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# Idaho Chess News

## Idaho Open

This year's Idaho Open took place at the LaQuinta Inn & Suites in Boise over the Father's Day weekend of June 18-19, 2016. There were 34 players in the event. Twenty-five players played in the Open Section; seven of those could have played in Reserve (U1400) Section, but elected to play up. There were nine players in the Reserve (U1400) Section. The chief tournament director was Jeffrey Roland with Cody Gorman assisting.

## Demographics

There were 30 players from various Idaho towns: Bellevue, 2; Boise, 13; Caldwell, 1; Eagle, 4; Heyburn, 2; Meridian, 1; Nampa, 2; Pocatello, 2; Star, 2; Twin Falls, 1. Four out-of-state players included one player from Portland, Oregon, one player from Farmington, Utah, and two players from Spokane, Washington.

The oldest player was William Gagnon, 82-years-old from Portland, and the youngest player was Atharva (Addy) Tripathi, 8-year-old from Boise.

## Records were set here!

The 2016 Idaho Open was an historically important event. Not one, but two players in this year's event had won both the Idaho Open and the Idaho Closed before. Hans Morrow (Farmington, UT) won the Idaho Open in 2001, 2008, 2010, and 2013 and the Idaho Closed in 2007 when he lived in Idaho. FM David Lucky (Eagle) won the Idaho Open in 2015 and 2016 and also the Idaho Closed in the same years. In fact only two players ever in Idaho Chess history have ever won both events in the same calendar year (Dick Vandenburg did it in 1965), but FM David Lucky is the only player ever in the history of the ICA to win both the Idaho Closed and the Idaho Open in the same year twice... and he did it in back-to-back years.

Another significant statistic here (that may or may not be a record) is that FM David Lucky, since coming to Idaho in 2014, has played in five classic chess tournaments in Idaho and has won every game without a loss or draw in the last 27 consecutive games (2014 Western Idaho Open five games, 2015 Idaho Closed six games, 2015 Idaho Open five games, 2016 Idaho Closed six games, and 2016 Idaho Open five games).



*FM David Lucky.  
Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.*

History records in the January-February 1960 issue of *The Idaho Chess Bulletin* the following: "Glen Buckendorf, of Buhl, continued his domination over Idaho chess players by repeating as Idaho Chess Champion at the annual Idaho State Chess Tournament, played January 16-17 at the Rogerson Hotel in Twin Falls. His final round loss to Dick Vandenburg, who usually wins the title when Glen doesn't compete, was the first tournament game he has lost to an Idaho player since 1952 and other Class A entries hope this means the beginning of the end of the complete mastery he has shown these past years. Even this losing game, which appears in the Games Section, was almost turned into a draw that could have kept the perfect record intact."

Of course, there are a couple qualifying statements in that paragraph, one being Idaho players were singled out, as if he possibly lost to a non-Idaho player, but it doesn't say that either; it leaves room for interpretation. The other is that the writer of the article from 1960 (Dick Vandenburg) considers the perfect record to be maintained if a draw had been the result of the 1960 game, implying that Mr. Buckendorf did or could have drawn games during this time. But given Glen could also have won more than 27 consecutive games without a draw or loss in the eight year period, more research

will definitely be needed. Jeffrey Roland does have the materials to figure it out in his possession, as he inherited all of Mr. Buckendorf's score sheets, records, databases of games, personal computer, and boxes and boxes of stuff from this great Idaho chess legend. At any rate, the 27 consecutive wins, that FM David Lucky has achieved with this event, is certainly impressive whether it is an all-time record for Idaho or not.

## Prize Winners

As prizes were based on 30 players, and there were 34 players in the event, all prize money was paid out.

In the Open Section, FM David Lucky (Eagle) won first place with 5.0/5 points and taking home \$200.00. There was a tie for second-third place between James Inman (Nampa) and Garrett Casey (Spokane, WA), each with 4.0/5 points and getting \$87.50 each.

In the Reserve (U1400) Section, there was a tie for first-second place between Christopher Baumann (Star) and Justin He (Boise), each with 4.0/5 points and raking in \$87.50 each. There was a three-way tie for third-fifth places between Forrest Zeng (Boise), Raymond Bian (Boise), and David Baumann (Star), each with 3.0/5 points and \$16.67 each.

**Tom R. Booth (1500) –  
Hans M. Morrow (1927) [D59]**  
Idaho Open Boise, ID  
(R1), June 18, 2016  
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Be7  
5.e3 h6 6.Bh4 b6 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bxe7  
Qxe7 9.Nxd5 exd5 10.Nf3 0-0 11.Be2  
Bb7 12.0-0 Nd7 13.Rc1 Rfc8 14.Qd2 c5  
15.dxc5 bxc5 16.Rfd1 Nf6 17.h3 a5

Or 17...Ne4 18.Qc2 Qf6 19.Bd3 Nd6  
White's position is passive but very  
solid. Despite the apparent Black space  
edge, White has sufficient comfort for  
his remaining pieces, so simply offering  
a repetition with 20.Be2 suggests that  
Black must find a way forward... but all  
paths have perils.

18.a4 Ne4 19.Qe1 Qf6 20.Bd3 Qe7



Position after 20.Qe7

21.Bxe4

21.b3

21...Qxe4 22.Qc3?! Qxa4 23.Qe5 Qc6?!

White has only partial compensation for  
the pawn after 23...Qd7

24.Nd4! Qc7

Otherwise White's compensation  
converts into a kingside attack with Nf5,  
when things could get a little hairy.

25.Qxc7 Rxc7 26.Nb5 Rcc8 27.Nd6  
Rab8?

27...Rc7

28.Nxc8 Rxc8 29.Rd2

29.Rc3 adds the option of doubling on the  
a-file as well.

29...Kf8 30.Rdc2 c4 31.b3 Ba6 32.bxc4

32.Ra1 cxb3 33.Rxc8+ Bxc8 34.Rxa5  
Bf5 35.Rb5 Bc2 36.Rb7

32...dxc4 33.Ra1 Rc5 34.Rc3 Ke7

[Diagram top of next column]

35.Kf1

35.Rca3! c3 36.Rxa5 Rxa5 (36...Bb5  
37.Rc1 c2 38.f3+-) 37.Rxa5 c2 38.Rc5  
Bd3 39.f3+- The white king marches to  
d2.

35...Kd6 36.Ke1 Kc6 37.Rca3 Kb6  
38.Rc3?! Bb5 39.e4 a4



Position after 34...Ke7

39...Re5 40.Re3 Bc6 41.f3 f5

40.Kd2 Ka5 41.Ke3

41.Re3± shifting the white king to c3.

41...f5?! 42.Kd4 Rc8 43.e5

43.exf5!?

43...Rd8+ 44.Kc5 Rc8+ 45.Kd6 Kb4  
46.Rcc1 c3?

46...a3

47.Rab1+ Kc4 48.Rxc3+ Kxc3 49.Rc1+  
Kb3 50.Rxc8 a3



Position after 50...a3

After 50...a3 a draw was agreed, with  
presumably neither player willing to risk  
the complications of mutual queening.

But... White is winning! 51.Rb8! Kb4  
(51...Ka4 52.e6 a2 (52...Bc4 53.e7 Bf7  
54.e8Q+ Bxe8 55.Rxe8+-) 53.e7 a1Q  
54.Ra8+) 52.e6 a2 53.e7 a1Q 54.e8Q

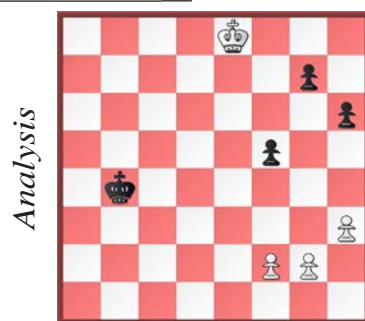


Analysis

(#Diagram-analysis after 54.e8=Q)

a) 54...Qf6+ 55.Kd5 No more checks...;  
b) 54...Qa6+ 55.Ke5! Qa1+ (55...Qf6+  
56.Kd5 again.) 56.Kxf5 Qf6+ (56...Qb1+  
57.Qe4+) 57.Ke4 Qh4+ 58.g4+-; c) 54...  
Qd4+ 55.Ke6 (But of course not 55.Ke7??  
Qf6#; or 55.Kc7?? Qc5+ 56.Kd8 Qd6+  
57.Kc8 Qxb8+ 58.Kxb8 Bxe8+-) 55...

Qe4+ 56.Kf7 Qxe8+ a) 56...Qc4+  
57.Kxg7 Qc3+ 58.Kxh6 Qd2+ 59.Kh5  
Qd1+ 60.g4; b) 56...Qd5+ 57.Kxg7 (or  
57.Qe6 ) 57...Qxg2+ 58.Kh7; 57.Rxe8  
Bxe8+ 58.Kxe8+-



Analysis

(#Diagram-analysis after 58.Kxe8)

White easily wins the king and pawn  
ending due to his proximity to Black's  
pawns. And if Black doesn't acquiesce to  
the exchanges on e8, White can always  
force off all the pieces on b5, with much  
the same position.

1/2-1/2

**Nicholas B. Hawkins (1840) –  
Jarod N. Buus (1741) [B26]**  
Idaho Open Boise, ID  
(R2), June 18, 2016  
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 a6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 g6 5.d3  
Bg7 6.Be3 d6 7.f4 e6 8.Nf3 Qc7 9.0-0  
Nge7 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Nd1 Bd7 12.c3  
Nxf3+ 13.Bxf3 Bc6 14.d4 cxd4 15.Bxd4  
e5 16.Be3 0-0 17.g4?!

17.a4 f5 18.Nf2 fxe4 19.Nxe4 Nf5  
20.fxe5 Nxe3 21.Qxe3 Bxe5

17...f5 18.gxf5?!

18.fxe5

18...gxf5 19.Qg2



Position after 19.Qg2

19...fxe4

19...exf4! 20.Bd4 (20.Bxf4 Ng6 21.Bg3  
f4 22.Bf2 Rae8 White's cramp appears  
fatal.) 20...Ng6 21.exf5 Bxf3 22.Qxf3  
Rxf5 Black has an extra pawn to go along  
with his better position.

20.Bxe4 d5

20...Bxe4 21.Qxe4 d5

21.Bc2 d4

21...Kh8±  
 22.Qh3 d3?  
 22...Ng6±  
 23.Bxd3 e4 24.Bc4+ Kh8 25.Be6 Rad8  
 26.f5 Bd5



Position after 26...Bd5

27.Nf2??  
 27.Bf4∞  
 27...Bxe6 28.fxe6 Rf3 29.Qh5 Rxe3  
 30.Ng4 Rf3 31.Nh6 Qb6+  
 31...Bxh6 32.Rxf3 (32.Qxh6 Rg8+  
 33.Kh1 Qc6-+) 32...exf3 33.Qxf3 (33.  
 Qxh6 Rg8+ 34.Kh1 Qc6 35.Qf6+ Rg7  
 36.Qf8+ Ng8-+) 33...Rd2-+  
 32.Kh1 Bxh6 33.Qxh6 Ng6 34.Qg5  
 Rdf8 35.Rxf3 exf3 36.e7 Re8 37.Rf1  
 Rxe7 0-1

Cody Gorman (1873) –  
 David Lucky (2384) [E11]  
 Idaho Open Boise, ID  
 (R4), June 19, 2016  
 [Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 Qe7  
 The Bogo-Indian.

5.Bg2 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bxd2+ 7.Nbxd2 d6

Note that Black, having exchanged off his dark-square bishop, now transfers his center pawns to the dark squares.

8.0-0 0-0 9.e4 e5 10.d5 Nb8

And the knight repositions toward the protected square c5.

11.Ne1 a5 12.Nd3 Na6 13.a3 Bg4 14.f3  
 Bd7 15.b4 c6 16.Qb3 cxd5 17.cxd5  
 Bb5?!

17...axb4 18.axb4 Nc7 19.Nc4 Nb5  
 20.Qb2 Rxa1 (20...Nd4 21.Rxa8 Rxa8  
 22.f4) 21.Rxa1

18.Nc4?!

18.bxa5 Nc7 19.Rfc1 Bxd3 20.Qxd3  
 Rxa5 21.Nc4 Rc5 22.a4±

18...axb4 19.axb4 Qc7 20.Ndb2 Rfc8  
 21.Rfc1 Bxc4 22.Nxc4 b5 23.Na5

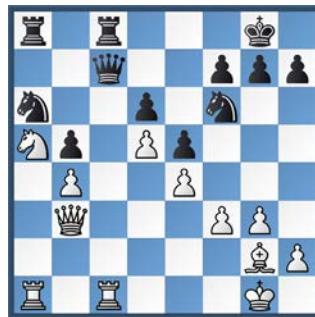
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23...Qxc1+?

23...Qb6+ 24.Kh1 Rxc1+ 25.Rxc1 Ne8  
 26.Nc6 Nb8±



L-R: Cody Gorman, FM David Lucky.  
 Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.



Position after 23.Na5

24.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 25.Kf2?

25.Bf1! The point is that the c1-rook can be forced to move off the last rank (or to sacrifice on f1), when the bishop will pressure b5. 25...h6 (25...Rac8 26.Nc6; 25...Ra1? 26.Qc3 threatening both the a1-rook and the c6-fork.) 26.Qb2 Rd1 (26...Rcc8 27.Nb7 Ne8 28.Bxb5±) 27.Qc2 Rxf1+ 28.Kxf1 Nxb4 29.Qc7 White has good winning chances.

25...Ra1 26.Bf1

Another reason 25.Bf1 was better: 26.Qc3 allows Black to escape the fork with check, 26...Ra2+, gaining a tempo to capture b4.

26...Nxb4 27.Qxb4 R8xa5

[Diagram top of next column]

28.Bxb5?

28.Qxd6 R5a2+ 29.Kg1 h5 30.Qb8+ Kh7  
 31.Qxe5∞ but likely heading for a draw by repetition.

28...R5a2+ 29.Be2

29.Ke3 h6

29...h6 30.Ke3 Kh7 31.Bc4?



Position after 27...R8xa5

31.g4 Rh1

31...Ra4?

31...Rxb2! 32.Qxd6 Re1+ 33.Kd3 Rf2  
 34.Qxe5 Rxf3+



Analysis

(#Diagram-analysis after 34...Rxf3+)

35.Kc2 (35.Kd2 Rxe4 36.Bd3 Rxd3+)  
 35...Nxe4 (35...Rxe4? 36.Bd3 Rxd3  
 37.Qf5+) 36.Bd3 f5 This should win fairly easily for Black.

32.Qb5 R4a3+ 33.Kf2 Rc3 34.Qb2 Rac1

[Diagram top of next column]

35.Be2?

35.Bd3!∞. Black has the play, but now



Position after 34...Rac1

cannot win simply by shifting the rooks around until they pick off something. Likely a rearrangement involving Nd7 and improving the black king position will lead to something.

35...R1c2 36.Qb4 Rd3 37.Ke1 Re3 38.Qxd6 Rxe2+ 39.Kd1 Red2+ 40.Ke1 Rxb2 41.Kd1 Ra2 0-1

David Lucky (2384) –  
Hans M. Morrow (1927) [B50]  
Idaho Open Boise, ID  
(R5), June 19, 2016  
[Ralph Dubisch]

#### 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c3

White announces his intention to build a big pawn center in the same vein as the Alapin, 2.c3. There are plusses and minuses to this delayed treatment.

Among the plusses, Black is unlikely to attempt the counter ...d5 in the center, having already spent the tempo on ...d6. Of course Black has to actually play 2...d6 for that argument to have any weight.

#### 3...Nf6 4.Be2 Nc6

The tactical justification for White's play is 4...Nxe4?? 5.Qa4+

#### 5.d4

White continues consistently, offering a multi-pawn gambit. Whether this is a plus or minus is still open to debate. The sound but passive 5.d3 might be described as a reversed Old Indian vs the English. By whatever name, it promises at most an equal battle of positional maneuvering.

#### 5...cxd4

5...Nxe4?? 6.d5 Nb8? 7.Qa4+

#### 6.cxd4 Nxe4

Black has little choice but to accept this first pawn, though it's a slippery slope ahead. Just how many pawns should Black snatch?

#### 7.d5 Qa5+ 8.Nc3 Nxc3

The principled continuation, though also one fraught with danger. 8...Nb8 9.0-0 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Nd7 heading to c5 leaves White with plenty of compensation for the pawn, but no clear win as of yet.

9.bxc3 Ne5 10.Nxe5 Qxc3+ 11.Bd2

#### Qxe5 12.0-0 Qxd5

Black can't resist taking a third pawn, and a center pawn to boot. Indeed, this is all still known to theory.

#### 13.Rb1!

Or 13.Rc1!? White has good compensation for the pawns, in the form of development and open lines for the rooks and bishops. The main challenge for White is choosing which lines to occupy.

Lucky's choice pays immediate dividends.

#### 13...a6 14.Bf3



Position after 14.Bf3

#### 14...Qf5?

Underestimating White's coming diagonal attack.

14...Qxa2? is definitely too greedy: 15.Be3 e6 16.Bxb7 Bxb7 17.Rxb7 Be7

(17...Rc8



(#Diagram-analysis after 17...Rc8)

18.Qh5 g6 19.Qf3 f5 20.Bg5 Qc4 (20...e5 21.Bf6 Rg8 22.Rxb7 e4 23.Qe3 Rc5 24.f3 d5 (24...Qc4 25.Rb1) 25.Qf4) 21.Re1 Rg8



(#Diagram-analysis after 21...Rg8)

22.Qf4! Qxf4 (22...Rg7 23.Qxc4 Rxc4 24.Rxe6+; 22...e5 23.Rxe5+; 22...Qa2 23.Qa4+!! Qxa4 24.Rxe6+ Be7

25.Rxe7+ Kf8 26.Rf7+ Ke8 27.Rbe7+ Kd8 28.Re6#) 23.Rxe6+ Be7 24.Rxe7+ Kf8 25.Bxf4 g5 26.Bxd6 Rg6 (26...Rc1+ 27.Re1#) 27.Rec7+)



(#Diagram-analysis after 17...Be7)

18.Qc1! Qa5 a) 18...e5?? 19.Qc6+ Kf8 20.Rb2!; b) 18...Qa4 19.Qc7 0-0 (19...Qh4? 20.Qc6+ Kf8 21.Rb4!, apparently a recurring tactic.) 20.Qxe7 d5. White still has a distinct advantage in mobility, and the piece should be worth much more than the pawns.; 19.Qc6+ Kf8 20.Rfb1 g5 Forced. 21.h4! Making luft with tempo, otherwise the back rank is a drag. 21...h6

(21...Qd8? 22.Rxe7! Kxe7 (22...Rc8 23.Qb7 Qxe7 24.Qxc8+ Kg7 25.Qc1!+-, e.g. 25...gxh4 26.Bh6+ Kg6 27.Rb4 f5 28.Rb7! Qf6 29.Bg7) 23.Bxg5+ f6 24.Rb7+ Kf8 25.Bh6+ Kg8 26.Qf3! Qe8 27.Qg4+ Qg6 28.Qxe6+)



(#Diagram-analysis after 21...h6)

22.Rb8+ Rxb8 23.Rxb8+ Kg7 24.Rxb8 Kxb8 25.Qe8+ Kg7 26.Qxe7± should be a fun contest between White's piece and Black's pawns, though surely White has all the winning chances.; 14...Qc4 15.Rc1 Qd3 16.Rc3 looks a bit like some half-remembered theory from several decades ago, but White will be having all the fun after 16...Qf5 17.Rc7.



Position after 14...Qf5



L-R: David Lucky, Hans Morrow.  
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### 15.Rxb7!!

Much stronger than 15.Bxb7 Bxb7 16.Rxb7 f6 when the black king can escape to a barricade amongst his kingside pawns.

### 15...Bxb7 16.Bxb7 Rb8??

16...Rc8 17.Qa4+! Qd7 18.Qxa6 Rc7 19.Ba5!



(#Diagram-analysis after 19.Ba5)

19...e6 (19...Rxb7 20.Qa8+) 20.Bxc7 Qxc7 21.Bc6+ Ke7 22.Rb1 Kf6 23.Rb7 Qd8 24.Rd7 Qb8 25.Qd3



(#Diagram-analysis after 25.Qd3)

25...Qb4 (25...Qb6 26.Qf3+ Ke5 27.Qe4+ Kf6 28.Qf4+ Kg6 29.Qxf7+ with a mating attack.) 26.Qf3+ Ke5 27.Qe3+ Kf6 28.Be4! and the attack rages on.

### 17.Qa4+

17.Qa4+ Kd8 (Black probably missed that 17...Qb5 is met by 18.Bc6+.) 18.Ba5+ 1-0

**Tom R. Booth (1500) – DeWayne R. Derryberry (1665) [C02]**  
Idaho Open Boise, ID  
(R5), June 19, 2016  
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.Be3!?

6.Be2 is a main line of the Advance French; while 6.Bd3 could lead to lines of the Milner-Barry gambit; and 6.a3 changes the character of the play by

threatening b4 while tempting ...c4 and queenside lock-up to control the weakened b3-square.

### 6...cxd4 7.Bxd4?! Nxd4 8.cxd4

So yes, White has managed to exchange off his technically bad bishop — but for a knight, not Black's good bishop, and at the cost of some dark-square weakening. Also, that "bad" bishop isn't really all that bad, often finding some activity due to White's space edge. Speaking of, aren't exchanges in general better for Black due to reducing cramp?

### 8...Qb6 9.b3?

This now represents a fairly serious weakening of the dark squares. 9.Qd2 Ne7

### 9...f6?

9...Bb4+ and White's d-pawn will soon fall off the board. 10.Nbd2 Ne7 (10...Bc3 11.Rc1 Bb2 12.Rc2 Bxd4 13.Nxd4 Qxd4 is also direct and strong.) 11.Bd3 Nc6 12.0-0 Nxd4

### 10.Be2

10.a3 is a reasonable attempt to repair some of the dark square damage.

### 10...fxe5

10...Bb4+

### 11.dxe5 Bc5 12.0-0 0-0-0?

12...Nh6 intending 0-0 is more logical.

### 13.Nc3 Ne7?!

The knight gets in the way a little here. 13...Nh6

### 14.Na4! Bxa4 15.bxa4 h6?

15...Ng6 16.Rb1 Qc7 17.Qd2 Qe7



Cody Gorman, Assistant TD.  
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L-R: DeWayne Derryberry, Tom Booth.  
Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.

(17...Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Qxe5 19.Rfc1 b6  
20.Rxc5+ bxc5 21.Qa5+-)



(#Diagram-analysis after 17...Qe7)

18.Ba6!? A cool piece sacrifice. White appears to regain the piece more or less by force with rooks coming to the b- and c-files and the queen to a5. 18...bxa6 19.Qa5 Bb6 20.Qxa6+ Qb7 21.Qd3 (Even better than 21.Qxb7+ Kxb7 22.a5±.) 21...Nf4 22.Qd2 Qf7 23.Rfc1+ and a5, regaining the piece with continuing attack, since 23...Kd7 24.a5 Bc7 is crushed by 25.Rxc7+ Kxc7 26.Qc2+ Kd7 27.Rb7+-.

**16.Rb1 Qc7 17.Qb3 Nc6 18.Rfc1 b6  
19.Ba6+ Kd7 20.Bb5 Ke7 21.Bxc6**

White should start thinking about 21.Nh4 here, or on some of the next few moves. 21...Nxe5? 22.Qg3 threatening both Qxg7+ and Ng6(+), due to the pin.

**21...Qxc6 22.a5**

22.Nh4±

**22...Qd7?!**

22...Rh8∞

**23.axb6 Bxb6?!**

23...axb6

**24.Qb4+ Kf7**



Position after 24...Kf7

**25.Qf4+**

25.a4!? Rb8 26.Qf4+ Kg6 (26...Ke7 27.Nh4; 26...Kg8 27.a5 Bc7 White has some initiative.) 27.a5!? Bxa5 28.Qg4+

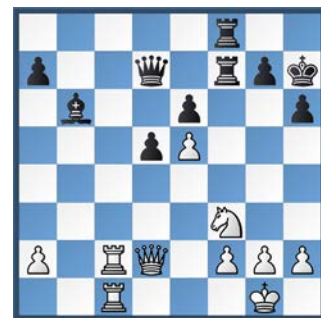


(#Diagram-analysis after 28.Qg4+)

28...Kf7 (28...Kh7?? 29.Ng5+! hxc5 (29...Kg6 30.Nxe6+ Kf7 31.Qxg7+ Kxe6 32.Qf6#) 30.Qh5+ Kg8 31.Rxb8+) 29.Qh5+ g6 (29...Ke7 30.Qg6 Rbg8 31.Nd4 Bb6 32.Nc6+ Kf8 33.Rb3+-) 30.Rxb8 gxc5 (30...Rxb8 31.Qxh6+-) 31.Rxh8 Kg6! (31...Kg7 32.Rcc8±) 32.Rcc8 Kf5∞ and the black king is escaping the net.

**25...Kg8 26.Nd4 Kh7 27.Qd2 Rhf8  
28.Rc2 Rf7 29.Rbc1 Rdf8 30.Nf3?!**

30.Qd3+ Kh8 31.h3 Rf4 32.Nf3∞



Position after 30.Nf3

**30...Qa4**

30...Rxf3! 31.gxf3 Rxf3 with good compensation for the exchange.

**31.Rc8**

31.Rc6!? is a try to distract some of the pressure on the f-file. 31...Rxf3? (31...Qg4 32.h3 Qg6 33.Qc2∞; 31...Re8 32.h3∞) 32.gxf3 Rxf3 33.Qc2±

**31...Qg4 32.Qd3+?!**

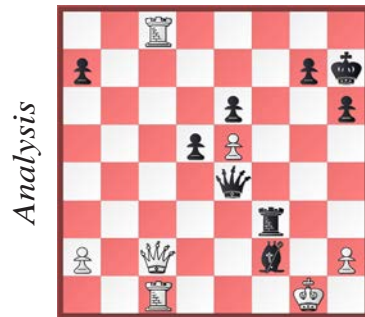
32.h3

**32...Qe4 33.Qc3?**

33.R8c3 g5 with initiative.

**33...g5**

33...Rxf3! 34.gxf3 Rxf3 35.Qc2 Bxf2+



(#Diagram-analysis after 35...Bxf2+)

36.Qxf2 (36.Kg2 Rg3+! 37.Kxf2 Rg2+; 36.Kf1 Bc5+ 37.Kg2 Rd3+ 38.Kf1 Qf3+ 39.Ke1 Qe3+ 40.Kf1 Qg1+ 41.Ke2 Qf2+ 42.Kxd3 Qe3#) 36...Rxf2 37.Kxf2 Qxe5+

**34.Rxf8 Rxf8 35.Re1**

35.h3±

**35...Qf4 36.Qc6??**

36.Re2 g4 37.Qc2+ Qf5 38.Qxf5+ Rxf5±

**36...g4+ 37.Qd7+ Rf7 38.Qe8 gxf3  
39.Rc1 Bxf2+**

A lovely fancy tactic, forcing mate. But the existence of 39...Qxc1# makes one wonder if White's last rook move wasn't recorded incorrectly.

**40.Kxf2 fxg2+ 0-1**



*L-R: Wesley Nyblade, Wesley Nyblade III—Father against son. The son won!  
Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.*



*L-R: David Baumann, Christopher Baumann—Father against son on Father's Day. The son won!  
Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.*



L-R: Braxton Casey, Garrett Casey. Brother against brother. Both players came all the way from Spokane, WA and had to play each other in the final round! Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.

**Three games at the Idaho Open (seen above and on page 10) pitted family member against family member (there were no protections). All three games were hard fought and won by the younger player.**

## ICA Board Changes

ICA President Adam Porth and the ICA Board of Directors have made two appointments to the ICA Board.

Chris Naccarato of Post Falls is the new Vice President filling the vacancy left when Adam Porth assumed the presidency on April 30, 2016, and Jeffrey Roland is the new Trustee for Web Development and Maintenance filling the vacancy left when Kevin Patterson resigned on July 4, 2016 to make way for the appointment of Jeffrey Roland to the position. Both of these board appointments are official and immediate starting July 5, 2016.

With all the recent changes things might seem a bit confusing. So here is a list to show the bottom line...where things stand now:

Adam Porth, President

Chris Naccarato, Vice President

Jay Simonson, Secretary/Treasurer

Barry Eacker, Trustee for Tournament Organization

Jamie Lang, Trustee for Tournament Organization

Jeffrey Roland, Trustee for Web Development and Maintenance

Alise Pemsler, Trustee for Scholastic Development

In addition to the above board members, we have an additional three presidential appointments:

Jeffrey Roland, Idaho Chess Historian

Richard Mussler-Wright, Facebook Coordinator

Cody Gorman, Membership Coordinator.

Jeffrey Roland is also the official Idaho Clearinghouse registered with the U.S. Chess Federation.

## Volunteer!

There is a new tab on the menu of the ICA website (Volunteer) at [www.idahocheessassociation.org](http://www.idahocheessassociation.org) where people can sign up to be part of what is happening in the Idaho Chess Association.

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# Oregon Chess News

## PCC Summer Open

By Brian Berger

Portland, OR—June 4-5, 2016

As befitting its name, it was a HOT time in the old town on the Saturday of the Summer Open—the temperature hovering just below the 100-degree mark. But sheltered as it is by a second story, and with two fans running as well as a small air-conditioner, the playing area of the Portland Chess Club remained comfortable for those who attended the two-day event.

Not so comfortable were a number of the 40-player field, who were involved in some heated disputes over the board, materializing in a number of upsets. But before we go further into that subject, Mike Morris, Chief TD, is to be congratulated on running this fun event (for most in attendance), helped by a crew of Assistant TD's in training—Steven Deeth and Mike Hasuike, as well as Greg Markowski (who is also contemplating becoming an Assistant), and by two full-fledged TD's, Mike Lilly and Lennart Bjorksten. This might seem like overkill, but most of the above were also there to play.



(L) Mike Hasuike vs Kushal Pai with (L) Geoff Kenway and Arliss Dietz in the background.  
Photo credit: Brian Berger.

Also, it must be mentioned, that Morgan The Dog—for those new to the magazine, Morgan is considered a wonder-of-wonders, a chess playing dog who holds

an estimated FIDE rating of 3100, and who has spent many a grueling hour with Richards, hoping eventually to improve his game—was in attendance with his live-in companion, Jerrold “I Just Want To Reach 1600 Before It’s Over” Richards. Although on somewhat of a roll in his last tournament, pushing Richards’ rating just a bit beyond 1500, it was to be a short-lived venture to the higher rank, as this tournament saw the loss of 47 of those rating points.

However, the 1.0 score reflected two draws—one against a 1683 player, and the other to a 1565 player—which tells me the potential for reaching 1600 is there, but that Morgan The Dog will still have his tutoring work cut-out for him. Perhaps a steak thrown his way will motivate Morgan to further efforts on Richards’ behalf, where friendship alone has failed to produce the hoped for results.

But Richards has not been alone in this ratings war with self, my own experience being a case in point. Here I was, a recently minted 1700+ player for the first time in a long chess struggle to get better at this amazing game, having watched my own rating rise and fall like the tide. Surely, I thought, I was destined for higher things, and so entered the Open Section,



(L) Carter Lancaster vs Greg Markowski.  
Photo credit: Brian Berger.



*Brian Berger before his smile turned into a frown.  
Photo credit: Mike Morris.*

confident of my new-found powers.

I would have fared just as well if it would have been a lion's open mouth I had chosen to enter! Managing only one win, that against an 1187 player who was also playing up, and taking a bye in the third round, my accumulated 1.5/5 points were little compensation for losing to Karl Cosner (1991-1973—2.0/5) in the first round, and Raymond Fletcher III (1917-1909—2.5/5) and Michael Moore (1561-1618—2.5/5) in the fourth and fifth

rounds. So perhaps I should also shop for a rare cut of beef for Morgan The Dog, an incentive for him to help me reevaluate “my new-found powers.”

Acknowledgements and personal matters now covered, I can now continue with what you subscribers pay for—tournament results and other chess news of the region.

Starting with the Open Section, top prize winner was (surprise!) Nick “The Raptor” Raptis (2381-2377) who, despite drawing two of his games, those to Lennart Bjorksten (2146-2154—3.5/5) and Jason Cigan (2152-2148—3.0/5), still obtained the winning edge with his 4.0 points, giving him the whole of the first place prize—\$150. And by what I have observed of the Raptor's eating habits, this amount could supply him with enough fast food for a day or two.

Tied for second place were Lennart Bjorksten and Steven Deeth (2048-2064—3.5/5), who each tucked away \$50 for a rainy day—and considering the global-warming effect on Oregon this past couple of years, they will have to tuck away a heck of a lot more to make it through this next winter.

Also coming in with 3.5/5 points was Moshe Rachmuth (1913-1934), who took the U2000 prize of \$75. In contrast to the Raptor's appetite, Rachmuth's stature would signify the need for a bit less intake, and so that \$75 should last him for at least a month or more.

Although not prize winners, Jason Cigan and Mu Lin (1832-1853) put in a good showing with 3.0/5 points each—Cigan, as mentioned above, holding “The Raptor” to a draw, and Mu Lin forging a win against 1991 rated Karl Cosner.

There were plenty of fireworks going off in the Reserve Section. Konner Feldman, coming into the tournament as a 1345



*Reserve Section money winners. (L) Carter Lancaster (2nd-3rd) and Konner Feldman (1st). Photo credit: Mike Morris.*



*Reserve Section last round game. (L) Neena Feldman v. Cassandra Roshu. Photo credit: Mike Morris.*



*Morgan The Dog trying not to look at what was happening to Jerrold Richards.  
Photo credit: Brian Berger.*

player, exited as the \$100 first place winner of this section and a 1585 player(!) by racking up 4.5/5 points and taking out opponents with ratings of 1627, 1600, 1630, and also drawing a 1668 player. Although I did not witness any of these epic battles (I was just trying to save my own skin at the time) I would guess his competition did not see this coming, and all results could be termed upsets.

Nearly as amazing was the board generalship of the young Carter Lancaster (1334-1548—4.0/5), who tied for second and third with Anthony Gold (1668-1700—4.0/5) by plowing through his competition, leaving 1500+ and 1600+ players littered all over the landscape—a tour de force performance that presages greater things to come.



*(L) Mike Janniro vs Nick Raptis.  
Photo credit: Brian Berger.*

Robert Bowden (1210-1354), who pocketed the U1400 prize of \$50, proved his 1210 rating on entering this tournament was merely an enticing lure for some of the bigger fish in his section when, having taken the bait, they quickly found the bait was tougher than they were—but by that time it was too late. Landing a 1564 player, he then reeled in a 1318 player who was somewhat out of his depth, and finished this fishing expedition with a 1604 opponent who had enough fight in him to end up calling it a draw.

Finally, Dan Warner (Unrated-966P) secured the U1200 prize of \$50 for finishing with a score of 2.0/5 points—not a bad way to break into the big-time tournament scene.

## **Last Bethel Tournament Of The School Year**

**By Owen McCoy**

On June 11, 2016 at Willamette High School, there gathered 26 chess players who jumped at the opportunity to play in a tournament in Eugene, given that there are few. These locals ranged in age and rating, but were all grateful to TD Mike Myers for making it happen.

The Advanced section was made up primarily of adults, with a few kids in the mix. Coming in as the top seed, Matt Zatorvink (2112-2122) blew his opposition out of the water (including the writer of this article!) to win the first prize of \$30 with a perfect score of 4.0/4. Owen McCoy (2008-2008) and Clifton Harris (1405-1508), both victims of the winner and finishing with 3.0/4, were given \$15 each. (While Clifton gained many rating points, mine went up by exactly 0 points.)

The Intermediate section consisted of 16 kids in elementary and middle school. Kevin Wu (1005-1100) steamrolled through the first four rounds only to stumble against the eventual winner, Jalen Wang (1018-1093) in the last round. Jalen, after being held to a draw against a lower rated opponent in round one, rebounded quickly and won his last four games to finish in clear first. Kevin Wu was joined by Chloe Lynn (400-1073) in shared second-third places. (I have to mention the notable rating increase there!)

Again, thank you to Mike Myers for directing, and you know, we could always use more people at these tournaments. So if any of you Portland residents want to come down here, we'll at least give you



*These are the winners of the Intermediate section: Chloe Lynn (2nd-tie), Jalen Wang (1st), and Kevin Wu (2nd-tie). Photo credit: Mike Myers.*

a warm welcome before blowing you off the board. On that cheery note, we hope to see you there!

## June PCC Quad 45

**By Brian Berger**

Portland, OR—June 18, 2016

June's Quad 45 saw a drop in attendance, most probably because of summer vacation kicking in full swing, and families' plans for where to go and what to do did not include playing chess on a weekend. So what would be a normal figure of somewhere around 24 to 30, turned out to be 14—but a lively and aggressive crowd of 14.

No one there seemed interested in taking any prisoners; instead, they seemed more focused on the coup de grace, nicely placed, with as little blood as possible—except in my case, where I was oozing from multiple wounds before the day was over. It was one of those kind of days, the kind that a friend might once have asked, “Did you ever have one of those days when...?” That kind!

Having recently reached the top most point in my lifetime chess rating (1707), I have also recently seen a rapid deflation of that figure, that put me at 1625 coming in to this debacle, where I anticipated gaining a bit back as the highest rated in my quad. But Mike Hasuike (1536-1603—2.5/3), who won the quad, was

the first to put that dream to rest, besting me in an endgame I thought I had already won—my mobile knight against his black bishop, with even pawns.

I will not go into the grisly details of strategic errors I made in this position; I will just say his king became more mobile than mine, and so I suffered the first wound of the day. Wound two was thrust

home by James Tsai (1549-1570—2.0/3), when I failed to recoup a lost piece by not forking his king—instead, making a move that would forever (what was left of the length of this game) not allow me to equalize.

Lastly, Konner Feldman (1585-1584—1.5/3) did something to me. At this point I am not sure what, as I might have his game and Tsai's mixed up in my mind, and I am too embarrassed to even look at the score sheets for fear of flash-backs. Suffice to say, he thrust home the final wound, which when added together with my other wounds, amounted to a mortal one for my rating. Where was Morgan The Dog when I needed him?

Danny Phipps (1928-1933—2.5/3), who we have not seen for some time (world traveler, I've been told), took the time to revisit Oregon, just to take first place in the upper quad, where he edged out Stephen Buck (1724-1748—2.0/3) by half a point. And Chris Burris (1765-1766—1.5/3) came in third, while Karl Stump (1655-1623—0.0/3), who also has been missing from the tournament scene for some time (much longer than Phipps) mirrored my own fine record of no wins, but only dropped 32 rating points, compared to 62 for me.

Because of the uneven number of players, a small Swiss made up the balance of those in attendance, formed with the lesser rated. Top dog in that group was the young David Roshu (1332-1349—2.5/3),



*(L) Stephen Buck vs Danny Phipps. Photo credit: Brian Berger.*



*Chief Assistant TD Mike Lilly letting Mike Hasuiki select a chess book for winning his quad.  
Photo credit: Brian Berger.*

who in the second round drew with the wily Arliss Dietz (1515-1500—2.0/3), a player with nearly 200 points on him.

Dietz, suffering only a partial, non-lethal wound, ended up tying for second-third with David Ma (1116-1150—2.0/3), while Patrick Morrissey (Unrated-990P—1.0/3) grabbed one win in his first US Chess tournament, as did the more tournament experienced Neena Feldman (802-833—1.0/3), leaving Cassandra Roshu (1080-1040—0.5/3), David's sister, to settle for only a draw.

So, while the wounds were only metaphorical, the results of the battles were not, which I think might have hurt me (and others) more than were their real wounds. And to thank for this metaphorical maligning, were the TD team of Mike and Mike (Micah Smith and Mike Lilly), who always make this a (fun?) tournament.

It is also to be mentioned that all winners

received a chess book of their choice, donated to the club for this very purpose, with a trophy as an additional prize for scholastic players—this being a dual-rated tournament.

## June PCC Game 60

**By Brian Berger**

Portland, OR—June 25, 2016

The lead-in paragraph of any article hoping to capture the reader's interest must contain content that makes that reader want to continue with what the writer has to say. And it is for this reason that the worldly exploits of Morgan The Dog (note other *Northwest Chess* issues concerning Morgan, that more fully explain the unique qualities of this amazing animal) are herein included in this opening paragraph, detailing his recent sojourn to the French Riviera and Monaco, where sessions in an exclusive spa have contributed to a leaner, meaner

Morgan, and where the sun and fun of the beach scene gave way each night to hobnobbing with the pretty people—the upper-crust if you will, being the famed and monied—at the resort's casinos (Baccarat being one of Morgan's favorite gambling games), winning large amounts of loot while signing autographs for the many fans who have heard of Morgan's fame as a world-class, chess-playing dog, who favors one man above all others—his good friend and live-in companion, Jerrold “I Just Want To Make 1600 Before It's Over” Richards, who will be mentioned again later in this article.

Now that I have your attention, I will continue to fuel that fire of interest with prose well-suited to generating wonder and excitement, hoping to keep you following the narrative to its jaw-dropping conclusion. And since this article is to be about what happened during June's Game 60 at the Portland Chess Club, I had better get on with it.



*Danny Phipps discussing a game with Morgan The Dog.  
Photo credit: Brian Berger.*

Attendance this time was a modest 24 players, not enough to break into two sections following the recent change in the rules of this tournament, stating that it takes 30 or more players before two sections are required. And, as has been the case in many of these encounters, the apex predator was none other than Nick “The Raptor” Raptis (2386-2389—4.0/4), whose perfect score earned him first place, \$72 and three rating points.

Hoping to turn the tables on “The Raptor” were three opponents who probably made him shift in his seat a bit—Andrea Botez (1766-1771—2.0/4), Jason Cigan (2155-2155—3.0/4) and Danny Phipps (1933-1937—3.0/4). To Botez’s credit, she took Raptis into the late stages of an extremely well-fought game, as did Cigan, who went claw-to-claw with “The Raptor” during a very difficult endgame, where Nick’s single white knight and few pawns finally broke through Cigan’s black bishop and few pawns’ defense.

Interestingly, the second place winner Ryan Richardson (2110-2121—3.5/4), never had a chance to confront “The Raptor,” having elected at the beginning of the tournament to take a half point bye in the final round. A prize of \$48 translated into a minimum wage of \$16 for each of his three games, and an 11 point bump in his rating.

Sharing half of the third place prize fund, amounting to \$18 each, were Jason Cigan and Danny Phipps, both turning in scores of 3.0/4, their only loss coming from the above mentioned games with “The Raptor.” And it is to be noted here that, Jack Johnson (1435P-1598P—3.0/4) with three points, also technically tied for third place, but also was qualified for the U1500 prize, yet received the U1800 prize of \$42, because no other player under 1800 made three points.

In the final accounting of the balance of the tournament prize fund, three players tied for the U1500 money, those being

David Ma (1150-1271—2.0/4), Carter Lancaster (1548-1542—2.0/4) and Jerrold “I Just Want To Make 1600 Before It’s Over” Richards (1460-1479—2.0/4), each pocketing a hefty burden of cash—that is, if you were to turn \$14 into 1400 pennies.

And while we are once again talking about Jerrold Richards, whom I earlier mentioned I would again revisit later in this article, I must congratulate him for his tenacity in refusing to let me win a won game, allowing me instead to squander my two connected passed pawns on his 6th and 7th ranks, thereby creating a draw.

I will say, though his tenacity was tenacious, it was more my stupidity which was driving his drawing success, wherein I disregarded every known lesson in pawn endings to “run around like a chicken with his head off,” thereby keeping me from a 2.5/4 final score, and saving 11 precious rating points.



*Jerrold Richards accepting his prize money from Chief TD Lennart Bjorksten.  
Photo credit: Brian Berger.*

The men in charge of this always fun tournament were Chief TD Lennart Bjorksten, and Assistant TD in training, Danny Phipps, who kept things moving according to plan.

## Working Their Way Up The Rating Ladder

By Nancy Keller

Coquille, OR—July 3, 2016

There have been a lot of ups and downs for the top three Coquille Chess players over the last few months.

In March, the Grabinsky brothers (Aaron and Joshua) played in Reno where Joshua won first place in the Class A division and his rating tipped over 2000 from 1938 starting rating, putting him at expert level. Aaron scored sixth out of 55 in the open division. His rating increased from 2364 to 2372. His goal is to jump above 2400 and he needs that in his international rating as well so he can earn the prestigious title of International Master. Aaron's FIDE rating



*L-R: Joshua Grabinsky, Josiah Perkins, Aaron Grabinsky at the Las Vegas International Chess Festival at Westgate Hotel. Photo credit: Nancy Keller.*

sits at 2332 and is updated quarterly so we are not sure where he stands at this time. At his current FIDE rating, Aaron is ranked #150 for U-18 in the World and ranked #11 for U-18 in the US.

In May, Josiah Perkins joined the Grabinsky brothers at the Washington Open in Seattle. Aaron scored 4.0/6. His rating went up only one point to 2373. Joshua scored 3.0/6 and his dropped to 1981 back in the A class and out of Expert class. Josiah raised his rating from 1690 to 1700 with his score of 4.0/6. When he crosses 1800, he will reach Class A.

Recently in June, the three played in the International Chess Festival in Las Vegas. They won plenty of prizes in the three side tournaments of Blitz. Aaron was in a three way tie in the Walter Browne Memorial Blitz, and won second in the two other blitz tournaments. Joshua won second in one while Josiah won second in another.

But in the main tournament Aaron stumbled as he only won 2.0/6 games. In the Open section he played in, there were 20 grandmasters but he also lost to an Expert level. Aaron's rating dropped to 2361.

Joshua and Josiah both scored 3.5/6 in their divisions. Joshua ended at 1997, just a sneeze away from breaking into Expert again. Josiah ended at 1759 for his rating, climbing towards that Class A division.

August will be another opportunity for these three outstanding chess players. Aaron will be competing as the Oregon representative in the Denker Tournament of National High School Champions for a \$5,000 scholarship in Indianapolis. Immediately after the Denker, all three will be playing in the US Open for chess at the same location for a week. Then a 4.5 hour drive up to Windsor Canada as they compete in the North American Youth Open the following week. Hopefully all three can break into the next rating class.



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**TIME CONTROL:** 40/120,SD/30;d5, first three rounds of the 2-day schedule played at G/60;d5. Bring digital clocks as well as sets and boards (none supplied).

**3-DAY SCHEDULE:** on-site registration Saturday 9-10:30 am. Rounds-Saturday 11am & 5pm; Sunday 10am & 6pm; Monday 9:30am & 3:30pm.

**2-DAY SCHEDULE:** on-site registration Sunday 8-8:45 am; Rounds-Sunday 9am, 11:30am, 2pm, then merge with 3-day schedule for round 4 at 6pm.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$100 if entry form and fee is received by September 1, \$120 after and on-site. Free entry to GM's and IM's (\$100 deducted from any prizes). Juniors under 19 in the U1600 section may pay a lower rate (\$25 if pre-registered by September 1, \$35 after and on-site) and compete for trophy prizes. Players in the 3-day may withdraw and re-enter into the 2-day by paying \$100. **USCF & OCF/WCF/ICA** memberships required (OSA).

**RATED:** All sections USCF rated. Open section also FIDE rated except for the first three rounds of the 2-day schedule. FIDE rules used in the Open section (including the first 3-rounds of the 2-day schedule; see the PCC website for the USCF-FIDE rule differences) USCF rules used in the other sections.

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**OTHER:** Northwest Chess Grand Prix event; qualifier for the Oregon State Championship, Oregon Invitational Tournament, and OSCF State Championship

**SIDE EVENTS: Scholastic**-see information on the PCC website. **Blitz**-registration Sunday 3-3:20pm, play starts at 3:30pm. One section, 5-round double Swiss, G/3;d2, \$20 entry fee, USCF blitz rated, USCF membership required, 80% of entries returned as prizes; 1st 35%; 2nd 20%; U1900 15%, U1500 10%. The higher of a player's USCF regular and blitz rating is generally used. **OCF membership meeting**-Sunday at 4pm.

**LOCATION:** Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel, 1000 NE Multnomah St, Portland, OR 97232. A limited number of rooms are available at special chess rate (mention tournament); single or double occupancy \$99 plus tax. Reserve early, 1-800-996-0510. Free parking.

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# Washington Chess News

## Emerald City Open 2016

By Mary Kuhner

Seattle, WA—June 10-12, 2016

A mass of black clouds was looming on the northern horizon at the start of this tournament and continued to hang there through the entire event. Perhaps this affected the players somehow because it was a bizarre tournament. In the words of TD Fred Kleist as he was handing out upset prizes for round one, “Usually the first round is Bambi vs. Godzilla, but this time Bambi forgot his role and started kicking.” There were ten round-one upsets in a tournament of 50 players, including number one seed Bryce Tiglon suffering a snap mate in the endgame. Upsets, blunders, sudden turnarounds, and other surprises continued throughout the tournament.

The Open section was a success story for Naomi Bashkansky (1999-2056), who after a half-point bye beat a B-player, an A-player (see game below), an Expert, and drew with newly minted master Anthony He to tie for first with Bryce Tiglon at a score of 4.0/5. There was a five-way tie for third-seventh among FM Curt Collyer, Anthony He, Jason Cigan from Oregon, Vikram Ramasamy, and me. I won the under-1950 prize by a hair—my pre-tournament rating was 1949—but only because in the final round Tim Killian, the recipient of Bryce’s first-round blunder, evened out the karma by accepting my unsound two-rook sacrifice and then hanging his queen. Other notable upsets included FM Curt Collyer giving up draws to Anthony He and Vikram Ramasamy.

The Reserve (under-1700) was won by Revanth Pothukuchi (1580-1619) with 4.5/5. En route he played all three of the Velea sisters, finishing with a draw versus Anne-Marie Velea (1427-1557) in the final round to earn her an upset prize. Anne-Marie tied with Andrew Jiang (1143-1387) for second-third; Andrew had a notable tournament as due to outside obligations he was only able to play three rounds, but scored three consecutive upsets for +244 rating points. These triumphs were matched by equal numbers of catastrophes: one anonymous victim said, “I had a winning position

and then my opponent took a piece and I forgot to take it back! Then next move they took another one...”

**WCM Naomi Bashkansky (2006) –  
Mary Kuhner (1993) [A85]**  
Emerald City Open Seattle, WA  
(R3), June 11, 2016  
[Mary Kuhner]

**1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5**

Naomi crushed my Dutch in the State Championship, but I decided it was still best to stick with my limited opening repertoire.

**3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Bb4**

A Nimzo-Dutch, to at least avoid following our previous game. I was kicking myself for not having that game memorized. I did remember a salient detail, which was that she fianchettoed her KB and put her queen on b3 and tore me apart with central crossfire.

**5.Bd2 0-0 6.g3 Bxc3 7.Bxc3 Ne4 8.Rc1 d5**

This doesn’t really go with the Nimzo-Dutch, but I reverted to familiar territory.

**9.cxd5**

A move I was happy to see, though Naomi says it’s her standard approach and has served her well.

**9...exd5 10.Bg2 Nd7 11.0-0**



Position after 11.0-0

**11...Ndf6**

The eternal dilemma of the Stonewall: hold this back to trade off a N on e5, or support one’s own N at e4?

**12.Ne5 c6 13.b4**

*[Shouldn’t White prefer 13.Bb4, activating the only dark-square bishop on the board? The minority attack traps that bishop behind its own pawns. —Dubisch]*

**13...Nd6**

The N is more useful here than on e4 as it

restrains her queenside ambitions.

**14.Qb3 Be6**

Played with great trepidation—I looked at Kh8 for a long time, remembering the previous game. Also the bishop is loose here. But I can protect it later, and it supports my center and indirectly bears on her queen.

**15.a4 a6 16.Bb2 Nc4**

A novel maneuver to me, but if White takes she gives up her strong knight and I get to play Bd5, vastly improving my bad bishop. If she exchanges that too I can try for a kingside attack, not to mention the protected passed pawn on c4 which ought to hamper her queenside drive.

**17.Rfd1**

To cover the forking square at d2.

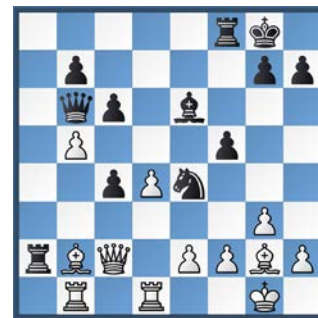
**17...Ne4**

Both players are happy with our positions. I love knights and this is a fine pair of them. She loves diagonal pressure and definitely has some.

**18.b5?**

This does not work tactically.

**18...axb5 19.axb5 Qb6 20.Nxc4 dxc4 21.Qc2 Ra2 22.Rb1**



Position after 22.Rb1

**22...cxb5?**

The critical turning point of the game. I spent only 6 minutes and should have spent much, much more (I had about an hour to reach move 40). I missed that the exchange on e4, which does not work now, will work after my chosen move. 22...Bd5 retaining control of the center appears very strong.;

*[22...cxd5 isn’t really bad, but simply winning the pawn with 22...Qxb5 looks quite reasonable. 22...Bd5 is only equal after 23.f3 and 24.e4. —Dubisch]*

**23.Bxe4 fxe4 24.Qxe4 Kh8**

**24...Bf5 25.Qd5+ Kh8 26.e4**

*[Mary's line ends here without evaluation, but Black is fine. —Dubisch]*

25.Bc3 Bf5 26.Qe7 Raa8 27.d5 Rg8  
28.Ra1 Rae8??

While I'm probably already lost, after this move there can be no doubt. Naomi is ruthless in pressing her advantage.

29.Bxg7+

Black resigns. 1–0

## Michael Lee Fundraising Lecture & Simul

By Josh Sinanan

On June 11, IM Michael Lee, the current Washington State Champion, gave a lecture/simul at Microsoft Building 99 in Redmond. The event was a fundraiser for Seattle Chess Club, Seattle Sluggers, and Washington Chess Federation. A total of \$345 was raised. WCF President Josh Sinanan organized the event with assistance from Cha Zhang, Hock Lee, and Xuhao He.

### Michael's Bio:

Rating: 2526, Title: International Master (IM), Age: 22, Birthplace: Seattle, WA

Michael Lee is a FIDE International Master and a US Chess Senior Master. He is a seven-time member of the All-American Chess Team and a three-time National Scholastic Champion. Michael is a six-time member of the Seattle Sluggers chess team, last achieving a performance rating of 2636 in the 2010 season. He recently graduated from Princeton University with a degree in Computer Science and now works as a software engineer at Microsoft. Last February, Michael became the 2016 Washington State Champion!

Michael gave a one hour lecture in which he told his own personal chess story,



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IM Michael Lee during the 40-player simul. Photo credit: Josh Sinanan.

provided tips for young aspiring players, and presented his win against a GM from the recently concluded Chicago Open. After a short break, Michael played 40 players in a simul that lasted nearly six hours! He won 34, drew 4, and lost only 2 games.

Congratulations to the following players who scored a win or draw against Michael:

Brandon Jiang 1  
Ozgun Ozusta 1  
Chris Clark 0.5  
Davey Jones 0.5  
Sridhar Seshadri 0.5  
Zheng Zhu 0.5

**Davey Jones (1686) –**  
**Michael Lee (2526) [B22]**  
Michael Lee Simul, June 11, 2016  
1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 d6 5.Bc4 dxe5 6.dxe5 e6 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Qe2 Nb6 10.Bb3 Qc7 11.Rd1 Bd7 12.a4 Na5 13.Bc2 0-0-0 14.Nbd2 Bc6

15.Ne4 Rxd1+ 16.Qxd1 Rd8 17.Qe2 Nbc4 18.Ned2 Bd5 19.Bd3 Nxd2 20.Nxd2 c4 21.Bc2



Position after 21.Bc2

21...Nc6 22.Nxc4 Bxc4 23.Qxc4 Nxe5 24.Qxc7+ Kxc7 25.Bf4 Bd6 26.Bxe5 Bxe5 27.Rd1 Rb8 28.Bd3 a6 29.b3 Kb6 30.c4 Kc5 31.Bc2 Bd4 32.Kf1 e5 33.Ke2 Kb4 34.Rd3 Rc8 35.Kd2 Rc7 36.f3 f5 37.f4 Rc5 38.fxe5 Bxe5 39.Rd7 Bf4+ 40.Kd3 Rc7 1/2-1/2

**Ozgun Ozusta (1764) –**  
**Michael Lee (2526) [B22]**  
Michael Lee Simul, June 11, 2016  
1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 e6 7.Na3 cxd4 8.Nb5 Na6 9.Qa4 Nd7



Position after 9...Nd7

10.Qxa6 bxa6 11.Nc7+ Kd8 12.Nxd5 exd5 13.Nxd4 Bxe2 14.Kxe2 Bd6 15.Be3 Kc7 16.Nf5 Be5 17.Rhd1 Rab8 18.b3 Nf6 19.f4 Bd6 20.c4 Rhe8 21.Kf3 g6 22.Nxd6 Kxd6



Position after 22...Kxd6

23.Bd4 Nd7 24.Bxa7 Rb7 25.Rxd5+ Kc6 26.Rad1 Rxa7 27.Rd6+ Kc5 28.Rxd7 Re7 29.R7d6 Reb7 30.R1d3 Kb4 31.Ke3 Ka3 32.c5 Kxa2 33.c6 Re7+ 34.Kd2 Rac7 35.Rd7 f5 36.Rxe7 Rxe7 37.Rc3 Rc7 38.Kc2 1-0

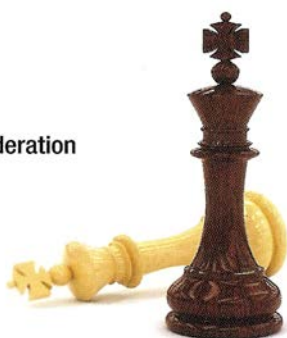
**Zheng Zhu (1901) –**  
**Michael Lee (2526) [B22]**  
Michael Lee Simul, June 11, 2016  
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5.Bc4 Nb6 6.Bb3 c4 7.Bc2 d6 8.exd6 Qxd6 9.0-0 Bg4 10.d4 cxd3 11.Bxd3 0-0-0 12.Be2 Qxd1 13.Bxd1 e5 14.Be3

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Nc4 15.Nbd2 Nxb2 16.Bb3 f6 17.a4 Nd3 18.a5 Bc5 19.Ne4 Bxe3 20.fxe3 Kc7 21.c4 Be6 22.Nfd2 Rhf8 23.Rfb1 Bg8 24.c5 Bxb3 25.Nxb3 f5 26.Ng5 Rf6 27.a6 h6 28.Nf3 bxa6 29.Rxa6 Ndb4

29...Rb8 30.Nfd2 Rb5-+

30.Ra4 Rd3



Position after 30...Rd3

31.Nxe5 Nxe5 32.Rxb4 Nc6 33.Ra4 Rxe3 34.Na5 Nxa5 35.Rxa5 a6 36.Rba1 Kb7 37.Rb1+ Ka7 38.Rd1 Re7 39.Kf2 g5 40.Kf3 f4 41.h3 Rc6 42.Rd2 Kb7

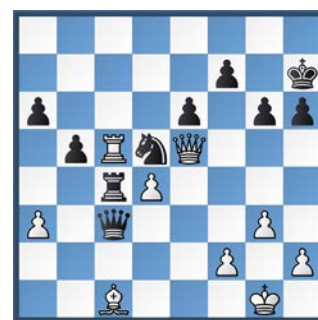
43.Rb2+ Kc7 44.Rba2 h5 45.Rxa6 Re3+ 46.Kf2 Rxc5 47.R6a5 Rec3 48.R2a3 Rc2+ 49.Kf3 Kd6 50.Rxc5 Rxc5 51.Ra6+ Ke5 52.Rh6 1/2-1/2

Sridhar Seshadri (1669) –  
Michael Lee (2526) [E17]  
Michael Lee Simul, June 11, 2016

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 b6 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.b3 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.c4 d5 8.Ne5 Nbd7 9.Ba3 c5 10.Nxd7 Qxd7 11.e3 dxc4 12.Bxb7 Qxb7 13.bxc4 Rfd8 14.Bb2 Rac8 15.Nd2 cxd4 16.exd4 Qa6 17.Rc1 Bb4 18.a3 Bxd2 19.Qxd2 Rxc4 20.Qe2 Ra4 21.Qf3 Nd5 22.Rc6 Qb7 23.Rcc1 Qa6 24.Qb3 Ra5 25.Rc6 Qb7 26.Rfc1 Qd7 27.Qd3 a6 28.Qd2 Ra4 29.R1c2 b5 30.Qc1 h6 31.Rc8 Rxc8 32.Rxc8+ Kh7 33.Qc2+ g6 34.Rc6 Qb7 35.Rc5 Rc4 36.Qe4 Qb6 37.Qe5 Qa5 38.Bc1 Qc3

[Diagram top of next column]

39.Bxh6 Qxd4 40.Qxd4 Rxd4 41.Bf8 Rc4 42.Kf1 g5 43.Rxc4 bxc4 44.Ke2 Kg6 45.g4 Nc3+ 46.Kf3 Kf6 47.Bd6



Position after 38...Qc3

Nb5 48.Bb4 Ke5 49.Ke2 Kd4 50.Be7 c3 51.Bxg5 Kc4 52.Kd1 Nd4 53.Kc1 Nf3 54.Bf6 Nd2 55.Bg5??

Something off with the score sheet here.

55.Kc2?

55...c2??

55...Nf3-+

56.h4??

56.Bxd2+-

56...Ne4 57.Be3 Kc3 58.h5 Nf6 59.h6 Kd3 60.g5 Nh7 1/2-1/2

Chris Clark (747) –  
Michael Lee (2526) [B30]  
Michael Lee Simul, June 11, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 e6 4.0-0 d5 5.exd5 exd5 6.Bb5 Be6 7.Re1 Bd6 8.Nc3 Nge7 9.d4 c4 10.Bg5 0-0 11.Qd2 Qb6 12.Bxc6 Nxc6 13.Rab1 a6



Position after 13...a6

14.Bh6 Ne7 15.Nh4 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Rae8 17.g3 Qxd4 18.Rbd1 Qg7

18...Qg4-+

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19.Rxe6 fxe6 20.Qxe6+ Qf7 21.Qxd6  
Qxf2+ 22.Kh1 d4 23.Ne4 Qf7 24.Qxd4  
Nf5

24...Nc6+

25.Nxf5 Qxf5 26.Qxc4+ Rf7 27.Re1



Position after 27.Re1

27...b5??

27...Re5±

28.Nf6+ Qxf6 29.Rxe8+ Kg7 30.Qg4+  
Qg6 31.Qd4+ Qf6+- 1/2-1/2

**Brandon Jiang (1599) –**

**Michael Lee (2526) [B23]**

Michael Lee Simul, June 11, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Bc4 e6  
5.f4 Rb8 6.Nf3 b5 7.Nxd4 bxc4 8.Nf3 d5  
9.e5 h5 10.b3 cxb3

10...Ba6±



Brandon Jiang. Photo credit: Josh Sinanan.

11.axb3 Qc7 12.Qe2 Bd7 13.Qa6 Rb7  
14.Ra5 Qb8

14...Rb6 15.Qxa7 Rb7 16.Qa6 Rb6  
17.Qe2 Rxb3



Position after 14...Qb8

15.Ba3 Ne7 16.Bxc5 Nc6 17.Bxf8 Nxa5?

17...Rb6 18.Qe2 Kxf8 (18...Nxa5  
19.Bxg7±) 19.Ra1±

18.Bd6 Qd8



Position after 18...Qd8

19.b4 Bc8 20.Qxa5 Qxa5 21.bxa5 Rb2

## Washington Women's Championship

September 17-18, 2016

**Highest finishing Washington resident seeded into the Invitational Section of the 2017 Washington State Championship**

**Site:** Seattle Chess Club, 2150 North 107th Street, Seattle, WA 98133.

**Format:** 4 Round Swiss. One Section.

**Time Control:** 30/90, SD/30, d10.

US Chess September 2016 rating supplement will be used to determine pairings and prizes.

Foreign ratings used for players with no US Chess rating.

Higher of US Chess or foreign ratings used at TD discretion.

**Prize Fund:** \$975 (based on 20 paid entries).

1st \$300, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$100, 1st U1800 \$75, 1st U1600 \$75, 1st U1400 \$75, 1st U1200 \$75, 1st U1000/Unr \$75.

**Entry Fee:** \$50 if postmarked or online by 09/14, \$60 after 09/14 or at site. Free entry for WGMs.

**Registration:** Saturday 9:00 - 9:45 AM.

**Rounds:** Saturday 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM; Sunday 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM.

**Byes:** One half-point bye available. Request before end of round 2.

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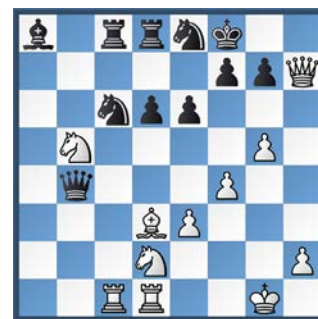
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*Sridhar Seshadri. Photo credit: Josh Sinanan.*

19.Bxf6 Nxf6 20.g4 Qb7 21.Qg2 b5  
22.g5 Ne8 23.cxb5 axb5 24.Nc3 Qa7  
25.Qh3 Qxa3 26.Qxh7+ Kf8 27.Nxb5  
Qxb4



*Position after 27...Qxb4*

28.Rb1?

28.Ne4+-

28...Qc5 29.Kf2 Nb4 30.Nd4 Nxd3+  
31.Qxd3 e5 32.Ne2 exf4 33.Nxf4 Qxg5  
34.h3 Qh4+ 35.Ke2 Nf6 36.Rg1 g5  
37.Ng2 Qxh3 38.e4 Qg4+ 39.Ke3 d5  
40.Qd4 dxe4 41.Qb4+ Kg7 42.Qb2  
Rd3+ 43.Kf2 e3+ 44.Nxe3 Qf4+ 0-1

22.Ke2 Ba6+ 23.Ke3 Kd7 24.Na4 1-0

Alain Zanchetta -

Michael Lee (2526) [A56]

Michael Lee Simul, June 11, 2016

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.dxc5 e6 4.e3 Bxc5  
5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Be2 b6 8.0-0 Bb7  
9.a3 Rc8 10.b4 Be7 11.Bb2 d6 12.Rc1  
a6 13.Bd3 Qc7 14.Qe2 Rfd8 15.Rfd1  
Qb8 16.Na4 Nd7 17.Nd2 Ba8 18.f4 Bf6

## Vancouver Open

October 22-23, 2016

**Site:** Hilton Vancouver Washington, 301 West 6th Street, Vancouver, WA 98660. (855) 213-0582.

**HR:** \$159.00 Single/Double, \$179.00 Triple, \$199.00 Quad until 10/01. 1-360-993-4500, mention Chess Tournament.

**Format:** 5 Round Swiss. **Two Sections:** Open and Reserve (under 1800).

**Time Control:** Rd 1 G/60, d10, Rds 2-5 40/120, SD/30, d10.

US Chess October 2016 rating supplement will be used to determine pairings and prizes.

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

**Prize Fund:** \$1,630 (based on 60 paid entries).

**Open:** 1st \$380, 2nd \$280, 1st U2000 \$120, 1st U1800 \$120

**Reserve:** 1st \$280, 2nd \$180 1st U1600 \$90, 1st U1400 \$90, 1st U1200/Unrated \$90

**Entry Fee:** \$75 if postmarked or online by 10/19, \$85 after 10/19 or at site. Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs.

**Registration:** Saturday 9:00 - 9:45 AM.

**Rounds:** Saturday 10:00 AM, 12:30 PM, 6:00 PM; Sunday 10:00 AM, 3:30 PM.

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

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

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 6. US Chess Junior Grand Prix event.

Northwest Chess Grand Prix event. 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](mailto:danomathews01@gmail.com).

**Online Registration:** [www.nwchess.com/onlineregistration](http://www.nwchess.com/onlineregistration).



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### Washington Challenger's Cup

October 29-30, 2016

**Highest finishing Washington resident in the Open Section seeded into the 2017 Washington State Championship**

**Site:** Seattle Chess Club, 2150 North 107th Street, Seattle, WA 98133.

**Two Sections:** Open and Reserve (under 1800).

**Open:** 4 Round Swiss. **Time Control:** 40/120, SD/30, d10.

**Reserve:** 5 Round Swiss. **Time Control:** Rd 1 G/60, d10, Rds 2-5 40/120, SD/30, d10.

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

**Prize Fund:** \$1,700 (based on 60 paid entries).

**Open:** FIDE rated 1st \$400, 2nd \$275, 1st U2100 \$125, 1st U1900 \$125.

**Reserve:** 1st \$250, 2nd \$180, 1st U1600 \$115, 1st U1400 \$115, 1st U1200/Unrated \$115.

**Entry Fee:** \$75 if postmarked or online by 10/26, \$85 after 10/26 or at site. Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs.

**Registration:** Saturday 9:00 - 9:45 AM.

**Rounds:** Open: Saturday 10:00 AM, 4:00 PM; Sunday 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM.

Reserve: Saturday 10:00 AM, 12:30 PM, 6:00 PM; Sunday 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM.

**Byes:** One half-point bye available (Open Section), two half-point byes available (Reserve Section).

Request before end of round 2. US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships required, other states accepted.

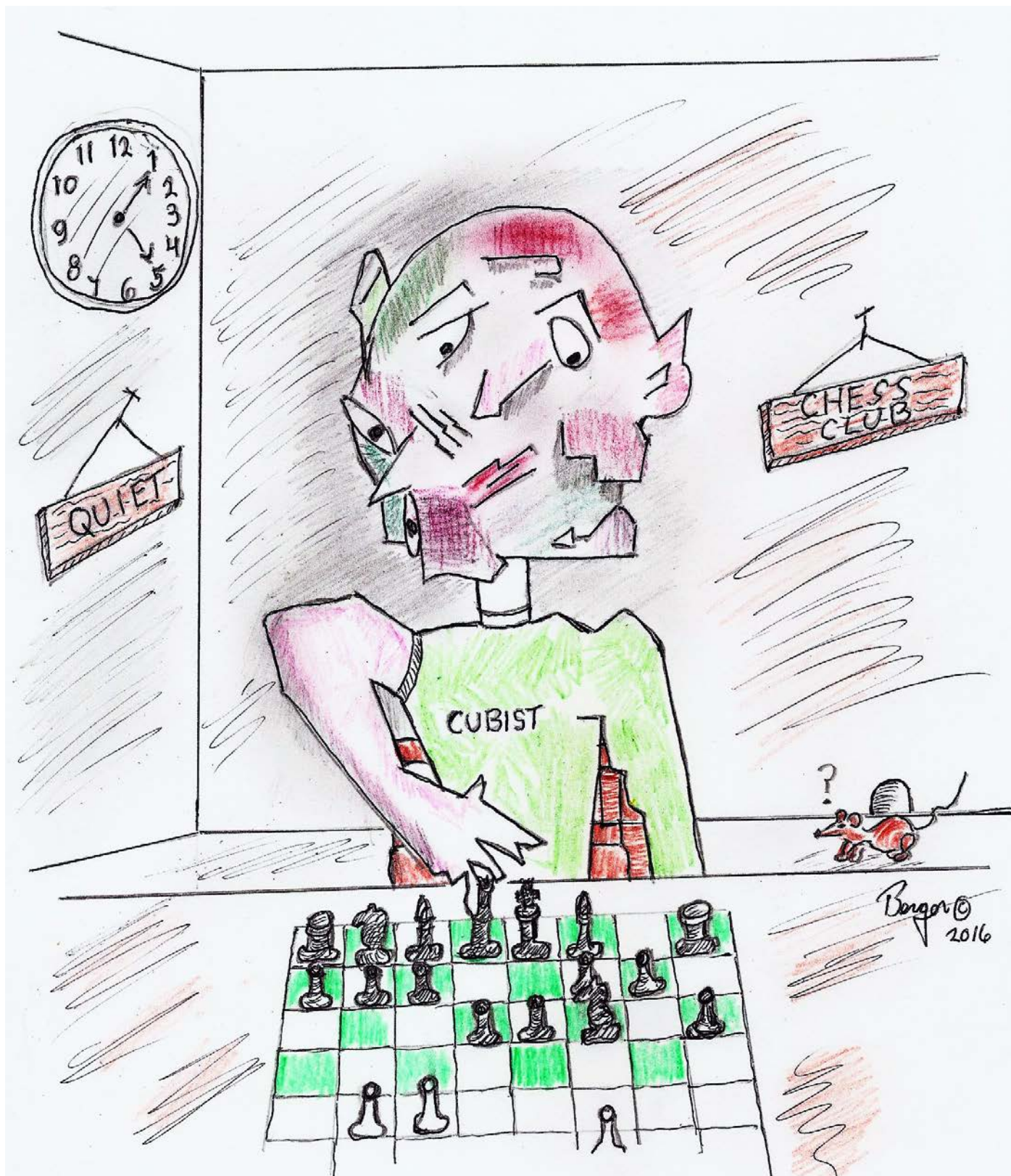
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# The 2016 Richard Gutman Memorial Northwest Chess Grand Prix

## Murlin Varner, Administrator

With great apologies to your hard working editor, I was late with my column this month. This is due to the fact that I have been searching for a new job, a search which became successful right about the time my column was due. Time being at a premium, and inspiration lacking, my column is going to be shorter than usual. But, I have a new full time teaching position, so joy abounds, at least in my household.

If you have the desire to be a Grand Prix hero, you might want to relocate to Portland for a few weeks. The last two weekends in August, the only GP events to be had will be held there. To complete the trifecta, stay through the first weekend in September and attend the biggest Northwest tournament of the year, the 6x, \$10,000 guaranteed prize fund Oregon Open. Earlier in the month, pick up points at events in Spokane, Seattle and Tacoma, but finish in Portland. That is all I have to say this month. Maybe your hard working editor will be able to fill the space with some of the other tables I provide every month. Or maybe some more advertisements, which help keep the finances afloat. (BTW, if YOU want to help keep NWC afloat, donations are always accepted. See the NWC Knights on page 2.)

Data below is current through July 1.

## Northwest Grand Prix Standings

Idaho			Oregon			Washington					
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.			
			Masters								
			1	Haessler	Carl A	41	1	Pupols	Viktors	121.5	
			2	Tarjan	James	32.5	2	Raptis	Nick	102.5	
			3	Grabinsky	Aaron	30	3	Tiglon	Bryce	73.5	
							4	He	Anthony B	71.5	
							5	Perez	Ignacio	54	
M/X/Class A			Experts								
1	Miller	Travis J	55.5	1	Cigan	Jason	54.5	1	Olin	Neo E	40.5
2	Hawkins	Nicholas B	48	2	Richardson	Ryan	47.5	2	Yu	Jason	39.5
3	Cambareri	Michael E	36.5	3	McCoy	Owen	37.5	3	Rupel	David	37.5
4	Bodie	Brad	30.5	4	Seitzer	Phillip	35.5	4	Bashkansky	Naomi	37.5
5	Maki	James J	19.5	5	Bjorksten	Lennart	30	5	Leslie	Cameron D	35
Class B			Class A								
1	Derryberry	Dewayne R	13.5	1	Phipps	Danny	46	1	Baxter	Brent L	83.5
2	Roland	Jeffrey T	10.5	2	Fletcher	Raymond R	32	2	Lee	Addison	72.5
3	Buus	Jarod N	8	3	Rachmuth	Moshe S	29	3	Zhang	Brendan	59.5
Three tied at			6	4	Wu	Ethan	26	4	Zhang	Eric M	59
				5	Murray	David E	25.5	5	Bonrud	Neal	55.5

Idaho			Oregon			Washington					
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.			
Class C			Class B								
1	Martonick	Nick	18.5	1	Hasuike	Mike L	130	1	Buck	Stephen J	168.5
1	Weyland	Ron	18.5	2	Berger	Brian F	60.5	2	Pothukuchi	Revanth V	100.5
3	Jaroski	Jeffrey A	16	3	Vega	Isaac	53	3	Jiang	Brandon	67
4	Courtney	Caleb	13.5	4	Moore	Michael	46	4	Xuan	Owen	66.5
5	Nyblade	Wesley	10	5	Burris	Christopher E	35.5	5	Anand	Vignesh	62.5
Class D			Class C								
1	Bodie	Arlene	24.5	1	Dietz	Arliss	50	1	Piper	August	91
2	Porth	Adam	15	2	Kenway	Geoffrey W	33	2	Richards	Jerrold	75
3	Ang	Ching-E N	9.5	3	Lancaster	Carter D	22.5	3	Lawler	Aidan	64.5
4	Nyblade	Wesley, III	9	4	Wentz	Dale R	18	4	Cordero	Rowland	61.5
5	Porth	Desmond	5	5	Feldman	Konner	17	5	Zhang	Kyle	59
Class E and Below			Class D and Below								
1	Callen	Gregory D	27	1	Roshu	David L	23.5	1	Munsey	Michael R	71
2	Porth	Darwin A	13	2	Roshu	Cassandra M	22	2	Jiang	Andrew	67
3	Bauman	Christopher J	6	3	Zhang	Ethan Y	20	3	Pogrebinsky	Ethan	55.5
3	He	Justin	6	4	Bowden	Robert E	17	4	Kaelin	Alex	51
5	Three tied at		5	5	Pai	Kushal	16.5	5	Levine	Joseph R	50
Overall Leaders, by State											
1	Miller	Travis J	55.5	1	Hasuike	Mike L	130	1	Buck	Stephen J	168.5
2	Hawkins	Nicholas B	48	2	Berger	Brian F	60.5	2	Pupols	Viktors	121.5
3	Cambareri	Michael E	36.5	3	Cigan	Jason	54.5	3	Raptis	Nick	102.5
4	Bodie	Brad	30.5	4	Vega	Isaac	53	4	Pothukuchi	Revanth V	100.5
5	Callen	Gregory D	27	5	Dietz	Arliss	50	5	Piper	August	91
6	Bodie	Arlene	24.5	6	Richardson	Ryan	47.5	6	Baxter	Brent L	83.5
7	Maki	James J	19.5	7	Phipps	Danny	46	7	Richards	Jerrold	75
8	Martonick	Nick	18.5	7	Moore	Michael	46	8	Tiglon	Bryce	73.5
8	Weyland	Ron	18.5	9	Haessler	Carl A	41	9	Lee	Addison	72.5
10	Joshi	Kairav R	16.5	10	McCoy	Owen	37.5	10	He	Anthony B	71.5
11	Jaroski	Jeffrey A	16	11	Seitzer	Phillip	35.5	11	Munsey	Michael R	71
12	Three tied at		15	11	Burris	Christopher E	35.5	12	Two Tied at		67

**(See more Upcoming Events Continued from page 31)**

☞ **Oct 1-2** Norman Friedman Memorial Tournament & National Chess Week Celebration, **Hailey, ID**. Hosted by: BCSD Chess Club and ICA. Site: Community Campus, 1050 Fox Acres Rd., Hailey, Idaho. 5 SS, TC: G/120; d5. One Section: Open, US Chess rated. EF: \$25.00 (\$45.00 Family); IMs, FM's, GMs free. Reg & check in: 8:30 - 10 am or online at idahocheessassociation.org. US Chess & ICA/OCF/WCF mem req., can be purchased at reg. Opening Cer. 9 am, Rd times: 10/1 10 am, 2 pm, 7 pm, 10/2 9 am, 1 pm. Byes: Rd 1-4. Prizes: \$500 guaranteed! 1st - 2nd place Overall \$150, \$100, U1800, U1600, U1400, U1200, U1000 each: \$50/class. Side events: 9/30 Blitz, unrated, 8SS, G/5; d0. EF: \$10. Reg: 6-7pm, Rnds continuous begin 7 pm, trophy awards. 10/1 Scholastic, unrated, 5 SS, G/30; d0, EF: \$10. Reg. 8:30 - 9am, Rnd times: 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, 4 pm. Trophies: 1st place each grade. Info.: ICA, www.idahocheessassociation.org. Contact: Adam Porth, SCHS, 1060 Fox Acres Rd., Hailey, ID 83333.

**Oct 21-23** 34th Annual Western States Open, **Reno, NV**. (See Full-page Ad page 3)

☞ **Oct 22-23** Vancouver Open, **Vancouver, WA**. (See Half-page Ad page 25)

☞ **Oct 29-30** Washington Challenger's Cup, **Seattle, WA**. (See Half-page Ad page 26)

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## SCC Fridays

Typical Friday fare is one round of an ongoing tournament (free to SCC members, no prizes) played at a rate of 40/90 followed by 30/60. Drop in for any round!

**Dog Days:** 8/5, 12, 19, 26.

**Close Ratings 2:** 9/2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

**Autumn Leaves:** 10/7, 14, 21, 28.

**November Rains:** 11/4, 11, 18.

## SCC

### Championship

Sept. 9, 16, 30; Oct. 7, 14, 28, Nov. 4

**Format:** 7-rd Swiss held on Friday evenings. **TC:** 35/100 and 25/60. **EF:** \$32 if rec'd by 9/7, \$40 thereafter. SCC memb. req'd—\$30 special tnmt memb.

**Prize fund:** 75% of EFs. **Prizes:** 23%-16%, U2000 9%, U1800 8%, U1600 7%, U1400 6%, Unrated 3%, Endurance 3%.

**Reg:** Fri. 7-7:45 p.m. **Rds:** Fridays 8 p.m.

**Make-up Games for Rds 1-4:** G/75;d5 make-ups may be scheduled for any Wednesday 9/14 through 10/12. **Byes:** 4 (1 in rds 5-7, commit by 10/14). **Misc:** SCC/US Chess memb. req'd. NS. NC.

☞ Aug. 13, Sept. 17

**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:** US Chess, WCF/OCF/ICA memb. req'd, OSA. NS, NC.

Saturday Quads☞

☞ Aug. 14, Sept. 11

**Format:** 4-SS. **TC:** G/60; d5. **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:** US Chess, WCF/OCF/ICA memb. req'd, OSA. NS, NC.

Sunday Tornado☞

October 8

**Format:** 4-SS. Open to U1200 and UNR. **TC:** G/75; d5. **EF:** \$11 by 10/5, \$16 at site. (-\$2 SCC mem., -\$1 mem. other NW dues-req'd CCs). **Prizes:** Memb (SCC, WCF, US Chess). **Reg:** 9-9:45a.m. **Rds:** 10-12:45-3:30-6. **Byes:** 1 (Rd 3/4—commit at reg.). **Misc:** US Chess memb. req'd. NS, NC.

SCC Novice

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*You can now register online for full-weekend tournaments and make your tax-deductable donations at [WWW.seattlechess.club](http://WWW.seattlechess.club)*

## Seattle Fall Open

### September 23-25 or September 24-25

A 2-section, 5-round Swiss chess tournament with a time control of 40/120 & SD/60 and a 5-second delay (except Rd 1 of 2-day option — G/60;d5) with a prize fund of \$1000 based on 62 paid entries, 6 per prize group.

### A Northwest Grand Prix event

Open: **\$180 gtd-\$120 gtd, U2200 \$100, U2000 \$95, U1800 \$90**

Reserve (U1700): **\$110-\$80, U1550 \$70, U1450 \$65, U1350 \$60, UNR \$30**

**Entry Fees:** \$35 by 9/21, \$45 at site. SCC members—subtract \$10. Members of other dues-req'd CCs in BC, OR, & WA—subtract \$5. Unrated players FREE with purchase of 1-yr US Chess & WCF. **Add \$1 for 2-day option.** Make checks payable to SCC.

**Registration:** Fri. 7-7:45 pm or Sat. 9-9:45 am. **Rounds:** Fri. 8 pm, Sat. (10@G/60;d5)-12:30-6:45, Sun. 11-5.

**Byes:** 2 available. Rounds 4 or 5 must commit at registration. **Misc.:** US Chess & WCF required. NS. NC.

# Upcoming Events

☞ denotes 2016 Northwest Grand Prix event; for Seattle Chess Club events see page 30

☞ **Aug 4, 11, 18 August Ajeeb Quads, Spokane, WA.** Site: Gonzaga University, Jepson Center Rm. 108. Reg: 6:30-6:55 Aug 4th. E.F.: \$16. T/C: G/120 (with 5 second delay). Games start at 7:00 p.m. US Chess membership required (US Chess rated), n/c. Info: Dave Griffin, Email: dbgrffn@hotmail.com, web spokanechessclub.org.

☞ **Aug 6 Tacoma CC Summer Open, Tacoma, WA.** Site: Metro Parks Community Center, 3513 Portland Ave. E., Tacoma, WA. Format: 3 round Quads. Time Control: G/90; d5. Entry fee: \$25.00 advance, \$30.00 at site, \$22.00 for TCC members. Prize fund: \$40.00 each quad. Registration: 9:00-9:45 a.m. Rounds: 10:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:45 p.m. One half-point bye available. US Chess/WCF memberships required. NS NC W. Entries/Info: Gary J. Dorfner, 8423 E. B St., Tacoma, WA 98445, ph. (253) 535-2536, ggarychess@aol.com or web: tacomachess.org.

☞ **Aug 13-14 Spokane Falls Open, Spokane, WA.** Site: River Park Square Kress Gallery, 3rd Floor, 808 W. Main Ave., Spokane, WA 99201. Registration: Sat. 8:30-9:30am. 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. \$18 if received by 8/12, \$3 less for under 18 year old. \$25 for all at the site. Telephone entries accepted. US Chess rated. \$500 prize fund based on 25, 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. Special Event: Spokane Falls Open will be held concurrently with the Spokane City Championship on Aug. 13-14. Michael Cambareri will take on the winner of a six player round-robin that will take place June 4-5. Two rounds are scheduled for Saturday while rounds three and four will be scheduled for Sunday. Time control: G/120;d5. If needed there will be a G/10 playoff with the first to reach three points wins. Prizes: 1st Overall: \$120, 2nd Overall: \$80, Class Prizes: 1st (U/1800;U/1600;U/1400) \$60, 2nd (U/1800;U/1600;U/1400) \$30, Biggest Upset: \$30 (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, email: dbgrffn@hotmail.com.

☞ **Aug 20/Sep 17 Portland CC Quad 45, Portland, OR.** Portland Chess Club, 8205 SW 24th Ave., Portland, OR. 3-round quads, G/45;d15. Some/all sections may run as a 3-round Swiss with more than four players. The most current ("live") US Chess regular ratings are usually used for section placement. On-site registration runs from 9-9:45am. Rounds are scheduled for 10am, 12:15pm, and 2:30pm. Rounds 2 and 3 can be started earlier if both players agree. Players who have a game go long can request extra time off before the next round. EF: \$15, PCC members \$10, \$5 discount for each additional family member who lives in the same household, free entry for players who are unrated in US Chess. US chess and NWSRS rated. US Chess membership is required and can be purchased during on-site registration. Winner of each section receives \$10 discount on the entry fee for one of the next three PCC Quad 45 or Tuesday Quads. If there is a six or seven player Swiss, the runner-up receives \$5 discount. Scholastic awards: trophy for winning section with 3 points; smaller trophy for winning or tie for first with 2.5; medal for winning or tie for first with 2 or 1.5. OSCF State Qualifier. Optional blitz tournament afterwards.

☞ **Aug 27/Sep 24 Portland CC Game in 60, Portland, OR.** Portland Chess Club, 8205 SW 24th Ave., Portland, OR. 4SS, G/60;d5. If 30 or more entries the field will be divided into 2 sections by ratings. EF: \$20, \$5 discount for PCC Members. US Chess rated; OCF/WCF/ICA and US Chess membership required, OSA. No advance entries. Reg: 9:00-9:45 a.m. Byes: 1/2 point bye if requested at reg. Players who have a game go around the full time can request extra time off before the next round. Prizes: If one section (\$200/b20) \$60-\$40-\$30; U1800, U1500/unrated \$35 each. If two sections - upper section \$75-50-25 (b/15); lower section \$65-35; U1400/unrated \$50 (b/15). No tiebreakers (prizes split). OSCF State Qualifier. Info: email@pdxchess.org, phone 503-246-2978, website www.pdxchess.org.

☞ **Sep 3-5 66th Annual Oregon Open, Portland, OR. (See Full-page Ad page 19)**

☞ **Sep 10 Tacoma CC Tornado, Tacoma, WA.** Place: Uncle's Games in the Tacoma Mall across hall from JC Penny. Format: 5 round Swiss. Time Control: G/30;d5. Entry fee: \$25.00 in advance, \$30.00 at site, \$22.00 for TCC members. Prize fund: 1st \$45.00, 2nd \$40.00; Top Half & Bottom Half. Registration: 9:00-9:45 a.m. Rounds: 10:00, 11:15, 12:30, 2:00, 3:30. 2 half point byes available. US Chess and WCF or other state membership required. NS NC W. Entries/Info: Gary J. Dorfner, 8423 E. B St., Tacoma, WA 98445, phone (253) 535-2536, email ggarychess@aol.com or web tacomachess.org.

☞ **Sep 15,22,29 and Oct 6,13 Spokane Fall Championship, Spokane, WA.** Site: Gonzaga University (Jepson Rm. 108). Registration: 6:15-6:45, Sept 15. Rounds: All rounds start at 7 p.m. E.F. \$16. US Chess rated. Format: 5 round Swiss. Time Control: G/90 (with 5 second delay). Contact: David Griffin, dbgrffn@hotmail.com.

**Sep 17-18 Washington Women's Championship, Seattle, WA. (See Half-page Ad page 24)**

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