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L-R: Corey Longhurst, Bill Brubaker, Glen O'harra, Tom Booth taken August 5, 2019 at Boise Chess Club. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.

Baumans Inducted Into The ICA Hall Of Fame

By Jef Leifeste

This was basically the speech given by Chief TD Jef Leifeste at the induction ceremony.—Editor.

David and Ellen Bauman run the tremendously successful Western Idaho Scholastic Chess League (WISCL). WISCL offers something for everyone. At any given WISCL tournament, one can find little ones racing through their games, solid players trying to get tournament experience, and on the top boards there are very skilled young players absorbed in some tough games.

The Baumans have hit upon a great formula. WISCL tournaments run monthly from October through March, always on Saturday, at the same location and same time. There is a certain rhythm to WISCL. And the tournaments are mercifully short, ending before 1 p.m. leaving families half of the day.

Part of David and Ellen's genius is surrounding themselves with a great team. The WISCL organization includes a wonderful staff of TD's, tournament aids, and food service experts. WISCL is a well-oiled machine.

Idaho is still to a large extent an agricultural state. Many people are

involved in growing potatoes, wheat, corn, etc. David and Ellen are growing chess players! In the 2018-19 season, WISCL registration was close to 200 kids-per-tournament. You are really seeing the future of Idaho chess when you walk into the WISCL tournament hall and see all those kids focused on their chess games!

Idaho Chess Association (ICA) enjoys a great relationship with the Baumans and the whole WISCL organization. The relationship between the two organizations has never been better. There is a spirit of cooperation that hasn't been there before. WISCL has helped Idaho on several occasions by sharing equipment, venues and even TDs.

All of us parents with chess kids, all competitive chess players in Idaho and the Idaho Chess Association Board applaud the Bauman's effort and commitment to propelling chess forward in Idaho.

ICA Hall Of Fame

By Jeffrey Roland

Boise, ID—August 24, 2019

The Third Annual ICA Hall Of Fame chess tournament was held in Boise, Idaho at the Engineering Consultants, Inc. (ECI) building on August 24, 2019. Twenty-three players attended the tournament, which was very inexpensive to enter. To keep the focus on the point of the tournament there were no prizes

given; it was all about honoring this year's inductees. However, to compensate for the lack of prizes, there was free pizza, cake, and ice cream for all in attendance at the induction ceremony.

In 2017, the first year, 14 people were inducted and thereafter it was to be one person per year inducted into the Hall of Fame. However, this year, an exception was made since the two honorees were married to each other and both should have gotten it!

2017:

C.H. Stewart

Richard Vandenburg

Glen Buckendorf

Larry Parsons

Stewart Sutton

Mel Schubert

Joe Kennedy

Hans Morrow

Jeffrey T. Roland

Roger Otterback

Norman Friedman

Barry Eacker

Tom Booth

T.C. Hartwell

2018:

David Lucky

2019:

David and Ellen Baumann

Still, while the focus of the event was the honorees, it was also about the game and the chess players. At Game/45;d5 the tournament moved along quite swiftly. Some players (like me for example) did not manage the clock very well and ruined some great positions when the clock got down to the final seconds. Others seemed to be quite at home with this time control.

My personal impression of the young players (the majority of players appeared to fit into that category) is that they are doing much honor to the game and to the cause of good sportsmanship. It was a joy to play these new players even when they won, and everyone had a great time.

There is just something about this new season of players, perhaps

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it is the influence of the Baumans at WISCL tournaments, or perhaps it's the professional way Jef Leifeste (a new TD) is running the events, or maybe it's something else or a combination of everything, but for whatever reason, these kids are just fun to play and are playing well.

While there were no prizes, there were still games and therefore winners whose names should be reported for the record.

In first place was Forrest Zeng (1528-1567—3.5/4), and in second place was DeWayne Derryberry (1639-1655—3.5/4). Third place was Ching-E Nobel Ang (1377-1402—3.0/4).

**James Wei (1747) –
Temiloluwa Aderogba (1325) [C78]**
Hall Of Fame Boise, ID
(R1), August 24, 2019
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5
5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Nf6 7.Nxe5 Nxe5 8.d4
Bb6??

8...Bxd4 9.Qxd4 d6

9.dxe5 Nxe4 10.Qd5 0-0 11.Qxe4 c6
12.Be3 Bb7 13.c3 Bxe3 14.Qxe3 Qc7
15.Nd2 Rae8 16.Rae1 c5 17.Qg3 c4
18.e6!?

A clever tactic, though not necessary.
The simple retreat 18.Bc2+ is also
completely winning.



Position after 18.e6

18...Qd8

White's point is after 18...Qxg3, things
happen with check: 19.exf7+ Kxf7 (19...
Kh8 20.fgx3 Rxe1 21.Rxe1 g6 22.Re8 Kg7
23.Rxf8 Kxf8 24.Bc2+) 20.fgx3+ Kg8
21.Rxe8 Rxe8 22.Bd1+

19.exf7+ Rxf7 20.Bc2 Rfe7 21.Rxe7
Qxe7 22.Nf3 g6 23.h3 Qe2 24.Re1 Qxc2
25.Rxe8+ Kf7 26.Re5 Qd1+ 27.Re1 Qd5
28.Qf4+ Kg7 29.Re7+ Kg8 30.Re8+
Kg7 31.Qf8# 1-0

**Brian Lange (1400) –
Hanford Chong (637) [A10]**
Hall Of Fame Boise, ID
(R1), August 24 2019
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 Nh6
5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 Ng4?! 7.h3

7.d4

7...Ng5 8.d4? Nxc4?!

Much better is 8...Nxf3+ 9.Bxf3 Nxd4,
favoring Black.

9.b3 Nb6 10.Bb2 d5 11.Re1 a5 12.e3
Nb4 13.a3 Nc6 14.Nd2 a4 15.b4 e5
16.Nb5 exd4 17.Nxd4 Nxd4 18.Bxd4
Bxd4 19.exd4 Be6 20.Rc1 c6 21.Re3
Nc4 22.Nxc4 dxc4 23.Re5 Bd5 24.Bxd5
cxd5 25.Qf3 Rc8 26.Qxd5?!

26.Rxd5 Qe8 27.Rc5 b5 28.d5±

26...Qxd5 27.Rxd5



Position after 27.Rxd5

27...c3?

Black can reach a drawn ending with 27...
Rcd8! 28.Rxd8 Rxd8 29.Rxc4 b5 30.Rc5
Rxd4 31.Rxb5 Rd3; But not 27...Rfd8?!
28.Rxc4!±

28.Rc5 Rxc5 29.dxc5 Rc8 30.Rxc3 b6
31.Kf1 Kf8 32.Ke2 Ke7 33.Kd3 bxc5
34.Rxc5 Rd8+ 35.Kc3 Rde6 36.Ra5
Rf6 37.f4 Re6 38.Re5 Rxe5 39.fxe5
Ke6 40.Kd4 Kd7 41.Kd5 Ke7 42.Kc6
Ke6 43.b5 Kxe5 44.b6 Kd4 45.b7 Ke3
46.b8Q Kf2 47.Qf4+ Kg2 48.h4 Kh3
49.Kd5 h6 50.Ke4 g5 51.hxg5 hxg5
52.Qxg5 Kg2 53.Qe3 f5+ 54.Kxf5 Kh3
55.g4+ Kh4 56.Qf4 Kh3 57.g5 Kg2
58.g6 Kh3 59.g7 Kg2 60.g8R+ Kh1
61.Qh4# 1-0

**Leonardo Wang (745) –
Bryce Leifeste (1424) [D00]**
Hall Of Fame Boise, ID
(R1), August 24, 2019
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 e6 3.e3 d5 4.Bd3 Bd6
5.Bg3 c5 6.c3 c4 7.Be2 Ne4 8.Nd2 f5 9.f3
Nvg3 10.hxg3 Bvg3+ 11.Kf1 Bd6 12.f4
Qb6 13.Qc2 Nc6 14.Bh5+ g6? 15.Bxg6+
Ke7 16.Bxh7 Qc7 17.Qd1 Qd8 18.Qh5
Kd7 19.Qf7+ Qe7 20.Qg6 Qf8 21.Ngf3
Ne7 22.Qh5 Ng8 23.Kf2 Nf6 24.Qg6
Nvh7 25.Rxh7+ Rxh7 26.Qxh7+ Qe7
27.Ne5+ Bxe5 28.Qxe7+ Kxe7 29.fxe5
Kf7 30.Rh1 Kg7 31.Kg3 Bd7 32.Kf4
Rg8 33.g4 fvg4 34.Kxg4 Kf7+ 35.Kf4
Rg2 36.Rd1 Ba4 37.b3 cxb3 38.axb3
Bb5 39.Kf3 Rh2 40.Kg3 Rh7 41.c4
dxc4 42.bxc4 Bc6 43.Rf1+ Ke7 44.Rf6
Rf7 45.Rxf7+ Kxf7 46.e4 Ke7 47.Kf4



(L) James Wei, Temiloluwa Aderogba. Photo credit: Jef Leifeste.

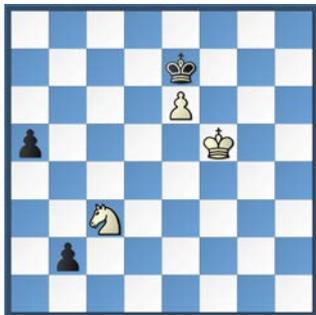
Bd7 48.d5 exd5 49.exd5 b6 50.d6+ Kd8
51.Ne4 Be6 52.c5 b5 53.c6 b4 54.Ng5
Bc8 55.d7

55...e6 b3 56.Nf7+ Ke8 57.d7+

55...Bxd7 56.cxd7 Kxd7 57.Kf5

57...e6+

57...b3 58.e6+ Ke7 59.Ne4 a5 60.Nc3 b2



Position after 60...b2

61.Ke4??

White missed the key idea to shift the knight between b1 and a3 to control the black pawns and win tempo as needed. 61.Ke5 a4 62.Nb1 Ke8 63.Kf6 Kf8 64.e7+ Ke8 65.Na3 b1Q 66.Nxb1 a3 67.Nxa3 Kd7 68.Kf7+-

61...a4 62.Kd3 a3 63.Kc2 1/2-1/2

Christopher Pentico (1472) – Lincoln Whitney (1157) [A16]
Hall Of Fame Boise, ID
(R4), August 24, 2019
[Ralph Dubisch]



DeWayne Derryberry. Photo credit: Jef Leifeste.

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.g3 g6
5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0

6.d4

6...Nf6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.d3

8.d4

8...Nc6 9.Bf4 Ng4

9...d4 Space.

10.h3 e5 11.Bd2

11.Bg5!? Nf6 (11...f6 12.Bd2 Nh6 13.Qb3 Be6 14.Qxb7±) 12.e4

11...Nf6 12.e4 d4 13.Nd5?!

13.Na4 b6 14.b4∞

13...Nxd5 14.exd5 Qxd5 15.Re1 Qb5 16.Bf1 Bf5 17.Bc1 Rfe8 18.a4 Qd5 19.Bg2 Qd6 20.Nh4 Be6 21.a5 Bd5 22.Bxd5 Qxd5 23.Qf3 Rad8 24.Bg5 Qxf3 25.Nxf3 Rd5 26.Bd2 f5 27.b4 e4 28.dxe4 fxe4 29.Rab1 Re7 30.b5 exf3 31.bxc6 Rxe1+ 32.Rxe1 bxc6 33.Re7 d3?



Lincoln Whitney. Photo credit: Jef Leifeste.



Position after 33...d3

33...e5 34.Rxa7 c4+-

34.Rxa7 Bd4 35.Rc7

35.Rb7!

35...Rc5

35...Rb5! 36.Rxc6 Bc5!

36.a6 Rc2 37.Bh6 Bxf2+

37...Ra2! 38.a7 Bxf2+ 39.Kf1 Bxa7-+

**38.Kf1 d2 39.Rg7+ Kh8 40.Rd7 Kg8?
41.Rg7+?**

41.Rxd2! Rxd2 42.Bxd2 Ba7 43.Be1!
Kf7 44.Bf2 c5 45.Be3 Ke6 46.Kf2 Kd5
47.Kxf3 and though there are a few tricks
left, the ending is drawn.

41...Kh8 42.Rd7 Kg8

Here, and on move 40, Black can still win:
42...Rc1+ 43.Kxf2 d1Q 44.Rxd1 Rxd1
45.Be3 Kg8 46.Kxf3 Ra1 47.a7 Ra4

1/2-1/2

**Temiloluwa Aderogba (1325) –
Bryce Leifeste (1424) [B13]**
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(R4), August 24, 2019
[Ralph Dubisch]

**1.e4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.d4 Nc6
5.Bd3**

5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 leads to main lines with a
different flavor.

5...Bg4 6.c3 e5?!

Aggressive! 6...e6 is a more conservative
colors-reversed Queen's Gambit
Declined.

**7.dxe5 Nxe5 8.Bb5+ Nc6 9.Bf4 Nf6
10.h3**

10.0-0 Be7±

10...Bh5

Black can suggest the removal of all the
bishops while completing development:
10...Bd6 11.Bxd6 (11.hxg4!? Bxf4 looks
decent for Black.; 11.Qe2+ Be6 leaves
the white queen very slightly misplaced.)
11...Bxf3 12.Qxf3 Qxd6 13.0-0 0-0

11.0-0 Bc5 12.Nbd2



Position after 12.Nbd2

White didn't like the idea of 12.Re1+
Ne4!; but 12.Qe1+, while complicated,
is more promising: 12...Ne4 13.Nbd2 f5
(13...0-0 14.Nxe4 Re8?! 15.Nxc5!,
when rook and two minors are better than the
queen.) 14.Ne5∞, but probably favoring
White.



Leonardo Wang. Photo credit: Jef Leifeste.

**12...0-0 13.Qc2 Qb6 14.Bd3 Ne7
15.Rae1 Rfe8 16.Be3**

16.Bg5!? h6 (16...Bg6 17.Ne5) 17.Bxf6
Qxf6 18.Re5±

**16...Bg6 17.Bxg6 Nxc6 18.Bxc5 Qxc5
19.Nd4 Rac8 20.Qb3**

20.N2b3

20...b6 21.Nf5 Ne4 22.Nxe4?!

22.Qc2; 22.Qa4

22...dxe4 23.Nd4

23.Ng3

23...Re7

23...Nf4

24.Re3 Rce8 25.Rfe1 Kh8 26.Qa4 Nf4?

26...h6

27.Rxe4 h6

27...Rxe4?? 28.Qxe8+

28.Nf3 Nd3 29.R1e2

29.Qxe8+ Rxe8 30.Rxe8+ Kh7 31.R1e2
should favor White.

**29...Rxe4 30.Rxe4 Qxf2+ 31.Kh2 Rxe4
32.Qxe4 Nxb2 33.Qe8+ Kh7 34.Qxf7
Qc2 1/2-1/2**



Cole Gokei. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.

Letter To The Editor

“Oregon Debacle”

By John P. Christy

September 5, 2019

Greetings,

I've written three times on this subject; never sent any of them in. Been busy, never finished to my satisfaction and so it stayed unsent.

Just received September issue of *Northwest Chess*. Love the editorial (page three) and also Jerry Richards' letter.

Here's what I previously wrote:

In April:

I read with shock, dismay, and sadness, about the divorce between the Oregon Chess Federation and the Northwest Chess Federation. Knowing many of the *NWC* leaders, I am certain that all reasonable efforts were made to persuade the OCF to continue in partnership with the NWCF, and I'm staggered at their published complaints of NWC staff being too expensive, and that current membership rates are also too high. OCF wants to eliminate the printed NWC monthly magazine in favor of online only? I subscribed to the Seattle PI for years, felt it was a far better paper than the Seattle Times, but the PI lost the competition and stopped their printed paper and went online only. Don't know how they're doing, haven't looked at them in years. Is that what OCF wants, an irrelevant online only publication? There is an economy of scale to be had when folks combine to work together; a quick search shows (as of April 2019) 851 Washington active players; 340 Oregon active players and 220 Idaho active players, active meaning they played in tournaments in the past 12 months. By

withdrawing from NWCF, the OCF has just cut the budget by 24%. You can see online OCF is charging a mere \$10/year membership fee for adults. With all due respect, that's absurdly low; I suppose all the OCF officers donate all their time and apparently expect the NWC staff to do so too. Every activity costs money, and while chess players are notoriously frugal, nothing I can see shows the costs to be excessive. It takes money to have a chess club, money to have a place to play. I now live in Anacortes, and the nearest organized chess is in Bellingham, the Bellingham Knights chess club. It exists solely due to Steve Sirzom, who organizes and runs everything; Tanner Feemster deserves credit for being the TD in their monthly tournament; but no one will pay, thus, there are NO rated events. And the playing venue is Haggans Market where players use their tables for free in their deli area. Far from ideal. Worse, due to the venue, ALL games are fast, hence, not enough time for any standard time controls.

In August I added:

NW Chess leadership has urged members to explain the benefits of the NW Chess monthly magazine. I find it incredible that any serious players in the Northwest wouldn't value our local paper of record. Folks LOVE to have their picture in the paper, do you think the Oregonian, or the Seattle Times is going to publish photographs of chess tournament winners? Or publish any chess games with commentary? Fat chance. Players LOVE to see their games PUBLISHED. It becomes a record, and a source of pride, hey, I played a game well enough for the editors to publish it. Where are players going to go to get their games published? Facebook? Please. FB only serves some of the community; I know many, myself included, who dislike facebook mostly for its invasion of privacy, no you can't see all my friends and family and everything we're doing, none of your damn business!

Just the recent NW Chess issue (August 2019) has a GREAT eulogy to Ernst Rasmussen. I played Rasmussen in Tacoma and won, I played the King's Gambit against him, we had a great game, very even as I recall, but he failed to make time control and lost on time. I felt good at

the time and I knew he was good, but I didn't know how good, until this eulogy came out. And I never would have known without NW Chess.

Here's more; NW Chess covers the Portland Chess Club where numerous players I've played play. I'll never forget the beating Arliss Dietz gave me, a lesson in the Caro Kann. Arliss, a solid B class player, solid 1700+; and now? At his floor 1500? Really? Who / what drove him to his floor? Oh, Abbie Wu. Coached by Nick Raptis. Ohhh. And how's Abbie doing? Why she's getting better and better. And I helped her. How? Well, I crushed her a couple of years ago when she thought I'd retreat my queen, but instead I traded queen for a pawn, bishop, knight, and rook. I'm pretty sure Nick Raptis provided her fantastic lessons on what I did wrong in that game, and how she could have done much better; and on trading your queen for sufficient compensation. After that game, and I didn't think too much of her ability, NW Chess highlighted Abbie Wu in the Portland Chess Club articles, and I saw, she beat Arliss Dietz and other known strong players? Are you kidding me? She's now 1700+? Good grief. But, how would I know without NW Chess. Joseph Truelson is another; he beat IM Georgi Orlov recently; NW Chess published the game; what a shock, Truelson beat Orlov? How? Read NW Chess and you'll know. How about the game Minda Chen played ... oh, year or so ago. She was losing; BUT, found a fabulous save by sac'ing her queen to force a stalemate position, and then perpetual check with her rook; if he takes the rook stalemate; and if he doesn't, perpetual check. Gonna find that where, outside of NW Chess? And how on earth would I ever have understood Morgan the Dog, without NW Chess articles and photo's explaining it. One can go on and on.

Northwest Chess is a Northwest treasure and to not value it is no different than throwing away rocks with that funny yellow stuff in it, not knowing that the yellow stuff is gold.

All I can say at this point is do feel free to pass this on directly to the Oregon leadership.

Sincerely,

John P Christy

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69th Annual Oregon Open

By Owen McCoy

Portland, OR—August 31-September 2, 2019

The 69th Annual Oregon Open was once again run by the Portland Chess Club at the Hilton Doubletree in Portland. More than a hundred players were in attendance over the course of Labor Day weekend. Thanks to the efforts of the PCC volunteers, the event proceeded to my knowledge very smoothly.

The main event was accompanied by two side events. The first of these was the scholastic tournament that took place on Saturday and was run by the Oregon Scholastic Chess Federation. This was to give scholastic players an option for a one-day tournament rather than the two-day or three-day schedule of the main tournament. Or, one could play in the scholastic tournament on Saturday and then join the two-day schedule for Sunday and Monday if they really wanted to fit as much chess as possible into one weekend. This tournament was divided into five sections by rating: U775, U1000, U1150, U1400, and 1400 on up. Apparently, there was some conspiracy among the players to make me go to the trouble of writing a lot of names down as three of the five sections saw a four-way tie for first place! That said, anyone that read my article on the 13th Annual OSCF State Championship from the June 2018 issue knows that I shouldn't be talking. Hence, I'll get on with it. The U775 section produced a clear winner, that being Augie Voytas. The top finishers in the U1000 section were Alexander Chen, Likhith Bommineni, Varun Iyengar, and Jackson Compton. The U1150 winners were Benjamin Giron, Ashvant Daniel, Kev Thao, and Owen Ni. The U1400 section was won outright by Ademidun Adebolu, who also played in the two-day U1200 section of the main event and had a good performance there as well. The 1400+ section was topped by Will Nobles, Bob Liu, Nathan Zhou, and Daniel Anderson. OSCF volunteers Rebecca Holt, Kathryn Schuff, Todd Anderson, and Sarah McCoy can be credited with the organization and successful operation of this event.

The second of the two side events was the blitz tournament on Sunday evening, in which twenty players competed in a five-round double-swiss at a time control of three minutes with a two-second increment. Local speed chess



(L) Nick Raptis and Jerry Sherrard. Photo credit: Erin Jones.

expert Steven Breckenridge took first prize with an impressive 9.5/10.0 score and was nicked for a draw only by Matt Zavortink, the runner-up. Jack McClain won the U2100 prize, Derin Goktepe won the U1900, Daniel Wilke won the U1700, and the U1500 went to Riley Jones.

The main event had three-day and two-day schedules available in four sections: U1200, U1600, U2000, and Open. (Except that the Open section had only the three-day schedule.) The U1200 section was new and was introduced in this iteration of the tournament. As it happened, many of the players in the U1200 section were scholastic and opted

to pay a reduced entry fee and compete for trophies instead of money. So it was that Troy Zhang won the section but the fat check was written out to Jalen Wang, who had an excellent tournament in his own right. The aforementioned Ademidun Adebolu matched Wang's score but since he had opted to do the same as Zhang, the second place, third place, and U1000 prizes were combined and split by Dustin Herker, Haosen Tang, and Riley Jones. Arthur Yang took the second U1000 prize, and the Unrated prize went to Timothy Perkins.

First place in the U1600 section went to Daniel Wilke, who racked up five wins

and a draw. Second place went to Arnold Yang, and Hung Le, Jason Hill, and Hector Reyes tied for third. Mo Buckner won the top U1400 prize, with second prize going to Bob Liu and third being shared by Sayali Gijare, Victor Diego, Michelle Zhang, and Christian Fobian.

Many section saw the lead change several times before the winner(s) emerged at the end. In the case of the U2000 section, Brian Lee found himself at the top and was joined at the end by Jerry Sherrard. They shared first and second, and Steven Merwin and David Bannon shared third. Alex Kaelin and James Wei tied for first U1800, and third place was split six(!) ways by Mika Mitchell, David Merrikin, Roland Eagles, Stephen Buck, David Roshu, and Fedya Semenov.

The Open section attracted twenty-five players who were presumably eyeing the fifteen-hundred-dollar first prize. Having spent far too much time walking around looking at other games rather than sitting at my own board, I can say that very interesting chess was played and this resulted in many brilliant games. Many upsets occurred as well, but no one was able to bring down Nick Raptis, who's five wins and a draw gave him clear first. Only Joshua Grabinsky was able to hang in there and hold Raptis to a draw. Grabinsky also won a spectacular game in the last round by conjuring a spectacular attack that led to your bewildered author's king being chased all around the board before meeting its ultimate demise. (Fortunately, being not entirely unaccustomed to losing, I found the game to be amusing and in fact I've included it below.) Still, my score was good enough for shared third with Carl Haessler. The top U2200 prize went to Ethan Wu, and second and third were shared by Roshen Nair and Andrew Larson.

Many thanks to the volunteers at Portland Chess Club for putting on this event, one of the most anticipated events in Oregon every year. As mentioned, here is my last my last-round game against Josh Grabinsky. Hope you enjoy!

**Owen McCoy (2239) –
Joshua Grabinsky (2275) [E05]**
Oregon Open Portland, OR
(R6), September 2, 2019
[Owen McCoy]

This game was played in the last round of the tournament. Just half an hour prior, I had finished grinding down Matt Zavortink while Josh had just split the point with Nick Raptis, who had been trying to win a dead drawn position for

about an hour. Raptis' last game would be against Roshen Nair, and regardless of the result of that game, Josh and I would be playing with several hundred dollars on the line. As it turns out, we were both well-prepared for the opening. However, Josh eventually deviated from his prep with a move I hadn't seen before, and a few more inaccuracies followed on both sides. I misevaluated the position, thinking I was trying to prove an advantage where in fact I should have been trying to secure equality. Lulled by overconfidence, I essayed a king sortie that looked powerful but was refuted brilliantly. In fact, that one mistake was all it took for things to go downhill very quickly!

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Bg2 Be7 5.O-O O-O 6.d4 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 8.Qxc4 b5 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.Bd2

The main line "Classical Variation" of the open Catalan. We had both been moving fairly quickly but now Josh began to take his time somewhat. Odd as it might look, 10.Bd2 has a concrete purpose and is the most popular move in the position by a healthy margin, although 10.Bf4 and 10.Bg5 are also seen here. Kramnik-Svidler, Linares 1998 saw 10.Bf4 Nd5 11.Nc3! Nxf4 12.gxf4 Nd7 13.Rfd1 where the doubling of the f-pawns is in no way bad for White. Svidler opted for 13...Bxf3?! and was worse after 14.Bxf3 Rb8 15.e3 due to his continued struggles to get c7-c5 in.

10...Nc6!?



Position after 10...Nc6

Played after a decent think. In his book *The Powerful Catalan* (2012), Victor Bologan claims that this move is not the best. Josh and I were both prepared with the thematic line of 10...Nbd7 11.Ba5! (The point of 10.Bd2. White is trying to suppress c7-c5 and if they can achieve this they should have an advantage. Conversely, if Black is allowed this break without consequences then they should be okay.) Bologan gives the continuation 11...Rc8 12.Nbd2 Qe8 13.b4 Bd6 14.e4 e5 15.Rae1 g6 16.Nb3 with an advantage for White. Admittedly the bishop's imprisonment on a5 is amusing but from

there it pressures the backwards c-pawn and it can be reactivated if Black ever pushes c7-c6 or c7-c5.

11.e3 Nb4

This surprised me but I figured that it couldn't be good because White will often try to trade the dark-squared bishop for a knight anyway. Indeed, White should now be able to obtain his desired queenside bind without too much difficulty.

12.Bxb4 Bxb4 13.a3 Be4?!

The bishop may be a target here. 13...Be7 and 13...Bd6 have been played before but it is still good for White. A famous game in this line was Kramnik-Carlsen, Dortmund 2007, which continued 13...Be7 14.Nbd2 Rc8 15.b4 a5 16.Ne5 Nd5 17.Nb3 axb4 18.Na5 Ba8 19.Nac6 Bxc6 20.Nxc6 Qd7 21.Bxd5 exd5 22.axb4 where White had a dominating position and won in only eight more moves!

14.Qb3?

Played much too quickly. I was worried about Qd5 ideas but 14.Qe2 or 14.Qd1 would have been much better as I can chase the b4-bishop away and then develop my queen's knight to c3 or d2 with a solid advantage either way.



Position after 14.Qb3

14...Ba5?!

An inaccuracy in reply. IM Cyrus Lakdawala writes that in such open Catalan positions, Black's main goal is to achieve c7-c5 whereas White's main goal is to suppress it. Hence it might have been preferable to retreat the bishop to d6 or e7 where it is keeping on c5. However, the upshot of the game move is that now I can't develop my queen's knight without allowing trades, something I'd like to avoid if possible. Had I not played 14.Qb3?, I would now be able to play the desired 15.b4! fixing the c7-pawn as a permanent liability and the c6-square as a possible outpost. The weakness of c4 does not compensate for the weakness of c6 because if Black somehow gets a piece there White can simply trade it off or even sacrifice the exchange if the position calls for it. Also worthy of attention is the

imbalance of bishop for knight, which is markedly working in White's favor as his knights are much more capable of fighting for the critical squares than the black bishops are.

15. Rc1

I could have perhaps kept a slight pull by acknowledging the inaccuracy of my 14th move with 15.Qd1, but by that point I was not thinking about damage control. Rather, I (incorrectly) thought that I had a risk-free, strategically winning position!

15...Rc8 16.Ne5 c5!

Good or bad, this was an excellent choice on Josh's part. The whole point of my play has been to prevent this move and, generally speaking, the more one tries to prevent such a pawn break, the stronger it becomes if it can be carried out successfully. Black gives up a pawn to try to change the nature of the position, and in the game his idea came through splendidly. Moreover, it was necessary to do so as otherwise I could get b2-b4 in and establish a stranglehold on the queenside.

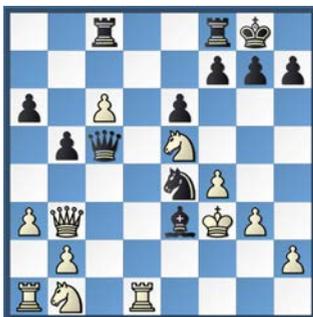
17.dxc5 Qe7 18.c6 Qd6 19.f4

Here or on the previous move it was possible for me to let go of the pawn with a drawish position, but I was now frustrated and went to extreme measures to try to get something going. I was further encouraged by the fact that hereabouts Josh had forty-five minutes left to my ninety.

19...Bb6 20.Bxe4 Nxe4 21.Rd1 Bxe3+ 22.Kg2 Qc5

After a few forcing moves it is time for simplification of sorts with 23.Nc3 and trades to follow. Of course, White will have to make the passed c-pawn count for something or else the numerous pawn weaknesses will tell. Instead, I was tempted by the sight of the hanging pieces on e3 and e4 and thus I opted for...

23.Kf3??



Position after 23.Kf3

...which I thought was just winning as both minor pieces are attacked. In reality,

this is a losing blunder and my lack of queenside development will now cost me an arm and a leg. Josh spent most of his remaining time here but with thirteen minutes remaining he unleashed the brilliant...

23...Bxf4!!

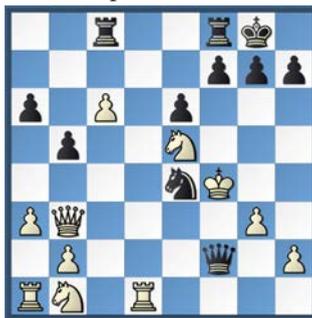
I had missed this and struggled to find a response. It is too late though, and Black now has a winning position! (As it happens, 23...Bg1 and 23...Bc1 are also winning but the game move is the engine's first choice.)

24.Kxf4

I figured he who says A must say B! Alternatives are no better. 24.Kxe4 fails to 24...Qxe5+ where I am simply down a pawn and c6 will fall as well, to say nothing of my exposed king. 24.gxf4 is similar to the game in that my king gets chased around but I still lose after 24...Qf2+ 25.Kxe4 (25.Kg4 loses to 25...Qg2+ with mate to follow shortly) 25...f5+ 26.Kd3 Rfd8+ 27.Kc3 (27.Nd7 Rxc6 and Rxd7 is unstoppable) 27...Rxc6+! (I had only calculated 27...Qe3+ 28.Rd3 Rxd3+ 29.Nxd3 Rxc6+ 30.Kb4 Qd4+ 31.Ka5 Qb6+ 32.Kb4 a5#! But instead White has 28.Kc2! Qxb3+ 29.Kxb3 Rxb1 which the computer evaluates as about equal!) Now 28.Nxc6 loses immediately to 28...Qc5+ 29.Qc4 Qxc4# so White loses heavy material. In fact, the computer evaluation is that Black is up the equivalent of two queens!

24...Qf2+

The simple 24...Nf6 is the computer's choice and White will inevitably have to return the extra piece.



Position after 24...Qf2+

25.Nf3?

Gulp! The evaluation now drops from -3 to -9! 25.Qf3 was the only way to fight on, but after 25...g5+ 26.Kxe4 f5+ 27.Kd3 Rfd8+ 28.Kc3 Qxf3+ 29.Nxf3 Rxc6+ 30.Kb3 Rxd1 the endgame is winning for Black and we see why I should have developed my queenside earlier!

25...g5+ 26.Kxe4

26.Kg4 f5+ 27.Kh5 Qg2 is no help. After the game move, I am up a whopping two pieces (!) and yet the attack is overpowering.

27...Qe2+!

The most accurate. 26...f5+? allows 27.Ke5 when I have chances to escape, but 26...Rxc6 was also winning.

27.Kd4

27.Qe3 f5+ loses the queen and the king will follow suit not long after!

27...Rfd8+

The computer points out 27...Rxc6! with mate in five!

28.Kc5 Rxd1

In contrast to the line with 25.Qc3, here the queens remain on the board and my "active" king is certainly not helping matters.

29.Nbd2!?

Nothing is sufficient to save the game here, but with this move I thought perhaps I could make it more difficult by throwing Nd2-e4-f6 ideas into the mix.

29...Rxa1 30.Qc3 Qf2+ 31.Kd6 Qb6 32.Ne4 Qc7+ 33.Kc5 Qxc6



Position after 33...Qxc6

0-1

The queens come off the board and the endgame is easily winning for Black.

A textbook example of a king chase! Hats off to Josh for completely turning the position around and conducting the attack accurately and brilliantly. The moral of course is: don't send your king to the middle of the board when a bunch of money is at stake! Still, one has to appreciate when such fantastic attacks appear on the board, even if seen from the losing side. I hope you enjoyed this game as I did.

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Meet Chad Lykins: A Champion of Scholastic Chess

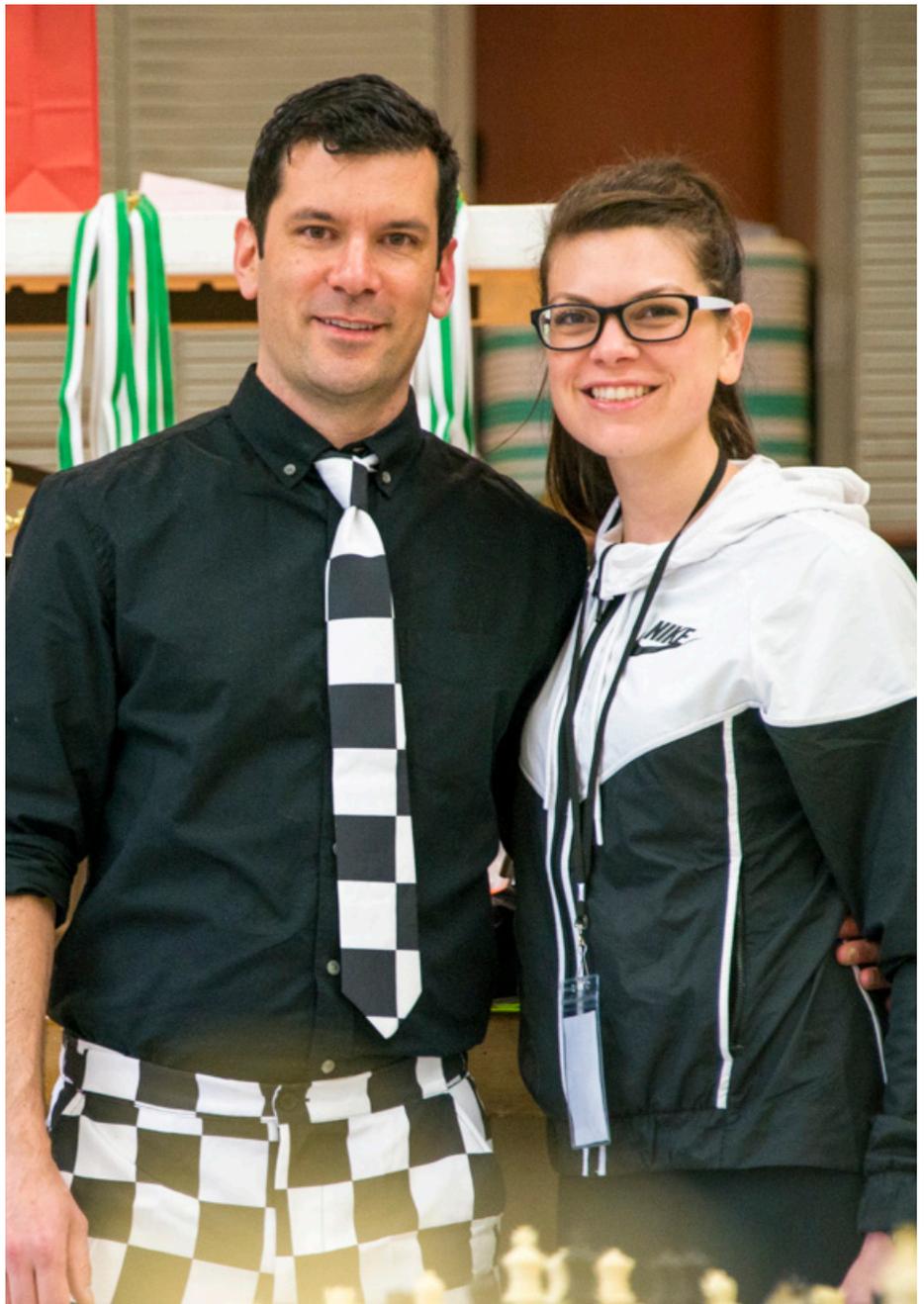
By Sarah McCoy

It's a given that scholastic chess events depend heavily—often exclusively—on the generosity of volunteers. These tournaments are run by people who are so passionate about providing opportunities for young people to play chess that they are willing to sacrifice their precious free time, spending their weekends in school cafeterias, and learning how to be tournament directors. Occasionally, a volunteer comes along who shows a rare kind of vision and leadership, initiating new events and harnessing resources in creative ways. Chad Lykins is precisely that kind of volunteer.

Two years ago, Chad was recruited to join the board of the Oregon Scholastic Chess Federation, and in that short time, he has shown unusual energy and determination. Like many others, he first became interested in chess when his children started to learn the game. In recent years, he has served as the tournament director for the Hayhurst Halloween K-12 Chess Tournament in addition to being a volunteer coach for the Chess for Success program at the same school, where he helps teach 90+ kids per week. He is always excited to talk with parents and coaches about chess instruction, club management, and promoting equitable participation. All three of his children play chess and participate in tournaments, and in his view, they seem destined to surpass him.

The Hayhurst Halloween Chess Tournament in itself is a success story: Chad recruited approximately 30 volunteers to run this event, and over 200 children registered for it. In order to ensure that students could participate regardless of ability to pay, he awarded 15 tournament scholarships to low-income schools. The event also provided the Hayhurst students with an easy opportunity to participate in a tournament, with a record number of 18 students competing. And for the 2019 tournament, which will take place on October 27, he has lined up a sponsorship from Southwest Portland Martial Arts.

But Chad also thought that Oregon needed a statewide team championship to complement the individual championship that takes place each spring. In March 2019, he helped organize Oregon's first rated K-12 team championship, with awards for the top K-5, K-8, K-12



(L) Chad Lykins and his wife and fellow tournament volunteer Ashley Lykins at the 2019 OSCF K12 School Team Championship. Photo credit: Dennis Herron.

teams. In addition to trophies and medals, Chad secured donations of premium annual memberships from Chesskid.com and Chess.com for the members of the winning team in each division. The second OSCF K-12 School Team Championship will be sponsored by the Engineering Department at Portland Community College and will take place at the Sylvania campus on April 11, 2020.

Those accomplishments by themselves are impressive, but Chad

has also initiated a one-week summer chess camp for kids, and he recruited US Chess National Master Matt Zavortink to coach. Together, they covered topics such as “How to Calculate Like a Master” and “Endgame Techniques.” Intensive experiences like this can make a big difference to students by boosting their level of interest and confidence, and the ability to interact with a National Master is definitely a huge advantage for beginning players. We can't wait to see what ideas

Chad will come up with next, but in the meantime, we know that hundreds of kids have already benefited from his vision of creating more opportunities for Oregon scholastic players!

I had a chance to ask Chad a few questions, and his answers provide some insight into his inspiration as well as the depth of his commitment:

1) I know you're a teacher - please remind me where/ what you teach?

Before moving to Portland, I was Assistant Professor of Education Policy at the University of Hong Kong. I worked in Comparative Education Policy, with a focus on issues concerning poverty and inequality. I'm currently a full-time writer.

2) When did you start playing chess yourself?

My kids got me into chess. I had learned the rules from my dad when I was young, but it wasn't until their neighborhood school needed volunteers that I studied the game seriously. After a few months serving as a volunteer coach, I played my first US Chess tournament and got a provisional rating of 772. Luckily, all three of my kids play chess, and by studying along with them I was able to raise my rating nearly 800 points in two years. It has been very rewarding because as I become a stronger player, I also become a stronger coach and organizer. I'm currently at 1565 and hoping to soon make the next rating class.

3) What made you want to coach chess?

I really enjoy teaching kids to think critically and creatively, as well as how to be members of a team and how to balance cooperation and competition. Chess is a great way to learn to be both confident and grounded. The best players in our club tend to become more humble as

they improve and realize how much more there is to learn.

I also wanted to coach so that their school would have a fun space for kids to be together no matter their background. We have 90+ kids in the chess club at Hayhurst this year, and for many of them chess club is their favorite part of the week.

4) Why did you decide to join the OSCF board?

OSCF is completely volunteer driven, but it operates with a degree of professionalism that is very rare. I'm continuously amazed by the dedication and competence of the Board.

When I joined the Board a couple years ago, I did so with the purpose of making OSCF more accessible to kids who might not even know there are chess tournaments, or if they did know, couldn't afford them. I've volunteered with Chess for Success and know that there are lots of barriers to getting low-income kids to chess tournaments. In the last year OSCF tournament organizers provided thousands of dollars worth of scholarships to low-income schools and students, including those from Chess for Success.

I also wanted to build a stronger culture around chess teams and chess programs, rather than just focussing on individual accomplishments. Being on a team can be very important for a child.

5) What do you think is exciting/ important about the team championship?

I think the OSCF K12 School Team Championship represents everything we love about chess. It's open to all students in Oregon. Schools can send as many teams as they want, so there doesn't have to be a painful discussion about leaving behind certain kids. Also, schools don't

have to win a qualifier in order to attend, so you don't have to worry about fairness issues when one team wins a weaker region and another team comes fourth in a very strong region. And if your school doesn't have a team, we have a division for kids to join together and form mixed-school teams.

In a team event, the bottom board is just as important as the top board. The prizes are the same in each rating class, which shows both that we value our beginners and we don't forget our experts.

6) What have been your own observations about how chess benefits kids?

Chess is rightly touted for its connection with STEM, but I think people underestimate its benefit as a humanizing activity. I think chess, like reading, can make us more reasonable and understanding. Playing chess involves incredible feats of memory, reason, and moral imagination. It takes more spatial reasoning to calculate a three-move combination than to calculate many of the math problems kids see in an elementary classroom. It takes more imagination to infer from the movement of a plastic chess piece the plans, hopes, and worries of an opponent, than it does to infer from a graphic novel the emotional state of a character. I could go on about the other skills it exercises, like patience, composure, and humility.

7) When/ where will the next team championship be?

We are grateful to receive sponsorship this year from the Engineering Department at Portland Community College, who is donating space at their Sylvania campus to host the 2020 championship. This will allow us to grow the tournament from the roughly 200 who attended last year to 300 or more.

***Northwest Chess* website gets security update!**

The *Northwest Chess* website can now be accessed securely, for example via

<https://nwchess.com> (please note the letter "s" after the http)

This is especially recommended for anyone using the online registration system,

<https://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration/>.

This was prompted by the compromise of online registration passwords for a few users. Although we don't yet know how the passwords were compromised, it is a good idea to begin using https to secure transmission of your password and other personal data when using the system. We also recommend changing your password, and not using the same password for other accounts.

Josh Sinanan Interview

By Carol Kleist

Seattle, WA—August 31, 2019

If you play chess in the Northwest you must have heard the name Josh Sinanan. It seems the young man is everywhere: teaching, playing, writing, organizing tournaments, and energetically fulfilling his mandate as President of the Washington Chess Federation.

One wonders how he manages to do all this, so let's ask him some questions:

1. Josh, can you tell us a little about your beginnings, such as where and when you were born, and earliest memories?

I was born in Vancouver, B.C. in 1985 and lived there for about two years. My parents relocated the family to Seattle when I was a toddler so that my father

could pursue his graduate studies in medicine at the University of Washington. We lived in the Ravenna neighborhood for a few years, and I still remember my friends and I running down the sidewalk singing "Sunny Day" while our moms chased after us.

2. Were you an only child, or did you have siblings, and if so, how many sisters and brothers, older or younger than you?

I have one younger brother named Reilly, and the two of us are 3.5 years apart. Reilly now lives in Brooklyn, New York, where he works full time as an artist. My brother and I are quite different; Reilly is outgoing, creative, and spontaneous, while I'm generally more reserved, introverted, and analytical.

Now we come to the all-important chess chapter.

3. When were you introduced to the game of chess and by whom?

I learned to play chess from my father when I was about seven years old. We would play games on the airplane during family trips to help pass the time.

4. I know from your high school contemporaries that by high school you were a top student, an accomplished chess player (did you play for your high school team?) and excelled at sports (tennis I believe).

I attended Edmonds-Woodway High School as a full IB (International Baccalaureate) student and remember many late nights spent studying. I joined the chess team as a freshman since I was looking for an extra-curricular activity that would help me expand my social circle. One of my friends who was rated around 1900 took me under his wing and taught me the London System and French Defense, my first two openings. Our high school chess coach Mr. Anderson, who was also the football coach, showed us the Ruy Lopez and drove the team to our WESCO League matches against the other nearby high schools. I was not a serious athlete, but I did play doubles for three seasons on the varsity tennis team and ran on the cross-country team during my freshman year.

5. Tell us a little about your road to Master.

By the time I was a senior in high school, I was quite serious about chess and worked on my game for several hours each day. I purchased a membership to ICC (Internet Chess Club) and learned mostly by watching Grandmaster videos, playing endless numbers of speed chess games, and watching the blitz games between strong players. I was mostly self-taught, and learned the fundamentals by reading Nimzowitsch's My System and studying the games of Capablanca, my chess idol. My hard work paid off and I won the High School State Championship in 2003, for which I was selected to represent WA State at the Denker Tournament of High School Champions. During my college years, I played chess whenever I could during breaks and achieved an expert rating, mostly by playing locally at the Seattle Chess Club, and occasionally traveling down to Reno and Las Vegas. I became a National Master in 2007 and a Life Master in 2015. My highest ever FIDE rating was 2280, but I fell just short of achieving the FM title after donating a few too many Elo points to the local underrated juniors.

6. When did you decide to devote your life to chess, or did it just happen, not a conscious decision?

It was never really a conscious decision for me to pursue chess full time,



(L) Josh Sinanan and Eric Zhang at the 2019 Vancouver Open. Photo Credit: Jacob Mayer.

Congratulations to Eric Zhang of Bellevue, Washington, who achieved a U.S. Chess rating of 2200 as a result of scoring 4.0/5 points at the 2019 Vancouver Open, held at the Vancouver Hampton Inn & Suites August 10-11. Along the way, Eric scored wins against Yu-Chen Liang (1792), David Murray (1872), and Zoey Tang (2017). Way to go Eric!!—Josh Sinanan.

it just kind of turned out that way. I began coaching chess and joined the Seattle Sluggers Team in 2007, then became involved with the Washington Chess Federation a year later. I tell my relatives that I'm one of those lucky people whose work is also their passion!

7. In your role as organizer and President of the Washington Chess Federation, which aspects do you find the most gratifying in this many-faceted volunteer work? The most problematic?

I've been President of the WCF going on ten years now. The most rewarding aspect of this role is certainly interacting with so many different types of people. The chess world is full of interesting characters and many colorful personalities. The game of chess has so many positive aspects, especially when it comes to teaching you how to think through a problem and make good decisions. The only aspect that sometimes starts to wear on me as an organizer is the long days spent at the tournaments. The 12+ hour days setting up, running, and taking down require an amazing amount of stamina!

8. On an average day, how many emails do you answer? On a heavy day?

I probably receive around 25 chess-related emails on an average day. During the peak of the "chess season", sometimes double or triple the normal volume. To maintain my sanity, I try and only address the ones that require my immediate attention.

9. I know you have devoted yourself to teaching and coaching chess; what do you find important in transmitting chess knowledge and helping the student sharpen technique?

My teaching philosophy has always been to customize the material to suit the learning style and needs of the individual student. I try and make the learning process fun and stimulating, which I have found is key to learning and retaining new ideas. To help sharpen technique, I recommend learning by example from

the games of strong players, playing out practice positions, and reading books or watching videos featuring the theme or topic of interest.

10. How do you see the future of Chess in the Northwest?

Chess in the Northwest is alive and well, particularly with the influx of fast-improving junior players moving up the ranks. I hope to see continuing growth of chess activities throughout the region, particularly in the area of adult chess, which reached its peak during the Fischer boom in the 1970s but has been on a slight decline ever since. I sincerely hope that Washington, Oregon, and Idaho can maintain the partnership that has enabled chess to thrive in the Northwest over the past 70 years. It is a goal of mine and several fellow organizers to bring more national events to the West Coast, and especially to the Pacific Northwest.

11. Anything else you would like to tell our readers?

Thank you, Carol. It has been a pleasure conducting this interview!

Thank you, Josh

Seattle Seafair

By Carol and Fred Kleist

Seattle, WA—July 26-28, 2019

The Seattle Seafair, an all one section Seattle Chess Club tournament, has a long and exciting history. The earliest recorded SCC Seafair is from 1952, documenting 13 players. The tournament has continued annually ever since. Over the years, Viktors Pupols has garnered the most wins, winning sole first or shared, seven times. Coming in second in the number of Seafairs won, are Slava Mikhailuk and Georgi Orlov with four. Elena Donaldson wins sole first three years in a row (1989, 90, and 91), and David Arganian has played the most Seafairs, sharing first place in 1998, and now in 2019, he is still winning, taking third place.

Three years ago Fred and I wrote an article featuring the history of the Seafair, and listing the winners over the years. IM John Donaldson kindly obliged with more history. This article

can be found in Northwest Chess, September 2016. The title of this 2016 article is "Seattle Seafair Open Attracts 92 Players!" But this year, *O fortuna velut luna statu variabilis* (to quote the all too apt beginning of the Latin text of Carl Orff's music masterpiece), fate has changed like the moon, and we emerged from the clouds with only 25 players. On the positive side for the players, many prizes and fewer participants meant that more than 1/3 of the players won a prize.

The tradition of Seafair will be preserved, and we shall see if *fortuna* will burst forth brilliantly from the clouds, sparking 90 players again. Meanwhile, another tradition is being served, and that is the preservation of the Seattle Chess Club. Can you guess the founding date of the Seattle Chess Club? A clue: it was before you were born. To be more specific, it was founded in the year 1879!

Time shifts to the present:

Joey Frantz was the star of this year's Seafair, winning all five of his games to merit winner of the tournament title. The talented youth Ashwin Kaliyaperumal followed closely, winning all his games except the one versus Joey Frantz. Dave Arganian, MVP for frequent Seafairs, earned third place with 3.5/5 points. Then came the Under Prizes: a six-way tie for the U2100/U1900/U1700/U1500/U1300 prizes was shared by Stephen Buck, Kyle Zhang, Frederick Smolak, Jeffrey Kou, Mudit Johar, and Emma Li with 3.0/5 each. Under 1100 Richard Hao was the solo winner with 2.5/5.

Let us enjoy some of the Seafair games:

**Joseph Frantz (2040) –
Ashwin Kaliyaperumal (1636) [A74]**
Seattle Seafair
Seattle, WA (R2), July 27, 2019
[Ashwin Kaliyaperumal]

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5
5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.Nf3 Bg7 8.Be2 0-0
9.0-0 a6 10.a4 Nbd7 11.Bf4 Qc7 12.Nd2
Rb8**



Position after 12...Rb8

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Ashwin Kaliyaperumal

12...Re8 is the main move.

13.Nc4 Ne8 14.Qd2

This is a typical Benoni position.

14...f5?



Position after 14...f5

15.exf5 Rxf5

15...gxf5±

16.Bg4 Rf8 17.Be6+ Kh8+-

This is absolutely winning for White.

18.Rae1? b5 19.Bf7

This move was very tricky and threw me off.

19...Ndf6 20.Bxe8 Nxe8?



Position after 20...Nxe8

20...bxc4 21.Bc6 Bf5± is what I should have played. The light-squared bishop is out of play, the b-file rook is dominating, and most of my pieces are active.

21.Rxe8 Rxe8 22.Nxd6

22.Bxd6

22...Rf8 23.axb5 axb5 24.Nf5

24.Nf7+ Qxf7 25.Bxb8

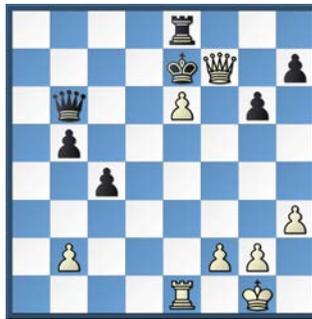
24...Qb7 25.Nxg7 Kxg7

This is lost.

26.Bh6+ Kg8 27.Bxf8 Kxf8 28.Ne4 c4
29.Qf4+ Kg8 30.Re1 Bf5 31.Nc5 Qa7
32.Ne6 Bxe6 33.dxe6 Rf8 34.Qd2 Re8

34...Qe7 35.h3 Rd8 36.Qf4 Rd5 37.Ra1±

35.Qd5 Kf8 36.h3 Qb6 37.Qf3+ Ke7
38.Qf7+



Position after 38.Qf7+

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David Arganian (2000) –
Joseph Frantz (2040) [C45]
Seattle Seafair
Seattle, WA (R4), July 28, 2019
[Joseph Frantz]



Joseph Frantz.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4

I had been expecting the Ruy Lopez. Now I was worried that my opponent would know much more about the Scotch than I do.

3...exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.Nd2

Relieving.

6...Bc5 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 d5 9.b3 dxe4



Position after 9...dxe4

10.Bxe4

If 10.Nxe4, I was planning 10...Nxe4 11.Bxe4 Bxf2+ 12.Kxf2 Qh4+ 13.Ke3 when I figured that my opponent's exposed King would probably compensate for the piece.

10...Qd4 11.c3 Qxc3 12.Rb1 Rd8 13.Qc2
Nxe4 14.Qxe4 Ba6 15.Nc4



Position after 15.Nc4

I simply missed this natural and effective reply. Now I had to decide whether I thought my winning chances were greater with a queen trade or without one.

15...Qd3 16.Qxd3 Rxd3 17.Bf4 Re8
18.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 19.Rxe1 Bxc4

I had to make sure that 20. Re8+ does not win White the game. As far as I can tell, after 20...Bf8 White is just down a piece because he cannot play 21.bxc4 without getting mated.

20.bxc4 Kf8 21.Kf1 Rd4 22.Bxc7 Rxc4
23.Re5

Threatening 24.Rxc5

23...Bb4 24.a4 f6

I considered forcing a trade of rooks with 24...Rc1+ 25.Ke2 Re1+, but thought that

with White's further advanced King, he might be able to hold a draw somehow.

25.Rh5 h6 26.Ke2 Kf7 27.Kd3 Rc3+ 28.Kd4 Ke6



Position after 28...Ke6

Now I would simply like to play 29.f5 and 30.c5#

29.g4

White notices.

29...c5+ 30.Ke4 Rc4+

My goal is now to make life difficult for White's misplaced rook.

31.Kf3 Bd2

So that I can play g6.

32.Ke2 Bg5 33.Rh3 Rxa4 34.Rd3 c4

I didn't realize how irritating White's rook and bishop would be.

35.Rd6+ Ke7 36.Rc6

I had believed that, in this position, I would be able to play 36...f5 37.gxf5 Kd7 38.Rc5 Be7, but then it looked to me that after 39.Re5 Black is not winning a piece.

36...Kd7 37.Rc5 Ra2+ 38.Kf3 Ra3+ 39.Ke4 c3 40.Bg3

I had expected 40. f4, when I was planning to move my bishop around to d2 via h4 and e1. A slow process. I was no longer confident that I was going to win.

40...Bd2

Black's pieces are well-placed to support his passed pawn, but not to defend his king.

41.Kf5

I saw that after Rc7+ my king would be forced to the back rank and that White would be able to make mating threats, and spent about 20 minutes calculating that I do not get mated if I try to promote the pawn. I calculated that I did not.

41...Ra2 42.Rc7+ Kd8 43.Ke6 c2 44.Rd7+ Ke8 45.Rb7 Ra6+ 46.Bd6 Rxd6+ 0-1

Mahajan Tops Third Seattle Classic

By Josh Sinanan

The third edition of Seattle's marathon summer chess tournament, known as the Seattle Classic, was held at the Seattle Chess Club from August 14-18, 2019. The once popular Open section dwindled down to a mere 19 players, a far cry from the 53 contenders in the inaugural event in 2017. This year's field consisted mostly of local players from the greater Seattle area and featured only three national masters, a decidedly weaker field from previous years. This was no doubt partially caused by the super-strong Summer of Seattle Tournament in Kirkland just a few weeks prior. Nevertheless, the tournament still ran as planned during the dog days of August, much to the pleasure of the 27 diehard chess fanatics that took part over nine grueling rounds.

In the Open section, top seeded NM Joseph Truelson took two half-point byes in the first two rounds, which opened the door for anyone to grab an early lead. Young expert CM Rushaan Mahajan of Redmond was up for the challenge, as he got off to a blistering 4.0/4 start, including wins over Seattle Seafair Champion Joey Frantz and Nicholas "Giant Killer" Whale. Mahajan's streak was temporarily interrupted in round five by LM Viktors "Unkel Vik" Pupols, who taught the youngster a tough endgame lesson. Despite this setback, Rushaan jumped right back on his horse and rattled off wins against Ignacio "Iggy" Perez and Vignesh "Viggy" Anand, to grab a commanding lead of 6.0/7 with two rounds to go.

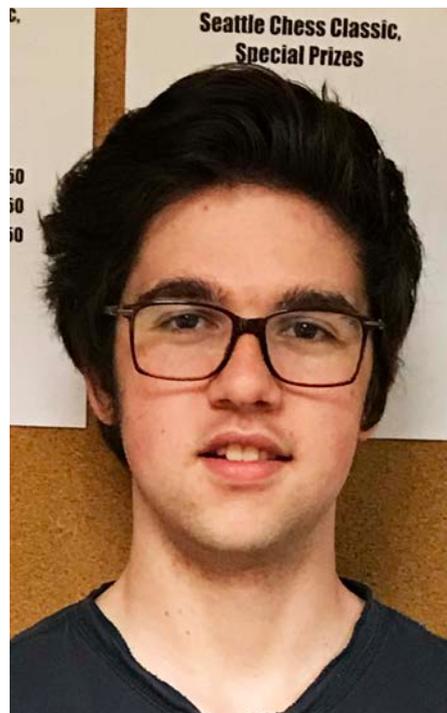
Mahajan closed out the tournament in professional style with a pair of solid draws in the final rounds. In the penultimate round, he drew quickly with Joseph Truelson, his only remaining rival, in what many were expecting would be a hard-fought struggle given the tournament situation. This set up a final showdown against fellow rising star Advait "Bear Cub" Vijayakumar, in which Rushaan needed only a draw to clinch clear first place. The game between the two phenoms did indeed end peacefully, which brought Rushaan his first major tournament victory! FM Ignacio Perez finished in clear second place after a late surge in the final three rounds, racking up many sparkling victories along the way. Joey Frantz was rewarded for his uncompromising play with a clear third place finish of 6.0/9, as he also managed to finish the tournament on a three-game



*Rushaan Mahajan.
Photo Credit: Josh Sinanan.*

winning streak and did not draw a single game!

The eight-player Reserve section, which was originally scheduled to be a nine-round Swiss, was converted into an eight-player Round Robin at the discretion of our experienced Tournament



*Jonah Kolar.
Photo Credit: Josh Sinanan.*

Director and FIDE Arbiter, Fred Kleist. Newcomer Jonah “The Terminator” Kolar of Seattle dominated the field by winning every single game that he played. Jonah’s 6-game winning streak included wins against top seed Cleve Johnson (1515), Shiv Mehrotra (1387), and his father Tom Kolar (1341). Young Evan Edwins of Mill Creek, rated only 101 provisional, proved that ratings can be deceiving by capturing clear second place with 5.0/7. Tom Kolar rounded out the prize winners with a solid 4.5/7 third place finish.

With upset and best game prizes on the line in each and every round, players were encouraged to fight hard, and they produced many interesting and exciting games regardless of their tournament standing. Several players even attempted to win the daily “best dressed” prize by digging deep into their wardrobes and finding some classy outfits to wear! Especially worthy of note were Anand Gupta’s full suit and tie, Shiv Mehrotra’s traditional Indian attire, and the fantastic dresses of Mary Kuhner and Lois Ruff! Brilliancy prizes, yet to be judged, will be announced in a later issue. Our games compiler, Ani Barua, has graciously provided the following games from the Open section.

Nicholas Whale (1981) – Ignacio Perez (2209) [B06]

Seattle Chess Classic
Seattle, WA (R2), August 15, 2019
[Nicholas Whale]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Nc3 Nd7 5.Bc4 e6 6.Bg5 Ne7

I had never seen this setup before, but it seemed rather passive, especially for Ignacio, so that was just fine.

7.Qd2 h6 8.Be3 c6 9.a4 a6 10.a5!?

The only game to reach this position in the chess.com database continued with 10.0–0 instead, but I didn’t want to allow 10...b5

10...Qc7

Making me nervous about a possible central break...

11.0–0 g5!

...and also my king.

12.h3

I reacted a bit too cautiously, there aren’t any real threats to worry about at the moment. This prevents ...g4 but allows other forms of counterplay. 12.h4!/? but I wasn’t keen on opening my king up in such a drastic way; But 12.Bb3 g4?! 13.Nh4 c5 14.Ba4 seems quite good for me.

12...Ng6 13.Bb3

The bishop being loose was a problem in many lines, so I put a stop to that. For instance, 13.Rfd1 d5 seemed like a needless tempo to give up, ie 14.Bd3 0–0 although I must still be better.

13...Nf6 14.Nh2!

Although the silicon disagrees, both of us thought this was a good move, intending to follow with f4 and open things up.

14...e5?!

Thus Ignacio tried this move, but now I get a safe, lasting advantage without risking anything — exactly what I wanted out of the opening. Simply 14...0–0 keeping all the central breaks available is better.

15.dxe5 dxe5 16.f3

Permanently clamping down on g4.

16...0–0 17.Rfd1!

There’s pretty much nothing active for Black to do, and Stockfish already gives this more than +2.

17...Nf4 18.Qd6?! Ne8?!

Exchanging inaccuracies: I don’t really need to trade queens here since Black’s isn’t doing anything, but Ignacio spends a tempo forcing me to.

19.Qxc7 Nxc7 20.Na4!



Nicholas Whale. Photo Credit: Josh Sinanan.

Aiming for b6 to constipate Black’s queenside.

20...Ne2+ 21.Kf2 Nd4 22.Nb6 Rb8



Position after 22...Rb8

During the game I was worried about 22...Nxb3? but 23.cxb3! (23.Nxa8? Nxa1 24.Nxc7 Nxc2 25.Bc5 Nd4 26.Bxf8 Bxf8 when Black has some compensation due to my wayward c7-knight, the bishop pair, and his own well-placed steed) 23...

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Rb8 24.Bc5 Re8?? (24...Be6 25.Bxf8 Bxf8 26.Ng4 and my pieces are much better placed than in the other line) 25.Bd6! wins for White.

23.Ba4

I took the chance to preserve my bishop for now.

23...Be6 24.c3!

The start of a deep (for me, at least) plan to win a piece, of which I'm quite proud honestly.

24...Nb3 25.Bxb3 Bxb3

This bishop seems incredibly annoying as it now covers d1, preventing me from doubling rooks. But it's also way out in my territory all by itself...

26.Rd7 Nb5

26...Ne6? 27.Ra3 is a much easier trap of the bishop.

27.c4! Nd4 28.Ra3 Bc2 29.Rc3

Threatening the obvious Bxd4 followed by Rxc2.

29...Bb1

This was the position I got hung up on at move 24, and I spent a long time trying to trap the bishop with my rook, but finally decided that it couldn't be done. But eventually I found

30.Nf1!

The key is just to use another piece!



Position after 30.Nf1

30...f5!

True to form, Ignacio plays the most challenging continuation

31.Nd2! f4?

31...fxe4 32.Nxb1 exf3 33.g4 is a better try to confuse the issue a little, but I'm still winning.

32.Bxd4 exd4 33.Rc1 Bd3 34.Nb3!

The point: even though Black is given a whole free move, there's no effective way to rescue the bishop. Even better is to use the other knight with 34.Na4!, denying Black even the faint hope of a swindle below.

34...g4

34...Rfd8! sets a little trap: 35.Rxd8+ Rxd8 36.Nc5?? (36.Na4! again still wins) 36...Bc2!! 37.Rxc2 d3! 38.Rd2?? (38.Nxd3 Rxd3 and I'm still up a pawn but Black's pieces are very active) 38...Bd4+ Oops.

35.Nc5

Even the cooperative 35.hxg4 works, though the text is much simpler: 35...Bf6 36.Nc5 Bh4+ 37.Kg1 Be2 38.Rxd4! Rfd8 39.Nbd7! and the bishop is still trapped.

35...Bf6 36.Nxd3

And 12(!) moves later, I get my reward.

36...Bh4+ 37.Ke2 gxf3+ 38.gxf3 Kh8

Attempting to infiltrate on the g-file, so...

39.Rd6!

Every tempo matters, and when playing such a strong and dangerous opponent as Ignacio, you can never take your foot off the gas, even in a totally winning position, as I've found to great cost in the past.

39...Kh7 40.Nd7! Rfd8 41.Nf6+ Kg7 42.Rg1+ Bg5 43.Rxd8 Rxd8 44.Nh5+ Kf7 45.Nhxf4

Removing the f-pawn so my own can get going, and there's really nothing Black can do about it.

45...c5 46.Ne5+ Ke7 47.Nd5+ Ke6 48.Nd3 Rc8 49.f4 Bd8 50.Rg6+ Kf7

51.Ne5+

Here I spent some time looking at various mating nets, and was quite pleased when one actually occurred.

51...Kf8 52.Rxb6 Kg8 53.Nf6+ Kg7 54.Neg4 Bxa5

Ending things quickly.

55.Rh7+ Kg6

Going backwards loses the rook to a skewer...

56.h4

And going forward loses the king, as an unstoppable pawn mate(!!) is coming.

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Alex Kaelin (1779) –
Mary Kuhner (1789) [A83]
Seattle Chess Classic
Seattle, WA (R9), August 18, 2019
[Mary Kuhner]

1.d4 e6 2.Nc3

I didn't like this when Rushaan played it, so I confidently went into a Dutch—

2...f5 3.e4

Whoops. Of course this is the point of 2.Nc3. Stockfish, which never likes the Dutch anyway, gives this nearly +1. Also I had never seen it before, and being out of book on move three is disconcerting. Here I spent seven minutes trying to make sure that Qh5+ wasn't going to kill me.

3...fxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Bg5 Be7 6.Bxf6 Bxf6 7.Nf3

I am seriously afraid to castle; White's massed minor pieces look more significant than any play I might get on the f-file, and I think White is planning to castle long anyway.

7...b6 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.Qe2 Qe7

This feels artificial, but I was calculating horrors on the kingside every single move, and I wanted to bolster it; also Alex definitely plans to castle long, so I'd

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better do so too. If he can safely add the g- and h-pawns to the attack on my king I don't see how I can survive.

10.0-0 a5

I'm not at all sure this was a good move, but I was afraid to play ...Nc6 and invite d5, and I wanted to make him worry a little about his own king. It also secures control of the a6 square, which my knight or bishop may want.

11.Ne5 Bxe5 12.Qh5+

Uh-oh. I missed this completely.

12...Kd8

Amazingly, Stockfish thinks I am better off now than I was a few moves ago. I have trouble agreeing. My kingside and center both look fragile, and how do I develop my queenside pieces? 12...g6 13.Qxe5 forks the rook and the c-pawn, after which my queenside will fall apart.; 12...Qf7 13.Qxe5 is not a fork but there is no reasonable way to defend c7 except ...Kd8.

13.dxe5 Kc8 14.f4

It seems to me that f5 is a huge threat, opening the center or kingside or both while I'm unprepared.

14...a4 15.a3

In postmortems my opponent and I both questioned whether this move is needed, though the engine likes it. I'm not sure ...a3 is a big threat given that ...Qb2 would not be mate even if I could manage to get in there.

15...Ra5

Finding a use for the rook and discouraging f5. At this point both of us had around an hour left to reach move 40.

16.Qe2

"I thought my queen was doing nothing on the kingside," said Alex. I don't entirely agree. My queenside pieces would struggle to meet an attack on that flank, and it might outflank the weakness on d7 as well.

16...Na6 17.Bb5

My opponent spent 27 minutes on this move, and was visibly unsatisfied with his position. I felt I was worse, I was tired, the tournament room was ridiculously noisy, and I thought that offering a draw would either get me a draw or put a psychological burden on Alex. Kibitzers afterwards suggested 17.h4 starting that kingside demonstration—or just preventing ...g5—and this is indeed the engine's favorite.

17...Rd8



Position after 17...Rd8

I offered a draw here, which he declined. He had 30 minutes, I had 43.

18.Rd4

My opponent felt this was the start of a non-productive queenside plan. My pieces are funny-looking but they are beginning to coordinate.

18...Nc5 19.Bd3 Nxd3+

I didn't want to trade both minor pieces, which would leave me with holes in the queenside and White with a ready target on d7. But getting rid of White's bishop while keeping my own seemed good—I reckoned my king would be fairly safe behind it.

Washington Blitz Chess Championship

October 12, 2019

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

Format: 7 Round Double Swiss. One Section. US Chess Blitz Rated.

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Registration: 6:15 - 6:45 PM.

Rounds: 7:00 PM, 7:25 PM, 7:50 PM, 8:15 PM, 8:40 PM, 9:05 PM, 9:30 PM.

US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA membership required, other states accepted. NS. NC. W.

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20.Qxd3 Rd5 21.Rxd5 exd5

21...Bxd5 22.Qa6+ Bb7 23.Qxa4

22.Nd2?

After this move I am okay. I was much more worried about Nc3 forking d5 and a5. The engine is calmly going to give up a pawn here, and indeed I was fairly certain I'd lose one—not calmly though!

22...g5 23.g3 gxf4 24.gxf4 Rg8

The engine likes ...Rf8 but I didn't see how I would avoid the advance of the passers. I was pleased with this move, especially as I felt it set a kind of trap against the obvious Re1.

25.Re1?

After this move my opponent had 4 minutes to reach move 40, though with 30 second increment it's not as bad as it sounds. However, hitting time trouble just as the position heated up was a huge problem for him. I had 25 minutes, not generous but okay.

25...Qh4

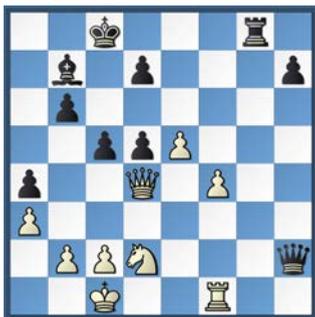
For the first time in the game I am better. I don't think I knew that, but I did know that my position had improved significantly.

26.Rf1

It is hard to admit your previous move was wrong, and he took all but a few seconds to do it, so from here on he was playing on the increment.

26...Qxh2 27.Qd4 c5

A multi-purpose move that advances against White's king, gives luft to my own, and wins time against White's queen. I was getting excited here, and Alex was clearly struggling to make each move in 30 seconds or less.



Position after 27...c5

28.Qf2?

Nearly losing. Stockfish thinks I should trade queens and try to win the endgame, but I gave that little thought compared to the direct attack possibilities that were suddenly opening up.

28...Rg2 29.Qe3

29.Qe1 may be better, but looks really unnatural.

29...Re2

Here I had issues of my own; the noise level was becoming intolerable and I felt strongly that I was missing a concrete tactic. Black has many attractive moves including ...Ba6, ...d4, and the text. So hard to choose! I was down to 15 minutes for 11 moves, and I'm not very good in time trouble. Also Alex's clock was distracting me!

30.Qd3 d4 31.Kd1 Re3 32.Qc4 Bd5 33.Qxd5??

33.Qa6+ Kc7 34.Qa7+ Bb7 was the line I calculated, and I felt White would just have misplaced his queen and be in a very tough situation. I didn't think he'd actually take. But the combination of extreme time trouble and a rapidly worsening position was too much.

33...Qe2+

I'd have loved to conclude with 34.Kc1 Qe1+ but he foiled me by resigning. A bitter disappointment for Alex, especially as he had declined a draw.

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Washington Game/15 Championship

October 12, 2019

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Rounds: 10:00 AM, 11:15 AM, 12:30 PM, 1:45 PM, 3:00 PM, 4:15 PM, 5:30 PM.

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A Chess Camp Just for Girls!

By Sarah McCoy

Eugene, OR—August 26-30, 2019

Jerry Ramey has been running chess tournaments, classes, and summer camps in Eugene for decades, but in recent years, he has decided to try something new. After noticing how few girls were attending tournaments, he started by adding a weekly chess class specifically for girls, above and beyond his usual class schedule.

Although the numbers were small to begin with, he has been able to continue offering the class for three years, and a wonderful community has grown around it. The longer the girls participate, the more their confidence grows. And this summer, Jerry was able to offer them something new: a chess camp specifically for girls.

For several years, his other summer camps were known as the Kings Camp and the Masters Camp, but participation was almost exclusively boys. But 2019 was the year of the first Queens Camp, and the girls were ready for it!

The youngest attendees were both six years old, while the oldest girls were 12. The girls had classes in tactics, strategy, openings and endgames. Perhaps the class they enjoyed the most was one on various checkmating patterns. Together, they studied and solved puzzles involving Anastasia's mate, Lolli's mate, Boden's mate, Arabian mate, and several others.

Of course, there were also some breaks from chess during the day. Amy Bunker, the mother of two participants,

was the "Queen of Crafts." She led a daily class in which the girls created chess-themed art projects, including crowns, scepters, and felt banners with chess themes. Diane Turner, whose daughter was also attending, was the "Queen of Fitness." She led daily stretching exercises and excursions to a nearby park for a little physical activity.

Jerry is thrilled with the success of his first Queens Camp, and he definitely plans to offer it again next summer.



At this summer camp, it's all about the Queens! Photo credit: Owen McCoy.

Washington Game/60 Championship October 13, 2019

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

Format: 4 Round Swiss. Two Sections. Open and Reserve (U1600). US Chess Regular and Quick Rated.

Time Control: G/60, d5.

US Chess October 2019 rating supplement will be used to determine pairings and prizes. Foreign ratings used for players with no US Chess rating. Higher of US Chess regular/quick or foreign ratings used at TD discretion.

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

Open: 1st \$200, 2nd \$125, 3rd \$100, U2000 \$100, U1700 \$75.

Reserve: 1st \$125, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$75, Upset Prize 1st \$60, 2nd \$40.

Entry Fee: \$40 if postmarked or online by 10/06, \$50 after 10/06 or at site. Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs.

Registration: 9:00 - 9:45 AM.

Rounds: 10:00 AM, 1:00 PM, 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM

Byes: One half-point bye available. Request before end of round 2. US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA membership required, other states accepted. Northwest Chess Grand Prix event. NS. NC. W.

Info/Entries: Make checks payable to Washington Chess Federation.

Mail To: Jacob Mayer, 9502 44th Avenue NE, Seattle, WA 98115-2610. **Phone:** (206) 697-5625.

Email: jvectormayer@yahoo.com.

Online Registration: nwchess.com/onlineregistration.

37th Annual Sands Regency Reno - Western States Open

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Thursday 10/17 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm - Lecture by IM John Donaldson (FREE)

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Saturday 10/19 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm - FREE Game / Position Analysis - IM John Donaldson

Main Tournament

Registration: Thursday (10/17) 5 - 8 pm. Friday (10/18) 9 - 10 am. Saturday (10/19) 9 - 10 am.

Round Times: (3 Day Sch.): Fri. 10/18 - 12 Noon - 7 pm; Sat. 10/19 - 10 am - 6 pm; Sun. 10/20 - 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

(2 Day Sch.): Sat. 10/19 - Rd 1 (10:30 am), Rd 2 (12:45pm), Rd 3 (3:00pm), Rd 4 merge with regular schedule - 6:00 pm

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Room Reservations: Call the Sands Regency - 1-866-FUN-STAY • Reserve by October 1, 2019 for Chess Rate.

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For TLA and to confirm receipt of entry see player list at: www.renochess.org

ENTRY FORM - 37th Annual Western States Open - Reno, Nevada - October 18 - 20 & October 20 - 21, 2019

Mail to: Sands Regency Casino Hotel - 345 N. Arlington Avenue - Reno NV 89501

PRINT Name _____ Daytime Phone _____ USCF/FIDE Rating _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

USCF I.D. Number _____ Exp. Date _____ **All pre-registered players please check in at tournament desk on arrival.**

ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED : (CIRCLE SECTION AND FEE BELOW)

BYE(S) REQUESTED FOR ROUNDS(S): (CIRCLE) 1 2 3 4 5 6

----- OPEN SECTION ----- "EXPERT" "A" "B" "C" "D and Under" UNRATED
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3-Day EF	Free	\$169	\$250	\$300	\$169	\$168	\$167	\$166	\$160	USCF Dues
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2-Day EF	\$165	\$165	\$165	\$165	\$165	\$165	\$165	USCF Dues
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FEES ALSO ENCLOSED FOR:

- Hotel Deposit \$65.30* (Weekday) or
- Hotel Deposit \$106.16* (Fri. & Sat.)
- \$30 Wed. Clock Simul. GM Kudrin
- \$20 Thursday-Simul. GM Yermolinsky
- \$25 Thursday Blitz (G / 5 d0)
- \$10 discount - Sr. 65+ Age

HOTEL INFORMATION:

- No Room Needed
- Made By Phone
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- Departure Date _____
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Engineering Consultants, Inc.

By Alise Pemsler

Engineering Consultants, Inc. (ECI) donated use of their office for two of the Idaho Chess Association's summer tournaments. This space is perfect for tournaments of 40-50 players. The break room downstairs provides a skittles room out of earshot of the tournament. Louis Felice, a regular player at ICA tournaments and a Mechanical Drafter/Plumbing Designer at ECI secured the venue for the ICA.

ECI is one of the older, larger, and more recognized engineering consulting firms in the Treasure Valley and manages seven engineering disciplines to provide HVAC, plumbing, electrical, refrigeration, controls, fire alarm, fire protection and BIM coordination for clients throughout the United States. Louis tells me that ECI's owner, Leslie Stith, P.E.1978, believes in supporting his employees both on the job and off.

The ICA is grateful for ECI's generosity. Plans are in the works for more tournaments in the upcoming year.

Trader Joe's of Boise

By Alise Pemsler

Need another trophy? No? Trader Joe's of Boise donated bags of yummy goodies for this year's Idaho Summer Classic Tournament prizes. Jokes abounded about going grocery shopping, but when winners Forrest Zeng (1st),

Brian Li (2nd), Joshua Price (3rd) and Finn Belew (Top Scholastic) saw what was inside, the smiles broke out.

Kudos to Trader Joe's for adding a little summer fun to the 2019 Idaho Summer Classic!

The below illustration are three photos taken by Jeffrey Roland and put together as one by Jef Leifeste.—Editor.



Washington Challenger's Cup October 26-27, 2019

Highest finishing Washington resident in the Open Section seeded into the 2020 Washington State Championship

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

Format: 5 Round Swiss. Two Sections. Open and Reserve (U1800). Open Rounds 2-5 FIDE Rated.

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

US Chess October 2019 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: \$2,100 (based on 60 paid entries).

Open: 1st \$500, 2nd \$350, 1st U2100 \$175, 1st U1900 \$175.

Reserve: 1st \$350, 2nd \$175, 1st U1600 \$125, 1st U1400 \$125, 1st U1200/Unrated \$125.

Entry Fee: \$60 if postmarked or online by 10/20, \$70 after 10/20 or at site. Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs. \$40 play up fee if U1800 playing in Open section.

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

Rounds: Saturday 10:00 AM, 12:30 PM, 6:00 PM; Sunday 11:00 AM, 4:30 PM.

Byes: Two half-point byes available, request before end of round 2. US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships required, other states accepted. Northwest Chess Grand Prix event.

Info/Entries: Make checks payable to Washington Chess Federation.

Mail To: Jacob Mayer, 9502 44th Avenue NE, Seattle, WA 98115-2610. **Phone:** (206) 697-5625

Email: jvictormayer@yahoo.com.

Online Registration: www.nwchess.com/onlineregistration.

Washington Class Championships A NW Grand Prix Event November 29-30, December 1, 2019

\$10,000 Guaranteed Prize Fund

Entry fees listed as: Postmarked
By Oct 27 / By Nov 13 / At site

Master (2200+) EF \$150 / \$160 / \$170
Prizes \$750, \$500, \$400 U2300 \$250, \$200

Expert (2000-2199) EF \$140 / \$150 / \$160
Prizes \$600, \$400, \$300, U2100 \$200, \$150

Class A (1800-1999) EF \$130 / \$140 / \$150
Prizes \$500, \$300, \$200 U1900 \$150, \$100

Class B (1600-1799) EF \$130 / \$140 / \$150
Prizes \$500, \$300, \$200 U1700 \$150, \$100

Class C (1400-1599) EF \$130 / \$140 / \$150
Prizes \$500, \$300, \$200 U1500 \$150, \$100

Class D (1200-1399) EF \$130 / \$140 / \$150
Prizes \$500, \$300, \$200 U1300 \$150, \$100

Class E (1199 & Under) EF \$130 / \$140 / \$150
Prizes \$500, \$300, \$200, U1000 \$150,
U800/Unrated \$100

Medal Only EF: \$80 / \$90 / \$100
(Juniors Under age 21 or Seniors age 50+)

Medals awarded to top two in each class.

Rated players add \$85 to play up one class only (can't play up two classes).

Free entry to GMs, IMs, and WGMs.

Reentry for 1/2 of your original entry fee.

Canadians may pay C\$ at par (no coins) for entry fee only.

Entries/Information:

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E-mail: jjvictormayer@yahoo.com

Joshua Sinanan

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Make checks payable to
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20610 44th Avenue West
Lynnwood, WA 98036-7701, Phone (425) 775-2500

Online Registration at www.nwchess.com/online/registration
Pay by credit/debit or PayPal.

Format: Seven class sections as shown at left, six round Swiss system. Sections may be combined if less than 12 players in a section. *Late registrations may receive half-point byes for first round.*

Rating: US Chess rated. Master/Expert/Class A/Class B sections also FIDE rated (except G/60 games). US Chess November 2019 rating supplement will be used to determine class sections. Higher of US Chess or foreign ratings used at TD discretion. Higher of US Chess or FIDE rating used for pairings and prizes in Master, Expert, Class A, Class B sections. Foreign ratings used for players with no US Chess rating. Unrated players may only win 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes in Master section, or unrated prize in Class E. Medal Only may not win any cash prizes.

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 6:00 PM, Sat 11:00 AM and 6:00 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 6:00 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.

Miscellaneous: Current US Chess membership and WCF/OCF/ICA membership required in all sections. Other States Accepted. Memberships may be paid at time of registration. NW Grand Prix event. US Chess Grand Prix Points: 40. US Chess Junior Grand Prix. No Smoking. No Computers. Wheelchair accessible.

Hotel Info/Rates: \$144 Double, single or double occupancy. Call (425) 775-2500, request the Washington Chess Federation block. Group Code: 404873. Cut-off date for reservations at the discount is November 8, 2019 at 5:00 PM PST.

Washington Class Blitz Championship: Sat 11/30 at 9:30 PM. Format: 5 round Double Swiss in one section. Registration: 8:30-9:15 PM. Rounds: 9:30, 9:55, 10:20, 10:45 and 11:10 PM. TC: G/5; d0. EF: \$25. Prize Fund: \$400/b20. 1st \$130, 2nd \$90, 1st U2000 \$60, 1st U1700 \$60, 1st U1400/Unrated \$60. US Chess Blitz rated. Current US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships required.

The 2019 Buz Eddy / Glen Buckendorf Memorial Northwest Grand Prix

Murlin Varner, Administrator (mevjr54@outlook.com)

I am writing this from Billings, Montana. I have taken a break from the Northwest for a bit of chess tourism. Many travel to big tournaments in far away places. People associated with the Seattle Chess Club make a yearly pilgrimage to the Western States in Reno. Other popular destinations for chess travel include the American Open, National Open, North American Open, Chicago Open, World Open, North American Open, U.S. Open, and many others. I have played in the World Open, National Open, and sixteen U.S. Opens. In these and most other cases, it is a matter of driving or flying to the site, playing chess and doing little else, and then reversing the travel arrangements as soon as the event is over.

I have changed up that pattern a little bit, taking a two-week vacation built around two tournaments in two different states. Three days of driving (22 driving hours) got me to the Denver area for the Colorado Open over Labor Day weekend. I then had five days to get to the second venue, in Butte, Montana. Since that is about twelve hours of driving time, I have been able to have leisurely little jumps, with some sightseeing, too. Hence, I am now in Billings, with less than four hours of driving to my second tournament. Of course, once that tournament is over, I will have to drive long and hard to get home so I can get back to work to pay for this extravagance.

As to how I did in Colorado, not so good. For the past couple of years, I have been sitting on my rating floor and playing well below it. But I am still playing, and keep hoping for a miracle. Day after tomorrow, I will try again. (BTW, Montana will be my 25th state. Halfway there.)

The standings below underwent some significant changes in August. There were two events with large multipliers, the well-attended Vancouver Open (56, 3x) and the rather sparsely attended Seattle Chess Classic (27, 4x). These 80 players (three played in both) were rewarded with some significant point increases. Two additional events added to various point totals. The changes in the Idaho standings came from the Spokane Falls Open.

September will have added six more events, including two 2x tournaments, the Eastern Washington Open and the Seattle Fall Open. You will be able to see the effects of these in this space next month. For your October planning, where you, too, can become a chess tourist, we offer the Seattle Chess Club Quads on the 5th, the Norman Friedman Memorial in Boise (2x) October 12-13, the Washington G/60 Championship (2x) on the 13th, the Northern Idaho Open on the 19th, the Washington Challengers' Cup (3x), October 26-27, and the Seattle Chess Club Tornado on the 27th. The year is drawing to an end, make your plans. I see myself playing at least once in Seattle and making a quick trip.

The standings below are current through August 31.

2019 Memorial Northwest Grand Prix Standings

Idaho			Washington			Other Places						
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	state	pts.			
			Masters									
			1	Pupols	Viktors	101.0	1	Raptis	Nick	OR	19.5	
			2	Truelson	Joseph	78.0	2	Donaldson	W John	CA	18.0	
			3	Perez	Ignacio	70.0	3	Cigan	Jason D	OR	16.5	
			4	Sinanan	Joshua C	58.5						
			5	Schill	William J	53.5						
M/X/Class A			Experts									
1	Geyman	Jonathan P	34.5	1	Frantz	Joseph K	105.0	1	Nair	Roshen S	OR	42.0
2	Cambareri	Michael E	29.5	2	Mahajan	Rushaan	75.0	1	Huang	Patrick W	CAN	42.0
3	Bodie	Brad	15.0	3	Anand	Vignesh	73.0	3	Omori	Michael J	HI	36.0
4	Erickson	Kenneth	11.0	4	Casey	Garrett W	67.0	3	Tang	Zoey	OR	36.0
5	Maki	James J	9.0	5	Arganian	David G	61.5	5	Moore	Michael	OR	33.0

Idaho			Washington			Other Places						
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	state	pts.			
Class B			Class A									
1	Herr	Griffin G	27.0	1	Kaelin	Alex	79.5	1	Murray	David E	OR	45.0
2	Daigle	Adrian P	18.0	2	Lee	Brian	75.0	1	Vega	Isaac	OR	45.0
3	Martonick	Nick	15.0	3	Whale	Nicholas M	72.0	1	Sripada	Havish	OR	45.0
4	Derryberry	Dewayne R	9.5	4	Vijayakumar	Advaith	66.5	4	Pitre	H G	CA	36.0
5	Kitterman	Andrew N	6.5	5	Two Tied at		61.0	5	Wu	Abbie	OR	33.0
Class C			Class B									
1	Porth	Adam	21.0	1	Buck	Stephen J	131.5	1	Kodarapu	Ishaan K	OR	51.0
2	Booth	Tom R	6.0	2	Anthony	Ralph J	125.5	2	Tang	Austin	OR	36.0
3	Porth	Desmond	5.5	3	Lainson	Silas	99.0	2	Lykins	Pace	OR	36.0
3	Leifeste	Bryce	5.5	4	Gupta	Anand	82.5	4	Qu	Jayden	CAN	33.0
5	Two tied at		5.0	5	Wang	Felicity	71.0	5	Stacey	Darren	MT	26.0
Class D			Class C									
1	Glass	Evan M	12.0	1	Varner	Murlin E	108.5	1	Yang	Arnold T	OR	48.0
2	Merry	William A F	10.5	2	Johnson	Cleveland R	71.5	2	Morrissey	Patrick W	OR	39.0
2	Bodie	Arlene	10.5	3	Oliver	George	68.5	3	Lykins	Chad	OR	30.0
4	Shepard	River C	8.5	4	Li	Edward	66.0	4	Strong	Murray	MT	13.5
5	Zaklan	David A	5.0	5	Kou	Jeffrey	62.5	5	Feldman	Neena	OR	12.0
Class E and Below			Class D And Below									
1	Porth	Darwin A	14.5	1	Ruff	Lois A	108.0	1	Sripada	Anisha	OR	46.5
2	Daigle	Micah J	12.0	2	Karukayil	Johan	73.0	2	Sripathi	Prajna	OR	39.0
2	Sherwood	Jax L	12.0	3	Henderson	Doug	66.5	3	Rickert	Samuel	CA	33.0
4	Callen	Gregory D	9.0		Hamilton-Sommer	Miles T	61.5	4	Morrissey	Christopher	OR	30.0
5	Su	Darren	8.5	5	Puri	Rishay	60.5	4	Yang	Arthur T	OR	30.0

Overall Leaders, by State

1	Geyman	Jonathan P	34.5	1	Buck	Stephen J	131.5	<p>There are no prizes for players residing outside of the Northwest Chess area.</p> <p>This information is presented here so our readers can see that we do draw from other states and those players are contributing to our Grand Prix prize fund.</p>		
2	Cambareri	Michael E	29.5	2	Anthony	Ralph J	125.5			
3	Herr	Griffin G	27.0	3	Varner	Murlin E	108.5			
4	Porth	Adam	21.0	4	Ruff	Lois A	108.0			
5	Daigle	Adrian P	18.0	5	Frantz	Joseph K	105.0			
6	Bodie	Brad	15.0	6	Pupols	Viktors	101.0			
6	Martonick	Nick	15.0	7	Lainson	Silas	99.0			
8	Porth	Darwin A	14.5	8	Gupta	Anand	82.5			
9	Glass	Evan M	12.0	9	Kaelin	Alex	79.5			
9	Daigle	Micah J	12.0	10	Truelson	Joseph	78.0			
9	Sherwood	Jax L	12.0	11	Mahajan	Rushaan	75.0			
12	Erickson	Kenneth	11.0	11	Lee	Brian	75.0			
12	Bodie	Arlene	10.5	13	Johnson	Cleveland R	25.5			



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Dates	Description	Rounds
10/4,10/11,10/18,10/25 11/15,11/22	G45 Duel/G15+2 Rapids/Fischer Random Chess (Chess960)	2/4/3

One-Day Tournaments

Dates	Description	Rounds
10/5, 11/2	USCF Beginners Tournament	4
10/27, 11/17	Transformers	4
10/6, 11/3	Sunday G60	4
11/16	Saturday G60 Quads	4

PNWCC USCF Open

Dates	Description	Rounds
10/12 – 10/13	USCF Open Under 1800	6
10/19 – 10/20	USCF Open Over 1800	6
11/23 – 11/24	USCF Open	6

PNWCC FIDE Open Tournaments

Dates	Theme	Featured GM's	Rounds
11/8-11/11	TBD	FIDE Open	7

Tournament dates and details are subject to changes. Visit our website for most recent updates.

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The SCC online registration system is now open at www.seattlechess.club.

October 18-20 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.

WCF @ the SCC

- WA Blitz Ch. Oct. 12
- WA G/15 Ch. Oct. 12
- WA G/60 Ch. Oct. 13
- WA Challengers Cup Oct. 26-27

Note new dates due to WCF events at the SCC

Oct 5, Nov 2 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:** 10:00-2:15-6:30. **Misc:** US Chess, WCF/ICA memb. req'd, OSA. NS, NC.

Oct 6 SCC Novice
Format: 4-SS. Open to U1200 and UNR. **TC:** G/75; d5. **EF:** \$11 by 10/2, \$16 at site. (-\$2 SCC mem., -\$1 mem. other WA dues-req'd CCs). **Prizes:** SCC membership. **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.

Oct 27 ~~Canceled~~, Nov 17 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 per 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/ICA memb. req'd, OSA. NS, NC.

SCC Adult Swiss #3

November 23-24, 2019

A 4-round Swiss open to those born before 11/25/1998 with guaranteed prizes of \$225 (5 per prize group).

First	\$65
Second	\$35
U2000	\$32
U1800	\$32
U1600	\$31
U1400/Unr	\$30

Time Control: G/120; +30.
Entry Fees: Free for SCC members. Others — \$10.
Registration: Sat. 10-10:45 a.m. **Rounds:** 11-4:30, 11-4:30.
Byes: 1 (Sunday rounds, commit at registration).
Miscellaneous: US Chess & WCF/ICA membership req'd (OSA). No smoking. No computers.

11th SCC Extravaganza!!

November 8-10, 2019

A two-section, seven-round Swiss with a time control of **G/90; d5** (Two-day option – rounds 1 & 2 @ G/45; d5). The prize fund of **\$700** is based on 40.

Open: \$140-100, U2200 70, U2000 70

Reserve (U1800): First \$100-70, U1600 50, U1400 50, U1200 40, UNR 10

Entry Fee: \$44 by 11/6 (\$33 for SCC members, \$39 for members of other dues-required CCs in WA, ID, & BC), \$52 at site (\$38 for SCC members, \$46 for members of other dues-required CCs in WA, ID, & BC). Add \$1 for 2-day option.

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 in rounds 5-7, must commit before round 3.

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

Upcoming Events

☞ denotes 2019 Northwest Grand Prix event.

Pacific Northwest Chess Center events see page 29. Seattle Chess Club events see page 30.

Oct 12 Washington Blitz Championship, **Seattle, WA.** Half-Page Ad page 20.

Oct 12 Washington Game/15 Championship, **Seattle, WA.** Half-Page Ad page 21.

☞ **Oct 12-13** Norman Friedman Memorial & National Chess Day Tournament, **Boise, ID.** 5 SS, TC: G/120; d5. Site: The Riverside Hotel, 2900 W Chinden Blvd, Boise, ID 83714. US Chess membership req'd. One Section: Open, US Chess rated. EF: \$30 per player (\$10 for blitz) Discount for online registration, over 80, IMs, FMs, GMs free. Check-in: 9:30 - 10 am. Opening Cer. 9 am, Rd times: 10/12 9 am, 2 pm, 7 pm, 10/14 9 am, 2 pm. 1/2 pt. bye avail: Rnd 1-4, Max 1, Notify TD before Rd. 2 is paired. Prizes: \$750 guaranteed! 1st - 3rd place Overall \$200, \$150, 100, 1st place B, C, D, E, F, & unr. \$50/class. Side Events: Blitz 10/11, 6 pm continuous. Format: 6 SS dbl. rnd., G/5;d0 Blitz prizes: 1st - 3rd overall, \$75, \$50, \$25. Contact: idahocheessassociation@gmail.com, www.idahocheessassociation.com, 208-450-9048.

Oct 12-14 New West Fall Open, Douglas College, **New Westminster, BC, Canada.** Format: 6-SS. Sections: Premier / U1800 / U1400 / U1000 (Subject to merge in case less than 40 total entries or less than 12 entries any section.) TC: G/90+30. Premier section: FIDE & CFC rated; other sections CFC rated. CFC membership req'd. (Renew or buy annual CFC membership.) Prize fund C\$4000 (based on 100 paid entries), with C\$1000 / \$600 for top two in Premier section. Unrated players (except in Premier section) are not qualified for section prizes, but for overall best unrated prizes. EF: Early Bird, C\$85 (by Sep 15th); Regular, C\$100. Free for FIDE / CFC / US Chess 2200+ or National Masters (by Sep 28). Reg.: 8:30 a.m.; Rds: 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. each day. Details/updates at <https://westchess.com/tournament/new-west-fall-open-2019>, or contact info@westchess.com for questions.

Oct 13 Washington Game/60 Championship, **Seattle, WA.** See Half-Page Ad on page 22.

Oct 18-20 Sands Regency Western States Open, **Reno, NV.** Full-Page Ad page 23.

☞ **Oct 19** Northern Idaho Open, **Coeur d'Alene, ID.** 4SS, Time Control: G/60; d5. Section: Open. Site: Calypso's Coffee Roasters, 116 E Lakeside Ave, Coeur d'Alene, ID. US Chess mem. req. EF: \$30 per player, over 80, IMs, FMs, GMs free. Discount for online registration for ICA Mem. Check in: 9:00-9:30 am. Rd. times: 10:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:30 pm, 7:00 pm. 1/2 pt bye avail: Rnd 1-3, Max 1, Notify TD before Rd. 2 is paired. \$\$ (based on 30) 1st - 2nd place Overall \$100, \$75. \$25/class: B, C, D, E, F, & unr. Details: idahocheessassociation@gmail.com, Online registration at www.idahocheessassociation.com, (208) 450-9048.

Oct 19 Charlie's Safari chess tournament, **Lacey, WA.** Site: Charlie's Safari in Lacey, 1401 Marvin Road N.E. #201. Format: 2 sections, Swiss, Open (US Chess rated 4 rounds) & reserve (5 rounds). Open: Time control: g/45 d/10. Entry fee: \$10.00. Reg. 9:00-9:45. Rounds: 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00. Prize fund: \$500 guaranteed; 1st \$115, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$60, 1st class a,b,c,d,e/unr. \$50. Reserve: Time control: g/30 d5. Prizes: trophies 1st-5th places. Entry fee \$5.00. Reg. 9:00-9:45. Rounds: 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:30, 3:00. Both sections NS, W, NC. Info/entries: Troy Kirby, (360) 402-1484 or troy@sportstao.com, or Gary at (253) 535-2536 or ggarychess@aol.com. Make checks out to Charlie's World LLC. Send entries to Charlie's Safari, 1401 Marvin Road N.E. #201, Lacey, WA 98516, or to troy@sportstao.com.

Oct 26-27 Washington Challenger's Cup, **Seattle, WA.** Half-Page Ad page 24.

Nov 9 Southern Idaho Open & Veteran's Day Tournament, **Twin Falls, ID.** 4SS, Time Control: G/60; d5. Section: Open. Site: Holiday Inn Express, 1554 Fillmore St, Twin Falls, ID. Call for Chess Rate, 208-734-2233. US Chess mem. req. EF: Veterans free, \$30 per player, over 80, IMs, FMs, GMs free. Discount for online registration. Check in: 9:00-9:30 am. Rd. times: 10:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:30 pm, 7:00 pm. 1/2 pt bye avail: Rnd 1-3, Max 1, Notify TD before Rd. 2 is paired. \$\$ (based on 30) 1st - 2nd place Overall \$100, \$75. \$50/class: B, C, D, E, F, & unr. Details: idahocheessassociation@gmail.com, Online registration at www.idahocheessassociation.com, (208)450-9048.

☞ **Nov 29-Dec 1** Washington Class Championship, **Seattle, WA.** Full-Page Ad page 25.

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