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Dominic Colombo, winner of the 2024 Bellingham Open.
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Megan Lee makes her move against Selina Cheng in the 11-board simul on a sunny Seattle afternoon.
Photo Credit: Meiling Cheng.

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Newsflash

Ted Wang Becomes Washington's Youngest Ever National Master

Newsflash

By Josh Sinanan

Ted Wang, a fourth grader from St. Thomas School in Medina, became Washington State's youngest ever master on June 15, 2024. Ted achieved the title at the age of ten years, six months, and 26 days, breaking the previous record held by IM Anthony He (11 years, three months, 20 days). Ted scored 2.0/2 at the Seattle Chess Club June Quads, hosted at the Seattle Chess Club in Greenlake and gained 21 points to boost his US Chess rating to 2211, scoring wins against LM Viktors Pupols (2200) and NM Yiding Lu (2231). Congratulations Ted!



(L) Sharath Radhakrishnan vs Ted Wang during the fifth round of the K-5 National Championship.
Photo Credit: Courtesy of US Chess.



Ted, in full concentration mode, won all seven of his games to clinch the National K-5 Championship title.
Photo Credit: Courtesy of US Chess.

74th Oregon Open

August 31-September 2, 2024, Labor Day Weekend

Sponsored by the Oregon Chess Federation (OCF) and Portland Chess Club (PCC)

FORMAT: The tournament is a 6-round Swiss paired event with two rounds per day and is open to everyone, regardless of residency or age. Up to two half point byes are available if requested before round one.

SECTIONS: There are five sections: 2000+, U2000, U1700, U1400, and U1100. **Players may play up one section for a \$25 play-up fee (can't play up more than one section).** The official August US Chess over-the-board regular ratings are generally used for section eligibility, pairings, and prize eligibility. Unofficial US Chess over-the-board regular ratings, US Chess online regular ratings, or converted foreign ratings are generally used for players with no official US Chess over-the-board regular rating.

TIME CONTROL: G/100;inc30 (one-hour forty minutes per player with thirty seconds added for each move). **PLAYERS MUST SUPPLY THEIR OWN BOARD, SET, AND INCREMENT CAPABLE DIGITAL CLOCK FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY.** A limited number of sets and boards will be available to purchase at the tournament for \$20 each. Players are responsible for knowing how to set their clock. Notation sheets and pens/pencils are provided for tournament play only.

SCHEDULE: A players meeting is at 9:45am on Saturday. There is no need for registered players to "check-in" prior to round 1. The rounds start at 10am and 3:30pm each day.

RATED: All the sections are US Chess regular rated. The 2000+ and U2000 sections are also FIDE standard rated.

ENTRY FEE: \$130 if registered by Friday, August 9; \$140 from August 10 until Friday, August 30 at noon. Free entry for GM's and IM's with up to \$130 deducted from any prize won. US Chess membership is required for all players. Oregon Chess Federation membership is required for Oregon residents.

PRIZES: \$13,000 total prize fund based on 150 players. The prize fund is adjusted proportionally if there are a different number of players except \$6500 is guaranteed.

2000+ Section: 1st-\$1550, 2nd-\$1250, 3rd-\$900
U2150: 1st-\$400, 2nd-\$300, 3rd-\$200

U2000 Section: 1st-\$500, 2nd-\$400, 3rd-\$300
U1850: 1st-\$400, 2nd-\$300, 3rd-\$200

U1700 Section: 1st-\$500, 2nd-\$400, 3rd-\$300
U1550: 1st-\$400, 2nd-\$300, 3rd-\$200

U1400 Section: 1st-\$500, 2nd-\$400, 3rd-\$300
U1250: 1st-\$400, 2nd-\$300, 3rd-\$200

U1100 Section: 1st-\$500, 2nd-\$400, 3rd-\$300
U950: 1st-\$400, 2nd-\$300, 3rd-\$200

Unrated players are eligible for all the prizes in their section except the U950 prizes in the U1100 section. Prizes are combined and/or split if there is a tie. Players winning \$600

or more must complete an IRS form with their Social Security number before receiving their prize. Foreign players may be subject to withholding taxes. Prizes are paid via check or PayPal.

QUALIFIERS: The 2000+ section is a qualifier for both the Championship and Challengers sections of the Oregon Closed and all the sections are a qualifier for the Oregon Scholastic Chess Federation (OSCF) State Championship.

LOCATION: Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel, 1000 NE Multnomah St, Portland, OR 97232. There is free parking in the hotel parking garage, Hotel rooms for any of the nights of August 30- September 3 are available at a special chess rate of \$149 plus tax per night for either a room with one king bed or two queen beds. **The hotel chess rate is not guaranteed to be available after August 7, or even earlier if the rooms are sold out.** Use [this link](#) or call 1-800-996-0510 to reserve a room. If reserving by phone, use the following group SRP code: OOC.

REGISTRATION: Register online at onlineregistration.cc (no mailed or on-site registrations are allowed). **The deadline to register is Friday, August 30 at noon.** Email support@oregonchessfed.org if you encounter any issues while trying to register online, need to withdraw after having already registered, or are unable to pay the entry fee online via credit card, debit card, or PayPal.

TOURNAMENT RULES: The FIDE rules are used in the 2000+ and U2000 sections while the US Chess rules are used in the U1700, U1400, and U1100 sections. The following applies to all sections: **1) Players are not allowed to have a phone or other electronic device capable of chess analysis or communication on their person during their games.** Any such device a player has with them must be turned off and stored in the player's bag (backpack, chess bag, etc.). The penalty for possessing such a device is at the discretion of the chief tournament director. **2) You must let the tournament staff know at least thirty minutes prior to the start time of the next round if you decide to withdraw from the tournament or skip that round.** If you decide to withdraw or skip a round and are not on-site, send us an email to support@oregonchessfed.org letting us know. Any player who forfeits a game without a valid reason in the judgement of the chief tournament director will not be allowed to play in the Oregon Open next year.

SIDE EVENT: Blitz - starts at 8:30pm on Saturday, August 31. There will be \$450 in prizes based on 30 entries, \$225 guaranteed. See detailed information at oregonchessfed.org or pdxchess.org.

QUESTIONS: Send an email to support@oregonchessfed.org if you have any questions.

Seattle Seafair Open



JULY 13-14, 2024

LAKESIDE UPPER SCHOOL

14050 1ST AVE NE, SEATTLE, WA 98125



Co-hosted by Seattle Chess Club and Washington Chess Federation.

Format: A 5-round, US Chess Rated Swiss in one section.

Schedule: Saturday 9 AM, 1 PM, 5 PM; Sunday 10 AM, 3 PM. Closing Ceremony: Sunday ~ 7 PM or asap. Players whose games run long may request a late start for the next round.

Time Control: G/90; +10. Late default: 60 min.

Prize Fund: \$4,000 (based on 100 paid entries)

1st-6th: \$600-500-400-350-300-250.

1st U2100/U1900/U1700/U1500/U1300/U1100/U900: \$160

1st Unrated: \$160

Special Prizes: **Biggest Upset Win:** \$20/round, **Best Female Player** (by TPR): 1st \$40, 2nd 20, **Best Dressed:** \$20/day, **Best Senior Players** (50+, by TPR): 1st \$40, 2nd \$20, **Best Annotated game:** 1st \$40, 2nd \$20. Minimum of 3 qualifying players required per section in contention for each best female/senior prize to be awarded.

Entry Fee: \$80 by 7/6, \$90 after. \$10 discount for SCC members. Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs & WIMs. Maximum of 150 players – please register early to reserve your spot.

Memberships: Current US Chess and WCF membership/Northwest Chess subscription required. Memberships must be paid at time of registration.

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

Rating: US Chess Rated. US Chess July 2024 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.

Registration: Online at nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration
Pay by Credit/Debit/PayPal/SettleKing.

Registration and payment deadline: **Fri. 7/12 @ 5pm.** No registrations accepted or refunds offered after the deadline.

Payment also available via Zelle (ID: WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com) or Venmo (ID: @WACHess).

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Second Annual Eastside Open

Josh Sinanan

The Issaquah Highlands Chess Club (IHCC) and Washington Chess Federation (WCF) co-hosted the second annual Eastside Open on Saturday, March 30 at Blakely Hall, a spacious lodge-style event space located in the heart of the Issaquah Highlands.

To encourage more out-of-region participation, this year's edition was shortened to a one-day rapid event with a time control of game in thirty minutes with a five-second increment instead of the two-day classical format used in 2023. This seemed to work, as attendance increased to 102 players, an increase of twenty-three from last year. Chess players from throughout the Pacific Northwest were represented from cities including Puyallup, Sammamish, Redmond,

Tacoma, Shelton, Bellevue, North Bend, Gig Harbor, Seattle, Kirkland, Bothell, Shoreline, Everett, Fall City, Bellingham, Edgewood, Renton, Sultan, Spanaway, Maple Valley, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace, Olympia, Newcastle, University Place, Rochester, Issaquah, Mercer Island, Lake Forest Park, Woodinville, Portland, and Medina.

The tournament was directed by WCF co-Vice President Rekha Sagar with assistance from IHCC co-founders Chad Fondren and Dan Kaseumsouk, and WCF President Josh Sinanan. Photographer extraordinaire Meiling Cheng chronicled the day's festivities with many fantastic photos and video footage. The field was split between three sections, with 29 in the Open, 60 in the Reserve U1600, and 11 in the Rising (unrated) section. Those

with an insatiable chess appetite who hung around until the very end concluded the evening with a fun blitz tournament!

NM Siddarth M. Sundaram, a software engineer based in Bellevue, topped the Open section with a perfect five points from five games, a full point ahead of his nearest rivals. Along the way, Siddarth scored victories against CM Tim Moroney (2102), Daniel Qian (1889), and Neevan Reddy Saddi (1734), despite arriving late from lunch with only a few minutes left for his third-round game with Saddi. Four chess kings shared Second/Third/First U2000/First U1800 honors with four points apiece: Yuchen Zhou of Bellevue, CM Tim Moroney of Mountlake Terrace, Daniel Qian of Bellevue, and NM Luis Rodriguez of Rochester, who was playing in his first tournament since 2003!

Several special prizes including biggest upset win, best female player (by tournament performance rating), and best dressed player were also awarded in each section. The Open section winners were: Yuchen Zhou, who scored the biggest upset win (446 pts.); Te Wei, the best female player with a TPR of 1731; and Te Wei and Kshitij Narkhede, easily the two classiest players in the Open section.

Mercer Island high school student Leo Saloranta dominated the massive Reserve U1600 section with a perfect 5.0/5. On his way to the title, Saloranta sailed to victory with consecutive clutch upset victories against up-and-coming stars Terrick Evin (1505), Walter Guity (1557), and Daniel Polonsky (1370). Mike Tie of Sammamish drew only one game against Jai Budhrajia to finish in second place a half-point back with 4.5 points.

A duo of chess dudes, Terrick Evin of Redmond and Adam Kozyra of Sultan, shared third place honors with four



(L) Aryan Deshpande attempts to defend a difficult rook ending against Daniel Qian in round four.
Photo Credit: Meilig Cheng.

points each. Young Daniel Polonsky of Newcastle, who also finished with four points, took home the First U1400 prize by winning his first four games only to be stopped by Saloranta in the final round.

A quadruplet of chess gentes—Haibo Zhang of Issaquah, Shen Gong of Kirkland, Arjun Moghe of Redmond, and Shawn Xu of Portland—split the First U1200/First U1000 prize with a solid “plus one” score. The special prizes were awarded to Tanvisree Inampudi for the best upset win (492 pts.), Zara Zong for the best female player (TPR: 1166), and the two classy, well-dressed fellas: Yash Syal and Anay Agrawal.

The 11-player Rising section, which was unrated and did not require any memberships, also saw one player emerge victorious with a perfect five-point score—Kurt Von Laven of Seattle. Von Laven first hit his chess stride in late 2023 at the inaugural Veteran’s Day Open, where he tied for first place in a similar unrated section. Samuel Acevedo of Puyallup finished in second place a full point back with four points and immensely enjoyed playing in his first official chess tournament.

A quintuplet of rising chess stars finished in a shared third/fourth place tie with three points apiece: William Case of Tacoma, Shresth Gupta of Redmond, Keegan Lonyo of Spanaway, Saahan Chadha of Sammamish, and Luna Lin of Kirkland. Special prizes were awarded to Saahan Chadha for the biggest upset win (500 pts.), Luna Lin for the best female player (TPR: 840), and to a pair of well-dressed gentlemen, Scott Jordan and Kurt Von Laven.

Immediately following the last round, a 27-player, seven-round, US Chess Blitz rated speed chess tournament took place to round out the day’s festivities.

Sammamish chess master and blitz aficionado NM Stephen Willy emerged victorious with an impressive seven points from seven games, winning against fellow titled players NM Daniel Shubin (2274), NM Siddarth M. Sundaram (2428), and FM Peter Yu (2100) along the way. A trio of chess studs shared second/third place honors with five points apiece:

NM Siddarth M. Sundaram of Bellevue, NM Daniel Shubin of Redmond, and former Washington State High School Champion Dominic Colombo of

Gig Harbor. Bellevue-based high school senior Daniel Qian captured the First U1900 prize a half-point back. Five emerging speed chess superstars split the U1700 prize with a solid “plus one” score: Dmitrii Miroschnichenko of Sammamish, Te Wei of Kirkland, Benjamin Frederick of Laurelhurst, Selina Cheng of Seattle, Yuchen Zhou of Bellevue.

Talented youngster Vihaan Pai of Sammamish was declared the winner of the First U1500 prize with his even 3.5-point score. A trio of chess ninjas shared the First U1300 prize with three points each: Jashyant Sikhakolli of Bellevue, IHCC Co-Founder Dan Kaseumsouk of Issaquah, and Yang Xu of Bothell.

Seattle chess man Kyle Haynie earned the First U1100 prize also with an impressive three-point score despite playing up every round. The biggest upset wins were achieved by Samarth Bharadwaj (round one), Kyle Haynie (rounds three and five), Dmitrii Miroschnichenko (rounds four and seven), and Te Wei (round six). Congratulations to the winners, and many thanks to all who contributed to this fantastic event!

Seafair Hand & Brain Blitz



Saturday, July 13, 2024

Lakeside Upper School

14050 1st Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98125



Co-hosted by Seattle Chess Club and Washington Chess Federation.

Contact: Josh Sinanan,
WCF President, 206-769-3757
WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com

Registration: Online at
nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration.
Online registration and payment
deadline @ 5pm on Friday, July 12, or else register at site.

Schedule: At-site registration:
Sat. 7-7:45pm. Rounds: 8 PM,
8:15, 8:30, 8:45, Awards ~ 9 PM.

Eligibility: Open to all junior +
adult players.

Format: A 4-Round, G/5; +2 sec. increment,
single Swiss team event in one section.

Entry Fee: \$15/player if postmarked or online by
7/6, \$20 by 7/13, \$25 at-site. \$5 discount for SCC
members. Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs.

Prize Fund: \$230 (based on 10 teams).

Team Prizes: 1st – 3rd Place Teams: \$50 - \$40 - \$30.
1st U1800/U1500/U1200 (by avg. team rating): \$20

Special Prizes: Happiest Teammate: \$5, Most
Patient Teammate: \$5, Brainiest Player: \$5, Most
Dexterous Player: \$5, Best Dressed Team: \$5
each, Best Teamwork: \$5 each, Best Mixed Team:
\$5 each.

Byes: One half-point bye available. If interested,
request before end of round 2.

Memberships: No memberships required.

Rating: Unrated. Highest of July 2024 US Chess
Blitz, US Chess Regular, or current NWSRS rating
will be used to determine pairings and prizes.
Average team rating must be <2000.

Useful Hand & Brain links:

♣ <https://www.chess.com/terms/hand-and-brain-chess>
♣ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hand_and_brain

Rules violations incur a 1-min penalty (added to the
other team’s clock) with up to 3 violations per game
allowed after which the offending team forfeits.

SEATTLE *SUMMER SIZZLER*

CHESS TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2024

LAKESIDE UPPER SCHOOL

14050 1ST AVE NE, SEATTLE, WA 98125



FORMAT

A 6-Round G/25; +5 Swiss
in five sections:

K-1 U600

2-3 U700

K-3 Open

4-6 U900

4-12 Open

SCHEDULE

Rd 1 - 9:00am

Rd 2 - 10:15am

Rd 3 - 11:30am

Lunch Time

Rd 4 - 1:30pm

Rd 5 - 2:45pm

Rd 6 - 4:00pm

Awards ~ 5:30pm

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all students in
grades K-12 as of the 2023-
24 school year. Out-of-
state players welcome!

ENTRY FEE

\$45 before 8/10, \$55 after.
Maximum of 100 players.
Please register early to
guarantee your spot.

AWARDS

Amazon Gift Card Prizes
awarded in each section:
1st - 5th: \$55, \$50, \$45, \$40,
\$35. Medals for first-
timers, biggest upset win,
and best female player.

RATING

Dual NWSRS and US
Chess rated, with US
Chess membership
required in all sections.
Higher of current NWSRS
and US Chess Regular
rating will be used to
determine section and
pairings.

REGISTRATION

Register online at
NWChess.com/OnlineRegistration/

Pay by Credit/Debit/PayPal/SettleKing.

100% preregistered, no on-site entries or
payments. **Entry + payment deadline
August 16 @ 5pm.** No registrations
accepted or refunds offered after the
deadline.

CLOCKS + NOTATION

Chess clocks set to G/25; +5 will be used
from the beginning in all games. Chess
notation required in all sections except
for K-1 U600 and 2-3 U700. All
equipment is provided courtesy of WCF.

QUESTIONS?

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SEATTLE CHESS CLASSIC



SAT-SUN, AUGUST 17-18, 2024

LAKESIDE UPPER SCHOOL

14050 1ST AVE NE, SEATTLE, WA 98125

Format: A 6-round Swiss in two sections:

Tiglon Open & Seirawan U1600.

Maximum of 75 players, please register early to guarantee your spot.

Schedule:

Rounds (6): Sat/Sun @ 9am, 1:30pm, 5:30pm.

Time Control: G/70; +30 sec increment.

Late default: 1 hour.

Prize Fund: \$4,000 (based on 60 paid entries)

Tiglon Open:

1st - 3rd: \$530 - \$440 - \$320

1st U2100/U1900/U1700: \$200

Seirawan U1600:

1st - 3rd: \$360 - \$320 - \$260

1st U1500/U1300/U1100: \$200

1st Unrated \$150.

Special Prizes (per section):

Biggest Upset Win: \$20 per round

Best Female Player (by TPR, provided at least 3 qualifying players): \$50.

Best Dressed: \$20/day

Entry Fee: \$125 by Aug 10, \$150 after. \$50 play-up fee if rated U1600 and playing in Tiglon Open. Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs, or US Chess 2400+.

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

Memberships: Current US Chess and WCF membership required, other states accepted. Memberships must be paid at time of registration.

Rating: Dual US Chess and NWSRS Rated. Highest of August US Chess, current NWSRS, or August FIDE rating will be used to determine section, pairings, and prizes. Foreign ratings used for players with no US Chess rating. Higher of US Chess or foreign ratings used at TD discretion.

Registration: Online at nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration **Registration + payment deadline: Fri, Aug 16 @ 5pm.** No registrations accepted or refunds offered after the deadline. Payment also available via SettleKing, Zelle (ID: WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com) or Venmo (ID: @WACHess).

Unpaid players will be removed from the roster after the deadline, and players from a waitlist will be offered a spot.

Info: Josh Sinanan, WCF President, 206.769.3757,

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SEATTLE CLASSIC SCHOLASTIC

CHESS TOURNAMENT

Sunday, August 18, 2024

Lakeside Upper School

14050 1st Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98125



FORMAT

A 4-round G/45; +5 Swiss in four sections:

K-3 U800

K-3 Open

4-8 U1000

4-12 Open

SCHEDULE

Rd 1 - 9am

Rd 2 - 11am

Lunch Time

Rd 3 - 2pm

Rd 4 - 4pm

Awards ceremony ~ 6pm.

RATING

Dual US & NWSRS Rated. US Chess membership and clocks required in all sections. Notation required in all sections except for K-3 U800. All equipment is provided courtesy of WCF.

ENTRY FEE

\$45 by August 11, \$55 after. Room for 100 players; please register early to reserve your spot.

AWARDS

Amazon Gift Cards awarded in each section:

1st \$80

2nd \$70

3rd \$60

4th \$50

Special Prizes (per section): Medals for first-timers, best female player, and biggest upset win.

RATING

Highest of US Chess Regular August supplement, or current NWSRS rating used to determine section and pairings.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all students in grades K-12 as of the 2023-24 school year. Out-of-state players welcome!

THE DETAILS

Online Registration:

NWchess.com/OnlineRegistration/

Pay by

Credit/Debit/PayPal/SettleKing.

100% pre-registered, no on-site entries or payments. Entry + payment deadline Sat. Aug 17 @ 5pm.

No registrations accepted or refunds offered after the deadline. Unpaid players will be removed from the roster and waitlisted players will be offered a spot.

Highest finishing player in the K-3 Open and 4-12 Open sections will earn free entry into the 2024 SPFNO, set to take place October 25-27 in Bellevue.

Questions?

Contact Josh Sinanan, WCF President at 206.769.3757 or WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com

Western States Regional Chess Championship For Women And Girls

Chouchan Airapetian

The Western States Regional Chess Championship for Women and Girls was a very successful event, hosted for the first time in the Pacific Northwest. It had 40 females participating from which 13 were women and 27 were young females.

Originally planned for 2020, the event was pushed out to 2024 in Seattle due to the pandemic. A \$2,500 grant to jumpstart the event was donated by the US Women's Chess Committee. Through feedback gathered from surveys and at the request of several parents who are active in the Washington Chess Federation, this event was organized for April 13-14, which coincided with spring break for many families participating.

One of the primary goals of the tournament was to serve as a stepping-stone for many girls who have played in the Medina Chess Club girls-only Queen's Quest tournament, which promotes chess for many young females on an annual basis and attracts upward of 150 players each year, to a more extensive two-day event with longer time controls. At the Queen's Quest, many interesting, exciting, and novel chess activities take place.

Additionally, the Queen's Quest organizers awarded generous trophies and medals to the top finishers, making it the largest annual all-girls event hosted west of the Mississippi year after year. One major goal WCF had in organizing this event was to incorporate more professional females into the field where they can network with each other, and the more experienced participants could mentor and guide the younger ones.

In addition to the US Women's Chess Committee's donation, Jennifer Shahade offered several autographed copies of her recently published book, *Play Like a Champion*, a bargain prize, much to the delight of the ladies taking part.

The Washington Chess Federation invited Megan Lee, Washington State's highest-ranked active female player and perennial participant in the US Women's Championship, to lead a chess lecture, play a simul, and run a workshop for girls and women on Saturday afternoon. Central to the themes of this tournament was strong female leadership on multiple levels, which Chouchan taking on the Chief Organizer role, Rekha as the Chief TD, and Megan as the official honored guest.

The team did an amazing job and awarded the players with special prizes, including "spreading kindness," "best dressed" per day, and "best upset win" for each round. Valentin Razmov, WCF Tournament Coordinator and Chouchan Airapetian, WCF Director of Women and Girls, compiled the puzzles for the Puzzle Solving Competition.

The main tournament was divided into three sections: Open, Premier U1400 and Rising U800.

The final standings are published on the page opposite.

WCF would like to thank Lakeside School for hosting the event, the US Women's Committee, Jennifer Shahade, WCF President Josh Sinanan, Chief TD Rekha Sagar, photographer extraordinaire Meiling Cheng, WCF Tournament Coordinator Valentin Razmov, and WCF Director of Chess for Women and Girls Chouchan Airapetian for organizing this wonderful event.

We hope to make this event an annual tradition in the years to come as we seek to inspire and empower more girls and women through the game of chess!



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Championship

#	Place	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total pts	Prizes
1	1	WFM Chouchanik Airapetian	1959	W8	W2	W5	D4	W7	4.5	1st
2	2	Nola Fung	1725	W11	L1	W12	W3	W4	4	2nd
3	3-5	WFM Manunthon Atikankhotchasee	1866	W9	L5	W11	L2	W8	3	Tied 3rd / 1st U1900 / 1st U1700
4		WCM Mary Kuhner	1752	D10	W13	W7	D1	L2	3	
5		Te Wei	1691	W6*	W3	L1	D8	D9	3	
6	6-9	Nurguaana Dorofeeva	1867	L5	D12	W10	L7	W13	2.5	
7		Shuyi Han	1698	D12	W10	L4	W6*	L1	2.5	
8		Saiya Karamali	1692	L1	W9	W13	D5	L3	2.5	
9		Selina Cheng	1594	L3	L8	B---	W12	D5*	2.5	
10	10-12	Deeksha Shankaranand	1570	D4	L7	L6	B---	D11	2	
11		Aarya Patel	1512	L2	B---	L3	D13	D10	2	
12		Kate Wong	1502	D7	D6*	L2	L9	B---	2	
13	13	Aashi Mathur	1325	B---	L4	L8	D11	L6	1.5	1st U1500

Premier U1400

#	Place	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total pts	Prizes
1	1	Yana Savchenko	unr.	B---	W4*	D3	W2	W3	4.5	1st
2	2-3	Angela Agaian	1220	H---	H---	W4	L1	B---	3	Tied 2nd / 3rd
3		Jeraldin Sundar	1140	D4	B---	D1	W4	L1	3	
4	4	Chloe Miller	880	D3*	L1	L2	L3	H---	1	1st U1300

Rising U800

#	Place	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total pts	Prizes
1	1	Amanda Panell	691	W23	W3	W6	W10	W4	5	1st
2	2-3	Anjalika Mukherjee	668	L3	W23	W9	W15	W10	4	Tied 2nd / 3rd
3		Lijuan Wang	unr.	W2*	L1	W14	W13	W8	4	
4	4-6	Arwen Zhang	697	W19	W11	D8	W5	L1	3.5	Tied 1st U700
5		Siana Razmov	686	W17	W20	D10	L4	W12	3.5	
6		Aria Ajay	667	W12	W7	L1	D8	W13	3.5	
7	7-9	Kaiyi Han	733	W22	L6	L15	W11	W16	3	
8		Claire Wong	673	W21	W13*	D4	D6	L3	3	
9		Crystal Li	unr.	L11	W19	L2	W18	W15	3	1st Unrated
10	10-12	Amy Zhang	740	W16	W14	D5	L1	L2	2.5	
11		Felicity Mei	630	W9	L4	D12	L7	W17	2.5	
12		Lashawna Covey	unr.	L6	W22	D11	W14	L5	2.5	
13	13-18	Emma Ge	750	W15	L8	W16	L3	L6	2	
14		Ameya George	680	W18	L10	L3	L12	W19	2	
15		Nicole Ni	487	L13	W17	W7*	L2	L9	2	Tied 1st U500 / 1st U300
16		Prakrithi Balasubramanian	487	L10	W18	L13	W19	L7	2	
17		Alicia Stuart	202	L5	L15	X23	W22*	L11	2	
18		Amalia Cauich-Miller	107	L14	L16	B---	L9	W22*	2	
19	19-21	Tejal Guruswamy	369	L4	L9	W22	L16	L14	1	
20		Ava Stojavljevic	100	B---	L5	U---	U---	U---	1	
21		Amy Stojavljevic	unr.	L8	B---	U---	U---	U---	1	
22	22-23	Pratvi Mahadikar	477	L7	L12	L19	L17	L18	0	
23		Supriti Prasanna	334	L1	L2	F17	U---	U---	0	



*(L) Chouchanik Airapetian vs Mary Kuhner at the start of their fourth round game.
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Young puzzle solvers Nicole Ni (L) and Claire Wong during the puzzle solving competition. Photo Credit: Meiling Cheng.



Valentin Razmov responds to a question from Aria Ajay during the puzzle solving competition. Photo Credit: Meiling Cheng.



(L) Eric Edmond and Megan Lee begin their simul game. The unrated Edmond triumphed in the end. Photo Credit: Meiling Cheng.

Puzzle Solving Competition

Day/time: Saturday April 13: 4:00-4:45PM

Location: WCC

Leader: WFM Chouchan Airapetian, Rekha Sagar, Valentin Razmov

Solve 20 chess puzzles in 45 minutes. Write solutions on paper. Evaluation based on both accuracy and completeness.

Description: One solution per puzzle only; entire move sequence for both sides required for full credit!

One section. Medals awarded to top-scoring contestants. Ties broken by time used to complete puzzles.

Entry Fee: \$10. No memberships required.

Results:

Place	Last Name	First Name	Rating	Score (out of 20)	Time (mins)	Prize
1	Karamali	Saiya	1692	19.75	36 mins	1st
2	Fung	Nola	1725	19.25	41 mins	2nd
3	Wong	Kate	1502	18.75	45+ min	3rd
4-5	Cheng	Selina	1594	17.25	45+ min	
4-5	Kuhner	Mary	1752	17.25	45+ min	
6	Agaian	Angela	1220	11.75	40 min	
7	Ajay	Aria	667	10.5	45+ min	1st U1000
8	Mohandram	Priya	unr.	10.25	45+ min	1st Unrated
9-10	Covey	Lashawna	unr.	8.75	45+ min	2nd Unrated
9-10	Balasubramanian	Prakrithi	487	8.75	45+ min	2nd U1000
11	Razmov	Siana	686	7.5	45+ min	3rd U1000
12	Ni	Nicole	487	7	45+ min	
13	Wong	Claire	673	6.75	45+ min	
14	Panell	Amanda	691	5	45+ min	

FM Megan Lee Simul

Day/time: Saturday, April 13: 6:00-9:00PM

Location: WCC

Leaders: FM Megan Lee

Special guest FM Megan Lee will play up to 25 opponents simultaneously.

Description: FM Lee plays white on all boards.

Open to players of all ages and genders, rated <2000.

Medal awarded to any player who scores a win or a draw against FM Megan

Prizes: Lee! Games still unfinished at 9pm will be adjudicated.

Entry Fee: \$25

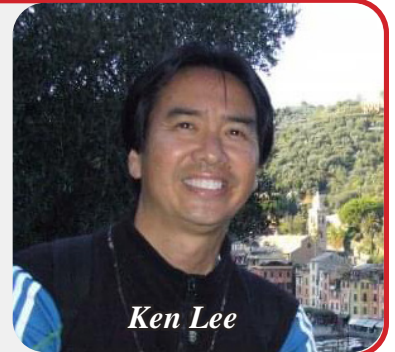
Results: **Final Score: FM Megan Lee 8 - Simul Players 3**

Duration: ~ 2 hrs, 15 min

Name	Rating	Result
1 Jamie Zhu	1931	0-1
2 Gabriel Razmov	1815	0-1
3 Saiya Karamali	1692	1-0
4 Ralph Anthony	1623	1-0
5 Selina Cheng	1594	1-0
6 Coleman Hoyt	1304	1-0
7 Henry Louie	1300	1-0
8 Amanda Panell	691	1-0
9 Siana Razmov	686	1-0
10 Nicole Ni	487	1-0
11 Eric Edmond	unrated	0-1

Building Community Through Chess

Ken Lee



Ken Lee

Gelareh Golanbar has been part of the chess community since 2019 when her eldest daughter, Adrina (10), first picked up a chess piece at Medina Elementary in kindergarten. Eventually, Gelareh served as a co-chair of the PTA run Medina Chess Club, which is the biggest and one of the most respected elementary school chess clubs in Washington state. Her youngest daughter, Liana (7), also plays competitive chess.

I sat down with Gelareh to chat about being a chess parent and what the game of kings has meant to her and her family.

Ken: Thank you for agreeing to be interviewed by *Northwest Chess*.

Gelareh: Thank you. When I read your article about AG Bob Ferguson, I knew that I would enjoy connecting with *Northwest Chess* magazine. I enjoy the way you present information about chess in such a personal and joyful way.

Reading your articles makes me feel like I'm part of a larger community. One of the reasons I agreed to do this interview is because I hope this article inspires other chess parents to get out of their comfort zone and volunteer.

I think there's a common misconception that you have to be a really

strong chess player in order to help out in the chess community. That's simply not true. Really, the most important thing is enthusiasm.

Ken: How did you first become involved in the chess community?

Gelareh: Around 2019, my daughter's kindergarten teacher at Medina Elementary introduced us to our school chess club. Her first coach was Coach Wendy Ruppel. It was prior to COVID and I really was amazed at how she took to it so quickly.

Soon after, I started volunteering at Medina Elementary, and I was drawn more and more to the chess club. Even though I didn't play much at the time, I really enjoyed watching my daughter play and learn so many life skills at the same time.

Ken: How did your volunteer work develop from there?

Gelareh: At first, I was involved in tournament planning for Medina All City and Queen's Quest—which has a goal of promoting chess to girls.

When Liana got started in chess a few years later, I really became involved as a co-chair of the Medina Elementary Chess Club.

Coming back from COVID was challenging, but

we were one of the first school chess clubs to manage to go back to in person competition.

Ken: What specific benefits are you seeing with your girls as it relates to chess?

Gelareh: I see great gains in self-confidence. I see that they understand the value of planning and hard work. As an extra bonus, we are developing new friends and connections through the chess community.

That's how we met Coach Sloan Setiadikurnia. He is our girls' primary chess coach and mentor.

Ken: What additional benefits do you see for yourself and your family?

Gelareh: As a family, chess provides us with a unique opportunity to blend our interests.

For example, we recently attended our first national tournament in Columbus, Ohio. It was amazing to be part of the Washington team. We, of course, connected with old friends like Siva Sankrithi and Coach Josh Sinanan.

They were so kind and helpful to us at our first national tournament. They helped prepare our girls to play very long tournament games.

Additionally, we made many new friends as well. I just love the chess community and how we support each other. It's like being a part of an extended family.

Ken: What are some new projects you are working on?

“I hope this article inspires other chess parents to get out of their comfort zone and volunteer”



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Gelareh: I've decided to up my game and go beyond being a volunteer. After developing such a great relationship with Coach Sloan over the past year, an opportunity came up to create a new chess center.

In March 2024, we had a soft launch of Grand Knights Chess based in Bellevue. <https://grandknightschess.com/>

I was brainstorming with Coach Sloan about the vision for this new school. We wanted to welcome both beginners and more serious tournament level chess players.

For our tournament level chess players, for example, we have a prerequisite that the students understand that they will be playing longer tournament style games over the course of the week.

We are very excited about Grand Knights Chess and, of course, my girls are involved in the program.

Ken: What's your vision for the future of chess for you?

Gelareh: For my girls, they want to continue to play, study and work hard to get better. They haven't expressed a goal to become Grand Masters. Even if they don't pursue chess in the future, I know that all this work will be helpful for them in the long run. For me, I do feel a lot of passion about creating community in the chess world.

I really love the idea of involving the whole family. I can sense that a lot of parents want to get involved. They just need the right kind of inspiration to make it happen.

Ken: Do you ever dream about having a big GM tournament in Seattle or even establishing a chess center here, like the one in St. Louis?

Gelareh: Well, I'm just getting started. But, why not!? Seattle has an established chess community. With support and vision, we could make it happen!

For those who want to support the chess community in new and meaningful ways, we recommend that you connect with Gelareh at gelarehgolanbar@gmail.com or Ken at kentonleeseattle@gmail.com.



*Gelareh, with Liana and Adrina.
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July 6

Format: 3-RR. 4-player sections by close rating. **TC:** Game/100 + 15sec. inc. **New EF:** \$15 (+\$10 day membership for non-SCC). **Prizes:** free entry to next Quads played within 3 months. **Registration:** 9:15-9:45am. **Rounds:** 10am, 2:15 & 6:30pm. **Byes:** 0. US Chess membership req'd.

Saturday Quads

July 13-14

Format: 5-SS at Lakeside Upper School, Seattle, in partnership with WCF. See ad elsewhere in this issue & on our website. Sign up through NW Chess Online Registration System.

Seattle Seafair Open

July 21

Format: 4-SS. **TC:** Game/50 + 10sec. inc. **New EF:** \$25 (+\$10 day membership for non-SCC). **New Prize fund:** sum of \$12/entry. **Prizes:** 1st (35% of prize fund), 2nd (27%), bottom half (by rating) 1st (22%), 2nd (16%). **Registration:** 10:45-11:15am. **Rounds:** 11:30am, 1:50, 4:10, 6:30pm. **Byes:** 1 half-pt., commit at registration. US Chess membership req'd.

Sunday Tornado

July 27

GM Emil Anka (USCF 2497) will offer a 30-minute talk followed by a non-clock simul. 18 opponents max. Event starts at 1:30pm. **Fees:** SCC members \$25, others \$35. This is a fundraiser for SCC!

Simul with GM Emil Anka

July 5, 12, 19, 26

See below.

Hot as Hades



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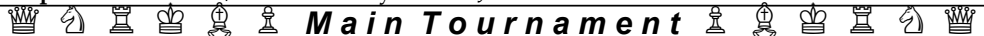
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