the railroads pay compared to other work in Nanning, but our impression is that these are lower income jobs.

My wife, Li, is from Nanning. Two summers ago she decided to take our children, Kyle and Karen, to see her parents. Knowing how much our children would like to play chess with children in Nanning she started to research over the Internet where they might play. That is how she learned about Huaheng. During their visit we learned that Huaheng started to teach chess to their students in 2005 as an experiment to see whether chess could help their students better prepare for the dynamic world they would face as adults. Results were encouraging. Not only did the students show improvement

academically, but behavior improved as well. The school has approximately 1,500 students. Now every student receives a chess lesson each week as part of the school's curriculum. The students learn on miniature chess boards. The school's chess coach told Li they used miniature boards, because the school could not afford tournament sized equipment.

Li told me in China chess players are divided into two groups: professional and amateur. Huaheng's chess coach has "an amateur master rating." I'm not sure how an amateur master rating would compare to a professional master rating. In all of Guangxi he is the only person with professional training in chess. He has been teaching the teachers at the school about chess. The teachers then teach the classes.

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After returning that summer we started to think about how we might be able to help the school. When Kyle started to learn how to play chess he learned on a small board. I was surprised how different the game seemed on a larger board. On a larger board one has to greatly increase his or her scope of vision. We thought one thing we could do to help the school would be to raise funds for chess clocks and tournament sized equipment. I thought we might be able to put on a benefit tournament to raise money for the school.

With this idea in mind I approached Elliott to see if he might be willing to support the effort. Elliott kindly agreed, but then I ran into a problem. Putting on a tournament is more difficult than you might think. With appropriate agreements in place, a willing custodial staff, and a considerable amount of insurance—we're talking millions of dollars of coverage here—one may use school facilities, if they are not already in use by another organization. For a benefit you want to choose a day that will not conflict with another organization's fund raiser, nor conflict with another tournament. I could only work on this project part time. The whole effort stalled.

Elliott stepped in to help. Instead of a tournament he proposed a simul. The theme he came up with was one versus one hundred to help one thousand. Elliott drew upon his extensive chess resources to make all of the preparations. I am delighted to be able to tell you the simul was a roaring success! But I am getting ahead of myself.

National Chess Day Simul

The simul was scheduled to begin at the Crossroads Mall in Bellevue at noon on October 12, 2013, and run until 5 PM. My original plan was to have the whole family there by 11 AM to help set up, but getting



Photo credit: Breck Haining



Quick moving hand... Photo credit: Breck Haining

families organized is sometimes like herding cats. As it was we made it there shortly before noon. Two rows of twelve tables lined one of the corridors running from East to West. Four boards were set up at each table. At each end was another table. The end farthest from the mall entrance was set up with four more boards. Another table was set up at the end of the rows near the mall entrance. This is where registrants checked in.

At the registration table we found Elliott's sister, Johanna Neff, cheerful as always, checking people in, signing-up new challengers, accepting donations, and giving out raffle tickets. Other staff members from Chess4Life were on hand helping out. We saw Elliott and said hello. Elliott saw we had brought our ringer, Kyle, so asked that we sit more toward the middle of the long rows. Surmising that Kyle would put up a good fight Elliott didn't want Kyle to sit at a far end, which could force him to walk from one extremity to the other as the number of games dwindled. We agreed and sat more toward the middle.

At the appointed time a Chess4Life staff member stepped forward to greet participants, explain the purpose of the fund raiser, and introduce Elliott. When Elliott began to play, as I recall, roughly half of the seats were filled. Challengers trickled in over the next two hours. Though late, all were allowed to play. In all I counted 96 who took up Elliott's challenge.

Elliott played as white on all boards. His opponents were allowed to think while he made a circuit through all the boards.

Elliott asked players to make their move by the time he was two boards away. Challengers strove to comply. The speed at which he made his initial moves was a sight to see. Elliott moved quickly, going from East to West along the northern row of tables, returning from West to East along the southern row of tables. At some of the boards he would slow to think. At others he continued at a speedy pace.

For players like me in a simul like this it is funny what runs through your mind. You know you are going to lose, but you hope you are not the first person eliminated. I confessed to Karen this is what I was thinking. Karen confided to me she was thinking the same. Thus Karen and I began our games hoping we wouldn't be the first to be knocked out. I didn't ask Kyle what he was thinking.

The Haining Chess Players versus NM Elliott Neff



The Haining chess players, L-R: Kyle, Breck, Karen. Photo credit: Li Haining

What would a chess article be without chess games to review? The games here will likely not be of interest to stronger players, but all might enjoy the non-traditional notations. Here are our games, from youngest to oldest (Karen, Kyle, Breck):

**NM Elliott Neff (2275) –
Karen Haining (835) [C54]**
[Breck Haining]

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6
5.d4 exd4 6.e5 Ng4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Nc3
h6? 9.h3!**

And the knight is trapped. Perhaps Karen should have spent more time thinking about the game and less time taking photos and doodling in her score book. (see picture...)



Photo credit: Karen Haining

**9...Nf6 10.exf6 Qxf6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Nd5
Qd6 13.Bf4 Qg6 14.a3 Ba5 15.b4 Bb6
16.b5 Re8?**

It seems Karen forgot that her other knight was under attack. On the plus side she did take a lot of nice photos when not thinking about the game.

17.bxc6 dxc6 18.Ne5 Qf5 19.Nxb6 Rf8

Taking the knight is clearly better than ...Rf8. Sigh, what is a dad to do?

20.Nxa8 Qxf4 21.Nxc7

Karen's score book says he played Nxc8, but Nxc8 is not possible. He must have played Nxc7. Karen's coach and I have both stressed the importance of accurate recording. At least this recording error wasn't hard to figure out.

**21...Qg5 22.Qf3 Qe7 23.Nxf7 Rxf7
24.Rfe1 Qxc7**



Elliott begins a nice series of moves leading to checkmate.



Photo credit: Breck Haining

25.Re8+ Kh7 26.Bxf7 Qd7

Houdini 1.5 likes 26...Qd6 27.Rxc8 Qf6 28.Qxf6 gxf6 29.Bh5 Kg7 30.Rc7+ Kf8 31.Re1 c5 32.Re8# But Karen didn't find this line to prolong her game.

**27.Qe4+ Qf5 28.Rh8+ Kxh8 29.Qe8+
Kh7 30.Qg8# 1-0**

Karen's score sheet says Qh8#, but clearly that isn't what Elliott played. If my opponent played Qh8 I'd get up and start tap dancing. Two recording errors. That isn't so bad.

With her game over Karen breathed a sigh of relief. Several participants fell before she did. She wasn't the first one out. I too breathed a sigh of relief. Karen was knocked out before me.

**NM Elliott Neff (2275) –
Kyle Haining (2039) [B07]**
[Breck Haining]

If any of the Haining chess players had a chance against Elliott it would be Kyle.

**1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.g3 Nf6
5.Bg2 0-0 6.Nge2 c5 7.h3 Nc6 8.Be3 cxd4
9.Nxd4 Ne5 10.b3 Bd7 11.f4 Nc6 12.Nde2
Nh5 13.Qd2 Qa5 14.Kf2 Rac8 15.g4 Nf6
16.a3 Bxg4 17.b4 Nxb4 18.axb4 Qxb4
19.Ra4**

[Diagram next column]

Ouch! Kyle's queen is trapped. I thought Kyle's position was a little better than Elliott's a short time ago. Suddenly our chances are not looking very good.

19...Qxa4

"Sorry," Elliott says, as he takes Kyle's queen. I hear Elliott say "sorry" a number



of times at a number of boards. I wonder how many queens he was able to take.

**20.Nxa4 Bxe2 21.Kxe2 b5 22.Nc3 Nh5
23.Nd5 Rfe8 24.Bxa7 Ng3+ 25.Kf2
Nxb1+ 26.Bxb1 e6 27.Ne3 Rc7 28.Bd4 e5
29.Nd5 Rc4 30.Be3 Kh8 31.f5 f6 32.Nb6
Rc6 33.Bf3 gxf5 34.exf5 e4 35.Bh5 Re5
36.Kg3 Rxf5 37.Qa5 Bf8 38.Qa8 Kg7
39.Qd8 Rc7 40.Nd7 Rf3+**

For about the third time Kyle asks me if I want to resign. He says he'll resign if I resign. I say "no." It isn't simply that I want to claim victory by lasting longer than Kyle. I want to keep playing, because I always learn something in games against stronger players.

**41.Bxf3 exf3 42.Qxf8+ Kg6 43.Qg8+ Kf5
44.Qg4# 1-0**

**NM Elliott Neff (2275) –
Breck Haining (1474) [B07]**
[Breck Haining]

Now, my game. It's the most imaginative of the three games.

**1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.g3 Nf6 5.Bg2
c6 6.a4 Be6 7.Nge2 Na6 8.0-0 Nc7 9.d5
cxd5 10.exd5**

My score sheet says 9...cxd4 10.exd4 ...

Clearly that isn't possible. The game must have gone 9...cxd5 10.exd5.

10...Bg4 11.h3 Bf5 12.Bf4 Qd7 13.g4 Nxb4

With 12...Qd7 I was already thinking about a bishop sacrifice to open up White's king. There's something about my psyche that loves to sacrifice a piece for two pawns in front of a castled king, even though I have learned this only works if you have enough pieces able to speedily join in the attack. But I haven't yet learned what constitutes having enough pieces able to speedily join in the attack. Knowing 13...Nxb4 is likely unwise, I can't resist playing it anyway.

14.hxg4 Bxg4 15.Qd3 Bf5 16.Be4 Bh3 17.Rfe1 Bf5 18.Bxf5 Qxf5 19.Qxf5 gxf5 20.Ng3 Kd7 21.Nxf5 e5 22.dxe6+ Nxe6 23.Nxd6

My score sheet says 22...Nxe5 23.Nxe6..., but this can't be. Play must have gone 22...Nxe6 23.Nxd6.

23...Nxf4 24.Nf5



With 24.Nf5 we reach the critical point in my game. Why is this critical, you ask? Because after this my score sheet says 24...Rhg8+, which isn't possible, since my bishop is on g7. Perhaps I played ...Rhg8 without check, but the rest of the game still doesn't make sense. I must have moved the bishop at some point, but nowhere makes any sense. So let's just imagine while I was up and about chatting with other players and taking photos that a little kid came along and knocked my bishop off the board and no one noticed.



24...Rhg8+ 25.Kf1 Nh3 26.Re7+ Kc6 27.Nd4+

I didn't expect 27.Nd4+. It's a good move, but it didn't occur to me before I played 26...Kc6. I am often surprised how often a good player will play a good move that never occurred to me. One thing I learn from good players is to try to increase the

scope of possible moves I consider.

27...Kc5 28.Nb3+ Kb6 29.a5+ Ka6 30.Rd7 Rg1+ 31.Ke2 Re8+ 32.Kd2 Rxa1 33.Rd6+

My score sheet says 33.Rxd6+. Let's imagine the kid who knocked my bishop off the board came back and without anyone noticing put the bishop onto d6 for Elliott to take.

33...b6 34.Nxa1 Nxf2 35.Nb3 Re6 36.Nc5+

Ouch. I missed 36.Nc5+. I shouldn't have missed it. Perhaps I should have spent more time thinking about the game and less time taking photos and chatting with others. This sounds oddly familiar.

36...Kxa5 37.Nxe6 fxe6 38.Rxe6 Nh3

Li asks how my game is going. She has been waiting for hours, has done all the shopping she needs to do, and would like to go. I tell her I'm losing. She tells me I should resign.

Li: If you know you're going to lose then you should resign.

Breck: No, if I did that I wouldn't play in the simul. I knew I was going to lose before I started the game.

39.Re7 Ka6 40.b4 b5 41.Nd5 Ng5 42.Ke3 h5 43.Kd4 h4 44.Kc5 Nf3 45.Kc6 Nd4+ 46.Kc7 h3 47.Rd7 Ne6+ 48.Kb8 Nc7

I think I can last two more moves: 49.Rxc7 g7 50.Rc6#. I missed Elliott's mate in one.

49.Rd6# 1-0

After 6 hours of play my game is over. The Haining chess players went down in flames, 0 for 3. I claim victory where I can.

I wasn't the first one knocked out. I lasted longer than Karen. I lasted longer than 40 moves. I lasted longer than Kyle. There aren't more than 20 games still going on, and a good number of those games are with players that started late.

I made a number of recording errors. I didn't point them all out, but mention this as a lesson to you parents not to get bent out of shape when your kids make a recording error. It isn't as easy as it seems.

Results

After seven hours of play the simul came to an end. Elliott won 90 games, drew 2, and lost 4. A fine performance! Was Elliott tired? Elliott later told me by e-mail, "I was actually not too tired - though my neck was a bit sore from looking to my right for 7 hours! :)"

All in all it was a good day! Enough funds were raised to purchase 206 tournament-sized chess sets (boards and pieces) and 25 battery-powered clocks!

We've heard the school is very excited and that the principal is thinking to hold an equipment receiving ceremony. Thank you to Elliott, his staff, and company, Chess4Life, for all of their hard work and support. Thank you to Crossroads Mall for hosting the event and to Yogurtland for their gift of coupons for yogurt to all contestants. Thank you to Lori Davis, who donated approximately 1/3 of the funds raised. Thank you to Raphael Neff and his company, Chesshouse.com, for help with the order and logistics.



Photo credit: Breck Haining

Who Cashed In?

By H.G. Pitre

TCC March Saturdays (originally Semi-Class Saturdays) and TCC March Open Sundays

Over the two weekends of March 8-9, and March 15-16, two tourneys were held at the Tacoma Chess Club with guaranteed prizes totaling \$1200. There was such a low turnout we should really move on to the reports of the bigger tourneys, and so we have included a few games, most without notes, and note that more games from the events are planned to be included in the games area of nwchess.com.

Who cashed in? Seems like it helped to have a last name starting with a "B".

Paul Bartron \$270; Alan Bishop \$190; Naomi Bashkansky \$120; and Steve Buck \$120. Then also there was Robin Tu \$90; Mike Hasuike \$90; Ron Taylor \$90; Mike MacGregor \$70; Viktors Pupols \$70; and Ralph Anthony \$30; with \$60 awarded for the best game by a non-prize winner. And with only fourteen different players over the two weeks, and with one being the houseman, who is left to get this prize? Worthy warrior: Travis James Olson. Dr. Ron donated almost all of his winnings to the club and the organizer.

This tournament was formulated in November of 2013 to try to take advantage of a club with hidden assets: a stable membership, a long history, and a location right next to a key transportation hub. Club agreement had to be obtained. I was not a TCC member at that time, and we had to reach terms, which came to be mainly that I would bear the financial risks, become a member, and they would clean up their place, and give me access to their members; members whom I did not know at the time were increasingly becoming just casual or social players.

We embarked on an historic membership campaign to reclaim former members together with this tournament subscription effort. That produced one or two returnees to the club. Tourney announcements details

began appearing on the NWC website by early January, and appeared in the magazine February and March issues. Conflicting events of other organizers were added to the calendar after this event had been conceptualized, and then became realities that the proposal had to work around if pursued at the original dates.

Ultimately, rather than put it off until the summer, it went forward onto the schedule of chess events in March but a week earlier than was most desired. A special offer was made to the Tacoma Chess Club members at their annual meeting in late January. Players who lived along I-5 south of Tacoma were written to in late December with a special AMTRAK coupon proposal. Players at the WA State Chess Championship were offered special terms during a visit just before the first round of their event in February, and entry forms and flyers were made available for players attending the new President's Cup event on the second weekend. Players at the Annual WA High School Teams championship in late February were offered special terms during a visit at the event to their coaches. Sporadic emails were sent out to players in south King County, Pierce County, and to a few of those in Seattle and the east of the lake communities.

I noticed that I was receiving very little inquiry regarding the event. It was as though it did not exist, despite the details available on the NWC website. It was a NW Chess Grand Prix event with double points, and Murlin Varner had mentioned it in his column just as official early deadlines were closing. It did not feature an on-line registration capability. Is that a necessary feature these days to run a successful event?

Many reasons could be given for why the players did not respond. There was some chess event competition for the dates used. And definitely the concepts were different or new, and maybe simply unfeasible for many, and travel hindered many of the members who like to play. Maybe an adverse reputation of the organizer or the club stood in the way of acceptance of this sort of event.

The event was held. Each round was on time, and there was some good chess played. The concepts deserve to be discussed by some other organizers and clubs. The diet of events being offered currently here is limited by the vision of the organizers and maybe by a lack of curiosity among the players.

As for one concept

proposed, consider the following: Whether it be for a one-weekend tourney, or over two weekends, this might appeal to the players with a relatively tight budget from Portland who have friends to travel with.

They could carpool Saturday morning and get to Tacoma in two and half hours or so. Share hotel rooms and return home at the end on Sunday. They would get a variety of new chess experiences with players whom they do not play regularly. There are sometimes notable traffic jams from about Olympia and north so they may have to add extra time to their schedule just in case of that. There would be some time Saturday night to explore Tacoma after the day's chess play was done. With the ending time on Sunday they would be able to drive with some daylight for much of the return trip.

Or they could board AMTRAK at the Portland downtown Union Station at 8:20AM; relax and enjoy the train ride. Maybe continue to prepare for their coming games with their hand-held chess devices; arrive at 10:54AM in Tacoma at the train station which is about five blocks from the club ready to play at Noon. TCC players could help them to a nearby hotel and back before the first round. Then the sweetest part of the deal is that the last game on Sunday should be finished by 6PM; providing enough time to get back to the Tacoma train station with TCC help and onto a very pleasant ride to Portland on the train arriving by 9:20PM. They still have to get to their doorsteps, but they can figure that out.

That sort of experience would build better ties among our members and probably encourage Tacoma players to visit Portland at some other time. I hope some will think about it.

Now, I should add that there was one game that tested the scenario that usually prevails: That the games will last about four hours between two evenly matched players in a closely played game. The third round Saturdays game between Ralph Anthony and Alan Bishop went 99 moves and lasted about 4 hours and 40 minutes. It could have been agreed drawn long before that. It seems White lost his real winning tries at about moves 57 and 58.

**Mike MacGregor (2228) –
Viktors Pupols (2200) [C13]**
TCC March Saturdays
(R4) March 15, 2014
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 dxe4
5.Nxe4 Be7 6.Bxf6 gxf6 7.Nf3 b6 8.Bb5+
c6 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.Qe2 Nd7 11.0-0 Qc7
12.Kb1 0-0-0 13.c4 Kb8 14.Nc3 Rhe8
15.Rc1 Bf8 16.Rhe1 Bh6 17.Rcd1 f5

[Diagram top of next page]

18.d5?!

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White commits in the center, but in doing so loses control of some central dark squares and opens the position for the black bishops. 18.Bc2 keeps the dynamic tension with roughly balanced chances.

18...Nf6

18...cxd5 is reasonable, looking for activity for the bishop-pair.

a) 19.Nxd5!? Qc5 20.Ne5!? Too aggressive, but the alternative retreats of the d5-knight don't inspire. 20...Bg7! 21.Nxd7+ (After 21.Nxf7 exd5! 22.Qxe8 Rxe8 23.Rxe8+ Bc8 White is in trouble.) 21...Rxd7 22.Bxf5 Rc8 23.Bh3 Qxc4 24.Qxc4 Rxc4



25.Nc3 (25.Ne3 Be4+ 26.Ka1 Rxd1+ 27.Rxd1 Rb4 28.Rd2 Bc3!) 25...Bxc3 26.bxc3 Bd5 27.Kb2 Rdc7;

b) 19.Bxf5 Qxc4 20.Bxh7 Qxe2 21.Nxe2 e5 gives Black threatening center pawns;

and **c)** 19.cxd5 19...Bg7 with obscure complications:



20.Nb5!? (20.d6 Qxd6 21.Bxf5 Qb4 favors Black.) 20...Qf4 21.g3! Qg4 22.h3! (22.Nd6 Bxd5) 22...Qb4 (22...Qxh3? 23.Nd6 and with the black queen out of play, all the complications favor White.) 23.a3 Qc5 is still unclear, and may represent White's best chance to harass something out of the position.

19.Qe5

19.dxc6! Bxc6 20.Nb5! and now Black has a choice of which knight to capture:

Analysis



a) 20...Bxf3 21.Qxf3 Qf4 (21...Qc5 22.Qg3+ f4 23.Qf3 is perhaps +=) 22.Qe2 Ne4 23.Bxe4 Qxe4+ 24.Qxe4 fxe4 25.Nd6 snags a pawn.;

b) Black can also attempt to postpone the knight capture decision with 20...Qf4 but 21.Ne5! (21.Qe5+ Qxe5 22.Nxe5 Bxg2 23.Nxf7 Black may be able to minimize the damage by further tactical action: 23...Rxd3 24.Rxd3 Be4 25.Rxe4 fxe4 26.Ra3 Bf4 27.Rxa7 Ng4) 21...Bxg2 22.f3 causes problems.;

and **c)** 20...Bxb5 21.cxb5 Rd5 (21...Nd5 22.Ne5 Nb4 23.a3 f6 24.Nc6+ Nxc6 25.bxc6 Re7 26.Ba6 looks grim for Black.) 22.Ne5 with a nice outpost on c6.

19...Ng4 20.Qxc7+?!

20.Qe2!?

20...Kxc7 21.dxc6 Bxc6 22.Rf1 a6 23.Be2



23...Bxf3 24.Bxf3 Nxb2 25.Rh1 Nxf3 26.gxf3

26.Rxb6 Rxd1+ 27.Nxd1 Nd2+ 28.Kc2 Nxc4 29.Rxb7 Re7 is a pawn plus for Black.

26...Rxd1+ 27.Nxd1 Rd8 28.Nc3 Bf8 29.Rxb7 Rd7 30.Kc2 Bc5 31.Nd1 Kd6 32.a3 a5 33.Kd3 Ke7+

33...Ke5+!?

34.Ke2 Bd6

34...Rd4 35.Ne3 f4 36.Nc2 Rd8 keeps a Black plus. (But not 36...Rxc4? 37.Kd3)

35.Rh8 Be5 36.Rc8 Bd4

[Diagram top of next column]

37.f4?!

37.Nc3 +=

37...Bc5 38.Ne3 Rd4 39.Rc7+ Kf8 40.f3?

Weakens the second rank. 40.Rb7 Rxf4 41.b4 axb4 42.axb4 Bxb4 43.Rxb6 while not exactly good for White, at least reduces the number of pawns and gives White a



passed c-pawn for potential distraction later.

40...Rxf4 41.Rc6 Rh4 42.b4

42.Kd3 Rh2 43.Nd1 Kg7 is not much of an improvement.

42...Rh2+ 43.Kd3 axb4 44.axb4 Bxb4 45.Rxb6

45.Nf1 Rf2 46.Rxb6 Rxf3+ 47.Ke2 Rf2+ 48.Kxf2 Bc5+ extends the game a few moves, but does not actually change the result.

45...Rd2# 0-1

Mike MacGregor (2228) –

Travis Olson (1810) [B08]

TCC March Saturdays

(R2) March 8, 2014

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bg5 a6 6.e5 Nfd7 7.Bc4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nc6 9.0-0 Nb6 10.Bb3 Bg4 11.Qe4 Qc8 12.Rhe1 dxe5 13.dxe5 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Nxe5 15.Rxe5 Bxe5 16.Bxe7 Bxc3 17.Qxc3 Nd7 18.Bg5 Re8 19.f4 Re6 20.Bxe6 fxe6 21.Bh6 e5 22.Qc4 Kh8 23.Qf7 Qg8 24.Qxd7 Rf8 25.Qxc7 Rf7 26.Qxe5+ Rg7 27.Bxg7+ Qxg7 28.Rd8# 1-0

Paul Bartron (2108) –

Mike Macgregor (2228) [A12]

TCC March Saturdays

(R3) March 15, 2014

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.b3 d5 4.Bb2 Bf5 5.d3 e6 6.g3 Bc5 7.Bg2 dxc4 8.dxc4 Qxd1+ 9.Kxd1 Bxf2 10.Rf1 Bb6 11.Bd4 0-0 12.Bxb6 axb6 13.Kc1 h6 14.Nc3 Nbd7 15.Nd4 Bg6 16.Kb2 Nc5 17.h3 Rfd8 18.Rad1 Nfe4 19.Nxe4 Nxe4 20.Bxe4 Bxe4 21.Nf3 f6 22.Nd2 Bg2 23.Rg1 Bxb3 24.Nb1 Bg4 25.Nc3 e5 26.Kc2 Rd4 27.Rge1 Kf7 28.Rd2 Rad8 29.Red1 Ke7 30.Rxd4 exd4 31.Na4 b5 32.Nb2 Rd6 33.Nd3 Bxe2 34.Re1 Re6 35.Nf4 d3+ 36.Kd2 Re5 37.Ng6+ Kd6 38.Nxe5 fxe5 39.cxb5 cxb5 40.Rc1 g5 41.Rc8 h5 42.Rg8 h4 43.gxh4 gxh4 44.Rh8 e4 45.Rxh4 Kd5 46.Ke3 Bf3 47.Rh7 Kc5 48.a3 Kc6 49.b4 Kd5 50.Rxb7 Kc4 51.Rc7+ Kb3 52.Rc5 Kxa3 53.Rxb5 Kb3 54.Rb8 Kc3 55.b5 Kb4 56.b6 1/2-1/2

Ralph Anthony (1654) –

Alan Bishop (2000) [B55]

TCC March Saturdays

(R3) March 15, 2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.f3 e5 6.Nb3 d5 7.exd5 Qxd5 8.Bd3 Nc6

9.Nc3 Bb4 10.Bd2 Qd8 11.a3
Be7 12.Qe2 0-0 13.0-0-0
Be6 14.Bc4 Bxc4 15.Qxc4
Rc8 16.Qe2 Qc7 17.Nb5 Qb8
18.Kb1 a6 19.Nc3 b5 20.Be3
b4 21.axb4 Nxb4 22.Rd2
Rxc3 23.bxc3 Nbd5 24.Rd3
a5 25.Kc1 Ba3+ 26.Kd2
Rc8 27.Ke1 Nxc3 28.Qf2
e4 29.fxe4 Nfxe4 30.Qf3 a4
31.Nd2 Nxd2 32.Kxd2 Qb2
33.Bd4 Nb1+ 34.Ke3 Re8+
35.Kf4 Bd6+ 36.Kg4 Qxc2
37.Bxg7 Qc8+ 38.Kh5 Kxg7
39.Rxd6 Re5+ 40.Kh4 Qc4+
41.Qg4+ Qxg4+ 42.Kxg4
Nc3 43.Ra6 Re2 44.Kf3 Ra2
45.Rc1 Ne2 46.Rc4 Ng1+
47.Kg3 Ne2+ 48.Kh4 a3
49.Rg4+ Kf8 50.Ra7 Nc3
51.Rc4 Nb5 52.Rc8+ Kg7
53.Ra5 Nd4 54.Kh3 Nc2
55.Rca8 Ne1 56.Rxa3 Rxxg2
57.Rg3+ Rxxg3+ 58.hxxg3
Nf3 59.Kg4 Ne5+ 60.Kf5
Ng6 61.Ra6 Ne7+ 62.Kg5
Ng6 63.Ra7 Nf8 64.Kf5 Ne6
65.Ra4 Nf8 66.Ke5 Ng6+
67.Kd6 Kf6 68.Ra7 Ne5
69.Ra6 Ng6 70.Kd7+ Kg5
71.Ra4 h5 72.Ke8 f5 73.Kf7
h4 74.gxxh4+ Nxxh4 75.Ke6
Nf3 76.Kd5 f4 77.Ra8 Nd2
78.Rg8+ Kf5 79.Kd4 Nf3+
80.Kd3 Ne5+ 81.Ke2 Ke4

82.Re8 Kd4 83.Kf2 Ke4
84.Re7 Kf5 85.Re8 Ke4 86.Re7
Kf5 87.Rb7 Kg4 88.Rg7+
Kf5 89.Ra7 Ke4 90.Ra4+ Kf5
91.Ra8 Ke4 92.Ra1 Ng4+
93.Kf1 Kf3 94.Ra2 Ne3+
95.Kg1 Kg3 96.Ra3 Kf3 97.Ra2
Kg3 98.Ra3 Kf3 99.Ra2 ½-½

Paul Bartron (2108) –
Alan Bishop (2000) [B92]
TCC March Open Sundays
(R4) March 16, 2014

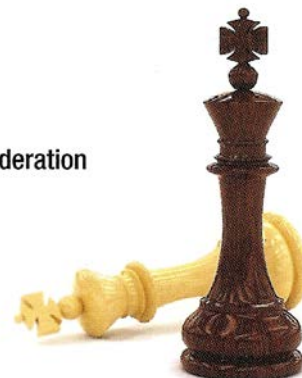
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2
e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.Be3 Be6 9.Bf3
Nbd7 10.Qd2 Nb6 11.Bxb6
Qxb6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Nd5 Nxd5
14.exd5 Bf5 15.Rfe1 Rac8 16.c3
h6 17.Qe3 Qc7 18.g3 a5 19.Nd2
Bg6 20.Qe2 Qb6 21.Nc4 Qb5
22.Na3 Qc5 23.Qe3 Qc7
24.Bg2 Bg5 25.Qe2 f5 26.h4
Bf6 27.c4 Rce8 28.Nb5 Qe7
29.h5 Bh7 30.c5 dxc5 31.d6
Qd7 32.Qc4+ Kh8 33.Qxc5 e4
34.f4 Rc8 35.Nc7 Rfd8 36.Red1
a4 37.Rab1 Qf7 38.Qd5 Qxxh5
39.Qxb7 Bg8 40.Nd5 Rb8
41.Qc7 Bxb2 42.d7 Bd4+
43.Kf1 Qh2 44.Rxd4 Rxb1+
45.Rd1 Rxd1+ 46.Ke2 Rxd5
47.Qxd8 Qxxg2+ 48.Ke1 Qg1+
49.Ke2 Qd1+ 50.Kf2 Rd2+ 0-1

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HARMON MEMORIAL

May 2-4 or 3-4, 2014

Site: Seattle Chess Club, 2150 North 107th Street, Seattle, WA 98133. (206) 417-5405.

Two Sections: Open and Reserve (under 1800).

5 Round Swiss. **Time Control:** 30/90, SD/1, d5; 2-Day Option, Rd. 1, G/60, d5

Foreign ratings used for players with no USCF rating. Higher of USCF or foreign ratings used at TD discretion.

Prize Fund: \$1,000 (based on 40 paid entries).

Open: 1st \$200, 2nd \$125, 1st U2100 \$100, 1st U1900 \$100

Reserve: 1st \$150, 2nd \$100, 1st U1600 \$75, 1st U1400 \$75, 1st U1200 \$75

Entry Fee: \$50 if postmarked or online by 04/30, \$60 after 04/30 or at site.

Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs.

Registration: Friday 7:00 - 7:45 PM; 2-Day Schedule: Saturday 9:00 - 9:45 AM.

Rounds: Friday 8:00 PM, Saturday 12:30 PM, 6:00 PM; Sunday 11:00 AM, 4:30 PM.

2-Day Schedule: Saturday 10:00 AM, then merges with 3-Day Schedule.

Byes: Two half-point byes available, request before end of round 2.

USCF and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships required, other states accepted.

Northwest Chess Grand Prix event. Chess Magnet School JGP. NS. NC. W.

Entries: Make checks payable to Washington Chess Federation.

Mail To: Dan Mathews, 749 Somerset Lane, Edmonds, WA 98020-2646.

Phone: (425) 218-7529. **E-mail:** danomathews01@gmail.com.

Online Registration: www.nwchess.com/onlineregistration.



Washington Open Chess Tournament May 24-26, 2014

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Washington Chess Federation

WA Open Sections/Entry Fees (by May 4 / May 18 / on site)

OPEN

EF \$100 / \$110 / \$125

PREMIER (U2000)

EF \$90 / \$100 / \$115

RESERVE (U1700)

EF \$80 / \$90 / \$105

BOOSTER (U1400)

EF \$70 / \$80 / \$95

Reentry ½ original entry fee.

Free entry to GMs, IMs, WGMs.

\$45 entry option for juniors under age 21 playing for medal only. Three medals awarded per section. Canadian dollars accepted at par (no coins) for entry fee only.

\$7,000 Prizes based on 170 entries

(medal only counts as ½ an entry)

Open	Premier	Reserve	Booster
\$700	\$300	\$250	\$200
\$550	\$250	\$200	\$150
\$350	\$225	\$175	\$125
\$250	\$200	\$150	\$100
\$200	\$150	\$100	\$75
U2150	U1850	U1550	U1100
\$350	\$200	\$150	\$120
\$250	\$150	\$125	\$80
\$150	\$125	\$100	\$120(*)
\$100	\$100	\$100	\$80 (*)

(*) Prizes for unrated players.

All prizes will be mailed starting 6/1/2014.

Entries/Information:

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Make checks payable to Washington Chess Federation (WCF).

Online registration available at

www.nwchess.com.

North Seattle Community College

9600 College Way North

Seattle, WA 98103

Format: Four sections as shown at left, six-round Swiss system. Late registrations may receive half-point byes for first round.

Ratings: USCF rated. Open Section also FIDE rated (except G/60 games if applicable). *USCF May 2014 rating supplement will be used to determine section eligibility.* Higher of USCF or FIDE/foreign rating used at TD discretion. Unrated players may only win the top five prizes in the Open Section, or the unrated prizes in the Booster Section.

Registration: Saturday 8:30-9:30 AM for 3-day schedule, or 3:00-3:30 PM if entering with one half-point bye. Sunday 8:00-8:30 AM for 2-day schedule, or 8:30-9:30 AM if entering 3-day event with two half-point byes. Two half-point byes available at registration or before the end of round 2. Play any two days, if taking two half-point byes.

Time Controls: 3-day schedule: 40/120 and SD/60 with 5-second delay. 2-day schedule: G/60 with 5-second delay (rounds 1-3), rounds 4-6 same as 3-day schedule. Please bring tournament chess set, board and digital clock.

Rounds: 3-day schedule: Saturday: 10:30 AM and 5:30 PM, Sunday 10:30 AM and 5:30 PM, Monday 9:00 AM and 3:45 PM. 2-day schedule: Sunday 9:00 AM, 11:45 AM and 2:30 PM, then join 3-day schedule with round 4. WCF annual meeting and elections: 4:00-5:00 PM Sunday, May 25, 2014.

Memberships: Current USCF membership and state membership required in all sections. Other States Accepted. Memberships may be paid at time of registration.

Miscellaneous: Northwest Chess Grand Prix event. Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 20. Chess Magnet School JGP. No Smoking. No Computers. Wheelchair accessible. Please bring set, board and clock.

Entries/Prizes/Info: See left column. Please use entry form (available on NWC web-site) for a list of all discounts and fees, and to indicate schedule, section, side events and byes requested — or use online registration (<http://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration/>).

Side Events:

Please see separate flyers (online and/or in the May magazine on the next page) for details on the following Washington Open Side Events:

- May 24 WA Open Scholastic and Bughouse Championship
- May 25 WA Open Blitz Championship
- May 26 WA Open Game/30 Championship



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May 24 WA Open Scholastic. See NWC website (nwchess.com), or contact David Hendricks, WCF Scholastic Director, 2439 220th Place NE, Sammamish, WA 98074, ph. (425) 868-3881, email: DavidCHendricks@comcast.net.

May 24 WA Open Bughouse Championship. Format: 5-round Double Swiss, two sections: Open and K-6. Two games, one with white, one with black. EF: \$40 per team. TC: G/5; d/0. Register before 6 PM Saturday. Rds: 6:10 PM, 6:50 PM, 7:30 PM, 8:10 PM, 8:50 PM. Prizes: Trophies based on number of team entries. WCF or other state membership required for Open section.

May 25 WA Open Blitz Championship. Format: 5-round Double Swiss in one section. Two games, one with white, one with black. EF: \$25.00. TC: G/5; d/0. USCF blitz rated. Register before 2:45 PM Sunday. Rds: 3:00 PM, 3:25 PM, 3:50 PM, 4:15 PM and 4:40 PM. Prize fund \$400 (b/20). 1st \$100, 2nd \$80, 3rd \$60, U2000 \$40, U1700 \$40, U1400 \$40, U1200 and Unrated \$40. WCF or other state membership required.

May 26 WA Open Game/30 Championship. Format: 5-round Swiss, two sections: Open and K-6. TC: G/30; d/0, USCF dual rated. Entry Fee: \$25.00. Prizes: Trophies and medals based on number of entries. Register before 9 AM Monday. Rds: 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM, 2:30 PM, 3:45 PM. Trophy presentation at 5:00 PM. WCF or other state membership required for Open Section.

U.S. AMATEUR NORTH CHAMPIONSHIP

May 24-26 U.S. AMATEUR NORTH CHAMPIONSHIP, Boise, ID. 5-SS. T/L: G/90, w/30 second increment (or G/100 w/5 second delay). Jordan Hall, Boise State U; Boise, ID. In 2 Sections. OPEN (to U2200) 1st Trophy, Book, and 2014 U.S. AMATEUR NORTH CHAMPION title; 2nd, 3rd, Top U1800 engraved Plaque. The U.S. Amateur North Champion may be requested to play in an internet playoff of the 4 regional champions to determine an overall U.S. Amateur Champion. RESERVE (Open to U1600 & Unr) 1st Trophy and Book; 2nd, 3rd, Top U1300, Top U1000 engraved Plaque; Top Unrated Book. BOTH EF: \$44 if by 5/6/14, \$52 if by 5/15, \$60 at site. Reg. 1:30-2pm on 5/24. Mailed entries to Lawrence Cohen, P.O. Box 6632, Villa Park, IL 60181 (put ATTN: U.S. Amateur bottom right corner). Online entry at onlineregistration.cc. Rounds 2:30-7, 11-3:30, 10. NC, NS, W. FREE RAFFLE PRIZES (3) Choice of Free entry to 2014 Eastern Idaho Open or Free entry to Western Idaho Open; Choice of Free entry to 2014 Oregon Open or Free entry to 2014 Southern Idaho Open; Free entry (in 2015) to 23rd Dave Collyer Memorial Open or entry to 2015 Idaho Closed State Championship. Winners for 2014 must choose event by 5/26/14, Winner of 2015 event must choose by 12/1/14. 1/2 point bye is available for any round, but must be requested before 4pm 5/24. NS, NC, W. Sunday: U.S. AMATEUR G/15 SWISS (open to U2200) 4-SS, T/L: G/15. EF: \$10 at site only. (\$200 b/20) \$50-45, U1900 \$40, U1600 \$35, U1300/Unr \$30. Reg. until 7pm. Rds 7:30 and ASAP thereafter (8:10-8:50-9:30). NS, NC, W. Information on both events: e-mail allamericaschess@gmail.com or call (630) 834-2477.

Oregon Chess News

Aaron Grabinsky now National Chess Master

By Nancy Keller

Five members of the Coquille Chess Team headed to San Diego to attend the USCF K-12 National Chess Championships April 3rd through the 6th. They drove 16 hours to attend this high school national tournament.

This event finally allowed sixteen year old Aaron Grabinsky to transcend to National Master level after a half year plateau at the upper end of expert level. In order to achieve his dream, he had to dash the dreams of others.

Aaron made U.S. Chess news after the third round as he remained undefeated. U.S. Chess reported in a story dated April 6, 2014 by Anatoly Ostrovsky, "One of our most distinguished national scholastic chess players Justus Williams (2383) lost to an Expert from Oregon Aaron Grabinsky (2181); Justus is the reigning 2013 US Cadet champ, 2013 US Junior Open champ, 2013 National 10th Grade (as well as 2012 National 9th Grade) champ, but is not likely to add the overall High school title this year." [see <http://www.uschess.org/content/view/12611/760/>] Aaron was off to a great start at this national event.

Aaron was paired in the fourth and fifth rounds against high level masters and managed draws (Kesav Viswanadha 2337 and Michael Brown 2393). Then Aaron took a loss to Jonathan Homidan 2363 in



L-R: Aaron Grabinsky vs previous national high school champion Justus Williams.
Photo credit: Nancy Keller

the sixth round after getting behind a single pawn. He then rebounded and easily won his final round.

Aaron's estimated rating after this event puts him well into master level at 2214. He is now the only scholastic Oregon master and joins the nine current active Oregon chess masters, all adults. His wins also earned him 24th place in the nation. He has two more years to vie for the national high school champion title.

Aaron started playing chess at the age of 11 after his father introduced him to the game. A year later, his mother found out about the

surpassed Coach Keller's Class C playing level. Mark Claiborne, a Class B player came to Coquille Chess club to continue his advancement. But with no masters or grandmasters available to teach him in rural Coquille, it was the internet that allowed him to advance and keep up with master trained players in Portland and Eugene. He studied chess on chess.com and chessmagnet.com and he became a force to contend with.

Now as a National Master, he plans to break the rating of 2300 by the end of the year and his ultimate goal is to reach 2500 before he graduates from high school.

April 11th and 12th, Aaron will be attending the Oregon Scholastic Chess Federation Championships in Seaside to vie for becoming the Oregon Denker Candidate again. Only one candidate from each state is invited to the Denker High School National Championships with a four year full ride scholarship to University of Texas as first prize. The Denker Champion is invited to the Youth World Championship to be held in Greece in 2015.

Four other Coquille chess players also attended Nationals and did well. Both Josiah Perkins eighth grade (1553) and Joshua Grabinsky fifth grade (1534) participated in this High School dominated event. Both battled in the championship division and despite playing at the bottom of their division, Josiah won 2.5 games and Joshua won 3 games out of seven. They beat or drew higher level players and



Tiny Joshua Grabinsky in a sea of high school chess players.
Photo credit: Nancy Keller

Two years ago, he



Aaron Grabinsky. Photo credit: Nancy Keller

earned around 20 rating points.

Hailey Riley tenth grade (942) played in the Under 1200 division and won 5.5 games placing 14th. Tanner Flood twelfth grade (278) won 3.5 games in the Under 800 division.

In the side event of Blitz (speed chess), Aaron won 12th place overall, Josiah Perkins won first place under 1600 and the Coquille Chess Team won 10th place.

At the OSCF State championships April 11th and 12th, twenty Coquille players and one Bandon player have been invited so watch for those results.

Chess For Success 2014 State Tournament

By Neil Dale

The state finals this year took place in the Oregon Convention Center in Portland on March 14 and 15. On Friday the team competition drew a total of 50 teams, 34 in the Elementary division (grades K-5) and 16 in the Middle School (grades 6-8) division. Access Academy won the Elementary division with a perfect 5-0 score. Three teams tied for second with 4 points each: Jacob Wismer, Charlemagne, and Winterhaven. There was a two-way tie for third between Patterson and Woodstock with 3.5 each.

Cheldelin Middle School claimed the title in their division with 5 points, second was Stoller MS with 4 points. Four teams shared 3rd place honors with 3 each: Roosevelt, Hosford, Laurel Ridge and South Meadows.

A total of 270 participated in the individual competitions, the two biggest divisions being K-4th grade with 70, and 5th grade with 90. In the K-4 group Praveer Sharon of Oak Creek Elementary scored a perfect 5 points to claim the title. Kyle Liu of Jacob Wismer was 2nd at 4.5, and 9 players tied for 3rd with 4 each. In the 5th grade competition there was a four-way tie for first place between Joshua Grabinsky of Coquille Valley, Colin Liu of Jacob Wismer, Jack Woo McClain of Camas Ridge, and Owen McCoy, Home School. Ten players tied for 2nd at 4 each, and 6 for 3rd at 3.5.

In the Middle School division, let's start with 6th grade: 29 players in total. First place was claimed by Ethan Wu of Stoller Middle School, with a 5-0 score. Marshal Lu of the same school and Nathaniel Lee of Access Academy tied for 2nd place with 4 each. 3 players claimed a share of 3rd with 3.5 apiece: Neal Omes (Cheldelin), Jimmy Wang (Roosevelt) and Jasper Truong (Pilot Butte). 7th grade honors went to Seth Talyansky from Portland Jewish Academy with a perfect 5 point result. Jake Winkler (Hayhurst K-8), Tommy Case (Roosevelt MS), and Keshav Siddhartha (Valley Catholic) shared 2nd with 4 each. Ten players (too many to list) were in 3rd place with 3 points apiece. 8th grade results: Ethan Allison (Redmond Home School) with 5 points was first, a four-way tie for second with the following: Josiah Perkins (Coquille Valley MS), Benjamin Kleier (Hosford MS), Justin Bagoyo (Whitford MS), and James Hansen (Baker Prairie MS) with 4 points each. 3rd place had also 4 players sharing with 3.5 points. They were Leo Deng (Access Academy), Deepak Vijay (Evergreen MS), Daniel Kitchens (South Meadows MS) and Jimmy tang (Hosford MS).

The High School Division attracted 19 players. Due to an upset in the last round there was a three-way tie for first with 4 points apiece: Aaron Grabinsky (Coquille HS), Venkat Doddapaneni (Valley Catholic HS), and Simon Venter (South Eugene HS). Two players shared 2nd place with 3.5 each: Gabriel Skoro (Lincoln HS) and Valentin Molchanov from School of Science and technology. 3 points each gave four players a share of third place, they were: Pavan Thakkar (Oregon Episcopal



Coquille Chess Team display their collection of trophies: Tanner Flood, Hailey Riley, Aaron Grabinsky, Josiah Perkins, Joshua Grabinsky. Photo credit: Nancy Keller

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School), Devin Landrum (Klamath Union HS), Brior Hileman (Willamette HS), and Hailey Riley (Coquille HS). Pretty good deal, nine of the nineteen players got trophies.

My apology to those third place players whose names were omitted: whenever there were more than five, I did not list the names. Too much to type.

March PCC Game 60

(Game/45)

By Brian Berger

March 29, 2014 — Portland, OR

The rains came and so did the players, pouring through the doors of the Portland Chess Club for the March Game 60 — a near record crowd of 39, many of them new faces. Spring Break was undoubtedly the reason for the many younger players among the contestants; each with a competitive look in his or her eyes.

A mix-up with the new pre-registration option, recently available on the Portland Chess Club's website, had Head TD (and the only TD) Neil Dale, hopping mad. "They don't tell me anything!" said Neil (referring to his inability to access the information on the website), a phrase which could be heard many times above the din of the crowd, as Neil dealt with the incoming surge of players. If not for the extra help offered by long-time tournament attendee Jerrold Richards, and his dog Morgan the "Smoocher Moocher," chaos would have reigned.

As it was, the huge turnout necessitated a switch from the four-round Game 60, to a five-round Game 45, leaving some to reconsider their time commitments, and pushing fourth-round byes to fifth-round byes. Finally, all was worked out to the satisfaction of most of the players, at which point, Neil mentioned a pressing need for a vacation. And so, while the smoke from Neil's ears was clearing the room, the games commenced.



(L) Nick Raptis vs. (R) Venkat Doddapaneni. Photo credit: Brian Berger

Of the few things in life that can be considered a sure bet, one is the chess skills of Nick Raptis; who, like the Grim Reaper, takes no prisoners, gives no quarter, etc, etc. This tournament was no exception, ending in a clean sweep by the Oregon Master, and netting him a tidy sum of \$118. I would like to also add, on a personal note, that Nick is one of the few Masters who has always been willing to put his hard-won rating on the line with lesser talents, a trait which has earned him this writer's respect, and I am sure many others.

Co-winner in tying for 2nd and 3rd place, Jon Strohhenn (1595-1671) showcased the strength of his chess prowess by not losing a game, and earned 4.0 points—good enough for a \$69.50 payout. Also with 4.0 points was Benjamin Pikus, who earned a similar amount.

The under-1800 prize money was split between Abhinav Brahmarouthu, and

Jamie Berger, each taking home \$34.40 for scoring 3.5 points. Lastly, the under-1500 cash award was shared four ways, when Mu Lin, Colin Liu, Gavin Zhang and Avril Gauthier each finished with 3.0 points, giving them almost enough money (\$17) to enter yet another Game 60.

As a last note, when crowds of this size gather (there must have been nearly 50 people in the room, counting parents and other onlookers), there is often a line to use the single bathroom, which I am sure has worried many a player who has been caught fighting time control and nature's call. Well, word has it that the club higher-ups have heard the cries of distress, and have decided to bring the venue up to 21st-century standards by putting in a second bathroom! What a relief!!



Jerrold Richards and Morgan The Smoocher Moocher dog.
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(L) Jeff Austin vs. (R) Dagadu Gaikwad. Photo credit: Brian Berger



During registration. Photo credit: Brian Berger

Oregon players submit games from recent Western States Open

**Ritchie Duron (1804) –
Mika Mitchell (1855) [C20]**
Western States Open
(R5) October 20, 2013

[Corey Russell and Ritchie Duron]

The annotations for this game are a little different than usual, annotated by both a Class A player and a Master. The Class A Player (Ritch Duron) comments will be prefaced by RD-, and the master's comments (Corey Russell) will be prefaced by CR- Onto the game!

1.c4 Nc6 2.Nc3 e5 3.e4 Bc5 4.g3

CR - This denotes the Botvinnik Attack. White purposely surrenders dark squares in return for a strong clamp on the white squares. White hopes that his square control will be more important.

4...d6 5.Bg2 Nge7 6.Na4

RD - I prefer to trade off the black diagonal bishop in most cases if it's offered as it impedes development on the kingside. My other candidate move would have been Ne2 continuing development. -CR- While I understand Ritch's desire to eliminate the dark-squared bishop, he can't afford to fall behind in development. Also if Black understood this position, he could get an advantage now: 6...Be6! 7.d3 O-O 8.Nxc5 dxc5 9.Ne2 Qd6 10.O-O Rad8 and Black is clearly better with the massive lock on d4 and pressure on the d-file.

6...Bb6

CR- ?! Dubious. Since Black gets doubled pawns no matter what, he can choose to have his doubled pawns get a lock on c5 or d4 - d4 of course is the more important square thus he should have developed instead per the previous note.

7.Nxb6 axb6 8.Ne2 Nb4 9.Qb3

CR- I'm not going to call this a mistake, but I prefer 9.d3! instead. I'd rather move

the queen to the king-side if I could, or make the queen-side free to move. Note that Black can't take the a-pawn: 9...Rxa2?? 10.Rxa2 Nxa2 11.Qa4+ wins the knight, or 9...Nxa2?? 10. Bd2! followed by Qb1 again winning material. But if Black doesn't take then White follows with a3 and proves Black is just wasting time.

9...Nec6 10.d3 Bg4

RD- yeah right –

11.f3

RD- developing move without threat of Black diagonal weakness / gains a tempo to boot! -CR- Going to have to disagree with Ritch here - the only way f3 could be classed a developing move is if there is a bishop at g1, which there isn't. Also, this weakens e3, which means when a bishop is played there it is unprotected, which can lead to tactics for Black. I would just call f3 a necessary move. The f-pawn would like to be at f4 anyway not f3.

11...Be6 12.Bd2 Na6 13.0-0 Qd7



14.g4

RD- feel comfortable with this move and the reinforcement of h3; as opposed to the infiltration and eventual trade-off of the white squared bishops. However, I get into more than I bargained for with this volley -CR- Regardless of what this gets into, I don't see anything better for Ritch than what he played.

14...h5

RD- ! -CR- While ...h5 is a good move, it's almost the only reasonable move in the position other than castling.

15.h3 g6

RD- In preparation for f5 -CR- This looks OK, but fascinating to me is 15...hgx4 16.hxg4 Bxg4! 17.fxg4 Qxg4 (hitting e2-knight) 18.Rf2 Nc5 19.Qc2 Rh3! causing all sorts of problems for White. White can't defend the d-pawn with Nc1 as ...Nd4 would be strong, but otherwise Black threatens to just castle and play ...Rdh8.

16.a3

RD- trying to relieve the obligations for my white queen and at the same time stifle entrance points for Black's knights) f5! *(well he's going for it that's for sure -CR- This comment only confirms that my earlier suggestion of d3! move 9 was the better idea.

16...f5 17.exf5 gxf5 18.g5

CR- ! A great move by White.

18...f4 19.h4

RD- ! Boom, and now I have a little fortress that will buy me some time. -CR- This is a good move, but also forced, since the only other candidate move 19.Kh2? h4 and the g-pawn would fall.

19...Nc5 20.Qc3 Bf5

RD- Making life for White uncomfortable, arggh. Then I get to thinking if he's not careful I have this trick with N or Bxf4 threatening Qxh8 if exf4. Then also it seems like good idea to x-Ray the black Queen with a rook.

21.Rfd1

CR- It should be noted that White doesn't lose material with 21...Nxd3 as 22.Nxf4! gets White's pawn back due to the hanging rook at h8.

21...0-0

RD- castling into the wide open -CR- While I agree Black's move has risk, I'd hardly call it the wide open with a blockaded kingside.

22.Be1

RD-repositioning to get on the g1-a7 diagonal

22...Qg7 23.Bf2 Ne6 24.d4

RD- Now's my chance open things up and

go for and advantage -CR- The general principle to exchange pawns when having bishop-pair to open more lines. This is true for this position. Also if Black exchanges on d4, the black f4-pawn will be very weak in an endgame.

24...exd4 25.Nxd4 Ncxd4 26.Bxd4 Nxd4 27.Qxd4 Qxd4+

CR- Unnecessarily helpful to White. 27... Qe5 would offer more resistance.

28.Rxd4 Bd7 29.Re1 Rae8 30.Rxe8 Bxe8 31.Re4 Bg6



32.Rd4

RD- since I conclude that the seventh rank ambitions just end up with a rook trade, I choose to keep pressure on the isolated f4-pawn. Although, doing so pretty-much results in the loss of my b2 or a3-pawn with the control release of the e-file. I conclude the f4-pawn is more valuable as it connects two passers with the king in the corner

(this ironically is not more normal thinking but a result of my training with FM Corey Russell.)

32...Re8 33.Rxf4 Re2 34.b4 Ra2 35.Bh3 Rxa3 36.Be6+ Kg7 37.Rf6

RD- Another Corey inspiration, allowing the f-pawn to advance with protection to the vital f5-square.

37...Rb3 38.b5 c6 39.bxc6 bxc6 40.f4 b5 41.f5

RD- ! -CR- I agree with Ritch's assessment - I would have played the same move in this position. Passed pawns must be pushed, as they say...

41...Be8 42.Rh6

RD- cool little mating net

42...bxc4 43.f6+

RD- Mate in one: Kf8 Rh8+!

1-0

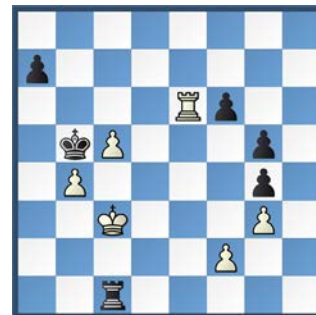
**Corey Russell (2234) -
Gil Lapid Shafiriri (2189) [C10]**
Western States Open
(R3), October 19, 2013
[Corey Russell]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Be7 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Bd3 Nxe4 7.Bxe4 Nd7 8.0-0 c5 9.c3 0-0 10.Re1 Qc7 11.Bg5 Bxg5 12.Nxg5 Nf6 13.Bc2 Rd8 14.Qd3 g6 15.Qf3 Kg7 16.dxc5 Rd2 17.Rac1 h6 18.Ne4 Nxe4 19.Qxe4 Qxc5 20.Qf4 Qg5 21.Qxg5 hxg5 22.Red1 Rd7 23.Rxd7

Bxd7 24.Be4 Bc6 25.Bxc6 bxc6 26.Rd1 Rb8 27.b3 Rb7 28.Kf1 Kf6 29.Rd6 Rc7 30.c4 c5 31.Ke2 Ke5 32.Rd8 g4 33.g3 f6 34.Kd3 g5 35.a3 Rb7 36.Kc3 Rh7 37.b4 cxb4+ 38.axb4 Rxh2

At this point, White saw that he can force Black to draw by playing 39.c5 Rxf2 40.c6 Rf1 41.Kb2 Rf2+ 42.Kb1 Rf3 43.Kb2, etc. Basically, Black has no fast way to stop by the pawn except the c-file, but White can deny that if he allows Black to repeatedly check White. White tried for more, but it was not to be.

39.Rd2 Rh1 40.Re2+ Kd6 41.c5+ Kd5 42.Rd2+ Kc6 43.Rd6+ Kb5 44.Rxe6 Rc1+



45.Kd4 Kxb4 46.c6 Kb5 47.Rxf6 Rxc6 48.Rf5+ Kb4 49.Rxg5 a5 50.Kd3 Rc3+ 51.Kd2 Rc4 52.Rg8 Kb3 53.f4 gxf3 54.g4 Rf4 55.Ke1 f2+ 56.Kf1 a4 57.g5 a3 58.Rb8+ Rb4 59.Ra8 a2 0-1

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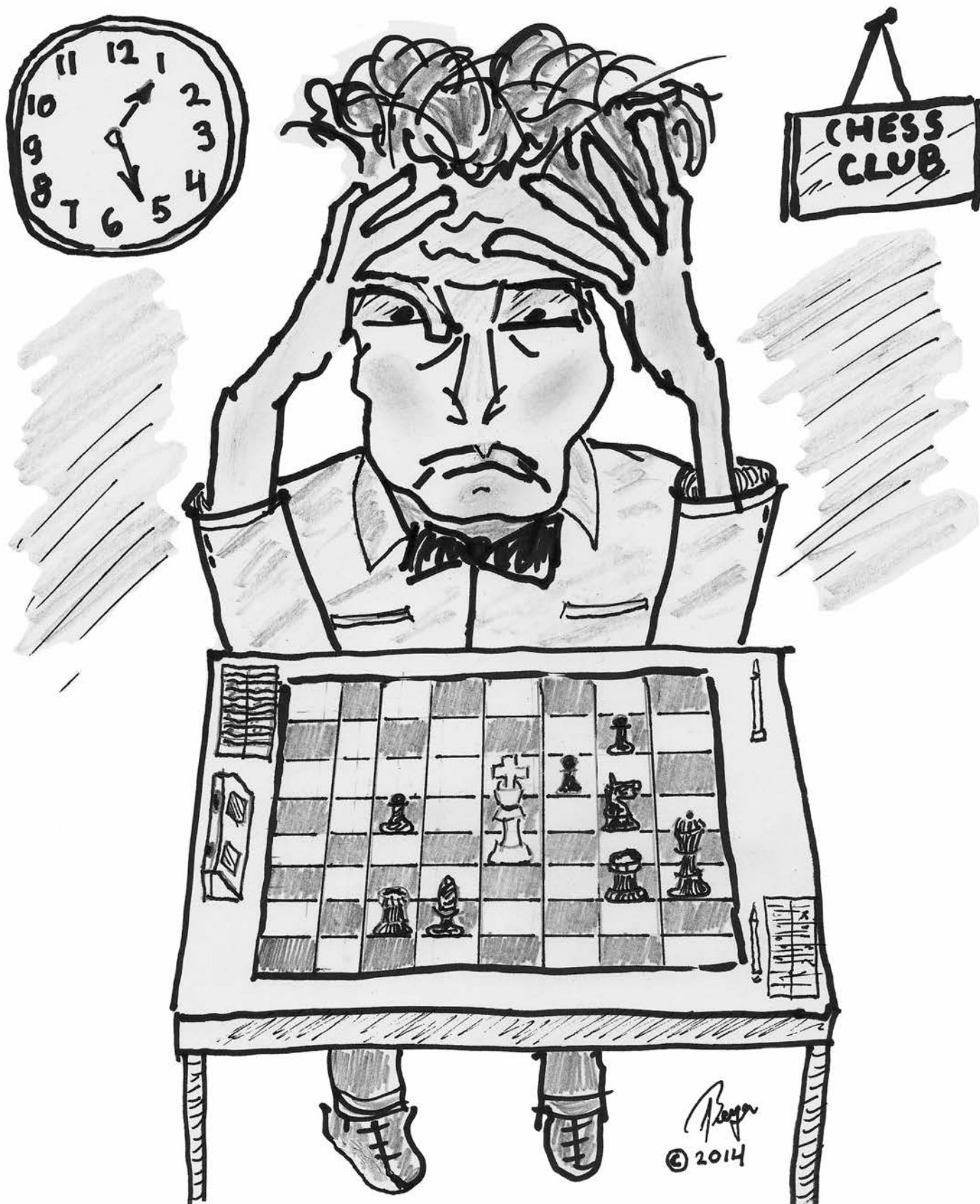
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Book Reviews

by IM John Donaldson

Sacrifice and Initiative in Chess

(New in Chess 2013, www.newinchess.com, 256 pages, paperback, figurine algebraic, \$29.95) by GM Ivan Sokolov makes him four for four. Like **Winning Chess Middlegames**, **The Strategic Nimzo-Indian** and **The Ruy Lopez Revisited**, Sokolov's latest effort is an outstanding work that should appeal to a wide audience that enjoy well chosen examples and first rate annotations.

The material for this book is arranged as follows:

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While the content of this book can be meaty it is lightened by Sokolov's humor. When annotating a win over the Moldovan GM Viorel Bologan, Sokolov remarks at a critical stage in the game; "At the same time Black is clearly overestimating his own threats

related to his knight on c3 — which is not that strange since Bologan has been overestimated his own chances for the last 25 years, and this habit of his is likely to continue in the next 25 years!"

Sample pages of this book can be found at http://www.newinchess.com/Sacrifice_and_Initiative_in_Chess-p-984.html

Highly Recommended

Please use <http://www.qualitychess.co.uk> instead of www.qualitychess.com.

Playing the French

(Quality Chess 2013, www.qualitychess.com, 464 pages, figurine algebraic, paperback, \$29.95) by Jacob Aagaard and Nikolaos Ntirlis is one stop shopping for those who would like to play the French Defense as Black. The two authors cover all of White tries including the Euwe System (3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7) against the Advance Variation, 3...c5 and 4...Qxd5 against the Tarrasch and both the Classical (4...Be7) and the McCutcheon (4...Bb4) against after 3.Nc3 Nf6. The Steinitz Variation (4.e5) is also examined as is the King's Indian Attack.

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Critical variations are not shied away from and improvements are given and lines repaired when needed. This includes the

important Tarrasch line

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 a6 11.Re1 Qc7 12.Qe2! (the new try 12.Bf1 used twice by GM Solak in the 2013 World Team doesn't pose Black any problems) and now the little-known 12...h6!! as 12...Bd6 and 12...Bc5 have been found wanting. This move gets 3 1/2 pages of analysis.

Conventional theory holds that after 1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.g3 Nf6 5.Bg2 Be7 6.Ngf3 0-0 7.0-0 Nc6 8. Re1 (8.e5 leads to the same position) Black should play 8...b5 and not 8...Qc7, the rationale being that after after e5 and a later Bf4 and Ne3 the queen is vulnerable to Nxd5 or Bxd5 followed by e6. Aagaard and Ntirlis get around this problem by ditching the old main line of ...a5-a4-a3 and inserting ...Rfc8 before retreating with ...Qd8 to avoid sacrifices on d5. Black sometimes looks to ...Nd4 for counterplay.

One extra bonus is 14 pages of coverage on the Exchange variation while not theoretically challenging does prevent practical problems for higher rated players who play the French.

Highly Recommended

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The French Defense: Volume One

(Quality Chess 2013, <http://www.qualitychess.co.uk/>, 324 pages, paperback, figurine algebraic, \$29.95) by GM Emanuel Berg is the first of a planned three volume work on the French and deals exclusively with the Winawer variation excepting 7.Qg4 which will be the subject of a separate volume.

The lines which are covered are as follows:

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Berg consistently selects aggressive continuations for Black. One is his advocacy of the challenging 4...Nc6 after 4.Ne2 meeting 5.a3 with 5...Ba5. This is much more ambitious than 4...dxe4 and receives 40 pages. Another is the choice of meeting 5.Bd2 with 5...Nh6 which merits another 35 pages. Both chapters feature a wealth of original analysis.

An excerpt from this book can be found at http://www.qualitychess.co.uk/products/1/207/grandmaster_repertoire_14_-_the_french_defence_volume_one_by_emanuel_berg/

Main-line Winawer enthusiasts will find The French Defense: Volume One compelling reading and a must buy.

Highly Recommended

Techniques of Positional Play

(New in Chess 2013, www.newinchess.com, 254 pages, paperback, figurine algebraic, \$29.95) by Valeri Bronznik and Anaoli Terekhin is a handbook of positional methods with exercises to solve. The material is arranged as follows:

Chapter I Restricting the enemy pieces 9

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In some ways this book bears some resemblance to Gelfer's Positional Chess Handbook and like that title it should prove to be of great value to many players, especially those in the 1800-2400 range.

The examples are well chosen and systematically organized.

To learn more about this book and examine sample pages go to http://www.newinchess.com/Techniques_of_Positional_Play-p-983.html

Recommended

Judit Polgar Teaches Chess 2 - From GM to Top Ten

These days when when books on the opening predominate it is refreshing to see a publisher that is willing to take a chance and break the trend. Quality Chess (www.qualitychess.co.uk) is just such a publisher with over half of its titles devoted to the middlegame and endgame. Included in the former category is a three volume trilogy by Judit Polgar that is part best games collection, part autobiography and part teaching manual.

The first volume in the series, How I beat Bobby Fischer's Record was published to critical praise in 2012 but the second, Judit Polgar Teaches Chess 2 - From GM to Top Ten

(2013, 392 pages, hardback, figurine algebraic, \$34.95), is arguably even better. Whereas the first volume traced the beginning of her career to 1989 (when she was 17), this book focuses on Judit's emergence into one of the best players in the world, a position no other women has occupied before or since.

If this series were just a best games trilogy it would be exceptional but as mentioned previously it is has much more to offer. Unlike most "best games collections" games presented in this series are not arranged chronologically but by theme. In this volume this includes dynamic pawn play, positional sacrifices, endgames, fluid attacks and most interestingly her

interpretation of the Kings Indian. This approach enhances the teaching aim of this book as does the detailed prose commentary that accompanies each game. Concrete variations are given wherever needed but not to the extent that they overwhelm the reader. Stronger players may find that the numerous diagrams (three or four per page) allow them to follow the games without use of a board. Less ambitious students may not be able to follow the action sans voir but they will be able to appreciate the annotations as Polgar, assisted by the Romanian GM Mihai Marin, has gone out of their way to make this book accessible to a wide audience. There are numerous exercises to solve throughout.

From GM to Top Ten is not only strong on the chess content side of the ledger. It features extensive biographical material including Judit's recounting of her famous loss to Kasparov at Linares where the World Champion got away with violating the touch move rule. There are several pages about Bobby Fischer's relationship with the Polgar family.

Many high quality photographs and player and name indexes round out a first rate production. This hardback book is printed on good paper and neatly laid out.

For a sample of this work go to http://www.qualitychess.co.uk/products/2/175/from_gm_to_top_ten_%28hardcover%29_-_judit_polgar_teaches_chess_2/

Highly Recommended

Carlsen's Assault on the Throne

Magnus Carlsen became World Champion on November 22 and less than a month later Carlsen's Assault on the Throne (Quality Chess 2103, www.qualitychess.co.uk, 304 pages, figurine algebraic, hardback, \$34.95) by Vassilios Kotronias and Sotiris Logothetis was published. There is a long tradition of "instant" books on World Championships and few have had any lasting value. This book is on the short list of exceptions as everything from the game analysis, background material and beautiful color photos are first rate.

Carlsen's Assault on the Throne contains not only an in-depth analysis of the ten games of the match but also of all of Carlsen's game from the London Candidates tournament. The commentator, the well-known Greek Grandmaster Vasilios Kotronias, has a lively writing style that is both entertaining and authoritative. One extra bonus for the World Championship games is that the time used by contestants for each move is noted.

A foreword by Simen Agdestein, one of Carlsen's first coaches dispels the myth that Carlsen didn't have to work hard to reach his present lofty status. He also puts in to perspective the impact the reigning World Champion has had on his five million countrymen. Norway was a relative backwater in the chess world when Carlsen first started playing but it will host the Chess Olympiad later this summer.

This book is a beautifully produced hardcover printed on high quality paper that allows the many beautiful color photo to shine.

For a sample of this book go to: <http://www.qualitychess.co.uk/products/2/217/carlsen>

Highly Recommended

Russian GM Sergey Shipov in reviewing opening trends the past year on the website Crestbook recently wrote "the most significant phenomenon of the last few years has been the Berlin Variation, putting an end to nothing less than the move 1.e4". There is no question that the "Berlin Wall" has reduced many of those facing it to 4.d3 - a tacit offer to pass over the opening phase without trying for an advantage. Unfortunately for those opening with 1.e4 it's not the only nut that has been proving hard to crack. The Marshall Gambit in the Ruy Lopez is usually avoided these days and the Petroff is as rock solid as ever. The latter is also the subject of an excellent new book by the Israeli FM Or Cohen.

A Vigorous Chess Opening Repertoire for Black (New in Chess 2013, www.newinchess.com, 319 pages, figurine algebraic, paperback, \$26.95) offers a complete defense to 1.e4 with Cohen covering not only the Petroff proper but also attempts to avoid it (King's Gambit, Bishop's Opening, Four Knight's Game, the Vienna Game and 2.d4). The material in this book is arranged around 107 model games with the author balancing a detailed theoretical treatment with clear explanatory prose.

All main lines in the Petroff are covered extensively including 3.d4, the popular 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.Nc3 and the big main lines after 5.d4 d5 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.0-0 Be7 and now 8.Re1 and 8.c4. While there have been some excellent books (Emms and Marin) covering the Black side of the non-Ruy after 1.e4 e5 the past decade Cohen's pragmatic suggestions should find a wide audience. He advocates 2...Bc5 against the King's Gambit and 3...d5 against the Danish (1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.c3 d5). Several previous works on the Petroff have proposed keeping the game in Petroff territory after 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 with 3...Bb4 (instead of transposing into

the Four Knight's proper with 3...Nc6). Cohen believes that the "reversed Ruy" after 3...Bb4 favors White and instead opts for Rubinstein's 4...Nd4 after 3...Nf6 4.Bb5. Interestingly after 4.d4 he proposes 4...Bb4 to add a little spice to the game instead of 4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bd3 d5 8.exd5 cxd5 9.0-0 0-0 which leads to technical play.

Sample pages from this can be found at http://www.newinchess.com/A_Vigorous_Chess_Opening_Repertoire_for_Black-p-989.html

Recommended

My Chess

Most chess books offer the reader hope they will improve after absorbing the contents. My Chess (Russell Enterprises 2013, www.russell-enterprises.com, 240 pages, paperback, \$24.95) by the Dutch Grandmaster Hans Ree, offers no such promises for the simple reason that it has no chess analysis in it.

Like his fellow countrymen Genna Sosonko, the author of My Chess is a the equivalent of a 2700 plus player when it comes to writing compelling portraits of chess players. In Ree's case the focus is not only on World Champions (Sosonko's specialty), but also lesser figures who have devoted their life to the royal game.

One featured figure in My Chess is the late Ratmir Kholmov, a strong Soviet GM who was prevented from playing in the West during his peak years despite being one of the top twenty players in the world. Best known for defeating Bobby Fischer on the black side of the Ruy (...Nd4!) , Kholmov was, as Russians refer to it, "no enemy of the bottle."

Sometimes his devotion to Dionysus was such that he could get a little confused. One famous anecdote has him giving a simul where he graciously takes the black pieces but quickly becomes befuddled after 1.e4 e5 2.f4 Nc6 3.Nf3 g6 4.fxe5.

The staggering Kholomov is alleged to have uttered "I never lost a pawn in the Gruenfeld like this before."

My Chess is a book that deserves a wide audience. Players of all ages and abilities will enjoy this book.

100 Chess Master Trade Secrets

Grandmaster Andrew Soltis has written somewhere in the neighborhood of fifty chess books over the last forty years on all aspects of the game. Remarkably all of

them are worth reading, outdated opening books excepted. His latest offering, 100 Chess Master Trade Secrets (Batsford 2013, www.anovabooks.com, paperback, figurine algebraic notation, 216 pages, \$22.95) is no exception.

100 Chess Master Trade Secrets is in many ways a companion volume to an earlier work by Soltis, Studying Chess Made Easy. That book sketched out a plan for improvement while the present work supplies the specifics.

The main content is divided as follows:

- Introduction
- Twenty Five Key Priyomes
- Twenty Five Must-Know Endgame Techniques
- Twenty Five Crucial Sacrifices
- Twenty Five Exact Endings
- Quiz Answers (33 total)

A priyome (pronounced "pree-YOHN") is the Russian word for a reoccurring positional pattern or typical maneuver and it is Soltis contention that a mastery of a relatively small number of them are the key to mastery. Practicality is the watchword here and the reader will not find how to win the ending of two knights versus pawn or draw rook plus f and h pawn versus rook. Instead the author focuses on concepts that will occur again and again. Themes like putting a rook behind passed pawns and the importance of checking distance in rook endings are emphasized. Players over 2200 may think this quite basic but watch the games in the amateur section (below 2200) of any tournament and you will discover that Soltis has a good idea of what his target audience needs.

Players rated between 1600 and 2200 will find a great deal of useful material in this book.

Recommended

Everyman Chess Developments Semi-Slav 5.Bg5

The latest book in the Everyman Chess Developments series is devoted to the Semi-Slav position reached after 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 (other move orders are possible). One might think this would indicate coverage would be limited to the Botvinnik (5...dxc4) and Moscow (5...h6), and indeed they make up the bulk of this 192 page

book, but American master Bryan Paulsen in his writing debut (Everyman Chess 2013, www.everymanchess.com, figurine algebraic, paperback, \$26.95) has cast a wider net. He not only covers these two highly theoretical lines but also the Cambridge Springs and what he calls the Queen's Gambit Declined Hybrid.

This is a lot of material to examine and books twice this size could be written on the Botvinnik or Moscow variations alone. The author has gotten around this problem by following the Chess Development series template of focusing exclusively on the most current and relevant theory which is organized around 50 model games. This makes the book much more readable but occasionally means that sidelines don't get extensive coverage. A case in point is the Botvinnik line reached after: 1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 e6 5. Bg5 dxc4 6. e4 b5 7. e5 h6 8. Bh4 g5 9. Nxc5 hxc5 10. Bxc5. The main line with 10...Nbd7 receives close to 30 pages while the rarer 10...Be7, which Smyslov successfully used against Kasparov in their Candidates Match, is limited to one model game and three pages. The coverage does a good job presenting games available at the time of publication but doesn't anticipate novelties like 17.h4 (instead of 17.axb5 - after 1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 e6 5. Bg5 dxc4 6. e4 b5 7. e5 h6 8. Bh4 g5 9. Nxc5 hxc5 10. Bxc5 Be7 11. exf6 Bxf6 12. Bxf6 Qxf6 13. g3 Bb7 14. Bg2 Na6 15. a4 O-O-O 16. axb5 cxb5) as seen in Kramnik-Aronian, World Team ch. (Antalya) which was played near the very end of 2013.

This book will be quite useful for a wide range of players (1800 - 2400 rated with stronger players finding certain parts helpful) for its very useful summaries of the current state of theory. For example in the Cambridge Springs after 1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 e6 5. Bg5 Nbd7 6. e3 Qa5 Paulsen feels that 7.Nd2 promises no chance for an advantage as Black has a clean equalizer in 7...Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be2 c5 and that the real challenge facing Black is the sequence 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Rc1.

Conventional theory once held that after 1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Qc2 should be met by 7...c5 and 7...c6 was too slow and strongly met by 8.0-0-0 which would suggest that the Queen's Gambit Declined Hybrid 1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 e6 5. Bg5 Be7 would not be viable but the position reached after 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Qc2 0-0 8.0-0-0 offers Black many resources. The five model games Paulsen presents suggest that 5...Be7 is much better than previously thought and that it takes very precise play for White to secure a small advantage. This might be a good backup system when the Botvinnik/Moscow player wants a break from sharp theoretical play.

Everyman Chess is a leader in e-books and besides the print edition copies of this book are available in both CBV (ChessBase) and pgn.formats. The latter is especially nice for Apple users who have had few options in the PC dominated chess world. With the Everyman Chess Viewer it's now possible to read chess

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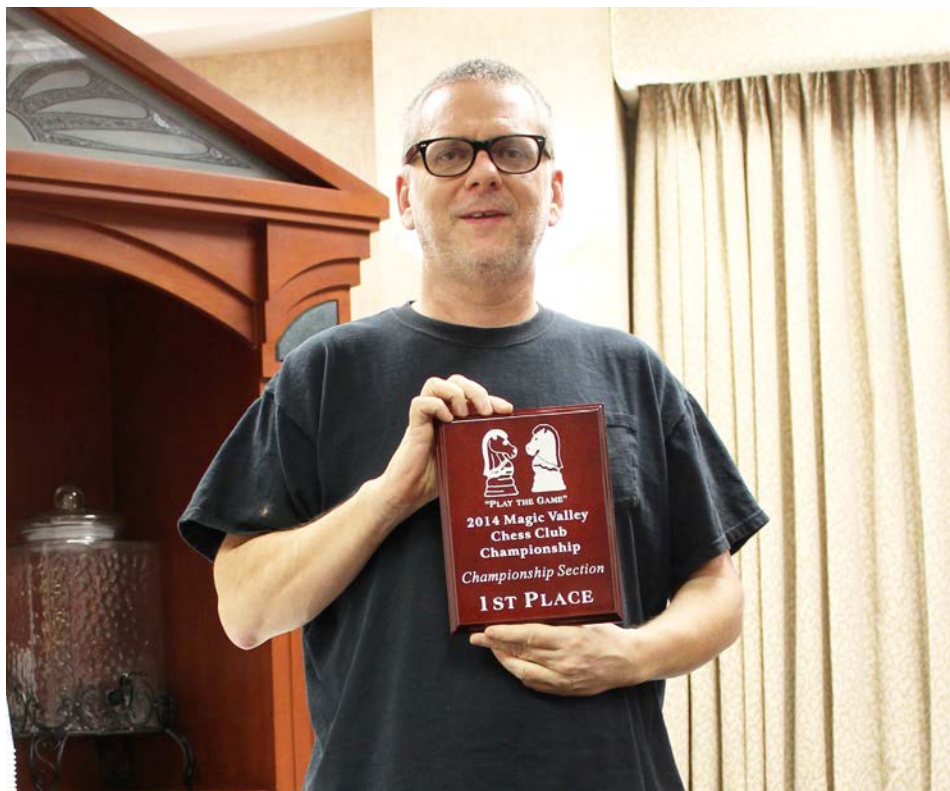
Idaho Chess News

Magic Valley Chess Club Championship

by Barry Eacker

Jeffrey Roland (Boise) won the 2014 Magic Valley Chess Club Championship on March 22, 2014 with a score of 3.5/4, unseating Nedzad Imamovic (Twin Falls), the MVCC champion for the last two years running. Fred Bartell (Twin Falls) grabbed second place with a 3.0/4 score while Lucas Knoll (Mountain Home AFB) took home third with a nice win in the last round over Imamovic. Desmond Porth (Bellevue) won his second Challenger section in the last three years, so he will be participating in the Championship section in 2015.

Roland started the tournament 3.0/3 before conceding a draw in the last round to Bartell. A third round win over Imamovic changed the score table dramatically, allowing Roland to play safely in the last round. Bartell, meanwhile, made things difficult on himself by allowing a second round draw against Dan Looney (Meridian), forcing him to play for wins in the final two rounds. Lucas Knoll had a very nice tournament, losing only to Looney in the first round and then winning three straight.



Jeffrey Roland, 2014 Magic Valley Chess Club Champion. Photo credit: Adam Porth



Desmond Porth, winner of the 2014 Magic Valley Chess Club Championship Challenger Section. Photo credit: Adam Porth

The Challenger section saw Desmond Porth sweep the field 4.0/4. Ironically, when Porth won the same section in 2012, it was by the same 4.0/4 score. Wesley Brimstein (Hailey) took home the second place prize with a 3.0/4 tally, his only loss coming against Porth in the third round. Billy Olson (Bellevue) captured third place (2.5/4) on the Solkoff tiebreak over Andre Murphy (Hailey).

Prizes for first place in each section were plaques by Mason's Trophies of Twin Falls while second place finishers received autographed art prints by long time local artist Dan Looney. The Buckendorf Award books were presented to third place finishers. ICA president Jeffrey Roland informed me during the tournament that this event set the Idaho tournament record for having the most digital chess recording devices with six.

25 players from Eastern, Western and Southern Idaho attended the event which was held at the Best Western Plus in Twin Falls.

Many thanks to Amy Perkins for discounting the room so it was affordable enough to obtain and huge thanks to all players for donations toward tournament expenses. Nine cities were represented by



L-R: Nedzad Imamovic, Jeffrey Roland from round 3. Photo credit: Adam Porth

the players. Barry Eacker (Twin Falls) was chief TD. Event sponsored by the Magic Valley Chess Club and Idaho Chess Union. Games rated by Rocky Mountain Chess.

**Jeffrey T Roland (1672) –
Nedzad Imamovic (1707) [D07]**
MVCC Ch Twin Falls, ID
(R3), March 22, 2014
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.e3

3.c4 is the main line of the Chigorin Defense, thought to favor White.

3...Nf6 4.c4 Bg4 5.Nc3 e6 6.Be2 Bb4 7.0-0 Qd7 8.c5?!

8.a3 Bxc3 9.bxc3 +=

8...Bxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Bb5 a6 11.Bxc6?!

11.Be2 is roughly equal.

11...Qxc6 12.Qb3 Bxf3 13.gxf3 Nd7

13...e5!?

14.Ba3 f5 15.Kh1 Rf6 16.Rg1

16.f4!?

16...f4 17.Raf1 Raf8 18.Qd1 e5?!

18...R8f7 removes the rook from the line of fire, which makes the a3-bishop look pretty bad.

19.e4 Re8?!



19...R8f7 again. 20.dxe5 Rh6 21.exd5?

Rxh2+! 22.Kxh2 Qh6+ 23.Kg2 Rf5 24.Re1 Rg5+ 25.Kf1 Qh3+ 26.Ke2 Rxe5+ 27.Kd2 Rxd5+ should favor Black.

20.Qb3 Rh6 21.Qxd5+ Qxd5 22.exd5 exd4 23.cxd4 Rh3 24.Kg2 Rh5 25.c6 bxc6 26.dxc6 Nb6?!

26...Nf6 keeps the balance.

27.Re1 Rg5+



28.Kh1

28.Kh3! Rxe1 29.Rxg5 is better for White.

28...Rxg1+ 29.Rxg1 Re2 30.Rg4 Rxa2 31.Bc5 Nd5 32.Rg5 Nf6?

32...Nc3 33.d5 Nb5 34.Rf5 h6 35.Rxf4 Rd2 36.Rf8+ Kh7 37.Rd8 White is ahead, but still must prove the win.

33.Rf5?

Time is of the essence. 33.d5! Re2 34.d6 cxd6 35.c7 Re8 36.Bxd6.; Or 33.Re5! heading to e7 to gobble the c-pawn. 33...Rxf2? 34.d5! will breakthrough and promote.

33...Rxf2 34.Rxf4?

34.d5! is still a more incisive way to advance the pawns, saving a tempo and keeping the rook on the fifth rank for possible defense of c5. 34...Re2 (34...Rc2?? 35.d6 cxd6 36.c7) 35.d6 cxd6 36.c7 Re8 37.Bxd6 Rc8 38.Bxf4 White will be able to round up the a-pawn, but then must solve the technical task of converting the win against the blockade on c8.; But now 34.Re5 doesn't serve as well: 34...Rc2 35.Re7 Nd5 36.Rd7 Ne3 with a perpetual check in the works.

34...Kf7 35.d5



35...Rd2??

Black chooses the wrong pawn to pressure. 35...Rc2! and Black is no longer worse in the ending.

36.d6! Rxd6 37.Bxd6 Ke6 38.Bxc7 Kd5 39.Bd8 1-0



Hotel lobby, where bodies were literally on the floor analyzing between rounds. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland



BCC #2 Tournament during round 1. L-R: Peter Olsoy, Kenneth Sanderson, Caleb Kircher, Jarod Buus, Matthew White, Chris Amen.
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BCC #2 Tournament

The second Boise Chess Club tournament in two months, called BCC #2, was played on April 12, 2014 at All About Games on Overland Road in Boise, Idaho. Jeffrey Roland (Boise) was the Tournament Director.

Entry was free and it was USCF-rated. Time control was Game/60;d5. The participation of both the Idaho State Chess Champion, Caleb Kircher (Nampa, 1929) and the Idaho Scholastic Co-Champion, Cody Gorman (Eagle, 1807) along with a cast of other strong players who regularly attend tournaments (there were 12 players total, which was more than last month), this event lived up to expectations.

In the first round, Jarod Buus (Nampa, 1494) beat Caleb Kircher with a major upset (rating difference of 435 points) that opened the tournament wide open for everyone.

Fine play by Peter Olsoy (Boise, 1763), Jarod Buus, and Cody Gorman, as well as a come-back surge from Caleb Kircher set up a very entertaining and exciting final round for the spectators. With nerves of steel Cody Gorman won the fourth-round

game in the final minutes of a very lively and complicated game that had everyone on pins and needles giving Cody Gorman 3.5 points. Peter Olsoy won against Jarod Buus giving him 3.5 points, so we had a tie for 1st-2nd place.

Third place with 3 points was Brett Hamilton (Meridian, 1700). There was a 4-way tie for 4th-7th place between Caleb Kircher, former Idaho State Chess Champion, Kenneth Sanderson (Boise, 1571), Jarod Buus, and Roger Hunter (Nyssa, OR, 926).

The Boise Chess Club plans to hold a USCF-rated tournament each month with the next one (BCC #3) scheduled for May 10, 2014 at the Ada Community Library 10664 W. Victory Rd, Boise, Idaho. Entry will be free, and it will be Game/60;d5, just like the BCC #2.

**Caleb Paul Kircher (1929) –
Jarod N Buus (1494) [B50]**
BCC #2 Boise, ID (R1), April 12, 2014
[Ralph Dubisch]

**1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 a6 3.Nf3 d6 4.g3
4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6** transposes into the Najdorf, if both sides so desire.
**4...Nc6 5.Bg2 e5 6.0-0 Nf6 7.d3 Be6 8.h3
h6 9.Kh2 Be7 10.Ng1**



10...Qd7

10...d5 =+

11.f4 g6?!

11...exf4 12.Bxf4 Ne5 =

12.Nd5 Bxd5 13.exd5 Nd4 14.c3

14.fxe5! dxe5 15.Nf3 Qxd5

a) 15...Nxf3+ 16.Qxf3 is a very clear plus for White.;

b) 15...Qd6

[Analysis Diagram top of next page]

16.Nxe5! Qxe5 17.Re1 Qh5 (17...Qd6 18.Bf4 with d6 to follow.) 18.Qxh5 Nxh5 19.d6 Nxc2 20.Rxe7+ Kf8 (20...Kd8 21.Bd2! with a winning attack: 21...Nxa1 22.Ba5+ Kc8 23.Rc7+) 21.Rb1 and White has too much activity.; 16.Nxd4 Qxd4



17.Bxb7 Ra7 18.Bc6+ with White advantage.

14...Nf5 15.Qe2

15.fxe5 dxe5 16.Qe1 +=

15...exf4 16.Bxf4 Nh5?!

16...h5 or; 16...0-0-0!? is unclear, but roughly balanced.

17.g4 Nxf4 18.Rxf4 Nh4

18...Ng7 19.Re1 is also an edge for White.

19.Re1 Kf8 20.Qf2?

20.Re1 or; 20.Qe6!?

20...f5?

20...Bg5! solves many of Black's problems, with...h5 likely to follow soon. 21.Rfe4 h5 22.Rf1 hgx4 23.Rxg4 Bd8 and Black defends successfully.

21.Re6

21.gxf5! Nxf5 22.Re6! Kg7 (22...Bg5 23.Be4 Bxf4+ 24.Qxf4 is so good for White that you can't really consider this an exchange sacrifice.) 23.Be4 when White can liquidate on f5 with both a material edge and a dangerous concentration of pieces surrounding Black's king.

21...g5?

Though 21...Bg5 also favors White.

22.Rxf5+

22.Rfe4! gains material with little muss or fuss.

22...Nxf5 23.Qxf5+

Or 23.Be4.

23...Ke8 24.Qg6+

24.Qf6 Rf8 (24...Rh7?? 25.Qg6+ Rf7 26.Ne2 Black can't be happy.) 25.Qxh6 gives White good compensation for the exchange.

24...Kd8 25.Be4 Kc7 26.Qg7 Rae8 27.Bf5?

27.Bg6! Rhg8 28.Qh7 Rh8 29.Bxe8.

27...Rhf8?

27...Bd8! 28.Qxd7+ Kxd7 29.Rxh6+ Kc7 30.Rg6 Rhg8 and Black does not look worse.; 27...Rhg8 28.Qxh6 Rh8 should be a repetition.

28.Qxh6?

28.Bg6! leads to a material plus again.

28...Qb5?



28...Bd8 is again roughly equal.

29.Rxe7+

Or 29.Qg7 Qd7 30.Bg6 returning to the theme of the last two notes.

29...Rxe7 30.Qxf8 Qxb2+ 31.Kh1 Re1 32.Qc8+?

32.Be6 discovers protection on the f-file and covers e7 for a white queen maneuver to e7, d6, and return along the dark diagonal to defend. 32...Qxc3 33.Qe7+ Kb6 34.Qxd6+ Ka7 35.Qg3 with an edge in the continuing struggle.

32...Kb6 33.Qd8+ Ka7 34.Qxg5??

34.Qxd6 is necessary, though it allows a draw by perpetual check: 34...Rxxg1+ (34...Qf2 35.Qh2 Qe3 also draws, i.e. 36.Qg2 Rxxg1+ 37.Qxxg1 Qxxh3+ 38.Qh2 Qf1+.) 35.Kxxg1 Qc1+ 36.Kf2 Qd2+ 37.Kf3 Qd1+.

34...Qf2 0-1

Cody Austin Gorman (1807) –

Caleb Paul Kircher (1929) [B01]

BCC #2 Boise, ID (R4), April 12, 2014

[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bc4 Bg4 5.f3 Bc8 6.Nc3 Nbd7 7.d3 Nb6 8.Bf4

The bishop is a bit vulnerable here. 8.Nge2 Nfxd5 9.Nxd5 Nxd5 10.0-0 is a slight edge for White.

8...Nbx5 9.Nxd5 Nxd5

Now White must either lose a tempo or part with the bishop-pair.

10.Qd2 e6

10...Nxf4 11.Qxf4 e6 12.Ne2 Bd6 is an edge for Black.

11.Ne2?!

11.Bxd5 exd5 12.Ne2 gives White a development plus to compensate for the bishops. Black looks pretty solid, so we'll call this roughly equal.

11...Nxf4 12.Qxf4 Bd6 13.Qe3 0-0 +=



14.d4 b6 15.Qe4

15.0-0-0 +=

15...Rb8 16.Bd3 g6 17.h4 f5?!

This weakens e6 and g6 unnecessarily. 17...c5 18.0-0-0 (18.h5 Qg5 19.hxg6 hxg6 is fine for Black.) 18...Bb7 19.Qe3 Qf6 20.c3 e5!?

18.Qe3 Qf6 19.0-0-0 c5 20.Bc4?!

20.h5

20...b5! 21.dxc5 Be5 22.Bb3 Bxb2+ 23.Kb1 Ba3 24.c3

24.Qd4 +=

24...b4

24...f4!? 25.Qd3 (25.Qd4 Qf5+ 26.Bc2 Qxc5) 25...Bxc5 Black is better.

25.Rd6

25.Nd4 f4 26.Qd3 bxc3 is good for Black.

25...bxc3 26.Nxc3 Rb5 27.Na4

27.Rc6

27...Re8 28.Kc2?

28.Qd2 Bxc5 29.Nxc5 Rxc5 30.h5 f4 31.hxg6 hxg6 Black's extra pawn doesn't mean so much here.

28...f4! 29.Qd3



29.Qd4 Qf5+ 30.Kd2 unclear/=.

29...Rb4?!

29...Rxc5+!? 30.Nxc5 Qb2+ 31.Kd1 Qa1+ 32.Ke2! Qxh1 33.Rd8! Qxg2+ 34.Kd1 Both players' kings are exposed, many pieces are hanging, and a draw seems a likely outcome.

30.Nc3?!

30.Qc3! and White is doing pretty well. For example, 30...Qf5+ 31.Kd2 and White's king finds cover in the center of the board.

30...a5

Or 30...Kg7.

31.Rb1 Qxh4 32.Qe2?

32.Ne4 Rxe4 33.Qxe4 Qf2+ 34.Rd2 Qxc5+ 35.Kd1 is a likely draw by repetition.

32...Qf6

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33.Nb5?

This should lose quickly. The alternative, though, is 33.Ne4 Qe5 34.Ba4!? Rxe4! (34...Rxa4? 35.Qb5 is good for White.) 35.Qxe4 Qxc5+ 36.Kb3 Qxd6 37.Bxe8



L-R: Cody Gorman vs. Caleb Kircher at the start of the game. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland



e5 and Black's bishop-pair and pawns offer plenty of compensation for White's exchange and exposed king.

33...a4?

33...Qf5+ forks the c5-pawn, which has been the pillar holding White's game together. 34.Kd2 Qxc5 (Or 34...Qxb1 of course.) 35.Rd5 Qe3+ 36.Qxe3 fxe3+ 37.Ke1 exd5 38.Nxa3 Kg7 and Black wins.

34.Nxa3 axb3+ 35.axb3 Qf5+ 36.Qd3 Qxc5+ 37.Nc4



37...e5? (7:25) **38.Rxg6+!** (4:19) **38...Kh8?!** (5:43)

38...hxc6 39.Qxg6+ Kf8 40.Qf6+ is a draw. (40.Rh1 does not force mate due to 40...Rxc4+ 41.bxc4 Qxc4+ , though this may also end in a repetition draw.)

39.Rh1 (3:57) **39...Bf5??** (4:28)

39...Rxc4+! 40.bxc4 Bf5! is the correct move order for this combination, with a draw. 41.Rxh7+ Kxh7 42.Qxf5 Qxc4+

40.Rxh7+?? (1:24)

White missed 40.Qxf5 Rxc4+ 41.Kb1!! when Black must part with major material to avoid mate.

40...Kxh7 (4:28) **41.Qxf5** (1:24) **41...Rxc4+** (4:20) **42.bxc4** (1:24) **42...Qxc4+** (4:06) **43.Kd2** (1:15)

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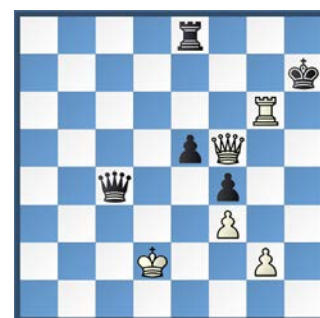
43...Rd8+?? (3:47)

43...Qd4+ 44.Ke1 Qe3+ 45.Kf1 Qc1+ 46.Ke2 Qb2+ is a draw.

44.Rd6+ (1:15) **44...Kg7** **45.Qg6+** **Kf8** (3:41) **46.Rxd8+**

Marginally faster is 46.Qf6+ Kg8 47.Rxd8+

46...Ke7 (3:41) **47.Qd6+** (1:06) **47...**



Kf7 (3:41) **48.Rd7+** (1:06) **1-0**

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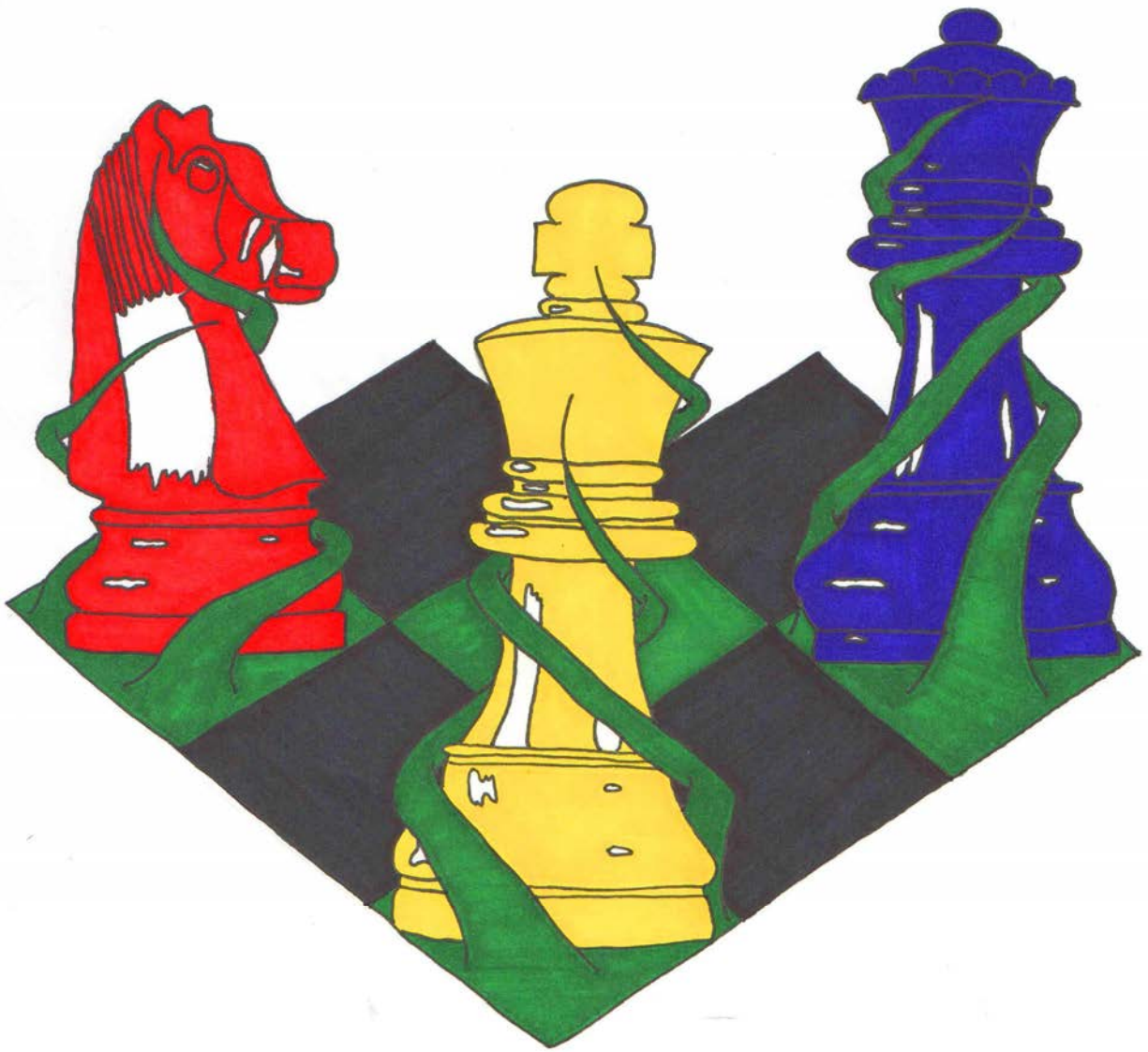
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2014 Elena Donaldson Akhmylovskaja Memorial Northwest Chess Grand Prix

by Murlin Varner, CPA (Chess Point Awarder)

Last month didn't do too much to change the standings given below. There were only five events, none with multipliers and none before the tenth of the month (therefore none included in the stats below). So expect that my next standings will look an awful lot like these. April, such a quiet month, unless you went off the Evans Memorial or the Grand Pacific. Ah, but May! May has all sorts of stuff for us. Read on.

The month of May will definitely adjust the standings. May has two multiplier events, the Clark Harmon Memorial (2x) in Seattle the first weekend and the Washington Open (4x) the last, also in Seattle. There will also be five single point events throughout the month, in Spokane (Inland Empire Open), Portland (G/60), Tacoma (Pierce County Open) and Seattle (Quads and Tornado at SCC). Some big non-GP events also are happening in May, including the USCF's U. S. Amateur North Championship in Boise and the Keres Memorial in Richmond, BC.

Speaking of non-GP events, the Seattle Chess Club held one the first weekend of April, the Adult Swiss. Eighteen players, including many on the Washington GP leaderboard, came to the SCC for a nice quiet 4-round Swiss. Since only players over 18 were eligible to play in this one, it didn't qualify for GP status. That is the same reason that the US Amateur North is not a GP event, since it has a rating limit. Although a GP event can be limited to just players from a single state, as in the case of the Idaho Closed, it must not exclude players based on age, rating, gender, etc.

The standings below are current through April 10th. Now go. Play. Get points.

Northwest Grand Prix Standings

Idaho			Oregon			Washington					
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.			
			Masters								
			1	Raptis	Nick	43	1	Pupols	Viktors	48.5	
			2	Haessler	Carl A	10	2	Feng	Roland	34.5	
			3	Gay	Daniel Z	5	3	Lessler	Peter	20.5	
						4	Schill	William J	11.5		
						5	Bragg	David R	10		
M/X/Class A			Experts								
1	Havrilla	Mark A	18.5	1	Parnon	Calvin J	18	1	Bartron	Paul R	52.5
2	Leslie	Cameron D	18	2	Bjorksten	Lennart	17	2	Smith	Micah	26.5
3	Kircher	Caleb P	7	3	Grabinsky	Aaron	13	3	Nagase	Toshihiro	21.5
4	Parsons	Larry R	6.5	4	Heywood	Bill	5	4	He	Samuel F	19.5
5	Gorman	Cody A	5.5	5	Polasek	Preston F	3.5	5	Moroney	Timothy M	18
Class B			Class A								
1	Bodie	Brad	20.5	1	Gaikwad	Dagadu B	24.5	1	Olson	Travis J	42.5
2	Carr	John B	6	2	Trattner	Andrew L	14	2	He	Anthony B	34.5
2	Roland	Jeffrey T	6	2	Murray	David E	14	3	Brusniak	Benjamin	26
4	Bartell	Fred	5.5	4	Stern-Rodriguez	Elias A	13.5	4	Buck	Stephen J	25
5	three tied at		5	5	three tied at		11	5	two tied at		23.5
Class C			Class B								
1	Weyland	Ronald M	15	1	Doddapaneni	Venkat S	23.5	1	Anthony	Ralph J	63
2	Lombardi	George	13.5	2	Wu	Ethan	14.5	2	Thomas	Arjun	36
3	Imamovic	Nedzad	5.5	3	Eagles	Roland	14	3	Zhang	Eric M	28.5
4	Lang	Jamie	3	3	Shimada	Masakazu	14	4	Yeo	Noah	24.5
5	Buus	Jarod N	2	5	Blevins	Jimmie	12.5	5	Raffel	Brian	24

Idaho			Oregon			Washington					
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.			
Class D			Class C								
1	Handeen	Bjorn J	10.5	1	Hasuike	Mike L	42	1	Piper	August	39
2	Jaroski	Jeffrey A	6	2	Berger	Brian F	24	2	Smith	Catherine M	20.5
3	Knoll	Lucas	5.5	3	Harry	Ken	18.5	3	Ruan	Evan	17
4	three tied at		5	4	Austin	Jeff J	16	4	Brown	Fred H	15.5
			5	Beverly	Jacob P	13.5	4	Lai	James J	15.5	
Class E and Below			Class D and Below								
1	Hiatt	Arlene	14.5	1	Buerer	Harry F	12	1	Richards	Jerrold	21
2	Wetmur	Harold R	10.5	2	McClain	Jack W	10.5	2	Guo	Raymond	19.5
3	Murphy	Andre R	4.5	3	Sharan	Praveer	9.5	3	Probst	Aaron	17
4	Simonson	Jay L	4	3	Prideaux	Dave	9.5	4	Hwang	Matthew	15.5
5	Porth	Dylan	3.5	5	Sun	Jeffery	8	5	three tied at		15
Overall Leaders, by State											
1	Bodie	Brad	20.5	1	Raptis	Nick	43	1	Anthony	Ralph J	63
2	Havrilla	Mark A	18.5	2	Hasuike	Mike L	42	2	Bartron	Paul R	52.5
3	Leslie	Cameron D	18	3	Gaikwad	Dagadu B	24.5	3	Pupols	Viktors	48.5
4	Weyland	Ronald M	15	4	Berger	Brian F	24	4	Olson	Travis J	42.5
5	Hiatt	Arlene	14.5	5	Doddapaneni	Venkat S	23.5	5	Piper	August	39
6	Lombardi	George	13.5	6	Harry	Ken	18.5	6	Thomas	Arjun	36
7	Handeen	Bjorn J	10.5	7	Parnon	Calvin J	18	7	He	Anthony B	34.5
7	Wetmur	Harold R	10.5	8	Bjorksten	Lennart	17	7	Feng	Roland	34.5
9	Kircher	Caleb P	7	9	Austin	Jeff J	16	9	Zhang	Eric M	28.5
10	Parsons	Larry R	6.5	10	Wu	Ethan	14.5	10	Smith	Micah	26.5
11	Carr	John B	6	11	Trattner	Andrew L	14	11	Brusniak	Benjamin	26
11	Roland	Jeffrey T	6	11	Murray	David E	14	12	Buck	Stephen J	25
11	Jaroski	Jeffrey A	6	11	Eagles	Roland	14				
			11	Shimada	Masakazu	14					

Players from Other Places					
	last	first	state	rating	pts.
1	Donaldson	W John	CA	2413	19.5
2	Chan	James	CAN	2093	17
3	Skovron	James J	MT	1874	15
4	Roback	Joe	CAN	1935	14
5	McCourt	Daniel J	MT	1824	13.5
5	Sly	Douglas R	CAN	1694	13.5
5	Napier	Ashley	MT	1434	13.5
8	Watt	Grahame	IL	1255	12.5
9	Miller	Frank E	MT	1330	12
10	McLaren	Brian R	CAN	2225	11
11	Jessa	Omar	CAN	1837	10
12	three tied at				9

Players in GP Database: 2014					
class	Idaho	Oregon	Washing-ton	Other	totals
Master	0	3	10	2	15
Expert	2	5	16	1	24
Class A	3	15	32	5	55
Class B	8	18	44	4	74
Class C	5	20	26	2	53
Class D-below*	15	27	55	5	102
Totals	33	88	183	19	323

* in Idaho, 8 participants are in Class D and 7 are in Class E & below.

Seattle Chess Club Tournaments

→ Address ↖
 → 2150 N 107 St, B85 ↖
 Seattle WA 98133
 ↗ Infoline ↖
 206-417-5405
 www.seattlechess.org
 kleistcf@aol.com
Address for Entries
 SCC Tnmt Dir
 2420 S 137 St
 Seattle WA 98168

SCC Elections, Fri. 5/2

May 4*, June 1

Format: 4-SS. **TC:** G/60; d5 (or G/64; d0). **EF:** \$18 (+\$7 fee for non-SCC). **Prizes:** 1st 35%, 2nd 27%, Bottom Half 1st 22%, 2nd 16% (\$10 from each EF goes to prize fund). **Reg:** 10:30-11:15 a.m. **Rds:** 11:30-1:50-4:10-6:30. **Misc:** USCF, WCF/OCF memb. req'd, OSA, NS, NC.

May 17, June 7

Format: 3-RR, 4-plyr sections by rating. **TC:** G/120; d5. **EF:** \$9 (+\$7 fee for non-SCC). **Prizes:** Free entry for future quad. **Reg:** 9:00-9:45 a.m. **Rds:** 10:00-2:15-ASAP. **Misc:** USCF, WCF/OCF memb. req'd, OSA, NS, NC.

July 6

Format: 4-SS. Open to U1200 and UNR. **TC:** G/75; d5. **EF:** \$11 by 7/4, \$16 at site. (-\$2 for SCC mem., -\$1 for mem. of other NW dues-req'd CCs). **Prizes:** Memb (SCC, WCF, USCF). **Reg:** 9-9:45a.m. **Rds:** 10-12:45-3:30-6. **Byes:** 1 (Rd 3/4—commit at reg.). **Misc:** USCF memb. req'd. NS, NC.

* CANCELLED in favor of the Harmon Memorial

Sunday Tornado

Saturday Quads

SCC Novice

How to Find the SCC

Look for the Northway Square East Building, just across I-5 from Northgate Mall, with a large sign proclaiming "Northwest Kidney Centers." The main entrance is reached by turning east on N. 107th Street from Meridian Ave. N. The club is on the lower level.

Emerald City Open

June 20-22

A two-section, five-round Swiss with a time control of 40/120 & SD/60;d5 (Rd 1 of 2-day schedule – G/60;d5). The prize fund of \$1000 is based on fifty-five entries.

a Northwest Grand Prix event

Open		Reserve (U1700)	
First	\$250	First	\$175
Second	\$160	Second	\$110
U1950	\$120	U1450	\$80
		Unr	\$25

Upset (rds 1-4) \$20

Entry Fees: \$33 if rec'd by 6/18, \$42 at site. SCC members—subtract \$9. Members of other dues-required CCs in BC, ID, OR, and WA—subtract \$4. Unr—free with purchase of 1-year USCF and WCF. Add \$1 to any EF for 2-day schedule.

Registration: Fri. 7-7:45 p.m., Sat. 9-9:45 a.m.

Rounds: Fri. 8, Sat. (10 @ G/64)-12:30-6:45, Sun. 11-5.

Byes: 2 (for Sunday rounds, commit at registration).

Miscellaneous: USCF & WCF membership req'd. No smoking. No computers.

Chess Kids Play Music

an SCC Fundraiser
Saturday, May 31
 at Creative Music Adventures
 4501 Interlake Ave N
 Seattle WA 98103

3:00 p.m. Rehearsal
4:00 p.m. Concert
 5:30 p.m. Quick Chess

G/15 Hexes

Open to all. Six-player round-robin. G/15; d0. Limited to four hexes. Winner of each hex re-ceive free entry to two SCC Saturday Quads or free entry to one SCC Sunday Tornado or \$15 off any entry fee of \$24 or more.

Suggested Donations

Concert + G/15	\$30
Concert Only	\$25
G/15 Only	\$10

Upcoming Events

♣ denotes 2014 Northwest Grand Prix event; for Seattle Chess Club events see page 30

♣ **May 2-4 or May 3-4 Harmon Memorial, Seattle, WA.** See half-page ad on page 9.

♣ **May 10 Pierce County Open, Tacoma, WA.** Site: The Tacoma Chess Club in the DTI Soccer Store Building on the second floor at 409 Puyallup Ave across the street from Alfred's Cafe. New! Prize Fund: 1st Place \$100 Guaranteed! Secondary Prize Fund to be made up of 50% of total entry fees, divided into 5 equal prizes, 2nd place overall and first place in Classes A, B, C, and D. Unrated players can play for 1st and 2nd place only. Registration: 9 – 9:45. Format: 4 round Swiss in 1 section. Time Control: G/60; d5. Entry Fee: \$25.00. Rounds: 10:00, 1:00, 3:15 and 5:30. Byes: 1 half point bye available. USCF and state membership required. NS NC NW. Entries/Info: Gary J. Dorfner, 8423 E. B St., Tacoma, WA 98445, ph. (253)535-2536, ggarychess@aol.com.

♣ **May 17-18 Inland Empire Open, Spokane, WA.** Site: Gonzaga University (Schoenberg Center) Rm. 201 & 202, N. 800 Pearl Street, Spokane, WA 99258. Registration: Sat. 8:30am-9:30am. Rounds: Sat. 10:00-2:30-7:00, Sun: 9:00-1:30 or ASAP. Time Control: G/120 (with 5 second delay). E.F. \$23 if received by 5/16, \$28 at the door; 18 and under \$5 less. Telephone entries accepted. USCF rated. \$625 prize fund based on 30, Class prizes based on at least five per section. Only one prize per person (Excluding biggest upset - Both players must have established ratings). NS, NC, W. One ½ point bye if requested before proceeding round; Sunday byes must be requested before the end of round 3. Director reserves the right to use class pairings in the final round. Prizes: 1st Overall: \$165, 2nd Overall: \$125. Class Prizes: 1st (A; B; C; D/E/unrated) \$55, 2nd (B; C; D/E/unrated) \$25, Biggest Upset: \$40 (non-provisional ratings). Cookies & coffee provided. Entries: Spokane CC, c/o David B. Griffin, P.O. Box 631, Spokane Valley, WA 99037. For information: cell (509) 994-9739.

May 17-19 39th Annual Keres Memorial, Richmond, BC. http://www.nwchess.com/calendar/Keres_201405.pdf

♣ **May 24-26 Washington Open Chess Tournament, Seattle, WA.** See full-page and half-page ads on pages 10-11.

May 24-26 U.S. Amateur North Championship, Boise, ID. See half-page ad on page 11.

♣ **May 31/June 28 Portland CC Game in 60, Portland, OR.** 4SS, G/60. TD may switch to 5SS and G/45 if more than 25 entries. Portland Chess Club, 8205 SW 24th Ave., Portland, OR. EF: \$20, \$5 discount for PCC Members. OCF/WCF and USCF membership required, OSA. No advance entries. Reg: 9-9:30. Byes: 1/2 point bye if requested at reg. Prizes: (\$200/b20) \$60-\$40-\$30 U1800, U1500 \$35 each. Info: e-mail portlandchessclub@gmail.com, phone 503-246-2978, website www.pdxchess.com.

Jun 7 Boise Chess Festival, Boise, ID. See full-page ad on page 27.

♣ **Jun 7 Evergreen Empire Open, Tacoma, WA.** Site: The Tacoma Chess Club in the DTI Soccer Store Building on the second floor at 409 Puyallup Ave across the street from Alfred's Cafe. New! Prize Fund: 1st Place \$100 Guaranteed! Secondary Prize Fund to be made up of 50% of total entry fees, divided into 5 equal prizes, 2nd place overall and first place in Classes A, B, C, and D. Unrated players can play for 1st and 2nd place only. Registration: 9 – 9:45. Format: 4 round Swiss in 1 section. Time Control: G/60; d5. Entry Fee: \$25.00. Rounds: 10:00, 1:00, 3:15 and 5:30. Byes: 1 half point bye available. USCF and state membership required. NS NC NW. Entries/Info: Gary J. Dorfner, 8423 E. B St., Tacoma, WA 98445, ph. (253)535-2536, ggarychess@aol.com.

♣ **Jun 14-15 Newport June Open, Newport, OR.** See half-page ad on page 16.

♣ **Jun 14 Qualchan Quads, Spokane, WA.** Site: Spokane Valley Library, E. 12004 E. Main, Spokane, WA 99206. Chess downstairs - take elevator. Reg: Sat 8:30-9:45. E.F. \$16. Format: 3 Rds, G/2Hr (5 second delay). USCF membership required. n/c. USCF rated and NWGP event. Coffee & snacks provided. Ent/Info: Dave Griffin, P.O. Box 631, Spokane Valley, WA 99037, phone (509) 994-9739, email: dbgrffn@hotmail.com, website www.spokanechessclub.org.

♣ **Jun 21-22 Portland Summer Open, Portland, OR.** \$1,300 Guaranteed. Location: Portland Chess Club, 8205 SW 24th Ave, Portland, OR Map. Format: USCF-rated, two-day tournament, 5-round Swiss, two sections: Open and Reserve (U1800). Time Control: 40/90; SD/30; d5. Registration: Saturday 9-9:45 am. Limited to first 55 entrants. Online reservations taken (www.pdxchess.org) but only held until 9:15 am Saturday. Rounds: Saturday 10:00; 2:00 & ASAP; Sunday 10:00 & ASAP. Byes: 2 half-point byes available for rounds 1-4 if requested before 1st round. Prizes: Open: 1st \$300 2nd \$200 U2000 \$150; Reserve: 1st \$200 2nd \$150; U1600, U1400, U1200/unrated each \$100. No tiebreakers; prizes split between players with the same results. Entry: \$40; \$30 for PCC members. Memberships: USCF and OCF/WCF/ICA required (OSA). Entries: Payable to Portland Chess Club; mail to Mike Morris, 2344 NE 27th Ave., Portland, OR 97212. Junior Scholarships! Thanks to generous donations, any junior player (under 19) will receive a free one-year membership to NW Chess (OCF/WCF/ICA) or an extension of current membership. Info: email@pdxchess.org. See full-page flyer/entry form.

Jun 28 2nd Annual Olympia Open Olympia, WA. Location: Legion room (Lobby of Urban Onion restaurant), 116 Legion Way SE, Olympia. Format: Game/60, 4 rounds USCF rated Swiss in one section. Rounds: 10:00AM, 1:00, 3:00, 5:30; Registration 9:00-9:45AM. EF: \$25 advance if received by 6/18, \$30 at the door. Prizes: (based on 20 entries) 1st \$100, 2nd \$60, U1800 \$45, U1500 \$45, U1200/unrated \$30, best under age 15 \$30. Misc: USCF membership required. Please bring chess sets & clocks if you have them. Free street parking. One 1/2-point bye available round 1-3. Info/Entries: Jim Mathis, 1001 Cooper Point Rd SW #140-155, Olympia WA 98502; (360) 463-8387, mathisje@att.net. Olympia Chess Club info, see www.meetup.com/Olympia-chess-club

