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From The Editor's Desk

We have a new feature this month: Brian Berger writes Spotlight On Roshen Nair, a positive look at an active Northwest Player. This month it's a successful rising junior star, but it could be anyone — junior, senior, or in between. If you would like to suggest a worthy subject, or perhaps write a Spotlight On feature yourself, drop us an email at editor@nwchess.com.

Errata

The photo at the top of page 9 in the August 2017 issue was originally captioned as "(L) Kushal Pai vs Raj Kodithyala. Photo credit: Brian Berger." It should have been "(L) Kushal Pai vs Roshen Nair. Photo credit: Brian Berger."

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Vancouver Open

By Sarah McCoy

Vancouver, WA—August 5-6, 2017

For many people the summer is a time to take a break from endeavors that stretch and strain our mental capacities. But for chess players, the summer is as good a time as any for some solid competition! Knowing this, the Washington Chess Federation organized the Vancouver Open on August 5-6, 2017, at the Hampton Inn and Suites in East Vancouver, and 59 players showed up to try their luck, ranging from young children to experienced masters.

The organizers and contestants alike were delighted by the attendance of Grandmaster Giorgi Margvelashvili (2609), who happens to live in the Vancouver area. Not only did he compete, offering others a rare opportunity play against such a highly-rated opponent, but he was also gracious enough to offer a lecture preceding the final round on Sunday. Other masters in attendance included Nick Raptis (2425), Steven Breckenridge (2385), Anthony He (2340), Josh Sinanan (2263), Matt Zavortink (2223), and Jason Cigan (2218).

By contrast, there were also quite a few scholastic players at the event, with some who were even in elementary school such as Abbie Wu (grade 2) and Yu-Cheng Liang (grade 3). While most competed in the Reserve section, a few brave juniors entered the Open Section such as 4th graders Joseph Levine and Matthew Hwang. Many players had either driven down from the Seattle area or had come up from Oregon.

The winner of the Reserve section was Michael Moore of Oregon (1807-1830), with an impressive 4.5/ 5.0 score. First prize in the Open section went to Steven Breckenridge (2388-2411), who finished in clear first with a perfect score of 5.0. There was a tie for 2nd place between Oregonians Jason Cigan (2236-2252) and Lennart Bjorksten (2093-2127), who both scored 4.0/ 5.0.

While every chess tournament ends with some mixture of delight and disappointment as players take home their final scores, I'm sure all attendees can agree that the event was a great opportunity to get some practice in during the summer, especially when heat and wildfire smoke are making it difficult to enjoy the outdoors! Many thanks to the organizers for making it possible, and congratulations to the winners!

**Josh Sinanan (2263) –
Michael J. Hosford (1906) [A50]**
Vancouver Open Vancouver, WA
(R1), August 5, 2017
[Ralph Dubisch]

"I tried out the Horsefly Gambit against Hosford's Tango in the first round. Although the game was quite short, there were several interesting possibilities involving Greek Gift-style sacs on the kingside."—Josh Sinanan.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.d5 Ne5 4.f4?

Wow. This actually has a name? 4.Nc3 is a good developing move that also offers the c-pawn, though it is clearly less forcing.

4...Nxc4 5.e4 Nb6 6.Nc3 e6 7.dxe6 fxe6 8.Nf3 Bb4

8...Bc5

9.Bd3 0-0?

9...d6∞

10.0-0?

10.e5!±

10...Qe8

10...d6 11.e5 Ng4 is an unclear try. The direct sacrificial attack doesn't win, at least: 12.Bxh7+? Kxh7 13.Ng5+ Qxg5! 14.fxg5 Bc5+ 15.Kh1 Rxf1+ 16.Qxf1 Nf2+ 17.Kg1 Nh3+ 18.Kh1 Nf2+ with a draw by repetition.

11.Qc2 Qh5 12.e5



Position after 12.e5

12...Bxc3?

12...Nfd5 13.Nxd5 Nxd5 14.Ng5± is also not everything Black was hoping for.

13.bxc3 Nfd5 14.Ng5 g6

14...Rf5, while better than the game move, is equally unsatisfactory.

15.Rf3

Resignation on move 15 following a rook lift to attack the wayward black queen on the kingside. A nice parallel on the high boards in round one.

1-0

**Steven Breckenridge (2388) –
Danny Phipps (1920) [B22]**
Vancouver Open Vancouver, WA
(R1), August 5, 2017
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bc4 Nb6 7.Bb3 e6?

7...d5; and 7...d6 are both more popular and better than Frenching the bishop here.

8.cxd4 d6 9.Qe2 Be7 10.0-0 dxe5 11.dxe5 Nd4 12.Nxd4 Qxd4 13.Rd1 Qh4 14.Be3 Nd7??

14...Qe4 15.f4± Black will suffer deficits in both space and development without any compensation.

15.Rd4

Who finished round one first, Steven or Josh?

1-0



Michael Hosford (L) vs. Josh Sinanan, as White ponders what to play against the Black Knight's Tango. Photo Credit: Photo courtesy of Washington Chess Federation.



Moshe Rachmuth (L) vs. GM Giorgi Margvelashvili during round 1 of the Vancouver Open.
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**Steven Breckenridge (2388) –
Matt Zavortink (2225) [C03]**
Vancouver Open Vancouver, WA
(R3), August 5, 2017
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.Ngf3 Nf6
5.Bd3 c5 6.exd5 Qxd5 7.dxc5 Nbd7
8.Bc4?!

This is likely a slight loss of time, as the bishop shortly returns to d3, and some black piece will need to move to c5 for the recapture eventually anyway. 8.b4! is an interesting alternative path,; while 8.0-0 looks normal and roughly equal.

8...Qxc5 9.Qe2 0-0 10.0-0 b6 11.Ne4



Position after 11.Ne4

11...Nxe4

11...Qc7 goes in an entirely different direction. Black may have been worried about complications arising from Neg5.

12.Qxe4 Rb8 13.Bd3 Qh5 14.Rd1 Bf6
15.Qf4?!

White avoids 15.Bf4 e5 16.Bg3 Nc5 17.Qe3 Nxd3 18.Rxd3 e4! 19.Bxb8 exd3 20.Bd6 Rd8 21.Bc7 Rf8 and the simplest is to repeat with 22.Bd6.

15...Bb7 16.Be2 Ne5 17.Nd4 Qg6
18.Qg3 Rfd8 19.Bf4 Qxg3 20.hxg3 a6
21.Nb3 Rbc8 22.c3 Nc4 23.Bxc4 Rxc4
24.Be3 Rc6 25.Rxd8+ Bxd8 26.Rd1



Position after 26.Rd1

26...Bc7?!

26...Rc8 keeps the black pieces coordinated. 27.Rd7 Bc6 28.Ra7 Ra8 29.Rxa8 Bxa8

27.Bf4! g6 28.Bxc7

28.Rd7! Bxf4 29.gxf4 Bc8 30.Ra7±

28...Rxc7 29.Rd6 Rc6

29...b5!?

30.Rd7 Bc8 31.Rd8+

31.Ra7!?

31...Kg7 32.Nd4 Rc5

32...Rc7 33.Rd6 Rb7

33.Rd6 e5 34.Nc2 b5 35.Nb4 a5 36.Nd3 Rc4 37.Nxe5 Re4 38.Nf3



Position after 38.Nf3

38...Bg4?!

38...b4 39.cxb4 Rxb4 40.Rd2 Be6 41.a3 Rb6±

39.Rd5 Bxf3 40.gxf3 Ra4

40...Re1+ 41.Kg2 b4 42.Rxa5 bxc3 43.bxc3 Rc1±, but Black's active rook counts for much.

41.a3 b4 42.cxb4 axb4 43.Rd4 1-0

**Jason Daniel Cigan (2236) –
Steven Breckenridge (2388) [C78]**
Vancouver Open Vancouver, WA
(R4), August 6, 2017
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6
5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bb7 7.d3 Bc5 8.Nc3 0-0
9.a4 Na5 10.axb5 Nxb3 11.cxb3 axb5
12.Rxa8 Bxa8 13.Nxe5 d5 14.Bg5 Be7
15.Nxb5 h6 16.Bf4 g5?!

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An aerial view of the Vancouver Hampton Inn & Suites, site of the 2017 Vancouver Open, captured via drone. Photo Credit: Photo courtesy of Washington Chess Federation.

This seems unnecessary. Simply 16... dxe4 looks plausible. 17.dxe4 Bxc4∞

17.Bg3 dxe4

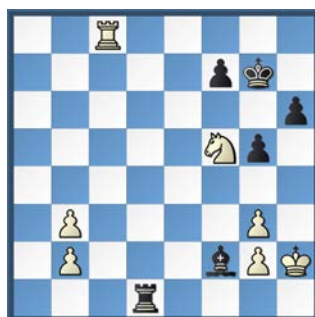


Position after 17...dxe4

18.dxe4

18.d4!?!±

18...Nxe4 19.Qxd8 Rxd8 20.Nxc7 Bb7 21.Nc4 Rd3 22.Na5 Nxc3 23.hxc3 Bc8 24.Re1 Bd8 25.Re8+ Kg7 26.Nc6 Bxc7 27.Rxc8 Bb6 28.Ne7 Rd1+ 29.Kh2 Bxf2 30.Nf5+



Position after 30.Nf5+

30...Kf6

30...Kg6 31.g4 Bg1+ 32.Kh3 (32.Kh1 h5) 32...Rd3+ 33.Ng3 (33.g3?? Rd2-) 33... Bd4 (33...Bf2 34.Rc3; 33...Rxb3 allows the cute 34.Rg8+ Kf6 35.Rg6+) 34.Rd8 Kf6 35.b4 Ke5 (35...Ke7?? 36.Rxd4 Rxd4 37.Nf5+-) 36.Re8+! Kd5 37.Ra8! White threatens 38.Ra3, and can meet 37...Bxb2 with 38.Rd8+.

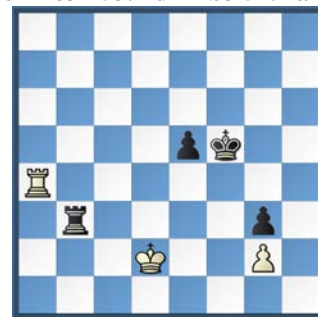
31.Nxh6 Bg1+ 32.Kh3 Kg6 33.Ng4

33.Ng8!?! Bd4 34.Ne7+ Kf6 35.Nc6 Bxb2 36.Kg4

33...Bd4 34.Rc6+ f6 35.Kh2 Kf5 36.Nh6+ Kg6 37.Ng4 Bxb2 38.Nf2 Rd8 39.g4 Be5+ 40.Kg1 Rb8 41.Rc1 Rxb3 42.Rd1 Rb4 43.Nd3 Rxc4 44.Nxe5+ fxe5 45.Kf2 Rd4 46.Ra1 Kf5 47.Ra8 Rd2+ 48.Kg3 Rd3+ 49.Kf2 g4 50.Rf8+ Ke4 51.Ra8 g3+?!)

51...Rb3 52.Ra4+ Kf5 53.Ra8 keeps flexibility.

52.Ke2 Re3+ 53.Kd2 Rb3 54.Ra4+ Kf5

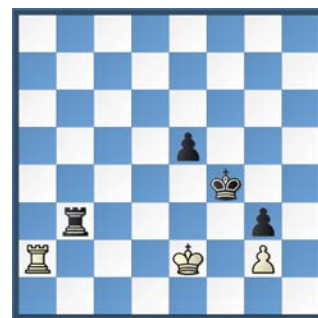


Position after 54...Kf5

55.Ra2??

Eek! Passive rook! 55.Ke2 draws, as 55...e4 (55...Rb2+ 56.Kf3) 56.Ra8 Rb2+ 57.Ke3 Rxc2 58.Rf8+ is textbook, with the follow-up 58...Ke5 59.Re8+ Kd5 60.Re5+ adding a cute touch.; Surprisingly, 55.Rc4 also holds, because the king and pawn ending arising after 55...Rb2+ 56.Rc2 (56.Ke3 Rxc2 57.Kf3 Rg1 58.Rc5 is good enough, too.) 56... Rxc2+ 57.Kxc2 Ke4 58.Kd2 doesn't allow the black king flanking room via f3.

55...Kf4 56.Ke2



Position after 56.Ke2

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56...e4??

56...Rb1! is the winner here.

57.Rc2??

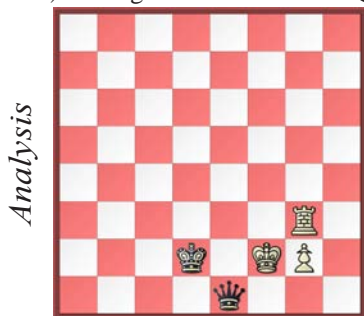
Now there is only one move to save the half point: 57.Rd2!, which later allows an interposition against a check along the second rank. 57...Re3+ 58.Kd1 Rc3 (58...Rd3 59.Ke2!) 59.Ke2 Rc8 (59...Rc1 60.Rd1!, though at this point it isn't even necessary. (60.Rd8 Rg1 61.Rf8+ Ke5 62.Re8+ Kd5 63.Rd8+ Kc6 64.Rg8 Rxc2+ 65.Ke3 is also drawn.)) 60.Rd7. Black can't make progress against the powerful blockade.

57...Rb1 58.Rc8 Rb2+ 59.Kf1 Rf2+ 60.Kg1 e3?!

60...Rb2 finishes cleanly.

61.Rc4+?!

White can try to make this a bit more challenging. 61.Rf8+ Ke4 62.Re8+, which sets a small trap: 62...Kd3 (62...Kd4! should win without drama.) 63.Rg8 e2? Hasty. (63...Rb2 64.Rxc3 Kd2 65.Rg8 Rb1+ 66.Kh2 Rb3 properly cashes in the point.) 64.Rxc3+ Kd2 65.Kxf2 e1Q+



(#Diagram-analysis after 65...e1=Q)

66.Kf3 and this could become a technically tricky business. With the white king ensconced on h2 and the rook shifting between f3 and h3, the position is a known draw — but the king and rook are not placed so well here, and Black should be able to zugzwang the pawn off the board, or at least make it move forward, when drawing ideas become more scarce. 66...Qe2+ 67.Kf4 Qf2+ 68.Kg4 Ke2 69.Kh3 Qf5+ 70.Kh4

a) 70.Kh2? Qe5! 71.Kh3 Qh5#;



Reserve section players at the 2017 Vancouver Open. Photo Credit: Photo courtesy of Washington Chess Federation.

b) 70.Rg4 Kf2 71.Kh4 (71.g3 Qe6!) 71...Qe5 72.g3 Qh8+ 73.Kg5 Kf3; 70...Qh7+ 71.Kg5 Qg7+ 72.Kh4 Qh6+ 73.Kg4 Kf2, for example, though of course Black will now need to prove the win with Queen vs Rook.

61...Ke5 62.Ra4 e2 63.Ra1 Rf4 64.Ra5+ Kf6 65.Ra6+ Kg5 66.Ra1 Re4 0-1

Lennart Bjorksten (2093) – Anthony Bi He (2336) [A45] Vancouver Open Vancouver, WA (R5), August 6, 2017 [Lennart Bjorksten]

Here's the last-round game that put me in a tie for second place at this tournament.

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 g6 3.Nc3

A while back, I was prepping for an opponent who always played the King's Indian against d4. I had dabbled a little in the London system, and I decided to look up how to handle g6 in the London. Anthony had the misfortune of walking into my prep.

3...d5 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4

This line is GM Simon Williams' recommendation. He is known for pushing "Harry the h-pawn".

5...0-0?



Position after 5...0-0

Question mark? What could be more natural than castling? Oddly enough, Williams says Black is virtually lost after White's coming exchange sacrifice. Black needed to play h5 first.

6.h5! Nxh5 7.Rxh5! gxh5 8.Qxh5

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this position, and I could tell they were thinking “Cool, Lennart got the exchange sac line.” They knew what was coming.

8...e6 9.Qh2

This looks strange, but it’s thematic and strong. This forces Black’s knight out of the coming kingside action.

9...Na6 10.Bd3

Yes, White could win a pawn with Bxa6, but this opens up lines on the queenside for Black’s counterattack. White needs to focus on the kingside attack.

10...f5 11.Nf3 Bd7 12.0–0–0 Qe7 13.Rh1

For me, this is where the game really started. This is how White develops his pieces every time in the exchange sac line. Now comes the hard part: figuring out how to win a won game against a strong opponent.

13...Bh8 14.Ng5 Nb4 15.Nxh7 Nxd3+ 16.cxd3 Rfc8



Position after 16...Rfc8

17.Qg3+

Played after much thought. Moves like g4 and Be5 also win, but Qg3 appears to be best.

17...Bg7

More or less forced. 17...Qg7 loses a piece to Nf6, and 17...Kf7 is convincingly refuted by Ng5.

18.Be5 Be8 19.Nf6+ Kf8 20.Rh8+!

The rook is untouchable because of Qg8#.

20...Kf7 21.Rh7 Kf8 22.Nd7+

The best, according to the silicon monster. I almost played 22.Ng8, but then I saw

that Bxe5 keeps Black very much in the game.

22...Qxd7 23.Rxg7

Inaccurate. White had a quick mate after 23.Bxg7 Kg8 24.Rh8 Kf7 25.Be5.

23...Bf7



Position after 23...Bf7

24.Qh4

Here 24.Rh7 was the most efficient win. Now much of White’s advantage evaporates, although he is still clearly in the driver’s seat.

24...Ke8 25.Bf6 Qd6 26.Qh7 Qf8

And a momentary standoff is reached. Black’s king, queen and bishop are all unable to move and his rooks are passive, but White needs something more to break through. Solution: get the knight to join the attack!

27.Kb1 b6 28.Ne2 c5 29.Nf4 Rc7 30.Ng6

This is where I first saw the clear win.

30...Bxg6 31.Qxg6+ Rf7 32.Rg8

Got him!

32...Kd7 33.Rxf8 Rxf8 34.Bg7

Picking up an additional exchange. The rest is easy.

34...Ke7 35.Bxf8+ Rxf8 36.dxc5 bxc5 37.Qg7+ Rf7 38.Qe5 Kd7 39.Qb8 Kc6 40.Qe8+ 1–0

Steven Breckenridge (2388) – Giorgi Margvelashvili (2609) [B07]
Vancouver Open Vancouver, WA
(R5), August 6, 2017
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.Nf3 e5 6.dxe5 dxe5 7.Qc2

White has quite a bit of latitude about his developmental pattern here, but it’s hard to believe that we know for sure that the queen wants to go to c2. Alternatives: 7.Bg5 Be7 8.Bxf6 Bxf6 9.0–0; 7.Na3 Be7 8.Nc4 Qc7 9.0–0; 7.0–0 Be7 8.Qe2 0–0 9.Nbd2 Qc7 10.Rd1, in each case with rough equality.

7...Be7 8.Nbd2 Qc7 9.Nf1

Here we see the idea behind White’s early queen development.

9...0–0 10.Ne3 Na5 11.b3 h6 12.0–0 Be6 13.Re1

Steven’s scoresheet has the annotation (=) here (presumably written after the game).

13...Rfe8 14.Bb2 Bf8



Position after 14...Bf8

By providing e-pawn support, Black is finally ready to push that c-pawn.

15.Rad1?!

15.Bb5! tosses a small wrench in Black’s works. 15...Nc6 negates the whole c-pawn-push plan. (15...Reb8 16.c4!? Bd6 17.Nd5± White will need to keep an eye on a6, b5 tactics aiming at the bishop, but it isn’t impossible to keep the queen on e2 or bring the d5-knight back to c3 as needed. Meanwhile, e5 is a target and the white knight has the perfect outpost. Black’s knight on the rim isn’t a positive feature anymore.; 15...Bd7?! 16.Bxd7 Qxd7 17.Rad1 Qe6 18.Nd5, even better for White with the light-square bishops off.; 15...Nd7 16.Nd5 again.)

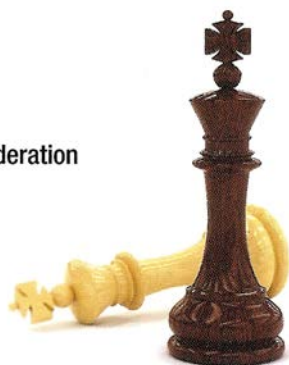
15...c4! 16.bxc4 Nxc4 17.Nxc4 Bxc4

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18.Bxc4 Qxc4 19.Qb3 Rac8 20.Qxc4 Rxc4 21.Nd2 Ra4 22.Ra1 Bc5 23.Re2 b5 24.Kf1 Re6 25.Nb3 Be7 26.f3 Rea6 27.Bc1 Rc4 28.Bd2 Nd7 29.Be1 f6 30.Rd1 Nb6 31.Rb2 Na4 32.Rc2



Position after 32.Rc2

32...Kf7?

Black can take advantage of the pin here: 32...Bb4 33.Rd8+ (33.Rd3 Bxc3 34.Bxc3 b4) 33...Kh7 34.Rb8 Nxc3 35.Nc1 (35.Rxb5 Nxb5 36.Rxc4 Bxe1 37.Kxe1 Rxa2) 35...Rac6 36.Bxc3 a6 and Black wins a pawn.

33.Ke2

33.Rd7 b4 $\bar{+}$

33...b4

33...Rd6!?

34.Kd3 Rac6?

This is the start of a tactical miscalculation, possibly missing the strength of White's 39th and 40th moves in the game. 34...Rc7 35.c4 $\bar{+}$

35.Na5 Rxc3+

35...Rd6+ 36.Ke2 (Or 36.Kxc4 Rxd1 37.Bd2)

36.Bxc3 Rd6+

[Diagram top of next column]

37.Ke2

37.Bd4! is a finesse to bring the black rook to d4, where a capture would change the pawn structure. 37...Rxd4+ 38.Ke2 Nc3+ 39.Rxc3 bxc3 (39...Rxd1 reaches the game line, albeit on a different move number.) 40.Rxd4 exd4 41.Nb3 Bd6 42.g3 \pm



Position after 36...Rd6+

37...Nxc3+ 38.Rxc3 Rxd1!?

Better 38...bxc3 39.Rxd6 Bxd6 40.Kd3 Bc5



Position after 38...Rxd1

39.Rc7!

39.Kxd1 bxc3 40.Kc2 is only equal.

39...Ra1 40.Nc6 Rxa2+ 41.Kd3 Ra3+ 42.Kd2 Ra2+ 43.Kc1 Rxc2 44.Nxe7 a5 45.Nf5+ Kg8 46.Ra7 a4?

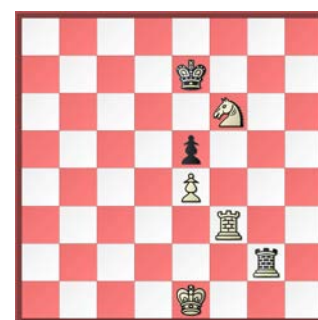
46...Rxb2 47.Rxc7+ Kf8 48.Ra7 h5 49.Rxa5 h4 \pm Black has decent drawing chances despite the missing piece.

47.Rxa4 Rxb2 48.Rxb4 h5?

Black should try to dislodge the knight with 48...g6 right away. 49.Ne7+ \pm , but White can do even better in the following note.

49.Rb7?!

49.Rb8+ Kh7 50.Rb7 Rg2 51.Kd1 Kg8 52.Ke1 White is improving while Black is still untangling. 52...g5 (52...g6 53.Kf1 Rg5 54.Nh6+ Kf8 55.Kf2 h4 56.Rf7+ Ke8 57.Rxf6+-) 53.Ng7 g4 (53...h4 54.Nh5) 54.Nxh5 gxf3 55.Nxf6+ Kf8 56.Rb3 Ke7 57.Rxf3 \pm

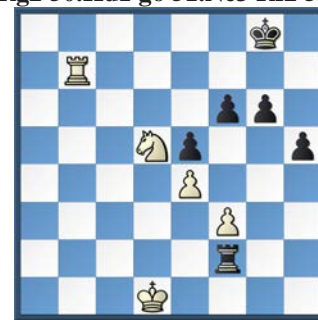


Analysis

(#Diagram-analysis after 57.Rxf3)

While I'm tempted to claim this is just winning for White, I haven't tried to work out the technique.

49...Rg2 50.Kd1 g6 51.Ne3 Rf2 52.Nd5



Position after 52.Nd5

52...f5??

52...Kf8 53.Ke1 Rxf3 54.Ke2 Rg3 55.Nxf6 h4 \pm

53.f4! fxe4 54.fxe5 h4 55.e6 h3 56.e7 Kf7 57.Rb8 1-0

July 2017 PCC Game 60

By Brian Berger

Portland, OR—July 29, 2017

In the brightness of a July Saturday morning, the day looked promising for whatever caught your fancy. I fancy chess, as most of my readers know, and on this day at least 21 other chess players felt the same, all converging on the Portland Chess Club for the monthly Game/60.

As usual, Morgan the Dog and his



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Jerrold Richards & Morgan the Dog. Photo credit: Brian Berger.

companion, Jerrold “I Just Want To Make 1600 Before It’s Over” Richards (1300-1312—1.0/4), were there, this being one of Morgan’s favorite tournaments—not only for the hope of seeing his companion

one day rise to the level of his aspirations, but also to greet his fan base, who show

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(L) Michael Moore vs Carl Haessler. Photo credit: Brian Berger.

great affection towards him.

Unfortunately for Richards, he showed little improvement in his attempt at higher ratings, having to settle for one win and three losses—with Morgan The Dog left wondering if all his time spent coaching Richards on openings and strategy might never pay off.

However, though Morgan’s companion captured few rating points and no prizes, Morgan did quite well for himself in this tournament, receiving many head pats, belly rubs, and his favorite—hind end scratches. Add to these some tasty treats from Wendy’s, and Morgan’s worries about Richards were mostly forgotten.

Having had a boost in my (Brian “I’m Just Glad To Be Here” Berger—1636-1629—2.0/4) rating of some 70-points for finishing the July Tuesday night Quads with a win and a draw against two 1900+ opponents, I was pumped coming into this tournament, hoping to continue this turn of good luck. But as luck would have it, my plans for some further rating gains were first dashed against an immovable object, known better by his full name, LM Carl Haessler (2206-2200—2.0/4).

I had lain my hopes on at least tying our game, by the fact that Haessler is notorious for appearing late at a tournament (this time, 30-minutes), and would not have enough time to figure out my brilliant defensive moves. And also, I was using my trusty Garde-analog clock, fine-crafted by the best clock-smiths in Germany—with NO time-delay!

As the event summary shows, an analog clock with no time-delay, and an opponent who has only a half-hour to finish an hour game, is little defense against someone nearly 600-points higher in rating—Haessler doing things with his pieces that pierced my defense and made me cry “UNCLE!”



(L) Arliss Dietz vs Ian Fudalla. Photo credit: Brian Berger.

To convince me that I was over-reaching in assessing my chances against Haessler, Robert Bowden (1584-1588—2.0/4) showed me in my second game that an army of advanced pawns leaves not

much territory to maneuver in. Chalk up TWO losses out of the starting gate! But for wins against a 1617 and 560 (560?) player, I could have been wounded worse than I was.

Now that I have Richards' and my sad story out of the way, we can look at other, more accomplished practitioners of the game. And showing that even Masters cannot count on being in the money, Haessler found himself out-mastered by two other Masters (neither of the two played Haessler)—NM Jason Cigan (2235-2236—3.5/4) and NM Matt Zavortink (2223-2225—3.5/4), who were part of a three-way tie for first place when Michael Goffe (1895-1928—3.5/4) also joined them by scoring 3.5 points.

Splitting first, second, and third place prize money, each earned \$45.50 of Uncle Sam's currency of diminished buying power. Michael Goffe, however, also went home 33 rating points richer by beating both Haessler and Moshe Rachmuth (1973-1939—2.0/4)—not an easy task.

The U1800 prize was won by a player we have not seen in some time, Masakazu Shimada (1529-1579—3.0/4), whose three wins were worth \$36.75. and whose rating climbed an additional 50 points—many of those points coming from beating a 1751 opponent.

Like in the three-way tie for first place, a three-way tie was also seen in the U1500, where Robert Bowden (mentioned earlier as my second opponent), Raj Kodithyala (1510-1580—2.0/4) and Hansen Lian

Washington Blitz Chess Championship

October 14, 2017

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Registration: Saturday 7:40 - 8:10 PM.

Rounds: 8:15 PM, 8:45 PM, 9:15 PM, 9:45 PM, 10:15 PM, 10:45 PM, 11:15 PM.

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Assistant Chief TD Isaac Vega. Photo credit: Brian Berger.

(1443-1423—2.0/4), divided up the prize money for a payout of \$12.25 each—not enough discretionary money to paint the town, but good for at least a coat or two

on the backyard doghouse.

The next Game/60 will see a change in the time control, where the previous 5-second delay will become a 5-second

increment, and where there will be more chances of winning a prize when 30-players or more cause the forming of two sections.

A job-well-done goes to Chief TD Lennart Bjorksten and his first time Chief Assistant TD Isaac Vega—Vega also playing two “extra games” with those who received byes.

2017 Oregon Senior Open

By Brian Berger

Portland, OR—August 12-13, 2017

After originally submitting my brand of humor (usually having little or nothing to do with chess) in the opening paragraphs to this piece on the Oregon Senior Open, I was gently told by my editor, that there were certain individuals who felt that, humor has its place—just not this place, at this time.

That I have finally ruffled editorial feathers after years of poking fun at certain individuals and events, must mean I have crossed a threshold of tolerance in the chess magazine world—a goal I am proud to have reached, but now must tread lightly around.

Anyway, this reporter does not

Washington G/60 Chess Championship

October 14, 2017

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Time Control: G/60, d5.

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(L) Carl Koontz vs James MacFarland. Photo credit: Brian Berger.

deal in “fake news,” at least most of the time—although I have been known to take liberties with the truth, which is something entirely different—I think; or maybe not. Perhaps you might put it in

the category of entertainment—or not. But whatever it is I do, it is done with the best of intentions, in the hopes of bringing a smile to the faces of those who mostly frown at news articles or TV reporting.

And so, after cleaning up my original humorous opening, I continue where Chief TD David Yoshinaga and Chief Assistant TD Lennart Bjorksten, got down to the business of completing the registration process that, when finished, saw 20 beginning to advanced geezers gathered to reminisce about battles won and lost, their state of health, and their hopes of not leaving queens *en prize* more than once or twice.

Prominent among this aging array of chess aficionados was Jerrold Richards (1321-1347—2.0/5), accompanied by his companion (and now world famous) Morgan the Dog—Richards hoping once again to show he has it in him to rise above his floor of 1300, into the exalted realm of 1600+ players (listed as number one on his bucket-list).

Summoning the passion of a “true believer,” and augmented by a mandatory one point bye in the first round, Richards’ upset of a 1700 player in the fourth round gave him an ending point count of 2.0—enough to gain a 25-point increase off his floor, and capture the U1400 prize of \$50.

One could see the relief on Morgan the Dog’s face, knowing that he would not again have to drive Richards home for being too despondent to be safe behind the wheel, and that part of the \$50 prize money might go for a few extra dog

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biscuits for his evening meal.

As for, Brian “I’m Just Glad To Be Here” Berger (1629-1630—3.0/5), he somehow managed not to lose any rating points, even though having a disastrous beginning round with Carl Koontz (1952-1961—3.0/5). Berger, thinking he had his hand on his black queen on about the fourth move of the opening, had it instead on his king, which he proceeded to move like a queen!

Astute observer that Koontz is, he mentioned to Berger that he had made an illegal move. Berger, had no recourse but to then move the king to the only legal square it could occupy; Koontz calmly deliberated, then delivered a one move checkmate—all of which took place in about the first four moves!

Embarrassed, chagrined, stupefied, and just plain upset, Berger joined Morgan the Dog under a table in some obscure corner of the club to wait out the next four hours in the hopes of redeeming himself in round two—which he then promptly lost to James Nelson (1644-1662—3.0/5), the eventual co-winner of the U1800 prize and the over 70 prize, netting Nelson \$56.25 when combined.

Somehow, from the third round onward, Berger began to remember how to play chess, and won his last three games. His miraculous recovery was good enough to claim the U1600 over 70 prizes, for a combined total of \$68.75—a face-saving ending to what at first, portended to be the worst tournament of his life.

I pause here to mention that, if the distribution of prizes for this tournament seem a bit odd to you, it can be blamed on the Chief TD who, using some esoteric formula for calculating such things, parceled out the reported sums. Did someone get shortchanged and another overpaid? Who knows?

Now where was I? Ah, yes, supplying you the list of winners and their prizes.

And so as not to take up more of my readers’ valuable time, I shall get right to the point. Carl Haessler, the previous three-time winner of this tournament, being out-of-town, left open the door for someone new to have their name engraved on the Oregon Senior Open trophy—and this year it was co-winners, Michael Pendergast (2190-2194—4.0/5) and Steven Deeth (2088-2105—4.0/5) who will see their names immortalized on this tribute to geezer-hood.

And along with the pride of having their names engraved for all to see, they split the first and second place prize money, Pendergast receiving \$75, and Deeth receiving the same, plus the added amount of \$37.50 for being over 60.

Third and fourth place prize money went to James MacFarland (2200-2200—3.5/5) and Lennart Bjorksten (2127-2133—3.5/5), who tied at 3.5 each. After a considerable period of calculating and re-calculating, it was determined that each would receive \$12.50—followed by the old admonition of not spending it all in one place.

As mentioned above, James Nelson was co-winner of the U1800 prize, which he shared with Chris Burris (1741-1748—3.0/5)—Burris not old enough for an age prize, thus receiving only \$37.50 for his efforts, and not the \$56.25 that Nelson received for also being over 70.

Now here is where it gets a bit crazy in the prize department. Berger received the U1600 prize of \$50, as stated earlier, but on my list of prize winners, so did Jon



(L) Michael Olson vs Steven Deeth. Photo credit: Brian Berger.



(L) Jerrold Richards vs David Rupel. Photo credit: Brian Berger.

Strohbehn (1400-1414—2.0/5), who was awarded \$12.50. But I have a feeling that the U1600 was a typo. But I just report them as I am given them.

But if Strohbehn's U1600, \$12.50

prize was a typo, then also was Arliss Dietz's (1500-1500—2.0/5) U1600 award of \$12.50, but not his other \$12.50 award for being over 80. (Is anyone following me here?)

But wait, it gets odder. Tony Midson (1309-1300—1.5/5) also won the U1400 that I had had Jerrod Richards winning. But instead of him receiving \$50, as Richards did, he was awarded \$25. Now I am thinking, this might be for coming in second in the U1400.

And finally, as we leave this "Alice in Wonderland" award report, William Gagnon (1653-1651—2.0/5) also won \$12.50 for being over 80, and for not being Under anything.

August 2017 PCC Game 60

By Brian Berger

Portland, OR—August 26, 2017

With the Portland Chess Club's phone ringing off the hook with many players calling to say they were running late to register for the club's popular monthly Game 60, it was all Chief TD Mike Janniuro could do to concentrate on pairing the registries already on hand. Luckily, he was able to enlist some help from a couple of players who knew something about the registration process.

When all was said and done, 34 players were finally registered and paired, the whole of it taking about 45

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

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Prize Fund: \$2,500 (based on 60 paid entries).

Open: 1st \$600, 2nd \$400, 1st U2100 \$200, 1st U1900 \$200.

Reserve: 1st \$400, 2nd \$250, 1st U1600 \$150, 1st U1400 \$150, 1st U1200/Unrated \$150.

Entry Fee: \$75 if postmarked or online by 10/25, \$85 after 10/25 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.

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Roshen Nair trying to figure out what Brian Berger has on his mind—which is, typically, little. Photo credit: Brian Berger.

extra minutes beyond the advertised start time. And because of the large turnout, two sections (mandatory when the player count exceeds 30 players) were formed—Open (18-players) and Lower (16-players).

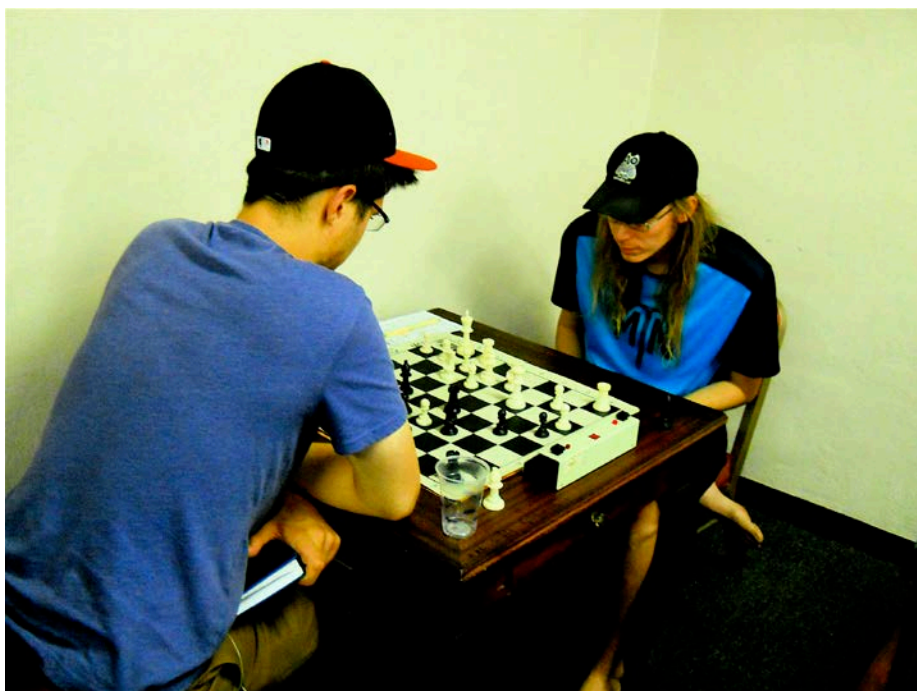
Once again a younger crowd made up a good portion of the players, perhaps trying to get in one more good tournament before school bells would signal an end to summer fun. And as one would expect when Game 60 rolls around, Morgan the Dog was on hand to observe his companion’s (Jerrold Richards) playing skills, hoping that, one day, all the coaching he has given him over the many years they have been together might bear fruit.

Of course, Morgan’s other (and perhaps stronger, if not selfish) reason for attending these Game 60s is to bask in the adoration of some of his fan base, many who attend to his need to have his head patted, chin scratched, belly rubbed, and assurances that he is “a goood dog.”

But as wonderful as all of this



(L) Ian Fudalla vs Cassandra Roshu. Photo credit: Brian Berger.



(L) Jason Cigan vs Matt Zavortink. Photo credit: Brian Berger.

attention is for Morgan's ego, even more wonderful might be some of the menu items from Wendy's—particularly chicken nuggets and French fries, supplied to him (when Richards is not

looking) by perhaps his greatest fan, who prefers to remain anonymous.

Although Jerrold "I Just Want To Make 1600 Before it's Over" Richards (1347-1312—2.5/4) won two games

and drew one in the Lower section, they were games against much lower-rated opponents (but tough nonetheless)—his one loss being to David Roshu (1329-1350—3.0/4)—thus points were lost even though, on paper, 2.5 points was a respectable showing (a case where one can't win for winning).

The "take charge" man (and also the highest rated) in the Lower section was Ian Fudalla (1527-1556—4.0/4), whose rating was over 100 points above his nearest competitor, a factor that led to turning in a perfect score and putting \$75 dollars in his wallet.

And as if the results of this section were foreordained by ratings, the second highest rated player, Jon Strohhahn (1414-1480—3.5/4), walked away with the second place prize of \$43, and in the process added 66 points to his rating.

The young Pierre-Hadrien Beauchet (1092-1129—3.0/4), losing only to Fudalla, racked up wins in his last three games, entitling him to claim the U1200 prize of \$43, which also upped his rating another 37 points.

The Open section was dominated by NM Matt Zavortink (2229-2242—4.0/4), who beat the second place tying duo of NM Jason Cigan (2252-2247—3.0/4 and Ethan Wu (1910-1923—3.0/4), with a

Oregon Class Championships November 4-5, 2017

5-round Swiss in 5 sections—Players may play up one section for additional fee of \$10

M/X (2000+); Class A (1800-1999); Class B (1600-1799);

Class C (1400-1599); Under 1400

Prizes in each class: \$200-100-50, based on 10 entries in that class.

Entry Fee: \$50; Limited to first 50 entries at site (no pre-reg.)

Time control: rounds 1-3 40/90, SD 30, d10; rounds 4-5 40/120, SD 30, d10.

Rounds: Saturday, 10, 2:30, 7:00; Sunday 9:30, 3:30.

The top Oregon finisher in the Master-Expert section is seeded into the 2018 Oregon Closed Championship. Second Oregon finisher in M/X is seeded into the 2018 Oregon Invitational.

Site: Portland Chess Club 8205 SW 24th Ave., Portland, OR 97219.

Registration: Saturday 9:00 am- 9:45 am. **Other:** OCF/WCF/ICA & US Chess memberships required. OSA. NW Grand Prix. Classes may be combined if less than 8 in a section.

One half-point bye allowed if requested before round 1. Official November ratings will be used.



(L) Neena Feldman vs Jon Strohbahn. Photo credit: Brian Berger.

perfect score, allowing him to claim the \$84 first place prize, while leaving the second place winners to take a split prize of \$24 each.

My only claim to fame in this tournament was that I, Brian “I’m Just Glad To Be Here” Berger (1630-1631—1.5/4), did not lose any rating points, while trying to keep my head above water in a strong field of Open players—somehow managing to draw the co-winner of the U1800 prize, the young Roshen Nair (1771-1777—2.5/4), and beating an opponent that I believe is highly underrated, Kushal Pai (1632-1605—1.0/4), but was having a bad tournament—my two losses coming at the hands of Will Holloran III (1826-1827—2.5/4) and Jake Winkler (1717-1713—1.0/4).

And speaking of Roshen Nair, who tied with Konner Feldman (1725-1791—2.5/4) for the above mentioned U1800 prize (each receiving \$24 after the split), look for other news about him in this issue of *Northwest Chess*.

2017 East Idaho Senior Games Chess Event

By Jay Simonson

Pocatello, ID—July 13, 2017

On July 13, 2017, eight players from Pocatello, Idaho, gathered for the 2017 East Idaho Senior Games Chess Event, a five-round Swiss System tournament. When the dust had all settled, Owen Buffaloe was the overall winner with a score of 4.0/5. All players won Gold medals for their age group and level of play.

Portland Rapid and Blitz Championships

By Micah Smith

Portland, OR—July 22, 2017

This is the second year I organized and ran the Portland Rapid and Blitz

Championships for the Portland Chess Club. I was assisted at the tournament by Mike Janniro, who also played in both events. Several new ideas were incorporated into this year’s edition. Increment was used instead of delay on the time controls.

The Blitz was expanded from an eight-round double Swiss to a nine-round double Swiss to help more players get an established blitz rating. A player has to get to 26 games to get an established rating. Expanding the blitz to 18 games allows a player who is seeded into the blitz system with their regular rating based on ten games to get an established blitz rating from the event even if they receive a bye and only play 16 games.

Eleven players played in the rapid, unfortunately down one player from last year. NM Jason Cigan finished first with 4.0/5 and won \$36. Ethan Wu finished second with 3.5/5, winning \$25 and gaining around 35 quick rating points achieving a new peak. Karl Cosner, Mike Hasuike, and Eric Erard split the U2000/

unrated and U1700/unrated prizes with 3.0/5, each taking home \$13. Eric also gained around 150 quick rating points for a new peak quick rating. Ethan Truong won the U1400/unrated prize with 3.0/5, winning \$14 and gaining around 100 quick rating points for a new peak.

Fourteen players played in the blitz, up three players from last year. FM Nick Raptis repeated as the Portland Blitz Champion, edging out NM Jason Cigan in a close race. Nick went 16.0/18 and won \$46. NM Jason Cigan finished second with 15.0/18 and won \$32. Karl Cosner and Clemen Deng split the U2100/unrated prize with 11.5/18, each taking home \$13. Eric Erard and Michael Moore split the U1800/unrated prize with 9.0/18, each taking home \$11. Eric also gained around 175 blitz rating points and achieved a new peak blitz rating. Ethan Truong and Nick Major split the U1500/unrated prize with 3.0/18, each taking home \$9.

Spotlight on Roshen Nair

By Brian Berger

You might have seen him at one of the tournaments at the Portland Chess Club; perhaps played against him. Shy in demeanor, the the young Roshen Nair gives no outward indication of the William Blake-like “Tyger (chess-Tiger) burning bright” within him.

But evidence of his Tiger-like quality of play can be seen in the many medals and trophies he has accumulated since first becoming interested in the game at the age of 7, while attending a program at the Chess Academy in Portland, during after-school hours.

Sanjay Nair, impressed by his son’s quick adaptation to the game (he had beat all of his opponents within weeks of learning the moves) decided to purchase a chess set and test himself against Roshen. But it was soon apparent to Sanjay that, not only had his son quickly outgrown the program at the Chess Academy, but he was becoming the dominating figure in their games.

Encouraged by Roshen’s fast advancement, and his obvious passion for the game, Sanjay understood that his son needed to be tested by stronger competition than he could give him, and so brought him to the Portland Chess Club, where he has further honed his skills and upped his rating.

But when Roshen is not playing in some of the monthly tournaments held at the club, he has been busy winning tournaments elsewhere—two important



*Roshen Nair with his mother, Maya, after the US Junior Open in Minnesota.
Photo credit: Sanjay Nair.*

ones of recent date being the 2017 Junior Open, where he won the National Chess Championship in the U11 section, and in August, in the Oregon Open, where he tied for 1st-2nd in the U1800 category, taking home \$400 after splitting the 1st and 2nd place prizes with co-winner, Advaith Vijayakumar.

The Oregon Open was a strong testing ground for the 11-year old Roshen, winning two games and drawing four against some tough competition, two of his draws coming against 1900+ and 1800+ players. It was a performance which increased his 1777 rating to 1801, and made him an A-player.

All of this could not have come about if it were not for the support of his parents, Maya and Sanjay. Sanjay keeps a detailed record of rated games played (350+), and helps Roshen with after-game analysis, where weaknesses are addressed and solutions talked about.

It is when Roshen is in active combat over the chessboard that his mother lends her support, bringing him the food he likes best, conversing with him to lessen his tension, all leading to increasing his confidence, and thereby his clarity of vision, especially during longer tournament conditions.

One would think that making such rapid gains in chess would take up most of Roshen’s time, but his interests’ vary widely, and he shows himself to be a winner in many areas. Four years of Tae Kwon Do has earned him his black belt, and he is in the process of upping that ranking to 2nd degree black belt, while also participating in the Boy Scouts of America.

Not only has Roshen proven himself in a national chess competition, but also in an international Robotics invitational (FIRST LEGO LEAGUE RAZORBACK

tournament at the University of Arkansas), that his team (Gears In Motion) was selected to enter after competing in the Regional and Oregon State championships. Out of 68 teams, Roshen’s team won 3rd place for robotics programming.

With all these activities, he still finds time to take lessons in Indian classical music, while showing himself to be an exceptional student—selected as a Talented and Gifted (TAG) student in his elementary school, he has now transferred into the Beaverton school district’s middle school TAG program (SUMMA).

His dad best sums up Roshen’s many achievements saying, “Somebody once asked him what his goal is in chess—National master, IM,GM, etc. His answer was that he has no plans. He just loves the game. He just wants to continue the passion and love for this beautiful game and will gladly take what the game gives him. And I think that is the right attitude for a kid with Roshen’s nature.

“Even though I am very proud and happy about his achievements, I am more proud about his humbleness and down to earth personality. He has over 60 trophies and 50 medals in his collection so far. But he rarely talks about his victories or achievements, even to his family and friends. If somebody asks him about a tournament win, his response usually is, ‘It was a good tournament and my opponents played really good and I barely won.’ I believe his respect for the game and his opponents is the secret behind his success.”

For those of you who would like to know a little more about Roshen, a recent article about him has been published by the *Oregonian*, and he is soon to have an interview appearing in *Chess Life*.



Roshen Nair with his trophies. Photo credit: Sanjay Nair.



Close up of Roshen's 2017 U.S. Junior Open trophy. Photo credit: Sanjay Nair.

BCC #14

By Jeffrey Roland

Boise, ID—August 13, 2017

The 2017 Boise Chess Club #14 Chess Tournament was held at the Boise State University Student Union Building Jordan-A room in Boise, Idaho on Sunday, August 13. Jeffrey Roland was the tournament director.

Twenty-two players attended BCC #14, which was lower than expected, but was still the second-highest attended BCC tournament behind the record-holder BCC #13 with 30 players at All About Games on April 30. As with all BCC events, entry to the current tournament was free and prizes were nothing except the joy and honor of playing chess. The tournament was dual-rated by the United States Chess Federation, affecting both Quick and Regular US Chess ratings. The time control of Game/30 plus a 30-second increment ensured that players were never in serious time trouble, thus all players were required to record every move.

Cody Gorman (Eagle, 1906-1933—4.0/4) and Alex Machin (Boise, 1734-1758—4.0/4) tied for first-second places. This makes Cody's third first-place finish at a BCC tournament and Alex Machin's first time as a first-place winner.

There was a tie for third-fourth places between Dr. Gaby Dagher (Boise, Unr.-1849P—3.0/4) and Jarod Buus (Nampa, 1804-1814—3.0/4). As a professor at BSU, Gaby surprised many by his strength as a player, and he nearly won all four of his games.

The BCC is appreciative of the venue at BSU and thanks the Chess Club at



L-R: Alex Machin, Cody Gorman. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.

BSU for hosting the event. And I wish to express my thanks to all the players for participating. I have no doubt that a good time was had by all.

**David Zaklan (1315) –
Cody Gorman (1906) [A40]**
2017 BCC #14 Boise, ID
(R1), August 13, 2017
[Ralph Dubisch]

**1.d4 e6 2.c4 b6 3.Nf3 Bb7 4.Nbd2 c5
5.e3 Nf6 6.Be2 Nc6 7.0-0 cxd4 8.exd4
d5 9.b3 Bb4 10.Bb2 0-0 11.a3 Bxd2
12.Nxd2 dxc4 13.Nxc4 Qe7 14.Qc2?!
Rac8 15.Qb1 Rfd8 16.Rd1 Nd5 17.Bf3
Qg5 18.Qe4 Nf6**

18...b5

19.Qe3 Qf5 20.Rac1 b5 21.Ne5 Nxe5

[Diagram next column]

22.Bxb7



Position after 21...Nxe5

22.dxe5 Bxf3 23.Rxd8+ Rxd8 24.exf6
Qc2!? 25.Bc3 Rd1+ 26.Rxd1 Qxd1+
27.Qe1 Qxe1+ 28.Bxe1 Bd5=

22...Rxc1 23.Rxc1?

23.Qxc1 Nd3 24.Qc2 Nxb2 25.Qxb2

23...Nd3 24.Be4?

24.Rc2 Nc5! 25.Rxc5 Qxc5

**24...Qxe4 25.Qxe4 Nxe4 26.Rc2 Nxb2
27.Rxb2 Rxd4 28.h3 Rd1+ 29.Kh2 Rd2
30.Rxd2 Nxd2 31.a4 b4 32.Kg1 Nxb3
33.Kf1 Nc5 34.a5 b3 35.Ke1 b2 0-1**

**Cody Gorman (1906) –
Jarod Buus (1804) [B15]**
2017 BCC #14
(R4), August 13, 2017
[Ralph Dubisch]

**1.d4 d5 2.e4 c6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f3 Bg7 5.Be3
Nf6 6.e5 Ng8 7.Qd2 f6 8.exf6 Nxf6
9.Bh6 0-0 10.Bd3**

10.Bxg7 Kxg7 11.h4 seems consistent,
aiming to weaken the black king position
and open some lines for the rook(s).

10...Nbd7

10...Bxh6 11.Qxh6 Nbd7 12.0-0-0 e5
13.Nge2 exd4 14.Nxd4 Ne5∞ looks like
potential fun for both players.

**11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.Qg5 e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5
14.0-0-0 Nxd3+ 15.Rxd3 Bf5 16.Rd4**



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



L-R: Cody Gorman, Gaby Dagher. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.

Nd7 17.Qd2 Ne5 18.b3 b5 19.Nge2 a5
20.Ng3 a4 21.Re1 Qd6 22.Nxf5+ Rxf5
23.Kb1 axb3 24.cxb3 Qa3 25.Rh4



Position after 25.Rh4

25...g5?

25...Kg8

26.Qc2

26.Rxh7+! Kxh7 27.Qc2±

26...gxh4 27.Qxf5 Ng6 28.Qd7+ Kh6
29.Qxc6

29.g4! aims to open lines and bring the black king into the open. e.g. 29...Qa7 30.g5+ Kxg5 31.Qxc6 d4 32.Ne4+ Kh6 33.Re2±, while still complicated, seems to be going White's way.

29...d4! 30.Na4

[Diagram next column]

30...bxa4?

30...Rxa4! 31.Qc2 (31.bxa4? Qb4+



Position after 30.Na4

32.Kc2 Qxe1+) 31...Ra7 32.Qd2+ Kh5

(32...Kg7 33.Qxd4+ etc.) 33.g4+ hxg3 34.hxg3 Nf8! (34...Ne7?? 35.Re6 Ng6 36.Rf6+-) 35.Re5+ (35.Rh1+ isn't as clear, since 35...Kg6 36.Rh6+ puts the rook on a rather awkward square. After 36...Kf7 37.Qf4+?! Kg8 38.Qg5+ Ng6 White must withdraw, and Black consolidates. 39.Rh2 Re7-+) 35...Kg6 36.Rg5+ Kf7 37.Qf4+ Ke8 38.Qb8+ Kf7 39.Qf4+ Ke8 A draw would be a reasonable outcome from this tactical melee.

31.Qxa8 Qb4 32.Rc1

32.Re6! axb3 33.a3 Qd2 (33...Qc5



L-R: Chris Herrera, Bryan Li. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.

34.Rc6 (or 34.Qe4) leaves the white king surprisingly well protected.; 33...Qc3 34.Qf8+ Kh5 35.Qf5+ Kh6 36.Qf4+ Kg7 37.Qf6+ Kh6 38.Qxh4+ Kg7 39.Qe4 Qd2 40.Qe2+-) 34.Qf8+ Kg5 35.Qc5+ Kh6 36.Qc1+-

32...axb3 33.axb3 Qxb3+ 34.Ka1 d3

34...Qe3 offers better chances to hold.

35.Qa5 Nf4 36.Rc6+ Ng6 37.Qd2+ Kg7 38.Qb2+ Qxb2+ 39.Kxb2 Nf4 40.Rc4 Nd5 41.Rd4 Ne3 42.Kc3 Nc2 43.Rg4+ Kf6 44.Kxd3 h5 45.Rxh4 Ne1+ 46.Ke4 Nxe2 47.Rxh5 Kg6 48.Rh3 Ne1 49.f4 Nc2 50.Rb3 1-0

**Gaby Dagher –
James Wei (1546) [B76]**
2017 BCC #14
(R4), August 13, 2017
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.f3?!

Against the Modern Dragon? Yes — the ever-dangerous Yugoslav Attack. Against the Accelerated Dragon? I don't trust f3 while Black might still jump the d-pawn two squares.

7...0-0 8.Qd2 d6

Transposes to the Modern Dragon. 8...d5! at least.

9.0-0-0 Bd7 10.Kb1 Rc8 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.g4 a6

This feels slow, but I'm not sure what Black should be doing here. 12...b5!/? perhaps?

13.h4 h5 14.gxh5 Nxe5 15.Bh6

15.Bd4; or 15.Nd5±



Position after 15.Bh6

15...b5

An opportunity to shift the focus: 15...Bxc3! 16.bxc3 (16.Qxc3 Ba4 17.Bc4 Bb5 18.b3 Bxc4 19.bxc4 Re8± is similar, but missing the bishop-pair.) 16...Re8∞

16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Nd5

17.Bh3, heading to g4, perhaps, is a dependable edge for White.

17...Bxd5 18.Qxd5 Qc7 19.Bd3 Nf4 20.Qd4+ Kg8 21.h5 Qc5 22.Qxc5 Rxc5

[Diagram top of next column]



Position after 22...Rxc5

23.hxg6 Nxg6

23...fxg6!, despite creating an extra pawn island, leaves the ending a battle between outpost knight and bad bishop — Black should be pretty happy to reach that.

24.Rdg1 Rfc8

Now 24...Kg7 25.f4 Rh8± at least saves the piece.

25.f4 Kg7 26.f5 Kf6 27.fxg6 fxg6 28.e5+ Kxe5 29.Rxg6 Rf8 30.Re1+ Kd4 31.Rxe7 Rh5 32.a3 d5 33.Rxa6 Rh1+ 34.Ka2 Rg8 35.Bxb5 Rgg1 36.Bd3 Rb1 37.Rd6 Rhc1 38.Be4 Ke3 39.Bxd5+ Kf2 40.Rf6+ 1-0

2017 Inaugural Hall of Fame

By Adam Porth

Twin Falls, ID—August 26, 2017

The Idaho Chess Hall of Fame tournament was a chance to honor the ICA's history and the individuals that have made it great. Inductees were honored and will live in infamy on a perpetual plaque created for the Hall of Fame. They also received a plaque commemorating their induction. Only three inductees were present, however 14 were honored. Barry Eacker, Hank Harris, Adam Porth, Jeffrey Roland, and Hans Morrow all shared stories and anecdotes which demonstrated the Hall-of-Famers commitment to Idaho chess. The induction took place at Perkins restaurant in Twin Falls.

Hall of Fame Inductees: C.H. Stewart

- First ICA champion and two-time ICA champion

Richard Vandenburg

- Expert, six-time ICA champion, ICA President, US Chess TD, lifetime scholastic chess developmental contributor, original ICA organizer, ICA newsletter editor, Idaho Open

champion, two-time Western Idaho Open champion

Glen Buckendorf

- Expert, 10-time ICA champion, US Chess voting representative for Idaho many years. Lifetime ICA supporter. Original ICA organizer, Idaho Open champion two-time Southern Idaho Open champion

Larry Parsons

- Expert, 18-time ICA champion, two-time Idaho Open champion, two-time Western Idaho Open champion

Stewart Sutton

- Expert, four-time ICA champion, Boise Chess Club President & Editor, US Chess TD, ICA President and other offices, chess organizer many years, ICA newsletter editor Idaho Open champion, Southern Idaho Open champion

Mel Schubert

- ICA champion, original Twin Falls Chess Club organizer, original ICA organizer, US Chess TD

Joe Kennedy

- Master, three-time ICA champion, two-time Idaho Open champion

Hans Morrow

- Expert, ICA champion, four-time Idaho Open champion, Eastern Idaho Open champion, Southern Idaho Open champion

Jeffrey T. Roland

- He has been involved with the ICA for 37 years! He has occupied every Board position, supported chess tournaments, Northwest Chess Editor, ICA Historian, US Chess TD, tutored, coached and mentored many chess players, organizer of Boise Chess Club, and can be counted on to get the job done! He knew most of the individuals on this list. "Jeff has dedicated years to adult and scholastic chess awareness, tournament and helped countless other TDs and players grow in the game." - Chip Ruberry



L-R: Hans Morrow, Barry Eacker, Jeffrey Roland displaying their Hall of Fame awards.
Photo credit: Adam Porth.

Roger Ottersback

- “Roger, who had a degenerative disease (MS I believe) started a chess club in Idaho Falls and called it the Noble Knights in or about 2002. This was an informal club. He didn’t want to charge dues, allowing more kids to play. He was a member of the US Chess Federation and may have been a member of the Idaho Chess Association. He tried hard to interest kids in chess. He held classes to teach them chess. After the local restaurant closed (where

the club was meeting), Roger contacted Barnes & Noble and was allowed to hold the chess club playing there. He added Saturday to the usual Tuesday night gatherings. He was there both days even when he was in a wheelchair until he needed to go into an assisted living facility. From the assisted living facility he would play chess with whomever would come to play. He also encouraged and taught chess to the current residents until he passed away.” - John Eisenmenger



Close-up of the face plate of Jeffrey Roland's Idaho Chess Hall of Fame award.
Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.

Norman Friedman

- Manhattan Chess Club Vice President, founder of the Right Move, supporter and donor to scholastic chess, ran Wood River Chess Club, represented US in Senior Tournament with Russia.

Barry Eacker

- Organized ICA Constitution, involved in Idaho History Project, provides support for tournaments, clubs, and individuals, US Chess TD, ICA Board Member, runs Idaho Chess Union and Magic Valley Chess Club.

Tom Booth

- Volunteer for nearly a decade organizing Prison Chess at Snake River Correctional Facility

T.C. Hartwell

- Played Bobby Fischer and was instrumental in organizing ICA Tournaments. US Chess TD.

Twenty-nine players showed up to honor the “fabulous 14” - to hear and share stories, and to play. The tournament included a 4-round, G/45 d5 tournament. The Holiday Inn Express in Twin Falls sponsored the event. Players came from as far away as Idaho Falls and Salt Lake City. The winner was Jacob Nathan with a perfect 4.0/4 points.



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Registration: Friday 9:00-10:00 AM for 3-day schedule, or 3:00-3:30 PM if entering with one half-point bye. Saturday 8:00-8:30 AM for 2-day schedule, or 8:30-9:30 AM if entering 3-day schedule with two half-point byes. Two half-point byes available at registration or before end of round 2. Play any two days, if taking two half-point byes.

Rounds: 3-day schedule: Fri: 11:00 AM and 5:30 PM, Sat 11:00 AM and 5:30 PM, Sun 9:30 AM and 3:30 PM. 2-day schedule: Sat 9:00 AM, 11:45 AM, 2:30 PM, then join 3-day schedule with round 4 at 5:30 PM.

Time Controls: 3-day schedule: 40/120 and SD/30 with 10-second delay. 2-day schedule: G/60 with 10-second delay (rounds 1-3), rounds 4-6 same as 3-day schedule. Please bring tournament chess set, board, and digital clock.

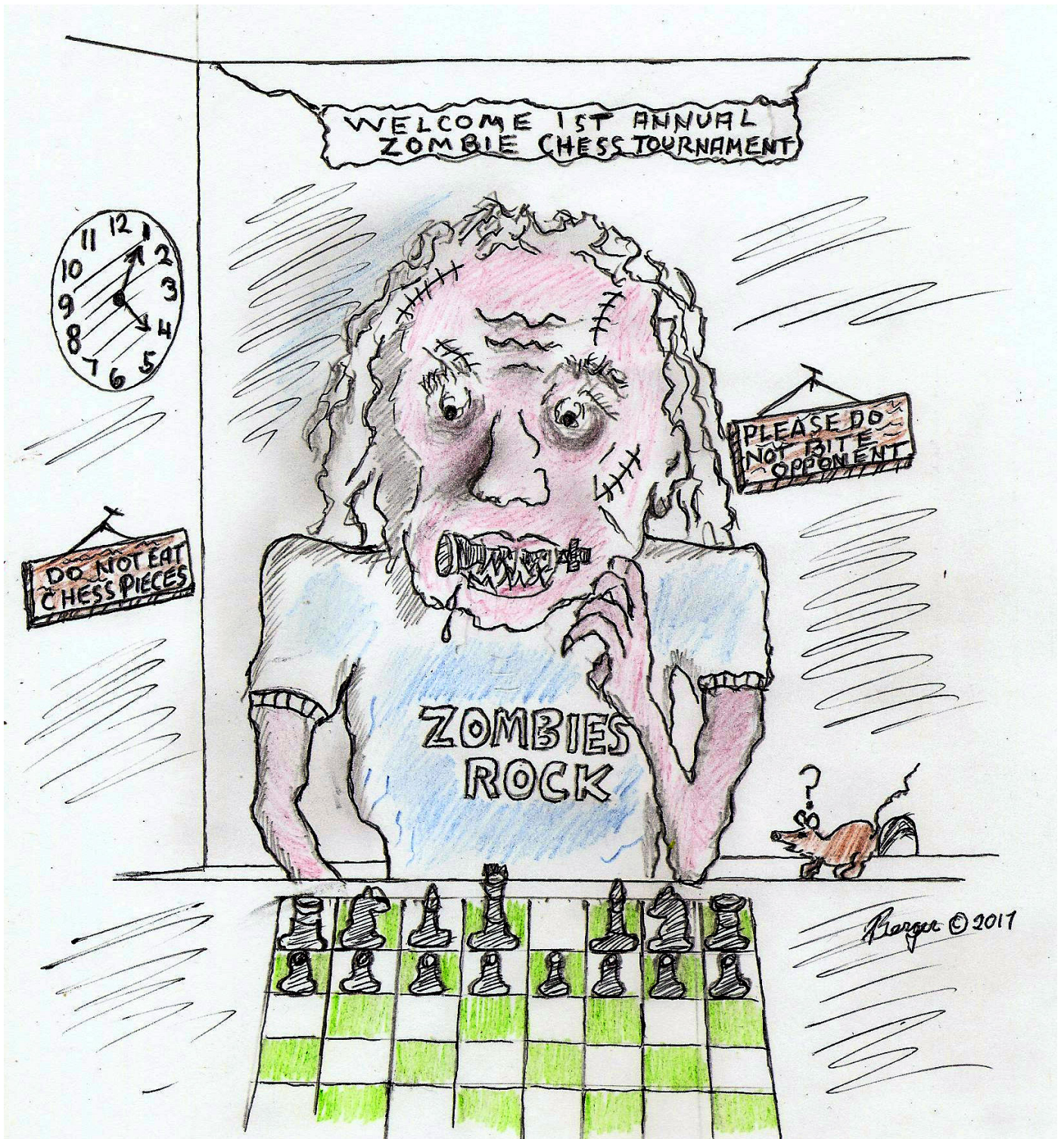
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Hotel Info/Rates: \$129 King, \$139 Double, single or double occupancy. Call (425) 775-2500, request the Washington Chess Federation block. Group ID: 396412. Cut-off date for reservations at the discount is November 10, 2017 at 5:00 PM PST.

Washington Class G/10 Championship: Fri 11/24 at 9:00 PM. Format: 5 round Swiss in one section. Registration: 8:00-8:45 PM. Rounds: 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30 and 11:00 PM. TC: G/10; d0. EF: \$25. Prize Fund: \$400/b20. 1st \$130, 2nd \$90, 1st U2000 \$60, 1st U1700 \$60, 1st U1400 \$60. US Chess Quick rated. Current US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships required.

Washington Class Blitz Championship: Sat 11/25 at 9:00 PM. Format: 5 round Double Swiss in one section. Registration: 8:00-8:45 PM. Rounds: 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30 and 11:00 PM. TC: G/5; d0. EF: \$25. Prize Fund: \$400/b20. 1st \$130, 2nd \$90, 1st U2000 \$60, 1st U1700 \$60, 1st U1400 \$60. US Chess Blitz rated. Current US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships required.

Washington Class G/30 Championship: Sun 11/26 at 11:30 AM. Format: 4 round Swiss in one section. Registration: 10:30-11:15 AM. Rounds: 11:30, 1:00, 2:30 and 4:00 PM. TC: G/30; d10. EF: \$25. Prize Fund: \$400/b20. 1st \$130, 2nd \$90, 1st U2000 \$60, 1st U1700 \$60, 1st U1400 \$60. US Chess Dual rated. Current US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships required.



HOWARD ENJOYED CHESS MUCH MORE AFTER BECOMING A ZOMBIE.

The 2017 Neil Dale Memorial Northwest Chess Grand Prix

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Wow! The standings made a major shuffle as a result of the last month's events. With three multipliers events, The Vancouver Open, the Seattle Classic, and the Oregon Open, all well attended, a super-sized bucket of points were poured into the Grand Prix blender. Out of that has come a number of changes.

In Oregon, where the biggest of the three drew almost 150 players, there are three new leaders. Steven Breckenridge has moved into a tie for the Master section with Jason Cigan. These two are also tied for the overall lead in Oregon. Michael Moore moved up from Class B to Class A and took over the top spot in his new division. Konnor Feldman gathered enough additional points to move into first Class B, one of those points coming at my expense, btw.

Idaho was well represented at the Oregon Open and those players now hold most of the top ten overall spots in Idaho. New leaders are Gaby Dagher in Master/Expert/Class A, James Wei is now the leader in Class C, and Luke Wei has sole possession of the lead in Class E and Below. James Wei is also the new overall leader for Idaho. Idaho doesn't have too many Grand Prix events per year, but they are finishing the last four months with four GP tournaments, scattered throughout the state. There is still plenty of opportunity to make a move there.

In Washington, home of the other two multiplier events, there was almost a clean sweep. Only August Piper (Class C and overall) was able to hold on to his leadership position. Among the Masters, Ignacio Perez is now the leader, while Brandon Zhang now leads the Experts. Class A is now lead by Brandon Jiang, Class B by Jacob Mayer, and Class D and Below by Derin Goktepe. Many of these leads are rather small, and I expect many more changes before the year is through.

After the Oregon Open, there were seven other Grand Prix events during September, including two with 2x multipliers (the Seattle Fall Open and the Eastern Washington Open). Looking ahead to October, We find eight events, of which half are multiplier events! The Washington G/60 Championship on the 14th of October is a 2x event, as are the Portland Fall Open on the 14th and 15th, and the Norman Friedman Memorial, also on the 14th and 15th. Obviously, you can't play in all three, but they should offer almost everyone to play in at least one multiplier event in October. The month finishes with the Washington Challengers' Cup, which offers a 3x multiplier. I can see point totals just soaring during October.

All data below is current through September 6.

Northwest Grand Prix Standings

Idaho			Oregon			Washington		
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.
Masters								
			1	Breckenridge Steven J	157	1	Perez Ignacio	102.5
			1	Cigan Jason D	157	2	Pupols Viktors	91.5
			3	Zavortink Matt	128.5	3	Sinanan Joshua C	88
			4	Tarjan James	42	4	Zhang Derek	86.5
			5	Haessler Carl A	36.5	5	Feng Roland	80
Experts								
			1	Rachmuth Moshe S	104.5	1	Zhang Brendan	149
			2	Seitzer Phillip	75.5	2	Yu Jason	130
			3	Gatica Jose M	73.5	3	Ramasamy Vikram	117
			4	Cosner Karl	65	4	Truelson Joseph	108
			5	Bjorksten Lennart	56.5	5	Rupel David	103
Class A								
			1	Moore Michael	121.5	1	Jiang Brandon	152.5
			2	Vega Isaac	96.5	2	Levine Joseph R	151.5
			3	Holloran William T, III	85.5	3	Lewis-Sandy Joshua M	145
			4	Wu Ethan	76.5	4	Shubin Daniel	143.5
			5	Murray David E	65	5	Olson Travis J	121
M/X/Class A								
1	Dagher Gaby	36						
2	Inman James	34						
3	Cambareri Michael E	32						
4	Buus Jarod N	29.5						
5	Havrilla Mark A	28						
Class B								
1	Machin Alex J	53.5						
2	Xu Kevin	43						
3	Roland Jeffrey T	42.5						
4	Martonick Nick	18						
5	Derryberry Dewayne R	15						


Idaho			Oregon			Washington					
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.			
Class C			Class B								
1	Wei	James	54.5	1	Feldman	Konner	104	1	Mayer	Jacob V	148
2	Geyman	Jonathan P	25.5	2	Berger	Brian F	101	2	Vijayakumar	Advaith	114
3	Weyland	Ron	25	3	Nair	Roshen S	93	3	Reeves	Jasen	109
4	Machakos	Seth D	19	4	Hasuike	Mike L	88.5	4	Beck	Alec W	108
5	Jaroski	Jeffrey A	15.5	5	Pai	Kushal	75.5	5	Tien	Sophie J	107.5
Class D			Class C								
1	Merry	William A F	20	1	Wu	Abbie	142.5	1	Piper	August	160.5
2	Liu	James	14	2	Tang	Zoey	104	2	Richards	Jerrold	132
3	Lange	Brian	12.5	3	Fudalla	Ian	79	3	Li	Melina	117.5
4	Three Tied At		8	4	Dietz	Arliss	78.5	4	Strohbehn	Jon D	105
				5	Kodithyala	Raj	76.5	5	Tien	Andy C	90.5
Class E and Below			Class D and Below								
1	Wei	Luke B	34.5	1	Tang	Austin	99	1	Goktepe	Derin	103.5
2	Callen	Gregory D	17	2	Zhang	Ethan Y	83.5	2	Gupta	Anand	102.5
3	Kitterman	Andrew N	14	3	Feldman	Neena	78	3	Hotani	Kabir	96
4	Porth	Darwin A	11	3	Beauchet	Pierre-Hadrien	78	4	Goktepe	Yasemin E	87.5
5	Ang	Ching-E N	9	5	Roshu	David L	76	5	Min	Ryan	80.5
Overall Leaders, by State											
1	Wei	James	54.5	1	Breckenridge	Steven J	157	1	Piper	August	160.5
2	Machin	Alex J	53.5	1	Cigan	Jason D	157	2	Jiang	Brandon	152.5
3	Xu	Kevin	43	3	Wu	Abbie	142.5	3	Levine	Joseph R	151.5
4	Roland	Jeffrey T	42.5	4	Zavortink	Matt	128.5	4	Zhang	Brendan	149
5	Dagher	Gaby	36	5	Moore	Michael	121.5	5	Mayer	Jacob V	148
6	Wei	Luke B	34.5	6	Rachmuth	Moshe S	104.5	6	Lewis-Sandy	Joshua M	145
7	Inman	James	34	7	Feldman	Konner	104	7	Shubin	Daniel	143.5
8	Cambareri	Michael E	32	7	Tang	Zoey	104	8	Richards	Jerrold	132
9	Buus	Jarod N	29.5	9	Berger	Brian F	101	9	Yu	Jason	130
10	Havrilla	Mark A	28	10	Tang	Austin	99	10	Olson	Travis J	121
11	Maki	James J	26	11	Vega	Isaac	96.5	11	Li	Melina	117.5
12	Geyman	Jonathan P	25.5	12	Nair	Roshen S	93	12	Ramasamy	Vikram	117

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☞ Oct 8, Nov 5 **Sunday Tornado** ☞
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. **Byes:** 1 (Rd 3/4-commit at reg.). **Misc:** US Chess, WCF/OCF/ICA memb. req'd, OSA. NS, NC.

October 13-15 **SCC Team in Reno!!**
Join the SCC Team(s) in Reno at the **Western States Open**. We will be competing against six to ten teams from other clubs in Reno, Sacramento, San Francisco, etc. The tournament is multi-section (Open, U2000, U1800, . . .) and teams consist of ten players from a club.

☞ Oct 21, Nov 18 **Saturday Quads** ☞
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.

Oct 22 **SCC Novice**
Format: 4-SS. Open to U1200 and UNR. **TC:** G/75; d5. **EF:** \$11 by 10/11, \$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.

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.

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November 10-12, 2017

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Reserve (U1800): First \$140-100, U1600 70, U1400 70, U1200 60, UNR 20

Entry Fee: \$43 by 11/9 (\$32 for SCC members, \$38 for members of other dues-required CCs in WA, OR, & BC), \$51 at site (\$38 for SCC members, \$45 for members of other dues-required CCs in WA, OR, & BC).

Registration: Friday 7-7:45 p.m. Saturday 9-9:45 a.m. Rounds: Friday 8 p.m., Saturday 11-2:30-6, Sunday 11-2:30-6.

Two-Day Option: Rounds 1 & 2 Saturday 10-12. Byes: 3 available; 1 for rounds 5-7, must commit before round 3.

Miscellaneous: US Chess & ICA/OCF/WCF membership required. OSA. NC, NS.

Ent/Info: SCC Tnmt Dir, 2420 S 137 St, Seattle WA 98168. 206-417-5405 (recorded message); kleistcf@aol.com.

Upcoming Events

☞ denotes 2017 Northwest Grand Prix event; for Seattle Chess Club events see page 30

☞ **Sep 30-Oct 1 Eastern Washington Open, Spokane, WA.** (See <http://www.nwchess.com/calendar/TA.htm>.)

Oct 8 Boise Chess Club #15, Boise, ID. All About Games, 7079 W. Overland Road, Boise, Idaho 83709. 4SS, US Chess Rated, Game/30 + 30 second time increment per move. Jeffrey Roland will be Chief TD. Please register by e-mailing jroland@cableone.net. Email pre-registration is appreciated to speed up registration. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. Registration will be from 8:30-9:00 a.m. First round "should"/"could"/probably will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. Those coming late may get a first-round half-point bye. 90-minute break for lunch taken after round 2. Estimated time for end of tournament is 7:30 p.m. Entry is Free!

Oct 13-15 35th Annual Sands Regency Reno Western States Open, Reno, NV. (See full-page ad page 4)

Oct 14 Washington Blitz Championship, Seattle, WA. (See half-page ad, page 12)

☞ **Oct 14 Washington Game/60 Chess Championship, Seattle, WA.** (See half-page ad, page 13)

Oct 14 National Chess Day Simul & Fundraiser, Kirkland, WA. (See half-page ad page 14)

Oct 14 Corvallis CC Fall Quads, Corvallis, OR. (See http://www.nwchess.com/calendar/Corvallis_Fall_Quads_201710.pdf)

☞ **Oct 14-15 Norman Friedman Memorial & National Chess Day Tournament, Hailey, ID.** Site: Community Campus, 1050 Fox Acres Rd., Hailey, Idaho. 5 SS, TC: G/120; d5. One Section: Open, US Chess rated. EF: \$25 (U18 & 60+ \$20, >80, IM,FM,GM free), family rate \$40. Register Online. Late fee \$5 onsite. Reg. & checkin: 9:30-10 a.m. or online at www.idahocheessassociation.com. US Chess & ICA/OCF/WCF mem req., can be purchased at reg. Opening Cer. 9 a.m., Rd times: 10/14 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m., 10/15 9 a.m., 1 p.m. Byes: Rd 1-4. Prizes: \$750 guaranteed! 1st - 2nd place Overall \$200, \$150, 100 U1800, U1600, U1400, U1200, U1000 each: \$50/class. Side Events: Blitz 10/13, Scholastic Chess 10/14, ICA, www.idahocheessassociation.com. Contact: Adam Porth, SCHS, 1060 Fox Acres Rd., Hailey, ID 83333.

☞ **Oct 14-15 National Chess Day-Portland Fall Open, Portland, OR.** Site: Portland Chess Club, 8205 SW 24th Ave, Portland, OR. Two sections-Open and Reserve (U1800), 5-round Swiss, 40/90,SD/30;d5, two half point byes available if requested before round 1, US Chess rated. On-site reg: 9-9:45am, Rds: Sat 10am, 2:15pm, 6:30pm; Sun 10am, 2:15pm. Players who have a game go around the full time can request extra time off before the next round. EF: \$40, \$30 for PCC members (pay by cash or check payable to Portland Chess Club). US Chess and OCF/WCF/ICA memberships are required and can be purchased during registration (OSA). Prizes (\$1000 b/40): Open: 1st-\$250, 2nd-\$175, 1st U2000-\$100; Reserve: 1st-\$150, 2nd-\$100, U1600, U1400, U1200/unrated-\$75 each. OCF Invitational Tournament and OSCF State qualifier. More info. at pdxchess.org. Phone: (503) 246-2978.

☞ **Oct 22/Nov 12 Portland CC Sunday Quads, Portland, OR.** Site: Portland Chess Club, 8205 SW 24th Ave., Portland, OR. 3-round quads. Some or all the sections may run as a 3-round Swiss with more than four players. The "live" US Chess regular ratings are usually used for section placement and pairings. G/45;inc15, US Chess and NWSRS rated. On-site reg: 9-9:45am, Rds: 10am, 12:30pm, 3pm. 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 (pay by cash or check payable to Portland Chess Club), free entry for players who are playing in their first US Chess rated tournament. US Chess membership is required and can be purchased during registration. Winner of each section receives \$10 discount on the entry fee to one of the next three PCC Sunday or Tuesday Quads. If there is a six or seven player Swiss, the runner-up receives \$5 discount. Bonus scholastic awards: trophy for winning section with 3 points; smaller trophy for winning or tying for first with 2.5; medal for winning or tying for first with 2 or 1.5. OSCF State qualifier. More info. at pdxchess.org. Phone: (503) 246-2978.

☞ **Oct 28-29 Washington Challenger's Cup, Seattle, WA.** (See half-page ad page 16)

☞ **Oct 28/Nov 18 Portland CC Game in 60, Portland, OR.** Site: Portland Chess Club, 8205 SW 24th Ave., Portland, OR. 4-round Swiss. If there are less than thirty players it's played in one section. If there are at least thirty players it's split into two sections at the mid-point of the field based on rating except that both sections will start with an even number of players if possible. G/60;inc5, one half point bye available if requested before round 1, US Chess rated. On-site reg: 9-9:45 am. Rds: 10am, 12:30pm, 2:30pm, 4:30pm. Players who have a game go around the full time can request extra time off before the next round. EF: \$20, \$15 for PCC members (pay by cash or check payable to Portland Chess Club). US Chess and OCF/WCF/ICA memberships are required and can be purchased during registration (OSA). Prizes: If one section (\$200/b20): 1st-\$60, 2nd-\$40, 3rd-\$30; 1st U1800/unrated, 1st U1500/unrated-\$35 each. If two sections, upper section (\$150/b15): 1st-\$70, 2nd-\$40, 1st U1800/unrated-\$40; lower section (\$150/b15): 1st-\$70, 2nd-\$40, 1st U1200/unrated-\$40. OSCF State qualifier. More info at pdxchess.org. Phone: (503) 246-2978.

☞ **Nov 4-5 Oregon Class Championships** (See half-page ad page 18)

Nov 5 Boise Chess Club #15, Boise, ID. Boise State University, Student Union Building (Jordan Ballroom A), 1910 University Drive, Boise, Idaho 83706. 4SS, US Chess Rated, Game/30 + 30 second time increment per move. Jeffrey Roland will be Chief TD. Please register by e-mailing jroland@cableone.net. Email pre-registration is appreciated to speed up registration. Parking (\$2/day) available, email jroland@cableone.net for the code. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. Registration will be from 8:00-9:00 a.m. First round "should"/"could"/probably will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. Those coming late may get a first-round half-point bye. 90-minute break for lunch taken after round 2. Estimated time for end of tournament is 7:30 p.m. Entry is Free!

☞ **Nov 11 Southern Idaho Open & Veteran's Tournament, Twin Falls, ID.** 4SS, Time Control: G/60; d5. Section: Open. Site: Holiday Inn Express, 1554 Fillmore St, Twin Falls, ID. US Chess & ICA/OCF/WCF mem req. EF: Veterans free, \$25 (U18 & 60+ \$20, >80, IM,FM,GM free), family rate \$40. Register Online. Late fee \$5 onsite. Check in: 9:30-10:00 a.m. Rd. times: continuous starting at 10:00 a.m. (Rds 2-4 will start ASAP). 1/2 pt bye avail: Max 1, Notify TD before Rd. 2 is paired. \$\$ (based on 30): 1st - 2nd place Overall \$200, \$150, 100 U1800, U1600, U1400, U1200, U1000 each: \$50/class. ICA, www.idahocheessassociation.com.

☞ **Nov 24-26 Washington Class Championships, Lynnwood, WA.** (See full-page ad page 26)

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