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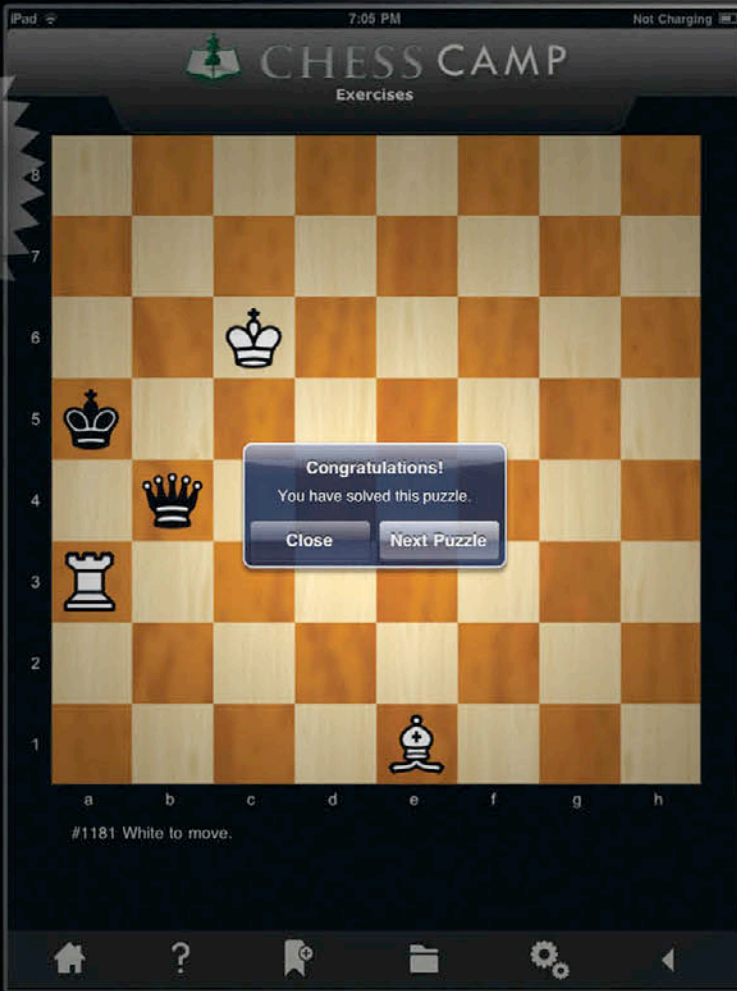
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wins the 38th Eastern Open**

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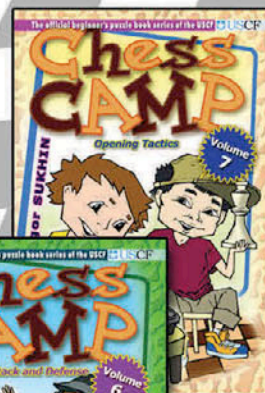
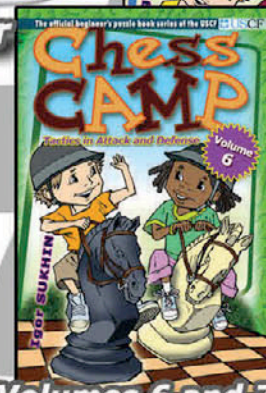
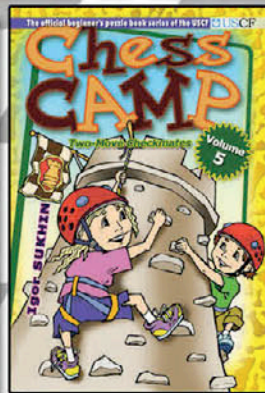
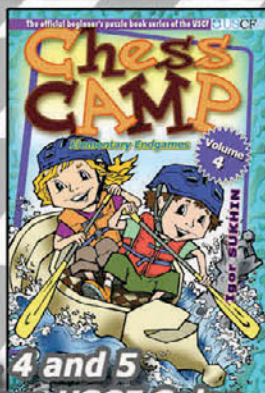
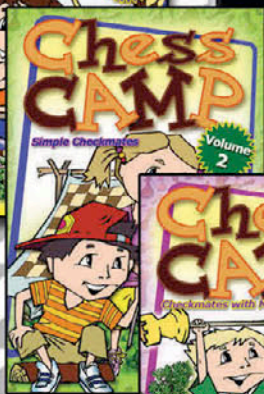
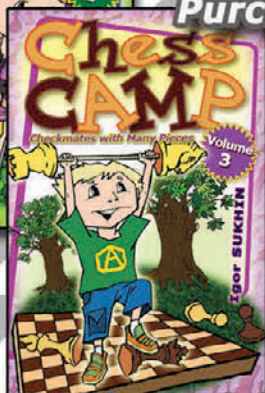
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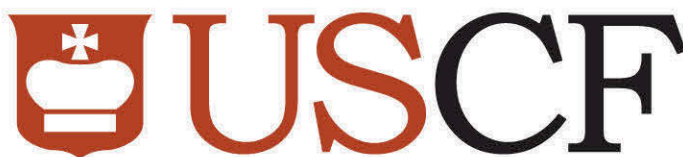
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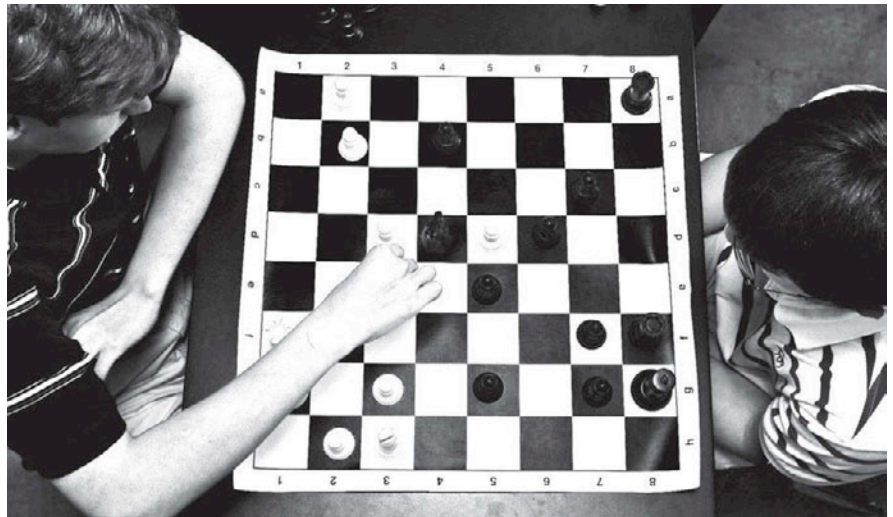
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GM Robert Hess ("U.S. Chess League," p. 38) is, at age 20, one of our youngest grandmasters. He wrote about the 2010 Olympiad for the January 2011 *Chess Life*.



New to Chess

If you're just getting started in chess or have a friend who is just dipping in to the game, check out our "New to Chess?" section on uschess.org. It features a number of brand new videos hosted by **Kacie Marie** on castling, *en passant*, the value of the pieces and more.



Americans in Iceland

GM Maurice Ashley plans a comeback to chess in the Reykjavik Open (March 6-13), a favorite destination for American chess players. **GMs Yury Shulman, Robert Hess** and **IM Irina Krush** will also be participating. Find updates on *CLO*.

Spring Grand Prix

As the weather begins to warm up, Grand Prix tournaments across the country take off. Look for coverage of the Eastern Class (Sturbridge, March 2-4), the Western Class (Agoura Hills, March 9-11), the Mid-America Open (St. Louis, March 16-18) and the 2012 Marchand Open (Rochester, March 31-April 1).



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Chess Life is grateful to Ari Wasserman of njycamps.org and the Jewish Community Center of Mid-Westchester, jccmw.org, for their help in arranging our photo shoot with Kaidanov.

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Counterplay

Tenacious

The biographical article “Tenacious” in the January issue captured Arthur Feuerstein’s essence; Arthur was my co-worker and teammate in the Commercial Chess League of New York during his second career as a computer programmer. Almost daily, Arthur would enthusiastically play lunch hour speed chess games, sandwich in one hand, the other hand available for clock punching. He offered me advice not only in chess theory, but in chess psychology as well. “You have to remember to kibbitz your games,” he would often say in preparation for a big tournament. By that he meant that it is helpful to walk away from the board and come back in the role of observer, seeing the position as if it were new.

I’ve forgotten the combinations he devised in his inevitable victories against me, but I sure remember his jokes. My favorite chess award was the title of “grandmaster of fast food.” Arthur granted me this one New Year’s Day, after we ate in a nearby hamburger joint between rounds. I had assured Art that such dining establishments in fact close twice a year, but are open on January 1.

I plan to see Arthur kibbitzing his game at a future chess tournament, knowing he will have one of two expressions on his face. Either it will be a look of concern, which will mean he’s distracted by a tough board struggle, or a relaxed look, which will signify that the game result is all but decided.

*Sherman Boim
Brooklyn, New York*

I have read *Chess Life* for over 40 years, but don’t remember ever feeling so overwhelmed by a story as I did by “Tenacious,” the bio on Arthur Feuerstein. Al Lawrence’s writing gave a very human element to the struggles of Feuerstein, both on and off the board.

I had been ignorant of Arthur’s chess career, even though the article described his triumphs during the 1950’s battling the likes of Sammy Reshevsky, Arthur Bisguier and Bobby Fischer. I was more intrigued by his tenacity off the board in the wooing and winning of his future wife Alice, also competing against fellow chess masters Anthony Saily and Edmar Mednis for her hand.

It’s comforting to know that after a car accident severely injured both Alice and Arthur that they are recovered and still living happily together. Please publish more articles like this to showcase both a player’s chess career along with their life outside of chess.

*Gary Colvin
via e-mail*

From uschess.org forums

I’m a long-time chess player (starting in the Fischer boom). I was rated over 2000 for about 25 years, peaking in the 2100s when I was about 35. Now that I’m 55, I’m having problems getting my expert rating back. I feel like I know more about the game than I used to, I have better tools (no software in the ’70s and ’80s!) and I’m playing more often. My “good” games are better than they used to be but I’m also making more mistakes in critical positions.

Is anyone else going through this slow rating decline after 50? Does anyone have any ideas on improving focus and getting back to their peak ratings after 50?

Flying Rook

Sample forum response:

What kind of physical shape are you in? As you get older the stamina you have for a game diminishes. Try to strengthen your cardiovascular fitness by walking or jogging. Work with light weights. Watch your diet. Then you will be able to wear out the kids with your superior experience.

Chess is more dynamic today than 20 or 30 years ago. Start a regimen of doing tactical puzzles several times a week to exercise your mind. Revamp your openings; new computer driven developments have made many lines that were popular 20 years ago seem quaint. Pick up copies of John Watson’s *Secrets of Modern Chess Strategy* and *Chess Strategy in Action* to see how chess has changed over the last couple of decades. Look at some of the games of the present generation of top players to see what is popular and how risk driven they are even in “positional” openings. There is no reason why you cannot regain your old form. But you have to be willing to work and take some lumps.

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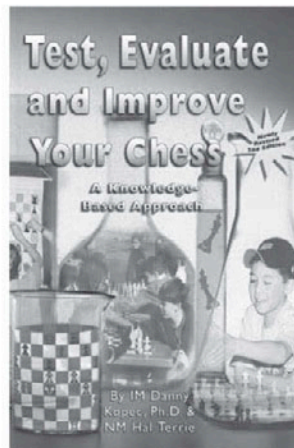
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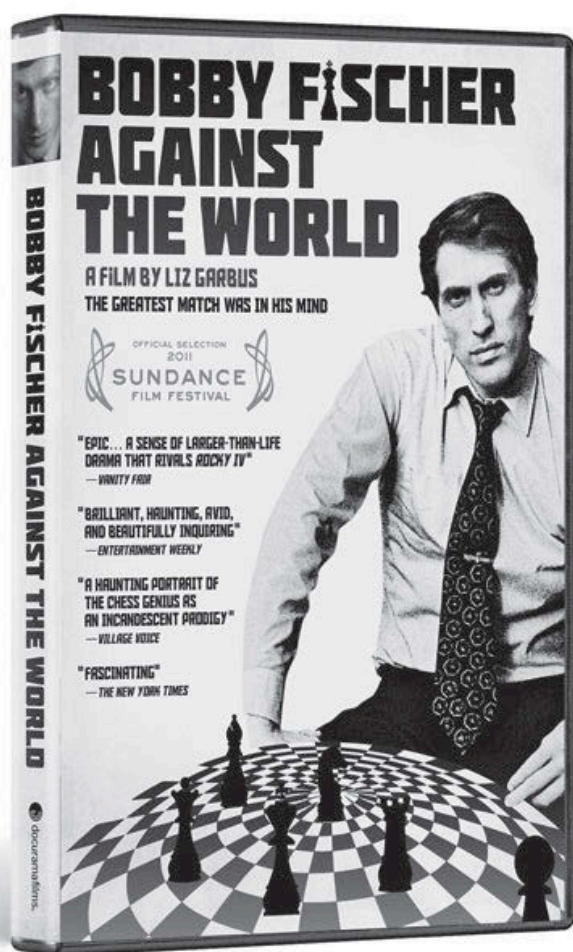
Corrections

February, 2012 *Chess Life*, “USCF Affairs,” Bob Donaldson’s birth date and age should have been listed as November 20, 1921, age 89 on November 2, 2011. In the photo, it was his grandson Collin Crowe, not his son Robert. Thank you to reader John Norman.

In the January 2012 *Chess Life*, “Endgame Lab,” “Horowitz” should be Horwitz. Also, “three knights” should of course be “three knights.” Thank you to IM Anthony Saily.

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By DR. FRANK BRADY

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IN MARCH OF LAST YEAR, I RECEIVED A letter from Zita Rajcsanyi, the young woman whom Bobby Fischer had described in 1992 as his "fiancé." She outlined some details about her relationship with him, and quoted from some of his love letters to her, which included passages that she described as "expressions of his deep inner battles with himself." The letters had been authenticated.

Zita Rajcsanyi was Bobby's first love, although he'd had some previous infatuations and liaisons, and his correspondence to her provides an emotional profile that reflects all of the major elements of their relationship: his affection and jealousy, an uncharacteristic willingness to compromise, and his desire to marry her and have children.

As described earlier in this book, when Zita arrived in California in 1992 to meet Bobby for the first time, she was seventeen and he was forty-nine. "He was my idol. It was like a teenage girl having a crush on a rock star. I worshiped him." Bobby reciprocated. "Adorable Zita," he called her, and referred to her as his fiancé, but at that time he could not allow himself—perhaps out of fear of being rejected, or some inability to actually express a deeper feeling—to come right out and tell her he loved her. He wrote that he regretted his inability to say the three not-so-simple words.

Other than Bobby's anti-Semitic rants and his jealous glances at Zita, their first weeks together were close to idyllic. He invited her to join him on a trip to visit his mother, wanting the two to meet because he hoped his mom would give Zita her imprimatur and welcome Zita's being his future wife. That may have been the real reason they traveled north to Palo Alto to see Regina, not necessarily to discuss her medical problems. Although they were together for just a few hours, Zita was more than impressed with Regina: "I loved her!" she said. "She was brilliant and so sharp!"

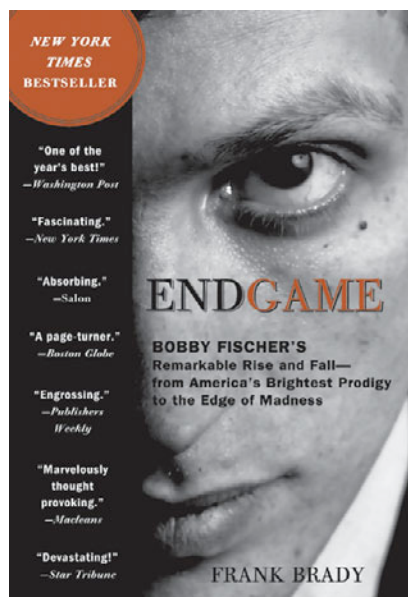
During the 1992 Fischer-Spassky revenge match, the media referred to Zita as the person who'd convinced Bobby to come out of retirement. According to Zita it was mainly accurate, although highly exaggerated, as was the rumor that they were engaged to be married. When she left Montenegro in the middle of the match to play in a tournament in South America (her travel expenses

listening. He called the woman in Serbia to verify the fakery, and then wrote to Zita in a form of a self-justified exoneration.

When Bobby moved to Budapest the following year, he continued to hope that he and Zita would eventually marry, even though she was then seeing another man and had become pregnant by him, not Bobby. Bobby couldn't believe or accept that his passion wasn't reciprocal on Zita's part. He begged her to reconsider, telling her that she was the love of his life, that he was willing to marry her before or after she had the other man's child, and that if she agreed, he'd never let her go. He apologized in writing for the pride, arrogance and cowardice that he'd displayed in their relationship. He was also sorry that he'd behaved "like an ass" with Zita's sister when he asked if she might be available to marry if Zita was not.

Zita refused to acquiesce to his marriage proposals. Although she somewhat reluctantly agreed to see him about a dozen times during the eight years that he lived in Budapest, each meeting became more difficult for her because of his obsessive anti-Semitism. Once, while the two walked down a street together, Bobby pointed to some graffiti on a wall, and in what might be evidence of his deteriorating mental condition, claimed that it was a secret message being sent to him by the Jews. When Zita pointed out that what he'd said wasn't logical or rational, he replied, "No, it's true! It's true!"

Bobby Fischer, a man who rarely resigned a game of chess, finally had to realize that he had to move on to a different position. The greatest chess player who ever lived, the man who Garry Kasparov said "achieved perfection," was unable to win this game of securing romantic love. Perhaps the most poignant and self-aware comment Bobby ever made to Zita, or to anyone else, was "I'm such a loser in the game of life." ■



Endgame: Bobby Fischer's Remarkable Rise and Fall by Frank Brady. Random House, 2011, 304 pages \$15.95 from uscsales.com (catalog number B0022RH)

paid for by Bozidar Vasiljevic), Bobby briefly took up with a young Serbian woman. Later, the woman boasted to the press that she was pregnant with Bobby's child, but in a short while retracted the statement and admitted that it was a hoax. Bobby heard the news on BBC radio, to which he was almost always

See Chess Life's review of *Endgame* in the February 2011 issue, which includes an excerpt and photos.

Pieces Fit for a King

By AL LAWRENCE



IN 1831, A TENANT FARMER NAMED MALCOLM MACLEOD was digging in a sand dune in a place called a bay of Uig on the Isle of Lewis, in the Outer Hebrides, a group of islands 120 miles north of Scotland. His spade struck a stone box, what he likely called a “kist.” According to one legend, on opening the chest, Macleod was so mesmerized by the lifelike carvings inside that he was at first afraid to touch them, believing them to be elves, gnomes, or pygmy sprites—still the stuff of Celtic legend on his isolated archipelago.

If that’s true, the poor Scotsman recovered his sense of practicality in time to snatch up the exquisite, centuries-buried miniature armies—carved from walrus ivory except for a few pawns fashioned from whale’s teeth. In all there were 78 chess pieces, the tallest just over four inches, from at least four distinct but incomplete sets, plus an ornate belt buckle and 14 round game pieces. Macleod sold them to a local collector but seems to have received no life-changing windfall, since his family suffered eviction from their lands some years later. That seems an inequitable result, for he had unearthed one of the most important discoveries of medieval artifacts ever made.

Significance beyond chess

Indeed, nearly everything about the Isle of Lewis set is disputed except its importance. A committee of curators of the British Museum, which quickly came to own 67 of the chess pieces, rates the acquisition among its “Top 10 Treasures.” In 2010 the BBC included the Lewis acquisition in its series “A History of the World in 100 Objects.”

Now, for the very first time, a large ensemble of the Lewis collection has traveled outside the United Kingdom. *The Game of Kings: Medieval Ivory Chessmen from the Isle of Lewis*, featuring 34 pieces, runs until April 22 at The Cloisters Museum in Manhattan, New York. Curator Barbara Boehm is in charge of the exhibition. “The Lewis pieces are such magnificent works of art,” she said. “They are the largest trove of medieval chess pieces, and they have so enriched what we are able to say about art and life in the middle ages.”

Retrograde analysis

It’s agreed that sometime between 1150 and 1200 A.D., carvers produced this series of masterpieces of their art. Chess was then a newly popular fashion that had swept the royal courts of Europe. The game had become the pastime *de rigueur* of any self-respecting knight between jousts. These pieces, however, were fit for a king—or someone else of extreme wealth and importance. So how did they wind up in a sandbank?

Eminent scholars conjecture that a trading ship sailing from Trondheim, Norway, a center for such masterly ivory-carving, was making its way to wealthy Viking settlements, such as Dublin, on the east coast of Ireland, when a shipwreck interred the tiny battalions in the sand for nearly 700 years. But why then are incomplete armies mixed together in one box? Was that the result of a hasty salvaging of the sinking treasure? Another theory involves the confession of a thief who murdered a cabin boy in the 1600s. Or did war account for plundering and theft? Without records, the centuries keep their secrets.

Bishops of opposite origin

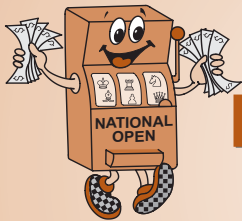
Two distinguished chess leaders from Iceland claim a different provenance. Gudmundur Thorarinsson, former president of the Icelandic Chess Federation (ICF) and chairman of the organizing committee for the 1972 Fischer-Spassky championship, and Einar Einarsson, another former ICF president, claim the origin of the Lewis set for Iceland. A key point in their argument is the Lewis set’s use of bishops rather than their “runner” predecessors. “We are not aware of any nation that used the bishop as a chess piece around 1200 other than the Icelanders,” Thorarinsson told me.

One Lewis piece I was sorry to see lose out in the evolution of the chess army is the “berserker,” a rook depicted as a warrior so hyped for battle that he bites the top of his shield in anticipation—reminiscent of the pre-combat scenes in the film *Braveheart*.

However they came to rest in a sandbank, we now have a chance to see the Lewis chessmen in their perfect setting, the grand and ancient Romanesque Hall at The Cloisters, and to imagine that more than 800 years ago, in just such a setting, they were allowed to play their last game. ■

Getting there: *The Cloisters* is located at 99 Margaret Corbin Drive, Fort Tryon Park, in Manhattan, New York. For information, call: 212-923-3700. **Resources:** For further discussions of the Lewis set, theories of its origins and links to Museum blogs and the Icelandic theory of origin, go to www.chesswithlev.com.

Photos (left to right): Pawn, “Berserker” Rook, Knight, Bishop, King from behind, King, and Queen—the meaning of her hand-to-face gesture is debated by scholars but certainly indicates concern. When first found, some pieces still showed a red stain, probably designating the “black” army. The Cloisters exhibit arranges one grouping in the final position of the 1972 Fischer-Spassky match.



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Tranquility

By GM Andy Soltis

Question: Which move in chess is like the coin toss in an NFL overtime game?

Everyone knows White has a natural advantage when a game begins: He makes the first move.

But White also gets to play the *second* most important move of a game—the one that comes immediately after the first time control.

“He can make the first tranquil move after all the chaos and confusion,” said Bent Larsen, who considered this a significant edge for White.

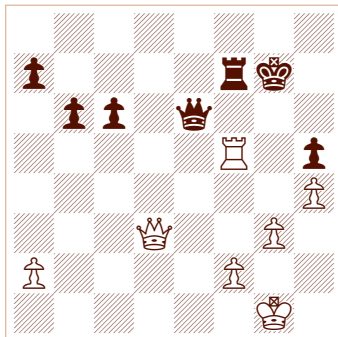
Tranquility means you actually get to think about your next move—and not rely on intuition, nervous energy, knee-jerk reactions or whatever you did during the time scramble that just ended. You get to think calmly.

Quietude

GM Luke McShane (FIDE 2664, ENG)

GM Wesley So (FIDE 2673, PHI)

Wijk aan Zee 2011



After 40. ... Rf7

White had safeguarded his king and steadily improved the position of his queen and rook since move 30. Now that he's reached the time control he had the luxury ... to get a cup of coffee.

Once that was accomplished White examined forcing moves, such as 41. Rg5+. What's more he could recheck his analysis—which he did three times.

Yes, he confirmed, the check wins after 41. ... Kh8 42. Qd8+, 41. ... Kf8 42. Qd8+ Qe8 43. Rg8+ and, prettiest of all, after 41. ... Kh6 42. Qd1!

The ability to study the position helped him in another way. Black also had time to recognize the strength of 41. Rg5+ so he resigned before White had a chance to play it.

Of course, White had the benefit of a winning position when the time control ended. But if the chances are anywhere close to unclear, the value of playing the first post-control move remains significant. It can be as important as winning the coin toss in an overtime football game, the NFL's version of a second time control.

Back in the heyday of “40-in-two-and-a-half hours” time controls, the 41st move carried extra weight because it was the first opportunity to adjourn. Mikhail Botvinnik regarded sealing a move to be a powerful weapon. In his 1951 world championship match with David Bronstein he sealed almost every time he had an opportunity—and saved his title by outplaying the challenger in three even endgames.

The days of the sealed move envelope are more or less gone. But move 41 can still claim to be the most important point in the game. In the 2010 U.S. Championship 10 of the 60 decisive games ended at move 40 or 41. In one of the sections of the 2011 Championship it was five of the 12 decisive games.

In many ways, the ability to play White's 41st move can be more important than to play his first. After all, there is no move White can make in the initial position that assures him of a serious edge. But he may have a killer at move 41—if he has time to think about it.

Composure

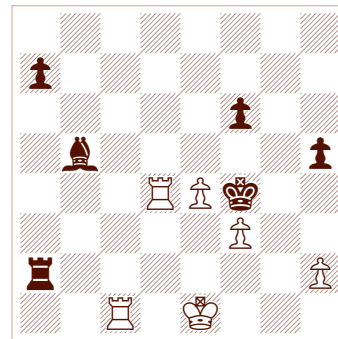
GM Teimour Radjabov (FIDE 2656, AZE)

GM Alexei Shirov (FIDE 2736, LAT)

Linares 2004

(see diagram top of next column)

If you were White and had only had second left, you wouldn't be able to see how dangerous 41. ... Re2+ or 41. ...



After 40. ... Bb5

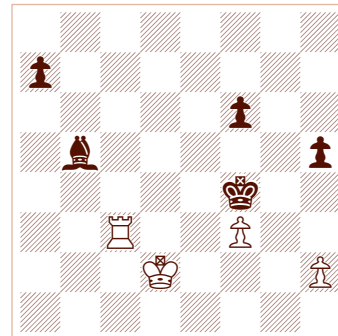
Rxh2, not to mention 41. ... Ke3 or 41. ... Kxf3, were.

And you wouldn't have time to evaluate a natural move like 41. Rd2 and the consequences of 41. ... Rxd2 42. Kxd2 Kxf3.

But since it was move 41 White could afford to go into a deep think. He found the stunning 41. e5+!!

He was able to calculate winning variations such as 41. ... Ke3 42. exf6! Re2+ (42. ... Kxd4 43. f7) 43. Kd1 Kxd4 44. f7 Kd3! 45. Ra1! when he can queen safely.

The main point of 41. e5+!! was to neutralize the enemy king, and White eventually won after 41. ... Kxe5 42. Rd2! Rxd2 43. Kxd2 Kf4 44. Rc3!



After 44. Rc3

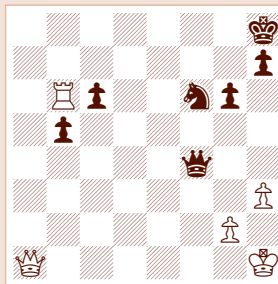
White will bring his king to f2 and drive the black king back with check. He won on move 78.

Forty-first

Okay, let's see how good you are at the 41st move. Each of the following six positions arose after Black made his 40th. Take your time—as you could after reaching a time control—and try to find the winning line of play. This will typically mean the forced win of a decisive amount of material, such as a rook or minor piece. For solutions see page 71.

Problem I

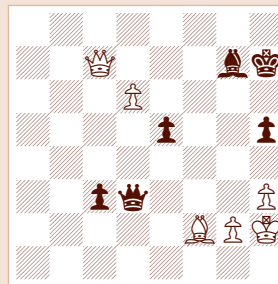
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White to play

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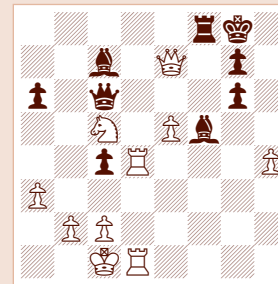
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White to play

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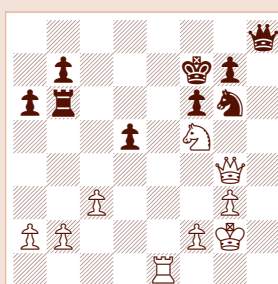
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White to play

Problem IV

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GM Yuri Shulman



White to play

Problem V

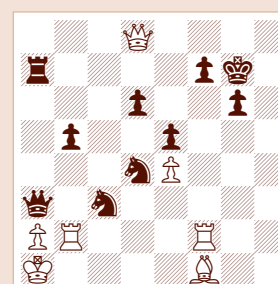
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White to play

Problem VI

GM Jonathan Rowson
GM John Emms



White to play

Experienced players know that there is a naturally *qualitative* difference between the moves just before and just after a time control. The ones just before are likely to be prone to error and the product of nerves. More blunders seem to be made on move 40, or 38 or 39, than on any other move.

A good policy to follow during the last moves of a time control is: Avoid moves that you can't calculate with 100 percent accuracy. Rely instead on solid, do-no-harm moves.

One of Botvinnik's personal rules was to avoid changing the pawn structure just before move 40. That's a bit extreme. Here's how today's grandmasters make progress in the run-up to move 40.

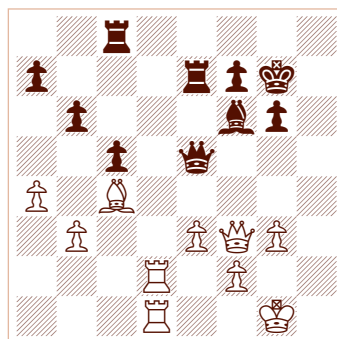
Coolness

GM Alexei Shirov (FIDE 2740, LAT)
GM Dmitry Jakovenko (FIDE 2711, RUS)
Fors 2008

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White has a pretty big edge because of his iron control of the d-file. But he needs weaknesses to attack, and the most natural targets, like the f7-square, are well defended.

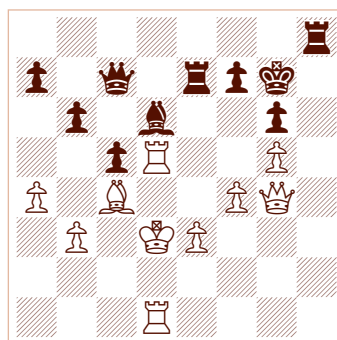
So White began to expand slowly with 33. Rd5 and then 33. ... Qc7 34. g4! Rh8 35. g5. His aim was to drive the bishop off the long a1-h8 diagonal and create mating chances on the h-file.



After 32. ... Qe5

But he made most of his progress with non-forcing moves: 35. ... Bb2 36. Kf1! Qb7 37. Ke2 Qc7 and then 38. Qg4 Bd4 39. Kd3.

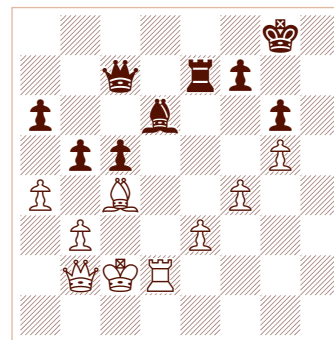
White's king is actually safer on d3 than it was on the kingside. The players reached the magic move 40 with 39. ... Be5 40. f4 Bd6.



After 40. ... Bd6

Black has avoided disaster on the h-file but now his bishop is a problem. But his biggest problem is that it's move 41 and that means White can take his time searching for the knockout blow, lingering over a pleasant decision between two winning lines.

He saw that 41. Kc2, threatening Rxd6, should do the job. But he also spotted 41. Qg2!, which prepares both a nasty check on b2 and the exploiting of the h-file with 42. Rh1. He chose the queen move and won swiftly, 41. ... a6 42. Qb2+ Kg8 43. Kc2 Rh2+ 44. R5d2 Rxd2+ 45. Rxd2 b5.



After 45. ... b5

Thanks to reaching the time control, White could calculate with confidence. Here the move that suggests itself is 46. Qf6!. Both players saw that the threat of Rh2 and mate on h8 is decisive, and Black resigned on the spot. ■

The Classic Bishop Sacrifice

By Bruce Pandolfini

Beware of bishops bearing gifts.

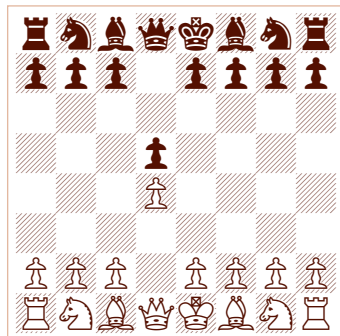
One of the most studied of all chess ploys is the “classic bishop sacrifice,” also known as the “Greek gift sacrifice” or “Greco’s sacrifice.” Supposedly, Gioachino Greco (maybe 1600-1634) liked to set up and play such bold strokes, though it’s hard to say what Greco really did play in his own games. The shot and subsequent attack takes place against castled king-side structure, beginning with either Bxh7+ or Bxh2+. It doesn’t always work, but when it does, as in Kraicer versus Dymnt (Black), a correspondence game played in 1952, mate sometimes follows. Follow the following moves and you’ll see what it’s all about. The opening was a double queen-pawn game, and the first moves naturally were **1. d4 d5:**

Semi-Slav, Meran System (D48)

Kraicer

Dymnt

Correspondence 1952



Your starting position

Now make sure you have the above position set up on your chessboard. As you play through the remaining moves in this game, use a piece of paper to cover the article, exposing White’s next move only after trying to guess it. If you guess correctly, give yourself the par score. Sometimes points are also rewarded for second-best moves, and there may be bonus points—or deductions—for other moves and variations. Note that ** means

that the note to Black’s move is over and White’s move is in the next line.**

2. c4 Par Score 5

White pressures d5. But you get *full credit* for the alternatives: 2. Nc3, 2. Bg5, 2. Bf4, 2. e3, 2. e4, 2. f4, 2. Nf3. Maybe we’re being a bit generous with 2. e4.

2. ... c6

Black solidifies the d5-pawn.**

3. Nc3 Par Score 5

More pressure on d5. Accept *full credit* for 3. Nf3 or 3. cxd5.

3. ... Nf6

4. e3 Par Score 5

Once again, accept *full credit* for playing either 4. Nf3 or 4. cxd5.

4. ... e6

5. Nf3 Par Score 5

Receive only *3 points part credit* for 5. cxd5 exd5. This is a good version of the Exchange Variation for Black, as the c1-bishop is hemmed in by the pawn at e3.

5. ... Nbd7

We’ve arrived at a standard position in the Semi-Slav (black pawns at c6, d5 and e6).**

6. Bd3 Par Score 5

Accept *full credit* for 6. Qc2.

6. ... dxc4

Black figures that White loses a tempo with two consecutive moves by his bishop.**

7. Bxc4 Par Score 4

Tempi notwithstanding, White recaptures, partly to save his bishop, partly to restore material equality. He now has two pawns in the center that are capable of advancing.

7. ... b5

Black drives the bishop back and vacates b7 for his own bishop.**

8. Bd3 Par Score 4

This enters the main line. Also seen on occasion are 8. Bb3 and 8. Be2 (take *full credit* for either).

8. ... a6

Black protects b5, readying for the advance ... c6-c5. That doesn’t mean it’s going to come to that.**

9. e4 Par Score 5

The advance of the king-pawn is more aggressive than 9. 0-0, which garners only *4 points part credit*.

9. ... Be7

This is a non-theoretical move, which has rightly disappeared from tournament play. Correct is 9. ... c5 to attack the White center.**

10. e5 Par Score 5

By attacking the knight, White gains time, space, and attacking hope.

10. ... Nd5

11. Nxd5 Par Score 5

White exchanges knights. This leads to a stabilization of the central pawn configuration. Black obtains a bad queen-bishop, reminiscent of variations in certain lines of the French Defense.

11. ... cxd5

By taking this way, Black keeps his bad bishop but avoids a backward pawn at c6, which would otherwise be a troublesome target.**

12. Bd2 Par Score 5

White plays a quiet move, mainly designed to develop and prevent check at a5 or b4. He could of course castle (*full credit*), but he wants to see what Black does with his king.

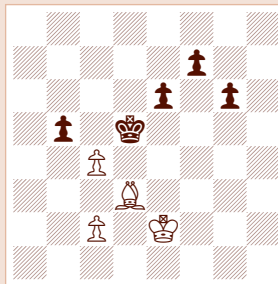
12. ... 0-0

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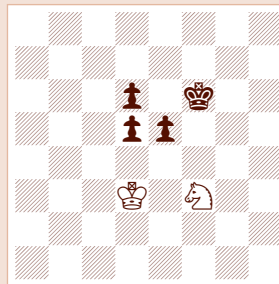
These problems are all related to key positions in this month's game. In each case, Black is to move. The answers can be found in Solutions on page 71.

March Exercise: As you encounter chess maxims, rules of thumb, or pieces of advice, enter them in a developing file. Restate each thought in your own language, spelling out when it applies and how reliable it is as a useful generality. Make sure you also note limitations to the generalization, listing each one that seems relevant. Then create diagrams showing the idea and its failure and affix those positions to the same section. Keep revisiting this file on a regular basis and you have a new way to move on the improvement of the understanding, and you don't even have to read Spinoza.

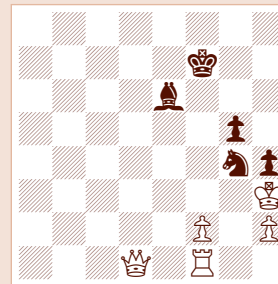
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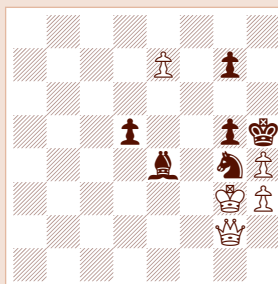
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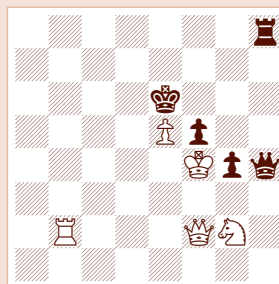
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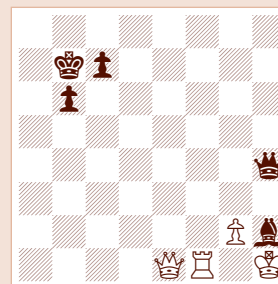
Problem IV
Mating net



Problem V
Mating net



Problem VI
Mating net



This is what White was hoping for. Now he can institute an attack on the castled king. Who knows if he was thinking of Greco, a piece of fried liver, or what.**

13. h4 Par Score 5

White secures g5 and sets up for a possible Greco's sacrifice at h7. No doubt, he was in a classic state of mind.

13. ... f6

Black tries to discourage Ng5. The advance 13. ... h6 invites the sacrifice 14. Bxh6 gxh6 15. Qd2 Kg7 16. Rh3 and Rg3+ (2 bonus points). The defense 13. ... f5 was better, but then Black has to contend with 14. g4 fxg4 15. Ng5 (1 bonus point).**

14. Ng5! Par Score 6

Anyway! White threatens both e6 and h7, so Black's next move is essentially forced.

14. ... fxg5

15. Bxh7+! Par Score 6

This second sacrifice is needed to justify the previous sac. *No credit* for 15. hxg5 g6 or 15. Qh5 h6; in either case, Black gets an opportunity to defend himself.

15. ... Kxh7

More or less forced. If 15. ... Kf7, then 16. Qh5+ g6 17. Qxg6 mate. Or 15. ... Kh8 16. Qh5, threatening 17. Bg6+ Kg8 18. Qh7 mate. Accept 1 bonus point for each.**

16. hxg5+ Par Score 4

The point of the bishop sac, the h-file opens with tempo.

16. ... Kg8

If the king comes up, 16. ... Kg6, he gets mated after 17. Qh5+ Kf5 18. Qh7+ (1 bonus point) 18. ... g6 19. Qh3+ Ke4 20. Qe3+ Kf5 21. Qf3 or f4 mate.**

17. Rh8+! Par Score 6

What? A third sacrifice? This one to bring the queen in with tempo. Accept only 2 points part credit for 17. Qh5. With that, Black defends by 17. ... Rf5 and 18. ... Nf8, so White has to take a perpetual by 18. Qh8+ Kf7 19. Qh5+ etc.

17. ... Kxh8

Declining the rook is no better. If 17. ... Kf7, then 18. Qh5+ g6 19. Qh7+ Ke8 20. Qxg6 mate (1 bonus point).**

18. Qh5+ Par Score 5

No credit for 18. g6, which is defended against by 18. ... Rf5. The attacker's moves have to be made in the right sequence. So the queen goes first.

18. ... Kg8

19. g6 Par Score 5

White takes away the escape square at f7 and threatens mate on the move (1 bonus point).

19. ... Rf5

Black clears f8 for the king. Of no avail is 19. ... Nf6 20. exf6 (1 bonus point). It's nice to have that pawn at e5.**

20. Qh7+ Par Score 5

White combines defense and offense. He saves his attacked queen with tempo on the king.

20. ... Kf8

21. Qh8 mate

A back row mate, a back rank mate, a rook mate, it all comes to the same thing. For the record, Black resigned after seeing 17. Rh8+. It was a correspondence game, so saving postage might have been a factor. ■

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By JAMAAL ABDUL-ALIM

IN AN ELECTION YEAR,
IT IS REFRESHING TO SEE
“INNOVATIONS” COMING OUT
OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

As a longtime tournament player, GM Lawrence C. Kaufman has won his share of place-based prizes. But not for nearly half a century has Kaufman—a Maryland-based professional chess instructor and co-developer of the Komodo chess engine—won special prizes like he did at the 38th Eastern Open held here in the nation’s capital during the last week of 2011.

Kaufman, whose current rating is 2450, won first, second and third place for the Brilliancy, Opening Innovation and Best Played Game, respectively, at the Eastern. The four-section tournament drew 170 players—including this writer—from across the nation to downtown D.C.’s Westin Hotel.

Kaufman, 64, says the last time he won a special prize for brilliancy or best played game in a tournament, it was as a teenager back in the 1960s at a Maryland Junior Open. Over the lifespan of his chess career, however, he said it’s been a relative rarity for players to have an opportunity to win such a variety of prizes like they did at the Eastern.

“It’s pretty uncommon,” Kaufman told *Chess Life*. “Once in a while there’ll be one that offers one prize for best game or brilliance, but there’s so few of them that I haven’t won one for almost half a century.”

Kaufman, who finished in tenth place at the Eastern, is among the many competitors in the tournament who say they appreciated the chance to win a prize for something other than being among the top players in a given section.

“It’s a nice feature,” Kaufman said. “It does give people something to play for when they’re out of the running for a regular cash prize.”

And that is exactly one of the things that Eastern Open organizer Tom Beckman says he had in mind when he added

the special prizes to the tournament when he took over the event back in 2009.

“As an organizer, when I took over the Eastern Open franchise, my primary goal was to hold an exciting, successful tournament where every player has a chance to win a prize,” Beckman told *Chess Life*. “I wanted the Eastern Open to be more like a chess festival, and so I added the special prizes for Best Played Game, Brilliancy, and Opening Innovation to encourage players to submit their games for publication in *Chess Life*.”

The incentive evidently had an effect. Approximately 30 games were submitted for the special prizes. Some of the prize-winning games are annotated later in this article.

In deciding which games should win special prizes, Beckman says he drew on a set of evaluation criteria, the *Deep Rybka* chess engine, his extensive chess library of opening reference books, and his own experience as a chess instructor.

“Ultimately, there is some subjectivity that I am solely responsible for in prize selection,” Beckman concedes. “Last year, I didn’t get very many good submissions, so the decisions were easy, and some prizes weren’t awarded.”

Beckman said for the Best Played Game prize, it is critical that both players play very well.

“For the Brilliancy prizes, generally I’m looking for sacrifices and/or well-carried-out attacks,” Beckman said. “I almost didn’t award the second and third prizes because the two sacs were pretty much standard, and the one attack was fairly straightforward.”

Whereas in most tournaments, the odds of winning a prize are fairly low, at the Eastern, the chance of winning some sort of prize was a little better than one in three, if you do the math on the fact that 60 prizes were distributed among the 170 players.

One reason there were so many prizes is because Beckman

*GM Gregory Kaidanov,
38th Eastern Open
champion*

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IM Dean Ippolito (left) and GM Alexander Ivanov (right) tied for second-third place.

offered four upset prizes—\$50 and \$25 for first and second place, respectively, and book prizes for third and fourth—across all sections in each round.

“It was a gas to award \$50 in cash to young and old players who scored huge 300- to 400-point upsets,” Beckman said.

Among the old and young who achieved upsets were Louis Fedele, 64, of District of Columbia, a retired business executive who defeated a player rated 634 points higher in the Under 1600 section, and 7-year-old Aasa Dommalapati, who, at a rating of 870, defeated a player rated 1244 in the same section.

Whether the upsets indicate anything significant is subjective.

For instance, while Fedele, who had a provisional rating of 817 at the beginning of the tournament, won upset prizes of \$50 each for defeating a player rated 1451 in the first round, and a 1082 player in the sixth round, he doesn’t think the upset prizes mean he achieved something unlikely because only in October did he start playing tournament chess.

“Whether there’s a big discrepancy between our skills is highly doubtful,” Fedele said of the opponents he beat, explain-

ing that he didn’t think his own provisional rating of 817 truly reflected his skills.

“The upset prizes may have encouraged as many as 37 players to enter sections higher than their ratings required,” Beckman, the organizer, said. Not everyone was convinced that entering higher sections to win an upset prize is a good idea. For instance, Kaufman said the upset prizes might induce players to play in “the wrong section,” which he said makes the tournament less enjoyable for the higher-rated players.

Whatever the case may be, players said the mere fact that upset prizes and special prizes were up for grabs seemed to make the play more fierce.

“I think it definitely makes it more attractive for players to try to be aggressive and not settle for draws,” said IM Dean Ippolito, a New Jersey-based chess instructor known as the Dean of Chess and who tied for second- and third-place with GM Alexander Ivanov at the Eastern. “There seems to be a lot of fighting games.”

Among those fighting games are:

Nimzo-Indian Defense, Classical Variation (E35)

GM Gregory Kaidanov (2658)

GM Alexander Ivanov (2595)

2011 Eastern Open (5)

Notes by Kaidanov

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Qc2

Alexander and I have played this variation three times prior to this game and every time Black has tried a different system!

4. ... d5

There are two other continuations at this point: 4. ... 0-0 and 4. ... c5. See the Opening Theory section on page 24 for details.

5. cxd5

At the 2006 U.S. Championship in San Diego, I played 5. a3 Bxc3+ 6. Qxc3 dxc4 7. Qxc4 b6 8. Nf3 0-0 9. Bg5 Ba6 10. Qc2 Nbd7 11. e4 Qc8 12. 0-0-0 Bxf1 13. Rhxf1 c5 14. d5 Re8 15. dxe6 Rxe6 16. Bxf6 Rxf6 17. e5 Rh6 18. Qe4 Nf8 19. Rd6 Re6 and the game ended as a draw a few moves later in Kaidanov-Ivanov, San Diego, USA 2006.

5. ... exd5 6. Bg5 h6

We already had this position before at the Aeroflot Open in 2004. Then I played 7. Bxf6 and didn't have any advantage to speak of. My main memory about this game was that my favorite '70s rock group Slade was performing in Moscow that evening. I never saw them live, so my first impulse was just to make a short "grandmaster" draw and proceed to the concert. I then managed to talk myself out of it, saying "I am a real professional, I have to fight!" I fought indeed to save a draw from a worse position! When I finally arrived to the concert venue, Slade just finished their performance. I still managed to hear a 30-minute set of another great '70s group, Nazareth, so it was not THAT bad ... And then I went to London to see Slade a few years later!

7. Bh4 c5 8. dxc5 g5 9. Bg3 Ne4 10. e3 Qa5

During the game I worried about 10. ... Qf6 but had decided to play 11. Rc1 with the difference that unlike 10. ... Qa5, the pawn on a2 is not hanging.

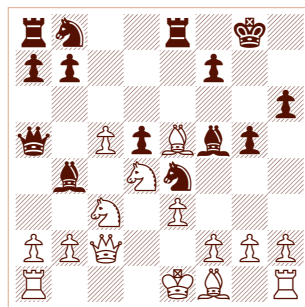
11. Nge2 Bf5 12. Be5 0-0 13. Nd4 Re8

(see diagram top of next column)

This is a very popular position in this line. The main move now is 14. Bxb8.

14. Nxf5!

Though this move is not a novelty, it was played in only two games. I want to give credit to IM Jake Kleiman (who in turn gives it to Davorin Kuljasevic), who drew my attention to this idea. After 14. Bxb8 the latest examples are: 14. ... Nxc3



After 13. ... Re8

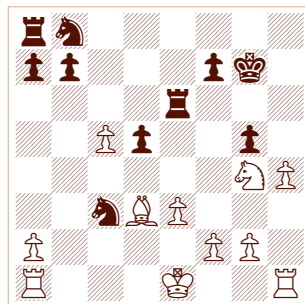
15. Nxf5 Ne4+ 16. Kd1 Raxb8 17. f3 Rbc8 18. fxe4 dxe4 19. Bc4 Qxc5 20. Bxf7+ Kxf7 21. Qxc5 Bxc5 22. Rc1 Red8+ ½-½ Viktor Laznicka (2703)-Peter Leko (2720), Porto Carras, GRE 2011, or 14. ... Bg6 15. Bc7 Qxc7 16. Bd3 Bxc5 17. Bxe4 dxe4 18. 0-0-0 Rac8 and the game Evgeny Bareev (2714)-Veselin Topalov (2735), Amber Blindfold, Monte Carlo 2004 eventually ended in a draw. After the game Alexander mentioned to me that he knew the move 14. ... Bg6 here.

14. ... Rxe5 15. Nxf6+ Kg7 16. Ng4 Re6

Alexander spent close to 40 minutes on this move! Being a perfectionist, he couldn't decide whether the rook is better on e6 or e7. However, the position is so complex that even a computer doesn't know that (although Rybka also prefers 16. ... Re7 17. f3 Nxc3 18. Kf2 Ne4+ 19. fxe4 dxe4 20. a3 Qxc5 21. Qxc5 Bxc5 ½-½ Oleg Biriukov (2389)-Vasily Yemelin (2529), St. Petersburg 2005. I studied this line as well, however, I have to admit that during the game I didn't remember my analyses as clearly as I did with 16. ... Re6.

17. Bd3! Nxc3

After 17. ... Bxc3+ 18. bxc3 Qxc3+ 19. Qxc3+ Nxc3 20. h4 led to White's advantage in the game Davorin Kuljasevic-Jake Kleiman, Lubbock, USA 2011.



Analysis after 20. h4

18. 0-0!!

An amazing sequence! White gives up a piece ... for what?

18. ... Ne4 19. a3

And all of a sudden it turns out that Black's bishop is almost trapped.

19. ... Qxc5 20. Qd1!

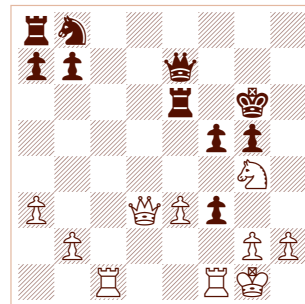
Taking the bishop back was a safe choice, but I knew that the queen's retreat is more testing. After 20. axb4 Qxc2 21. Bxc2 f5 22. f3 Nd6 23. Nf2 Nc6, Black wins back the pawn with at least equality. According to Alexander, that's what he calculated. He said after the game that he had a feeling that the queen might move away, but to assess all those positions was very difficult.

20. ... Bd2

It looks like this move wins a piece. Better would be 20. ... Nc6 21. axb4 Nxb4, though after 22. Bxe4 dxe4 23. f4! playing Black's position in time trouble would be hard.

21. Bxe4 Rxe4

21. ... dxe4 22. Qxd2 f5 23. Rac1 and after the queen's retreat White checks on either c3 or d4, starting a strong attack on the black king. For example. 23. ... Qe7 24. Qd4+ Kg6 25. f4! exf3 e.p. 26. Qd3 and Black's king is in trouble.



Analysis after 26. Qd3

22. h3!

Black is better in all other lines, but this move creates problems for him, which is impossible to solve (especially in time trouble). I would love to take credit for all those exclamation marks, however, all those moves were results of computer-assisted analyses ... Actually, I do deserve a credit for ... remembering them!

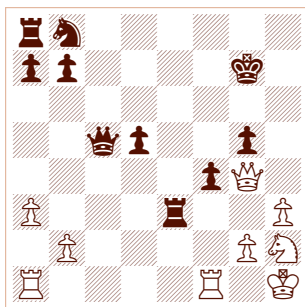
22. ... f5 23. Nh2 Bxe3

During the game I felt that after 23. ... Nc6 Black might have compensation for the pawn, e.g. 24. Qxd2 g4 I worried about my knight on the side of the board. However, it turns out White has a clear way to advantage: 25. Rac1 Qd6 26. f3 and the knight gets out.

24. fxe3 Rxe3 25. Kh1 f4 26. Qg4

(see diagram top of page 20)

Black's lack of development and an open king determine the result of the game.



After 26. Qg4

26. ... Rg3 27. Qf5 Qf8 28. Qxd5 Nc6 29. Ng4 Qd8 30. Qe6 Qe7 31. Qh6+ Kg8 32. Rae1, Black resigned in view of 32. ... Qg7 33. Nf6+ Kf7 34. Qxg7+ Kxg7 35. Nh5+. This game won the first prizes for Best Played Game and Opening Innovation.

Queen's Gambit Declined (D06)

Yuri Barnakov (2290)
GM Lawrence Kaufman (2459)
2011 Eastern Open (5)
Notes by Kaufman

1. d4 Nf6 2. Bg5 d5

I chose 2. ... d5 since I recommend it in my new book on a complete opening repertoire, *The Kaufman Repertoire in Black and White*, published by New In Chess. I chose it for the book because I think White has some chances for a slight edge against the other moves such as 2. ... Ne4, 2. ... e6, or 2. ... c5.

3. c4?!

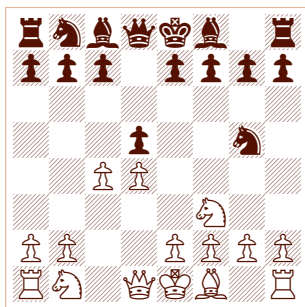
The alternatives: 3. e3, 3. Bxf6, 3. Nc3 (Veresov), and 3. Nf3 (Torre) are all better moves.

3. ... Ne4

Black is already better. I was already on my own here as I had never seen 3. c4 before.

4. Bf4?!

White has two better moves: 4. Bh4 c5 also favors Black, though less clearly so, or 4. Nf3, giving up the bishop pair after 4. ... Nxc5 was objectively best, but no one would play 3. c4 with this intention.



Analysis after 4. ... Nxc5

4. ... e5!!

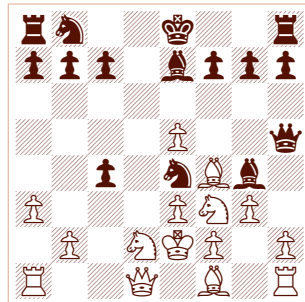
According to the Aquarium database, this position has been reached in 28 previous over-the-board games, with no human ever finding this probably winning move! It has been played before in computer-assisted correspondence games, which is no surprise as the engines love this move.

5. dxe5 Bc5 6. e3 Bb4+ 7. Ke2 Qh4! 8. g3 Qh5+ 9. Nf3

Technically this is a novelty, as 9. f3 was played in a previous correspondence game. Both moves leave Black much better.

9. ... g5!

After 9. ... dxc4!?, Black regains his pawn with a safe edge in king safety. The white bishop on f4 is insecure after 10. a3 Be7 11. Nbd2 Bg4 with a nice pull for Black.



Analysis after 11. ... Bg4

10. Qa4+?

This move loses. Better alternatives are: 10. cxd5 gxf4 11. Qa4+ (11. Bg2 b6 12. Qa4+ Nd7 13. Qxb4 Ba6+ 14. Ke1 Ndc5 15. Qa3 0-0-0 and Black's attack more than offsets the material deficit.) 11. ... Nc6 12. dxc6 b6 13. exf4 a5 14. Nc3 Qf5 with Black on top; or 10. a3?! gxf4 11. axb4 fxc3 12. Qxd5 (if 12. fxc3 Nc6! 13. Bg2 Bg4 14. Qxd5 Qg6 15. Rd1 Rd8 16. Qb5 Rxd1 17. Kxd1 Qh5 and Black wins a piece.) 12. ... Nxf2 13. Rg1 gxh2 14. Rg5 Qh6 15. Bg2 Bg4 16. Nbd2 c6 17. Qd4 Qxg5 18. Kxf2 Bxf3 19. Nxf3 Qf5 and Black is up the Exchange; or 10. Qxd5 Qg6 (10. ... Nc5 is also good but less clear. I couldn't decide between them during the game but was leaning towards ... Qg6. After 11. Bxg5 Nc6 12. a3 Be6 13. Nc3 Bxd5 14. Nxd5 Qg6 15. axb4 Qc2+ 16. Ke1 Nxb4) 11. a3 c6 12. Qd1 Be7 13. h4 gxf4 14. h5 Qg8 15. gxf4 Bg4 and White has three pawns for the knight, but with his king awkwardly placed, Black is better.

10. ... Nc6 11. cxd5 Nc5 12. Qd1

If 12. Qc2 b6! 13. Nbd2 Bxd2 and Black wins a piece.

12. ... Bf5 13. Nc3 0-0-0 14. Ke1 gxf4 15. Be2?

Somewhat better is 15. gxf4 Be4 16. Ng5 Qg6 17. Nxe4 Qxe4 18. Rg1 Rxd5 and

Black has both a material advantage and a strong attack.

15. ... fxc3 16. fxc3 Qh6

16. ... Be4 is another way to win.

17. Qc1 Rxd5 18. Bc4 Nd3+ 19. Bxd3 Rxd3 20. Ke2 Bxc3 21. bxc3 Rhd8 22. h4 Bg4, White resigned, as 23. Kf2 Bxf3 wins easily. It appears that I played a "perfect" game, meaning every move was best or at least as good as any other. For me at least this is an extremely rare occurrence. This game won the first Brilliancy prize and the third Best Played Game prize.

Fianchetto Gruenfeld (D76)

Dean Ippolito (2531)
Kevin Mo (2277)
2011 Eastern Open (1)
Notes by Ippolito and Beckman

As an interesting side note, GM Magesh Panchanathan and I got stuck in traffic for over six hours on the way to the tournament and got to the round just in time. While I was hoping for a short game, my opponent played really well and made me work very hard for this point.

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nf3 Bg7 4. g3 0-0

By delaying 4. ... 0-0, Black can later on force e2-e3, or force the sacrifice of the d- pawn by White after 4. ... d5 5. cxd5 Nxd5 6. Bg2 Nb6 7. Nc3 Nc6.

5. Bg2 d5 6. cxd5 Nxd5 7. 0-0 Nb6 8. Nc3 Nc6 9. d5

Here Boris Avrukh prefers 9. e3 and 9. ... Re8 10. Re1 a5 has been debated many times in recent years.

9. ... Na5 10. Qc2 e6?!

The main line is 10. ... c6 11. dxc6 Nxc6 12. Rd1 Qe8 with near equality. Interesting is 10. ... Nxd5 11. Rd1 c6 12. Ne1! (12. e4 Nb4) 12. ... Bxc3! 13. bxc3 Qc7.

11. dxe6 Bxe6 12. Bg5 Qc8 13. Rfd1

Slightly better is 13. Rad1!? Nc6 14. Qc1 Bh3 15. Bf4 Bxg2 16. Kxg2 Re8 17. Rfe1 with a decent edge.

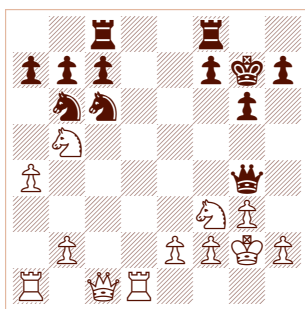
13. ... Nc6 14. Rac1

White misses an opportunity for a nice edge with 14. Qc1 Bh3 15. Bh6 Bxg2 16. Kxg2 Qg4 17. Bxg7 Kxg7 18. Nb5 Rac8 19. a4.

(see diagram top of next column)

14. ... Bf5

In Ippolito-Nakamura/New York Masters 2003, Naka played 14. ... Re8 15. b3!? Bf5 16. Qd2 Bg4 17. Qf4 f6? (17. ... Qf5 leaves White with an edge) 18. Bxf6 Rf8



Analysis after 19. a4

19. Ne4 Bxf3 (19. ... Qe6 20. Nfg5) 20. Bxf3 h6 (20. ... Qe6 21. Bg4 Qf7 22. Bg5) 21. Rxc6!? (even better is 21. Bg4! winning) 21. ... bxc6 22. Qe5 Rxf6! 23. Nxf6+ Kf7 24. Bxc6 Bxf6 25. Qf4 g5 26. Qe4 Rb8 27. a4! Qe6 (27. ... a5 28. b4!) 28. Rd7+! Nxd7 29. Bd5 Qxd5 30. Qxd5+ is close to winning. Another reasonable line for Black is 14. ... h6 15. Bf4 Rd8 16. a3 a6 17. h4 Bg4 18. b3 with a slight edge.

15. Qb3

I decided to try to repeat moves before playing e2-e4. My opponent had a different idea ... Two lines leading to an edge are: 15. Qd2! f6 (15. ... Nc4 16. Qf4) 16. Bf4 Nc4 (16. ... g5 17. e4) 17. Qd5+ Be6 18. Qb5 (18. Qc5 Rf7) 18. ... a6 19. Qc5 Rf7 20. Nd5 Nxb2 21. Rd2 Na4 22. Qa3 Bxd5 23. Rxd5 Nb6 24. Rd3, or 15. e4 Bg4 16. Nd5! Nxd5 17. exd5 Ne5 18. Qb3 c5 19. Be7 Re8 20. d6 Qf5 21. Nxe5 Bxd1 22. Rxd1 Qxe5 23. Qxb7.

15. ... a5!?

15. ... Be6 16. Qc2 repeats the position.

16. e4

Another idea is 16. Nb5 Be6 17. Qc2 Bc4 18. Nc3 Nb4 19. Qb1 Re8 20. e4 with a slight edge.

16. ... a4 17. Qa3?!

Much better is 17. Qc2!? Bg4 18. Bf4 Bxf3 19. Bxf3 Nd4 20. Qd3 with an edge.

17. ... Nc4?!

Black returns the favor and missed 17. ... Re8 18. exf5 Bf8 19. b4 Nc4 with an edge.

18. Qc5 Be6 19. Nd5 Nxb2 20. Rd2 a3 21. Bf6

White has a lot of compensation now. The black knight is misplaced on b2 and Black's king is in danger.

21. ... Ra4

Somewhat better is 21. ... Bxd5 22. Bxg7 Bxa2 23. Qc3 (23. Bxf8? Qxf8) 23. ... f6 24. Bh3! Qxh3 25. Bxf8 Rxf8 26. Qxa3 with an edge.

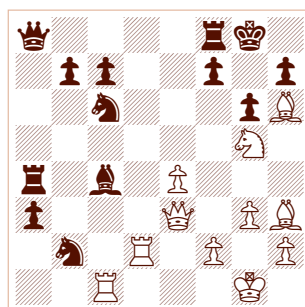
22. Ng5?

Bad move order. White is winning after 22. Bxg7 Kxg7 23. Ng5 h6 24. Qc3+ f6 25.

Nxe6+ Qxe6 26. Qb3.

22. ... h6?

And Black misses 22. ... Bxd5 23. Bxg7 Bxa2 24. Bh6 Bc4 (24. ... Re8 25. Bh3! wins) 25. Bh3 Qa8 26. Qe3.

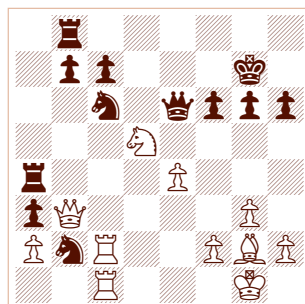


Analysis after 26. Qe3

26. ... Nd3!? 27. Rxd3 Bxd3 28. Qxd3 Nd4 29. Kg2 Qd8 30. Ra1 Qe7 31. Bxf8 Kxf8 32. Nf3 with near equality in an unbalanced position.

23. Bxg7 Kxg7 24. Qc3+ f6 25. Nxe6+ Qxe6 26. Qb3! Ra7

Or 26. ... Rb8 27. Rdc2 wins.



Analysis after 27. Rdc2

27. Nxc7?!

Very strong is 27. e5! Opening up the bishop on g2 seemed best, but in mutual time pressure I decided to play it safe and go for a better endgame with no risk. After 27. ... fxe5 (27. ... Nxe5 28. Qe3) 28. Qe3 Ra4 29. Nxc7 Qf5 30. Bd5 Kh7 31. Ne6 Rf7 32. Nc5 is winning. Also winning is 27. Qe3 Ra5 28. Nxc7 Qc8 29. Nd5 Qe6 30. Qb6.

27. ... Qxb3 28. axb3 Rf7 29. Nb5 Ra5 30. Nxa3

30. Bf1 Ne5.

30. ... Rxa3 31. Rxb2

This was what I was aiming for with 27. Nxc7. Black isn't losing but he needs to be accurate.

31. ... Nd4 32. b4 Nf3+?!

Going into a pure rook and pawn ending gives Black more problems.

33. Bxf3 Rxf3 34. b5 Rd3 35. Rc4 Rfd7 36. Rbc2 Kf7 37. Kg2 Rb3 38. Rc7 Ke6 39. Rxd7

Kxd7 40. Rc5 Kd6 41. Rd5+ Ke6 42. g4

The winning plan is to play for h2-h4-h5. With so many pawns on the board, Black has problems holding. However, with Black's active rook he should still be able to hold.

42. ... Ke7

42. ... b6 putting all of the pawns on the sixth rank looks dangerous but may be playable after 43. h4 Rb2.

43. h4 b6

Black didn't have to do this, but it's still drawing.

44. h5 gxh5?

After this move, Black may be lost. Better is 44. ... g5 45. e5 (45. f3 Rb2+ 46. Kf1 Rb1+ 47. Kf2 Rb2+ 48. Ke3 Rb3+ 49. Ke2 Rb2+ 50. Kd1 Rb3 51. Rf5) 45. ... fxe5 46. Rxe5+ Kf6 47. Rf5+ and after 47. ... Ke7 (47. ... Kg7 48. Rd5 and White again achieves his goal of a three versus one kingside pawn majority, or 47. ... Ke6 48. Rf8 and the h6-pawn will be lost.) 48. Kf1 Rb4 49. f3 Rb2 50. Ke1 Rb3 51. Kd1 Rb2 52. Kc1 Rb3 53. Kc2 Re3. This may be Black's best defensive setup. If 53. ... Rb4 54. Kd3 Rb1 55. Kc4 Rc1+ 56. Kd5 Rc5+ 57. Kd4 Rc8 (57. ... Rc1 58. Re5+ Kf6 59. Re8) 58. Re5+ Kf6 59. Re3 and this position looks difficult to hold for Black.

45. Rxh5 Kf7 46. e5

Trading pawns usually helps the side that is defending. Here, however, it makes it easier for the white king to head to c6.

46. ... fxe5 47. Rxe5 Kf6 48. Rf5+ Kg6 49. f3

The plan of bringing the king to c6 decides.

49. ... Kg7 50. Kg3 Rb4 51. Rd5 Rb2 52. Kf4 Rb3 53. Ke4 Rb4+

If 53. ... Kf7 54. f4.

54. Ke5 Rb3 55. f4 Rb4 56. g5

56. Rd7+ Kg8 57. Kf5 also wins.

56. ... hxg5 57. fxg5 Rc4

If 57. ... Rb3 58. Kd6.

58. Kd6 Kg6 59. Kd7 Rc3 60. Rd6+, Black resigned.

After 60. ... Kxg5 61. Rxb6 Rb3 62. Rb8 Kf5 63. b6 the black king is so far away that the win is easy. This game won the second prize for Best Played Game.

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Opening Theory at the Eastern Open

This year, several games qualified as true opening innovations, and there were a number of games in which opening theory played a big role in the result. N = Novelty; S = Suggestion.

Trompowsky Opening [A45 & D06]:

Notes by Kaufman

1. d4 Nf6 2. Bg5 and now Black has four good alternatives:

a) 2. ... c5 3. Bxf6 gxf6 4. d5 Qb6 5. Qc1 f5 6. c4 Bg7 7. Nc3 d6 8. e3 Nd7 9. Qc2 Ne5 10. Nh3 h5 11. Be2 Bd7 12. 0-0 h4 13. a3

White's space advantage and superior pawn structure offset Black's bishop pair.

b) 2. ... e6 3. e4 h6 4. Bxf6 Qxf6 5. c3 d6 6. Bd3 g6 7. Ne2 Bg7 8. 0-0 0-0 9. f4

Black is playing the Hippopotamus setup, which concedes a clear space advantage. His bishop pair offers substantial but perhaps not full compensation.

c) 2. ... Ne4 3. Bf4 c5 4. f3 Qa5+ 5. c3 Nf6

1) 6. d5 Qb6 7. Bc1 e6 8. e4 exd5 9. exd5 d6 10. c4 Be7 11. Nc3 0-0 12. Bd3 Nbd7 13. f4 Re8 14. Nge2 Bf8 15. 0-0

White is slightly better due to his space advantage.

2) 6. Nd2 cxd4 7. Nb3 Qb6 8. Qxd4 Nc6 9. Qxb6 axb6 10. Be3 b5 11. Nd4 Nxd4 12. Bxd4 d6 13. e4 Bd7 14. Bxf6 gxf6 15. a3=

Black's bishop pair offsets his bad pawns.

d) 2. ... d5

See Barnakov-Kaufman game on page 20.

Caro-Kann Defense, Advance Variation [B12]

Notes by Beckman and Deep Rybka

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 Bf5 and now White has tried 22 moves in my Aquarium database, and 11 moves are covered in Lars Schandorff's *The Caro-Kann*: 4. Nf3, 4. Nc3, 4. Nd2, 4. Ne2, 4. h4, 4. c4, 4. c3, 4. g4, 4. f4, 4. Be3, or 4. Bd3. Here I examine 4. Nf3 and 4. h4:

a) 4. Nf3

The Short Variation is now the main line of the Advanced Caro-Kann.

4. ... e6 5. Be2 Ne7

5. ... c5 is also playable.

1) 6. 0-0 Nd7

And now White has tried seven moves: 7. Nbd2, 7. Re1, 7. Nh4, 7. Be3, 7. h3, 7. Nc3, and 7. a4. Most challenging are:

a) 7. Nbd2 Nc8 8. c4 Be7 9. Qb3 Qc7 10. Bd3 Bxd3 11. Qxd3 0-0 12. b3 dxc4 13. Nxc4 h6 14. h3 Ncb6 15. Ba3 Bxa3 16. Nxa3 Rad8 17. Rad1 is a touch better for White in Salgado Lopez-Alsina Leal, Barcelona 2010.

b) 7. Re1 Ng6 8. Nc3 Bb4 9. a3 Bxc3 10. bxc3 Qa5 11. Rb1 b5 12. Rb4 0-0 13. Nd2 Ne7 14. a4 a6=

2) 6. Na3 N Nd7 7. 0-0

a) 7. ... Qc7 8. Be3 Bg6 Or 8. ... f6 9. c4 fxe5 =. 9. Rc1?! Better is 9. c4 Nf5 10. cxd5 Nxe3 11. fxe3 exd5 12. Nh4=, 9. ... Qb6! 10. Rb1 Nf5 11. Bd3 c5 12. c3 Be7 13. g4?! Better is 13. Qe2 Nxe3 14. Qxe3 Bxd3 15. Qxd3 0-0 with a slight edge. 13. ... Nxe3 14. fxe3 0-0-0 or 14. ... f6 with a nice edge for Black. However, Jonathan Richman-Nelson Castaneda was later drawn.

b) 7. ... Ng6 S 8. Ne1 h5 9. Nf3 Be7 10. c3 f6 11. exf6

b) 4. h4

This variation was first played in Mikhail Tal-Mikhail Botvinnik, World Championship Return Match 1961. Black's match score in this variation was two wins and three draws. Its recent popularity is based on the recommendation for White in the Opening column of *ChessGames.com*.

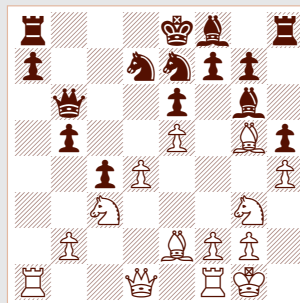
4. ... h5

Regarded as best, although Botvinnik played 4. ... h6 5. g4 Bd7 (not 5. ... Bh7?! 6. e6!) three times in the match.

5. c4 e6

1) 6. Nc3 Ne7 7. Nge2 Nd7 (or 7. ... dxc4 8. Ng3 b5 9. Bg5 Qb6 10. a4 Bg6 11. Be2 Nd7 12. axb5 cxb5 13. 0-0 with

full compensation for the pawn).



Analysis after 13. 0-0

a) 8. Ng3 Bg6 9. a3 dxc4 10. Bxc4 Nf5 11. Nxf5 Bxf5 12. Be2 (or 12. Bg5 Be7 13. Qd2 Bxg5=) 12. ... Be7 N 13. Be3 g6 or 13. ... Bxh4 Evgeny Alekseev (2673)-Ildar Khairullin (2649), Russian Championship Higher League, drawn in 43 moves, is the stem game for the *ChessGames.com* recommendation.

b) 8. cxd5 Nxd5 9. Nxd5 cxd5 10. Bd2 Rc8 11. Bc3 Be7 12. Nf4 g6 13. Bb5 a6 14. Bd3 Bxd3 15. Qxd3 Nb8

c) 8. Bg5 N Qb6! (Kevin Wang-Tom Beckman went 8. ... Qc7?! 9. Ng3 Bg6 10. Be2?! [Better is 10. cxd5 Nxd5 11. Bd3 Bxd3 12. Qxd3 Nb4 13. Qe4 with a slight edge.] 10. ... dxc4 Black is better after 10. ... f6 11. cxd5 Nxd5 12. Nxd5 exd5 13. exf6 gxf6 14. Bd2 0-0-0.) 9. Qd2 dxc4 10. Ng3 Bd3 11. Bxd3 cxd3 12. Be3 0-0-0 13. 0-0-0 Ng6 14. Qxd3 Ndx5 with an edge.

2) 6. Bg5

White can play Bg5 on moves 5, 6, or 8. Now Black has three good continuations:

a) 6. ... Qb6 7. Qd2 dxc4 (7. ... Bxb1?! 8. c5) 8. Nc3 (8. Bxc4? Bxb1) 8. ... Qa6 9. Nge2 Nd7 N 10. Ng3 Bg6 with a slight edge for Black.

b) Wild and woolly is 6. ... f6 7. exf6 (weaker is 7. Be3 fxe5 9. dxe5 Nh6!) 7. ... gxf6 8. Bf4 Qb6 9. Qd2 dxc4 10. Nc3 Nd7 11. Bxc4 0-0 12. Rd1 Ne5 13. Bxe5 fxe5 14. Qe2 Bg7 with likely a slight edge to Black.

c) 6. ... Ne7 7. cxd5 Bxb1 8. Rxb1 Qxd5

Scotch Gambit [C44]

Notes by Kaufman and Beckman

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 exd4 4. Bc4 Bc5

4. ... Nf6 transposes to the Two Knight's Defense to the Italian Game.

5. 0-0 d6 6. c3

1) 6. ... Bg4 7. Qb3 Bxf3 8. Bxf7+ Kf8

a) 9. gxf3 dxc3 10. Bxg8 Rxg8 11. Nxc3 Nd4 12. Qd1 Qf6 13. f4 g5 14. f5 g4 15. Bf4 Nf3+ 16. Kh1 c6 17. Qd3 Re8 This position is unclear and fairly equal. Black plans ... Kg7 and ... Kh8.

b) 9. Bxg8? Rxg8 10. gxf3 is my game with Defibaugh on page 21. After the most popular move 10. ... g5 11. Nd2 Bb6! 12. Nc4 Qf6 13. Kg2 Rg7 Black is winning:

I) 14. Rb1 Rf7 15. Qd1 Re8 16. a4 a6 17. Nxb6 cxb6 18. Kh1 Qxf3+;

II) 14. Bd2 Rf7 15. Qd1 Bc5 16. b4 b5 17. bxc5 bxc4 18. cxd4 Nxd4 19. Bc3 dxc5 20. Rc1 Qxf3+;

III) 14. Qc2 dxc3 15. Qxc3 Bd4 16. Qd3 Rf7;

IV) 14. a4 Rf7 15. Qd1 dxc3 16. Ra3 cxb2 17. Bxb2 Bd4.

2) 6. ... dxc3 7. Nxc3 is a Goring Gambit, but Black would prefer ... Bb4 and ... Bxc3 rather than ... Bc5 in that opening. The attacking position of the bishop on c5 does not blend with Black's strategy of defense and simplification when a pawn ahead. After 7. ... Nf6 8. Bg5 0-0 9. Nd5 Be6 the position is hard to evaluate.

5. c3 Nf6! transposes to the old main lines of the Italian Game.

1) 6. cxd4 Bb4+ 7. Bd2 Bxd2+ 8. Nbx2 d5 9. exd5 Nxd5 10. Qb3

a) 10. ... Na5 11. Qa4+ Nc6 12. Qa3! Qe7+ 13. Qxe7+ Ncxe7 14. 0-0 Almost equal, but White is ever-so slightly better despite his isolated pawn due to good squares for his rooks (e1 and c1) and knights (e5 and e4 and c5) and to his lead in development.

b) 10. ... Nce7 11. 0-0 0-0 12. Rfe1 c6 13. Ne4 White is slightly

better due to superior development and more active pieces.

2) **6. e5 d5 7. Bb5 Ne4 8. cxd4 Bb6 9. Nc3 0-0 10. Be3 Bg4 11. Qc2 Nxc3 12. bxc3 f6 13. exf6 Qxf6 14. Be2**

Gruenfeld Defense, Fianchetto Variation (D76)

Notes by Ippolito and Beckman

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nf3

White can also forego Nf3 to flick the black knight away with 3. g3 Bg7 4. Bg2 d5 5. cxd5 Nxd5 6. e4 Nb6 7. Ne2 with chances for an edge.

3. ... Bg7 4. g3

When Black plays ... d7-d5 it becomes a Grünfeld. He can prepare it with ... c7-c6 first or play ... d7-d5 immediately. Later this year, *Wojo's Weapons: Volume 3* by Dean Ippolito and Jonathan Hilton will devote several chapters to the Gruenfeld and will include many new ideas.

a) **4. ... d5!**

Recommended by Alexander Delchev/Evgenij Agrest and Yelena Dembo in their respective books. Move order is quite important in the Fianchetto Variation. By delaying 4. ... 0-0, Black can later on force e3, or force the sacrifice of the d-pawn by White.

5. cxd5

Slightly inferior is 5. Bg2 dxc4 6. Na3 c3! 7. bxc3 c5 8. 0-0 0-0 9. e3!.

5. ... Nxd5 6. Bg2 Nb6 7. Nc3 Nc6 8. e3

8. d5? Bxc3+ is strong.

8. ... 0-0 9. 0-0 Re8 10. Re1 a5 with a tiny edge for White. This variation has been debated many times in recent years with White choosing between 11. Qe2 (Avrukh), 11. Qc2, 11. b3, and 11. Ng5. Black seems to be holding his own.

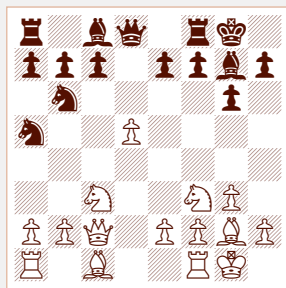
b) **4. ... 0-0 5. Bg2 d5 6. cxd5 Nxd5 7. 0-0 Nb6 8. Nc3 Nc6 9. d5**

Here Avrukh prefers 9. e3—see 4. ... d5. I have played both but recently prefer the immediate 9. d5.

9. ... Na5

The best and most common reply. 9. ... Bxc3 10. dxc6 is a little better for White.

10. Qc2



After 10. Qc2

There are other choices but I think this move poses Black the most problems. White also retains a slight edge after 10. e4 c6 11. Re1 Nbc4 12. Rb1 cxd5 13. Nxd5 Bg4 14. Bg5 f6 15. Bf4 e5 16. Bc1.

1) **10. ... c6** is the main line and after 11. dxc6 Nxc6 12. Rd1 And now there are four choices:
a) **12. ... Qe8!?** (Ippolito and Beckman disagree on the value of this move) and now either:

I) **13. Qe4 h6?** (Black can still defend with 13. ... Bf5! S 14. Qh4 f6 15. g4 Be6 16. b3 [16. Ne4 Qf7! 17. Neg5? fxe5 18. Nxe5 Bf6!] 16. ... Rd8 17. Bb2 Nd5 18. Qg3 Ncb4=) **14. Qh4** and my opponent here resigned in the game Dean Ippolito (2430)-Earl Pruner (2290), U.S. Masters 1998. There is a temporary defense though my opponent thought Nb5 was just winning. **14. ... g5 15. Bxg5 hxg5 16. Nxe5 Bf5 17. Be4 Qc8 18. g4! Bxe4 19. Ncxe4** and White's attack was overwhelming in Nenad Sulava-Darko Anic, Budapest 1990 after **19. ... Rd8 20. Ng3 Rd4 21. Qh7+.**

II) **13. Bf4 S Bf5 14. e4 Bg4 15. Nb5 Nb4 16. Qe2 Rc8 17. h3 Bxf3 18. Bxf3 Rc2**

b) **12. ... Bd7** I think this is Black's second best choice. **13. Be3** (Another idea is 13. Bf4 Qe8 14. Qc1 Rd8 15. Bh6 with a slight edge) and now either:

I) **13. ... Nc4** with another split: **14. Bf4** I think this is White's best move after 14. ... Rc8 15. Qc1 Re8 16. Rb1 with a slight edge, or **14. ... Qc8 15. Rac1 Bg4 16. Qb3 Nb6 17. Nd5** with an edge, or **14. ... e5? 15. Bg5 Qc8 16. Nd5** is close to winning. **14. Bc5 Rc8!** (14. ... b6?! 15. Nd4 Nxd4

16. Bxd4 was a little better for White in Ippolito [2390]-Daniel Pomerleano [2240], Foxwoods 2005) Black equalizes after either **15. b3 b6! 16. bxc4 bxc5 17. Rab1**, or **15. Nd4 N6e5! 16. Nb3 b6 17. Bd4 Qe8**, or **15. Nd2 Nb8! 16. Nxc4 Rxc5 17. Ne3 Qc8.**

II) **13. ... Qc8 14. Bxb6 Bxc3?!** (after 14. ... axb6 15. Nd5 White is still better) **15. Qxc3 axb6 16. Qe3** with a big edge for White in Ippolito (2458)-David Grasso (2168), 2nd DOCA FIDE Invitational 2010.

c) **12. ... Bf5 13. e4 Bd7 14. Bf4 Qc8** (or 14. ... Rc8 S 15. Qe2 Qe8 16. e5 Bg4 17. h3 Be6 18. Be3 with an edge) **15. Nb5 Bg4 16. Rac1** with a nice game in Ippolito (2455)-Justin Sarkar (2388), Chicago 2009.

d) **12. ... Qc7?! 13. Nb5 Qb8 14. Bf4 e5 15. Be3 Bf5 16. Qc5!** and now either:

I) **16. ... Nd7 17. Qd6** (or 17. Qa3 avoiding the queen trade) and White is dominating in Ippolito (2469)-Andre Diamant (2498), SPICE Cup 2010.

II) **16. ... Rc8 17. Nd6! Bf8 18. Ng5 Rc7!?** (18. ... f6 19. Bd5+ Kg7 20. Ngf7 wins, or 18. ... Be6 19. Nxe6 fxe6 20. f4 wins, or 18. ... Bxd6 19. Rxd6 h6 20. Nxf7 or 19. ... Nd4 20. Qxe5 Nxe2+ 21. Kf1 Nc4! are strong.) is one of the key lines of this variation, but is good for White after **19. Qb5 Bxd6** (19. ... Bc2 20. Bxb6) **20. Rxd6 Qf8 21. Rdd1.**

III) **16. ... Re8?** was played in Ippolito (2371)-Richard Shtivelband (2158), World Open 2003. Now **17. Nd6** would have left Black in big trouble.

2) **10. ... Nxd5 11. Rd1 c6 12. Ne1!** (12. e4 Nb4)

a) **12. ... Bxc3 S 13. bxc3 Qc7** with a slight edge for White.

b) **12. ... Bd7 13. Nxd5 cxd5 14. Rxd5 e6 15. Rd3 Rc8 16. Qd1 Rc7 17. Bf4 e5 18. Rc1 Nc6 19. Bxc6 bxc6 20. Be3** was a little better for White in Ippolito (2430)-Kidambi Sundararajan (2285), World Junior 1998.

3) **10. ... e6?! 11. dxe6 Bxe6 12. Bg5 Qc8** is Ippolito-Kevin Mo and Ippolito-Hikaru Nakamura, NY Masters 2003, and now:

a) **13. Rfd1 Nc6 14. Qc1 S Bh3 15. Bh6 Bxg2 16. Kxg2 Qg4 17. Bxg7 Kxg7 18. Nb5 Rac8 19. a4** with a nice edge.

b) **13. Rad1 S Nc6 14. Qc1 Bh3 15. Bf4 Bxg2 16. Kxg2 Re8 17. Rfe1** with a decent edge.

(see another opening next column)

Nimzo-Indian Defense, Classical Variation (E32-E39)

Notes by Kaidanov

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Qc2

Now there are three major continuations:

a) **4. ... 0-0** is probably the main line nowadays. Now there are two continuations:

1) **5. a3 Bxc3+ 6. Qxc3 d5!** Modern theory doesn't show any advantage for White. One of the latest examples is **7. Bg5 dxc4 8. Qxc4 b6 9. Nf3 Ba6 10. Qa4 h6 11. Bh4 c5 12. dxc5 bxc5 13. Rd1 Qb6 14. Bxf6 gxf6 15. e3 Bxf1 16. Kxf1 Nc6 17. Rb1 Rab8 18. Ke2 Qb5+ 19. Qxb5 Rxb5 20. Kd3 Rfb8 21. Kc2 Na5** and the game ended as a draw on the 42nd move in Viswanathan Anand-Sergey Karjakin, Moscow, Tal Memorial 2011.

2) **5. e4 d5 6. e5 Ne4 7. Bd3 c5 8. Nf3 cxd4 9. Nxd4 Nd7 10. Bf4 Ndc5 11. 0-0 Nxd3 12. Qxd3 Bxc3 13. bxc3 b6 14. cxd5 exd5** led to an equal position in Vinay Bhat-Gregory Kaidanov, U.S. Championship, St. Louis 2010.

b) **4. ... c5 5. dxc5 0-0 6. a3 Bxc5 7. Nf3 b6 8. Bf4 Nh5 9. Bg5 Be7 10. h4!** in Gregory Kaidanov-Alexander Ivanov, Denver 2002, 1-0, 71 moves. This was a very important novelty at the time. It was discovered by Boris Gulko during our training session at his house in New Jersey.

c) **4. ... d5** See Kaidanov-Ivanov on page 19.

King's Indian Defense, Mar del Plata Variation (E99)

Notes by Beckman

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. c4 Bg7 4. Nc3 0-0 5. e4 d6 6. Be2 e5 7. 0-0 Nc6 8. d5 Ne7 9. Ne1

White's first decision point is whether to play the Bayonet Attack with 9. b4 or old school moves 9. Ne1 or 9. Nd2.

9. ... Nd7 10. Nd3

And here White has played 10. Be3, but I think this is weaker because eventually Black gains time with f7-f5-f4 and then the queen bishop isn't doing much at f2.

10. ... f5 11. Bd2

If 11. f3?! f4! holds up c4-c5.

11. ... Nf6

If 11. ... f4?! 12. Bg4, trading off the dangerous black queen bishop.

12. f3 f4 13. c5 g5

Both White and Black are making progress with their respective pawn storms. Because Black's storm against the white king is more dangerous, White must distract Black by breaking through first on the queenside or risk losing. This is my second game against Andrew Ding in this line. Last year I essayed a novelty with 14. Qb3 with a draw. This year I decided to try the main line with 14. Rc1:

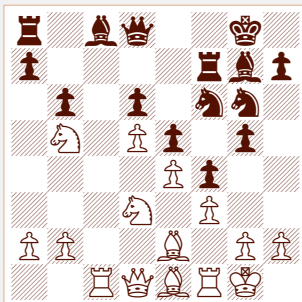
14. Rc1 Ng6 15. Nb5 Rf7

15. ... a6 16. cxd6 axb5 17. dxc7 Qd7 18. Qb3! has been tried, but White is close to winning.

16. Ba5!

This forces a weakness at c6 and prevents the black queen from reaching the b6-g1 diagonal.

16. ... b6 17. cxd6 cxd6 18. Be1



After 18. Be1

... and here David Vigorito in *Attacking Chess: The King's Indian, Volume 1*, Everyman Chess 2010, gives two alternatives:

a) 18. ... a6 19. Nc3 and here Vigorito gives three lines, 19. ... a5, 19. ... h5?!, and 19. ... Bd7?!, and my opponent tried a fourth, 19. ... Bf8?!

1) **19. ... a5** Necessary according to Vigorito to prevent the white knight from posting up at c6. **20. Nb5 g4 21. Rc6 Bf8 22. Bf2 Rb8 23. Qc2 g3 24. Bxb6 gxh2+ 25. Kxh2** Both sides break through. **25. ... Rxb6 26. Rxc8 Qe7 27. Nc7! S** (27. Rc7 Nd7 28. Nf2 Nh4 unclear David Cummings-Bator Sambuev, Toronto 2010) **27. ... Nh5 28. Rc1 Qg5 29. Kg1** when White appears to be winning.

2) 19. ... Bf8?! N 20. Nb4 Nd7 21. Nc6 Qf6! 22. Bf2! h5 23. Na4 b5 24. Nb6?! is Tom Beckman-Andrew Ding and White is still much better, although I later lost, but 24. Nc3 Bh6 25. a4 bxa4 26. Ra1 Nh4 27. Nxa4 is winning for White.

b) 18. ... g4 19. Nb4 g3!? 20. Nc6! S

Vigorito gives 20. hxg3? fxg3 21. Nc6 Qf8 22. Bxg3 Bh6 and Black is rolling.

20. ... Qf8 21. Bb4 Rd7 22. Qb3 gxh2+ 23. Kxh2 Ba6 24. Qa3 Bxb5 25. Bxb5 a5 26. Be1 is close to winning for White.

Revisiting & Retreading

GM Larry Kaufman, a Maryland-based chess writer and co-developer of the Komodo chess engine, says most chess players who use computers to analyze games tend to examine games that were played in, well, the computer age.

But for Kaufman, 64, one of the most exciting uses of today's technology is when you use it to study openings from centuries gone by.

"It's rather common to find new moves in really old openings, because people don't study lines from before the computer age," said Kaufman, author of the newly-released *The Kaufman Repertoire for Black & White* (New in Chess, 2012), a book in which he uses chess engines to fine-tune his analyses from previous writings.

"That's where you're much more likely to find a new good move than in a line that everybody's playing," Kaufman said.

Such an occurrence took place when Kaufman used computers to analyze his round four game against Jared Defibaugh at the 38th Eastern Open.

Kaufman says he used a computer database to confirm that a particular move in the game was new, and he used the Komodo chess engine to confirm that it was good.

"In the particular move that we're talking about, I found (the

move) myself," Kaufman said. "I didn't find it at a computer, but the computer later confirmed it was the best move.



GM Larry Kaufman

"The opening was a rather unusual variation of something that's really more of an opening that was played 100 years ago," Kaufman said. "It's not an opening you see much anymore. It's a line called the Scotch Gambit."

In this particular game, Kaufman said, he played a "slightly unusual" move on the 10th move.

"And then, on the next move, I played a move that appears to be completely new," Kaufman said. "As far as the analysis that I've been able to do, it is in fact the correct move.

"So it appears that I did introduce a genuine novelty that's original and good."

Kaufman says he doesn't go out of his way to play archaic chess moves, but will do so when certain circumstances arise.

"The game of chess is two people playing it. It's not just up to one person what the opening will be. It's up to both," Kaufman said. "You have to be prepared if you're going to be a high-level player for all of those openings.

"I don't myself play any openings that are super old, except when my opponent has already played an old opening, I play a counter to the old opening." (See *game next page.*) ~JAA

Scotch Gambit (C44)

Jared Defibaugh (2336)
GM Larry Kaufman (2459)
2011 Eastern Open (4)
Notes by Kaufman and Beckman

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Bc4

The Scotch Gambit with transposition into the Max Lange in some cases.

4. ... Bc5

Also quite playable is 4. ... Nf6 with the Two Knights Defense, and now either 5. 0-0, 5. e5, or 5. Ng5.

5. 0-0

This move is given a dubious mark by *Encyclopedia of Chess Openings*, but it is not that bad. Slightly better is 5. c3 Nf6! 6. cxd4 Bb4+ leading to a main line Giuoco Piano.

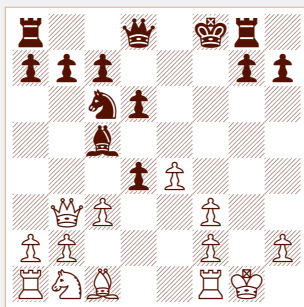
5. ... d6

Or 5. ... Nf6.

6. c3 Bg4 7. Qb3 Bxf3 8. Bxf7+ Kf8 9. Bxg8?

Equal is 9. gxf3 dxc3 (or 9. ... Nf6) 10. Bxg8 Rxg8 11. Nxc3 Qf6 12. Nd5.

9. ... Rxg8 10. gxf3



After 10. gxf3

10. ... Qd7!

10. ... g5 is more common and also strong, but I now believe my move is best.

11. Nd2

Slightly better than the game move is 11. Kg2 Re8 12. Bf4 (12. Qxb7 g5) 12. ... g5 13. Bg3 h5 14. h3 g4 15. fxg4 hxg4 16. h4 Rxe4 17. Qxb7 Kg7 18. b4 but Black is on top.

11. ... g5!

This appears to be a novelty and is the best move.

12. Kh1 Rg6

Also good for Black is 12. ... Rb8 13. cxd4 Bxd4 14. Rg1 Qf7 15. Nf1 Bxf2.

13. Rg1

13. cxd4 Nxd4 is also strong for Black.

13. ... dxc3 14. Qxc3 Bd4?!

I should take on f2 first of course; I wrongly feared 15. Qh8+, but this just exchanges queens to my advantage. Deciding on the best sequence of bishop moves is the problem to be solved. Black would be close to winning after 14. ... Bxf2 15. Rg2 Bd4 16. Qd3 Re8 17. Nf1 h6 18. Be3 Bb6.

15. Qb3 Bxf2

Slightly better is 15. ... Rb8 16. Nf1 Bxf2 17. Rg2 Bd4 18. Ng3 Qf7.

16. Rg2 Bb6 17. Nc4 Qg7?!

Black is still much better after 17. ... h6 18. f4.

18. Ne3?!

Here White misses 18. Rxg5 Ke7 19. Rxg6 Qxg6 20. Nxb6 axb6 21. Be3 Qe6 with near equality.

18. ... Nd4

Slightly better is 18. ... Qf7 19. Nf5 Qxb3 20. axb3 Ne5 21. Bxg5 Nxf3 22. Bh6+ Ke8 23. Rxg6 hxg6 24. Nxd6 cxd6

25. Rf1 Kd7 and Black is much better.

19. Qd3 Qe5?

I was planning to play 19. ... Re8! but foolishly changed my mind. Too bad that Black slips up. Larry could keep a big edge after 19. ... Re8 20. Bd2 Ne6 21. Qc2 Bxe3 22. Bxe3 Rf6 23. Rf1 Qf7 24. Rg3 h6.

20. Nc4

Now White has equalized.

20. ... Qb5 21. Rxg5 Rxg5 22. Bxg5 Ne6?

I foresaw 24. e5! but dismissed it due to 24. ... d5, which I later saw loses outright. And now the bad thing happens. Black is equal after 22. ... Qxg5 23. Nxb6 axb6 24. Qxd4 Qe5 25. Qf2 Ke8.

23. Bh6+ Kg8 24. e5! dxe5?

Black could prolong resistance with 24. ... Bd4 25. exd6 Qh5 26. Bd2 Qg6 27. Qxg6+ hxg6.

25. a4! Qe8 26. Nxb6 axb6 27.

Rg1+ Kh8 28. Qf5, Black resigned.

2011 Eastern Open At A Glance

Date: December 27-30, 2011

Location: Westin Washington, D.C.
City Center Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Tournament Results:

170 players, seven rounds, four sections. GM Gregory Kaidanov kept the lead throughout, winning the Open section with 6 points out of 7, one-half point ahead of competition that included three other grandmasters and four international masters. Kaidanov drew with IMs Dean Ippolito and Tegshsuren Enkhbat, and won a key matchup with GM Alexander Ivanov in round five. Ivanov and Ippolito tied for 2nd-3rd places with 5½ points. Tied for 4th-6th places with 5 points were Enkhbat, IM Mikhail Zlotnikov, and Srdjan Darmanovic. Other section winners were:

U2200 section:

1st-2nd: Francisco Colorado Morales and Jeevan Karamsetty (5½).

U1900 section:

1st-2nd: Meghesh Pansari and Ian Morton (5½).

U1600 section:

1st: Leo Keats (6½) and 2nd-3rd: William Overman and Ryan Xu (5½).

Special Prizes:

26 Upset prizes were awarded. The biggest upset was a 628-point rout won by Louis Fedele.

Best Played Game:

1st to Kaidanov; 2nd to Ippolito; 3rd to GM Lawrence Kaufman.

Brilliancy:

1st to Kaufman; 2nd/3rd to Bruce Altschuler, Jonathan Richman, and Charles Yang.

Opening Innovation:

1st to GM Kaidanov; 2nd to Kaufman; 3rd to Tom Beckman.

Ivanov won the four-round Eastern Open Warmup Tourney, and Dmitry Vekilov won the Eastern Open Blitz Championship.

Tournament Directors (TDs):

Brennan Price was the head TD and Ernie Schlich was associate TD.

GM Hou Yifan R

2.5 billion

Former USCF president WIM Beatriz Marinello shares her 'reporter's notebook' report from Albania:

Behind the Scenes at the Women's World Chess Championship

Two Americans were involved in the organization of the match, Deputy Chief Arbiter Carol Jarecki, who is an international arbiter, and your reporter, a FIDE vice president who was additionally appointed as a member of the appeals committee. This experience gave me a unique inside look at this world championship's production.

Republic of Albania Hosts a World Class Chess Event for the First Time

When the World Chess Federation (FIDE) announced that the Women's World Championship match was scheduled to take place in Albania, this caused a bit of a stir. Why Albania? Wouldn't it make more sense to host this important World Championship match either in China or India? So one would think.

Together, GMs Hou Yifan and Humpy Koneru represent 2.5 billion people. China's population is now over 1.3 billion, the largest of any country and India has over 1.21 billion people, the second most populous. That's over one third of humanity! A country's population holds little weight when it comes down to where these events will be hosted. Many things are involved in this decision.

For instance, the Indian Chess Federation was not able to finalize a bid due to internal issues and the Chinese Chess Association presented a bid of a \$132,000 prize fund for the match, but their bid was not competitive enough to be accepted. However, the finances were not the main reason the Chinese Chess Association lost the bid—after all, they could easily find a corporation willing to sponsor the event. The deal breaker came down to the dates.

They wanted to host the match in March 2012 and FIDE wanted the event to take place in 2011. So, Albania took the prize.

It's preferable to organize the match in a "neutral" country.

How Could Albania Become the Hosting Country for This Event?

One person can make a difference. Albania turned out to be a great option. A young nation located in southeastern Europe, in the Balkans region, Albania has a very limited chess history, and has never before organized a world class chess competition. However, their bid included a higher prize fund of \$267,000. The match was



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potential fans can't be wrong.

By WIM BEATRIZ MARINELLO, FIDE VICE PRESIDENT | Photos Courtesy of FIDE

Former Soviet Union president Mikhail Gorbachev awards the World Championship title to GM Hou Yifan. Humpy Koneru watches on far right.



sponsored by Taci Oil International, whose CEO, Taçi Rezart, is also the president of the Albanian Chess Federation. I congratulated the chief sponsor for hosting the event and asked him, "Did chess contribute to your success?" He smiled and nodded.

One thing is clear, Mr. Taçi Rezart made a difference for chess in Albania by sponsoring this event and putting them on the chess map. As a young person, Taçi Rezart was a junior chess

"I like the format, although you should not choose what you like, but, try to prove you are the best in any system."

—GM HOU YIFAN

champion who gave up playing chess when he was not allowed to participate internationally due to the Communist travel restriction. Albania currently has a democratic system. Taçi, studied in Italy and eventually returned to his country, becoming a successful businessman and never forgetting his ties to chess.

The Women's World Chess Championship Cycle

There has been some debate about the value of organizing a world championship just for women. Unlike most sports, women are able to compete against men in chess. The world's top-rated female player for the past 20 years, Judit Polgar (and by far the highest FIDE-rated woman in chess history), has never competed for the women's title.

Good arguments can be made about the importance of organizing this event considering the small percentage of female chess players. The good news is that more girls and women are playing chess these days, and the number of female players over 2500 FIDE rating is increasing. Scholastic chess is making the most difference in attracting girls to the game.

The Women's World Championship Cycle includes:

- National chess championships
- Zonal tournaments
- Continental chess championships

The events mentioned above are the qualifiers for the Women's World Chess Championship (knockout tournament with 64 players). At this point, the task is to select the top 18 players who will participate in the Women's Grand Prix.

The Women's World Championship (knockout) is used to determine four qualifiers.

- The winner of the previous Women's Grand Prix qualifies (one).
- Five qualifiers are selected by FIDE rating.
- The FIDE president nominates two players.
- Six players are nominated by the host cities of the Women's Grand Prix. One player may be nominated by each organizer and must be rated not less than 2300. If the host city does

not have a player rated at least 2300 then the highest-rated player from the federation of the host city will be invited to play, subject to her rating not being lower than 2250.

This qualification system produces the 14 players who will be invited to play in the FIDE Women's Grand Prix. It's quite a process!

How do you become the challenger to the Women's World Champion?

To determine the challenger to the women's world champion, the qualification process is based on the overall performance in the FIDE Women's Grand Prix. The 2009–2011 cycle was a series of six chess tournaments exclusively for women. The top 18 women players in the world were invited to compete in these tournaments. Each player agreed to participate in exactly four of these tournaments.

The 2009-2011 FIDE Women's Grand Prix included six tournaments:

- Istanbul, Turkey, March 7-19, 2009
- Nanjing, China, September 28-October 10, 2009
- Nalchik, Russia, April 26-May 7, 2010
- Jermuk, Armenia, June 24-July 5, 2010
- Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, July 30-August 11, 2010
- Doha, Qatar, February 23-March 5, 2011

GM Hou Yifan was the winner of the FIDE Women's Grand Prix 2009-2011, but she was already qualified to play in the Women's World Chess Championship Match 2011 as the title holder. The second best score in this competition was GM Humpy Koneru, who qualified as the challenger for the title.

"I think it's a good format. It also gives good chances to everyone. It's a great opportunity."

—GM HUMPY KONERU

The Match

The players inspection of the playing hall and the choosing of the chairs is not a trivial matter, since the players will spend many hours sitting. Each player is presented with three to four chairs, they pick the "winning" chair.

Opening Ceremony and Drawing the Colors

The opening ceremony took place on Sunday, November 13th, 2011, 7 p.m. local time, Tirana, Albania. There was a press conference involving the main sponsor Mr. Taçi Rezart, FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov, GM Hou Yifan and GM Humpy Koneru.

Drawing the Colors

The main point of interest was the draw for colors. GM Humpy Koneru drew the white pieces for game one. According to regulation, the colors shall be reversed after game four. The player that gets the white pieces in game one shall play game five with the black pieces.

THE PLAYERS



GM Hou Yifan

November FIDE Rating 2578

Born February 27, 1994 17 years old

Country: China

GM Hou Yifan became the youngest ever world chess champion in history (men's or women's) when she won the Women's World Championship at age 16. She is the youngest female chessplayer in history (at the age of 14 years 6 months) to qualify for the title of grandmaster. At the age of 12, she became and still holds the record for being the youngest player ever to participate at the FIDE Women's World Championship.



GM Humpy Koneru

November FIDE Rating 2600

Born March 31, 1987 24 years old

Country: India

GM Humpy Koneru became the second female player ever, to exceed the 2600 FIDE rating mark, after Judit Polgar. From 2002 through 2008, Humpy held the record as the youngest woman to ever become a grandmaster (not just a woman grandmaster), which she achieved at the age of 15 years, 1 month, 27 days, beating Judit Polgar's previous mark by three months.

Anti-Cheating Procedures

After the FIDE World Championship Match between Vladimir Kramnik and Veselin Topalov, FIDE has been taking steps to neutralize and avoid any perceptions of cheating at FIDE events. I don't think that either Kramnik or Topalov cheated, and furthermore I truly believe that in order to become a top grandmaster, you must be an exceptional player, and you don't make it there unless you are an amazing player.

In this match, FIDE took safeguards to protect the players from any perceptions of wrong doing:

a) The players were not permitted to bring telephones, technical gadgets and/or other equipment into the playing

area. Deputy Chief Arbiter IA Carol Jarecki used a metal detector to scan the players and their belongings prior to each game.

- b) The players were requested to communicate with an arbiter in the case of a draw offer. During the playing session, a player may leave the playing area only with the permission of the chief arbiter and only if she is accompanied by one of the arbiters. There were bathrooms that were allocated only for the players and inspected prior to each game.
- c) There was an 8 x 8 foot "glass wall barrier" separating the playing stage from the audience.

THE GAMES

This match was surprisingly one-sided, in favor of the reigning champion, GM Hou Yifan. It ended after eight games, with a final score of 5½ points versus 2½ points.

In games one and two, GM Humpy Koneru put pressure on the title holder, but GM Hou Yifan skillfully equalized both those games and drew, proving yet again why she is the women's world champion.

Game 3

The breakthrough of the match took place in game three. After 37 hard-fought moves, GM Koneru resigned, handing GM Yifan a 2-1 lead.

Queen's Gambit Declined, Ragozin Defense (D38)

*GM Humpy Koneru (FIDE 2600, IND)
GM Hou Yifan (FIDE 2578, CHN)
Women's World Championship Match,
Game 3*

1. d4 e6 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nf3 d5 4. Nc3 Bb4

After this move, now we have the Queen's Gambit Declined, Ragozin Variation.

5. cxd5 exd5 6. Bg5 h6 7. Bh4 c5 8. e3 c4 9. Be2 g5 10. Bg3 Ne4 11. Rc1 Qa5 12. Ne5

This position was played in the Veselin Topalov-Levon Aronian game at the 2011 Amber Blindfold.

12. ... Bxc3+

12. ... Nxc3 13. bxc3 Bxc3+ 14. Kf1 is a difficult position to evaluate. Black is up a pawn, but White's position is solid, with good chances on the kingside. GM Hou Yifan avoided the line as GM Aronian did at the Amber Tournament.

13. bxc3 Nc6

If 13. ... Nxc3? 14. Qd2 wins a knight for two pawns after 14. ... Qxa2 15. Qxc3.

14. 0-0 0-0

14. ... Nxc3 would have transposed to the Topalov-Aronian game, but after 15. Rxc3 Qxc3 16. Bh5 0-0 17. Qf3 Nd8 18. Qf6 Qc2 19. Ng4 Bxg4 20. Be5 Aronian not only survived this massive attack but also won the game. Of course, this was a blindfolded game.

15. Bf3 Nxc3

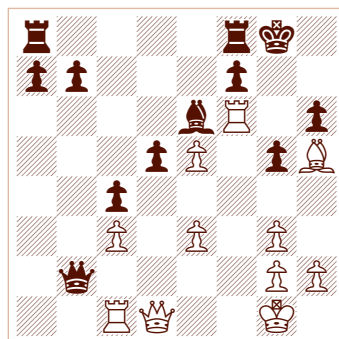
Necessary move to ensure that White will not keep the dark-square bishop.

16. fxg3 Nxe5 17. dxe5 Be6 18. Bh5?!

Dubious move. It's better to defend the pawn on a2 with 18. Rf2. Humpy admitted after the match that she took too many risks. This move makes that point.

18. ... Qxa2 19. Rf6 Qb2!

This move paralyzes the white pieces, and it does not allow good coordination between the queen and the rooks to continue with the attack. If 19. ... Kg7 20. Qf3 followed by 21. Rf1 when White has compensation for the pawn.



After 19. ... Qb2

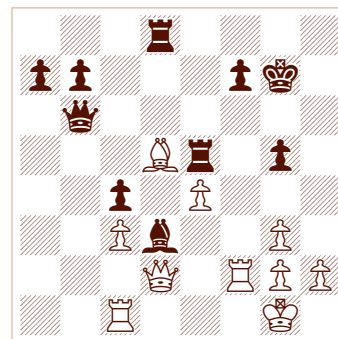
20. Rxh6 Bf5!

Preventing good coordination for the white heavy pieces.

21. Rf6 Be4 22. Bf3

22. Rf2 offers better prospects for White. If 22. ... Qb6, then 23. Qd4.

22. ... Bd3! 23. Qe1 Rae8 24. Bxd5 Rxe5 25. e4 Kg7 26. Rf2 Qb6 27. Qd2 Rd8!



After 27. ... Rd8

Complete freedom for the black pieces. The f7-pawn has been targeted, but now it's no longer a concern. So, both rooks can contribute to the victory.

28. Qb2 f5 29. Qxb6 axb6 30. Bxb7 fxe4 31. Rb2 Re7

This move and the following rook move are defending the b6-pawn by sneaky pins.

32. Bc6 Rd6 33. Ba4 e3 34. Re1 e2 35. Bc2 Rf7 36. Bxd3 cxd3 37. Rd2 Rdf6, White resigned.

WOMENS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2011

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Name	Title	Nat	Rtng	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	Perf
Hou Yifan	GM	CHN	2578	½	½	1	½	½	1	1	½	–	–	5½	2741
Humpy Koneru	GM	IND	2600	½	½	0	½	½	0	0	½	–	–	2½	2437

NAT = NATIONALITY RTNG = RATING PERF = PERFORMANCE RATING

The 2011 FIDE Women's World Chess Championship Match between the current World Champion **GM Hou Yifan** of China and her challenger, **GM Humpy Koneru** of India, was held at the Tirana International Hotel in Albania from November 14 to 30.

The Women's World Chess Championship was scheduled as a ten-game match. According to regulations, the first player to reach 5½ points or more takes the title. GM Hou Yifan was declared the winner after eight games, with 5½ points.

The prize fund was \$267,000, for which GM Hou Yifan received 60 percent and GM Humpy Koneru 40 percent.

In my conversation with the challenger GM Koneru said: "After the third round loss, I wanted to come back. In games four and five, I had two blacks in a row and I tried some openings that I never played before and those games ended in draws."

Prior to game six, GM Hou Yifan was taken to the hospital due to severe stomach pain. She spent several hours undergoing examination and tests. The doctor's opinion was that the pain resulted from stress or unfamiliar food. In any case, the doctor said that she could play the next day.

Game 6

The day of game six, another decisive result was produced which gave GM Hou Yifan a huge lead in the match.

Queen's Gambit Declined, Ragozin Defense (D38)

GM Humpy Koneru (FIDE 2600, IND)
GM Hou Yifan (FIDE 2578, CHN)
Women's World Championship Match, Game 6

1. d4 e6 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nf3 d5 4. Nc3 Bb4 5. Qa4+

In game three, White played 5. cxd5 exd5 6. Bg5.

5. ... Nc6 6. e3 0-0 7. Bd2 dxc4 8. Bxc4 Bd6

This position has been played in two top level games, Teimour Radjabov-Kramnik, Dortmund 2003 and Ruslan Ponomarev-Kramnik, Tata Steel 2011. In both games, White played 9. Nb5 and were draws.

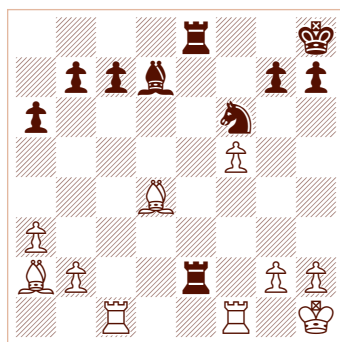
9. Qc2 a6 10. a3 e5 11. dxe5 Nxe5 12. Nxe5 Bxe5 13. f4 Bxc3 14. Bxc3 Qe7 15. 0-0

Another possibility is 15. Bd4 b6 16. b4 Ng4 17. 0-0 Nxe3 18. Qe2 Nf5 19. Qxe7 Nxe7 20. Be5 with an even game.

15. ... Qxe3+ 16. Kh1 Qb6 17. f5

White is a pawn down, but has compensation for the material.

17. ... Bd7 18. Bb4 Rfe8 19. Rad1 Qc6 20. Qb3 Kh8 21. Rc1 Qb6 22. Bxf7 Re5 23. Bc3 Qxb3 24. Bxb3 Re3 25. Bc4 Rae8 26. Bd4 R3e7 27. Ba2 Re2

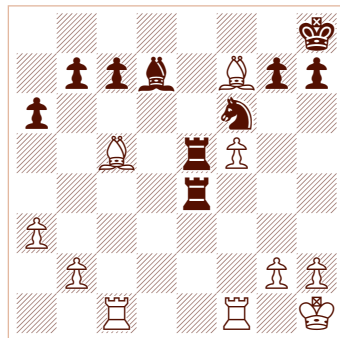


After 27. ... Re2

28. Bf7

In time trouble, GM Koneru missed a more ambitious line, which can lead to a complicated game, but much better than the game continuation. 28. Rxc7 Bc6 29. Rg1 Rd8 30. Bc4 Rxc7 31. Rxc7 Rxd4 32. Rc8+.

28. ... R8e7 29. Bc4 R2e4 30. Bc5 Re8 31. Bf7 R8e5



After 31. ... R8e5

32. Ba2?!

Here it's necessary to play 32. Bb4 Bc6 33. Kg1 Re2 34. Rxc6 bxc6 35. Bc4 when White is doing fine.

32. ... Bc6 33. Rg1 Re2 34. Bd4 Rxf5 35. Bc4 Rd2 36. Bc3 Ne4 37. Rge1 Ng3+ 38. hxg3 Rh5+, White resigned.

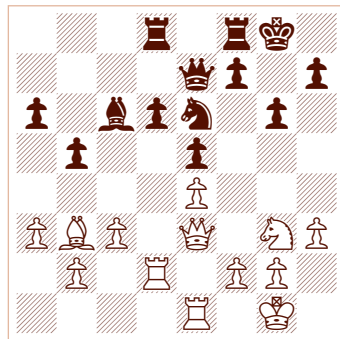
GM Hou Yifan plays very precise in defensive positions, and is able to materialize small advantages.

Game 7

GM Humpy Koneru suffered a devastating loss, putting her on the brink of losing the match with a score, in favor of GM Hou Yifan, of 5 points versus 2 points.

On the brink

GM Hou Yifan (FIDE 2578, CHN)
GM Humpy Koneru (FIDE 2600, IND)
Women's World Championship Match, Game 7



After 27. Rd2

27. ... h5

Strategically, it makes more sense to

play 27. ... Nc5 aiming to neutralize the white bishop.

28. Qh6 Nf4 29. Ne2 Qf6?!

29. ... Ne6 holding the position.

30. Nxf4 exf4

It's not easy to defend the f4-pawn.

31. Rd3 Rfe8 32. Rf3 Rd7 33. Rxf4 Qg7 34. Qg5 Re5 35. Qg3 Rde7 36. Rd1 g5 37. Rf5 Bxe4 38. Rxe5 Qxe5 39. Rxd6 Qxg3 40. fxc3 Bb7 41. Kf2 Kg7 42. Bd1 h4 43. gxh4 gxh4 44. Rd4 Be4 45. Bf3 Bxf3 46. Kxf3

White has a winning advantage and the rest of the game was just technical.

46. ... Re1 47. Rxh4 Rb1 48. Rb4 Kf6 49. Ke3 Ke5 50. Re4+ Kd5 51. Rd4+ Ke5 52. Rd2 f5 53. Kd3 Kf4 54. Rf2+ Kg3 55. Rxf5 Rxb2 56. Rg5+ Kh4 57. Rg6 a5 58. Rg4+ Kh5 59. Re4 Kg6 60. Re2 Rb3 61. Ra2 b4 62. axb4 axb4 63. Rc2 Ra3 64. Kd4 bxc3 65. Rxc3 Ra2 66. Rg3+ Kh5 67. Ke3 Ra3+ 68. Kf2 Ra2+ 69. Kg1 Ra1+ 70. Kh2 Ra2 71. Rd3 Ra5 72. Rd4 Rb5 73. h4 Rb3 74. g3 Rb1 75. Kh3 Rh1+ 76. Kg2 Ra1 77. Rd5+ Kh6 78. Kh3 Ra3 79. Re5 Ra4 80. Re3 Ra6 81. g4 Ra1 82. Re6+ Kg7 83. h5 Rh1+ 84. Kg3 Rf1 85. Kh4 Rf7 86. Kg5 Kh7 87. h6 Ra7 88. Kh5 Rb7 89. g5 Rb5 90. Re7+ Kg8 91. Kg6 Rb6+ 92. Kf5 Rb5+ 93. Kf6 Rb6+ 94. Re6 Rb8 95. g6 Kh8 96. Re5 Ra8 97. Kg5, Black resigned.

Game 8 ended the match. A draw was enough to give GM Hou Yifan the victory with 5½ points.

A Memorable Closing Ceremony

The closing ceremony of the World Women's Chess Championship match was held on November 30th at the Presidential Palace.

Mikhail Gorbachev, the former head of USSR, who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1990 for "his leading role in the peace process which today characterizes important parts of the international community" and who recently accepted the honorary position as patron of FIDE's program "Chess in Schools" was in attendance. He was invited by his friend, FIDE President Kir-san Ilyumzhinov.

"The first thing we should always think about is kids, their education and opportunities," said Gorbachev at the ceremony.

Also among the distinguished guests was Mr. Taçi Rezart.

FIDE officials joined Gorbachev and Ilyumzhinov in congratulating the reigning world champion, 17-year-old Chinese chess prodigy, GM Hou Yifan and her challenger GM Humpy Koneru from India. ■

See more about the Championship on Chess Life Online, uschess.org, *November archives*, including a report from Carol Jarecki.

The 2011 Pan American Intercollegiate Championships

Winning Streak: UT Dallas Champs Again

By DR. ALEXEY ROOT, WIM

After round 1 of the Pan American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championship (Pan Am), I asked Lone Star College freshman Logan Thoeni which team he thought would win. Logan asked, "Who are the top teams?" Round 1 was Logan's first USCF-rated game (see the Lone Star College sidebar). Not surprisingly, he was unaware of the epic matches to come in rounds 2-6. So I filled him in on the Pan Am contenders. "The top seed," I told Logan, "is The University of Texas at Brownsville (UTB) 'A' team, which boasts an average USCF rating of 2616. Other high-ranked 'A' teams include Texas Tech University

(Texas Tech) at 2614, The University of Texas at Dallas (UT Dallas) at 2567, and the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) at 2520."

The UT Dallas "A" team prevailed with six match wins in 2011, a repeat of its 2010 result. UMBC was second, with 5-1. Texas Tech "A" and New York University (NYU) both finished with 4½-1½. Texas Tech took the third place trophy on tiebreak and NYU finished fourth. UTB "A," which scored 4-2, finished fifth on tiebreak over UT Dallas "B" (sixth place), UTB "B" (seventh place), and University of Toronto "A" (eighth place, and top international team). For one game from the University of Toronto "A" team, see the

Lone Star College sidebar.

The top four Pan Am finishers qualified for the 2012 President's Cup, known as the "Final Four of College Chess," to be held March 30-April 1 in Herndon, Virginia. The 2012 Final Four is sponsored by Booz Allen Hamilton, which also sponsored the 2011 Final Four won by Texas Tech.

The 2011 Pan Am, held December 27-30 in Fort Worth, was co-hosted by UT Dallas and the Dallas Chess Club and was sponsored by the USCF. UT Dallas gave a Chess II scholarship to the winner of the Pan American Scholastic Chess Championship, FM Jeffery Xiong. More about the Chess II scholarship can be found at www.utdallas.edu/chess/ and

University of Texas at Dallas A team (left to right): GM Valentin Yotov, GM Julio Sadorra, TD Francisco Guadalupe in background, GM Cristian Chirila, IM Salvijus Bercys, IM Conrad Holt & IM Milos Pavlovic



more information about the Pan Am Intercollegiate and Scholastic (along with the Pan Am Open and Class side events) is at suchess.com/.

Jeffery's favorite game was his win against Dion Su, a high school student that Jeffery had previously played several times at the Dallas Chess Club.

When NYU scored two wins and two losses its round 2 match with Texas Tech, the UT Dallas Chess Program Director (Jim Stallings) and the UTB Chess Program Director (Russell Harwood) told me that the tie match was big news. Not only was the second-ranked team held to a tie, but the highest-rated player in the Pan Am (GM Georg Meier) was defeated.

Unfortunately, the games of that match were not broadcast. Although Pan Am games played in rounds 2-6 by UT Dallas and UTB students are available via the MonRoi website (<http://www.monroi.com/>), most students from other colleges used paper score sheets.

Reti Opening (A07)

IM Zhe Quan (2451, NYU)

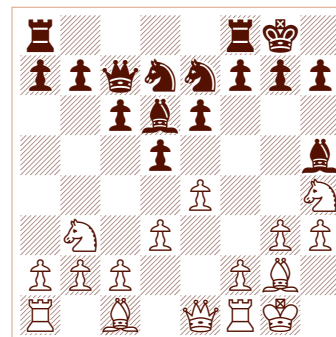
GM Georg Meier (2770, Texas Tech)

Pan Am Intercollegiate (2)

Annotations by IM Doug Root.

1. Nf3 d5 2. g3 Bg4 3. Bg2 e6 4. 0-0 Nd7 5. d3 c6 6. h3 Bh5 7. Nbd2 Bd6 8. e4 Ne7 9.

Qe1 0-0 10. Nh4 Qc7 11. Nb3



After 11. Nb3

White chooses the King's Indian Attack,

Lone Star College

Lone Star College-CyFair (northwest of Houston, Texas) had a chess club in some past years. But an application from five students to revive the club was delayed due to lack of a faculty advisor. When Todd Thomas joined the faculty in the spring of 2011, he discovered the pending chess club application at the Student Life office. He recalled, "I didn't think I'd know any of the five, since there are over 18,000 students at our two-year college. But one, Amy, was a student in one of my math courses!" Thomas told the students that he would be their chess club advisor. The chess club began meeting twice-a-week at lunch in the fall of 2011. Thomas said, "Sometimes space in the cafeteria is a problem, as we only have four tables for chess. Once, we had 22 students show up."

The club's first USCF-rated event, since Thomas began as club advisor, was the Texas Collegiate Championships October 29-30, 2011. Lone Star College placed third out of four teams. At the Pan Am, Lone Star College finished in 26th place out of 28 teams.

Thomas plans to improve the chess results of Lone Star College. He has the chess skills to do so, having won (or tied for first) in both the Texas Open and the Texas Rapid Championships in 1992-1993. He also holds the original life master title.

Thomas brought six Lone Star College students to the Pan Am. Thomas said, "Our thanks go to Lone Star College President Audre Levy, Vice President Richard Weldon, and Director of Student Life Daniel Villanueva. With their support, the chess club's transportation, hotel, chess equipment, and food were covered for the Pan Am."

In several matches, more experienced opponents overwhelmed Thomas' chess club members. University of Toronto "A" was the top team that Lone Star College faced. Toronto "A" won the match 4-0. Annotations are from the game's post mortem.



From left to right: John Lewis, Manuel Lopez, Logan Thoeni, Faculty Advisor Todd Thomas, Kavian Rowghani, Ethan Seale, Matthew Trujillo

Ruy Lopez, Classical Defense (C65)

Haizhou Xu (2080, University of Toronto "A")
Logan Thoeni (unrated, Lone Star College)
Pan Am Intercollegiate (1)

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 Nf6 4. 0-0 Bc5 5. c3 0-0 6. d4 Bb6 7. Bg5 d6

Haizhou recommended instead 7. ... h6.

8. Bxc6 bxc6 9. dxe5 dxe5 10. Qxd8 Rxd8 11. Nxe5 Ba6

Haizhou thought this was a good move by Logan.

12. Re1 Re8?

Haizhou suggested complicating the position with 12. ... Nxe4 13. Bxd8 Bxf2+ 14. Kh1 Bxe1 Nxc6. With the text move, Black is a pawn down with no compensation.

13. Bxf6 gxf6 14. Nd7 Ba5?

Allows a devastating fork.

15. Nxf6+

And White won.

In round two, board two player Matthew Trujillo won. Matthew's dream is to operate his own chess-teaching business. He has already taught for USA Chess. Matthew is one course away from finishing his associate of arts degree at Lone Star College.

Queen's pawn opening (D02)

Matthew Trujillo (1562, Lone Star College)
Shahab Samimi (1418, Florida Atlantic University)
Pan Am Intercollegiate (4)

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. e3 Bg4 4. Bd3 Nc6 5. Nbd2 e5 6. dxe5 Nxe5 7. Be2 Nxf3+ 8. Nxf3 g6 9. b3 Bg7 10. Bb2 0-0 11. 0-0 Re8 12. h3 Bf5 13. c4 c5

Matthew felt good about 13. c4, because if Black had recaptured with 13. ... dxc4 he would recapture 14. Bxc4 and follow up with the idea of Ng5, hitting Black's f-pawn.

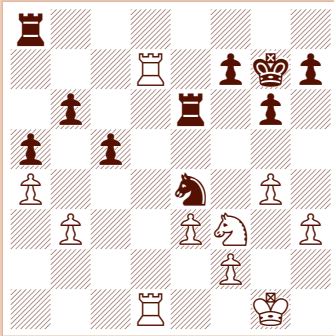
14. cxd5 Qxd5 15. Bc4 Qxd1 16. Rfxd1 Ne4 17. Bxg7 Kxg7 18. g4 Be6 19. Bxe6 Rxe6 20. Rd7 b6 21. Rad1 a5 22. a4

(see diagram top of next column)

Matthew said, "I learned how to freeze the pawn structure from Silman's books."

22. ... Kf6 23. R1d5

Matthew said, "I thought about 23.



After 22. a4

g5+ but decided to prepare it. Delaying g5 gives Black a chance to blunder.”

23. ... h6 24. h4 g5 25. Rf5+ Kg6 26. Ne5+ Kg7 27. Rxf7 Kg8 28. Rg7+ Kf8 29. Rdf7+ Ke8 30. Rg8 mate.

One can sense Todd Thomas' excitement about his chess club in his light annotations to this round five win by his board three player.

Ruy Lopez, Bird's Defense (C61)

Alexander Emmons (unrated, Yale University)

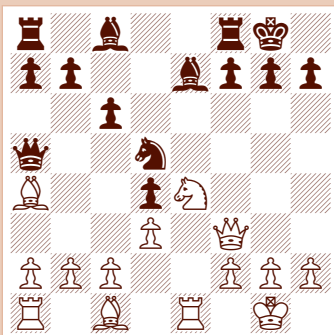
Manuel Lopez (unrated, Lone Star College)

Pan Am Intercollegiate (5)

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 Nd4!!

Manuel discovers Bird's Defense to the Ruy Lopez on his own and follows Bird's idea to the letter!

4. Nxd4 exd4 5. 0-0 Bc5 6. d3 c6! 7. Ba4?! Ne7 8. Nd2 d5! 9. exd5 Nxd5 10. Ne4 Be7 11. Re1 0-0 12. Qf3? Qa5!



After 12. ... Qa5

Henry Bird smiles in his grave.

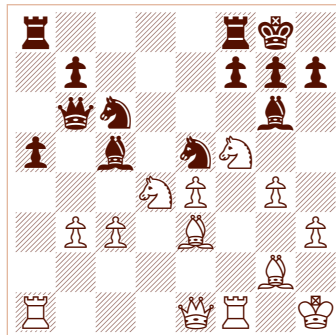
13. Bd2 Qxa4 14. b3 Qa3 15. c4 dxc3 e.p. 16. Nxc3 Nxc3 17. Bxc3 f6 18. Re2 Bb4 19. Bb2 Qa5 20. d4 Qg5 21. a3? Bg4!, White resigned.

which can be learned with an economy of memorization. The move order for White is quite flexible and rarely is there a sharp opening novelty that requires preparation. These factors make this opening a pragmatic choice against an elite player such as Meier. The more thematic move in this position is 11. f4; however, 11. Nb3 has been played before and attempts to free the queen's bishop immediately.

11. ... c5

Previously, Black has tried 11. ... dxe4 12. dxe4 f6, with the idea of retreating the bishop to f7. Instead, Meier takes advantage of the slightly awkward position of the knight on b3 by pushing his c-pawn towards c4. During the next series of moves, Black will expand on the queenside while White tries to build up an attack on the kingside.

12. g4 Bg6 13. f4 c4 14. dxc4 dxc4 15. Nd4 Bc5 16. Be3 Qb6 17. c3 e5 18. fxe5 Nxe5 19. b4 cxb3 e.p. 20. axb3 a5 21. Kh1 N7c6 22. Nhf5



After 22. Nhf5

Probably a more flexible plan would be to defend the knight on d4 with 22. Rd1, in order to leave the option of taking the bishop on g6 with the knight on h4 should circumstances in the position favor gaining the advantage of the two bishops and doubling Black's pawns on the kingside. The knight on f5 looks nice, but it does very little at the moment. By waiting on h4 the knight would retain the options of either jumping to f5, if appropriate, or capturing the bishop on g6.

22. ... Rfe8 23. Rd1 Qa6?

Black had developed a nice position, but 23. ... Qa6 gives White the initiative. The queen is better placed on b6 where it puts pressure on both d4 and the pawn on b3. On a6, the queen will quickly become vulnerable to attack during a white bishop repositioning via Bf1-c4. White's ability to gain time by this maneuver will make his kingside attack more dangerous. Instead of 23. ... Qa6, Black should have played the natural 23. ... Rad8 with a very comfortable position.

24. Qg3 Bf8 25. Bf4 f6?

Black likes the idea of reinforcing his

well-placed knight on e5 and enabling the possible activation of his bishop via f7; however, the pawn on f6 makes it possible for White to open more lines against Black's king with 26. g5. White's enhanced attack will make it necessary for Black to keep his bishop on g6 for defense.

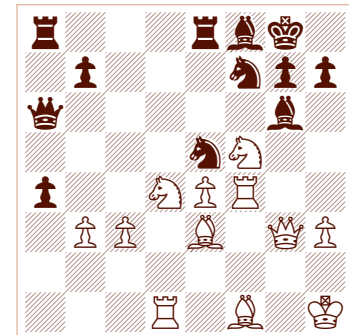
26. g5 fxe5 27. Bxg5 Nf7 28. Be3 Nce5 29. Rf4!

This rook lift puts added pressure on the black king not only from the rook's mobility but, also as mentioned in the note to the 23rd move, because White can direct his bishop at the black king with tempo via Bg2-f1-c4. In addition the white bishop can move to b5 where it harasses the black rook.

29. ... a4

Perhaps it is safer to play 29. ... Rac8, but Black feels the need to take action on the queenside before White's attack on the kingside becomes overwhelming.

30. Bf1



After 30. Bf1

30. ... Qb6??

Black had to play 30. ... Qa5 to meet 31. bxa4 with 31. ... Qxc3 regaining the pawn. Instead, 30. ... Qb6 loses a pawn and the game, since Black will not be able to recapture the pawn on a4 due to the fork of his two rooks by the white bishop moving to b5. In addition, Black's queen on b6 is vulnerable to discovered attacks from the white bishop on e3 after the knight on d4 moves.

31. bxa4!

Perhaps, Meier had expected 31. Bb5 when Black could try to mix things up with an Exchange sacrifice 31. ... axb3! 32. Bxe8 Rxe8 33. Rb1 b2, but White's move avoids these complications.

31. ... Bh5 32. Re1 Ng6?

Black is concerned about his lost pawn, but he needed to move his queen off of the white bishop's diagonal with 32. ... Qg6. In the game continuation, White should finish Black off with 33. Nxg7!!, since if ... Bxg7, then 34. Rxf7 Kxf7 35. Bc4+, and Black cannot move his king to e7 due to 36. Nf5+ attacking the black king and

the queen simultaneously. Also, 33. Nxc7!! Nxf4 fails due to 34. Nxe8+ Bg6 35. Bxf4 Rxe8 36. Bb5 and Black cannot capture the pawn on e4 because his bishop on g6 is pinned.

33. Rf2? Rac8

Black's move prevents Bc4. If instead Black tries to regain his pawn with 33. ... Rxe4, then White obtains a devastating attack with 34. Bc4 (for example 34. ... Ne5 35. Bd5 Nd3 36. Bxe4 Nxe1 37. Rf1 Re8 38. Bd5 Nd3 39. Nh6+) due to the pressure against the pinned knight on f7. White now demonstrates excellent technique in exploiting his extra pawn for victory.

34. Bd2 Nge5 35. Bb5 Red8 36. Nh6+ Nxh6 37. Qxe5 Bf7 38. Ref1 Bd6 39. Qg5 Bc5 40. Qh4 Bg6 41. Bxh6 Bxd4 42. cxd4 gxh6 43. d5 Qd4 44. Rf4 Rf8 45. Qg4 Qg7 46. d6 Kh8 47. d7 Ra8 48. Rxf8+ Rxf8 49. Rxf8+ Qxf8 50. Qh4, Black resigned.

There is no way to stop White from promoting his queen pawn while White's bishop guards against back-rank checks, so Black resigned. IM Zhe Quan produced an excellent game against a world class grandmaster.

Round five produced some non-chess news. Clad only in underwear and black athletic shoes, a stalker ran, yelling, through the playing area. He was tackled, lost a shoe, and escaped through a side hallway.

Going into the sixth (and final) round, UT Dallas "A" had won all its matches. UTB "A" had lost to UMBC in round 4. So UTB "A" needed a 2-2 tie with UT Dallas to qualify for the Final Four. During round 6, Russell Harwood told me that the UTB "A" students wanted to win the match with UT Dallas. If UTB "A" won, it would likely have the best tiebreak score. If so, it would get the Pan Am first place trophy.

The match ended 3-1 in favor of UT Dallas. GM Julio Sadorra, who won the prize for best third board performance, won against GM Axel Bachmann.

English Opening, Four Knights Variation (A28)

GM Julio Sadorra (2578, UT Dallas "A")

GM Axel Bachmann (2633, UTB "A")

Pan Am Intercollegiate (6)

Annotations by Julio Sadorra.

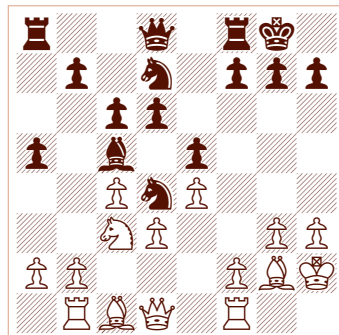
1. c4 e5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. Nf3 Nc6 4. e4

This line was first pioneered by Nimzowitsch. Its main idea is to prevent Black from getting the standard ... d7-d5 break leading to reverse Sicilian positions.

4. ... Bb4 5. d3 0-0 6. g3 d6 7. Bg2 Bg4 8. h3 Bxf3 9. Bxf3 Nd4 10. Bg2

When preparing for the 2011 Chicago Open, I learned the typical plans and ideas of this position by looking at the games of regular practitioners of this line: the Chinese players, especially Bu Xiangzhi.

10. ... a5 11. 0-0 Bc5 12. Kh2 c6 13. Rb1 Nd7



After 13. ... Nd7

14. Be3

After 14. f4 exf4 15. gxf4 f5 I couldn't see a way to put my bishop pair advantage to good use as Black successfully restricts both of them.

14. ... Ne6 15. Bd2 Nd4 16. Be3

Here I was willing to take a draw by repetition because solid play was our policy in this match to secure first place. The position was approximately level anyway.

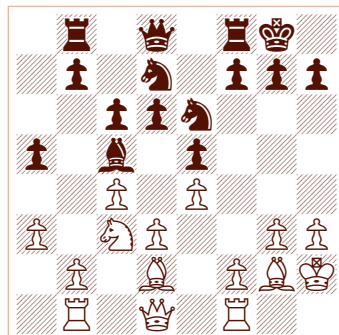
16. ... Rb8

Black decides to fight on and plans to create play on the queenside.

17. a3 Ne6

Black changes his mind about the queenside expansion. I planned to meet 17. ... b5 with 18. b4 axb4 19. axb4 Bb6 after which I realized that it may be objectively best to proceed with 20. cxb5 (another possibility I saw in my game analysis is 20. f4 Ra8 21. f5 Qe7 22. Qd2 which leads to double-edged play.) 20. ... Nxb5 21. Nxb5 cxb5 22. d4 Ra8 23. Qd2 which I think should be equal.

18. Bd2



After 18. Bd2

18. ... Qe7

During the game I felt that this was an inaccuracy because it subjects the a5-pawn to discovered attacks. I don't think it's too late to revert to the initial plan with 18. ... b5 19. cxb5 cxb5 20. Nd5 Nf6! 21. Nxf6+ Qxf6 22. Bxa5? b4! 23. axb4 Bxb4 24. Bxb4 Rxb4 25. Qd2 Rfb8 and Black's better minor piece and strong pressure on the b-file are more than enough compensation for the pawn.

19. f4!

Creating play on the other side of the board will allow me to use discovered attacking possibilities.

19. ... Nd4

19. ... exf4 20. gxf4 f5 does not work anymore as White's pieces could easily regroup themselves while gaining a tempo with 21. Ne2! Bb6 22. exf5 Rxf5 23. b4 axb4 24. axb4 Ra8 25. b5 and White is better in both lines due to his bishop pair and space advantage.

20. f5 b5 21. cxb5 Nxb5 22. Na4

Eyeing the weak flank pawn.

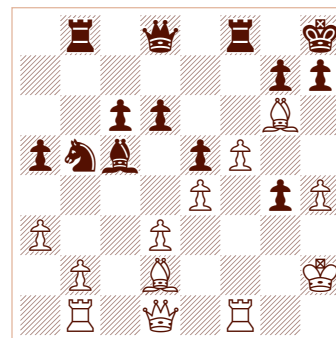
22. ... Qd8 23. g4 f6 24. h4 Bd4 25. g5 Nc5 26. Bf3

This is a typical attacking maneuver in the King's Indian Defense. The Indian bishop travels from f3(f6)-h5(h4)-g6(g3) followed by a queen invasion via h5(h4).

26. ... Kh8 27. Nxc5 Bxc5 28. Bh5 fxe5 29. Bg6!?

At first I thought that this was a slight inaccuracy because during the game I saw that the simple 29. hxg5 should give White a decisive attack e.g. 29. ... g6 30. fxe6 Rb7 31. Rf7! with material advantage while keeping the attack. However, the line I chose was equally good.

29. ... g4!



After 29. ... g4

Resourceful defense from Axel. Resourcefulness and tenacity in worse positions are marks of a strong player. If 29. ... hxg6 I calculated 30. fxe6 Rf4 (No better is 30. ... Rf6 31. Qh5+ Kg8 32. Qh7+ Kf8 33. Qh8+ Ke7 34. Qxg7+ Ke6 35. Bxg5) 31. Qh5+ Kg8 32. hxg5 (controlling the escape squares on the f-file) 32. ... Kf8 33. Rxf4+ exf4 34.



Jeffery Xiong won a scholarship to UT Dallas by winning the 2011 Pan American Under-20 Scholastic Chess Championship.

Qh8+ Ke7 35. Qxg7+ Ke6 36. Qf7+ Ke5 37. Bxf4+ Kd4 38. Qc4 mate.

30. Qxg4 Rf6 31. Bg5 Qg8 32. Qh5!

Delaying the exchange on f6 limits Black's possibilities. The path to victory becomes thorny and blurry after 32. Bxf6 gxf6 33. Qh5 Qg7.

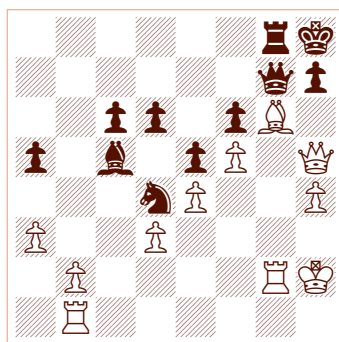
32. ... Nd4 33. Bxf6 gxf6 34. Rg1 Qg7

34. ... Nf3+ doesn't work because 35. Qxf3 Bxg1+ 36. Rxg1 Rxb2+ 37. Kh3 hxg6 38. Rxg6 Qh7 39. Qe3 wins.

35. Rg2

At this stage Black is already running low on time but is still able to come up with traps. The direct approach doesn't work due to 35. Bf7? Nf3+ 36. Qxf3 Bxg1+ 37. Rxg1 Rxb2+ 38. Kh1 Qxf7 which is better for Black.

35. ... Rg8



After 35. ... Rg8

36. b4!

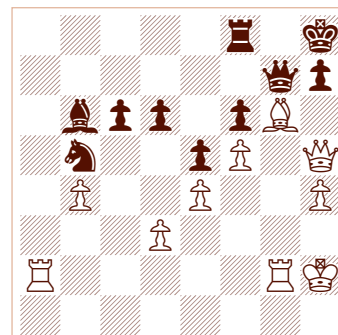
Black's queen and rook are tied up to the defense of the king so White opens another front and unleashes the power of his rooks.

35. ... axb4 37. axb4 Bb6 38. Rbb2 Rf8 39. Ra2!

White relentlessly applies pressure,

which is more unpleasant when the opponent is in time trouble.

39. ... Nb5



After 39. ... Nb5

Axel misses my threat, but White's attack breaks through even after the stubborn 39. ... Qe7 40. Rg3 Nb5 41. Rag2 wins as White inevitably plays Bg6-f7 next move.

40. Bf7!

A cute tactic that exploits Black's weak back rank.

40. ... Rxf7 41. Qxf7, Black resigned. ■

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2011 Pan American Intercollegiate Chess Festival At A Glance

Date: December 27-30, 2011

Location: Dallas Fort Worth Airport Marriott South, Fort Worth, Texas

Top Finishers: *Intercollegiate*—1st Team, 6: University of Texas at Dallas A; 2nd Team, 5: University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC); 3rd-4th Team, 4½: Texas Tech A, New York University; 5th Team, 4: University of Texas at Brownsville A, University of Texas at Dallas B, University of Texas at Brownsville B, University of Toronto A. *Open*—1st-2nd, 5: Renier Gonzalez, Francisco Guadalupe II; *U2000*—1st-2nd, 4½: Suchinder Kalyan, Aurelio Gonzalez, Jr.; *U1800*—1st, 4½: Jason Metpally; *U1600*—1st, 5: Haneesh Kaku; *U1400, U1200, U1000*—1st-3rd, 5: Jie Liu, Nikita Breslav, Andrew Tang; *Scholastic*—1st, 6: Jeffery Xiong. **Chief Tournament Director:** Francisco Guadalupe

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The underdog New York Knights



NEW YORK KNIGHTS



CHICAGO BLAZE

The United States Chess League (USCL) playoff finale had everything you look for in a championship match: a top seed from one conference; An underdog from the other; the league most-valuable-player coming through in the clutch to help his team secure the championship. In the end, it was the surging New York Knights taking down the regular season champion and #1 overall seed Chicago Blaze for the 2011 USCL title.

Outside the realm of U.S. “chessers,” the USCL is little known. Weekly matchups pit teams from cities across the United States against one another, from East to West Coast. The games, relayed on the Internet Chess Club (ICC), are easily accessible. As long as you are a member, you can watch every game live. Unlike most other countries, where leagues are played at various times and locations, the USCL is played in the comfort of the neighborhood chess club. Playing behind the computer screen does not make the competition any less fierce: 20 teams are currently competing in the league and 30 grandmasters (GMs) participated this year, not to mention countless other titled players and up-and-coming youngsters. Seeing as each team must sport an average rating below 2401 USCF, the mix of amateur and professional, young and old, becomes necessary and mutually beneficial. If the 12-year-old master doesn’t play, the retired GM cannot either. In light of this, the USCL provides a pleasant and competitive atmosphere.

As for the season that was, it was all Chicago Blaze. During the regular season Chicago cruised to the top of the standings, finishing with an impressive record of 8½ out of 10. The Blaze torched the Western Division, ending two match points over second seed Los Angeles Vibe and claiming “home-field advantage” throughout the playoffs. This meant a 2-2 ‘tie’ was enough to win a match—opponents were forced to score at least 2½-1½, an incredibly tough feat against a team as strong as Chicago. The Blaze used this to their advantage, scoring 2-2 against Dallas Destiny in the Western Division semifinals before downing Los Angeles 2½-1½ in the Western finals. This set up their showdown with the #2 seed from the Eastern Division, the New York Knights.

The New York Knights found themselves reaching the USCL Championship under much different circumstances. After qualifying for the playoffs as the #2 seed after an uninspired 6 out of 10 seasons, the Knights ‘tied’ the Boston Blitz 2-2 in the conference semifinals. Luckily for New York they owned the regular season tiebreak over their rivals in Boston, so a tie meant they moved on to the conference championship game. There, they snuck by the Manhattan Applesauce in the USCL’s version of the Subway Series, 2½-1½ (New York would have moved on even with a ‘tie’, as Manhattan, the #4 seed, upset the #1 Philadelphia Inventors). With these two wins, the New York Knights were onto the championship match to face the “best of the West”—wait, West?!—the Chicago Blaze.

THE DESTINY

defeat the top-seeded Chicago Blaze

By GM ROBERT HESS

THE FINALS

Board 1 pitted GM Mesgen Amanov (Chicago) against GM Giorgi Kacheishvili (New York). This was a dangerous game for both teams, as both stars were having poor playoff performances. Amanov had lost his game in the quarterfinals as white against IM-elect Conrad Holt (Dallas) and Kacheishvili had lost both of his playoff games against Jorge Sammour Hasbun (Boston) and GM Alex Stripunsky (Manhattan). The losses by Giorgi were remarkable because he was the league most-valuable-player (MVP), scoring an incredible 6½ out of 8 in the regular season. In this game Giorgi returned to MVP form, controlling the game from start to finish and scoring a huge victory for New York. Let's take a look at this game:

Fianchetto Gruenfeld Defense (D75)

GM Mesgen Amanov (2524)

GM Giorgi Kacheishvili (2590)

U.S. Chess League 2011 Playoff ICC INT (3), 11.20.2011

1. d4 g6

This response probably came as a surprise to Mesgen—Giorgi is inviting him to play 2. e4 and transpose into relatively unfamiliar territory. Mesgen was not fazed.

2. c4 Bg7 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Nf3 0-0 5. g3 d5 6. cxd5 Nxd5 7. Bg2 Nxc3 8. bxc3 c5

The game has now transposed to the main line of the Fianchetto Grünfeld.

9. 0-0 Nc6 10. e3 Bf5

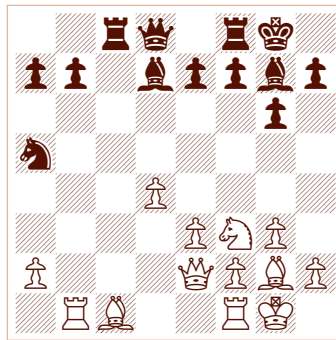
At this stage both players are now out of general theory and on their own.

11. Nh4 Bd7 12. Rb1 Na5 13. Qe2 Rc8 14. Nf3 cxd4 15. cxd4

(see diagram top of next column)

15. ... a6!

A very nice move by Giorgi, getting his light-square bishop to its best diagonal. Perhaps 15. ... Be6 16. Re1 Bc4 17. Qd2



After 15. cxd4

b6 is good as well, but it does open up White's g2-bishop.

16. Re1

A normal response, but I admit I am always tempted to sacrifice an Exchange. Here, 16. Ba3!? Bb5 (An interesting try is 16. ... Nc4 but here White has nothing to worry about after 17. Bc5 b6 18. Qxc4 bxc5 19. Qxa6 [19. dxc5!? Bb5 20. Rxb5 axb5 21. Qxb5 is unclear] 19. ... Bf5 20. Rbc1) 17. Rxb5 axb5 18. Qxb5 would result in a complex sacrifice of bishop and pawn for rook. I'm honestly not sure which color I'd prefer to play with, but at the minimum it looks incredibly interesting.

16. ... Bb5 17. Qd1

17. Rxb5?! axb5 18. Qxb5 is still interesting, but an improved variation for Black of what could have happened after 16. Ba3.

17. ... Qd7 18. Qd2

Black has an edge after 18. Ne5 Bxe5 19. dxe5 Rfd8 (White has compensation for the pawn after 19. ... Qf5 20. e4 Qxe5 21. Qd5) 20. Qxd7 Rxd7.

18. ... Nc4 19. Qb4

White's position looks pretty ugly to me: his queen is awkwardly placed, the dark-squared bishop is undeveloped, the black knight on c4 is a pain ...

19. ... Rc7 20. e4 Nb6 21. Bf4 Rc2?

The alternative line 21. ... Rc4 22. Qa5 Na4 23. Bf1 b6 24. Qd2 Rc3 leaves chances for both sides.

22. Rbc1

Mesgen misses his chance to grab the initiative with 22. Bf1! Na4 (22. ... Bxf1 23. Rxf1 Nc8 24. Qxb7) 23. Bxb5 axb5 24. Qxb5 Qxb5 25. Rxb5 b6 and now it is White that has a clear advantage.

22. ... Rfc8 23. Rxc2 Rxc2 24. Qb3 Qc8 25. d5

Qc3 26. Qxc3 Bxc3

If you compare the current position to the position that could have occurred (in the analysis) after 22. Bf1, the way the game has turned is clear. White has missed his one real opportunity so far to prove an advantage, and now it is Black who sits firmly in the driver's seat.

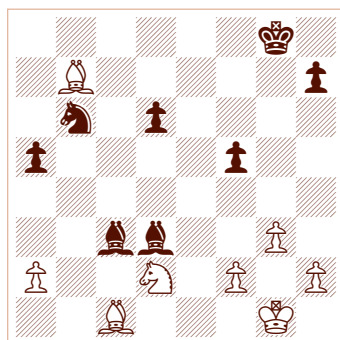
27. Rc1 Rxc1+ 28. Bxc1 Bd3 29. Nd2 f5?!

29. ... Na4 is much better and safer. White has absolutely no active counterplay, and will simply suffer for many moves.

30. exf5 gxf5 31. d6

Of course! Now White is no longer cramped and maintains good drawing chances.

31. ... exd6 32. Bxb7 a5



After 32. ... a5

33. Nf1?

The start of a bad plan. Much better was 33. Nf3 Kg7 (Black only has a small edge with 33. ... Be4 34. Bxe4 fxe4 35. Ng5 d5 36. f3 h6 37. Nh3) 34. Be3 Nc4 35. Bd4+.

33. ... d5 34. Ne3 d4 35. Nd5 Na4!

Georgi understands he has let Mesgen back into the game, but clearly remains confident that he can still reel in the full point. Giving White better drawing chances was 35. ... Nxd5 36. Bxd5+ Kg7 37. f3 and though Black is definitely better, the less pieces on the board help White in his quest to draw.

36. f3 Bc4 37. a3?

After this incorrect move, Georgi plays well to maintain control. However, White still had fighting chances after 37. Ne7+ Kf8 (37. ... Kf7 38. Bd5+ Bxd5 39. Nxd5 Ke6 [39. ... d3 40. Nxc3 Nxc3 41. Kf2 Nxa2 42. Bd2 Nb4 43. Bxb4 axb4 44. Ke3 Ke6 45. Kxd3 Kd5 46. g4 only draws] 40. Nf4+ when Black is slightly better) 38. Nxf5 Bxa2 39. Bc6 Nc5 40. Bh6+ Kf7 41. Bg7!.

37. ... Nc5 38. Nb6

38. Ne7+ Kf7 39. Bd5+ Bxd5 40. Nxd5 Ke6 41. Nf4+ Kd6 is a significantly improved version of the 37. Ne7+ varia-

tion for Black.

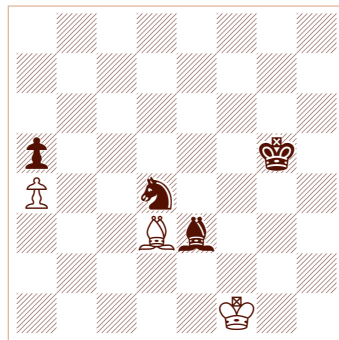
38. ... Bf7 39. Bc8 d3 40. Bxf5 d2 41. Bxd2 Bxd2

Georgi has now picked up a piece for two pawns. The rest is pretty easy for a player of his caliber.

42. Bc2 Bc1 43. a4 Bg5 44. Kf2 Be6 45. f4 Bd8 46. f5 Bxb6 47. fxe6 Nxe6+ 48. Ke1 Kg7 49. Kd2 Bg1 50. Ke1 Nd4 51. Be4 h6 52. Kf1 Be3

The white king is now boxed in. All Black now has to do is grab the a-pawn and run.

53. h4 Kf6 54. Bd3 Ke5 55. g4 Kf4 56. g5 hxg5 57. hxg5 Kxg5



After 57. ... Kxg5

You must always be careful when entering positions with bishop and rook pawn. However, here the a1 queening square matches the color of the black bishop.

58. Ke1 Kf4 59. Kd1 Ke5 60. Bg6 Kd6 61. Be8 Kc5 62. Bd7 Kb4 63. Be8 Bg5 64. Bd7 Nb3 65. Kc2 Nc5 66. Be8 Nxa4 67. Kb1 Nc3+ 68. Kc2 a4 69. Bf7 a3 70. Bg8 a2 71. Bxa2 Nxa2

It has boiled down to knight plus bishop versus king, as more or less expected. Georgi, being the strong grandmaster he is, knows this ending very well.

72. Kd3 Nc3 73. Kd4 Bf6+ 74. Kd3 Kb3 75. Kd2 Kc4 76. Ke3 Be5 77. Kf3 Kd3 78. Kg4 Ke4 79. Kg5 Nb5 80. Kg4 Nd6 81. Kg5 Kf3 82. Kh4 Ne4 83. Kh5 Kf4 84. Kg6 Nd6 85. Kh5 Bf6 86. Kg6 Ke5 87. Kh5 Kf5 88. Kh6 Ne8 89. Kh5 Ng7+ 90. Kh6 Bc3 91. Kh7 Kf6 92. Kg8 Kg6 93. Kh8 Bd2 94. Kg8 Ne6 95. Kh8 Bh6 96. Kg8 Nf4 97. Kh8 Nh5, White resigned.

White resigned in view of mate in two. Really a fine game by Georgi—with the exception of 22. Bf1, he never was in any trouble. That is certainly a feat, as Mesgen is a strong grandmaster and against such a player it generally is difficult to play with black. Well done by Georgi, leading his team to the championship title!

On board two, IM Irina Krush (New York) faced GM Dmitry Gurevich (Chicago). This game was bound to be a huge struggle, as Irina, the #2 ranked female player in the U.S., probably felt a win was necessary if

the Knights were to be able to win the title. But Dmitry is an extremely strong grandmaster and held his own, pushing for a win for most of the game before it ultimately fizzled out into a draw. In retrospect, Dmitry probably was kicking himself for missing his best chances to score a much-needed victory for the Blaze. Here's that game:

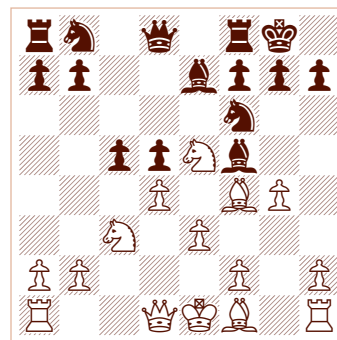
Queen's Gambit Declined, Exchange Variation (D35)

IM Irina Krush (2476)

GM Dmitry Gurevich (2475)

US Chess League 2011 Playoff ICC INT (3), 11.20.2011

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Be7 4. cxd5 exd5 5. Bf4 Nf6 6. e3 0-0 7. Nf3 Bf5 8. Ne5 c5 9. g4



After 9. g4

A highly ambitious move. I don't particularly like it, but it does have its perks. It gains space, gains a tempo, and puts the bishop on the right diagonal. It does severely weaken the white kingside, which could be fatal.

9. ... cxd4 10. exd4 Be6

10. ... Be4!? 11. f3 Bg6 12. h4 h6 13. Nxc6 fxc6 14. Qb3 Nc6 15. 0-0-0 looks extremely interesting, and is a position that should be looked into. Black has "ugly" doubled g-pawns, but the open c-file and semi-open f-file can be of great use. Dynamic equality!?

11. Bg2 Qb6

Interesting, but why not just simply 11. ... Nc6? The game would undoubtedly take an interesting turn! Here's a sample line: 12. 0-0 Nxe5 13. dxe5 Nxc6 14. Nxd5 Bg5 15. Bg3 h5! 16. h3 h4 17. Bxh4 Bxh4 18. hxg4 Rc8 with a huge fight!

12. 0-0! Qxb2

Gurevich grabs the potentially poisonous b2-pawn, but doesn't have a huge price to pay. White can claim just a small advantage.

13. Qd3 Qa3 14. g5

Also possible is 14. Rab1 Nc6 15. Rxb7 Nxe5 16. dxe5 Ne4 17. Rb3 Nc5 18. Qxh7+! Kxh7 19. Rxa3 Nd3 20. Ra4 Rfd8



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with a slight edge for White.

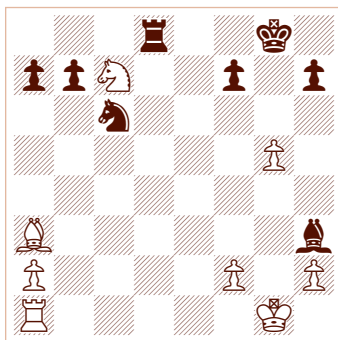
14. ... Nfd7 15. Nxd5 Nxe5 16. Qxa3

The continuation 16. Nxe7+ Qxe7 17. dxe5 Rd8 looks pleasant for Black in the long run due to the weaknesses on e5 and g5 and the bad bishop on f4 that comes with those pawns.

16. ... Bxa3 17. Bxe5 Nc6 18. Nc7 Rad8 19. d5?

Most moves are dead equal, but this one gives Black an advantage. The position is equal after 19. Nxe6 fxe6 20. Bxc6 bxc6 21. Rab1 Bd6.

19. ... Bxd5 20. Bxg7 Bxg2 21. Bxf8 Bxf1 22. Bxa3 Bh3



After 22. ... Bh3

After a series of captures, a position with opposite color bishops arises. Black is certainly better, as the white king is boxed in, but bishops of opposite color generally provide good drawing chances. It is important to note Black's queenside majority, as a passed pawn is a plausible dream for Black.

23. Bb2 Nd4

Certainly not a bad move, but much better was 23. ... Rd2! 24. Bc3 Rd3 25. Bf6 Nd4 26. f4 Rd2 27. Bxd4 Rxd4 28. Kf2 Rxf4+ 29. Kg3 Rc4.

24. f4 Ne2+

24. ... Bf5.

25. Kf2 Nxf4 26. Kg3 Ne6 27. Nxe6 Bxe6

Black has won a pawn, but with the knights traded, a draw has become much more likely.

28. a4 h6

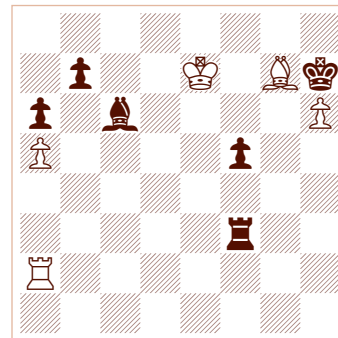
A better try might be 28. ... Rd3+ 29. Kf4 Rd2 30. Bf6 h6 (Tempting, but unnecessarily risky is: 30. ... Rxh2? 31. Rd1 h6 32. Rd8+ Kh7 33. Rh8+ Kg6 34. Rg8+ Kh7 [The position after 34. ... Kh5 35. gxh6 Kxh6 36. Rh8+ Kg6 37. Rxh2 Kxf6

is one where only White can win.] 35. Rg7+ Kh8 36. Rxf7+ Kg8 37. Rxb7) 31. h4 Rh2 32. Ke5 Rxh4 33. Rd1 hxg5 34. Rd8+ Kh7 35. Rh8+ Kg6 36. Rxh4 gxh4 37. Bxh4.

29. gxh6 Kh7 30. Bg7 Rd3+ 31. Kf4 Rh3 32. a5 a6

Now all White must do is keep the a5-pawn protected, and a draw is secured.

33. Ke5 Rxh2 34. Kf6 Rf2+ 35. Ke7 Rf5 36. Ra3 Rd5 37. Kf6 Rf5+ 38. Ke7 Rc5 39. Kf6 Rc6 40. Ke7 Rc7+ 41. Kf6 Rc5 42. Ra1 Bb3 43. Ra3 Rb5 44. Ra1 Be6 45. Ke7 Rf5 46. Ra3 Rf1 47. Ra4 Bd5 48. Rd4 Rf5 49. Ra4 Bc6 50. Ra1 Rf3 51. Ra2 Re3+ 52. Kf6 Rf3+ 53. Ke7 f5



After 53. ... f5

Gurevich realizes he can't make progress, so he goes for his last chance ... however, it is still an easy draw.

54. Kf6 f4 55. Re2 Re3 56. Rxe3 fxe3 57. Kg5 e2 58. Bc3 Be4 59. Bd2 Kg8 60. Kf6 Kf8 61. Bb4+ Ke8 62. Ke6 Kd8 63. Kd6 Bh7 64. Be1 Ke8 65. Kc7 Be4 66. h7 Bxh7 67. Kxb7 Bd3 68. Kc6 Ke7 69. Kd5 Kf6 70. Kd4 Bb5 71. Kc3 Ke5 72. Kd2 Kd4 73. Bf2+ Kd5 74. Ke1, Draw agreed.

Unfortunately this game did not have many fireworks. For the past 40+ moves, pieces were being shifted around without progress being made. Black had some real winning chances around move 20, but Irina did well to hold in the end. A big save by her, as Chicago desperately needed to get a full point from this game.

In preparation for the match, both teams must have figured board three to be a crapshoot. IM Angelo Young (Chicago) is a well-known and respected player who is always dangerous with the white pieces. Matt Herman (New York) has made huge strides in his game as of late, picking up hundreds of rating points within a year's time. Both players are veterans of the USCL, but this year they had much different results. Young had a fantastic year while Herman often struggled. In this game, the only one that ultimately matters, Herman crashed through his opponent's defenses despite being a pawn down and in an inferior position. A very interesting game from start to finish:

Reti Opening (A07)

IM Angelo Young (2350)

Matthew Herman (2396)

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This game was played on board three between two very interesting players. IM Angelo Young is an intriguing player who is known for his offbeat openings. Matt Herman is a tactician who has gained tons of rating points in recent years. If any game in this match was sure to be decisive, it definitely was this one.

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. g3 d5 3. Bg2 c6 4. d3 Bg4

The most principled setup for Black against the Reti Opening. Many strong grandmasters play 4. ... Bg4, with quite good results. The light-squared bishop does not have much promise with the c6-d5 pawn structure, so trading it for the knight on f3 is typically a good option.

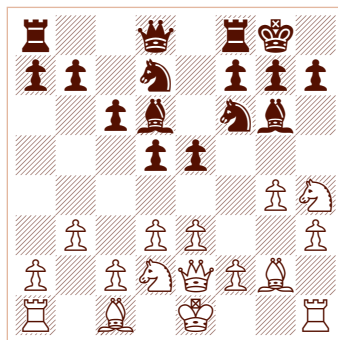
5. Nbd2 Nbd7 6. h3 Bh5 7. g4 Bg6 8. Nh4

White goes all in for that light-squared bishop, but weakens the dark squares on the kingside. This game follows Peter Svidler-Vladimir Kramnik (1-0) from the Russian Championship.

8. ... e5

The first deviation from the super-grandmaster battle. Kramnik played 8. ... e6 and got a pleasant position. 8. ... e5 is not bad, either.

9. e3 Bd6 10. Qe2 0-0 11. b3



After 11. b3

11. ... a5!

Not an extraordinary move, but definitely a good plan. If White plays a2-a4 to prevent Black from doing so, he compromises his dark squares. If White allows ... a5-a4, he gives up space and potentially the open file.

12. Bb2 a4 13. 0-0 Re8 14. g5

White is trying to take advantage of Black's previous move, as it took away the knight's retreating square.

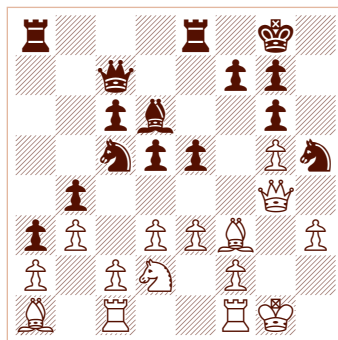
14. ... Nh5

This is the logical move, but Matt had a nice combination: 14. ... a3 15. Bc1 Bh5?! (seemingly trapping Black's own knight!?) 16. Qe1 Rf8! 17. gxf6 (17. e4 Ne8) 17. ... Qxf6 18. f4 exf4 19. Rb1 Rfe8, with tremendous compensation—Black has two pawns, much better coordination, and a strong attack for a knight.

15. Qg4 a3 16. Bc3 b5

16. ... d4 17. exd4 exd4 18. Bxd4 Ne5 (18. ... Ra5 is also very interesting) 19. Bxe5 Rxe5 20. Ndf3 Rc5 21. c4 Nf4. With the initiative, Black looks better here despite the sacrificed pawn.

17. Rad1 Qc7 18. Ba1 b4 19. Rc1 Nc5 20. Nxc6 hxc6 21. Bf3



After 21. Bf3

The right plan—White must go after the paralyzed knight on h5.

21. ... Qe7 22. Qg2 Kh7 23. Be2 Ne6 24. h4 d4?!

A good try to open up the position and play for a win, but objectively not a very good move. An improvement can be found in 24. ... f5 where it looks as if Black controls the majority of the board (and ... Nf4 would then be threatened).

25. Bxh5 gxh5 26. Qxc6

Why not? Who says greed can't be good?

26. ... Kg8 27. Nc4

It is hard to complain about putting the knight here, but better was 27. Qf3 Bc5 28. Rce1 g6 29. Nc4.

27. ... Rad8 28. Rce1 Bb8 29. Qe4?

Just not a good square for the queen, allowing Black immense counterplay. Better is 29. exd4 exd4 30. f4 Rc8 31. Qf3 Qc5 32. Re4.

29. ... Nc5 30. Qf3

Completely necessary was repeating with 30. Qc6 Ne6 31. exd4.

30. ... e4 31. Qg2??

Losing immediately. White was forced to capture: 31. dxe4 Qxe4 32. Qxe4 (Much worse is 32. Kg2 Qxh4 33. Rh1 Qxg5+ 34. Kf1 g6 35. Bxd4 Ne4) 32. ... Rxe4 33. Kg2 with good drawing chances for White.

31. ... exd3 32. cxd3 Nxd3 33. Rd1 dxe3 34. fxe3 Ba7

Stronger is 34. ... Qe4!

35. Bf6??

35. Bd4 Bxd4 36. Rxd3 Ba7 37. Rxd8 Rxd8 38. Qf3 and White is fine.

35. ... Bxe3+ 36. Qf2

Must be a mouseslip, but the game is completely lost anyways. Here are a few continuations: 36. Kh1 Nf2+ 37. Qxf2 Bxf2 38. Bxe7 Rxd1 39. Rxd1 Rxe7 game over; Black's kingside pawns will become queens; 36. Kh2 Qc7+ 37. Qg3 Qxg3+ 38. Kxg3 gxf6.

36. ... Bxf2+ 37. Rxf2 Qa7 and White forfeits on time.

As anticipated, a back and forth battle that eventually led to a point for Herman and the Knights.

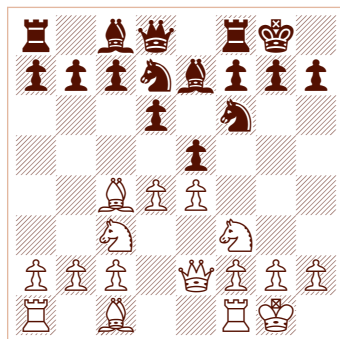
On the last board sat John Fernandez (New York) and Gopal Menon (Chicago). Fernandez technically was ineligible to compete in this match, as he had not played in the minimum number of regular season matches required to allow you to participate in the playoffs (two games), but an exception was cordially agreed upon due to many conflicts with players competing in the

World Youth and K-12 Nationals. Chicago must have been happy to see Fernandez playing—he was undoubtedly rusty having not played in a single match all season and being an inactive tournament player. Whether or not Menon took this into account when planning for the game, he thrived. It was a smooth game from start to finish, one that he should be proud of.

Philidor Defense (C41)

John Fernandez (2156)
Gopal S. Menon (2198)
U.S. Chess League 2011
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1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 Nbd7 4. Nf3 e5 5. Bc4 Be7 6. 0-0 0-0 7. Qe2?!



After 7. Qe2

An extremely odd move. Until this incorrect move, White has maintained a normal setup. 7. Re1 is the typical plan.

7. ... exd4 8. Nxd4 Ne5

If 7. Re1 had been played, this plan would have been ineffective for Black. Now the bishop on c4 has very few options and Black becomes active very quickly. Black has already equalized.

9. f3

Not the best. Better options included 9. Re1 or 9. Bb3.

9. ... Nxc4 10. Qxc4 Re8 11. Rd1 h6 12. Bf4

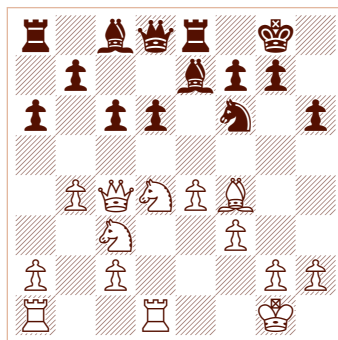
Stronger was 12. e5! d5 (Losing is 12. ... dxe5 13. Nc6 and 12. ... Nd7 13. Ndb5 is unclear) 13. Qb3 Nd7 14. Qxd5 c6 15. Qe4 Nxe5 16. Qxe5 Bd6 17. Nxc6 Qb6+ 18. Be3 Bxe5 19. Bxb6 Bxc3 20. bxc3 bxc6 21. Bc5.

12. ... c6 13. b4??

I tend to not give moves multiple question marks, but I really do not like this move. It severely weakens the white queenside and gives Black unnecessary targets. Black now has a significant edge. Better was 13. Rd2.

13. ... a6!

(see diagram top of next column)



After 13. ... a6

This move clearly indicates the direction the game is heading. Black is playing calm, normal moves whereas White is being overly ambitious. 13. ... a6 is not a spectacular move by any means, but I like the quiet response.

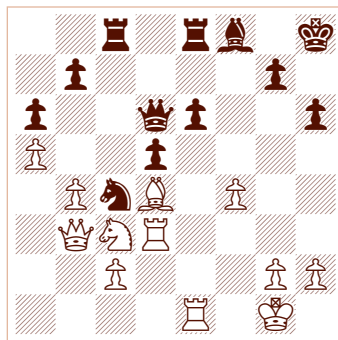
14. a4 Bf8

14. ... d5!? 15. exd5 Nxd5 16. Nxd5 Qxd5 17. Qxd5 cxd5 18. c3 Bf6 and Black has an annoying advantage that he can press for the rest of the game. I like Menon's decision not to go for this ending though—it would give White plenty of chances to draw, whereas in the game he retains a nice edge.

15. Rab1 d5 16. exd5 cxd5 17. Qb3 Be6 18. Be5

18. a5 Rc8 19. Na4 with interesting play for both sides.

18. ... Nd7 19. Nxe6 fxe6 20. Bd4 Nb6 21. f4 Rc8 22. a5 Nc4 23. Rd3 Kh8 24. Re1 Qd6



After 24. ... Qd6

25. Rg3?

I admit White's position has been looking bad for quite a while, but there was only one move that didn't immediately lose a pawn: 25. f5! e5 (White is OK after 25. ... exf5 26. Rxe8 Rxe8 27. Nxd5) 26. Bc5 Rxc5 27. bxc5 Qxc5+ 28. Kh1 d4 29. Ne4 Qxa5 30. c3 b5 31. f6 is extremely unclear. Black has many pawns, but his king might soon become fatally exposed.

25. ... Qxf4

Of course. It's a free pawn.

26. Ne2 Qc7 27. Qf3 e5

The rest is easy.

28. Ba1 Bxb4 29. Rd1 Bxa5 30. Rxd5 Qb6+ 31. Qf2 Qb1+ 32. Qf1 Bb6+ 33. Bd4 Bxd4+ 34. Nxd4 Qxf1+ 35. Kxf1 exd4 36. Rxd4 Ne3+ 37. Kg1 Nf5, White resigned.

A dominating performance by Black in this game. White never got anything going and Black seized the initiative early. Well played by Menon in Chicago's only victory.

USCL Championship, Nov. 20, 2011, FINAL SCORE: NEW YORK 2½-CHICAGO 1½

With the end of these games came the end of the 2011 USCL season. The New York Knights have captured the title by defeating the Chicago Blaze, 2½-1½. I hope everyone enjoyed watching the competition as much as I did. As a former player in the league (let's go New York Knights!), I recognize the benefits of playing a weekly game against strong competition while forming friendships and perhaps even study partners. I look forward to the 2012 season and hope that more cities across the United States decide to enter the league and enjoy all the great opportunities it has to offer. ■

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Eastern Division	W	L
Philadelphia Inventors	8	2
New York Knights	6	4
Boston Blitz	6	4
Manhattan Applesauce	5½	4
New England Nor'Easters	5½	4
Baltimore Kingfishers	3	7
Carolina Cobras	3	7
New Jersey Knockouts	2½	7

Western Division	W	L
Chicago Blaze	8½	1
Los Angeles Vibe	6½	3
San Francisco Mechanics	5½	4
Dallas Destiny	5½	4
Arizona Scorpions	4½	5
Miami Sharks	4½	5
Seattle Sluggers	3½	6
St. Louis Arch Bishops	2	8

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Resisting the Kitchen Sink

By GM Lev Alburt

Sometimes, the victor is not the one who delivers a relentless attack but the opponent who resists coolly and finds surprising resources.

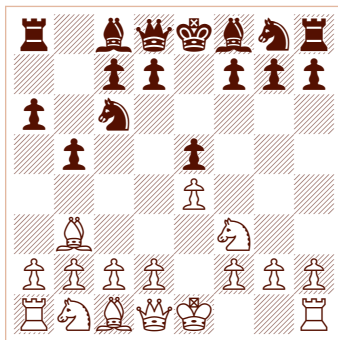
While it is much easier to attack than to defend, defensive techniques can be learned! The rewards will soon follow—as the game below demonstrates.

Writes the winner of this month's award, Nadew Haile: "In this game, my opponent was an uncompromising attacker who had taken the state speed championship." (*Lev's further comments will be in italics.*)

Closed Ruy Lopez, Marshall Attack (C89)

Nadew Haile (1784)
Vanel Sanchez (2061)
WVCC Quick (1), 07.29.2006

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 b5 5. Bb3



After 5. Bb3

5. ... Nf6

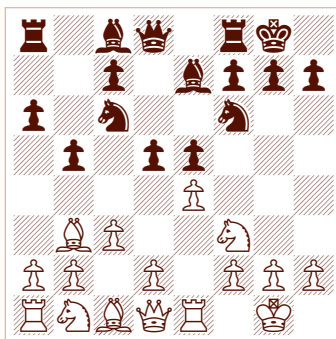
Black has chosen a dubious move order (Normal order is 4. ... Nf6 5. 0-0 Be7 6. Re1 b5 etc.). Now, both 6. Ng5 and 6. d4 exd4 7. e5 favor White—compare with the Two Knights Defense position after 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6.

6. 0-0 Be7

Avoids the open system of the Ruy Lopez.

7. Re1 0-0 8. c3 d5

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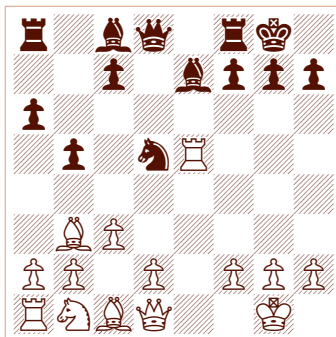


After 8. ... d5

The Marshall, for the uncompromising! Black sacrifices a pawn for attacking chances.

A hundred years later, this development of Frank Marshall's still thrives—even on the world championship level.

9. exd5 Nxd5 10. Nxe5 Nxe5 11. Rxe5



After 11. Rxe5

11. ... Nf6

I was expecting 11. ... c6, defending the knight and keeping the "post" on d5. I recalled that 11. ... Nf6 is the original move Marshall played against [José Raúl] Capablanca.

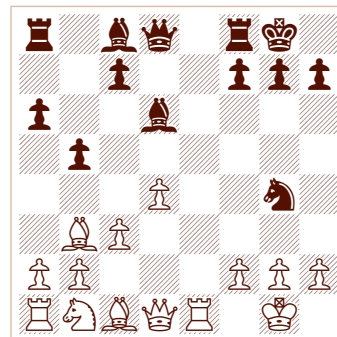
12. d4

12. Re1 Bd6 13. h3 stopping ... Ng4. 12. Re1 would have been wiser.

In fact, this line doesn't stop 13. ... Ng4. After 13. ... Ng4 14. Qf3 Qh4 (both are

best moves) 15. d4!, the game transfers into the main line, 12. d4, according to Encyclopedia of Chess Openings (ECO).

12. ... Bd6 13. Re1 Ng4



After 13. ... Ng4

I thought about 14. h3, but I remember a certain Tal game in which he sacrificed the knight on f2. 14. h3 Nxf2 15. Kxf2 Qh4+ 16. Kf1 Bxh3 17. gxh3 Qxh3+ with a dangerous attack and perpetual check available to Black.

True, but after 14. h3 Nxf2 15. Qf3! Qh4 16. Bd2! White is better. (In Capablanca-Marshall, 1918, White got an edge after 16. Re2 Bg4—but 16. ... Ng4! 17. Re8 Nf6 equalizes here).

14. g3 Nxh2 15. Kxh2

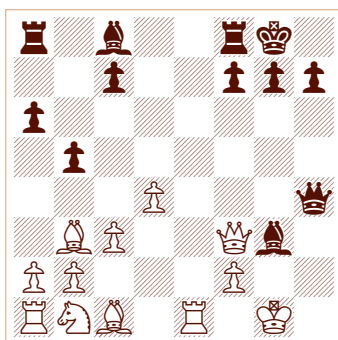
In ECO-2, circa 1981, Tal and Krogius give "?" to 14. g3 and, after 14. ... Nxh2, don't even mention 15. Kxh2, concentrating instead on 15. Bd5 Bxg3!, with a big edge for Black. But the consequences of the natural 15. Kxh2 aren't so easy to foresee, even for a grandmaster!

15. ... Qh4+ 16. Kg1 Bxg3 17. Qf3

(see diagram top of next column)

This move threatens the g3 bishop, and threatens Qxf7+ followed by Re8 mate. I preferred this to 17. fxf3 Qxg3+, since I was still playing to win!

17. Qf3 is White's best defense (the tricky 17. Bxf7+ is refuted by the calm

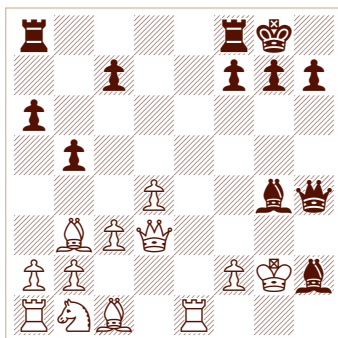


After 17. Qf3

17. ... Kh8). And, in Nadew's line, Black wins: 17. fxf3 Qxf3+ 18. Kh1 Bg4, or 18. Kf1 Bh3+.

17. ... Qh2+

I had considered 17. ... Bh2+ 18. Kg2 Bg4 19. Qd3.

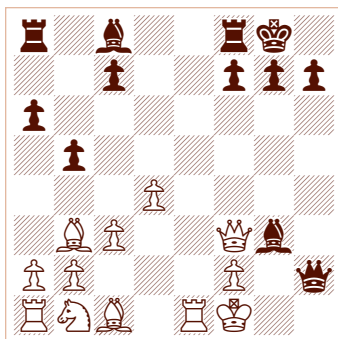


Analysis after 19. Qd3

19. ... c5 20. Bc2 g6 (stopping Qxh7+), 21. Rh1 Bf5 22. Rxh2 Qxh2+ 23. Kxh2 Bxd3 24. Bxd3. While White has a slight advantage because of the bishop pair and the passed d-pawn, it is probably not winning.

Of course White is winning in this line—he has three (!) pieces for a rook and pawn. But let's go back to the analysis diagram. Instead of 19. ... c5, Black should play 19. ... Rae8, and the attack prevails, as 20. Rh1 is now met by 20. ... Re2.

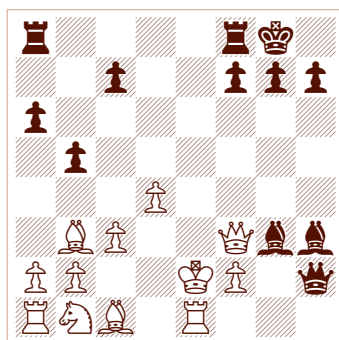
18. Kf1



After 18. Kf1

18. ... Bh3+ 19. Ke2

(see diagram top of next column)



After 19. Ke2

19. ... Bxf2?!

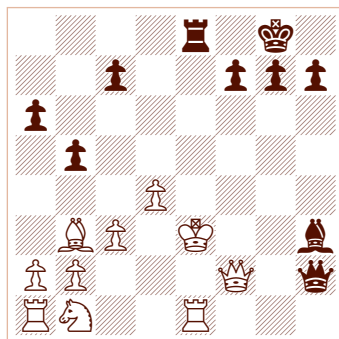
Optimistic. I'd consider here 19. ... Rae8+ 20. Kd1 (or 20. Be3 Bg4) 20. ... Rxe1+ 21. Kxe1 Qxf2+! 22. Qxf2 Re8+ and 23. ... Bxf2. Black is, in this line, down a piece for two pawns—but aren't those kingside pawns dangerous?

20. Qxf2 Rae8+

Black goes too far in his attacking zeal. Instead, 20. ... Bg4+ led to a forced draw by repetition.

21. Be3 Rxe3+ 22. Kxe3 Re8+

Appears to succeed in separating king and queen, so that the queen is en prise.



After 22. ... Re8+

23. Kd3!

The unexpected resource. White threatens a back-rank mate, Black's queen is hanging, and Qxf7+ is still threatened. 23. Kf3 also works, but 23. Kd3 is aesthetically more pleasing.

23. ... Bf5+

The only way to save the queen.

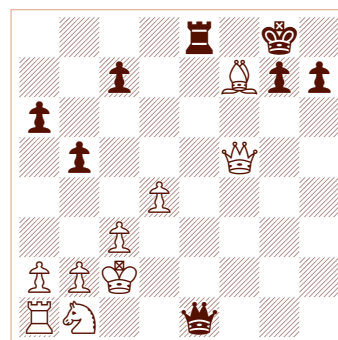
24. Qxf5 Qg3+ 25. Kc2 Qxe1 26. Bxf7+, Black resigned.

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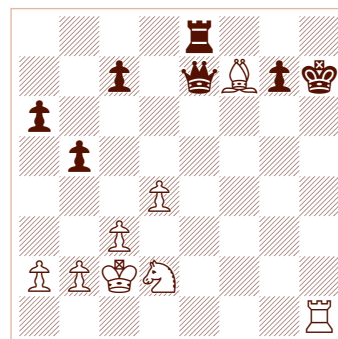
White mates after 26. ... Kf8 27. Be6+ Ke7 28. Qf7+ K-any 29. Qd7 mate.

Also mating is 26. ... Kh8 27. Nd2! Qe7 (27. ... Qxa1 28. Bxe8 h6 29. Bg6 Qxa2 30. Nb3!) 28. Qxh7+! Kxh7 29. Rh1+ (see analysis diagram).

(see second diagram top of next column)



After 26. Bxf7+



Analysis after 29. Rh1+

The notion that chess is 99% tactics certainly applied to this game. And tactics can be successfully used in defense as well, as White's beautiful move 23. Kd3! illustrates. ■

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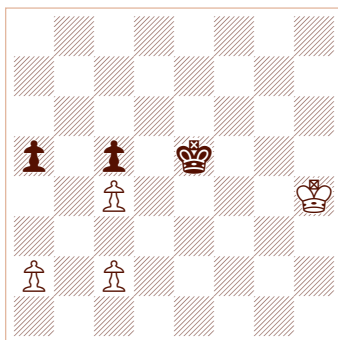
Database Progress, Part 2

By GM Pal Benko

In the December 2011 Chess Life, we examined the seven-piece database progress; this month, the pawns step front and center.

This month I examine some of the latest work of the two outstanding computer-chess experts Mark Bourzutschky and Yakov Konoval. In the first part (December 2011) the pieces took the main roles, so now let us look at pawn endings.

Ridha Belkadi – Ludek Pachman
Leipzig (ol), 1960



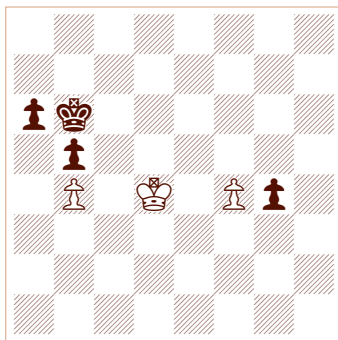
Black to play

55. ... Kd4 56. Kg4 Kc3? 57. Kf4 Kb2??

White resigned, but curiously, in an equal position! 58. Ke5 Kxa2 59. Kd5 a4 60. Kxc5 a3 61. Kd6! Kb1 62. c5 a2 63. c6 a1=Q 64. c7. Black wins because the c2-pawn deprives White of the stalemate-bishop-pawn device.

The only winning move was 56. ... Kxc4!

Laszlo Barczay – Sammy Reshevsky
Skopje, 1970



White to play

52. f5 Kc7 53. Ke3 a5??

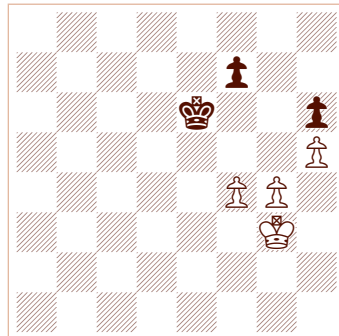
Better are 53. ... g3 and 53. ... Kd7 with a fighting chance in the resulting endgame.

54. bxa5??

After 54. f6!! White promotes the a-pawn with check.

54. ... b4 55. f6 b3 56. f7 b2 57. f8=Q b1=Q, Draw.

Lev Psakhis – Vladimir Savon
Moscow (ch), 1981



Black to play

54. ... f6 55. Kf3 Kd7 56. Ke3 Ke7 57. Kd3 Kd7 58. Kc4

Now Black resigned in a drawn position! After 58. ... Kd6 (... Kd8, ... Ke8) or 58. ... Ke6 59. Kc5 Kd7! 60. Kd5 Ke7 the position is level.

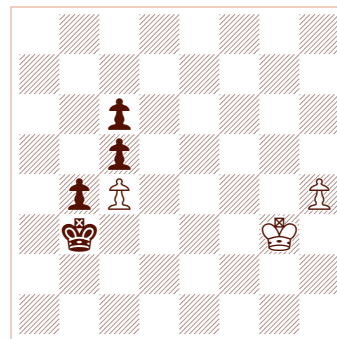
White can not play 61. Kc6? to outflank Black because of 62. ... f5! allowing Black to draw.

Jiri Lechtynsky – Levente Vajda
Budapest, 2002

(see diagram top of next column)

56. h5 Kxc4??

This obvious move leads to a draw. After 56. ... Ka2 (or 56. ... Ka3) 57. h6 b3 58. h7 b2 59. h8=Q b1=Q Black could



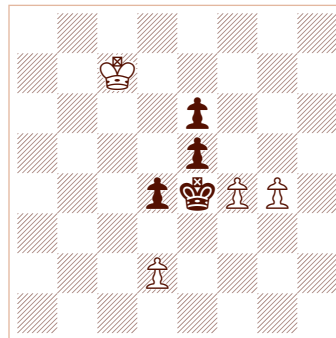
White to play

have won in the queen ending.

57. h6 b3 58. h7 b2 59. h8=Q b1=Q 60. Qg8+ Kc3 61. Qg7+ Kb3 62. Qb7+ Kc2 63. Qh7+ Kc1 64. Qh6+ Kb2 65. Qg7+ Kc1 66. Qh6+ Kd1 67. Qh1+ Kc2 68. Qh7+ Kb2, Draw.

Finally, we give some endgame studies with cooks.

Ernest Pogosyants, 1964



White to play and win?

1. f5 exf5 2. g5 f4 3. g6 f3 4. g7 f2 5. g8=Q f1=Q 6. Qa8+ Kf5

If 6. ... Kd3, 7. Qa6+.

7. Qf8+ wins.

But **2. ... Kd3! 3. g6 Kxd2 4. g7 e4 5. g8=Q d3** is, surprisingly, a draw.

It is easy to correct this by moving the

Benko's Bafflers

Most of the time these studies resemble positions that could actually occur over the board. You must simply reach a theoretically won or drawn position for White.

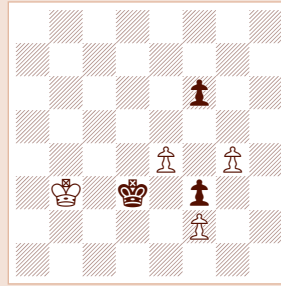
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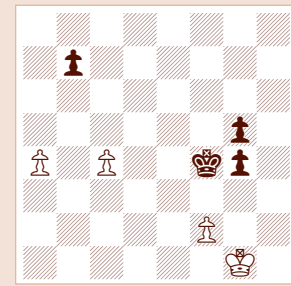
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White to play and win

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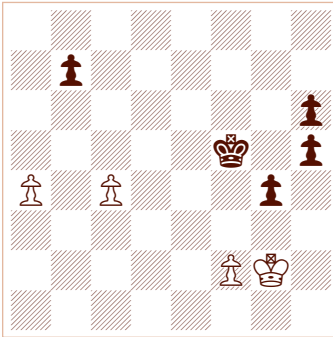
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White to play and win

c7 king to c6. The change is in this case 6. Qd5+.

Alexey Troitzky, 1923



White to play and win?

1. a5

Black can draw after 1. c5? Ke5 2. Kg3 Kd5 3. Kh4 Kxc5 4. Kxh5 Kb4 5. Kxg4 Kxa4 6. f4 b5 7. f5 b4 8. f6 b3 9. f7 b2 10. f8=Q b1=Q 11. Qa8+ Kb3.

1. ... Ke5

Bad is 1. ... h4 2. c5 Ke5 3. c6 Kd6 4. cxb7 Kc7 5. a6 h3+ 6. Kg3 h5 7. f4.

2. Kg3 Kd4 3. Kh4 Kxc4 4. Kxh5 Kb5 5. Kxg4 Kxa5 6. f4 b5

No better is 6. ... Kb5 7. f5 Kc6 8. Kh5 Kd7 9. Kg6 Ke8 10. Kg7.

7. f5 b4 8. f6 b3 9. f7 b2 10. f8=Q b1=Q 11. Qa8+

This wins, but Black can defend by attacking the threat (the f2-pawn): 4. ... Kd5!! = 5. Kxh6 Ke4 draws.

Hauke Reddmann, 1976

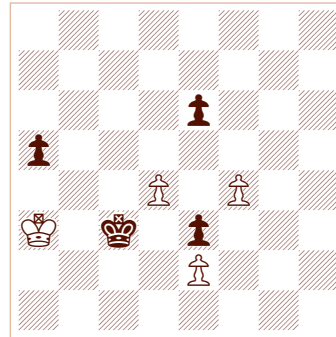
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1. f5! exf5 2. d5 f4 3. d6 f3 4. d7 fxe2

Or 4. ... f2 5. d8=Q f1=Q 6. Qd3 mate.

5. d8=Q e1=Q 6. Qxa5+

But: 3. ... Kd2 4. d7 Kxe2 5. d8=Q f3 is a draw.

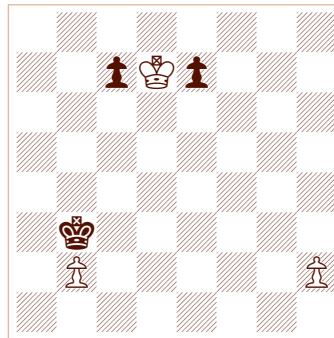


White to play and win?

For the last two studies see my versions in the Bafflers.

Bob Baker from California sent in valuable notes to the following study:

H. Adamson, 1922



White to play and win

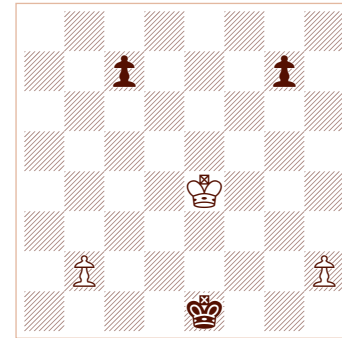
1. Ke6! c5 2. h4 c4 3. Kd5! e6+ 4. Kc5! e5 5. h5! e4 6. Kd4! e3 7. Kxe3! Kxb2 8. h6

And White wins. But there is more to this study. There is a claim on chesscafe.com that Black draws after 1. Kc6 Kc4 but this is wrong because after 2. h4 e5 3. h5 e4 4. h6 e3 5. h7 e2 6. h8=Q e1=Q 7. Qg8+ wins.

If 1. Kc6? The solution is: 1. ... e5! 2. Kd5 Kxb2! 3. h4 Kb3! 4. h5 c6+ 5. Kc5 e4 6. Kd4 c5+!, Draw.

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H. Adamson, 1924



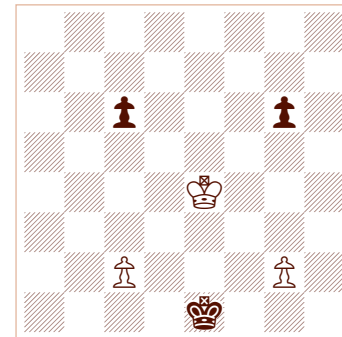
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1. h4 Kd2 2. Kd5 Kc2 3. b4 Kb3 4. Kc5 Kc3 5. b5 Kb3 6. Kc6 Kc4 7. Kxc7 Kxb5 8. h5 wins.

1. b4? Kd2 2. Kd4 g5 and the *Encyclopedia* stops here with the sign = .

But 3. b5! g4 4. Ke4 Kc3 5. Kf4 Kb4 6. Kxg4 Kxb5 7. h4 c5 8. h5 c4 9. Kf3! Kb4 10. h6 c3 11. Ke2 Kb3 12. h7 c2 13. Kd2! wins. Here is my example.

Pal Benko



White to play and win

1. Ke5! Ke2(!) 2. c4! c5

Winning is 2. ... Kd3 3. c5 Kc4 4. Kd6 Kb5 5. g3!.

3. Kd5 g5 4. Kxc5 g4 5. Kd4 Kf2 6. c5 Kxg2 7. c6 g3 8. c7 Kh2 9. c8=Q wins.

On the other side it would be a theoretical draw with the c-pawn against the queen. ■

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Four-player, double round-robin with class-level pairings.
1st-place winner receives a trophy.
ENTRY FEE: \$10.

Victor Palciauskas Prize Tournaments

Seven-player class-level pairings, one game with each of six opponents.
1st-place winner receives \$130 cash prize and a certificate signed by Victor Palciauskas.
ENTRY FEE: \$25.

John W. Collins Memorial Class Tournaments

Four-player, double round-robin with class-level pairings (unrateds welcome).
1st-place winner receives a John W. Collins certificate.
ENTRY FEE: \$7.

E-MAIL RATED EVENTS (NEED E-MAIL ACCESS):

Lightning Match

Two players with two or six-game option. ENTRY FEE: \$5.

Swift Quads

Four-player, double round-robin format.
1st-place prize merchandise credit of \$30.
ENTRY FEE: \$10.

Walter Muir E-Quads (websaver chess)

Four-player, double round-robin e-mail format tournament with class-level pairings.
1st-place receives a certificate.
ENTRY FEE: \$7.

Please circle event(s) selected.

NOTE: Except for Lightning Matches, Swift Quads, Walter Muir E-Quads & Electronic Knights, players will use post office mail, unless opponents agree to use e-mail.

USCF National Events

Note: Tournament memberships not valid for National events

SEE TLA IN THIS ISSUE FOR DETAILS

- 2012 U.S. Junior Chess Congress** March 3-4 • Burlingame, California
2012 National High School (K-12) Championship April 13-15 • Minneapolis, Minnesota
2012 All-Girls National Championships April 20-22 • Chicago, Illinois
2012 National Junior High (K-9) Championship April 27-29 • San Diego, California
2012 National Elementary (K-6) Championship May 11-13 • Nashville, Tennessee
68th Annual (2012) U.S. Amateur East Championship May 26-28 or 27-28 • Somerset, New Jersey
2012 U.S. Amateur South Championship June 9-10 • Memphis, Tennessee
2012 U.S. Game/10 Championship June 14 • Las Vegas, Nevada
2012 National Open June 15-17 or 16-17 • Las Vegas, Nevada

FUTURE EVENTS *(Watch for details)*

- 2012 U.S. Amateur West Championship** May 26-28 • Tucson, Arizona
2012 U.S. Senior Open Championship July 9-14 • Houston, Texas
2012 U.S. Junior Open Championship July 13-15 • Houston, Texas
2012 U. S. Open Aug. 4-12 • Vancouver, Washington
2012 U. S. Game/60 Oct. 27 • Pleasanton, California
2012 U. S. Action Game/30 Oct. 28 • Pleasanton, California
2012 National Scholastic (K-12) Nov. 30-December 2 • Orlando, Florida
2013 SuperNationals V April 5-7 • Nashville, Tennessee
2013 National Scholastic (K-12) December 13-15 • Lake Buena Vista, Florida
2014 National High School (K-12) Championship April 4-6 • San Diego, California
2014 National Elementary (K-6) Championship May 9-11 • Dallas, Texas
2014 National Scholastic (K-12) December 12-14 • Orlando, Florida
2015 National Elementary (K-6) Championship May 8-10 • Nashville, Tennessee
2015 National Scholastic (K-12) December 5-7 • Orlando, Florida

Rating supplements will be updated EACH MONTH on the USCF website, and each monthly rating supplement will be used for all tournaments beginning in that month, unless otherwise announced in Chess Life. The USCF website at www.uschess.org also frequently lists unofficial ratings. The purpose of unofficial ratings is to inform you of your progress; however, most tournaments do not use them for pairing or prize purposes. If you would otherwise be unrated, organizers may use your unofficial rating at their discretion, even without advance publicity of such a policy.

The TLA pages "Information for Organizers, TDs, and Affiliates" and "Information for Players" can now be found online at main.uschess.org/go/tlainfo.

Tournament Life Abbreviations & Terms

All tournaments are non-smoking with no computers allowed unless otherwise advertised by S and/or C (see below for explanations).

QC: Quick Chess events.

\$\$Gtd: Guaranteed prizes.

\$\$b/x: Based-on prizes, x = number of entries needed to pay full prize fund. At least 50% of the advertised prize fund of \$501 or more must be awarded.

Bye: Indicates which rounds players who find it inconvenient to play may take ½-point byes instead. For example, Bye 1-3 means ½-point byes are available in Rounds 1 through 3.

CC: Chess club.

EF: Entry fee.

Ent: Where to mail entries.

FIDE: Results submitted to FIDE for possible rating.

G/: Game in. For instance, G/75 means each side has 75 minutes for the entire game.

GPP: Grand Prix Points available.

HR: Hotel rates. For example, 60-65-70-75 means \$60 single, \$65 twin, \$70/3 in room, \$75/4 in room.

JGP: Junior Grand Prix.

Memb. req'd: Membership required; cost follows. Usually refers to state affiliate.

Open: A section open to all. Often has very strong players, but some eligible for lower sections can play for the learning experience.

Quad: 4-player round robin sections; similar strength players.

RBO: Rated Beginner's Open.

Rds: Rounds; scheduled game times follow. For example, 11-5, 9-3 means games begin 11 a.m. & 5 p.m. on the first day, 9 a.m. & 3 p.m. on the second day.

Reg: Registration at site.

RR: Round robin (preceded by number of rounds).

SD/: Sudden-death time control (time for rest of game follows). For example, 30/90, SD/1 means each player must make 30 moves in 90 minutes, then complete the rest of the game in an hour.

SS: Swiss-System pairings (preceded by number of rounds).

T/Dx: Time delay, x = number of seconds.

Unr: Unrated.

W: Site is accessible to wheelchairs.

WEB: Tournaments that will use a player's on-line rating.

Bids

Note: Organizers previously awarded options for USCF National Events must still submit proposals (including sample budgets) for their events.

NOW PAST DEADLINE OF JULY 1, 2011:

- 2012 U.S. Amateur (North)
 2012 U.S. Class Championship
 2012 U.S. Masters Championship

DEADLINE JULY 1, 2012:

- 2013 U.S. Amateur Team Championship (North, South, West)
 2013 U.S. Amateur (East, North, South, West)
 2013 U.S. Senior Open
 2013 National Open
 2013 U.S. Game 10 Championship
 2013 U.S. Game/15 Championship
 2013 U.S. Game 60 Championship
 2013 U.S. Action G/30 Championship

DEADLINE JULY 1, 2013:

- 2014 U.S. Senior Open

OVERDUE BIDS

*Please contact the National Office if you are interested in bidding for a National Event. The USCF recommends that bids be submitted according to the following schedule. However, bids may be considered prior to these dates. *USCF reserves the right to decline all bids and organize the event itself.*

The Tournament Announcements on the following pages are provided for the convenience of USCF members and for informational purposes only. Unless expressly indicated otherwise, neither the U.S. Chess Federation nor *Chess Life* warrants the accuracy of anything contained in these Tournament Announcements. Those interested in additional information about or having questions concerning any of these tournaments are directed to contact the organizer listed. *Chess Life* will exercise all due diligence in providing accurate typesetting of non-camera-ready copy but assumes no responsibility for errors made in such work.

Effective with TLAs submitted after November 10, 2010, the following additional rules apply to Grand Prix tournaments:

- 1) The guaranteed first prize must be at least \$150.
- 2) No more than one prize under \$100 may count towards the Grand Prix point total.
- 3) Prizes below the maximum entry fee do not count towards the Grand Prix point total.

SUBMISSIONS: If possible e-mail your tla to: tla@uschess.org (Joan DuBois). For a deadline schedule, formatting help and Grand Prix information see September 2011 *Chess Life* pg. 49 and 69 or check <http://main.uschess.org/go/tlainfo>. Payment can be done online through the TD/Affiliate area or sent to: U.S. Chess, TLA Dept., PO Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557.

Nationals

Mar. 3-4, California, Northern 2012 U.S. Junior Chess Congress

(Blitz on Mar. 2) San Francisco Airport Hyatt Regency, 1333 Bayshore Highway, Burlingame, CA 94010. Experience Spring in San Francisco! Hotel rate \$99 only. **8 Sections based on age:** 6 & under, 8 & under, 10 & under, 12 & under, 14 & under, 16 & under, 18 & under, 20 & under. **Individual Trophies:** All (6 & under), top 20 (8 & under, 10 & under, 12 & under), top 15 (14 & under), or top 10 (16 & under, 18 & under, 20 & under). "Super Performance" trophies to players tied for last place with a trophy award and the top player(s) in each rating class who did not get a place trophy. Participation medals to all entrants. **Team Trophies:** Top 10 (6 & under, 8 & under, 10 & under, 12 & under) or top 5 (14 & under, 16 & under, 18 & under, 20 & under) based on section. **Time control:** G/90 except G/30 for Ages 6 & under and Ages 8 & under. **Schedule:** Onsite Registration: Saturday 7:30-8:30am. **Rounds:** Saturday 9am, 12:45, 4:30pm, and Sun 9, 12:45pm. Ages 6 & under: Saturday 9:00am, 10:45am, 12:30pm, 2:00pm, 3:30pm. Ages 8 & under: Onsite Registration: Sunday 7:30-8:30am. **Rounds:** Sunday 9:00am, 10:45am, 12:30pm, 2:00pm, 3:30pm. **Byes:** Max one 1/2-point bye except last round (must request before start of 1st round). **Entry Fees by 2/18:** 1-day \$48, 2-day \$60, Add \$10 (2/19-25), \$20 (2/26-3/1), \$40 (3/2-3 & onsite). **Blitz:** Friday Registration: 5-5:30pm, Games 6-8pm. 2 sections (11 & under, 20 & under). **Bughouse:** Sunday Registration: 5-5:30pm, Games 6-8pm. 1 section. **Side Event Fees:** Blitz \$15, Bughouse \$15, Bughouse team \$25. Onsite +\$2. **Side Event Prizes:** Top 3 players and top 3 teams in each section. USCF Membership required for all events except bughouse. March 2012 Supplement & TD discretion to place players accurately. Commemorative T-shirts: \$15 pre-order, \$20 onsite. Organizers/TDs: S. Azhar, R. Koepcke, T. Langland, & J. McCumiskey. Sponsored by CalChess and Bay Area Chess. **More info & flyer:** BayAreaChess.com/USJR12.php. Register online at BayAreaChess.com/my/usjr12.php. Mail entries to Bay Area Chess, 1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. Register early to save. **Questions:** ask@BayAreaChess.com. NS, NC, W. **Chess Magnet School JGP for G/90 rounds.**

Apr. 13-15, Minnesota

2012 National High School (K-12) Championship

(Apr. 12 – Bughouse & Blitz) 7SS, G/120. Hyatt Regency Minneapolis, 1300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55403, 612-370-1234. Chess Rate \$125. **5 Sections: K-12 Championship, K-12 Under 1600, K-12 Under 1200, K-12 Under 800, K-12 Unrated. April Rating Supplement will be used.** Unrated players may play in the Championship or Unrated section only. One 1/2-point bye for any round, except Rd. 7, if requested in advance. **EF:** \$50 if by March 25, \$70 if by April 8, \$85 by 6 PM CDT on April 12 or \$90 at site. Mailed entries must be p/m by April 8. \$5 extra for all phone registrations, \$20 change fee for roster or section changes after April 8. **Onsite registration:** Thurs. 9am-10pm & Fri. 8am-10am. Players registering after 10am will get 1/2-point for Round 1. **Awards:** A minimum of 1 individual trophy per 10 players and 1 team trophy per 15 players (average attendance in the past two years, not incl. SN IV) plus plaques for 4 players and coach of top five teams in each section. **Class trophies to the top three in the following classes:** K-12 Championship: 1900-1999; 1800-1899; 1700-1799; 1600-1699; 1500-1599; 1400-1499; 1300-1399; 1200-1299; U1200, K-12 UNR. All participants will receive a commemorative medal at the completion of the final round. **Teams:** A team must have at least two players, although no maximum number of players. The top four scores in any section will count for the team score. All on team must attend the same school. **Opening Ceremony:** 12:30pm Friday. **Main Event rounds:** Friday 1pm, 7pm; Saturday 9am, 2pm, 7pm; Sunday 9am, 2pm. **Awards Ceremony:** Approx 7pm Sunday. **Special Events: National High School Bughouse Championship:** Thursday 11am; **EF:** (On site only) \$25 per team. Bughouse registration ends at 10am Thurs. **National High School Blitz Championship:** Thursday 5pm; **EF:** \$15 per player, \$20 after April 8 or on site. **Scholastic Meeting:** 3pm Saturday. **Parents and Friends Tournament:** 4SS, G/30, Saturday 10:30am, 12:30pm, 2:30pm, 4:30pm. Onsite registration only. Rated and Unrated sections. Trophies for Parents/Friends, participant and student combined results. **ALL:** Please bring clocks. Sets and score sheets provided. USCF membership required. **Mail entries to:** U.S. Chess Federation, Attn: High School, P.O. Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557.

Additional details, updates, corrections and on-line registration: <http://www.uschess.org/tournaments/2012/hs>. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Apr. 20-22, Illinois

2012 All-Girls National Championships presented by the Kasparov Chess Foundation in association with the Renaissance Knights Chess Foundation & USCF

6SS, G/90 d5, Swissotel, 323 E. Wacker Dr., Chicago, IL 60601, 888-737-9477. **Hotel Rate includes full breakfast & children under 18 stay free.** **6 Sections:** 8 years old and younger; 10 and younger, 12 and younger, 14 and younger, 16 and younger, 18 and younger. Age as of 4/1/2011. USCF membership required. **EF:** \$50 if postmarked/online by 3/25; \$70 if by 4/8; \$85 by 4/19; \$90 after / on-site Do not mail after 4/13 as your entry may not be received on time. **Opening Ceremony:** 6pm, Friday. **Rounds:** Rd. 1 – 6:30pm Fri; Rounds 2-4 – Sat 10am, 2:30pm, 6:30pm; Rounds 5-6 – Sun 9am & 1pm. **Awards Ceremony:** Sun. 5pm. Trophies to top 15 indiv & top 3 teams (top 3 players added for team scores). **Bye:** One 1/2-pt bye available, any round, if requested before end of Rd. 2 and if player has not received a full-point bye. **Side Events: Bughouse Tournament – Fri. 1pm, EF \$25/team. Blitz Tournament – Fri. 3pm, EF \$15 by 4/19, \$20 after or on site. HR:** \$169-169 includes full breakfast, children under 18 stay free, 888-737-9477, reserve by 3/15 or rate may increase. **Entries:** online/info at: www.renaissanceknights.org/allgirls or mail to RKnights, Attn: All Girls, PO Box 1074, Northbrook, IL 60065, include name, section, rating, USCF ID#, date of birth, grade, school name city & state. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Apr. 27-29, California, Southern

2012 National Junior High (K-9) Championship

(Apr. 26 – Bughouse & Blitz) 7SS, G/120. Town and Country, 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108, 1-619-291-7131 or 800-772-8527, Chess Rate \$125. **6 Sections: K-9 Championship, K-9 Under 1250, K-9 Unrated, K-8 Championship, K-8 Under 1000, K-8 U750. April Rating Supplement will be used.** Unrated players may play in the Championship or Unrated sections only. One 1/2-point bye for any round, except Rd. 7, if requested in advance. **EF:** \$50 if by April 8, \$70 if by April 22, \$85 by 6 PM PDT on April 26 or \$90 at site. Mailed entries must be p/m by April 22. \$5 extra for all phone registrations, \$20 change fee for roster or section changes after April 22. **On-site registration:** Thurs. 9am-10pm & Fri. 8am-10am. Players registering after 10am will get 1/2-point for Round 1. **Awards:** A minimum of 1 individual trophy per 10 players and 1 team trophy per 15 players (average attendance in the past two years, not incl. SN IV) plus plaques for 4 players and coach of top five teams in each section. **Class trophies to the top three in the following classes:** K-9 Championship: 1400-1599; 1200-1399; 1000-1199; U1000; Unrated. K-8 Championship: 1500-1599; 1400-1499; 1300-1399; 1200-1299; 1100-1199; 1000-1099; U1000; UNR. All participants will receive a commemorative medal at the completion of the final round. **Teams:** A team must have at least two players, although no maximum number of players. The top four scores in any section will count for the team score. All on team must attend the same school. **Opening Ceremony:** 12:30pm Friday. **Main Event rounds:** Friday 1pm, 7pm; Saturday 9am, 2pm, 7pm; Sunday 9am, 2pm. **Awards Ceremony:** Approx 7pm Sunday. **Special Events: National Junior High Bughouse Championship:** Thursday 11am; **EF:** (on site only) \$25 per team. Bughouse registration ends at 10am Thurs. **National Junior High Blitz Championship:** Thursday 5pm; **EF:** \$15 per player, \$20 after April 22 or on site. **Scholastic Meeting:** 3pm Saturday. **Parents and Friends Tournament:** 4SS, G/30, Saturday 10:30am, 12:30pm, 2:30pm, 4:30pm. Onsite registration only. Rated and Unrated sections. Trophies for Parent/Friends participant and student combined results. **ALL:** Please bring clocks. Sets and score sheets provided. USCF membership required. **Mail entries to:** U.S. Chess Federation, Attn: Junior High, P.O. Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557. **Additional details, updates, corrections and on-line registration:** <http://www.uschess.org/tournaments/2012/jhs>. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

May 11-13, Tennessee

2012 National Elementary (K-6) Championship

(May 10 – Bughouse & Blitz) 7SS, G/120, K-1 G/90. Gaylord Opryland, 2800 Opryland Dr., Nashville, TN 37214. 615-889-1000 or 888-777-6779. Chess Rate \$139. **9 Sections: K-6 Championship, K-6 Under 1000, K-6 Unrated, K-5 Championship, K-5 Under 900, K-3 Championship, K-3 U800, K-3 Unrated, K-1 Championship. May Rating Supplement will be used.** Unrated players may play in the Championship or Unrated sections only. One 1/2-point bye for any round, except Rd. 7, if requested in advance. **EF:** \$50 if by April 22, \$70 if by May 6, \$85 by 6 PM CDT on May 10 or \$90 at site. Mailed entries must be p/m by May 6. \$5 extra for all phone registrations, \$20 change fee for roster or section changes after May 6. **On-site registration:** Thurs. 9am-10pm & Fri. 8am-10am. Players registering after 10am will get 1/2-point for Round 1. **Awards:** A minimum of 1 individual trophy per 10 players and 1 team trophy per 15 players (average attendance in the past two years, not incl. SN IV) plus plaques for 4 players and coach of top five teams in each section. **Class trophies to the top three in the following classes:** K-6 Championship: 1300-1399; 1200-1299; 1100-1199; 1000-1099; 900-999; 800-899; U800; UNR. K-5 Championship: 1300-1399; 1200-1299; 1100-1199; 1000-1099; 900-999; 800-899; U800; UNR. K-3 Championship: 1100-1199; 1000-1099; 900-999; 800-899; 700-799; 600-699; U600; UNR. K-1 Championship: All players in this section receive a trophy. All participants will receive a commemorative medal at the completion of the final round. **Teams:** A team must have at least two players, although no maximum number of players. The top four scores in any section will count for the team score. **All on team must attend the same school. Opening Ceremony:** 12:30pm Friday. **Main Event rounds:** Friday 1pm, 7pm; Saturday 9am, 2pm, 7pm; Sunday 9am, 2pm. **Schedule for K-1:** Friday 1:30pm, 6:30pm; Saturday 9:30am, 1:30pm, 6:30pm; Sunday 9:30am, 1:30pm. **Awards Ceremony:** Approx 7pm Sunday. **Awards Ceremony for K-1:** Approx 5:30pm Sunday. **Special Events: National Elementary Bughouse Championship:** Thursday 11am; **EF:** (on site only) \$25 per team. Bughouse registration ends at 10am Thurs. **National Elementary Blitz Championship:** Two sections: K-6 and K-3. Thursday 5pm; **EF:** \$15

per player, \$20 after May 6 or on site. **Scholastic Meeting:** 3pm Saturday. Saturday. **Parents and Friends Tournament:** 4SS, G/30, Saturday 10:30am, 12:30pm, 2:30pm, 4:30pm. Trophies for Parents/Friends, participant and student combined results. **Mail entries to:** U.S. Chess Federation, Attn: Elementary, P.O. Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557. **Additional details, updates, corrections and on-line registration:** <http://www.uschess.org/tournaments/2012/elem>. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

A Heritage Event!

May 26-28 or 27-28, New Jersey 68th Annual U.S. Amateur East Championship

6-SS, 50/2, SD/1. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 110 Davidson Ave., Somerset, NJ, Telephone 732-560-0500 (NYC train to Bound Brook 1 miles away). **In 3 Sections:** Championship (U2200), Reserved (U1800), Booster (U1400). 2-day & 3-day schedules. **3-Day Registration:** Saturday May 26, 9:30-10:45 am. **Schedule:** Rounds 12-6, 11-5, 9-3. **2-Day Registration:** Sunday May 27, 8:30-9:30 am. **Schedule:** First 3 games, 5/27, 6/60. Rounds 10-12:15-2:30. All schedules merge in round four. **Each Sections:** Trophies to top five and top Senior 55/over and Jr's under ages 16 & 13. **Championship:** Trophies to top U2000, U1900 and U1850. **Reserve:** Trophies to top U1600 and U1500. **Booster:** Trophies to top U1200, U1100, U1000, U900 and U800. **EF:** \$49 if postmarked by May 23, or paid online via EntryFeesRus.com. **EF:** at site \$60 cash. **Byes:** Three 1/2 point byes allowed in rounds 1-5. **Ent:** Ken Thomas, 115 W. Moore St., Hackettstown, NJ 07840. Checks to NuSCF. **Info:** 908-619-8621 or acn@goes.com. NS. NC. W. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

June 9-10, Tennessee

2012 U.S. Amateur South Championship

University of Memphis, University Center, 499 University St., Memphis, TN 38152. **SECTIONS:** Championship (U2200) & Reserve (U1600). **SCHEDULE:** 5/SS, G/90 td/5. **Reg. Sat:** 9:00-9:45AM. **Rds. Sat:** 10-2-6; Sun. 9:30-1:30. **PRIZES:** \$1000 of Gift Certificates and awards based on 60 paid entries. **(Championship):** 1st-"River Cup" trophy + \$150 GC, 2nd-plaque +\$100 GC, 3rd-plaque+\$75 GC; U2000 1st-small trophy +\$50 GC. **(Reserve):** 1st-large plaque+\$125 GC, 2nd-plaque+\$75 GC, 3rd-plaque+\$50 GC; U1400 1st-small trophy +\$50 GC; Unrated 1st-\$50 GC. **EF:** \$40 (\$10 less to Juniors under age 18 or Seniors over age 60), \$50 on-site. **MISC:** One requested half-point bye allowed, any round, must request before the start of Round 3. **SIDE EVENT:** SATURDAY ONLY—Scholastic (K-12) sections in a separate room from main tournament: U1000, U550, & Unrated. 4/SS, G/30 td/5. **Reg. 11-11:45AM.** Rd. 1 at 12PM, rest ASAP. **EF:** \$15 by two days before the event, \$20 after & on-site. Trophies or Medals for all Side Event players! **ADDL. DETAILS:** www.shelbycountychess.org. **ENTRY:** Online entry at www.cajunchess.com or mail registration to Shelby County Chess, ATTN: Amateur South, 1614 Vance Ave., Memphis, TN 38104. **INFO:** Arlene Kleiman, midsouthchess@hotmail.com; Korey Kormick, kjormick@hotmail.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP for main event.**

June 14, Nevada

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 80 (Enhanced)

2012 U.S. Game/10 Championship (QC)

6SS, G/10. FIDE Rated. Riviera Hotel and Casino, 2901 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas 89109. **\$65,000.** 1500-800-500, U2300 450, U2100 400, U1900 350, U1700 300, U1500 250, U1300 200, U1100 150, unrated 100. There must be 3 players eligible for each prize to be awarded. **EF:** \$69 by 5/28, \$79 by 6/13 \$100 on site. **REG.:** 2-4 p.m. **Rds.:** 5-5:30-6-6:30-7-7:30. Higher of regular or quick rating used. **Bring**

USCF Membership Rates Premium (P) and Regular (R) (U.S., CANADA, MEXICO)

Type	1 yr	2yr	3yr
Adult P	\$46	\$84	\$122
Adult R	\$40	\$72	\$104
Senior (65+)	\$40	\$72	\$104
Young Adult P (U25)*	\$33	\$61	\$88
Young Adult R (U25)*	\$26	\$47	\$67
Youth P (U16)*	\$28	\$51	\$73
Youth R (U16)*	\$22	\$40	\$57
Scholastic P (U13)*	\$24	\$43	\$61
Scholastic R (U13)*	\$17	\$30	\$42

Premium membership provides a printed copy of Chess Life (monthly) or Chess Life for Kids (bimonthly) plus all other benefits of regular membership. Regular membership provides online-only access to Chess Life and Chess Life for Kids; a tournament life announcement newsletter will be mailed to adults bimonthly and to scholastic members three times per year. Youth provides bimonthly Chess Life, Scholastic bimonthly Chess Life for Kids, others listed above monthly Chess Life. See www.uschess.org for other membership categories. Dues are not refundable and may be changed without notice.

*Ages at expiration

NATIONAL SPRING SCHOLASTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (K-12) CHAMPIONSHIP

APRIL 13-15, 2012

Hyatt Regency Minneapolis
1300 Nicolett Mall
Minneapolis, MN 55403
612-370-1234
Chess rate: \$125
single/double/triple/quad

NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH (K-9) CHAMPIONSHIP

APRIL 27-29, 2012

Town and Country Resort
500 Hotel Circle North
San Diego, CA 92108
1-800-772-8527
Chess rate: \$125
single/double/triple/quad

NATIONAL ELEMENTARY (K-6) CHAMPIONSHIP

MAY 11-13, 2012

Gaylord Opryland Resort and
Convention Center
2800 Opryland Drive
Nashville, TN 37214
615-889-1000 or 888-777-6779
Chess rate: \$139
single/double/triple/quad



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clocks. 1/2 point bye available in any round (limit 2). **HR:** \$59 single or double (\$89 Friday and Saturday nights). 1-800-634-6753 or (702) 734-5110. **ENT:** National Open, PO Box 90925, Henderson, NV 89009-0925, on line www.VegasChessFestival.com or fax at (702) 933-9112. NS. NC. W.

A Heritage Event! An American Classic! June 15-17 or 16-17, Nevada

*Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 200 (Enhanced)
2012 National Open*

6-SS, 40/2, SD/1 (2 day option rds 1-3 G/45). Riviera Hotel and Casino, 2901 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas 89109. **\$80,000 Guaranteed Prize Fund** will not be reduced. **Championship.** \$\$: 6400-3200-1600-800-500-300-300-300-300-200-200-200-200, under 2500 1600, under 2400 1200, under 2300 1000. \$2,000 **EXTRA** for perfect score. The winner of the Championship section also receives a replica of the Edmondson Cup. **Under 2200.** \$\$: 3200-1600-800-500-400-250-250-250-250-250-200-200-200-200. **Under 2000.** \$\$: 3200-1600-800-500-400-250-250-250-250-250-200-200-200-200. **Under 1800.** \$\$: 3200-1600-800-500-400-250-250-250-250-250-200-200-200-200. **Under 1600.** \$\$: 3200-1600-800-500-400-250-250-250-250-250-200-200-200-200. **Under 1400.** \$\$: 2000-1000-700-400-300-250-250-250-250-250. **Under 1200.** \$\$: 1200-600-400-300-250-200-200-200-200. **Unrated,** \$\$: 500-300-200. **Plus Score Bonus** (\$14,000 guaranteed) in addition to any other prizes, every player who finishes with 3-1/2 points or better wins a \$50 gift certificate. Plus score certificates will be awarded on site only. Players under age 15 are eligible for best game prizes including the Freddie award plus \$200 (donated by Fred Gruenberg). Top 2 sections FIDE rated. **EF:** \$169 by 2/29, \$199 by 5/28, \$219 by 6/13, \$240 on site. \$40 discount for seniors 65 and over. Add \$120 for adults rated under 2100 or juniors under 2000 playing in the Championship Section. This is an open tournament - you may play in any section at or above your rating level; unrated players may play only in Unrated or Championship Section. Provisionally rated players may not win more than 3rd prize in any section except Championship. CCA minimum ratings or other ratings may be used if higher than USCF June Supplement. **Reg.:** 3 p.m.-10 p.m. Thursday, 8-9:30 a.m. Friday. **Rds.:** 11-6, 10-5, 10-5. 2-day schedule: **Reg.:** 8-9 a.m. Saturday. **Rds.:** 10-12-2-5; merge with 3-day in round 4. Half point byes available in any round, but round 5 or 6 byes must be requested before the start of round 2. Chess sets and boards provided for tournament play only, not for skillies. Please bring chess clocks! The **LAS VEGAS INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL** features the National Open, the U.S. Game/10 Championship, the International Youth Championship and other events. **Many free extras and surprises!** Free parking. Free raffle with great prizes. Free GM Lectures. Free GM analysis of your games. **Grandmaster Chess Camp** for all ages on Thursday. **U.S. Game/10** and **Grandmaster Simuls** Thursday afternoon. **Youth Tournaments** Friday, Saturday & Sunday. **Poker Tournament** Monday morning. **LOW room rates!** **HR: \$59 single or double (\$89 Friday and Saturday nights).** 1-800-634-6753 or (702) 734-5110. **Don't be shut out; make your reservations early and be sure to ask for the chess rates!** The Riviera sells out most weekends. Cutoff for special hotel rate is **May 28th.** Rates may be as high as \$150 a night later. **RESERVE NOW!** Credit card or one night room deposit will be required to hold reservation, may be canceled 72 hours in advance for nominal fee. **Tournament Registration:** National Open, PO Box 90925, Henderson, NV 89009-0925, on line at www.VegasChessFestival.com or by fax at (702) 933-9112. **Info:** (702) 560-0955 and leave a message. NS. W. FIDE. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Grand Prix

Mar. 9-11 or 10-11, California, Southern

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 100 (Enhanced)

19th annual Western Class Championships

5SS, 40/2, SD/1, d/5 (2-day option, rds.1-2 G/75, d/5). Sheraton Agoura Hills Hotel (formerly Renaissance), 30100 Agoura Rd., Agoura Hills, CA 91301 (US-101 to Reyes Adobe Road exit). Adjacent to the Santa Monica Mountains, 26 miles west of Burbank, 12 miles from Malibu, 28 miles from Ventura. Free parking. **\$20,000** based on 230 paid entries (re-entries, Class E count as half entries), minimum \$16,000 (80% each prize) guaranteed. In 7 sections. **Master** (over 2199): \$2000-1000-500-300, clear or tiebreak winner \$100 bonus, topU2300 \$800-400. FIDE. **Expert** (2000-2199): \$1500-800-400-200. **Class A** (1800-1999): \$1500-800-400-200. **Class B** (1600-1799): \$1500-800-400-200. **Class C** (1400-1599): \$1400-700-400-200. **Class D** (1200-1399): \$1200-600-300-200. **Class E** (Under1200): \$600-300-200-100, trophies to top U1000, U800, U600, Unr. **Rated players** may play up one section. **Prize limits:** Unrated may not win over \$150 in E, \$250 D, \$400 C, \$600 B, or \$800 A. **If any post-event rating** posted at uschess.org 12/8/11-3/8/12 is more than 30 points over section maximum, prize limit \$500. Balance of any limited prize goes to next player(s) in line. **Top 6 sections EF:** 3-day \$113, 2-day \$112 mailed by 3/1, all \$115 online at chestour.com by 3/6, \$120 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 3/6 (entry only, no questions), \$130 at site. **EF for all in Class E Section, and unrated in Class D:** all \$60 less. Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. **All:** Special 1 yr USCF dues with Chess Life if paid with entry: Online at chestour.com. Adult \$30, Young Adult \$20, Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or paid at site, Adult \$40, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20. Re-entry (except Master) \$60. SCCF memb. (\$18, jr \$10) required for rated Southern CA residents. **3-day schedule:** Reg. Fri to 6 pm, rds Fri 7, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:30. **2-day schedule:** Reg. Sat to 10 am, rds Sat 11, 2:30 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:30. **Byes:** OK all rds, limit 2; Master must commit before rd 2, others before rd 3. **HR:** \$87-87, 818-707-1220, reserve by 3/5 or rate may increase. **Car rental:** Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD#D657633. **Questions:** chestour.com, 845-496-9658, DirectorAtChess.us. **Ent:** Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. \$15 service charge for withdrawals. Advance entries posted at chestour.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Mar. 10, New York**Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10****13th Annual Bruce Bowyer Memorial**

4SS, G/45, Hotel New Yorker, 8th Avenue & 34 St., NYC. **EF:** \$20. **\$\$\$:** \$250-\$175-\$125, U2200 \$100, U2000 \$75, U1800 \$60. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45. **Rds.:** 12-1:45-3:45-5:30pm. **Ent:** Cks or MO payable to: Pat Bowyer (be sure to specify "Grand Prix, Saturday"), c/o PAR Group, Inc., 119 N. Park Avenue, Suite 303, Rockville Centre, NY 11570. Limit 70 players & positively NO door ents. **March 10: Bughouse** team tourney starting time: 8pm, 5 minute Swiss or round robin depending on # of entries. 2 players per team. **EF:** \$5/player. Cash to top team.

Mar. 16-18 or 17-18, California, Northern**Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 6****Bay Area Chess Spring Open**

5SS, G/120 (2day rds 1-2 G/45). 1639A S. Main St., Milpitas. Park free. **Prize:** \$2,400 b/55. **3 sections.** 1900+ \$300-200-100 u2100-100-80. 1500-1899 \$300-200-70 u1700-100-70. U1500 \$300-200-70 u1300-100-70-70. Unr max \$100 exc Open. **EF:** \$67 (2d \$66) by 3/14, Onsite +15 Playup +20, r/e 33 EconOpt: EF-20, 1/2 of calc prize. GMs/IMs free: prize-ER. Mar 12 Supp, CCA min & TD disc used. **Sched:** Reg F 6-6:30p, Rds F 7, Sa/Su 9:30, 2 (2day Reg Sa 8:30-9a Rds Sa 9:30, 11:30 merge rd3). Max two 1/2-pt byes commit bef rd3. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/spring12.E: ask@BayAreaChess.com, NS, NC, W. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Mar. 16-18 or 17-18, Missouri**Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 80 (Enhanced)****16th Annual Mid-America Open**

5SS, 40/2, SD/1, d/5 (2-day option, rds 1-2 G/75, d/5). Crowne Plaza Hotel St. Louis-Clayton, 7750 Carondelet Ave., St. Louis, MO 63105 (I-64 W/US 40-W Exit 32B, 1.2 miles north on Hanley Rd.). **\$\$\$ 18,000** based on 220 paid entries (re-entries & \$60 off entries count half, U900 Section 1/4), minimum \$12,000 (2/3 each prize) guaranteed. In 7 sections: **Open:** \$2000-1000-500-300, clear winner or 1st on tiebreak \$100 bonus, top U2300 \$900, U2200 \$800, U2100 \$700. **FIDE. Under 2000:** \$1400-700-400-200. **Under 1800:** \$1300-700-400-200. **Under 1600:** \$1200-600-300-200. **Under 1400:** \$1000-500-250-150. **Under 1200:** \$1000-500-250-150. **Under 900:** \$200-100, trophies to first 5, top U700, U500, Unrated. **Prize limits:** Unrated may not win over \$100 in U900, \$200 U1200, \$400 U1400, \$700 U1600, or \$900 in U1800. If any post-event rating posted at uschess.org 12/15/11-3/15/12 is more than 30 points over section maximum, prize limit \$500. Balance of any limited prize goes to next player(s) in line. **Top 6 sections EF:** 3-day \$109, 2-day \$108 mailed by 3/8, all \$110 online at chesstour.com by 3/13, \$115 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 3/15 (entry only, no questions), \$130 at site. \$60 less to unrated in U1200 or U1400. **U900 Section EF:** All \$80 less than top 6 sections EF. No checks at site, credit cards OK. GMs free, \$100 deducted from prize. **All:** Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. **Special 1 yr USCF dues** with magazine if paid with entry: Online atchesstour.com, Adult \$30, Young Adult \$20, Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or paid at site, Adult \$40, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20. Re-entry \$60; not available in Open Section. MCA memb. (\$5) required for MO residents. **3-day schedule:** Reg ends Fri 6pm, rds Fri 7 pm, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:15. **2-day schedule:** Reg ends Sat 10 am, rds Sat 11, 2:30 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:15. **Byes:** OK all, limit 2; Open must commit before rd 2, others before rd 3. **HR:** \$89-89, 888-303-1746, 314-726-5400, request chess rate, reserve by 3/2 or rate may increase. **Car rental:** Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD#D657633, or reserve car online through chesstour.com. **Ent:** Continental Chess, Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. **Questions:** DirectorAtChess.us, 845-496-9658. Advance entries posted at chesstour.com. \$15 service charge for refunds. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Mar. 16-18 or 17-18, New York**Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 60 (Enhanced)****Long Island Open**

5SS, 40/2, SD/1, d/5 (2-day option, rds 1-2G/75, d/5). Holiday Inn Long Island - Islip Airport, 3845 Veterans Memorial Highway, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779. Free parking, free shuttle from LIRR or Islip Airport. **Prizes \$12,000** based on 150 paid entries, \$8000 minimum (2/3 each prize) guaranteed; re-entries & \$50 off entries count as half entries. In 4 sections. **Open:** \$1500-800-500-300, clear or tiebreak winner \$100 bonus, top U2300/Unr \$600, U2200/Unr \$500. **FIDE. Under 2100:** \$1000-600-400-300, top U1900 \$500, U1800 \$400. **Under 1700:** \$900-500-300-200, top U1500 \$450, U1400 \$350. **Under 1300:** \$800-400-200-100, top U1100 \$300. **Unrated** may not win over \$200 in U1300 or \$400 in U1700. **EF:** 3-day \$103, 2-day \$102 mailed by 3/8, all \$105 online at chesstour.com by 3/13, \$110 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 3/13 (entry only, no questions), \$120 (no checks, credit cards OK) at site. GMs free; \$100 deducted from prize. **EF for Under 1000 or unrated in U1300 (NOTE CHANGE):** \$50 less. Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. **Special 1 year USCF dues** with Chess Life if paid with entry. Online at chesstour.com, Adult \$30, Young Adult \$20, Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or paid at site, Adult \$40, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20. **Re-entry \$60;** not available in Open Section. **3-day schedule:** Reg ends Fri 6:30 pm, rds, Fri 7 pm, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:15. **2-day schedule:** Reg ends Sat 10:30 am, rds, Sat 11, 2:30 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:15. **All:** Half point byes OK all, limit 2, Open must commit before rd 2, others before rd 3. **HR:** \$75-75, 631-471-0401, reserve by 3/2 or rate may increase. **Car rental:** Avis, 800-331-1600, AWD D657633, or reserve car online through chesstour.com. **Ent:** Continental Chess, Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. \$15 service charge for refunds. **Questions:** www.chessstour.com, DirectorAtChess.US, 845-496-9658. Advance entries posted at chess tour.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Mar. 17, New Jersey**Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 20 (Enhanced)****St. Patrick's Day**

Somerset Holiday Inn, 195 Davidson Ave., Somerset: Exit #10 off I-287, off Easton Ave. (One Open Section and K-8 Quads). **Grand Prix Section:** 4SS, G/60, \$\$\$: \$300-200-100-100-50. Also \$75 Minimum Prize (not a class prize-see web site) Top Expert, A, B, and U1600 No pooling nor dupli-

cate prizes! Trophies to 1st, Top Exp. A, B, C, D/E, Sr., Jr. **EF:** \$39 on entryfeesrus.com, \$49 cash at site. **Reg.:** 9-10am. Starts at 10 am then ASAP with lunch break. **Scholastic Quads (K-8):** 3RR, G/45, **EF:** \$15 early EntryFeesRus.com or \$20 cash at site by 10am. **\$\$\$:** \$40 or Trophy, all get awards. 1st round 10am then ASAP with lunch break. **Info:** call Ken at 908-619-8621 or email, njchess64@yahoo.com. NS, NC, W.

Mar. 17-18, Tennessee**Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 6****Saint Patrick's Day Open**

5SS, G/120 (Open & U1600). **Site:** Greater Memphis Chess Center, 5796 Shelby Oaks Dr., Suite 11, Memphis, TN 38134. **Round times:** Sat 9-2-7, Sun 9-2. **EF:** \$25 before 3-15-12, \$30 after and onsite. GMCC and MCC members \$25 anytime. USCF Youth and Scholastic Players may enter either Section to compete for no prize money for \$15 anytime. Re-entry after first round one: \$15. **Guaranteed Prize Fund:** Open: 1st \$200, 2nd 100, 3rd 50, **Top U1600:** 1st 100, 2nd 50, 3rd 25. **Special U1000 Scholastic section.** 4 round G/1. **Entry fee:** \$15. Round times: Sat 9-11:30, 2, 4:30. Trophies to top 10. Onsite **Registration:** Saturday 3/17: 7am-8:30am. Tournament Director: Gary M. Pylant, gpylant@gmail.com, 901-359-8616. www.memphischess.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Mar. 20, New York**Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 15 (Enhanced)****Marshall Masters!**

4-SS, G/25d5. Third Tuesday of every month. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. Open to players rated over 2100 (plus all players scoring over 50% in any MCC Open or U2300 tournament since the prior month's Masters). **EF:** \$40, members \$30, GMs free. **\$\$\$**250-150-100. Prizes to U2400, U2300 and biggest upset. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45 pm. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available (Rd 1 or 4 only), request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Mar. 23, New York**Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 20 (Enhanced)****Bobby Fischer Memorial Speed Chess Tournament**

9-SS, G/5. **Marshall CC,** 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **\$\$\$ 1525:** \$500-300-200-100, top U2400/unr, U2200, U2000, U1800: \$50 each, Best Senior born or in before 1952: \$100-50, Best Junior born or in after 1998: \$50-25. **EF:** \$25, members \$20. Quick-rated, but higher of regular or quick USCF rating used for pairings & prizes. **Reg. ends 6:45 pm. Rds.:** 7-7:30-7:50-8:10-8:40-9:20-9:40-10 pm. Three byes available, request at entry: www.marshallchessclub.org. **This tournament has been made possible through the generosity of Mr. Paul M. Albert, Jr.**

Mar. 23-25 or 24-25, Pennsylvania**Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 60 (Enhanced)****13th Annual Pittsburgh Open**

5SS, 40/2, SD/1, d/5 (2-day option, rds 1-2 G/75, d/5). Doubletree Hotel Pittsburgh Green Tree (formerly Radisson), 101 Radisson Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15205. 3 miles south of downtown, 13 miles from Pittsburgh airport (free shuttle). Free parking. **\$\$\$12,000** based on 150 paid entries (re-entries & \$50 off entries count half), \$9000 (75% each prize) minimum guaranteed. In 5 sections. **Open:** \$1500-800-400-200, clear or tiebreak winner \$100 bonus, top Under 2300/Unr \$700, Under 2200/Unr \$600. **Under 2100:** \$1000-500-300-200, top Under 1900 \$400. **Under 1800:** \$1000-500-300-200, top Under 1600 \$200. **Under 1500:** \$800-400-300-200, top Under 1300 \$300. **Under 1200:** \$400-250-150-100, trophies to top Under 1000, Under 800, Under 600, Unrated. **Unrated** may not win over \$150 in U1200, \$300 U1500, or \$500 U1800. **Top 4 sections EF:** 3-day \$103.50, 2-day \$102.50 mailed by 3/15, all \$107 online at chessstour.com by 3/20, \$110 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 3/20 (entry only, no questions), \$120 (no checks, credit cards OK) at site. GMs free; \$100 deducted from prize. **Under 1200 Section EF:** \$50 less than above. Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. **Special 1**

year USCF dues with magazine if paid with entry: online at chessstour.com, Adult \$30, Young Adult \$20, Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or paid at site, Adult \$40, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20. **Re-entry \$60;** not available in Open Section. **3-day schedule:** Reg ends Fri 6 pm, rds, Fri 7 pm, Sat 11 am & 6 pm, Sun 10 am & 4:15 pm. **2-day schedule:** Reg ends Sat 10 am, rds, Sat 11 am, 2:30 pm & 6 pm, Sun 10 am & 4:15 pm. **All:** Half point byes OK all, limit 2, Open must commit before rd 2, others before rd3. **HR:** \$91-91-91-91, 1-800-395-7046, 412-922-8400; reserve by 3/9or rate may increase. **Car rental:** Avis, 800-331-1600, AWD D657633, or reserve car online through chessstour.com. **Ent:** Continental Chess, Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. \$15 service charge for refunds. **Questions:** www.chessstour.com, Director@Chess.US, 845-496-9658. Advance entries posted at chessstour.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Mar. 30-Apr. 1 or Mar. 31-Apr. 1, Florida**Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 40 (Enhanced)****10th Annual Southern Class Championships**

5SS, 40/2, SD/1, d/5 (2-day option, rds 1-2 G/75, d/5). Wyndham Orlando Resort, 8001 International Dr., Orlando 32819. Free parking. **\$\$\$14,000** based on 200 paid entries (re-entries & \$50 off entries count half), \$10,500 (3/4 each prize) minimum guaranteed. In 7 sections. **Master (2200/up):** \$1200-600-400-300, clear or tiebreak winner \$100 bonus. **FIDE. Expert (2000-2199):** \$1000-500-300-200. **Class A (1800-1999):** \$1000-500-300-200. **Class B (1600-1799):** \$1000-500-300-200. **Class C (1400-1599):** \$1000-500-300-200. **Class D (1200-1399):** \$800-400-300-200. **Class E (Under 1200):** \$800-400-300-200. **Rated players** may play up one section. **Unrated** may enter A through E, but may not win over \$200 in E, \$350 D, \$500 C or \$650 B. **EF:** 3-day \$98, 2-day \$97 mailed by 3/23, all \$99 online atchesstour.com by 3/27, \$105 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 3/27 (entry only, no questions), \$120 (no checks, credit cards OK) at site. GMs free; \$90 deducted from prize. **EF for under 1000 or unrated in E:** all \$50 less. Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. **Special 1 year USCF dues** with magazine if paid with entry. Online at chessstour.com, Adult \$30, Young Adult \$20, Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or paid at site, Adult \$40, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20. **Re-entry \$60;** not available in Master Section. **3-day schedule:** Reg ends Fri 6 pm, rds, Fri 7 pm, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:15. **2-day schedule:** Reg ends Sat 10 am, rds, Sat 11, 2:30 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:15. **All:** Half point byes OK all, limit 2, Open must commit before rd 2, others before rd 3. **HR:** \$81-81 plus resort fee (currently 7.5%), 1-800-421-8001, 407-351-2420; reserve by 3/16 or rate may increase. **Car rental:** Avis, 800-331-1600, AWD D657633, or reserve car online through chessstour.com. **Ent:** Continental Chess, Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. \$15 service charge for refunds. **Questions:** www.chessstour.com, DirectorAtChess.us, 845-496-9658. Advance entries posted at chesstour.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Mar. 30-Apr. 1, North Carolina**Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 20****The Big Enchilada II**

Holiday Inn - Highwoods, 2805 Highwoods Blvd., Raleigh, NC 27604. 5-SS, 30/90 SD/60 or Rd.1 G/90 for two day. \$7,000 b/132. \$5,000 GTD! **OPEN (FIDE rated):** \$1,000-\$500-\$300-150-100. X, u2000 \$300-\$100 ea. **U1800:** \$800-\$400-\$250-150-100. u1600 \$250-\$100. **U1400:** \$700-\$350-\$200-150-100. u1200 \$200-\$100 Top Upset in each section: \$60-40. **ALL: EF:** \$70 (by 3/23)/\$80 on site. +\$2 for PayPal Re-entry \$40 (counts as 1/2 EF). GM/IM Free. \$70 deducted from any prize. NCCA req'd OSA. Up to 2 byes allowed. Must request by noon Sat. **Reg.:** Fri. 6PM-7:45PM. Sat. 8AM-9:45AM. **Rds.:** Fri. 8PM or Sat. 10AM. Then 2PM-8PM, Sun. 9AM-2:30PM. Unr. may not win 1st prize in U1400 or U1800. **INFO:** Jeff Jones (919) 270-9948. RaleighChess@yahoo.com. ENT: RTCC, PO Box 37331 Raleigh, NC 27627. **HR:** \$79-1-4. (919) 872-3500. Ask for the Chess rate by 3/23 to guarantee. Website: http://www.chesstbe.info/. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

SOUTHERN CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 30-April 1 or March 31-April 1, Orlando

\$14,000 projected prizes, \$10,500 minimum!

5 rounds, Wyndham Orlando Resort- \$81 chess rate + 7.5% resort fee. Prizes \$14,000 based on 200 paid entries (re-entries & \$50 off entries count half); 75% each prize minimum guarantee. 7 sections:

Master (2200/up): \$1200-600-400-300, clear/tiebreak win \$100.

Expert (2000-2199): \$1000-500-300-200.

Class A (1800-1999): \$1000-500-300-200.

Class B (1600-1799): \$1000-500-300-200, unrated limit \$650.

Class C (1400-1599): \$1000-500-300-200, unrated limit \$500.

Class D (1200-1399): \$800-400-300-200, unrated limit \$350.

Class E (Under 1200): \$800-400-300-200, unrated limit \$200.

Rated players may play up one section. Unrated may enter A through E.

FULL DETAILS: see "Grand Prix" in this issue or chessstour.com.

A State Championship Event!

Mar. 31, Connecticut

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10

2012 CT Open State Championship

\$2200 b/60. 4-SS, G/60. Hopkins School, 986 Forest Rd., New Haven, CT 06515. Two Sections: **OPEN, U1600.** **EF:** \$60 Online or mail, \$100 at site. **Prizes:** Open \$500-\$300-\$200 3x\$100, 5x\$50, U1600 \$300-\$100-\$50. **Trophies:** CT Open Champion, U1600 Champion, **ONE DAY Reg.:** 8:00-8:45. **Rds.:** 9-11-1-3. **Register Online:** www.edutechchess.com or www.CTchess.com.

Mar. 31-Apr. 1 or Apr. 1, New York

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 (Enhanced)

Marshall March/April Grand Prix!

4-SS, 30/85d5, SD/1d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212 477-3716. **EF:** \$50, members \$30. **\$\$625 Gtd:** 275-150, U2200/unr. \$105, U2000 \$95. **Reg.** ends 15 min. before round. **Rds.:** 2 schedules: **2-day**, Rds. 12:30-5:30PM each day; **1-day**, (Rds. 1-2 G/25d5) 10-11:15AM-12:30-5:30PM Sun; both merge rd. 3. Limit 2 byes, request at entry. NO RE-ENTRY. FIDE (G/30 not FIDE ratable). www.marshallchessclub.org. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

A Heritage Event!

Mar. 31-Apr. 1, New York

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 120 (Enhanced)

2012 Marchand Open (34th Annual)

Dr. Erich Marchand "requested that his friends play chess in his memory." 5SS, 30/60, SD/60 5 Sec delay. Location: Strong National Museum of Play, One Manhattan Square, Rochester, NY. **\$\$10,750 Gtd. Open Section:** \$2000-1300-850-550-300, Under 2200 & U2000 each \$500-300. FIDE Rated **EF:** \$70. **U1800 Section:** \$600-400-250. Under 1600 \$400-250. **EF:** \$65. **U1400 Section:** \$400-275-175. Under 1200 \$275-175. **EF:** \$60. **U1000 Section:** \$260-190-130-70. Under 800 \$150-90-60. **EF:** \$55. Unrated players in the U1800 section can only win \$125, in U1400 & U1000 \$55. IM and GM's free if registered by 3/17. Great food available at site. **Reg.:** 8:30-9:15 am. **Rds.:** 10-2:15-6:30, 10-2:15. One 1/2 point bye available in rd 1, 2, 3, or 4 if requested at entry. **Info:** 585-442-2430. **Ent:** Rochester Chess Center, 221 Norris Dr., Rochester, NY 14610. **W. Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Apr. 1, New Jersey

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 15 (Enhanced)

Dr. David Ostfeld Memorial ICA Spring 2012 Open Championship

Bergen Academy, 200 Hackensack Ave., Hackensack, NJ 07601. Open To All Ages With Rating above 1400. 4SS, G/60. U. S. Chess Federation Membership Required. **Prize Fund (\$\$ b/40)** 1st - 3rd \$300, \$250, \$200, U2200, U2000, U1800, U1600 each \$100. Best Under 13 Years Old \$75, Best Over 55 Years Old \$75. Prize Fund Will Not Be Reduced Below 70%. **Reg** Ends at 9 AM only one requested 1/2-point bye allowed, if requested before the start of round two. **EF:** Adv (pmk. By Mar 28th) \$40, AT Site \$45. GMs Free Entry. **INFO:** 201-287-0250 or 201-833-1741, Email: Diana@icaj.net (Web Site Entries: www.icaj.net). **Rds.:** 9:30 AM,

11:45 AM, 2:15 PM, 4:30 PM. **ENT:** Make EF and/or USCF Membership checks payable to: International Chess Academy, Mail To: Diana Tulman, 28 Canterbury Ln., New Milford, NJ 07646. NS. NC. W.

Apr. 1, Pennsylvania

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 6

2012 PA State Game/29 Champ. (QC)

5SS, G/29d0. O'Hara Student Center, Univ. of Pitt., 4024 O'Hara St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213. 2 Sections: **Champ: EF:** \$25 by 3/24, \$35 later. \$5 (690G): \$200-100, U2000 \$90, U1800 \$80, U1600 \$70, U1400 \$60, U1200 \$50, U1000 \$40. **Trophies:** 1-3 U1400, 1-3 U1200, 1-3 U1000. **Scholastic:** Grades K-12 unrated or U900. **EF:** \$15 by 3/24, \$25 later. **Trophies** to Top 7, 1-3 U600. **ALL:** Trophies: 1-2 Schools, 1-2 Clubs, Teams of 4-7 players from both sections. PSCF \$5, OSA. **Reg.:** 10-10:30am. **Rds.:** 11-12:30-1:45-3-4:15. **Ent/Info:** PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 25 Freepost St., Pittsburgh, PA 15223-2245, 412-908-0286, W.

Apr. 2-23, New York

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 6

93rd Nassau Grand Prix

4-SS, 40/80. 1st Presbyterian Church, 1st & Main Sts., Mineola. 2 sections. **Open: EF:** \$36 by 3/31. \$5 (630 b/20, top 2 G) 180-120, U2100, 1900, 1700/UR each 110. **Booster:** open to U1500/UR. **EF:** \$19 by 3/31. \$5 (210 b/14) 90, U1300, 1100/UR each 60. **Both:** 2 byes 1-4 (Last rd bye must be req before rd 3 and is irrevocable). \$10 more for non-memb. **EF:** \$7 more at site. **Reg** ends 7:15 PM. **Rds.:** 7:15 each Mon. **Info** only: captihal@optonline.net. **Ent:** Harold Stenzel, 80 Amy Dr., Sayville, NY 11782. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Apr. 4-8, 5-8, 6-8 or 7-8, Pennsylvania

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 200 (Enhanced)

6th annual Philadelphia Open

In 8 sections. **Open Section, Apr 4-8:** 9SS, 40/90, SD/30, inc30. GM & IM norms possible, FIDE rated. **U2200 to Under 1200 Sections, Apr 5-8, 6-8 or 7-8:** 7SS, 40/2, SD/1, d/5 (3-day option, rds. 1-2 G/75, d/5, 2-day option, rds. 1-4 G/40, d/5). **Under 1000 Section, Apr 7-8:** 7SS, G/40, d/5. At the upscale, luxury **Loews Philadelphia Hotel**, rated Four Diamonds by AAA, 1200 Market St., Philadelphia, PA 19107. **Prizes \$80,000** based on 500 paid entries (seniors, re-entries, GMs, IMs, WGMs count as half entries, U1200 Section 40% entries, U1000 Section 15% entries), else proportional, minimum \$60,000 (75% of each prize) guaranteed. **Open:** \$7000-4000-2000-1000-800-700-600-500-400-400, clear or tiebreak first \$200 bonus, FIDE Under 2400/Unr \$2000-1000. **Under 2200, Under 2000, Under 1800:** each \$5000-2500-1200-800-600-500-400-300-300-300. **Under 1600, Under 1400:** each \$4000-2000-1000-700-500-400-300-200-200-200. **Under 1200:** \$1500-800-500-300-200-200-200-100-100-100. **Under 1000:** \$400-200-100, trophies to first 5, top U800, U600, U400, Unrated. **Prize limits:** 1) If official rating 4/11-3/12 or unofficial post-event rating posted at uschess.org 4/4/11-4/4/12 is more than 30 points over section maximum, prize limit \$1500. 2) Unrated (0-3 lifetime games rated) cannot win over \$200 in U1000, \$400 U1200, \$800 U1400, \$1200 U1600, \$1600 U1800, or \$2000 U2000. Unofficial uschess.

org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. 3) Provisional (4-25 lifetime games rated) cannot win over \$300 in U1000, \$800 U1200, \$1500 U1400, or \$2500 U1600. 4) Balance of any limited prize goes to next player(s) in line. **Open EF:** free to GMs, IMs, WGMs; \$150 deducted from prize. **US players with current or former FIDE ratings of 2200/over:** \$225 mailed by 3/27 or online by 4/2, \$250 at site. **Foreign FIDE rated players:** \$175 mailed by 3/27 or online by 4/2, \$200 at site. **Others:** \$375 mailed by 3/27 or online by 4/2, \$400 at site. **U2200 through U1400 Sections EF:** 4-day \$224, 3-day \$223, 2-day \$222 mailed by 3/27, \$225 online by 4/2, \$250 at site. **U1200 Section EF:** 4-day \$84, 3-day \$82, 2-day \$82 mailed by 3/27, \$85 online by 4/2, \$100 at site. **U1000 Section EF:** \$32 mailed by 3/27, \$35 online by 4/2, \$50 at site. **Phone EF:** All \$5 more than online EF, 406-896-2038 (entry only, no questions), available only through 4/2. **Online late entry after 4/2:** available until 2 hours before your first game, same price as entry at site. **EF \$100 less** to rated seniors 65/over in U2200 through U1400. **Special 1 year USCF membership** with magazine if paid with entry: Online at chesstour.com, Adult \$30, Young Adult \$20, Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or paid at site, Adult \$40, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20. No checks at site, credit cards OK. **Re-entry:** \$100, no re-entry from Open Section to Open Section. **5-day schedule** (Open only): Reg. ends Wed 6 pm, rds. Wed. 7 pm, Thu 12 & 7, Fri 11 & 6, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:30. **4-day schedule** (U2200-U1200): Reg. ends Thu 6 pm, rds. Thu 7 pm, Fri 11 & 6, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:30. **3-day schedule** (U2200-U1000): Reg. ends Fri 10 am, rds Fri 11, 2:30 & 6, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:30. **2-day schedule** (U2200-U1200): Reg. ends Sat. 9am, rds Sat. 10, 12, 2, 3:45 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:30. **4-day, 3-day, & 2-day** merge & compete for same prizes. **Under 1000 schedule:** Reg. ends Sat. 9 am, rds Sat 10, 12, 2 & 3:45, Sun 10, 12 & 2. **Byes: NOTE CHANGE:** Half point byes OK all rounds, limit 4 byes, Open Section must commit before rd 2, other sections before rd 4. **Bring sets, boards, clocks** if possible- none supplied. **HR:** \$98-98-123-123, 215-627-1200, reserve by 3/21 or rate may increase. **Parking:** Hotel has valet parking only, with a special chess rate of \$30/day. Many parking lots nearby charge much less, with rates lowest on the weekend. Gateway Garage, 1540 Vine St (1 block from Sheraton Hotel) is about \$5/day Sat & Sun, \$18/day other days. **Car rentals:** Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD #D657633 or reserve car online at chesstour.com. **Ratings:** FIDE used for Open, USCF April list for U2200 & below; note that ratings after the April list (see above) may result in a \$1500 prize limit. **Foreign player ratings:** For U2200 and below, usually 100 points added to FIDE, 100 to FQE, 100/more to most other foreign, no points added to CFC, PR or Jamaica. Some foreign ratings not accepted for U2000 or below. Highest of multiple ratings usually used. Players who fail to disclose foreign or FIDE ratings may be expelled. **Special rules:** Players must submit to a search for electronic devices if requested by Director. In round 3 or after, players with scores of 80% or over and their opponents may not use headphones, earphones or cell phones or go to a different floor of the hotel without Director permission. **Ent:** Continental Chess, Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. **Questions:** www.chesstour.com, Director@Chess.US, 845-496-9658. You may request "lowest possible section" if April rating unknown. \$15 service charge for

6th annual PHILADELPHIA OPEN

April 4-8 (Open), 5-8, 6-8 or 7-8 (other sections) - Easter weekend at Loews

Prizes \$80,000 based on 500 paid entries, \$60,000 minimum, IM and GM norms possible!

Open Section: 9SS, 40/90, SD/30, inc/30. **U2200 to U1200:** 7SS, 40/2, SD/1, d/5 (3-day option, rds 1-2 G/75, d/5; 2-day, rds 1-4 G/40, d/5). **U1000:** 7SS, G/40, d/5.

Loews Hotel, 1200 Market, rooms \$98-98-123-123, 215-627-1200, reserve by 3/21.

Parking: Loews valet \$30. Gateway Garage, 1540 Vine (near Sheraton Hotel) is about \$5/day Sat & Sun, \$18/day other days.

8 sections. Prizes based on 500 paid entries, else proportional (seniors, re-entries, GMs, IMs, WGMs count half, U1200 40%, U1000 15%), with 75% min. guaranteed.

Open: \$7000-4000-2000-1000-800-700-600-500-400-400, clear/tiebreak 1st \$200, FIDE U2400/Unr \$2000-1000. FIDE rated.

U2200, U2000, U1800 Sections: \$5000-2500-1200-800-600-500-400-300-300-300.

U1600, U1400 Sections: \$4000-2000-1000-700-500-400-300-200-200-200.

U1200 Section: \$1500-800-500-300-200-200-100-100-100.

U1000 Section: \$400-200-100, trophies to first 5, top U800, U600, U400, Unr.

Prize limits: 1) If official rating 4/11-3/12 or post-event rating posted 4/4/11-4/4/12 is over 30 pts above section max, limit \$1500. 2) Unr limit \$200 U1000, \$400 U1200, \$800 U1400, \$1200 U1600, \$1600 U1800, \$2000 U2000. 3) Under 26 games limit \$300 U1000, \$800 U1200, \$1500 U1400, \$2500 U1600.

Open entry fee: GM/IM/WGM free; \$150 from prize. **Current/past FIDE 2200+,** \$225 mailed by 3/27 or online by 4/2, \$250 at site. **Foreign FIDE,** \$175 mailed by 3/27 or online by 4/2, \$200 at site. **Others,** \$375 mailed by 3/27 or online by 4/2, \$400 at site.

U2200 to U1400 Section: 4-day \$224, 3-day \$223, 2-day \$222 mailed by 3/27, all \$225 online by 4/2, \$250 to 2 hrs before rd 1 or at site. **U1200 Section:** 4-day \$84, 3-day \$83, 2-day \$82 mailed by 3/27, \$85 online by 4/2, \$100 at site. **U1000 Section:** \$32 mailed by 3/27, \$35 online by 4/2, \$50 at site.

Phoned entry: \$5 more than online entry. **EF \$100 less** to seniors 65/over in U1400-U2200. **Re-entry** (except Open) \$100.

5-day Open schedule: Reg. ends Wed 6 pm, rds. Wed 7 pm, Thu 12 noon & 7 pm, Fri 11 am & 6 pm, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:30.

4-day: Reg. ends Thu 6 pm, rds. Thu 7 pm, Fri 11 & 6, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:30.

3-day: Reg. ends Fri 10 am, rds. Fri 11, 2:30 & 6, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:30.

2-day U2200-U1200: Reg. ends Sat 9 am, rds Sat 10, 12, 2, 3:45 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:30.

2-day U1000: Reg. ends Sat. 9 am, rds Sat 10, 12, 2, 3:45 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:30.

Half pt bye OK all, limit 4 (2 in last 4 rds). Open must commit before rd 2, others rd 4.

All: FIDE ratings used for Open, USCF April for others. Unofficial ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. Bring set, board, clock if possible - none supplied. USCF membership required; see Chess Life or chesstour.com for special dues rates. JGP.

Entry: chesstour.com or Continental Chess, Box 249, Salisbury Mills NY 12577. Optional entry form faces inside back cover. \$15 service charge for refunds. Advance entries posted at chesstour.com.

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Apr. 6-8, Nevada

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 150 (Enhanced)
12 Annual Reno-Larry Evans Memorial (formerly Far West Open)
 OPEN.6SS,40/220/1.G/1/2. Sands Regency Hotel/Casino, 345 N. Arlington Ave., Reno, NV 89501.1-866-386-7829 or (775) 348-2200. \$521,000 b/250. **\$\$\$14,000 Gtd.** (Prizes 1-10 in Open Section Gtd. plus 1/2 of all other prizes). **5 Sections, Open** (2000 & above) **EF:** \$137, (1999 & below = \$151) (GMs & IMs free but must enter by 3/10) or pay late fee) \$52,000-1,200-1000-700-500-400-300-300-300, (2399/below)-\$1,000, (2299/below)-\$1,000,(2199/below)-\$1000-500-300-200 (If a tie for 1st then a playoff for \$100 out of prize fund plus trophy). **Sec:"A"**(1800-1999) **EF:** \$136; \$51,000-500-400-300-200-100-100. **Sec:"B"** (1600-1799) **EF:** \$135; \$5900-500-400-300-200-100-100. **Sec:"C"** (1400-1599) **EF:** \$134; \$5700-500-400-300-200-100-100. **Sec:"D"**/under (1399-below) **EF:** \$133; \$5600-400-300-200-100-100-100; Top Senior (65+) - \$200; Club Champ. - \$400-200. **ALL:** Entries must be postmarked by 3/10 or pay late fee-\$11 until 3/31 (do not mail after 3/31), \$22 at site. All classes have trophies 1st - 3rd. Unrated players are free entry but not eligible for cash prizes- must join USCF for 1 full year thru this tournament. 1st Unrated = trophy + 1 yr. USCF Mem. \$10 discount to Seniors (65+ yrs.) Players may play up. Provisionally rated players may only win 1/2 of 1st place money. CCA ratings may be used. **Note:** pairings not changed for color unless 3 in a row or a plus 3 and if the unlikely situation occurs 3 colors in a row may be assigned. **SIDE EVENTS:** Thurs. (4/05) 6-7:15pm Lecture by IM John Donaldson (FREE); 7:30pm- GM Alexander Ivanov - Simul (\$15); 7:30pm-Blitz (5 Min) tourney (\$20) 80% entries = Prize Fund. Sat. (4/07) (3-4:30pm) Free Game/Position Analysis - IM John Donaldson. **ALL REG:** (4/05) 5-10pm, (4/06) 9-10am. RDS: (Fri) 12-7, (Sat) 10-6, (Sun) 9:30-4:30. Byes available any round (if requested by Rd.1). **ENT:** make checks payable and send to: SANDS REGENCY (address listed above), postmarked by 3/10. \$11 late fee if postmarked after 3/10 and before 3/31. Do not mail after 3/31 or email after 4/03. \$22 late fee at site. **HR:** (Sun-Thurs. \$271) (Fri. & Sat. \$471) + tax.1-866-386-7829 mention (Code) CHESS405 (Reserve by 3/26/12) to get Chess rate. **INFO:** Jerry Weikel, 6578 Valley Wood Dr., Reno, NV 89523, (775) 747-1405, wackykl@aol.com or check out our website at: www.renochess.org/fwo. To verify entry check website. **FIDE. Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Apr. 12, New York

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 (Enhanced)
10 Grand Prix Points Tonight!
 4-SS, G/25 + td/5 or G/30 + td/0. Chess Center at the Marshall Club, 23 West 10 St., bet. 5-6 Ave., NYC: 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$35, Club membs \$25, GMs free (\$20 from prize), specified Greater NY Scholastic prize winners free. **\$\$\$560 b/32** paid entries (may be limited to 1st 36 to enter), top 2 Gtd: \$5 200-110-50, Top U2200/ unr \$105, U2000 \$95. Limit 2 byes (1 bye for U2000), commit by 8:15. Reentry \$15. CCA ratings may be used.

Class pairings OK rd. 4. Reg ends 10 min before game. Rds. 7-8:15-9:30-10:45 pm. **Phone entry often impossible!**

Apr. 14-15, Missouri

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 30
Saint Louis Open
 5/SS, G/120. Chess Club & Scholastic Center of Saint Louis, 4657 Maryland Ave., Saint Louis, MO 63108. Free entries for GMs and IMs. **EF:** \$60, \$50 for annual members of the club if registered by 4/13. **Two Sections:** Open & U2000. **Prize Fund:** \$4,050 UNCONDITIONALLY GUARANTEED!! **Open:** \$750-\$500-\$325-\$225-\$150. Under 2200-\$300-\$200-\$100. **FIDE. Under 2000 Section:** \$400-\$250-\$200. U1800: \$225-\$175. U1400: \$150-\$100. Winner of each Section qualifies for the 2013 Club Championship. **Reg:** 9-9:45. **Rds.:** Saturday 10, 2:30, 7. Sunday 10, 2:30. Two half point byes available if declared before Round 2. MCA Membership required from \$5. **OSA. Ent:** 4657 Maryland Ave., Saint Louis, MO 63108, or online at saintlouischessclub.org **Info:** 314-361-CHESS, info@saintlouischessclub.org. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Apr. 14-15, Virginia

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 15
Kingstowne Chess Festival - 10th Annual!
 6450 S. Van Dorn St., Alexandria, VA 22315. **4 Sections: Open (FIDE-rated):** 4SS, 40/100 SD/60 d/5. **EF:** \$50 if received by 4/11, \$65 at site. If joining USCF for 1st time, **USEF:** \$94 if received by 4/11, \$109 at site. **Prizes \$51,000G:** \$400-250-125. U1800-U1600-Unr. each \$75. **Rds.:** 11-5, 10-4. **Amateur (U1800-Unr.):** 5SS, G/100 d/5. **EF:** \$20 if received by 4/11, \$35 at site. If joining USCF for 1st time, **USEF:** \$64 if received by 4/11, \$79 at site. **Prizes \$5500 b/32:** \$180-100-70. U1600-U1400-Unr. each \$50. No unrated may win more than \$140. **Rds.:** 11-3-7, 11:30-4. **Booster (U1600-Unr.):** 5SS, G/100 d/5. **EF:** \$15 if received by 4/11, \$30 at site. If joining USCF for 1st time, **USEF:** \$59 if received by 4/11, \$74 at site. **Prizes \$370 b/32:** \$150-80-50. U1400-U1200-Unr. each \$30. No unrated may win more than \$100. **Rds.:** 11-3-7, 11:30-4. **Novice (U1400-Unr.):** 6SS, G/75 d/5. **EF:** \$10 if received by 4/11, \$25 at site. If joining USCF for 1st time, **USEF:** \$54 if received by 4/11, \$69 at site. **Prizes \$285 b/32:** \$100-70-40. U1200-U1000-Unr. each \$25. No unrated may win more than \$80. **Rds.:** 11-1-4-7, 12:30-4. **All:** One half-point byes allowed in Open, two in other sections. Last round bye must be requested by end of section's play Sat. and irrevocable. Drawing before start of last round for "Titanic trilogy:" DVDs of A Night to Remember, Titanic (1953), and Titanic (1996) for 100th anniversary of sinking. **Reg.:** 8:30-10:15. **Ent (checks payable to):** Don W. Millican, P.O. Box 2902, Springfield, VA 22152. Opening ceremony 10:45. **FIDE. W. Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Apr. 15, Massachusetts

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 (Enhanced)
22nd Massachusetts G/60 Championship
 4-SS, G/60 d/5. Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, 181 Boston Post Road West, Marlboro, MA (I-495, exit 24B, Rt. 20W, one mile from exit). 508-460-0700 or 888-543-9500. \$2,000 b/80 paid entries, 75% G. 5 sects. **Open Section:** \$300-150, Top U2200 \$150. **Under 2000 Section:** \$250-

125. **Under 1750 Section:** \$250-125. **Under 1500 Section:** \$200-100, Top U1350 \$75. **Under 1200 Section:** \$125-75, Top U1000 \$75. **Unrated prize limits:** \$75 in U1200, \$100 in U1500, \$150 in U1750, \$200 in U2000. **EF:** \$34 if postmarked by 4/10 or online by 4/13, \$40 at site. \$10 discount to unrated and to players in U1200 Section. GMs and IMs free. **Reg.:** 8:30-9:30 a.m. **Rds.:** 10-1-3-30-6. **Other:** Bye 1-3 with entry, limit 1. MACA memb. req. for Mass. residents (\$12 adult, \$6 jr. U18, add \$8 for Chess Horizons subscription). **Ent:** Bob Messenger, 4 Hamlett Dr., Apt. 12, Nashua, NH 03062 or online (PayPal) at www.MassChess.org. Make checks payable to MACA. **Info:** (603) 891-2484 or send email to info@masschess.org. NS. W.

Apr. 20-22 or 21-22, Iowa

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10
6th Annual Okoboji Open, Reserve (U1600) & Scholastics (K-12)
 Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center, 1405 Highway 71 S, Okoboji, IA 51355. In 3 Sections. **Okoboji Open:** 5SS, Game/120 (2 games at G/90 if playing in 2 day option), **EF:** \$50 if registered by 4/13/2012, \$60 on site. Jr. and Sr. (\$40 if pre-registered), GMs and IMs free entry. **\$\$b/30** (top 3 guaranteed): \$325 + T-250-150. Experts/Class A/Class B: \$100-\$60 each; Class C and below \$50. State membership required, other states accepted. **2 day round times:** April 21: 9-1-4:30. April 22: 9-2:30. **3 day round times:** April 20: 6:00. April 21: 9-4:30; April 22: 9-2:30 (2 and 3 day options merge after round 2). On Site Reg: 4/20 5:00-5:45, 4/21 8:00-8:45. **Okoboji Reserve:** 5SS, 2 games at G/90 (4/21 (9:00-1:00), 3 games at G/120, Open to 1599 & under. **EF:** \$40 if registered by 4/13/2011, \$50 on site. **\$\$b/20:** \$125 + T-80-60. Class D: \$60 - \$30; Class E: \$30; Class F/Unrated \$30. **Rounds:** April 21: 9-1-4:30 April 22: 9-2:30 On Site Reg: 4/21 8:00-8:45. **Okoboji Scholastics (K-4 and K-12) 4/21/2011:** 5SS, Game 30, **EF:** \$10. **Prizes:** Trophies to first place, medals to second and third (K-4 and K-12). On Site Reg only 8:00-8:30. **Rounds:** 8:45, 10, 11:30, 4 & 5 ASAP. **ALL:** 1 half point bye per player allowed if requested in advance. **Advance Registration:** Jodene Kruse, 934 6th St., Sibley, IA 51249. **INFO:** Jodene Kruse, sibley@fiorechess.org. **HR:** \$89 if reserved by April 3rd, 1-800-727-4561. NS. NC. **SIDE EVENT:** IM John Bartholomev will be giving a lecture/simul on 4/20 at 4PM, Simul cost \$10, lecture \$5 (free to players). **Chess Magnet School JGP for main event.**

Apr. 20-22, Kentucky

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 15
4th Annual WKU Open
 5 SS, G/120, 2-day event. Western Kentucky University Campus, 1906 College Heights Blvd., Bowling Green, KY 42101 (www.hilltopperchess.net). **EF:** \$70 (by 4/14; GM/IM free entry; College \$35), \$75 on site. **Prizes:** \$5,000 b/75 (\$3,000 gtd); GM/IM & college = half entry. **In 6 sections:** 1st-5th place: \$625, 475, 250, 175, 110; Class A \$225, 175, 125, 75, 75; Class B \$225, 175, 125, 75, 75; Class C \$225, 175, 125, 75, 75; Class D \$165, 140, 125, 70, 70; Class E and below \$165, 140, 125, 70, 70; Unrated \$125, 75. Unrated in any section can only win unrated prizes. Sections under 8 players will be combined. **Rds.:** Sat. 10-2:30-7; Sun. 10-2:30. Side



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Tournament Life

Event: SOKY G/10 Championship. Fri 4/20. 5 SS, G/10. **EF:** \$15 (by 4/14; discount: G/10 + Open = \$75; College = \$45 by 4/14). Prizes (b/25): \$250, \$150, \$75, \$25. *Bring your own clocks.* **Rds.:** 7 pm then ASAP **Side Event:** SOKY Scholastic Chess Championship. Sat only 4/21. 5 SS, G/30. USCF rated. **Prizes:** top 3 overall winners in 9-12 will receive WKU Academic Scholarships (1) Full tuition and fees annual scholarship, (2) \$3,000 annual room and board scholarship, (3) \$500 annual book scholarship (conditions apply, see website for details); Trophies to top five teams in each section, and top 8 individuals in each section. **SECTIONS:** High School (k-12), Jr. High (k-8), Elementary (k-5), Primary (k-3, & k-1). **EF:** \$15 by 4/14, \$25 on site. **Reg.:** Sat. 4/21 8-9 am or online by 4/14. **Rds.:** 10 am, 2-5 ASAP. Location: Warren South High School, 8140 Nashville Rd., Bowling Green, KY 42101. Side Event: Friends and Family Tournament. Sat. 4/21 only. 5 SS, G/30. Non-rated. **EF:** \$8. Reg/Rds/Location: see scholastic. **Prizes:** Trophies to top 3 individuals in sections: Adult (18+), Seniors (50+), High-school (k-12), Primary (k-1). Trophies to top ten in sections: Jr. High (k-8), Elementary (k-5), Primary (k-3). **Hotel Rates:** Must mention "WKU Chess" for special rate: News Inn \$49/room 3160 Scottsville Rd., Bowling Green, KY42104; Tel: 270-781-3460 (only 20 rooms available so reserve early!). Overflow: Country Inn & Suites \$79/room includes hot breakfast (behind News Inn). **Byes:** 1/2 point each (limit 1), must commit by 2nd rd. **Mail EF to:** Dr. Dale Rigby, c/o WKU Chess Club, 110 A Cherry Hall, 1906 College Heights Blvd., Bowling Green, KY 42101. **Chief TD:** Chris Prosser. For more info: Samuel J. Hunt (918) 809 6278, hilltopperchess@live.com, www.hilltopperchess.net. **Chess Magnet School JGP for Main Event.**

A State Championship Event!

Apr. 21, New Hampshire

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 6

New Hampshire Quick Chess Championship (QC)

Now in a new location! 8SS, GAME/25 Delay/3. Holiday Inn Portsmouth, 300 Woodbury Ave., Portsmouth, NH 03801. **EF:** \$20 postmarked by 14 April, \$25 at site. **Mem. Req'd:** \$8, Juniors \$6. **NSA:** \$200-100. U2000 \$100. U1600 \$100. Plaque to top finishing NH student. **Reg.:** 9:00-9:45. **Rds.:** 10-11-1-2-3-4-5-30-6:30. Byes available any round, limit two. Must be requested before round four. **ENT:** Alex Relyea, 49 Technology Dr. #89, Bedford, NH 03110. **INFO:** Alex Relyea relyea@operamail.com. **HR:** (603) 431-8000. www.relyeachess.com. NS. W.

Apr. 21, Tennessee

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 6

Bluff City Open

4SS, G/60. Greater Memphis Chess Center, 5796 Shelby Oaks Dr., Suite 11, Memphis, TN 38134. \$500 prizes GTD. **3 Sections:** Open, Amateur(U1600) and Scholastic(U1200). **Prizes:** **Open:** 1st \$200, 2nd \$100. **Amateur:** \$125, \$75. **Scholastic:** Trophies to top 3. **Open and Amateur EF:** \$30 (\$25 for MCC and GMCC members). Scholastic EF: \$15 (\$12 for members). **Rounds:** 10-1-3-5. **Registration 04/21:** 8:30-9:30am. **Friday night side event:** Bluff City Blitz. G/5, 5 rds, double-swiss. 1st round at 7:30pm. **EF:** \$12 (\$10 for members). **Prizes:** 1st 35%, 2nd 20%. **Entries:** Memphis Chess Club Inc., PO Box 17864, Memphis, TN 38187-0864, www.memphischess.com, gpplant@gmail.com.

Apr. 21, Wisconsin

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10

Hales Corners Challenge XV

4SS, G/60. **2 Sections:** Open & Reserve (under 1600). Wyndham Milwaukee Airport Hotel, 4747 S. Howell Ave., Milwaukee, 414-481-8000. (mention Southwest Chess Club for \$79 room rate). **EF:** \$35-Open, \$25-Reserve, both \$5 more after 4/18. Comp EF for USCF 2200 +. **Open** = 1st-\$325 (guaranteed), 2nd-\$175 (guaranteed), A-\$100, B & Below-\$75; **Reserve** = 1st-\$100, 2nd-\$75, D-\$50, E & Below-\$40. **Reg.:** 8:30-9:30. **Rds.:** 10-1-3-30-6. **Entries to:** Allen Becker, N112 W17033 Vista Court, Apt. D, Germantown, WI 53022; allenbecker@wi.rr.com. Questions to TD: Robin Grochowski, (414) 861-2745 (cell).

Apr. 21-22, California, Northern

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 6

7th Annual Frank Doyle Open

Frank Doyle Open Exchange Bank, 444 Aviation Blvd., Santa Rosa, CA 95401. 4 round Swiss, G/120. In 3 Sections, **Open:** \$6GTD: \$250-175. **Reserve:** Open to 1899 & under. **SGTD:** \$200-125. **Booster:** Open to 1499 & under. **SGGT:** \$150-100. Unr. must play in Booster Section. Unrated players winning prizes will only receive half of the prize. **ALL:** **EF:** \$35 advance until 4/18, \$45 at site. **Reg.:** 04/21 8:30am-9:30am. **Rds.:** Sat 10.3; Sun 10.3. **ENT:** Paul Stagnoli, 4233 Kintyre Rd., Santa Rosa, CA 95409-4127. **INFO:** (707)478-4385 paulgs@sonic.net. No phone or e-mail

Due to a technical error, this TLA was inadvertently left out of the Grand Prix and New York sections:

Mar. 23, New York

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 20 (enhanced)

Bobby Fischer Memorial Speed Chess Tournament! (QC)

9-SS, G/5. **Marshall CC**, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **SGG 1525:** \$500-300-200-100, top U2400/unr, U2200, U2000, U1800: \$50 each, Best Senior born in or before 1952: \$100-50, Best Junior born in or after 1998: \$50-25. **EF:** \$25, members \$20. Quick-rated, but higher of regular or quick USCF rating used for pairings & prizes. **Reg.** ends 6:45 pm. **Rds.:** 7-7:30-7:50-8:10-8:40-9-9:20-9:40-10 pm. Three byes available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org. **This tournament has been made possible through the generosity of Mr. Paul M. Albert Jr.**

entries. **Bring equipment, none provided. No Cell phones allowed. NS. NC. W. Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Apr. 27-29 or 28-29, Florida

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 40

19th Space Coast Open

5SS, Top section FIDE rated at G/100+Increment 30. Lower sections G/120+Delay 5. (2-day Rd. 1 for all sections G/60+Delay 5). Double-Tree Hotel Cocoa Beach Oceanfront, 2080 North Atlantic Avenue. (Hwy 1A), Cocoa Beach, FL. **\$10,000 b/165 pd.**, 72% Gtd. 6 Sections: **Master/Expert:** \$1200+ trophy-700-300, U2400 \$600+ trophy, U2200 \$600+ trophy-300. **Class A:** \$600+ trophy-300-200. **Class B:** \$600+ trophy-300-200. **Class C:** \$600+ trophy-300-200. **Class D:** \$600+ trophy-300-200. **U1200:** \$600+ trophy-300-200, U1000 \$300+ trophy-200, U800 \$200+ trophy-100, trophies to top Brevard County scholastics players in K-3, K-5, K-8, K-12, book to plus score not winning other prize. **All:** Rated players may play up one class only. Unr. may play in Master or U1200. Unr. limited to \$100 prize unless place prize in Master. Prizes for 1st-3rd brilliancy and biggest upset rds 1-4. **EF:** \$79 via mail or on-line by 4/20, \$90 on-line by 4/26 or at site (no credit cards); \$20 less if Unr. or under age 18. Re-entry 4/26 by round 3 (1/2 point Byes for earlier rounds). GM/IM free entry available on-line until 3/31, else \$80 from prize. Special EF for Brevard County students in any section: \$20 on-line by 4/20, \$25 on-line by 4/26 or at site (contracts as 1/4 entry for 2-day prize fund). **Reg.:** ends 1 hr. before 1st rd. **Rds.:** Rd. 1 8pm Fri (2-day 10am Sat. at G/60), Rds. 2-5 Sat. 1-7, Sun. 9-2:30. **Side events:** Space Coast Open Blitz. 4-SS (2 games/Rd), G/5. **Prizes:** Cash prizes based on entries. **EF:** \$10. **Rds.** Sat. 12:30-6:30, Sun. 8:30-2:00. (i.e., Blitz rounds are prior to rounds 2-5 of main tournament). Other events: see sco2012.eventbrite.com. **HR:** \$99-99-109-109, \$129 oceanfront (King only), \$129 suite (\$139 triple/quadr occupancy). 800-552-3224 or 321-783-9222, ask for Space Coast Chess rate, reserve by 4/7. **Ent:** Space Coast Chess Foundation, c/o Harvey Lerman, 921 N. Thistle Ln., Maitland, FL 32751 or sco2012.eventbrite.com. **Info only:** Peter Dyson 321-452-9863, peter200@modusoperandi.com. FIDE. **W. Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Apr. 27-29 or 28-29, Maryland

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 50

2012 Maryland Open

5SS, 40/100, SD/45 inc/30, (Rnd 1 G/90 inc/30) (2-day schedule: rds 1-2 G/45 inc/30) U1200 G/120 d/5(2-day option, rds 1-2 G/60 d/5). Rockville Hilton, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, **301-468-1100**. **All prizes guaranteed. 4 sections: Open FIDE:** \$1200-600-300-200-100, top U2201 \$125, top Life Master \$100. **Amateur Section (U2000):** \$800-400-250-125-75, top U1800 \$125, top 1st Cat \$90. **Reserve Section (U1600):** \$650-350-200-100-75, top U1400 \$110, top 3rd Cat \$80. **Novice (U1200):** \$500-250-150-100-75, top U1000 \$100, top unrated \$70. Unrated may not win over \$200 in U1200 or \$300 in U1600. **A free continental breakfast for participants will be provided on Sunday morning.** We will optionally text your pairings to your cell phone. **EF:** \$60 by 4/12 mail or online, \$70 by 4/24 online, \$75 by 4/26 online, and \$80 at the door. **Special EFs:** GM&IMs free; \$60 deducted from prize. **Special HR:** \$99, (\$25 EF discount if staying in hotel) may not be available after 4/12, free Sat. night room for GMs registering early. **Open, U2000, & U1600 3-day schedule:** Reg ends Fri 7 pm, rds Fri 8, Sat 11&6, Sun 9&3. Open, U2000, & U1600 2-day schedule: reg ends Sat 10am rds 11-2:15-6, 9-3 U1200 3-day schedule Reg. ends Fri 7 pm, rds Fri 8, Sat 11&3:30, Sun 9&1:00 U1200 2-day schedule Reg. ends Sat 10am rds 11, 1:15 & 3:30, Sun 9&1:00. **Ent:** MCA, c/o Michael Regan, 1827 Thornton Ridge Rd., Towson, MD 21204. Online entry and link to room reservations at: <http://themdopen.com>. **Questions:** mregan@baltimorechess.org. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Apr. 27-29 or 28-29, Vermont

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 20 (Enhanced)

23rd annual Vermont Resort Open

5SS, 30/90, SD/1, d/5 (2-day option, rds 1-2 G/60, d/5). Holiday Inn Rutland/Killington, 476 Holiday Drive (near intersection US-4 and US-7), Rutland, VT 05701. Free shuttle to Amtrak, bus terminal or Rutland Airport. Free parking, free wireless, heated pool, whirlpool, exercise room; restaurants within easy walking distance. **\$2000 guaranteed prizes.** In 3 sections. **Open:** \$400-200-150, top Under 2010/Unr \$220-110. **Under 1810:** \$300-150-80, top Under 1610 \$160-80, no unrated may win over \$150. **Under 1410:** \$100-50, trophies to first 3, top Under 1210, Under 1010, Under 810, Unrated. **Top 2 sections EF:** 3-day \$68, 2-day \$67 if check mailed by 4/20, all \$69 online at chesstour.com by 4/25, \$75 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 4/25 (entry only, no questions), \$80 at site. **Under 1410 Section EF:** All \$40 less than top 2 sections EF. **All:** No checks at site, credit cards OK. **Special 1 year USCF dues** with paper magazine if paid with entry. Online at chesstour.com, Adult \$30, Young Adult \$20, Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or paid at site. **Adult \$40, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20.** Re-entry \$40, not available in Open. GMs & IMs free; \$60 deducted from prize. **3-day schedule:** Reg. ends Fri 6:30 pm, rds Fri 7, Sat 11 & 5, Sun 9 & 2:15. **2-day schedule:** Reg ends Sat 10:30 am, rds. Sat 11, 2 & 5, Sun 9 & 2:15. **Half point byes** OK, limit 2; must commit before rd 2. **HR:** \$89-89, 802-775-1911, reserve by 4/13. **Car**

rental: Avis, 800-331-1600, AWD #D657633, or reserve car online at chesstour.com. **Unofficial uschess.org ratings** usually used if otherwise unrated. **Ent:** Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. Director:AtChess.us, chesstour.com, 845-496-9658. \$15 service charge for refunds. Advance entries posted at chesstour.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Apr. 28, Virginia

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 6

2012 Walter Muir Memorial

3-Round Swiss System Game/90 w/5 second delay. St. John's Lutheran Church, 4608 Brambleton Ave. SW, Roanoke, VA 24018. **GUARANTEED PRIZES:** Top Section: \$125-\$100-\$75. Additional Sections: If Octagonals, Each is guaranteed \$125-\$100, If Hexagonals, Each is guaranteed \$100-\$75, If Quads, Each is guaranteed \$100. **ENTRY FEE:** If received by April 27, \$30.00. At site, \$40.00. **REGISTRATION:** 6-9 pm on 4/27; 8:30-9:30 am on 4/28. **ROUNDS:** 10-2-6. **BYES:** One only per tournament; must request before 1st round begins. **ADVANCE ENTRIES:** Roanoke Valley Chess Club, P.O. Box 14143, Roanoke, VA 24038. **PHONE:** (540) 344-4446. **EMAIL:** info@roanokechess.com. **WEB PAGE:** roanokechess.com. NS. NC. W.

Apr. 28-29, Missouri

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 6

Joplin Benefit Tournament

100% of entry fees will be donated to the Joplin Habitat for Humanity to support building for tornado impacted families. 5SS, G/90, d/5. La Quinta Inn (Room A), 3320 South Rangeline Rd., Joplin, MO 64804. **2 sections: Open, U1600.** Sections may be combined for pairing purposes. **SGTdt:** \$490. **Open:** \$150-100-60. **U1600:** \$80-60-40. **EF:** \$40 (by 04/27), \$50 on site. Cash only on site. **Registration:** 8:30-9:45. MCA Membership required from \$5.05A. **Rounds:** Sat: 10:00, 1:30, 5:00. Sun: 10:00, 1:30. One 1/2 point bye if requested before round 3. **Ent:** info@joplinchess.org with cash on-site or mailed to Joplin Chess Club, 2609 New Hampshire, Joplin, MO 64804. Checks payable to Martin Stahl. **HR:** \$69 plus tax by 3/27, after based on availability. 417-781-0500, mention Chess Tournament. **Info:** <http://www.joplinchess.org>, info@joplinchess.org or 417-483-1554. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Apr. 28-29 or 29, New York

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 (Enhanced)

Marshall April Grand Prix!

4-SS, 30/85d5, SD/1d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212 477-3716. **EF:** \$50, members \$30. **SG625 Gtd:** 275-150, U2200/unr. 1105, U2000 \$95. Reg. ends 15 min. before round. **Rds.:** **2 schedules: 2-day,** Rds. 12:30-5:30PM each day; **1-day,** (Rds. 1-2 G/25d5) 10-11:15AM-12:30-5:30PM Sun; both merge rd. 3. Limit 2 byes, request at entry. **NO RE-ENTRY.** **FIDE (G/30 not FIDE ratable).** www.marshallchessclub.org. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

A Heritage Event!

May 4-6 or 5-6, Ohio

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 60 (Enhanced)

48th Cincinnati Open

5SS. Hilton Garden Inn, 5200 Natorp Blvd., Mason, OH 45040. **Five Sections:** Open, U2200, U1900, U1600, U1300. **Time Control:** 40/2, SD/60 d/5; 2-day rds 1&2 G/75 d/5. **Prizes:** Open: \$1,000-750-500-250; U2200: \$700-500-300-150; U1900: \$400-300-200-100; U1600: \$300-200-150-100; U1300: \$225-150-125-100. *Open section prizes guaranteed;* other prizes in the under sections based on 100 total entries for the tournament, else proportional. (No unrated may win more than the third-place prize amount except in Open.) **Entry fee:** \$95 if mailed/emailed by April 30, 2012; \$115 after April 30/onsite. Re-entry \$50. Free entry to GMs/IMs who complete schedule; \$95 deducted from prize. **Registration:** Friday, May 4 5:00-6:30; Saturday, May 5 9:00-10:30. **3-day schedule:** Friday 7:00, Saturday 11:00 and 5:30, Sunday 9:30 and 4:00. **2-day schedule:** Saturday 11:00 and 2:00, then merge with 3-day. **Byes:** Maximum two half-point byes, must commit before round 3. **HR:** \$99, group code COI, reserve by 4/13/2012 or rate may go up; reservations 800-560-7843 or 513-204-6000 or www.cincinnatiatmason.hgi.com. *Bring sets and clocks.* **Advance entries:** Cincinnati Open, PO Box 499006, Cincinnati, OH 45249-9006 or by email to a.hodge195@gmail.com. Registration form and complete information at www.chessinatti.com. **Questions:** Alan Hodge 513-697-6930, a.hodge195@gmail.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

May 10, New York

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 (Enhanced)

10 Grand Prix Points Tonight!

4-SS, G/25 + td/5 or G/30 + td/0. Chess Center at the Marshall Club, 23 West 10 St., bet. 5-6 Ave., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$35, Club members \$25, GMs free (\$20 from prize), specified Greater NY Scholastic prizewinners free. **SG60 b/32** paid entries (may be limited to 1st 36 to enter), top 2 Gtd: \$5 200-110-50; top U2200/unr \$105, U2000 \$95. Limit 2 byes (1 bye for U2000), commit by 8:15. Reentry \$15. CCA ratings may be used. Class pairings OK rd. 4. Reg ends 10 min before game. Rds. 7-8:15-9:30-10:45 pm. **Phone entry often impossible!**

VERMONT RESORT OPEN, April 27-29 or 28-29

NEW SITE! Holiday Inn Rutland/Killington, Vermont's most upscale Holiday Inn, near intersection of US-4 and US-7. Free parking, free wireless, heated pool, exercise room, free shuttle to Amtrak, bus terminal or Rutland Airport, restaurants within walking distance. \$2000 guaranteed prizes. See "Grand Prix" this issue for full details.

May 18-20 or 19-20, New York**Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 20 (Enhanced)**
20th annual New York State Open

5SS, 30/90, SD/1 (2-day option, rds 1-2 G/60). Tiki Resort (formerly Howard Johnson), 2 Canada St., Lake George, NY 12845. \$\$\$ 3000. In 4 sections. **Open:** \$5 400-200-150, top Under 2010 \$230-120, top Under 1810/Unr \$220-110. **Senior**, open to under 1910 or unrated born before 5/21/62. \$5 300-150-80, top Under 1710 \$120-60. **Under 1610:** \$5 300-150-80, Under 1410 \$120-60, unrated limit \$150. **Under 1310:** \$100-50, trophies to first 3, top U1000, U800, Unr. **All:** 1 year NYSCA membership prize to NY residents who are not members. **EF:** 3-day \$78, 2-day \$77 mailed by 5/11, both \$79 online at chesstour.com by 5/16, \$85 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 5/16 (entry only, no questions), \$90 at site. No checks at site, credit cards OK. **Entry fee \$50** less to all in U1310. **Special 1 year USCF dues** with magazine if paid with entry- online at chesstour.com, Adult \$30, Young Adult \$20, Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or paid at site, Adult \$40, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20. Re-entry \$40, not available in Open Section. GMs free, \$60 deducted from prize. **3-day schedule:** Reg ends Fri 6:30 pm, rds. Fri 7, Sat 12 & 6, Sun 10 & 3:15. **2-day schedule:** Reg ends Sat 11:30 am, rds Sat 12, 3 & 6, Sun 10 & 3:15. Half point byes OK all, must commit before rd 2; limit 2 byes (limit 1 bye if under 1810/Unr in Open). **HR:** 65-65 (poolside), 75-75 (regular), call 518-668-5744 Mon-Fri 9 am-5pm, reserve by 5/5 or rate may increase. **Car rental:** Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD #D657633, or reserve car online through chesstour.com. Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. **Ent:** Continental Chess, Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. www.chesstour.com, DirectorAtChess.us, 845-496-9658. \$15 service charge for refunds. Advance entries posted at chesstour.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

An American Classic!**May 24-28, 25-28, 26-28 or 27-28, Illinois****Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 200 (Enhanced)****21st annual Chicago Open**

Open Section, May 24-28: 9SS, 40/2, SD/1, d/5, GM & IM norms possible, all Open entry fees \$100 more than before for US players never rated 2200/over by FIDE. **Under 2300 to Under 1300, May 25-28 or 27-28:** 7SS, 40/2, SD/1, d/5 (3-day option, rds 1-2 G/75, d/5; 2-day option, rds. 1-4 G/40, d/5). **Under 1100, (NOTE CHANGE), May 26-28 or 27-28:** 7SS, G/90, d/5 (2-day option, rds 1-4 G/40, d/5). **Under 900, May 27-28:** 7SS, G/40, d/5. **All:** No 5 minute time deduction. At Westin Chicago North Shore Hotel, 601 North Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, IL 60090 (from Chicago, I-294 north to US-45 north; from Milwaukee, I-94 east to Lake Cook Rd. to US-45 south.) Free parking. Free analysis of your games by GM John Fedorowicz, beginning two hours after the start of each 4-day round. Free lectures by GM Fedorowicz 5pm Friday, 9 am each day Saturday, Sunday, Monday, **\$100,000 guaranteed prize fund.** In 9 sections. **Open:** \$10000-5000-2500-1200-900-700-600-500-400-300, clear or tiebreak winner bonus \$200, top FIDE Under 2500/Unr \$2000-1000. FIDE rated, GM and IM norms possible. **Under 2300:** \$5000-2500-1200-900-700-600-500-400-300-300. FIDE rated. **Under 2100:** \$5000-2500-1200-900-700-600-500-400-300-300. **Under 1900:** \$5000-2500-1200-900-700-600-500-400-300-300. **Under 1700:** \$5000-2500-1200-900-700-600-500-400-300-300. **Under 1500:** \$4000-2000-1000-800-600-500-400-300-300. **Under 1300:** \$4000-2000-1000-800-600-500-400-300-300. **Under 1100:** \$1500-700-400-300-200-200-100-100. **Under 900:** \$500-300-200, trophies to first 5, top U700, U500, U300, Unrated. **Prize limits:** 1) Players with under 26 lifetime games rated through 5/12 list may not win over \$800 U1100, \$1500 U1300 or \$2500 U1500. Games rated too late for 5/12 list not counted. 2) If official rating 5/11-4/12 or unofficial post-event rating posted 5/24/11-5/24/12 was more than 30 points over section maximum, prize limit \$1500. 3) Unrated (0-3 lifetime games rated) cannot win over \$200 in U900, \$400 U1100, \$700 U1300, \$1000 U1500, \$1500 U1700, \$2000 U1900 or \$2500 U2100. Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. 4) Balance of any limited prize goes to next player(s) in line. **Top 7 sections Mailed EF:** 5-day Open \$205, 4-day \$204, 3-day \$203, 2-day \$202 mailed by 3/29; 5-day \$225, 4-day \$224, 3-day \$223, 2-day \$222 mailed by 5/16; all \$250 at site. No checks at site, credit cards OK. **Top 7 sections online EF at chesstour.com:** \$207 by 3/29, \$227 by 5/21, \$250 after 5/21 until 2 hours before rd 1. **Top 7 sections phoned EF** at 406-896-2038 (entry only, no questions): \$230 by 5/21 (entry only, no questions). No phone entry after 5/21. **GMs, IMs, WGMs, foreign FMs** free in Open; \$200 deducted from prize. All Open Section EF \$100 more for US players never rated 2200 or over by FIDE. **EF \$100** less to seniors age 65/over in top 7 sections. **Under 1100 EF:** \$85 mailed by 5/16, \$87 online at chesstour.com by 5/21, \$100 at site. **Under 900 EF:** \$35 mailed by 5/16, \$37 online at chesstour.com by 5/21, \$50 at site. **Online or mailed EF \$5** less to ICA members; join at il-chess.org. An ICA Tour Event. **Special 1 yr USCF dues** with magazine if paid with entry: Online at chesstour.com, Adult \$30, Young Adult \$20, Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or paid at site, Adult \$40, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20. **Re-entry:** \$100, no re-entry from Open to Open. **5-day schedule (Open):** Reg. ends Thu 6 pm, rds Thu 7 pm, Fri 12 & 7, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 11 & 6, Mon 10 & 4:30. **4-day schedule (U2300 to U1300):** Reg. ends Fri 6pm, Rds. Fri 7 pm, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 11 & 6, Mon 10 & 4:30. **3-day schedule (U2300 to U1300):** Reg. ends Sat 10 am, Rds. Sat 11, 2:30 & 6, Sun 11 & 6, Mon 10 & 4:30. **2-day U2300 to U1300 schedule:** Reg. ends Sun 9 am, Rds. Sun 10, 12, 2, 3:45 & 6, Mon 10 & 4:30. **4-day, 3-day & 2-day U2300 to U1300 schedules merge & compete for same prizes. 3-day Under 1100 schedule:** Reg. Ends Sat. 1 pm, Rds Sat 2 pm & 6 pm, Sun 10, 2 & 6, Mon 10 & 4. **2-day Under 1100 schedule:** Reg. ends Sun 9 am, Rds Sun 10, 12, 2, 3:45 & 6, Mon 10 & 4. **3-day & 2-day U1100 schedules merge & compete for same prizes. Under 900 schedule:** Reg. ends Sun 9 am, rds Sun 10, 12, 2 & 3:45, Mon 10, 12, 2. **Byes:** OK all, limit 4 (limit 2 in last 4 rds), Open must commit before rd 2, others before rd 4. **Hotel rates:** \$103-103-103-103, 800-937-8461, 847-777-6500, reserve by 5/11 or rate may increase. **Car rental:** Avis, 800-331-1600, AWD #D657633, or reserve car online through chesstour.com. **Foreign player ratings:** Usually 100 points added to FIDE, 100 to FQE, 200/more to most other foreign, no pts added to CFC or Jamaica. Some foreign ratings not accepted for U1900 or below. Highest of multiple ratings usually used. Players who fail to disclose foreign

or FIDE ratings may be expelled. **US player ratings:** May official ratings used; FIDE ratings used for Open Section. Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. **Special rules:** 1) Players must submit to a search for electronic devices if requested by Director. In round 3 or after, players with scores of 80% or over and their opponents may not use headphones, earphones, cellphones, or go to a different floor of the hotel without Director permission. **Ent:** Continental Chess, Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. **Questions:** DirectorAtChess.US, 845-496-9658, www.chesstour.com. You may request "lowest possible section" if May rating unknown. \$15 service charge for refunds. Advance entries will be posted at chesstour.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

May 26-28 or 27-28, California, Northern**Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 100 (Enhanced)**
Best of the West Class Championship

6SS 30/90 SD/60 (2-day rds 1-3 G/60 merge in rd4). Marriott, 2700 Mission College Blvd., Santa Clara, CA. Hotel \$89. **Prize: \$17,000** b/264 (2/3rd guaranteed). 6 sections. **Open** (2200+ FIDE rated 82% Gtd): 2500-1200-600-200, top u2300 300-100. **Expert/AB/C:** 1200-600-300-100-100. **D/E/Unr:** 1000-400-200-100, top ul200 600-300-100. Unr max \$300 byes in Open. **EF by 5/22:** \$99. Onsite +\$25, Play-up +\$20. r/e \$40. Econ Opt: EF-20 & 2/3 calc prize (not avail in Open). GMs/IMs free: prize-EF. May 2012 Supp, CCA min, & TD disc to place players. **Sched:** 3-day Reg Sa 10-11, Rds Sa/Su 11:30-5:30, Mo 10-3:30; 2-day Reg Su 9-9:30, Rds Su 10-12:30-2:50-5:30, Mo 10-3:30. Max two 1/2-pt byes, commit bef rd 3. Parking \$5. **Ent:** Bay Area Chess, 1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. Rfnd fee \$20. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/bestwest. E: ask@BayAreaChess.com. T: 408.786.5515. NS, NC, W. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

June 8-10 or 9-10, Connecticut**Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 50 (Enhanced)****18th Annual Northeast Open**

5SS, 40/2, SD/1 (2-day option, rds 1-2 G/75). Sheraton Hotel (formerly Holiday Inn Select), 700 Main St., Stamford, CT 06901. Free parking. **\$8,000 guaranteed prize fund.** In 4 sections. **Open:** \$1000-500-300-200, U2250 \$600-300. **FIDE.** **Under 2050:** \$800-400-300-200, top U1850 \$500-250. **Under 1650:** \$700-400-250-150, top U1450 \$400-200. **Under 1250:** \$300-150-100, trophy to top U1000, U800, U600, Unrated. **Unrated:** may not win over \$150 in U1250 or \$400 in U1650. **Top 3 sections EF:** 3-day \$88.50, 2-day \$87.50 if checked mailed by 5/30, all \$89 online at chesstour.com by 6/6, \$95 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 6/6 (entry only, no questions), \$100 at site. No mailed credit card entries. **U1250 Section EF:** all \$40 less than above. **No checks** at site, credit cards OK. GMs free, \$80 deducted from prize. Mailed EF \$3 less to CSCA members. Re-entry \$50; not available in Open Section. Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. **Special 1 year USCF dues** with paper magazine if paid with entry. Online at chesstour.com, Adult \$30, Young Adult \$20, Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or paid at site, Adult \$40, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20. **3-day schedule:** Reg ends Fri 6:30 pm, rds. Fri 7 pm, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:15. **2-day schedule:** Reg ends Sat 10:30 am, rds. Sat 11, 2:30 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:15. **Bye:** all, limit 2; must commit before rd 2. **HR:** \$94-94, 800-408-7640, 203-358-8400; reserve by 5/25 or rate may increase. **Car rental:** Avis, 800-331-1600, AWD D657633, or reserve car online through chesstour.com. **Ent:** Continental Chess, Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. \$15 service charge for refunds. **Questions:** www.chesstour.com, 845-496-9658. Advance entries posted at chesstour.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

A State Championship Event!**A Heritage Event!****June 9-10, Kentucky****Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 15****2012 Kentucky Open**

5SS, G/90. \$3725 b/120. **Registration:** 9-9:45am. **Rounds:** June 9th:

rd 1-3 10am, 2pm, 5:30pm, June 10th: rd 4-5 9am, 2pm. 1 half point bye available rd 1-4 if noted by rd 2. **Entry Fee:** \$42 in advance, \$50 on site. KCA dues (\$8) required for all players. **Prizes:** Open: \$800-400-200-100; X: 200-100; A: 200-100; U1800: 400-200-100-50; B: 100-50; C: 100-50; U1400: 200-100-50-25; D: 50-25; E: 50-25; Top Jr. 50. Go to kcachess.org for more info. Annual meeting of the KCA Board between rds 4 and 5. St. Francis High School, 233 West Broadway (entrance is on 3rd Street), Louisville, KY 40202. **Contact:** Steve Dillard stevedillard@hotmail.com, 502-641-1948 or Daniel Brennan cyberdaniel82@hotmail.com, 502-645-4202. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

June 14, Nevada**Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 80 (Enhanced)**
2012 U.S. Game/10 Championship (QC)

See Nationals.

A Heritage Event!**An American Classic!****June 15-17 or 16-17, Nevada****Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 200 (Enhanced)****2012 National Open**

See Nationals.

June 22-24 or 23-24, Ohio**Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 80 (Enhanced)**
2012 Columbus Open

5-SS, 30/90, SD/60 (2-day schedule, rd. 1 G/90). ALL PRIZES UNCONDITIONALLY GUARANTEED. 3 sections: **Open**, open to all. G \$1200, 800, 500, 400, 300; U2000, \$500, 300; **Premier**, open to 1799/below: \$500, 300; U1600: \$500, 300; **Reserve**, open to 1399/below: \$500, 300; U1200: \$500, 300. **All EF:** \$85 if rec'd by 6/16/2011. \$95 at site. Free to Sr. Master/above who complete their schedule. (\$85 EF deducted from winnings.) **3-day schedule:** Reg. Ends Fri. 6:30 p.m., Rds: Fri. 7 p.m.; Sat. 2 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; Sun. 9:30 a.m., 3 p.m. **2-day schedule:** Reg. Ends Sat. 9:30 a.m. Rd 1 at 10 a.m., then merges with 3-day schedule. Re-entry: \$20. Any player who loses Fri. night may re-enter for \$20 and loss will not count in tournament standings! One 1/2-pt. Bye available in Rds 1-4 (request required prior to Rd 1). Unrated players may play in any section. \$25 upset prize each section. **HOTELS: HOLIDAY INN DOWNTOWN CAPITAL SQUARE**, 175 E. TOWN ST., COLUMBUS, 43215. (614)221-3281. ROOM RATE: \$99.00 plus tax (includes parking). Hotel remodeled, with expanded playing space, skillies room, many amenities. Chess rate available through June 1st, code CCC. (note: there is a large convention in Columbus this weekend; rooms scarce.) Alternative hotel: The German Village Inn, one mile from playing site, 920 S. High St., (614) 443-6506, \$59.00 plus tax. Free parking: Bd. of Ed. Lot between 5th and 6th St., on Capital St., 5 min. walk from site. **ENT:** C/O Lou Friscoe, 1645 Glenn Ave., Columbus, OH 43212. Inquires: (614) 486-6856 or (614) 228-8111. Entry forms available at our website: www.centralchessclub.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

June 29-July 3 (New date), Pennsylvania**Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 150 (Enhanced)****9th annual Philadelphia International**

9SS, 40/90, SD/30, 30 second increment. Sheraton Philadelphia City Center Hotel, 17th & Race Sts., Philadelphia, PA 19103. Parking \$10/day chess rate with guest room at Sheraton, \$20/day chess rate without guest room, parking lot next to hotel may be much less than \$20. **\$\$\$ 8000:** \$2000-1200-800-700-600-500-400-300, top FIDE under 2300 or unrated \$1000-500. Minimum prize \$800 to foreign GMs who complete all games with no byes (limited to first 5 foreign GMs to enter), \$300 to US GMs, foreign IMs & foreign WGMs (all must complete all games with no byes.) IM & GM norms possible; FIDE rated. **EF:** Free to GMs, IMs, WGMs. Foreign FIDE rated players: \$125 mailed by 6/18, \$127 online by 6/23, \$150 at tmt. USA current or former FIDE 2200/up rated players: \$225 mailed

WESTERN AMATEUR

May 4-6 or 5-6, Sheraton Four Points at LA Airport
\$10,000 guaranteed prizes for Under 2300 or unrated!

5 round Swiss with 3-day & 2-day schedule options. 3-day is 40/2, SD/1, d/5. 2-day option, rounds 1-2 G/75, d/5, then merges with 3-day. \$89 room rates, \$5 parking, free airport shuttle. In 5 sections:

Under 2300 Section: \$1000-500-300-200, top U2100 \$400-200.

Under 2000 Section: \$1000-500-300-200, top U1800 \$400-200.

Under 1700 Section: \$800-500-300-200, top U1500 \$400-200.

Under 1400 Section: \$600-300-300-100, top U1300 \$300-150.

Under 1100 Section: \$400-200-100-50, trophy to first 3, top Under 900, Under 700, Under 500, Unrated.

Unrated limit: \$200 in U1100, \$300 U1400, or \$500 in U1700.

FULL DETAILS: see "Grand Prix" in this issue or chesstour.com.

by 6/18, \$227 online by 6/23, \$250 at tmt. Others: \$325 mailed by 6/18, \$327 online by 6/23, \$350 at tmt. **All:** No checks at site, credit cards OK. **Special 1 year USCF dues** with magazine: see World Open. **Schedule:** Late reg. ends Fri 10 am, rds Fri through Mon 11 & 6, Tue 11. Two half point byes available (must commit before rd 2); norm not possible if taking night bye. **HR:** \$99-99, 215-448-2000, reserve by 6/5 or rate may increase. **Bring sets, boards, clocks** if possible- none supplied. **Ent:** Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. \$15 service charge for refunds. **Questions:** 845-496-9658, www.chesstour.com. Advance entries posted at chesstour.com. Invitations: GoAtChess.us (use @ instead of at). **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

A Heritage Event!

An American Classic!

July 4-8, 5-8, 6-8, 2-8, 1-3 or 4-5, Pennsylvania

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 300 (Enhanced) 40th Annual World Open

9SS (Senior Amateur, Women's Championship and Under 13 Booster are 6SS). Sheraton Philadelphia City Center Hotel, 17th & Race Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19103. For shuttle info from Philadelphia Airport, call 800-559-2040 or 215-616-5370. Parking \$10/day chess rate with guest room at Sheraton, \$20/day chess rate without guest room, Gateway lot at 1540 Vine, 1 block from hotel, is about \$5/day Sat & Sun, \$18/day other days. **In 13 sections with \$250,000** projected prizes, \$200,000 minimum. 80% of each prize guaranteed based on 1180 paid entries total in first 9 listed sections, all prizes guaranteed in Senior Amateur, Womens Championship, Under 13 Championship, and Under 13 Booster. GMs, IMs, WGMs, Under 1200, seniors count as 50% entries, Under 900 as 15% entries. Free analysis of your games by GM Sam Palatnik 7/4-8; free GM lectures 9 am 7/6 & 7/7. **Time controls: Open 40/90, SD/30, 30 second increment. U2400, U2200, U2000, U1800, U1600, U1400, U1200 40/2, SD/1, d/5 (4-day option rds 1-2 G/75, d/5, 3-day option rds 1-5 G/45, d/5). U900, Under 13 Championship, Under 13 Booster G/65, d/5. Senior Amateur, Womens Championship 40/2, SD/1, d/5. Open, 9SS, July 4-8 or 2-8: \$2000-10000-5000-2500-1200-1000-800-700-600-500, clear winner bonus \$300, top FIDE U2500 \$2000-1000. If tie for first, top 2 on tiebreak play speed game 11:30 pm 7/8 for title & bonus prize. GM & IM norms possible. FIDE rated. **Under 2400/Unr, 9SS, July 4-8, 5-8, 6-8 or 2-8:** \$13000-7000-3000-1500-1000-900-800-700-600-500, top U2300/Unr \$2000-1000. FIDE rated. **Under 2200/Unr, 9SS, July 4-8, 5-8, 6-8 or 2-8:** \$13000-7000-3000-1500-1000-900-800-700-600-500, top U2100 (no unr) \$2000-1000. FIDE rated. **Under 2000/Unr, 9SS, July 4-8, 5-8, 6-8 or 2-8:** \$13000-7000-3000-1500-1000-900-800-700-600-500, top U1900 (no unr) \$2000-1000. **Under 1800/Unr, 9SS, July 4-8, 5-8, 6-8 or 2-8:** \$13000-7000-3000-1500-1000-900-800-700-600-500, top U1700 (no unr) \$2000-1000. **Under 1600/Unr, 9SS, July 4-8, 5-8, 6-8 or 2-8:** \$11000-6000-3000-1500-1000-900-800-700-600-500, top 1500 (no unr) \$2000-1000. **Under 1400/Unr, 9SS, July 4-8, 5-8 or 6-8:** \$10000-5000-2500-1200-1000-800-700-600-500-400, top U1300 (no unr) \$1600-800. **Under 1200/Unr, 9SS, July 4-8, 5-8 or 6-8:** \$5000-2500-1200-1000-800-700-600-500-400-300, top U1100 (no unr) \$1200-600.**

Under 900/Unr, 9SS, July 6-8: \$1000-700-500-400-300-300-300, trophies to 1st 10, top U700, U500, U300, Unrated. **Senior Amateur, 6SS, July 1-3:** Open to Under 2010 or unrated born before 7/4/62. \$5 500-300-200, top U1810 \$280-140, top U1610/Unr \$250-130, top U1410 \$200. **Women's Championship, 6SS, July 1-3:** Open to all females. \$5 500-300-200, top U1800 \$240, U1600 \$220, U1400 \$200, U1200 \$180, U1000 \$160, trophy to top U800, U600, Unrated. FIDE rated. **Under 13 Championship, 9SS, July 1-3:** Open to all born after 7/3/99. Trophies to top 10, 1st C, D, E, Unrated. Free entry to all CCA tournaments 7/15/12-12/31/12 to 1st. **Under 13 Booster, 6SS, July 4-5:** Open to all born after 7/5/99 rated under 1000 or unrated. Trophies to top 10, 1st U800, U600, U400, U200; free entry to all CCA tournaments 7/15/11-10/31/11 to 1st. **Prize limits:** 1) Players with under 26 games played as of 7/12 official list may not win over \$600 in U900, \$1500 in U1200, \$3000 in U1400 or U1600. Games rated too late for 7/12 list not counted. 2) If official rating 7/11-6/12 or unofficial post-event rating posted 7/3/11-7/3/12 was more than 30 points over section maximum, prize limit \$2000. 3) Unrated (0-3 lifetime games rated) cannot win over \$300 in U900, \$800 U1200, \$1200 U1400, \$1600 U1600, \$2000 U1800, or \$2500 U2000. 4) Balance of any limited prize goes to next player(s) in line. **Open, U2400, U2200, U1800, U1600, U1400 EF:** Mailed by 2/15, all 5-day \$305, 4-day \$304, 3-day \$303, 7-day \$307. Open has 5-day and 7-day only; no 7-day in U1400 or U1200. Mailed by 5/15 all \$10 more, mailed by 6/20 all \$20 more. Online at chesstour.com, all \$307 by 2/15, \$317 by 5/15, \$327 by 6/25, \$350 6/26 to 2 hours before round 1 or at site. Phoned to 406-896-2038, all \$330 by 6/25. At site, all \$350; no checks, credit cards OK. GMs free in Open; \$200 deducted from prize. IMs, WGMs EF \$100 less, \$100 deducted from prize. All Open Section EF \$100 more for US players never rated 2200 or over by FIDE. **Under 1200 Section EF:** all \$150 less. **EF for U900 Section, or unrated in U1200 Section:** \$43 mailed by 6/20, \$47 online at chesstour.com by 6/25, \$60 online to 2 hours before round 1 or at site. **Rated seniors 65/up in U1400 or over:** all \$150 less. **Senior Amateur or Women's Championship EF:** \$76 mailed by 6/20, \$78 online by 6/25, \$90 at site. **Under 13 Championship or Under 13 Novice EF:** \$39 mailed by 6/20, \$41 online by 6/25, \$50 at site. **No checks at site;** credit cards OK. **Re-entry: \$160,** no re-entry from Open to Open. **\$20 fee for switching section after 7/3.** **Special 1 year USCF dues** with magazine if paid with entry: Online at chesstour.com, Adult \$30, Young Adult \$20, Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or paid at site, Adult \$40, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20. **Open to U1200 5-day schedule:** Wed 7 pm, Thu 11 am & 6 pm, Fri 11 am & 6 pm, Sat 11 am & 6 pm, Sun 10 am & 5 pm. **U2400 to U1200 4-day schedule:** Thu 11, 2:30 & 6, Fri 11 & 6, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 10 & 5. **U2400 to U1200 3-day schedule:** Fri 11, 1:30, 3:30, 6 & 8:30, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 10 & 5. **Open to U1600 7-day schedule:** Mon-Wed 7 pm, Thu-Fri 6 pm, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 10 & 5. **All above schedules** merge & compete for same prizes. **Under 900 schedule:** Fri 11 am, 2 pm & 5 pm, Sat & Sun each 10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm. **Senior Amateur & Women's Championship schedule:** Sun 11 am & 6 pm, Mon 10 & 5, Tue 10 & 4:30. **Under 13 Championship schedule:** Sun 11 am, 2 pm & 5 pm, Mon 10, 1 & 4, Tue 10, 1 & 4. **Under 13**

Booster schedule: Wed 11 am, 2 pm & 5 pm, Thu 10, 1 & 4. **Half point byes** OK all, limit 4 (limit 2 in last 4 rds). Open must commit before rd 2, others before rd 4. Limit 1 half point bye in 6 round sections. **Entries, re-entries** close 1 hour before your first game. **Bring sets, boards, clocks** if possible- none supplied. **HR:** \$99-99, 215-448-2000, ask for chess rate, may sell out about May 31, two night minimum July 6-7. **Special car rental rates:** Avis, 800-331-1600, AWD #D657633, or reserve car online through chesstour.com. **Foreign player ratings:** Usually 100 pts added to FIDE (except Open Section), 100 to FQE, 200 or more to most foreign, no pts added to CFC, Puerto Rico or Jamaica. Some foreign ratings not accepted for U2000 or below. Highest of multiple ratings usually used. Players who fail to disclose foreign or FIDE ratings may be expelled. **US player ratings:** Official July ratings used; FIDE ratings used for Open Section only. Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. **Special rules:** 1) Players must submit to a search for electronic devices if requested by Director. In round 3 or after, players with scores of 80% or over and their opponents may not use headphones, earphones, cell phones or go to a different floor of the hotel without Director permission. **Ent:** Continental Chess, Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. **Questions:** www.chesstour.com, DirectorAtChess.US, 845-496-9658. You may request "lowest possible section" if July rating unknown. \$15 service charge for refunds. Advance entries will be posted at chesstour.com. Bring set, board, clock if possible- none supplied. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

July 19-22, 20-22 or 21-22, California, Southern

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 100 (Enhanced) 17th annual Pacific Coast Open

6SS, 40/2, SD/1 (2-day option, rds 1-3 G/45). Under 900 Section, July 21-22 only, G/70. Sheraton Agoura Hills Hotel, 30100 Agoura Rd., Agoura Hills, CA 91301 (US-101 to Reyes Adobe Road exit). Adjacent to the Santa Monica Mountains, 26 miles west of Burbank, 12 miles from Malibu, 28 miles from Ventura. Free parking. **Prizes \$25,000** based on 230 paid entries (re-entries count half, Under 900 one-third), minimum \$15,000 (60% each prize) guaranteed. In 7 sections. **Open:** \$3000-1500-700-400, clear or tiebreak win \$100 bonus, top U2300/Unr \$1600-800. FIDE. **Under 2100:** \$2000-1000-500-300. **Under 1900:** \$2000-1000-500-300. **Under 1700:** \$1800-900-500-300. **Under 1500:** \$1500-700-400-200. **Under 1200:** \$1200-600-300-200. **Under 900:** \$300-200-120-80, trophies to top 7. **Unrated** may enter any section, with prize limit U2100 \$1000, U1900 \$800, U1700 \$600, U1500 \$400, U1200 \$200, U900 \$100; balance goes to next player(s) in line. **Top 6 sections EF:** 4-day \$134, 3-day \$133, 2-day \$132 mailed by 7/10, all \$135 online at chesstour.com by 7/15, \$140 phoned by 7/15 (406-896-2038, entry only, no questions), \$150 (no checks, credit cards OK) at tmt. No mailed credit card entries. GMs free; \$120 deducted from prize. **Under 900 Section EF:** all \$90 less than above. **SCCF membership** (\$18, jrs \$10) required for rated Southern CA residents. Re-entry \$70; not available in Open Section. **Unofficial uschess.org ratings** usually used if otherwise unrated. **Special 1 year USCF dues** with magazine if paid with entry. Online at chesstour.com, Adult \$30, Young Adult \$20, Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or paid at site, Adult

21st annual CHICAGO OPEN

May 24-28 (norms possible), 25-28, 26-28 or 27-28, Westin North Shore Hotel

\$100,000 PRIZE FUND UNCONDITIONALLY GUARANTEED!

Free lectures & analysis by GM John Fedorowicz, free entry to IMs, WGMs, foreign FMs

Open Section, May 24-28: 9 rounds, 5 days, 40/90, SD/30, inc/30. 200 GPP.

U2300 to U1300 sections: 7 rds, choice of 3 schedules. **4-day, 5/25-28, 40/2, SD/1, d/5. 3-day, 5/26-28, rds 1-2 G/75, d/5, then 40/2, SD/1, d/5. 2-day, 5/27-28, rds 1-4 G/40, d/5, then 40/2, SD/1, d/5.** All merge & play for same prizes.

Under 1100 section (note change): 7 rds, 5/26-28, G/90, d/5 or 5/27-28, rds 1-4 G/40, d/5, then merges with 3-day.

Under 900 section: 7 rds, 5/27-28, G/40, d/5.

Westin Chicago North Shore Hotel, 601 N Milwaukee Ave, Wheeling IL 60090. Free parking. In 9 sections:

Open: \$10000-5000-2500-1200-900-700-600-500-400-300, clear or tiebreak first \$200 bonus, top FIDE U2500/unr \$2000-1000. FIDE rated, GM and IM norms possible.

U2300: \$5000-2500-1200-900-700-600-500-400-300-300. FIDE rated.

U2100: \$5000-2500-1200-900-700-600-500-400-300-300.

U1900: \$5000-2500-1200-900-700-600-500-400-300-300.

U1700: \$5000-2500-1200-900-700-600-500-400-300-300.

U1500: \$4000-2000-1000-800-600-500-400-400-300-300.

U1300: \$4000-2000-1000-800-600-500-400-300-300-300.

U1100: \$1500-700-400-300-200-200-100-100.

U900: \$500-300-200, trophies to top 5, others.

Unrated limits: U900 \$200, U1100 \$400, U1300 \$700, U1500 \$1000, U1700 \$1500, U1900 \$2000, U2100 \$2500.

FIDE ratings used for Open, May official USCF for others. Unofficial web ratings usually used if otherwise unrated.

Prize limits: 1) If under 26 lifetime games as of 5/12 list, limit \$800 U1100, \$1500 U1300, \$2500 U1500. 2) If official rating 5/11-4/12 or unofficial post-event rating posted 5/24/11-5/24/12 was more than 30 pts over section max, limit \$1500.

5-day schedule (Open only): entries end Thu 6 pm, rds Thu 7 pm, Fri 12 & 7, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 11 & 6, Mon 10 & 4:30.

4-day Under 2300 to Under 1300: entries end Fri 6, rds Fri 7, Sat/Sun 11 & 6, Mon 10 & 4:30.

3-day Under 2300 to Under 1300: entries end Sat 10 am, rds Sat 11, 2:30 & 6, Sun 11 & 6, Mon 10 & 4:30.

3-day Under 1100: entries end Sat 1 pm, rds Sat 2 & 6, Sun 10, 2 & 6, Mon 10 & 2.

2-day Under 2300 to Under 1300: entries end Sun 9 am, rds Sun 10, 12, 2, 3:45 & 6, Mon 10 & 4:30.

2-day Under 1100: Sun 10, 12, 2, 3:45 & 6, Mon 10 & 2.

Under 900 schedule: Sun 10, 12, 2, 3:45, Mon 10, 12, 2.

Half point byes OK all, limit 4 (2 last 4 rds). Open must commit before rd 2, others rd 4.

Hotel rates: 1-4 in room \$103, 800-937-8461, 847-777-6500, reserve by 5/11.

Full details: see TLA this issue or chesstour.com. Bring set, board, clock if possible- none supplied.

\$40, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20. **4-day schedule:** Reg Thu to 6:30 pm, rds Thu 7 pm, Fri 7 pm, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:30. **3-day schedule:** Reg. Fri to 11 am, rds Fri 12 & 7, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:30. **2-day schedule:** Reg Sat to 9 am, rds Sat 10, 12:45, 3:15 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:30. **Under 900 schedule:** Reg Sat to 9 am, rds 10, 1:15, 4:30 each day. **All schedules:** Half point byes OK all, limit 2, Open must commit before rd 2, other sections before rd 4. **HR:** 587-87, 818-707-1220, request chess rate, reserve by 7/5 or rate may increase. **Car rental:** Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD #D657633. **Ent:** Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. \$15 service charge for refunds. **Questions:** www.chesstour.com, 845-496-9658. Advance entries posted at chesstour.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

July 20-22 or 21-22, Illinois

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 120 (Enhanced) 5th annual Chicago Class

5SS, 40/2, SD/1 (2-day option, rds 1-2 G/75). Westin Chicago North Shore Hotel, 601 North Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, IL 60090 (from Chicago, I-294 north to US-45 north; from Milwaukee, I-94 to Lake Cook Rd to US-45 south). Free parking. **\$20,000 guaranteed prize fund.** In 8 sections; no unrated allowed in Master or Expert. **Master** (2200/up): \$2000-1000-600-400, clear win or 1st on tiebreak \$100, top U2400 \$800-400. **FIDE Expert** (2000-2199): \$1400-700-400-200. **Class A** (1800-1999/Unr): \$1400-700-400-200. **Class B** (1600-1799/Unr): \$1400-700-400-200. **Class C** (1400-1599/Unr): \$1200-600-400-200. **Class D** (1200-1399/Unr): \$1000-500-300-200. **Class E** (Under 1200/Unr): \$1000-500-300-200. **Under 1000** (Under 1000/Unr): \$200-100-60-40, trophies to first 5, top Under 800, Under 600, Unrated. **Rated players** may play up one section. **Prize limits:** Unrated may not win over \$100 in U1000, \$200 E, \$300 D, \$500 C, \$700 B, or \$900 A. If any post-event rating posted at uschess.org/7/19/10-7/19/11 is more than 30 points over section maximum, prize limit \$500. **Top 7 sections EF:** 3-day \$103, 2-day \$102 mailed by 7/11, all \$104 online at chesstour.com by 7/16, \$110 phoned by 406-896-2038 by 7/16 (entry only, no questions), \$120 at site. **Under 1000 Section EF:** all \$70 less than above. **All:** No mailed credit card entries. No checks at site, credit cards OK. Online or mailed EF \$5 less to ICA members; join/renew at tl-chess.org. An ICA Tour event. Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. **Special 1 year USCF dues** with paper magazine if paid with entry. Online at chesstour.com, Adult \$30, Young Adult \$20, Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or paid at site, Adult \$40, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20. Re-entry \$50; not available in Master Section. GMs \$80 from prize. **3-day schedule:** Reg. ends Fri 6 pm, rds. Fri 7, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:30. **2-day schedule:** Reg. ends Sat 10 am, rds. Sat 11, 2:30 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:30. **Bye:** all, Master must commit before rd 2, others before rd 3. **HR:** 103-103-103-103, 800-937-8461, 847-777-6500, reserve by 7/6 or rate may increase. **Car rental:** Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD #D657633. **Ent:** Continental Chess, Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. \$15 service charge for refunds. **Questions:** chesstour.com, 845-496-9658. Advance entries posted at chesstour.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Jul. 28-Aug. 1, Maryland

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 150 2012 Washington International

9SS, 40/90, SD/30 inc/30. Rockville Hilton, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-468-0308. **Guaranteed Prizes:** \$5000-3000-2000-1000-900-800-700-600-500-500, top U2500 \$700-300, top U2300 \$700-300. (minimum 2100 FIDE to play. FIDE ratings used for pairings and prizes). **Sets, board and clocks provided. GM and IM norms possible. Free Continental breakfast every morning. Optionally, pairings can be texted to your phone. EF:** GMs, non-US IMs, or FIDE over 2500 Free, US IMs, non-US FIDE rated, or FIDE over 2400 \$200, FIDE over 2300 \$300, FIDE over 2200 \$400, FIDE over 2200 \$500. All \$25 more after 6/1, \$50 more after 6/29, \$75 more after 7/24, \$100 more at the door. **Special EFs:** All EFs \$50 less, if staying at the Hilton. **Schedule:** Reg ends Sat 10 am, rds 7/28-7/31 11:15 & 6, Wed 8/1 10am. **HR:** MCA, c/o Michael Regan, 1827 Thornton Ridge Rd., Towson, MD 21204. More information, link for hotel reservation & online entry at: http://washing-toninternationalchess.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Regional

Alabama

Mar. 24-25, Labate's Athens Mar 2012

4SS, G/100. Athens Recreation Center, 270 US Highway 31 N, Athens, AL (256) 233-8740. **\$\$B/EF:** \$12. \$15 on Mar. 24. Free entry to GMs, IMs, and WGMs. **Rds.:** 9am/12:30 each day. Half point bye at registration. **Online Entry & add'l info:** www.edwardlabatechess.com, edwardlabatechess@charter.net. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Mar. 30-Apr. 1 or Mar. 31-Apr. 1, 10th Annual Southern Class Championships (FL)

See Grand Prix.

Mar. 31, Huntsville Challenge

4SS, TC: G/75. UAH - University Center Room 126, 1410 Ben Graves Dr., Huntsville, AL 35816. **Open (PF: \$\$B/25):** \$225-150-U1900-125-U1700-100; **Reserve (PF: \$\$B/25):** \$200-125-U1300-100-U1100-75. **Rds.:** 9-11:30-2:30-5. **EF: \$30;** if mailed by MAR 24th; **\$40** at site. **Scholastic: 5SS, TC: G/30, EF: \$20. Trophy:** Top 3. **Rds.:** 9-10-11-12:45-1:45. **Late REG.:** MAR 31st: 8-8:45am. Checks payable to: **Caesar Chess. ENT:** Caesar Chess LLC, 5184 Caldwell Mill Rd., Suite 204 - 202, Birmingham, AL 35244. **Info:** CaesarChess@yahoo.com, www.AAlabamaChess.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Arizona

Mar. 10, Liliua Cardona's Tempe Open

4 round, USCF rated tournament; **SECTIONS:** USCF: 2000 & up/1600-1999/1200-1599/U1200. ASCF: U1000; G/60 for the top 4 sections. G/30 for U1000; **ROUND TIMES:** 4 top sections: 9am/11:15am/1:30pm/3:30pm. 5:30pm Ceremony. U/1000: 9am/10:15am/12:00pm/1:15pm. 2:30pm Ceremony. **PRIZES:** \$200 1st, \$100 2nd 2000 & up/ Top 3 trophies

in 1600-1999, 1200-1599, and U1200/ Top 5 U1000 plus best U800 and U600. **ENTRY FEE:** \$20 by 3/7, \$23 by 3/8, \$26 by 3/9, \$30 at site. \$10 to play up. **TO REGISTER:** chessemposium.com, call 602-482-4867. **SITE:** 1835 E. Elliot Rd., Tempe, AZ.

May 4-6 or 5-6, Western Amateur (CA-S)

See California, Southern.

July 19-22, 20-22 or 21-22, 17th annual Pacific Coast Open (CA-S)

See Grand Prix.

Arkansas

Mar. 10-11, Arkansas Open

5-SS, G/90 + 30spm. Day's Inn, 2402 N. College Ave., Fayetteville, AR 72703; (479) 443-4323. **HR:** 1 King 52-52; 2 Queens 60-60. **EF:** \$35 (by 3/08), 40 at door. **\$\$** (b/40) 200-150; A,B,C,D/E 100 (min 3 in class or prize=75); Unr. 50; Upset 50. One 1/2 pt. bye avail. Rds. 1-4. **Reg.:** 8:15-9:15. **Rds.:** 9:30-2-6:30, 9-1:30. **Entry:** Les Kline, 801 N. Rush Dr., Fayetteville, AR 72701; (479) 444-8530; cl.kline@sbcglobal.net. USCF & ACA (OSA). **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

California, Northern

Capital City C. C. Sundays Chess for Kids

Round Table Pizza, 3005 Freeport Blvd., Sacramento. Quads (3/RR). T/C: G/30 w/5 Second Delay. RDS.: 12pm/Ongoing. PRIZES: 1st - Trophy or Inscribed Chess Clock, 1st thru 4th - Medals or Pins. TIE-BREAK: G/77 w/3 Second Delay. EF: \$20 (Includes \$5 Food Gift Certificate). REG.: 11am at Site Only. DIRECTOR: John C. Barnard 209-450-6133. JohnCharlesBarnard@gmail.com, capitalcitychessclub.com.

Mar. 3-4, 2012 U.S. Junior Chess Congress

See Nationals.

Mar. 16-18 or 17-18, Bay Area Chess Spring Open

See Grand Prix.

Mar. 31, Santa Clara County Elementary Championship

Harker Middle, 3800 Blackford Ave., San Jose. **Trophies:** Top 7 players & Top 5 teams in each section. 7 sections based on grade KG-6. **Sched:** Reg. 8:30-9a. **KG, Gr 1 2 3:** 5xG/30 games 9:30, 10:45, 12:30, 1:45, 3. **Gr 4 5 6:** 4xG/45 games 9:30, 11:15, 1:15, 3. **EF:** \$37 by 3/28. **Info/flyer:** BayAreaChess.com/santaclaral2. NS, NC, W.

Apr. 7, May 6, Bay Area Chess 4 Less Quads

1639A S. Main St., Milpitas. Trophies for winning record. **Sched: Check-in by:** 3:15p, 3xG/30. **Games:** 3:45-6. **EF:** \$19 by Wed before tournery. **Info/flyer:** BayAreaChess.com/chess4less. NS. NC.

Apr. 7, May 6, Bay Area Chess 4 Less Swiss

1639A S. Main St., Milpitas. **Trophies:** Players w/winning record, teams w/2+ players. **Sched:** Reg. 8:30-9a. **Games:** 9:30a-2p. **3 Sections:** u500 5xG/30, u900 5xG/30, 900+ 4xG/45. **EF:** \$27 by Wed before tournery. **Info/flyer:** BayAreaChess.com/chess4less. NS. NC.

A State Championship Event!

Apr. 20 or 21 or 22 or 21-22, CalChess State Scholastics Championship 2012

Note corrections: Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Pkwy, Park free. Hotel \$109: Hyatt Regency, 5101 Great America Pkwy., Santa Clara. **Main Event:** Trophies to all KG & top 20 players (winning record) in each section. Medals to others. K-3 u900 sections: Sat 9a. K & 4-6 u750. Sun 9a. **Blitz Fr 6-8:30p. Bughouse Sa 6-8:30p. EF by 4/10:** 1-day \$48, 2-day \$60. Onsite + \$40. Apr Supp & TD disc to place players. **Info/Reg:** CalChessScholastics.org. **Quest:** ask@BayAreaChess.com. USCF + CalChess Mem req'd. NS, NC, W.

Apr. 21-22, 7th Annual Frank Doyle Open

See Grand Prix.

Apr. 28-29, Hans Poschmann Memorial

4-SS, 30/90; SD/60 d/5. Club Sport, 46650 Landing Parkway, Fremont, CA 94538. **\$\$B** 60 paid entries (not counting unrated entries). **Three Sections:** Open \$300-210 U2200 \$200-100; A/B \$200-150 U1800 \$145-100; Reserve \$200-150 U1400 \$145-100 Unr: Trophy First. All, **EF:** post-marked by 4/23 \$60, \$70 at site. Unrateds \$20 in the Reserve section or may play up to the Open section for the regular fee. USCF memb. req'd. May play up for add'l \$10 per section. **Reg.:** Sat 4/28 9:00-9:45am. **RDS.:** Sat 10:00-3:30; Sun 10:00-3:30; One 1/2 pt bye available if requested in advance (bye in rds 3 or 4 must be requested before rd 1). 2012 April Supplement, CCA minimums and Directors discretion will be used to place players as accurately as possible. Please bring clocks and equipment. **INFO:** Ken Zowal (510)-623-9935. Email: kenneth.zowal@sbcglobal.net or richardkoepcke@yahoo.com. **Ent:** Ken Zowal, P.O. Box 3211, Fremont CA 94539. No Phone entries. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

May 4-6 or 5-6, Western Amateur (CA-S)

See California, Southern.

May 26-28 or 27-28, Best of the West Class Championship

See Grand Prix.

May 27, Azhar Memorial NorCal Grade Level Champ

Marriott, 2700 Mission College Blvd., Santa Clara, CA. Hotel \$89. **Trophies:** Top 20 players & Top 10 teams in ea section. **8 sections:** KG 1 2 3 4 5 6 7-12. **Sched:** Reg. 8:30-9a. **K-3:** 5xG/30 games 9:30 11 12:30 1:50 3:15. **Gr 4-12:** 4xG/45 games 9:30 11:20 1:15 3:15. **EF by 5/22:** \$39. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/grade12. NS, NC, W.

July 19-22, 20-22 or 21-22, 17th annual Pacific Coast Open (CA-S)

See Grand Prix.

California, Southern

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Mar. 3&4, 10&11, 17&18, 24&25, LACC - Sat & Sun G/61

6SS, G/61. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA 90025, 2nd fl. **EF:** \$45 (\$35 LACC memb). **Reg.:** 11-12 pm. **Rds.:** 12, 2, 4 pm each day. **Prizes:** 1/2 collections. **Parking:** Free at BoA and streets (\$3 basement). **Info:** 310/795-5710 or Mick@LAChessClub.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, LACC - LA Masters G/30

3SS, G/30. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA, 90025, 2nd fl. 4 blks W 405. **EF:** \$30 (\$20 memb). **Reg.:** 5-6 pm. **Rds.:** 6, 7, 8 pm. **Prizes:** (\$180 b/10, 75%); **Parking:** Free at BoA (\$3 basement). **Info:** 310/795-5710.

Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, LACC - Sat Nite Blitz (G/5) (QC)

5DSS, G/30. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA, 90025, 2nd fl. 4 blks W 405. **EF:** \$10. Q-rated. **Reg.:** 8-9 pm. **Rds.:** 9, 9:20, 9:40, 10, 10:20. **Prizes:** 1/2 EF. **Parking:** Free on Butler (\$3 basement).

Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, LACC - Saturday G/61

3SS, G/61. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA, 90025, 2nd fl. (**\$320 b/20**), \$100/50/30; U1800-1200:\$50/40/30/20. **EF:** \$25 (\$20 memb). **Reg.:** 11-12 pm. **Rds.:** 12, 2, 4 pm. **Parking:** basement (\$3). **Info:** 310/795-5710.

Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25, LACC - Every Sunday Chess 4 Jrs.

4 separate events - 2 Sections: 1000+ & U1000 (latest ratings used), 5SS, G/30. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA, 90025, 2nd fl. 4 blocks W 405. **EF:** \$25 (\$20 LACC memb, \$10 off siblings, Free new LACC memb). **Reg.:** 12-1 pm. **Rds.:** 1, 2, 3, 4 pm. **Prizes:** Trophies (Top 3) & Medals (rest); each player receives a prize! **Parking:** Free at BoA and streets. Free snacks & free class (12-1). **Info:** (310) 795-5710 or Mick@LAChessClub.com.

CONTINENTAL CHESS SCHEDULE

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Most tournaments have alternate schedules playing less or more days than listed below.

Asterisk means full details in this issue-otherwise, see future issues or our website.

3/9-11: Western Class Championships, Agoura Hills CA *

3/16-18: Mid-America Open, St Louis MO *

3/16-18: Long Island Open, Ronkonkoma NY *

3/23-25: Pittsburgh Open, Pittsburgh PA *

3/30-4/1: Southern Class, Orlando FL *

4/4-8: Philadelphia Open, Philadelphia PA *

4/27-29: Green Mountain Open, Rutland VT *

5/4-6: Western Amateur, Los Angeles CA *

5/18-20: New York State Open, Lake George NY *

5/24-28: Chicago Open, Wheeling IL *

6/8-10: Northeast Open, Stamford CT *

6/29-7/3: Philadelphia International, Philadelphia PA *

7/4-8: World Open, Philadelphia PA *

7/20-22: Chicago Class, Wheeling IL *

7/20-22: Pacific Coast Open, Agoura Hills CA *

7/27-29: Southern Open, Orlando FL *

7/27-29: Bradley Open, Windsor Locks CT *

8/3-5: Cleveland Open, Cleveland OH *

8/10-12: Continental Open, Sturbridge MA *

8/17-19: Indianapolis Open, Indianapolis IN *

8/17-19: Manhattan Open, New York NY *

8/17-19: Central California Open, Fresno CA *

8/24-26: Atlantic Open, Washington DC *

9/1-3: New York State Championship, Albany NY *

9/21-23: Louisville Open, Louisville KY *

10/4-8: Continental Class, Arlington VA *

10/5-7: Los Angeles Open, Los Angeles CA *

10/12-14: Midwest Class, Wheeling IL *

10/19-21: Boardwalk Open, Asbury Park NJ *

11/9-11: Kings Island Open, Mason OH *

For later events, see chesstour.com.

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Have to miss a round?

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before pairings are made, so no one is deprived of a game! If you forfeit without notice, you may be FINED up to the amount of the entry fee!

Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25, LACC - Sunday G/61

3SS, G/61. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA, 90025 2nd fl. (\$320 b/20), \$100/50/30; U1800-1200: \$50/40/30/20. **EF:** \$25 (\$20 memb). **Reg.:** 11-12 pm. **Rds.:** 12, 2, 4 pm. **Parking:** Free at BoA and streets (\$3 basement). **Info:** 310/795-5710.

Mar. 9-11 or 10-11, 19th annual Western Class Championships

See Grand Prix.

Mar. 17, Joshua Tree March Madness

4SS, G/60, T/D:0. **Reg.:** 8-9:15. **Rnds.:** 9:30, 11:45, 2:45, 5:00. Faith Lutheran Church, 6336 Hallee Rd., Joshua Tree, (2 blks N. of Hwy 62). **EF:** \$30. **Prizes:** 70% EF. **Info and Ent:** Mark Muller, P.O. Box 502, 29 Palms, CA 92277, (760)367-2311, Email: muller29@roadrunner.com. NS, NC, W.

Mar. 24-25, LACC - Sat & Sun G/90

4SS, G/90. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA 90025, 2nd fl. **EF:** \$45 (\$35 LACC memb). **Reg.:** 11-12 pm. **Rds.:** 12, 3 pm each day. **Prizes:** 1/2 collections. **Parking:** Free on Butler (\$3 basement). **Info:** 310/795-5710 or Mick@LACChessClub.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Apr. 27-29, 2012 National Junior High (K-9) Championship

See Nationals.

May 4-6 or 5-6, Western Amateur

5SS, 40/2, SD/1, d/5 (2-day option, rds 1-2 G/75, d/5). Sheraton Four Points LAX, 9750 Airport Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045. Special parking \$5/day. **\$510,000 guaranteed.** In 5 sections. **Under 2300:** \$1000-500-300-200, top Under 2100/Unr \$400-200. **FIDE. Under 2000:** \$1000-500-300-200, top Under 1800 \$400-200. **Under 1700:** \$800-500-300-200, top Under 1500 \$400-200. **Under 1400:** \$600-300-200-100, top Under 1200 \$300-150. **Under 1100:** \$400-200-100-50, trophies to top 3, 1st Under 900, Under 700, Under 500, Unrated. **Unrated** may not win over \$200 in U1100, \$300 U1400, or \$500 U1700. **Top 3 sections EF:** 3-day \$83, 2-day \$82 mailed by 4/26, all \$85 online atchesstour.com by 5/1, \$90 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 5/1 (entry only, no questions), \$100 (no checks, credit cards OK) at site. **U1400 Section EF:** All \$20 less than top 3 sections EF. **U1100 Section EF:** All \$40 less than top 3 sections EF. **All:** re-entry \$60. Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if other unrated. **Special 1 year USCF dues** with magazine if paid with entry. Online at chesstour.com, Adult \$30, Young Adult \$20, Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or paid at site, Adult \$40, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20. SCCF memb.

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July 19-22, 20-22 or 21-22, 17th annual Pacific Coast Open

See Grand Prix.

Colorado

A State Championship Event!

Mar. 31-Apr. 1, 2012 Colorado Class Tournament

4 SS, G/90, inc/30. Manitou Springs City Hall, 606 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs, CO 80829. **Directions:** Take I-25 to Exit 141, US 24 West. Head 3 1/2 miles west towards the mountains and depart US24 at the Manitou Avenue exit. Turn west onto Manitou Avenue then go 1 mile to the Manitou Springs City Hall. **7 Sections: SM/M/X, A, B, C, D, E, Under E/Unr.** E and Under E/Unr. sections may be combined if there are not enough participants in either section. **Pre-registration EF:** \$40 if received by Friday March 23, 2012; \$30 for seniors (65 & over), juniors (under 21), and unrated players (no USCF Rating on the USCF Ratings website for March 2012 Supplement). No pre-registrations accepted without full payment. **On-site EF:** \$45 regular; \$33 for seniors (65 & over), juniors (under 21) and unrated players (no USCF Rating on the USCF Ratings website for March 2012 Supplement). **Prizes:** Cash Prizes per Entries. Unrated players may only win an Unrated category prize. *In addition, the Class champions in the A, B, C, D, and E classes will represent Colorado in the Rocky Mountains Team Chess Challenge. **Reg.:** Sat, 9am-10:30am. **Rds.:** Sat 11am-4pm, Sun 9am-2pm. **Ent & Info:** Jerry Maier, 229 Hargrove Ct., Colorado Springs, CO 80919-2213; pmjer77@aol.com; 719.660.5531; more info at http://www.colorado-chess.com/newtour.shtml. CO TOUR EVENT. USCF Membership required. CSCA Membership required (\$15 reg; \$10 Youth-under 21 or Senior-65+). OSA. **Byes:** One non-retractable 1/2 point bye may be requested no later

than the start of the second round. Produced and Directed by the Colorado State Chess Association. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

A State Championship Event!

Apr. 21-22, 2012 Colorado Senior Championship

4 SS, G/90, inc/30. Masonic Lodge, 455 El Paso Ave., Manitou Springs, CO 80829. **Directions:** Take I-25 to Exit 141, US 24 West. Head 3 1/2 miles west towards the mountains and depart US24 at the Manitou Avenue exit. Turn west onto Manitou Avenue then go 1 mile to Old Man's Trail (at the park) and turn right. Continue to El Paso Blvd and turn right. Travel for 1/4 mile, site will be on your right; turn into the parking lot for the Masonic Lodge (big white building). **Open:** Open to all players age 50 or older by December 31, 2012. **EF:** \$40 regular; \$30 for seniors (65 & over) and unrated players (no USCF Rating on the USCF Ratings website for April 2012 Supplement). No Pre-registration discount. **Prizes:** Cash prizes per entries. **Reg.:** Sat, 9:30-10:30am. **Rds.:** Sat 11am-4pm, Sun 9am-2pm. **Ent & Info:** Jerry Maier, 229 Hargrove Ct., Colorado Springs, CO 80919-2213; pmjer77@aol.com; 719.660.5531; more info at http://www.colorado-chess.com/newtour.shtml. NOT a Colorado Tour Event. **BYES:** One non-retractable 1/2 point bye may be requested no later than the start of the second round. Produced and Directed by the Colorado State Chess Association.

May 5-6, 3rd Annual Salute To Bobby Fischer

4 Round Swiss System Tournament. **Time Control:** All rounds: 40/120 - G/60, d/5. **Site:** The Inn at Palmer Divide, 443 State Highway 105, Palmer Lake, CO 80133. **Sections:** Open (open to all), U1800, U1400. **EF:** \$55. **Pre-Registration:** \$50. Must be received by May 3, 2012. Go to eagle-anking.webs.com for entry form. **USCF membership required.** See www.uschess.org for rates. **Prizes:** Cash prizes per entries, paid at end of event. **Registration:** Saturday 5/5, 8:30-9:30am. **Rounds:** 5/5 - 10:00am, 3:00pm; 5/6 - 9:00am, 3:00pm. **Entries:** Fred Spell, 16845 Buffalo Valley Path, Monument, CO 80132. **Phone:** (719) 491-1040. **Email:** gentlemenschessclub@hotmail.com. Presented by the Gentlemen's Chess Club. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Connecticut

Mar. 10, Fischer Memorial

CH Booth Library, 25 Main St., 3rd Fl., Newtown, CT 06470, 100 yds. south

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www.chess-shop.com

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GOLD & SILVER AFFILIATES

GOLD

Any affiliate that has submitted at least 50 USCF memberships during the current or previous calendar year, or is the recognized State Affiliate, is eligible to become a Gold Affiliate. Gold Affiliates are honored in a special list in larger type in Tournament Life each month, giving the affiliate name, address, phone number, e-mail address, and website. Gold Affiliation costs \$350 per year, and existing affiliates may subtract \$3 for each month remaining on their regular affiliation, or \$20 for each month remaining on their Silver Affiliation. **As of August 6, 2007, by paying an annual payment of \$500 (instead of \$350), Gold Affiliate status may be obtained with no minimum requirement for memberships submitted.**

SILVER

Any affiliate that has submitted at least 25 USCF memberships during the current or previous calendar year, or is the recognized State Affiliate, is eligible to become a Silver Affiliate. These affiliates will be recognized in a special list in Tournament Life each month, giving the affiliate name, state, and choice of either phone number, e-mail address, or website. Silver Affiliation costs \$150 per year, and existing affiliates may subtract \$3 for each month remaining on their regular affiliation. **As of August 6, 2007, by paying an annual payment of \$250.00 (instead of \$150), Silver Affiliate status may be obtained with no minimum requirement for memberships submitted.**

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Bay Area Chess (CA)
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Indiana State Chess Association
www.indianachess.org

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516-739-3907

Marshall Chess Club (NY)
www.marshallchessclub.org

Michigan Chess Association
www.michess.org

Monmouth Chess School & Club (NJ)
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Oklahoma Chess Foundation
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Silver Knights (PA)
www.silverknightschess.com

Sparta Chess Club (NJ)
www.spartachessclub.org

of Flagpole on Rte.25. 3SS, G/45. **Prizes:** \$5 per entries. **Rds.:** 12:15, and as available thereafter. **EF:** \$15 at door only. **Reg.:** 11:30-12. **Info:** licensingagent@yahoo.com. Check website in case of inclement weather: newtownchessclub.wetpaint.com. **Arrive early, space is limited.** NS, NC, W.

Mar. 16-18 or 17-18, Long Island Open (NY)

See Grand Prix.

Mar. 18, Planet Earth Chess Championship

At the beautiful Rockledge Country Club at 289 South Main Street in West Hartford, CT (Exit 41 off I-84). **BUFFET LUNCH**, including beverages, **INCLUDED** for all participants (\$25 per person for others), and coffee etc will be free throughout the day. 4-SS, Game/45, 5-second delay (USCF Dual-Rated). **TWO SECTIONS: OPEN** (open to all), and **UNDER-1600** (for those rated below 1600 as of the February supplement). **OPEN Section Prizes:** Trophies to 1st (with title of Planet Earth Chess Champion), 2nd; Top Under 2000, Top Under 1800. **UNDER-1600 Section Prizes:** Trophies to 1st; Top Under 1300, Top Under 1000. **ALSO:** Trophy for Biggest "Upset!" in either section. **SCHEDULE:** On-site Registration ends at 9:45; Rounds at 10:00, 12:45, 2:30, and 4:15. **ADVANCE ENTRY:** \$39, make check payable to New Britain Chess Club, specify section, and mail by 3/12/12 to: Doug Fiske, 20 Glen Hollow, West Hartford, CT 06117. **ON-SITE ENTRY:** \$50 (CASH ONLY). Please bring digital clocks and sets. Any questions/more details, call Derek at (860)250-6040.

A State Championship Event!

Mar. 24, 2012 K-6, K-8, K-12 Connecticut Scholastic Championships (A CT State Chess Association [CSCA] sanctioned event hosted by the Roger Ludlowe Middle School PTA and DJA Chess Instruction). Roger Ludlowe Middle School (RLMS), 689 Unquowa Rd., Fairfield, CT 06424, (203) 255-8345 (I-95 exit 21 - Mill Plain Road). **Out of state players:** prize eligible except for 2012 Dewain Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions, 2012 Denker Tournament of High School Champions, and US Girls' Chess Championship qualification awards. **K-12 Championship Section:** 4SS, G/60 One Section open to all K-12. **RDS.:** 10:1-100:3:30-6:00 or ASAP. 1/2 point byes available with advance notice in rounds 1-3 only, no last round byes. **WINNER RECEIVES FREE ENTRY TO THE MARCH 31ST CT STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP - OPEN SECTION. Awards Ceremony:** 8:30 PM. Grade Champion Plaques: Grade champions will be recognized for each of the four high school grades; 9th, 10th 11th and 12th grades. A Grade champion is defined as a top CT resident or top out-of-state resident attending a CT school full-time. He/She will receive a plaque as top overall CT grade champion. Note: The highest scoring Connecticut male and female champions in grades 9-12 will be awarded the High School State Champion Title; 2012 Denker invite for the highest scoring male; US Open Girls' Championship for the highest scoring female; \$300 CSCA grant applied as assistance in travel expenses to these national tournament events. During the games players must leave all electronic devices with the TD. Players determined to be in possession of such devices while playing may be subject to forfeiture, expulsion and arrest. **All K-8 Sec-**

tions: 5SS, G/30 MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION WINNER RECEIVES FREE ENTRY TO THE MARCH 31ST CT STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP - OPEN SECTION; ELEMENTARY CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION WINNER RECEIVES FREE ENTRY TO THE MARCH 31ST NEW HAVEN SCHOLASTIC. K-8 Championship Sections: Middle School (Grades 6 through 8), Elementary (Grades 4 and 5), Primary (Grades 2 and 3), First Grade, Kindergarten; K-8 Novice Sections: Middle School (Grades 6 through 8 U1000), Elementary (Grades 4 and 5 U800), Primary (Grades 2 and 3 U600); **EF:** \$55 if postmarked by 3/11; \$75 by 3/18; \$100 by 3/23 or later. **NO ONSITE ENTRIES!** Entry Fee includes \$5 CSCA annual membership and participation fee. **RDS.:** 9:15-11:30-1:00-2:30-4:00 or as soon as possible if round finishes earlier; team pairings in rounds 1-4 only. **Awards Ceremony:** 6:00 PM. Grade Champion Plaques: Grade champions will be awarded for each grade in the Championship and Premier sections. A Grade champion will be awarded for each grade; Top CT resident or top out-of-state resident attending a CT school full-time receives a plaque as top overall CT grade champion of that section. Championship and Premier Section; The highest scoring Connecticut player in the Middle School Championship Section will be awarded the K-8 Open State Champion Title and eligibility for the **2012 Dewain Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions;** \$300 CSCA grant applied as assistance in travel expenses to this national tournament event for the winner. Trophy Prizes Based on 50 entries PER SECTION (400 total entries). Trophy Prizes may be scaled down (or up). Individual and team trophies to be awarded as follows: Trophies to top 10; Trophies to top 5 unrated in each Premier Section. Team trophies to top 10 in each section; Medals to all non-trophy winners in all sections 5th grade and below; Top 10 schools "combined sections" team awards **All Sections:** 3/2012 Supplement used for Ratings and Pairings; Minimum of 2 players comprise a team, top 4 scores counted as team score. **Team Rooms:** Available through the RLMS PTA at \$100/room/day. Contact Mrs. Laura Bernaschina (lamb5@optonline.net) for reservations and details. **ENT:** DJA Chess Instruction, 248 Mill Street, Southington, CT 06489. **NO PHONE ENTRIES.** Please include name, grade, school, section, USCF ID#, Exp. Date, home address, birth date, parent home and work phone numbers, parents' names, e-mail address, and name of adult supervisor if under 16. **INCOMPLETE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. NOTE: MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CT ST SCHOLASTIC CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP. Info:** DJA Chess Instruction office (860) 628-6777.

Mar. 24, Newtown Spring Open

CH Booth Library, 25 Main St., 3rd Fl., Newtown, CT 06470, 100 yds. south of Flagpole on Rte.25. 3SS, G/45. **Prizes:** \$5 per entries. **Rds.:** 12:15, and as available thereafter. In 2 Sections: **Open, Under 1200/Unrated.** Unrated may not win more than 50% of prizes. **EF:** Both Sections: \$15 at door only. **Reg.:** 11:30-12. **Info:** licensingagent@yahoo.com. Check website in case of inclement weather: newtownchessclub.wetpaint.com. **Arrive early, space is limited.** NS, NC, W.

Mar. 31, 2012 CT Open State Championship

See Grand Prix.

Mar. 31, 2012 New Haven Scholastic Championship

5-SS, G/30. Hopkins School, 986 Forest Rd., New Haven, CT. 06515. Three Sections: **U1200, U1000, U800/unrated.** **EF:** \$50 Online or mail, \$100 at site. **Trophies:** Top 5 each section, Top 3 Scholastic Teams. **ONE DAY Reg.:** 9:00-9:45. Rd. 1.10am then asap. **Register Online:** www.edu.techchess.com or www.CTchess.com.

Apr. 4-8, 5-8, 6-8 or 7-8, 6th annual Philadelphia Open (PA)

See Grand Prix.

Apr. 27-29 or 28-29, 23rd annual Vermont Resort Open (VT)

See Grand Prix.

May 18-20 or 19-20, 20th annual New York State Open (NY)

See Grand Prix.

June 8-10 or 9-10, 18th Annual Northeast Open

See Grand Prix.

July 4-8, 5-8, 6-8, 2-8, 1-3 or 4-5, 40th Annual World Open (PA)

See Grand Prix.

Delaware

Newark Chess Club

4-SS, G/75. USCF-rated games every Thursday 7-10 PM. 345 School Bell Rd., Bear, DE 19701. For a full year of weekly games \$22 for in-state players, \$15 out-of-state! www.newarkchessclub.blogspot.com, newarkchess@gmail.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Mar. 17, Cecil County Chess Club Quads (MD)

See Maryland.

District of Columbia

Apr. 14-15, Kingstowne Chess Festival - 10th Annual! (VA)

See Grand Prix.

Apr. 21, Rated Beginners Open (RBO)

4-SS, G/30. US Chess Center, 1501 M St. NW, Washington, DC 20005. Open to players rated under 1200 or unrated. **EF:** \$30 (\$20 if by 4/14). 5 sections by age. **Reg.:** 12-12:45. **Info:** 202/857-4922. www.chessctr.org/rbo.php.

Florida

Boca Raton Chess Club

Friday nights, Game 90 Tournament, one game a week for 4 weeks. www.bocachess.com, 561-479-0351. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Epicure Grand Prix Series at Miami Country Day

Scholastic and Non-Scholastic Sections. More info at: www.bocachess.com or call 954-421-8222 or 561-479-0351.

Pine Crest School Scholastic Grand Prix Series, Boca Raton

More info at: www.bocachess.com or call 561-479-0351.

ACTIVITY MEANS MEMBERS

Free 8-Line Tournament Life Announcements (TLAs)!

Adult Dues Options! >>

NEW FREE TLA CATEGORIES ADDED!

RUN AN ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT THIS SUMMER! Each affiliate is entitled to one TLA per month of up to 8 lines and up to 2 issues of *Chess Life*, for any tournament between July and September 2012, if no TLA for such an event appeared in 2011, and the TLA is e-mailed by the appropriate deadline. The 8 free lines cannot be applied to longer TLAs.

SPECIAL CATEGORIES QUALIFY FOR FREE TLAS! Each affiliate is entitled to one TLA per month of up to 8 lines for events in the following categories, if submitted by e-mail. The free lines cannot be applied to longer TLAs:

SENIOR. For age 50 or above, or a higher minimum age.

UNRATEDS FREE. Any tournament that offers free entry to unrated players. If your prizes are based on entries, say "paid entries."

USCF BOOSTER TOURNAMENT. A tournament that offers at least two USCF membership renewal prizes, or a quad that offers at least one per section.

CHESS CLUB SPECIAL. A tournament playing only on one or more weekday evenings.

RBO. Open to Under 1200/Unr or Under 1000/Unr. Tournament name must include "Rated Beginners Open" or "RBO."

BLITZ. Time control of Game/5. TLAs such as "USCF-rated Blitz every Friday 7 pm" are accepted.

COLLEGIATE. A tournament limited to college students.

JUNIOR. For age 20/below (age 20 must be eligible).

NON-SCHOLASTIC WITH SCHOLASTIC. A tournament for all ages held concurrent (same location) with a scholastic tournament that in its previous year drew at least 50 players. We encourage organizers of scholastics to hold open or collegiate events on the side.

SPECIAL RATES FOR CLUB ADS. Up to 5 lines \$180 per year, \$100 for 6 months for unchanged club ads in the TLA section. Announce meeting dates & times, activities, contact info, etc.

USCF DISCUSSION GROUPS. See www.uschess.org/forums for four groups: Tournament Organization, Chess Club Organization, Tournament Direction, USCF Issues.

Agers 21-24 dues lower than Adult dues!

The membership category once called "Youth" has been renamed "Young Adult," and eligibility has changed from under 21 to under 25. **Annual dues for this category are only \$33 with paper *Chess Life* or \$26 with the online version!**

One-year membership with *Chess Life*:

Only \$46 for Premium Membership, which includes a copy of *Chess Life* every month. **Regular Memberships** are available for \$40 and give online-only access to *Chess Life* and a mailed **Tournament Life Newsletter** (bi-monthly). (Note to affiliates: If you collect a \$46 membership, you may submit it online to USCF for \$43.)



South Florida Chess Club

Wednesday's 6:30-10:30pm. Rated G/90 Tournaments and skittles. Most tournaments are 4+ rounds at 3:30-3677 or 954-304-0928 or email southfloridachessclub@gmail.com or visit www.SouthFloridaChessClub.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Mar. 24, March Scholastic Tournament

Orlando Chess and Games Center. 5SS, G/30. **EF:** \$30. Trophies and medals to all players, awards at 3:30 pm. **Reg.:** 9:15-9:55 am. **RDS.:** 10-11-12-1:30-2:30, www.orlandocheess.com. **Info:** call 407-248-0818 or email alex@orlandocheess.com.

Mar. 30-Apr. 1 or Mar. 31-Apr. 1, 10th Annual Southern Class Championships

See Grand Prix.

Apr. 14, April OCG Quick Open (QC)

Orlando Chess and Games Center. 6SS, G/29. **EF:** \$30. **PF:** \$650 b/30; \$250-\$150-\$100, U-1600, U-1200 \$75 each. **Reg.:** 9:15-9:55 am. **RDS.:** 10-11-12:30-1:30-2:30-3:30, www.orlandocheess.com. **Info:** call 407-248-0818 or email alex@orlandocheess.com.

Apr. 27-29 or 28-29, 19th Space Coast Open

See Grand Prix.

Georgia

Mar. 30-Apr. 1 or Mar. 31-Apr. 1, 10th Annual Southern Class Championships (FL)

See Grand Prix.

Idaho

Apr. 21-22, 2012 Idaho Open Chess Championship

5SS, G/120 d5. **2 Sections:** Open and Reserve (U1400). **Site:** ISU, Student Un Bldg, Salmon River Suites, 1065 S. 8th St., Pocatello, ID. **EF:** USCF mem req., \$30 (U18 & 60+ \$25), ISU students & Chess Club \$10, by 04/18/12. \$5 more (all) after. **Reg & Ck in:** 7:30-8:30 AM 04/21/12. Those not paid & ck'd in by 8:30 AM may not be paired in 1st rnd. **RNDS.:** 9,2,7,9,2. 1/2 pt byes: Max 1, Rd 1-4 only. 0 pt bye avail rnd 5. Commit by end of rd 2. **Prizes:** \$5 b/30 non ISU; **Open:** \$175-85-65; **Reserve:** \$75-50-35. **HR/ENT/INFO:** ICA, % Jay Simonson, 391 Carol Ave., Idaho Falls, ID 83401, 208-206-7667, rooknjay@yahoo.com, http://www.idahocheessassociation.org. NC, NS, W. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Illinois

North Shore Chess Center

5500 W. Touhy Ave., Suite A, Skokie, IL 60077, 847.423.8626, www.nachess.org/nscc. Multiple monthly chess events: Quick and Regular rated tournaments, FIDE amateur tournaments, simulms and lectures by masters. Private & Group lessons for all ages and strengths available. Home of the Chicago Blaze US Chess League team. **Contact:** Sevan A. Muradian International Arbitrer & International Organizer - sevan@na.chess.org.

Mar. 3, North Shore Chess Center (Skokie, IL)

G/30 + 5/sec incr. -5R-SS. See http://www.nachess.org/events for more info and online registration.

Mar. 4, North Shore Chess Center (QC)

G/3 + 2/sec increment Blitz. See http://www.nachess.org/events for more info and online registration.

Mar. 10-11, North Shore Chess Center 8th NA Amateur Open

4R-SS, G/90 + 30/sec incr. See http://www.nachess.org/events for more info and online registration. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Mar. 16-18 or 17-18, 16th annual Mid-America Open (MO)

See Grand Prix.

Mar. 17-18, 48th Greater Peoria Open

5 SS, G/120T/d5. Lakeview Museum, 1125 Lake Ave., Peoria, IL 61614. **EF:** \$35 by 3/12, \$45 at site, \$20 Unr, \$0 to Masters, \$5 disc't ICA memb, \$3 disc't GPCF memb. **\$\$\$GTD:** 80% of EFs. **REG.:** 8:30-9:30. **RDS.:** 9:45-2:15-6:30, 9:30-2:00. **INFO:** Bye 1-4. www.gpcf.net. **ENT:** Wayne Zimmerle, 514 W Loucks #2, Peoria, IL 61604, 309-692-4480 day, 309-686-0192 night, wzim@sbcglobal.net. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Mar. 18, Knights Quest #75

4SS, G/30,d5. Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel, 933 Skokie Blvd., Northbrook, IL. Presented by Renaissance Knights Chess Foundation. **USCF Rated Sections: Open** (K-12 & Adults), **U1400** (K-12 & Adults), **U1000** (K-8) & **U600** (K-8). **Awards:** Top 5 each section, Top 2 teams (except open), medals all others. **Reg.:** 12:00-12:30 pm. **Rds.:** 1 at 1:00 pm, rest ASAP. **EF:** \$25 by 3/12, \$30 after, \$35 on-site. **Online Registration:** http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oidk=a07e5a13wj1a205439&11r=m1wzh4bab. **Mail-In Reg:** Renaissance

Knights, PO Box 1074, Northbrook, IL 60065. \$5 discount to siblings and team members when registering together. **Info:** www.rknights.org, 773-844-0701.

Mar. 23, North Shore Chess Center Lantern Light Chess (QC)

G/15 + 5/sec incr. See http://www.nachess.org/events for more info and online registration.

Mar. 24, JJC Chess Club - 3 Round Quad

3 round Quad, G/70. Joliet Jr. College, Bldg. J, Room 0006, 1215 Houbolt Ave., Joliet, IL 60431, exit 127 from I-80. **EF:** \$25 by 03/21, \$35 at day of event (**Please Note:** due to the longer time control, no scholastic players 12 or younger are allowed entry unless they are USCF rated 1,000 or higher, no exceptions please) **Cash Prizes:** \$50 for 1st, \$25 for 2nd per quad (based on 4 per quad). **Reg.:** 9:00-9:50am. **RDS.:** 10:00am, 1:15 and 3:45. **Info:** Checks payable by 3/21 to Dennis R. Doyle, c/o JJC Chess Club, 536 Springwood Dr., Joliet, IL 60431, no phone or credit card entries, cash only payment day of event: e-mail questions to Dennis Doyle at ddoyle@jjc.edu.

Mar. 24, North Shore Chess Center

G/60 + 5/sec incr. See www.nachess.org/events for more info and online registration.

Mar. 25, North Shore Chess Center U1200 Scholastic

See www.nachess.org/events for more info and online registration.

Apr. 7, North Shore Chess Center (Skokie, IL)

G/30 + 5/sec incr. -5R-SS. See http://www.nachess.org/events for more info and online registration.

Apr. 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, Aug. 4, Warriors Open & Reserve

G/60+5(sec.delay), 3R-SS. Lincoln-Way West HS, 21701 S. Gouger Rd., New Lenox, IL 60451. **Reg.:** 8:15-8:45 am. **Rds.:** 9, 11:30, & 2. **Two Sections: Open & Reserve (U1000).** **EF:** \$5. No concession on site (bring sacklunch). USCF Membership required. **Contact:** Coach Miller 815-463-0104, stevenraigmiller@comcast.net with questions.

Apr. 8, North Shore Chess Center (QC)

G/3 + 2/sec increment Blitz. See www.nachess.org/events for more info and online registration.

Apr. 14-15, North Shore Chess Center 9th NA Amateur Open - 2nd Annual Scott Silverman Memorial

4R-SS, G/90 + 30/sec incr. See www.nachess.org/events for more info and online registration. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Membership Appreciation Program (MAP)

Final 2011 standings. The MAP program continues in 2012. See details at main.uschess.org/go/MAP. Top standings will appear every two months in *Chess Life*.

Overall Affiliate Standings

Name	State	Count
PAPERCLIP PAIRINGS	TX	1280
CONTINENTAL CHESS ASSN	NY	1075
BAY AREA CHESS	CA	598
SILVER KNIGHTS	VA	565
WESTERN PA YOUTH CHESS CLUB	PA	366
SUCCESS CHESS SCHOOL	CA	354
GATEWAY CHESS LEAGUE	MO	335
DALLAS CHESS CLUB	TX	287
LONG ISLAND CHESS NUTS	NY	267
TRI-STATE CHESS	NY	263

Small State Affiliate Standings

Name	State	Count
MAINE ASSOC OF CHESS COACHES	ME	123
METRO CHESS	DC	112
SIoux EMPIRE CHESS FOUNDATION	SD	80
OMAHA CHESS COMMUNITY	NE	60
MESA CHESS CLUB	NM	55
CMC-LLC	RI	38
WELLS MEMORIAL SCHOOL	NH	36
NEW MEXICO SCHOL CHESS ORG	NM	33
WETZEL COUNTY CHESS CLUB	WV	24
AIRLINE COMMUNITY SCHOOL	ME	22

State Chapter Affiliate Standings

Name	State	Count
MICHIGAN CHESS ASSOCIATION	MI	407
PENNSYLVANIA ST CHESS FED	PA	224
MARYLAND CHESS ASSOCIATION	MD	178
MINNESOTA ST CHESS ASSN	MN	139
MASSACHUSETTS CHESS ASSOC	MA	92
WASHINGTON CHESS FEDERATION	WA	68
KENTUCKY CHESS ASSOCIATION	KY	61
NEW JERSEY ST CHESS FED	NJ	58
NEW HAMPSHIRE CHESS ASSN	NH	53
WISCONSIN CHESS ASSOCIATION	WI	37

Adult Membership Standings

Name	State	Count
MARSHALL CHESS CLUB	NY	123
JERSEY SHORE HS CHESS LEAGUE	NJ	119
CHESS CLUB AND SCHOLASTIC CTR	MO	116
DALLAS CHESS CLUB	TX	115
SAN DIEGO CHESS CLUB	CA	114
PAPERCLIP PAIRINGS	TX	84
BAY AREA CHESS	CA	72
GATEWAY CHESS LEAGUE	MO	71
LOS ANGELES CHESS CLUB	CA	70
HAMILTON ELEM SCH CHESS CLUB	MI	63

Scholastic and Youth Membership Standings

Name	State	Count
PAPERCLIP PAIRINGS	TX	1196
BAY AREA CHESS	CA	526
SILVER KNIGHTS	VA	525
SUCCESS CHESS SCHOOL	CA	353
WESTERN PA YOUTH CHESS CLUB	PA	349
GATEWAY CHESS LEAGUE	MO	264
TRI-STATE CHESS	NY	261
LONG ISLAND CHESS NUTS	NY	249
EN PASSANT CHESS CLUB	TX	189
DALLAS CHESS CLUB	TX	172

Member Standings

Name	State	Count
DOCKERY, JOHN T	FL	66
CAMPBELL, TIM V	MO	39
BERRY, FRANK K	OK	31
STALLINGS, JAY S	CA	31
KRANICH RITTER, TANIA	FL	28
DAILY, NANCY	OR	24
THOMAS, KENNETH	NJ	20
NAVARRO, DANIEL A	TX	17
RYAN, BEN J	TX	17
DELAPAZ, FELICIANO	TX	16

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VT	207	261	26.1	VA	2694	3043	13.0	IA	634	706	11.4	KY	1467	1584	8.0
DC	190	232	22.1	WV	278	313	12.6	OK	338	368	8.9				
RI	247	292	18.2	CT	1164	1302	11.9	NE	294	320	8.8				

Apr. 20-22, 2012 All-Girls National Championships presented by the Kasparov Chess Foundation in association with the Renaissance Knights Chess Foundation & USCF
See Nationals.

Apr. 27, North Shore Chess Center Lantern Light Chess (QC)
G/15 + 5/sec incr. See <http://www.nachess.org/events> for more info and online registration.

Apr. 28, North Shore Chess Center
G/60 + 5/sec incr. See <http://www.nachess.org/events> for more info and online registration.

Apr. 29, North Shore Chess Center U1200 Scholastic
See <http://www.nachess.org/events> for more info and online registration.

May 24-28, 25-28, 26-28 or 27-28, 21st annual Chicago Open
See Grand Prix.

July 20-22 or 21-22, 5th annual Chicago Class
See Grand Prix.

Indiana

Every Second Saturday of the Month
4SS, G/61d5. Donatos Pizza, 825 W. 10th St., Indianapolis. Reg.: 11-11:30AM, Rd 1, 11:40AM. \$S:b/20 1st \$200; 2nd \$100; Class (A, B, C, D, E, Unr) \$70 each. Prizes increased if + 20. EF: \$27 - \$5.00 BD month - \$5.00 for any state association (except ISCA), OCCC Memb.req'd Memb. includes magazine + . FIDE Titled Players Free. Ent: Donald Urquhart, 501 N. East St. # 802, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Info: at 317-634-6259 or e-mail akakarporv@att.net. 3 entries in a class req'd for that class prize to be awarded. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Orange Crush Chess Club Friday Night Blitz (QC)
Burger King, 410 E. Morris St. (E. Morris St. and S. East St.). Show your OCCC card for free upsze. Reg.: 6-6:25pm, starts at 6:30pm. Type: 3 RR Quad, G/5d2, QC. EF: \$8.00, \$54-Quad 1st \$25.00. Ent: Donald Urquhart, 501 N. East St., #802, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Info: Don at 317-634-6259 or email akakarporv@att.net.

Mar. 16-18 or 17-18, 16th annual Mid-America Open (MO)
See Grand Prix.

Mar. 24, Evansville Octos III
3-SS, G/90, d/5. 8-man sects (by rating). Noble Romans, 2403 Washington Ave., Evansville, IN 47714, 812-477-5347. EF: \$25, Reg.: 10:15-10:45. 1st Rd.: 11:00, others ASAP PF (b/8 sect): \$100, 55,35. No requested byes. **Reg. ENTRIES:** Craig L. Hines, 613 North Park Dr., Evansville, IN 47710, 812-423-2996, Mrsci2740@hotmail.com, NS, NC, W.

May 24-28, 25-28, 26-28 or 27-28, 21st annual Chicago Open (IL)
See Grand Prix.

July 20-22 or 21-22, 5th annual Chicago Class (IL)
See Grand Prix.

Iowa

Mar. 16-18 or 17-18, 16th annual Mid-America Open (MO)
See Grand Prix.

Mar. 24-25, TNT FIDE Rating Tournament
5 Rounds SS-Dual Rated-FIDE & USCF. Gentlemen Chess Club, 1101 W. 4th St., Davenport, IA 52801. Reg. Onsite: 8:30AM-9:30AM, Sat., March 24, 2012. **Sections:** Open to players with FIDE rating, USCF rating, or unrated. **EF:** \$50.00. FREE for players with FIDE or USCF rating of 2200 and over. **Prizes (Based on 14):** 1st: \$150, 2nd: \$100; U1800 \$75, \$25 Best Unrated FIDE: \$50. Prizes will be adjusted up based on attendance. **Time Control for all 5 rounds:** Game/90 + 30 sec cumulative increment per move. **Round Times:** Sat., March 24; 1st Rd. 10:00AM, 2nd Rd.: 3:00PM, 3rd Rd.: 7:30PM, Sun., March 25; 4th Rd.: 10:00AM, 5th Rd.: 3:00PM. **Entries:** Advanced entries with entry fees quoted above must be postmarked by March 23rd. All entries postmarked after this date or submitted onsite will incur an additional \$10. Make checks payable to Bill Broich. **Mail entries to:** Bill Broich, 7149 Wilshire Blvd., Windsor Heights, IA 50324. **Questions/Information:** broich01@yahoo.com. **Other information:** One 1/2 - Pt Bye will be allowed in Rds. 1-4. Request for Byes must be submitted during registration or by the end of Rd. 1. USCF - March 2012 Rating List will be used for pairing purposes. FIDE rules will be used.

Apr. 20-22 or 21-22, 6th Annual Okoboji Open, Reserve (U1600) & Scholastics (K-12)
See Grand Prix.

A State Championship Event!

Apr. 28, 2012 Iowa Class Championships
4-SS, **Divided into Classes:** M-X-A, B, C, & D/under. Players may play up one class. Some sections may be combined. **All:** G/75, T/D/5. Clarion/Highlander Convention Center, NE Side Exit 246 of I-80, Iowa City, IA 52245. **Reg.:** 8:15 to 9:00AM. **Rds.:** 9:30 AM-2:30:50- 7:30 PM. **EF:** \$20.00 if rcvd by 04/26, \$30.00 at site. **Prize Info:** Class prizes: 1st place \$45.00 + Trophy, 2nd place \$30. U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) membership required. On-Site Available. IASCA membership required, \$15, \$10 Jr. or Sr. On-Site Available. **Send EF to:** IASCA c/o Mark Capron, 3123 Juniper Dr., Iowa City, IA 52245. mcapron243@mchsi.com. PH# 319.321.5435. **Additional Info:** Annual IASCA meeting scheduled at 1 PM. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

May 24-28, 25-28, 26-28 or 27-28, 21st annual Chicago Open (IL)
See Grand Prix.

Kansas

Mar. 16-18 or 17-18, 16th annual Mid-America Open (MO)
See Grand Prix.

Kentucky

Mar. 16-18 or 17-18, 16th annual Mid-America Open (MO)
See Grand Prix.

Mar. 24, Knights of Northern Kentucky Scholastic Chess Tournament

5 Rounds, G/30 Rounds 1-3, G/45 Rounds 4-5. Rated (USCF member) \$15 and Non-rated/Notice \$10 before 3/17/2012. RD 1 starts at 9:30 AM, RD 2-5 ASAP. **Prizes:** Top 25% of each section get trophies in both rated and non-rated/notice, sections are K-1, K-3, K-5, K-8, K-12 and will combine and divide depending on entries. All participants get a memento of the day. **Location:** Walton-Verona High School/Middle School, 30 School Rd., Walton, KY 41094. **Contact:** Linda Fritz, fritzlinda@aol.com, 859.630.2694. See website for more info: www.knightsschess.org.

Apr. 20-22, 4th Annual WKU Open
See Grand Prix.

June 9-10, 2012 Kentucky Open
See Grand Prix.

Maine

A State Championship Event!

Mar. 17, Maine State Scholastic Individuals Tournaments
Individuals: HS (Championship and Under 1200 Sections), JHS (one section), and Elementary (K-3 and K-6 Sections). **All** sections four rounds, G/60. Pre-registration (EF \$10); or register on-site (EF \$15). All individuals event sections are USCF-rated. Non-USCF members can obtain membership with entry. **Download information and entry forms for all events at:** <http://ChessMaine.net>, or contact Ron Lewis, evenings 207-781-3962 or email at raltiger@aol.com.

Mar. 17, Sidekick Quads 8

University of Maine, Orono. **Adults-only** USCF-rated (EF \$15) and non-rated quads (EF \$10) tournament, G/30, register on-site; no prizes, all net proceeds to benefit Maine Scholastic Chess. **Enter at site (8:30-9:00AM)** or for pre-registration and additional information visit: <http://ChessMaine.net>.

Maryland

Mar. 16&30, Catonsville Friday Knight Quick #135 & #136 (QC)
5SS, G/12, d3. **EF:** \$8, club members \$5. **Reg.:** 7:30pm. **Rds.:** 8, 8:30, 9, 9:30, 10. **\$\$b/24** 1st=\$50, 2nd=\$25, U1850 \$12. **Website:** <http://my.site.verizon.net/vze12d59q/>. Bloomsbury Community Center, 106 Bloomsbury Ave., Catonsville, MD 21228. **Info:** Joe Summers 410-788-1009, josephas2@verizon.net.

Mar. 17, Cecil County Chess Club Quads

All levels welcome! 3 Rd. Quads, Fairgreen Senior Community Apartments, 100 Greenway, Perryville, MD 21903. Game 90. **EF:** \$20. **SGTD:** \$50. **Reg.:** 9-9:45 AM. **Rds.:** 10 AM, 1:30 PM, 5 PM. **ENT:** 302-740-3442, KevinJPytel@aol.com. **INFO:** Free coffee and light refreshments! NS. W.

Apr. 7, Catonsville Saturday Tornado

4SS, G/55;d5. **EF:** \$20 by 4/6 mail or online, \$25 at door, Under 18 \$5 off. **Rds.:** 10:00-12:45-3:00-5:15. **Reg.:** 9:15am. Bloomsbury Community Center, 106 Bloomsbury Ave., Catonsville, MD 21228. Two Sections: **Open \$\$b/24:** \$125-\$75-\$50 U1950 \$45 U1700 \$45. **Reserve U1500 \$\$b/18:** \$100-\$50-\$35 U1300 \$30 b/4 U1150 \$30 b/4. **Bye:** 1-4, max 1. **Online Reg:** <http://mysite.verizon.net/vze12d59q/>. **Ent:** Joe Summers, 1201 Daniels Ave., Balt, MD 21207. Include USCF ID, rating and section. **Info:** josephas2@verizon.net.

Apr. 14-15, Kingstowne Chess Festival - 10th Annual! (VA)
See Grand Prix.

Apr. 27-29 or 28-29, 2012 Maryland Open
See Grand Prix.

Jul. 28-Aug. 1, 2012 Washington International
See Grand Prix.

Massachusetts

Mar. 28-Apr. 25, Evert Siiskonen Memorial

5SS, G/110, t/d5. Wachusett CC, McKay Campus School, Room C159, Fitchburg State University, 67 Rindge Rd., Fitchburg, MA 01420. **EF:** \$1 per game played; free to Wachusett CC members. **Reg.:** 7-7:10 p.m. **Rds.:** 7:15 p.m.

Byes: 1-4, limit two. **Prizes:** chess books to winner(s). **Info:** George Mirjaniyan, 176 Oak Hill Rd., Fitchburg, MA 01420, mirjiling@aol.com, 978-345-5011. **Website:** www.wachusettchess.org. Online ratings as of March 28 will be used. **W. Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Mar. 31, 2012 CT Open State Championship (CT)
See Grand Prix.

Mar. 31, 2012 New Haven Scholastic Championship (CT)
See Connecticut.

Apr. 15, 22nd Massachusetts G/60 Championship
See Grand Prix.

Apr. 27-29 or 28-29, 23rd annual Vermont Resort Open (VT)
See Grand Prix.

May 18-20 or 19-20, 20th annual New York State Open (NY)
See Grand Prix.

Michigan

Mar. 23-25 or 24-25, 13th annual Pittsburgh Open (PA)
See Grand Prix.

Mar. 31, Thinkers Challenge #5

4 Rds. G/45. This is a scholastic tournament with an adult section. Ford-UAW Bldg., 151 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48214. **Early Online Registration** \$15 (weplaychess.webs.com). At the door registration \$20. **Unrated** players divisions grades K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-12, **Rated** players divisions U600, U900, U1200, Open, Adult Section (Unrated and Rated players combined). 1st-5th place trophies for all scholastic sections. **For more information go to:** weplaychess.webs.com or call Tom Nelson (303) 880-4332.

May 11-13, 12-13 or 13, 9th Great Lakes Chess Open

5SS, U1000 4SS. McCamly Plaza Hotel, 50 Capital Ave., SW, Battle Creek, MI 49017. **EF:** (Add \$10 after May 5, \$15 at site) **Open:** 3 day \$53; 2 day \$52, IM/GMs free(If deducted from winnings). **U1700:** 3 day \$43; 2 day \$42. **U1000:** \$20. USCF and a State membership required(can be purchased on site). **Reg:** 3 day: Fri. 5-6:30. **2 day and 1 day:** Sat. 9-11.TC: 3 day: Rds 1-3 G/2; Rds 4-5 40/2 SD/30. **2 day:** Rds 1-2, G/60; Rd 3 G/2; Rds 4-5 40/2 SD/30. 1 day (U1000): G/45. **Rds.:** 3 day: Fri. 7, Sat. 12-4:30, Sun. 10-3:30. 2 day: Sat. 11:30-2-4:30; Sun. 10-3:30. 1 day: 11:45-2-3:45-5:30. **Prizes:** Open:(b/36) \$1500-700, Top X-A-U1800/Unr \$250. U1700: (b/36) \$400-250, Top C-D-U1200/Unr \$125. U1000: (b/22)\$125-\$75, Top 700-899, U700/Unr \$50 (Unrated eligible for top/Unr prizes only). **Special Events:** Blitz tournament: 7 Saturday, EF: 10 (85% payout). IM/Gm Lecture-\$10. Hotel: McCamly Plaza Hotel, Chess rate \$91/night, must reserve by Apr. 9th. Parking \$8 a day. **Info and Entries:** Stan Beckwith, 269-964-2927, 84 Bond Ave., Battle Creek, MI 49037-1907. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

May 24-28, 25-28, 26-28 or 27-28, 21st annual Chicago Open (IL)
See Grand Prix.

Minnesota

Apr. 13-15, 2012 National High School (K-12) Championship
See Nationals.

May 24-28, 25-28, 26-28 or 27-28, 21st annual Chicago Open (IL)
See Grand Prix.

Missouri

Mar. 10, Mizou Quads

3RR, G/70 d/5. UMC Memorial Union room S203, 518 Hill St., Columbia, MO. **Directions:** From I-70 exit 126, south on Providence, east on Rollins, north on Hill. **Reg.:** 9:30-10:15. **Rds.:** 10:30, 1:15, 4:00. **EF:** \$20 if mailed by 3/3, \$25 at site; site entries cash only \$70 first prize each quad. **Entries/info:** Charles Ward, 2400 Cimarron Dr., Columbia, MO 65203; czar8196@gmail.com. W.

Mar. 16-18 or 17-18, 16th annual Mid-America Open
See Grand Prix.

Mar. 31, 2012 Kansas City Chess Club Championship
The Kansas City Chess Club, 7667 NW Prairie View Rd., Kansas City, MO

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64151. 4SS, G/60. Sat. 10:30/1/3:30/6. **EF:** \$20. **Reg.:** 10AM. Club Champion Trophy Open/U1800/U1600/U1300. **Ent:** Kenneth Fee, 1537 Baker St., Liberty, MO 64068. **Questions:** 816-399-3703. **Req. Memb:** USCF & KC Chess Association. Sold onsite. **Register online at:** www.kansascitychessclub.com.

Apr. 14-15, Saint Louis Open
See Grand Prix.

Apr. 28-29, Joplin Benefit Tournament
See Grand Prix.

May 24-28, 25-28, 26-28 or 27-28, 21st annual Chicago Open (IL)
See Grand Prix.

Nevada

A State Championship Event!

Mar. 24, Nevada State Scholastic Championship Team & Individual Tournament (K-12)

Las Vegas Day School, 3275 Red Rock, Las Vegas, NV 89146 and is open to any Nevada school age resident. USCF membership is required. **Registration** information can be obtained from Gale Winds at gwind@lvds.com. **Schedule:** 6 rounds for K-3 and K-5 with time control of G/30. K-8 and K-12 first 2 rounds G/30 and last 3 rounds G/45. The first round begins at 9:30a.m. Trophies for top players K-3, K-5, K-8 and K-12, top upset and top girl in all categories, medals for 3 or more wins and souvenirs for all participants. **Early registration** of \$30.00 is due by March 9. Late registration \$40. At door \$50.00. Free registration for early entrants outside of Clark County.

Apr. 6-8, 12 Annual Reno-Larry Evans Memorial (formerly Far West Open)
See Grand Prix.

May 4-6 or 5-6, Western Amateur (CA-S)
See California, Southern.

June 14, 2012 U.S. Game/10 Championship (QC)
See Nationals.

June 15, National Open Scholastic Trophy Tournament

5-SS, Game/30. Riviera Hotel and Casino, 2901 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas 89109. Open to players 18 and under. **In 3 sections:** U1800, U1200, and U800. Unrateds in the U1200 section and all players in the U800 section must be age 11 or under. **Trophies** to top 5 in each section, top 2 in each odd 200 point rating group and unrated. **EF:** \$33 by 5/28, \$39 by 6/13, \$45 on site. **REG.:** 9-9:30 a.m. **RDS.:** 10-11:30-1:2:30-4. Blitz 6:30 p.m. (\$15 by 5/28 \$20 on site) **HR:** \$59 single or double (\$89 Friday and Saturday nights). 1-800-634-6753 or (702) 734-5110. **ENT:** National Open, PO Box 90925, Henderson, NV 89009-0925, on line www.VegasChessFestival.com or fax at (702) 933-9112. NS. NC. W.

June 15-17 or 16-17, 2012 National Open
See Nationals.

June 16-17, International Youth Championship

5SS, Game/60. Riviera Hotel and Casino, 2901 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas 89109. **In 4 Sections by age:** 14 and Under, 14 and Under Reserve (rated below 1100), 9 and Under, 9 and Under Reserve (rated below 900). **Trophies** to top 10 in each section plus class trophies and team trophies. 1st Place in each section wins a **Computer** loaded with Chess Software, 2nd-4th win chess prizes valued at 250-150-100. Unrated players may not win 1st in Reserve sections. **EF:** \$59 by 5/27, \$69 by 6/13, \$80 on site. 1/2 point bye in any round (limit 2) if requested in advance. **REG.:** 8-9 a.m. **RDS.:** 10-1-4, 10-1. Blitz 6/15 at 6:30 p.m. (\$15 by 5/28 \$20 on site) **HR:** \$59 single or double (\$89 Friday and Saturday nights). 1-800-634-6753 or (702) 734-5110. **ENT:** National Open, PO Box

90925, Henderson, NV 89009-0925, on line www.VegasChessFestival.com or fax at (702) 933-9112. NS. NC. W.

New Hampshire

Apr. 21, New Hampshire Quick Chess Championship (QC)
See Grand Prix.

Apr. 27-29 or 28-29, 23rd annual Vermont Resort Open (VT)
See Grand Prix.

New Jersey

Fair Lawn Saturday Quads

Schedule through June 30, 2012. 3RR, G/60 for quads with rating above 1000; G/30 for quads with rating below 1000 or unrated ICA. 9 - 10 SADDLE RIVER RD., FAIR LAWN, NJ 07410. **EF:** \$25 Prizes: \$50 to 1st place in each quad. **Reg.:** 1-1:15 PM. **Rds.:** 1:15 PM-3:30-5:40 (rating above 1000). **Rds.:** 1:10 PM-2:20-3:30 (rating below 1000 or unrated). **Info:** Diana 201-797-0330, diana@icaj.net; www.icaj.net. EVERY SATURDAY. **ALL:** ICA provides breakfast & lunch.

Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Wednesday G/90 (4SS, Monthly) and Chess Lessons

Round starts: 7pm. **EF:** \$30/\$25. **Prizes:** 70% of EF. **Prizes:** 1st, 2nd & Class Prizes (based on the # of participants). 1 bye available, commit at least two days before the next round. No re-entry. GMs free entry (\$20 deducted from prizes). Chess Mates Corporation, 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. **Info:** Arthur Macaspac (732)499-0118/(760)583-8429. **www.chessmatesnj.com. Lessons:** 5pm- 6:30pm, Under 1600 USCF. **Lessons fees:** Monthly: \$95 (Monday and Wednesday)/Daily: \$15. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26, Chess Mates Saturday Quad G/45

3 RR, G/45. Chess Mates Corporation, 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. **Prizes:** \$60 to first in each section. GMs - Free entry. (\$15 deducted from prizes). **EF:** \$20, \$15 Members. **Reg.:** 12:30-1:15pm. **Rds.:** 1:30pm, 3:15pm, 5pm. **Info:** Arthur Macaspac (732)499-0118/(760)583-8429. www.chessmatesnj.com.

Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, Sunday Camp and Scholastic Tournament

Sunday Chess Camp: 10am - 6pm. **Registration fee:** \$85 members / \$95 Non-members. Snacks and lunch included. **Quad G/30:** 3pm-6pm **EF:** \$15/non-member and \$10/member. **Prize per Quad:** 1st Place: Trophy or \$25. Chess Mates Corporation, 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ. **Info:** Arthur Macaspac (760)583-8429/(732)499-0118. www.chessmatesnj.com.

Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, Sunday Open Blitz (G/5) (QC)

RR, start: 7pm. **Prizes:** 80% of EF 1st, 2nd, & Class Prizes: based on the # of participants. GMs - Free entry (\$15 deducted from prizes). Chess Mates Corporation, 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ. **Info:** Arthur Macaspac (760)583-8429/(732)499-0118. www.chessmatesnj.com.

Mar. 7, S. Jersey/Philly Wednesday Quicks G/10 (QC)

G/10. Wednesdays 7-9:30 p.m. Located at CoffeeWorks at the Voorhees Town Center, 8109 Town Center Blvd., Voorhees, NJ 08043. **Instruction, analysis and Reg.:** 6:30-7:00. **EF:** \$10. \$5 1st, 2nd, and 3rd and best game under 1600 player. **More information:** call 703-989-6867, email dgorman@darsmemail.com.

Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28, Monday Quad G/30 and Chess Lessons

3RR, **Rds.:** 7pm, 8:15pm, 9:30pm. **EF:** \$20/\$15. **Prizes:** \$60 to first in each section. GMs - Free entry. (\$15 deducted from prizes). Chess Mates Corporation, 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ. **Info:** Arthur Macaspac (760)583-8429/(732)499-0118. www.chessmatesnj.com. **Chess Lessons:** 5pm - 6:30pm, Under 1600 USCF. **Lessons fees:** Monthly: \$95 (Monday and Wednesday) and Daily: \$15.

Mar. 10, King's Chess Club Quads

Morning quads and afternoon quads, G/30, Kindergarten-undergraduate (scholastic, youth, and young adult memberships). Bethlehem Church, 758 Route 10, Randolph, NJ 07869. **EF:** None. **Reg.:** 9-9:20 am, 1st rd. 9:40. Arr by noon to reg. only for afternoon quads. Medal to each quad winner. **Info:** Bethlehem Church 973-366-3434 or Bob McAdams 973-694-3988, rvm@fambright.com. Weather closings will be posted on church homepage at www.bethlehemchurch.org by 7:30am.

Mar. 14, S. Jersey/Philly Wednesday Quicks G/10 (QC)

G/10. Wednesdays 7-9:30 p.m. Located at CoffeeWorks at the Voorhees Town Center, 8109 Town Center Blvd., Voorhees, NJ 08043. **Instruction, analysis and Reg.:** 6:30-7:00. **EF:** \$10. \$5 1st, 2nd, and 3rd and best game under 1600 player. **More information:** call 703-989-6867, email dgorman@darsmemail.com.

Mar. 16-18 or 17-18, Long Island Open (NY)
See Grand Prix.

Mar. 17, St. Patrick's Day

See Grand Prix.

Mar. 18, Westfield Quads

3 RR, G/40 T/D 5s, G/45. Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, NJ 07090. **Prizes:** \$50 to first in each section. **EF:** \$20, \$15 Members. **Reg.:** 1:30-2:15 p.m. **Rds.:** 2:30-4:20-6:10 p.m. **Info:** Todd Lunna 732-526-7163, lunnaco@aol.com, www.westfieldchessclub.com.

Mar. 21, S. Jersey/Philly Wednesday Quicks G/10 (QC)

G/10. Wednesdays 7-9:30 p.m. Located at CoffeeWorks at the Voorhees Town Center, 8109 Town Center Blvd., Voorhees, NJ 08043. **Instruction, analysis and Reg.:** 6:30-7:00. **EF:** \$10. \$5 1st, 2nd, and 3rd and best game under 1600 player. **More information:** call 703-989-6867, email dgorman@darsmemail.com.

Mar. 24, Hamilton Chess Quads

3RR, 40/80 15/30 15/30. Full K. Ray Dwyer Recreation Center, Bldg. 392, Groveville, NJ 08620. Quads open to all. **EF:** \$10. **Prizes:** \$25 per Quad. **Reg.:** 9-10:30/am. **Rds.:** 10:30/am-1:30/pm-4:30/pm. NJ State Chess Federation, no dues magazine Subscription per year, OSA. NS, NC, W.

Mar. 24, North Jersey Quads (Limited to Class A and below.)

Courtyard Marriott, 15 Howard Blvd., Mt Arlington: Off exit #30 of Rt. #80. **Adult Quads:** 3RR, G/90, **EF:** \$16 early at EntryFeesRus.com or \$20 cash at site by 10am. **\$\$\$:** \$40 or trophy. **Rds.:** 10-1-4. **Also Kids Quads:** for K-8 players, 3RR, G/45, **EF:** \$15 early. EntryFeesRus.com or \$20 cash at site by 10am. **\$\$\$:** \$40 or Trophy, all kids get awards. 1st round 10am then ASAP with lunch break. **Info:** call Ken at 908-619-8621 or email, acn@goes.com. Past Quad Quitters may not play. NS, NC, W.

Mar. 25, Westfield Spring Scholastic

Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, NJ 07090. **K-12 3 Sections:** Open, Under 1250, Under 750. **Open:** 3 SS, G/40 T/D 5s, G/45. Trophies to top 5 in each section. **EF:** \$20, \$15 at site \$30, \$25 at site. **Reg.:** 2-2:30 p.m. **Rds.:** 2:45-4:25-6:05 p.m. **Under 1250:** 4 SS, G/25 T/D 5s, G/30. Trophies to top 5 in each section. **EF:** \$20, \$15 Members at site \$30, \$25 members. **Reg.:** 2-2:30 p.m. **Rds.:** 2:45-4:00-5:15-6:30 p.m. **Under 750:** 4 SS, G/25 T/D 5s, G/30. Trophies to top 5 in each section. **EF:** \$20, \$15 Members at site \$30, \$25 Members. **Reg.:** 2-2:30 p.m. **Rds.:** 2:45-4:00-5:15-6:30 p.m. Tiebreaks for trophies. **Info:** Todd Lunna 732-526-7163, lunnaco@aol.com, www.westfieldchessclub.com. Send advance entries to: Todd Lunna, 36 Maple Dr., Colts Neck, NJ 07722 by March 21, 2012. Make checks payable to Westfield Chess Club.

Mar. 28, S. Jersey/Philly Wednesday Quicks G/10 (QC)

G/10. Wednesdays 7-9:30 p.m. Located at CoffeeWorks at the Voorhees Town Center, 8109 Town Center Blvd., Voorhees, NJ 08043. **Instruction, analysis and Reg.:** 6:30-7:00. **EF:** \$10. \$5 1st, 2nd, and 3rd and best game under 1600 player. **More information:** call 703-989-6867, email dgorman@darsmemail.com.

Apr. 1, Dr. David Ostfeld Memorial ICA Spring 2012 Open Championship
See Grand Prix.

Apr. 1, Dr. David Ostfeld Memorial ICA Spring 2012 Scholastic Championship in 5 sections

4SS, EVERYONE PLAYS 4 GAMES, ALL PLAYERS WITH 2.5 PTS OR MORE WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY! USCF Memb Req'd For Sections 3, 4 AND 5. **Info:** 201-287-0250 or 201-833-1741, www.icaj.net Email: Diana@icaj.net. **ADV EF** (pmk by Mar 28th) \$25 at site \$30 Reg ends 1/2 hr before 1st rd. Late entrants will receive a 1/2 pt bye for rd 1. BERGEN ACADEMY, 200 HACKENSACK AVE., HACKENSACK, NJ 07601. In 5 Sections: **Section 1 Junior Novice (not USCF rated):** Open to unr players K thru 2nd grade. **Rds.:** First Round 10:15 AM then ASAP. **Section 2 Novice:** Open to unr players K thru 4th grade. **Rds.:** First Round 10:00 AM then ASAP. **Section 3 G/45 Reserve:** Open to players rated below 800 and unr players K thru 12th grade. **Rds.:** 9:45 AM, 11:30, 1:15, 3:00 PM. **Section 4 G/45:** Open to players rated below 1200 and unr players K thru 12th grade. **Rds.:** 9:45 AM, 11:30, 1:15, 3:00 PM. **Section 5 G/60:** Open to players rated below 1700 and unr players K thru 12th grade. **Rds.:** 9:45 AM, 12:00, 2:15, 4:30 PM. **ENT:** Make EF and/or USCF Memb chks payable To: International Chess Academy Mail. To: Diana Tulman, 28 Canterbury Ln., New Milford, NJ 07646.

Apr. 1, Westfield Quads

3 RR, G/40 T/D 5s, G/45. Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, NJ 07090. **Prizes:** \$50 to first in each section. **EF:** \$20, \$15 Members. **Reg.:** 1:30-2:15 p.m. **Rds.:** 2:30-4:20-6:10 p.m. **Info:** Todd Lunna 732-526-7163, lunnaco@aol.com, www.westfieldchessclub.com.

Apr. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Sunday Advance Lesson & Open Blitz (G/5/RR) (QC)

Advance Lesson (Above 1600 USCF Rating): 6:15pm-7:15pm, \$15. **Blitz start:** 7:30pm. **EF:** \$20/\$15. **Prizes:** 80% of EF 1st, 2nd, & Class Prizes: based on the # of participants. GMs - Free entry (\$15 deducted from prizes). Chess Mates Corporation, 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ. (732) 499-0118. www.chessmatesnj.com.

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Apr. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Sunday Camp and Quad G/30

Sunday Chess Camp: 10am-6pm. **Fees:** \$80/\$90. Snacks and lunch included. **Quad: G/30:** Starts at 3pm. **EF:** \$15/\$10, camp participants are free. **Prize per Quad:** 1st Place: Trophy or \$35. Chess Mates Corporation, 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ. (760)583-8429/(732)499-0118. www.chessmatesnj.com.

Apr. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Chess Lessons & Monday Quad G/30

Chess Lessons: 5pm-6:30pm, Under 1600 USCF. **Fees:** Monthly: \$95 (Monday and Wednesday) and Daily: \$15. **Quad:** 3RR. **Rds.:** 7pm, 8:15pm, 9:30pm. **EF:** \$20/\$15. **Prizes:** \$60 to first in each section. G/MS - Free entry. (\$15 deducted from prizes). Chess Mates Corporation, 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ. (760)583-8429/(732)499-0118. www.chessmatesnj.com.

Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24, Girls Chess Lessons & Tuesday G/15 (U2000) (QC)

Chess Lessons: 5pm-6:30pm, Under 1600 USCF. **Fees:** Monthly/daily: \$50/\$15. G/15: 4SS. **Rds.:** 7pm, 7:40pm, 8:20pm, & 9pm. **EF:** \$20/\$15. **Prizes:** 80% of EF 1st, 2nd, and Class Prizes: based on the # of participants. Chess Mates Corporation, 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ. (760)583-8429, (732)499-0118. www.chessmatesnj.com.

Apr. 4, S. Jersey/Philly Wednesday Quicks G/10 (QC)

G/10. Wednesdays 7-9:30 p.m. Located at CoffeeWorks at the Voorhees Town Center, 8109 Town Center Blvd., Voorhees, NJ 08043. **Instruction, analysis and Reg.:** 6:30-7:00. **EF:** \$10. \$5 1st, 2nd, and 3rd and best game under 1600 player. **More information:** call 703-989-6867, email dgorman@darsmemail.com.

Apr. 4-8, 5-8, 6-8 or 7-8, 6th annual Philadelphia Open (PA)

See Grand Prix.

Apr. 4, 11, 18, 25, Chess Lessons & Wednesday G/90 (4SS, Monthly)

Lessons: 5pm-6:30pm, Under 1600 USCF. **Fees:** Monthly: \$95 (Monday and Wednesday)/Daily: \$15. Monthly 4SS. Rd starts at 7pm. **EF:** \$30/\$25. **Prizes:** 70% of EF. Prizes: 1st, 2nd & Class Prizes (based on the # of participants). 1 bye available, commit at least two days before the next round. No re-entry. G/MS free entry (\$20 deducted from prizes). Chess Mates Corporation, 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. (732)499-0118/(760)583-8429. www.chessmatesnj.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Apr. 7, Philadelphia Open Action Quads (PA)

See Pennsylvania.

Apr. 7, Philadelphia Open G/15 (QC) (PA)

See Pennsylvania.

Apr. 7, 14, 21, 28, Saturday Camp and Quad G/45

Saturday Chess Camp: 9am-1pm. **Fees:** \$55/\$60. Snacks and lunch included. **Quad: G/45:** **EF:** \$20/\$15. **Prizes:** \$60 to first in each section. **Rds.:** 1:30pm, 3:15pm, 5pm. G/MS - Free entry. (\$15 deducted from prizes). Chess Mates Corporation, 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. (732)499-0118/(760)583-8429. www.chessmatesnj.com.

Apr. 8, Philadelphia Open Blitz & G/7 (QC) (PA)

See Pennsylvania.

Apr. 11, S. Jersey/Philly Wednesday Quicks G/10 (QC)

G/10. Wednesdays 7-9:30 p.m. Located at CoffeeWorks at the Voorhees Town Center, 8109 Town Center Blvd., Voorhees, NJ 08043. **Instruction, analysis and Reg.:** 6:30-7:00. **EF:** \$10. \$5 1st, 2nd, and 3rd and best game under 1600 player. **More information:** call 703-989-6867, email dgorman@darsmemail.com.

Apr. 15, Westfield Quads

3 RR, G/40 T/D 5s, G/45. Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, NJ 07090. **Prizes:** \$50 to first in each section. **EF:** \$20, \$15 Members. **Reg.:** 1:30-2:15 p.m. **Rds.:** 2:30-4:20-6:10 p.m. **Info:** Todd Lunna 732-526-7163, lunnaco@aol.com, www.westfieldchessclub.com.

Apr. 22, Westfield Swiss #72 (QC)

5 SS, G/15 (QC). Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, NJ 07090. **\$425 Guaranteed** \$125, \$60, under 2100, under 1850, under 1600, under 1350 \$60 each. **EF:** \$35, \$25. **Reg.:** 2-2:30 p.m. **Rds.:** 2:45-3:25-4:05-4:45-5:30 p.m. **Info:** Todd Lunna 732-526-7163, lunnaco@aol.com, www.westfieldchessclub.com.

Apr. 27-29 or 28-29, 2012 Maryland Open (MD)

See Grand Prix.

Apr. 29, Westfield Quads

3 RR, G/40 T/D 5s, G/45. Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, NJ 07090. **Prizes:** \$50 to first in each section. **EF:** \$20, \$15 Members. **Reg.:** 1:30-2:15 p.m. **Rds.:** 2:30-4:20-6:10 p.m. **Info:** Todd Lunna 732-526-7163, lunnaco@aol.com, www.westfieldchessclub.com.

May 5, North Jersey Adults (Limited to Class A and below.)

Courtyard Marriott, 15 Howard Blvd., Mt. Arlington: Off exit #30 of Rt #80. **Adult Quads:** 3RR, G/90, **EF:** \$16 early at EntryFeesRus.com or \$20 cash at site by 10 am. **\$\$\$:** \$40 or trophy. Rds 10-1-4. **Kids Quads:** for K-8 players, 3RR, G/45, **EF:** \$15 early EntryFeesRus.com or \$20 cash at site by 10am. **\$\$\$:** \$40 or Trophy, all kids get awards. 1st round 10am then ASAP with lunch break. **Info:** call Ken at 908-619-8621 or njchess64@yahoo.com. Past Quad Quitters may not play. NS, NC, W.

May 6, Westfield Quads

3 RR, G/40 T/D 5s, G/45. Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, NJ 07090. **Prizes:** \$50 to first in each section. **EF:** \$20, \$15 Members. **Reg.:** 1:30-2:15 p.m. **Rds.:** 2:30-4:20-6:10 p.m. **Info:** Todd Lunna 732-526-7163, lunnaco@aol.com, www.westfieldchessclub.com.

May 18-20 or 19-20, 20th annual New York State Open (NY)

See Grand Prix.

May 26, U.S. Amateur K-8 East U1200

5-SS, G/30. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 110 Davidson Ave., Somerset, NJ, Telephone 732-560-0500. In 3 Sections (U1200, U900, & U600). Trophies to Top 10, Others win chess medallions. Unrated may not win first. **Registration:** Saturday May 26, 11am-12pm. **Rounds:** 12:30pm, then ASAP with lunch break after round #2. **EF:** \$29 if mailed by May 25 or paid online via EntryFeesRus.com, **EF:** \$40 cash at site. One 1/2 point will be allowed if requested with EF. April Rating supplement used. **Ent:** Ken Thomas, 115

W. Moore St., Hackettstown, NJ 07840. Checks to NJSCF. Indicate grade level. **Info:** 908-619-8621 or acn@goes.com. NS. NC. W.

May 26-28 or 27-28, 68th Annual U.S. Amateur East Championship

See Nationals.

June 29-July 3 (New date), 9th annual Philadelphia International (PA)

See Grand Prix.

July 4-8, 5-8, 6-8, 2-8, 1-3 or 4-5, 40th Annual World Open (PA)

See Grand Prix.

New Mexico**Mar. 17-18, New Mexico Class Championships**

at La Tienda, 7 Caliente Rd., Santa Fe, NM 87508. Info and map at latiendael dorado.com, 555 G/90 + 5/d. **Rds.:** Sat 10, 1:45, 5, Sun 10, 1:45. **\$\$\$ b/10** per section \$150 each class: M/X, A, B, C, D, E and below. Some sections may be merged depending on numbers. Class champions A-E will be invited to represent NM in the annual match against Colorado. Profits from this NM Class go towards team travel expenses. **Entry form & Flyer** at: nmchess.org. **\$25 Entry Fee** to Santa Fe Rooks, 84 Moya Rd., Santa Fe, NM 87508. \$30 if received after 3/15 or at the door Sat. 9:15-9:30. *This is a 2012 New Mexico Cup Event.* USCF membership required. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

New York**Mar. 10, 13th Annual Bruce Bowyer Memorial**

See Grand Prix.

Mar. 11, 13th Annual Bruce Bowyer Memorial Scholastic Tournament

5SS, G/30. Hotel New Yorker. Open to all students thru grade 12, **EF:** \$10. **\$\$\$Gtd:** \$200-\$125-\$75, U1800 \$50, U1600 \$40, U1400 \$30, U1200 \$25. Trophy to winner, tiebreak order: Cumulative, Median, Solkoff. All players receive a medal. **Reg.:** 10:15-10:45. **Rds.:** 11am-12:30-2:30-4pm-5:30. **Entries MUST be received by MAR 1st! Ent:** No door ents. Ck/MO payable to: Pat Bowyer, c/o PAR Group Inc., 119 N. Park Avenue, Suite 303, Rockville Center, NY 11570. Limited to first 70 players. Provide name/school, USCF rating, ID#, & exp. **PLEASE NOTE:** Bring clocks and sets, none will be provided. **Info:** pbowyer@bbowyer.org or Pat Bowyer 516.641.4521.

Mar. 15, 4 Rated Games Tonight!

4-SS, G/25 + td/5 or G/30 + td/0. Chess Center at Marshall Club, 23 W. 10th St, bet 5-6 Ave., NYC: 212-477-3716. **May be limited to 1st 36 entries.** EF \$35, Club membs \$25, G/MS \$20 from prize. \$\$ (480 b/32 paid): 150-100-50, Top U2200/unr \$95, U2000 \$85. Limit 2 byes (1 bye if U2000), commit by 8:15. Re-entry \$15, counts half. Reg. ends 10 min. before game. Rds. 7:8-15-9:30-10:45 pm. **Phone entry often impossible! \$5 extra if entering under 10 min. before game.**

Mar. 15-Apr. 12, 5th Long Island Chess Club March Open

5SS, G/90 (d/5). United Methodist Church, 470 East Meadow Ave., East Meadow, NY 11554. **Open to all U-2300/unr. \$(b/20):** \$150-100. Top U-2000, U-1500/unr \$95 ea. Best upset \$10. **EF:** \$35. Non-LICC members + \$10. **Reg.:** 6:40-7:10 PM, no adv. ent., **Rds.:** 7:15 PM SHARP ea. Thursday. 2 byes 1-5. **Info:** www.lichessclub.com. NS. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Mar. 15-Apr. 12, Marshall Thursday Members-Only Swiss!

5-SS, G/115d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. Open to MCC members only. **EF:** \$30. **(\$450 b/20):** \$240-120, U2000 \$90. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45. **Rds.:** 7PM each Thursday. Limit 2 byes, request by rd. 3. www.marshallchessclub.org. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Mar. 16-18 or 17-18, Long Island Open

See Grand Prix.

Mar. 17, Marshall Saturday G/60!

4-SS, G/55d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **(\$360/24):** \$160-80, U2000 \$65, U1700 \$55. **EF:** \$40, members \$20. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45 am. **Rds.:** 12-2:30-4:45-7. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Mar. 17, Utica Four Seasons - Winter

4SS, Rds. 1-2 G/60; Rds. 3-4 G/90. Mohawk Valley Community College, Exit 31, I-90, bear left, South on E. Genesee, (2.6 miles), left on Memorial Highway (2.3 miles, left Sherman, right into MVCC, Payne Building 3rd Floor). **EF:** \$30. Prices b/20: \$200, 125, 75, Class 100. **Reg.:** 8:30-9:15. **Rds.:** 9:30-12:00-2:15-5:30. **Ent:** Joe Ball, 310 Helfer Ln., Minoa, NY 13116. 315-436-9008. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Mar. 18, 37th Binghamton Monthly Tournament

4SS, G/65 d/5. **Prizes:** \$500 b/26 Open-\$150-\$100-\$50, Reserve-\$100-\$75-\$25 (U1700). **Trophies:** 1-3 both sections. **Advance Entry:** Open-\$35

Reserve-\$25 (U1700) \$5 more on site-cash only on site. **Schedule:** Registration on site 8:45-9:15 AM. **Rounds:** 9:30-12 Noon-2:30-4:45. Free USCF 90-day membership (call for details) **Mail Entry:** checks payable to: "Cordisco's Corner Store", 308 Chenango St., Binghamton, NY 13901, (607) 772-8782, cordiscos@stny.rr.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Mar. 18, Marshall Open & U1500 Sunday Game/45!

5-SS, G/40d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **Two sections-** you play only those in your section: **A. Open (\$360/24):** \$160-80, U2100 \$65, U1800 \$55. **B. U1500 (\$240/16):** \$120-65, U1200 \$55. **EF:** \$40, members \$20. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45 pm. **Rds.:** 12-1:45-4:00-5:45. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Mar. 20, Marshall Masters!

See Grand Prix.

Mar. 22, 4 Rated Games Tonight!

4-SS, G/25 + td/5 or G/30 + td/0. Chess Center at Marshall Club, 23 W. 10th St, bet 5-6 Ave., NYC: 212-477-3716. **May be limited to 1st 36 entries.** EF \$35, Club membs \$25, G/MS \$20 from prize. \$\$ (480 b/32 paid): 150-100-50, Top U2200/unr \$95, U2000 \$85. Limit 2 byes (1 bye if U2000), commit by 8:15. Re-entry \$15, counts half. Reg. ends 10 min. before game. Rds. 7:8-15-9:30-10:45 pm. **Phone entry often impossible! \$5 extra if entering under 10 min. before game.**

Mar. 23, Bobby Fischer Memorial Speed Chess Tournament!

See Grand Prix.

Mar. 23-25 or 24-25, 13th annual Pittsburgh Open (PA)

See Grand Prix.

Mar. 24, Marshall Saturday U1600!

4-SS, G/40d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **(\$300 b/20):** \$160-80, U1300 \$60. **EF:** \$40, members \$20. **Reg.:** 12:15-12:45. **Rds.:** 1-2:45-4:30-6:15PM. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Mar. 24-25 or 25, Marshall CC March U2300!

4SS, G/85d5, Sd/1d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$45, Members \$25. **(\$540 b/36):** \$240-120, U2000/unr \$95, U1700 \$85. **Reg.:** ends 12:15PM. **Rds.:** 2 schedules: 2 day, Rds. 12:30-5:30 PM each day; 1 day, (Rds. 1-2 G/25d5) 10-11:15AM-12:30-5:30 PM Sun; both merge rd.3. Limit 2 byes, request at entry. NO RE-ENTRY. www.marshallchessclub.org. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Mar. 26-Apr. 23, Marshall Monday U1600!

5-SS, G/85d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$50, members \$30. **(\$450/20):** \$240-120, U1300 \$90. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45pm. **Rds.** 7 pm each Monday. Limit 2 byes, request by Rd 3. www.marshallchessclub.org. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Mar. 29, 4 Rated Games Tonight!

4-SS, G/25 + td/5 or G/30 + td/0. Chess Center at Marshall Club, 23 W. 10th St, bet 5-6 Ave., NYC: 212-477-3716. **May be limited to 1st 36 entries.** EF \$35, Club membs \$25, G/MS \$20 from prize. \$\$ (480 b/32 paid): 150-100-50, Top U2200/unr \$95, U2000 \$85. Limit 2 byes (1 bye if U2000), commit by 8:15. Re-entry \$15, counts half. Reg. ends 10 min. before game. Rds. 7:8-15-9:30-10:45 pm. **Phone entry often impossible! \$5 extra if entering under 10 min. before game.**

Mar. 30 (not Mar. 23), Marshall Friday Quads!

3-RR, G/40d5. Open to all levels; Quads formed by rating. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$25, members \$20. \$50 for each winner. **Reg.:** 5:15-5:45. **Rds.:** 6-7:30-9PM.

Mar. 31, 2012 CT Open State Championship (CT)

See Grand Prix.

Mar. 31, 2012 New Haven Scholastic Championship (CT)

See Connecticut.

Mar. 31, Marshall Saturday U1800!

4-SS, G/40d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **(\$300 b/20):** \$160-80, U1500 \$60. **EF:** \$40, members \$20. **Reg.:** 12:15-12:45. **Rds.:** 1-2:45-4:30-6:15PM. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Mar. 31-Apr. 1 or Apr. 1, Marshall March/April Grand Prix!

See Grand Prix.

Mar. 31-Apr. 1, 2012 Marchand Open (34th Annual)

See Grand Prix.

Apr. 2-23, 93rd Nassau Grand Prix

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Apr. 4-8, 5-8, 6-8 or 7-8, 6th annual Philadelphia Open (PA)
See Grand Prix.

Apr. 7, Marshall Saturday G/60!
4-SS, G/55d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **(\$360/24):** \$160-80, U2000 \$65, U1700 \$55. **EF:** \$40, members \$20. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45 am. **Rds.:** 12-2:30-4:45-7. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Apr. 7, Philadelphia Open Action Quads (PA)
See Pennsylvania.

Apr. 7, Philadelphia Open G/15 (QC) (PA)
See Pennsylvania.

Apr. 8, Marshall Open & U1500 Sunday Game/45!
5-SS, G/40d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **Two sections-** you play only those in your section: **A. Open (\$360/24):** \$160-80, U2100 \$65, U1800 \$55. **B. U1500 (\$240/16):** \$120-65, U2000 \$55. **EF:** \$40, members \$20. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45 pm. **Rds.:** 12-1:45-4:00-5:45. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Apr. 8, Philadelphia Open Blitz & G/7 (QC) (PA)
See Pennsylvania.

Apr. 11-May 8, Marshall Wednesday U1400!
5-SS, G/85d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$50, members \$30. **(\$450/20):** \$240-120, U1100 \$90. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45pm. **Rds.** 7 pm each Wednesday. Limit 2 byes, request by Rd 3. www.marshallchessclub.org. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Apr. 11-May 8, Marshall Wednesday U2000!
5-SS, 30/85d5, SD/1d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$50, members \$30. **(\$450/20):** \$240-120, U1700 \$90. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45 pm. **Rds.** 7 pm each Wednesday. Limit 2 byes, request by Rd 3. www.marshallchessclub.org. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Apr. 12, 10 Grand Prix Points Tonight!
See Grand Prix.

Apr. 13, Marshall Friday Quads!
3-RR, G/40d5. Open to all levels; Quads formed by rating. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$25, members \$20. \$50 for each winner. **Reg.:** 5:15-5:45. **Rds.:** 6-7:30-9PM.

Apr. 13-May 4, 12th Queens Team Championship
4-SS, G/115/d5. All Saints Lutheran Church, 164-02 Goethals Ave., Jamaica, NY 11432. Open to two player teams with April ratings averaging U2000. \$5100-50 to top 2 teams, \$60 top U1700 team, \$60 each to top Board 1 and Board 2 scorers/10 teams (prizes raised or lowered proportionally). One 1/2 point team byes permitted, which must be requested at entry. If one player on team is unavailable, replacement player must be rated lower and occupy board of player replaced, regardless of rating. **EF:** \$35 per player, \$25 QCC members. **REG.:** 7:30-8:00. **RDS:** 8:15 each Friday. **ENT:** Ed Frumkin, 445 E. 14th St #100, New York, NY 10009 (212-677-3224—do not call on Thursday or Friday). More detailed contact information at www.queens-chess.com. Mail entry by April 6. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Apr. 14, Marshall Saturday U1400!
4-SS, G/40d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **(\$300 b/20):** \$160-80, U1100 \$60. **EF:** \$40, members \$20. **Reg.:** 12:15-12:45. **Rds.:** 1-2:45-4:30-6:15PM. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Apr. 14-15 or 15, Marshall April U2100!
4SS, 30/85d5, SD/1d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$45, Members \$25. **(\$540 b/36):** \$240-120, U1850 \$95, U1600 \$85. **Reg.:** ends 12:15PM. **Rds.:** 2 schedules: 2 day, Rds. 12:30-5:30 PM each

day; **1 day**, (Rds. 1-2 G/35) 9:40-11:05AM-12:30-5:30 PM Sun; both merge rd.3. Limit 2 byes, request at entry. NO RE-ENTRY. www.marshallchessclub.org. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Apr. 16-May 21, FIDE Mondays!
6-SS, G/120d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. Open to all players rated 1600 or above. **EF:** \$50, \$30 members. **\$\$\$500 b/24:** \$175-125-100, U2000 \$100; 2 byes OK, commit before Round 4. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45. **Rds.:** 7PM each Monday; FIDE rated. www.marshallchessclub.org. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Apr. 17, Marshall Masters!
4-SS, G/25d5. Third Tuesday of every month. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. Open to players rated over 2100 (plus all players scoring over 50% in any MCC Open or U2300 tournament since the prior month's Masters). **EF:** \$40, members \$30, GMS free. **\$\$\$250-150-100.** Prizes to U240, U2300 and biggest upset. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45 pm. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available (Rd 1 or 4 only), request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Apr. 19, 4 Rated Games Tonight!
4-SS, G/25 + td/5 or G/30 + td/0. Chess Center at Marshall Club, 23 W. 10th St., bet 5-6 Ave., NYC. 212-477-3716. **May be limited to 1st 36 entries.** **EF:** \$35, Club membs \$25, GMS \$20 from prize. \$\$ (480 b/32 paid): 150-100-50, Top U2200/unr \$95, U2000 \$85. Limit 2 byes (1 bye if U2000), commit by 8:15. Re-entry \$15, counts half. **Reg.** ends 10 min. before game. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45 pm. **Phone entry often impossible! \$5 extra if entering under 10 min. before game.**

Apr. 19-May 17, Marshall Thursday Members-Only Swiss!
5-SS, G/115d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. Open to MCC members only. **EF:** \$30. **(\$450 b/20):** \$240-120, U2000 \$90. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45. **Rds.:** 7PM each Thursday. Limit 2 byes, request by rd. 3. www.marshallchessclub.org. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Apr. 21, Marshall Saturday U600!
4-SS, G/40d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **(\$300 b/20):** \$160-80, U1300 \$60. **EF:** \$40, members \$20. **Reg.:** 12:15-12:45. **Rds.:** 1-2:45-4:30-6:15PM. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Apr. 21, Syracuse University April Open
4SS. **Rds.:** 1&2 G/60, **Rds.:** 3&4 G/90. (Syracuse University, Hall of Languages, Room 101). **EF:** \$30. **Prizes:** (b/20) \$200, 125, Class 100. **Reg.:** 8:30-9:15. **Rds.:** 9:30, 12:00, 2:15, 5:30. **Contact:** Joe Ball 315-436-9008. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Apr. 21-22 or 22, Marshall CC April U2300!
4SS, 30/85d5, SD/1d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$45, Members \$25. **(\$540 b/36):** \$240-120, U2000/unr \$95, U1700 \$85. **Reg:** ends 12:15PM. **Rds.:** 2 schedules: 2 day, Rds. 12:30-5:30 PM each day; **1 day**, (Rds. 1-2 G/25d5) 10-11:15AM-12:30-5:30 PM Sun; both merge rd.3. Limit 2 byes, request at entry. NO RE-ENTRY. www.marshallchessclub.org. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Apr. 22, 38th Binghamton Monthly Tournament
4SS, G/65 d/5. **Prizes:** \$500 b/26 Open-\$150-\$100-\$50, Reserve-\$100-\$75-\$25 (U1700) \$5 more on site-cash only on site. **Schedule:** Registration on site 8:45-9:15 AM. **Rounds:** 9:30-12Noon-2:30-4:45. Free USCF 90-day membership (call for details) **Mail Entry:** checks payable to: "Cordisco's Corner Store", 308 Chenango St., Binghamton, NY 13901, (607) 772-8782, cordiscos@stny.rr.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Apr. 26, 4 Rated Games Tonight!
4-SS, G/25 + td/5 or G/30 + td/0. Chess Center at Marshall Club, 23 W. 10th St., bet 5-6 Ave., NYC. 212-477-3716. **May be limited to 1st 36**

entries. **EF:** \$35, Club membs \$25, GMS \$20 from prize. \$\$ (480 b/32 paid): 150-100-50, Top U2200/unr \$95, U2000 \$85. Limit 2 byes (1 bye if U2000), commit by 8:15. Re-entry \$15, counts half. **Reg.** ends 10 min. before game. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45 pm. **Phone entry often impossible! \$5 extra if entering under 10 min. before game.**

Apr. 27, Marshall Friday Quads!
3-RR, G/40d5. Open to all levels; Quads formed by rating. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$25, members \$20. **\$50** for each winner. **Reg.:** 5:15-5:45; **Rds.:** 6-7:30-9PM. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Apr. 27-29 or 28-29, 23rd annual Vermont Resort Open (VT)
See Grand Prix.

Apr. 28, Marshall Saturday U1800!
4-SS, G/40d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **(\$300 b/20):** \$160-80, U1500 \$60. **EF:** \$40, members \$20. **Reg.:** 12:15-12:45. **Rds.:** 1-2:45-4:30-6:15PM. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Apr. 28-29 or 29, Marshall April Grand Prix!
See Grand Prix.

Apr. 30-May 28, Marshall Monday U1600!
5-SS, G/85d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$50, members \$30. **(\$675/30):** \$360-180, U1300 \$135. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45pm. **Rds.** 7 pm each Monday. Limit 2 byes, request by Rd 3. www.marshallchessclub.org. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

May 3, 4 Rated Games Tonight!
4-SS, G/25 + td/5 or G/30 + td/0. Chess Center at Marshall Club, 23 W. 10th St., bet 5-6 Ave., NYC. 212-477-3716. **May be limited to 1st 36 entries.** **EF:** \$35, Club membs \$25, GMS \$20 from prize. \$\$ (480 b/32 paid): 150-100-50, Top U2200/unr \$95, U2000 \$85. Limit 2 byes (1 bye if U2000), commit by 8:15. Re-entry \$15, counts half. **Reg.** ends 10 min. before game. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45 pm. **Phone entry often impossible! \$5 extra if entering under 10 min. before game.**

May 5, Marshall Saturday G/60!
4-SS, G/55d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **(\$360/24):** \$160-80, U2000 \$65, U1700 \$55. **EF:** \$40, members \$20. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45 am. **Rds.:** 12-2:30-4:45-7. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

May 6, Marshall Open & U1500 Sunday Game/45!
5-SS, G/40d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **Two sections-** you play only those in your section: **A. Open (\$360/24):** \$160-80, U2100 \$65, U1800 \$55. **B. U1500 (\$240/16):** \$120-65, U2000 \$55. **EF:** \$40, members \$20. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45 pm. **Rds.:** 12-1:45-4:00-5:45. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

May 10, 10 Grand Prix Points Tonight!
See Grand Prix.

May 11, Marshall Friday Quads!
3-RR, G/40d5. Open to all levels; Quads formed by rating. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$25, members \$20. **\$50** for each winner. **Reg.:** 5:15-5:45; **Rds.:** 6-7:30-9PM. www.marshallchessclub.org.

May 12, Marshall Saturday U1400!
4-SS, G/40d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **(\$300 b/20):** \$160-80, U1100 \$60. **EF:** \$40, members \$20. **Reg.:** 12:15-12:45. **Rds.:** 1-2:45-4:30-6:15PM. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

May 12-13, Marshall May U2100!
4SS, 30/85d5, SD/1d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$45, Members \$25. **(\$540 b/36):** \$240-120, U1850 \$95, U1600 \$85. **Reg:** ends 12:15PM. **Rds.:** 2 schedules: 2 day, Rds. 12:30-5:30 PM each day; **1 day**, (Rds. 1-2 G/35) 9:40-11:05AM-12:30-5:30 PM Sun; both merge rd.3. Limit 2 byes, request at entry. NO RE-ENTRY. www.marshallchessclub.org. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

May 18-20 or 19-20, 20th annual New York State Open
See Grand Prix.

June 8-10 or 9-10, 18th Annual Northeast Open (CT)
See Grand Prix.

June 29-July 3 (New date), 9th annual Philadelphia International (PA)
See Grand Prix.

July 4-8, 5-8, 6-8, 2-8, 1-3 or 4-5, 40th Annual World Open (PA)
See Grand Prix.

North Carolina

Mar. 30-Apr. 1 or Mar. 31-Apr. 1, 10th Annual Southern Class Championships (FL)
See Grand Prix.

Mar. 30-Apr. 1, The Big Enchilada II
See Grand Prix.

Ohio

Mar. 3, House of Chess Open
4SS, G/45. House of Chess, Great Northern Mall, North Olmsted, OH (W of JC Penny). **Sections:** Open, U1600. **Reg.:** 11-11:25 AM. **Rds.:** 11:30-1:15-3:30-5:15. **Prizes (b/25):** Open 1st \$200, 2nd \$100; U1900 1st \$100; Reserve(U1600): 1st \$100. **Ent:** \$25, Club members \$20. **Info & entries:** House of Chess, Great Northern Mall, North Olmsted, OH 44070. Phone: (440) 979-1133. E-mail: info@houseofchess.com. Web: <http://www.thehouseofchess.com/>.

Mar. 10, Progress with Chess Monthly Open
4SS, G/30. Fairhill Center, 12200 Fairhill Rd., Cleveland, OH 44120. **EF:** \$20. **Reg.:** 9-9:45. **Rds.:** 10, 11:30, 1, 2:30. **\$350 Guaranteed. Open:** (1st \$100, 2nd \$50 U-2000 \$50). **Reserve U-1500:** (1st \$70, 2nd \$40 U-1000 \$40). **Entries:** Progress with Chess, 12200 Fairhill Rd., Cleveland, OH 44120. **Info:** www.progresswithchess.org. **Contact:** Mike Joelson 216-321-7000.

13th annual PITTSBURGH OPEN

March 23-25 or 24-25, Doubletree Green Tree

\$12,000 projected prizes, \$9,000 minimum!

5 round s, \$91 room rates, free parking, free airport shuttle. Prizes \$12,000 based on 150 paid entries (re-entries & \$50 off entries count half), with 75% of each prize minimum guaranteed. In 5 sections:

Open Section: Prizes \$1500-800-400-200, clear/tiebreak win \$100 bonus, top U2300/Unr \$700, U2200/Unr \$600. FIDE rated, 60 GPP
U2100 Section (corrected): \$1000-500-300-200, top U1900 \$400.
U1800 Section: \$1000-500-300-200, top U1600 \$400.
U1500 Section: \$800-400-300-200, top U1300 \$300.
U1200 Section: \$400-250-150-100, trophy to top U1000, U800, U600, Unrated.

Unrated limit: \$150 in U1200, \$300 U1500, or \$500 in U1800.

FULL DETAILS: see "Grand Prix" in this issue or chesstour.com.

Mar. 16, DCC #11 Quick 2012 (QC)

4SS, G/24, td5. Dayton Chess Club, 18 W. 5th St., Dayton, OH. **Rds.:** 7:30/8:30/9:30/10:30. One bye. Prizes based on entries. **EF:** \$10 (\$8 DCC mbrs). **Info:** DCC.18W5@sbcglobal.net or 937-461-6283.

Mar. 16-17, 11th Annual Queen City Classic Chess Tournament
5SS, G/30. Paul Brown Stadium, Club West, Downtown Cincinnati, OH. 14 School Sections, includes rated and non-rated. Grade K Non-Rated, 1 Non-Rated, 2 Non-Rated, 3 Non-Rated, K-3 Open, 4 Non-Rated, 5 Non-Rated, 6 Non-Rated, 4-6 below 700, 4-6 Open, 7-9 Non-Rated, 7-9 Open, 10-12 Non-Rated, K-12 Open. USCF membership is not required for the non-rated and K-3 rated sections. **Prizes:** Trophies to all who score 3.5 points or higher, top three team trophies awarded and medals to all others. **EF:** \$35 early bird fee and \$45 EF after February 17th. EF includes lunch, t-shirt, program/score book, medal, and simul participation. Registration closes Wednesday, March 14, 2012. NO ON-SITE REGISTRATIONS. **Schedule:** Friday, March 16, check in from 5-6 p.m. FREE SIMUL at 6:30 p.m. for tournament participants, \$20 for Non-participants. SIMUL features International Master Irina Krush, International Grandmasters Maurice Ashley and Gregory Kaidanov. March 17, check in 7-8:30 a.m., matches begin at 9:00 a.m. Grandmasters will be available for questions and instructions all day. **Entry/Info:** 1-866-PS-CHESS (772-4377) or www.queencycityclassic.org.

Mar. 17, DCC Scholastics to Queen City Classic

Dayton Chess Club Scholastic Participants and Members – contact Kay Stanley at DCC.18W5@sbcglobal.net.

Mar. 23, DCC #12 Quick 2012 (QC)

4SS, G/24, td5. Dayton Chess Club, 18 W. 5th St., Dayton, OH. **Rds.:** 7:30/8:30/9:30/10:30. One bye. Prizes based on entries. **EF:** \$10 (\$8 DCC mbrs). **Info:** DCC.18W5@sbcglobal.net or 937-461-6283.

Mar. 23-25 or 24-25, 13th annual Pittsburgh Open (PA)

See Grand Prix.

Mar. 24-25, MOTCF (Midwest Open Team Chess Festival)

5SS, Rds. 1&2 G/90, td/5, Rds 3-5 G/150, td/5. **Location:** Dayton Chess Club, 18 W. 5th St., Dayton, OH 45402. Four players/team plus one alternate. Team ratings for pairings determined by average of highest four ratings with imputed ratings for players rated more than 400 points below team average. **Reg.:** Sat. Mar. 24, 9-10:30am. **Rds.:** Sat 11, 3, & 7 - Sun 10 & 3:30. **Entry fee:** \$160/team prior to Mar 24. \$200/team at site. **Prizes:** (Based on 28 teams). Open: \$1,050-\$750, U2000: \$700, U1800: \$600, U1600 \$500. Top boards (1-4) \$75. **Hotel:** TBD/See website. **Registrar:** Mail - Dayton Chess Club, 18 W. 5th St., Dayton, OH 45402 or at www.daytonchessclub.com and use entry forms there as well. MC/V at site, no checks. **Info:** DCC.18W5@sbcglobal.net or 937-461-6283. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Mar. 30, DCC #13 Quick 2012 (QC)

4SS, G/24, td5. Dayton Chess Club, 18 W. 5th St., Dayton, OH. **Rds.:** 7:30/8:30/9:30/10:30. One bye. Prizes based on entries. **EF:** \$10 (\$8 DCC mbrs). **Info:** DCC.18W5@sbcglobal.net or 937-461-6283.

Mar. 31, DCC Scholastic Prep - Elementary Championship

Dayton Chess Club Scholastic Participants – details and info at DaytonChessClub.com or Kay Stanley at DCC.18W5@sbcglobal.net.

Mar. 31-Apr. 1, 2012 Ohio High School Middle School Championship
6 Rd. Swiss, G/60 for all rds in Reserve Sections: G/60 for rds 1-3 and G/90 for rds 4-6 for Championship Sections. Days Inn, 4742 Brecksville Rd., Richfield, OH 44286, 330-659-6151, Room rates: \$72/night. Free parking, restaurant, bar, swimming pool, table tennis, billiards. Conveniently located southeast of Cleveland, close to I-71, I-77, I-80. **Sections:** HS Championship, Gr. 9-12; HS Reserve, (U1000 or unrated), 9-12; MS Championship, K-8; MS Reserve, (U-800 or unrated) K-8. **K-5 players may play in the Middle School Sections.** Trophies to players with 4 points or more. Trophies to top 5 teams, all sections. Rd. 1 - 10:00a.m. **Entry Fee:** \$35 by 3-23, \$40 by 3-30 (\$10 Free and Reduced Lunch Program) Registrations must be received by 3-30. Progress with Chess, 12200 Fairhill Rd., Cleveland, OH 44120. **Online payment available at:** www.progresswithchess.org. **Info:** Mike Joelson 216-321-7000.

Apr. 6, DCC #14 Quick 2012 (QC)

4SS, G/24, td5. Dayton Chess Club, 18 W. 5th St., Dayton, OH. **Rds.:** 7:30/8:30/9:30/10:30. One bye. Prizes based on entries. **EF:** \$10 (\$8 DCC mbrs). **Info:** DCC.18W5@sbcglobal.net or 937-461-6283.

Apr. 7, House of Chess Open

4SS, G/45. House of Chess, Great Northern Mall, North Olmsted, OH (W of JC Penny). **Sections:** Open, U1600. **Reg.:** 11-11:25 AM. **Rds.:** 11:30-1:15-3:30-5:15. **Prizes (b/25):** Open 1st \$200, 2nd \$100; U1900 1st \$100; Reserve(U1600): 1st \$100. **Ent:** \$25, Club members \$20. **Info & entries:** House of Chess, Great Northern Mall, North Olmsted, OH 44070. Phone: (440) 979-1133. E-mail: info@houseofchess.com. Web: www.thehouseofchess.com/.

Apr. 13, DCC #15 Quick 2012 (QC)

4SS, G/24, td5. Dayton Chess Club, 18 W. 5th St., Dayton, OH. **Rds.:** 7:30/8:30/9:30/10:30. One bye. Prizes based on entries. **EF:** \$10 (\$8 DCC mbrs). **Info:** DCC.18W5@sbcglobal.net or 937-461-6283.

A State Championship Event!**Apr. 14, Ohio Elementary Championships**

5SS; **Sections:** Primary Championship (K-3), Elementary Championship (K-6), Elementary Reserve (K-6 U750), plus K-6 Non-Rated section. G/30 d5 except Championship sections round 5 G/45 d5. Open to K-6 students enrolled in Ohio schools or home-schooled in Ohio. Sycamore High School, 7400 Cornell Rd., Montgomery (Cincinnati), OH 45242. **EF:** \$25 through Mar 31, then \$35 through Apr 11. (\$10/\$15 for federal lunch program students.) No onsite registration. **Awards:** Individual trophies to top 10 places in each section, and all scoring at least 3.5 and top five K-3 Non-Rated who do not win a place trophy; team trophies to top 5 teams in each section. **Complete information at:** www.chessinnati.com. **Contact:** Alan Hodge 513-697-6930, a.hodge195@gmail.com.

Apr. 14, Toledo Apr Swiss

Open, 4SS, Rnd 1 G/75, Rnds 2-4 G/90. The University of Toledo Health

Science Campus, Mulford Library Basement Café, 3000 Arlington Ave., Toledo, OH 43614. Can split into 2 sections if enough players. **EF:** \$20 by 4/12, \$25 at site. **Reg.:** 9-10 a.m., **Rds.:** 10, 1, 4, & 7. **Prizes:** \$360 b/20, \$100-50, 1st Class A ,B,C,D/Under \$40, 1st U1600 \$50. **Ent:** James Jagodzinski, 7031 Willowick Rd., Maumee, OH 43537. 419-367-9450. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Apr. 15, 2012 Athens Spring Open

3SS, G/90. Catalyst Cafe, 540 Union St., Athens, OH 45701. **Sections:** Open, U1700. Sections will be combined if fewer than 60 players. **Ch. Entry Fee:** \$12. **Info:** Matt Richardson, 1220 20th St. Parkersburg, WV 26101 (304) 485-1095, movchessclub@gmail.com. NS, NC, W. Food and coffee available.

Apr. 20-21 & 27-28, Dayton Chess Club 54th Championship

6SS, G/150, td5. USCF rated Open Tournament. **Reg.:** ends Apr 20, 7:45 p.m. **EF:** \$15 adv/\$25 after Apr 13. **Rds.:** Apr 20/21: 8pm, 10:30am, 5pm. Apr 27/28: 8pm, 10:30am, 5pm. Must be DCC mbr for 1+ month. **Trophies:** 1st/2nd, u2000: 1st/2nd, u1600: 1st/2nd, u1200: 1st/2nd. **Registrar:** at DCC or at www.DaytonChessClub.com or mail to Dayton Chess Club, 18 W. 5th St., Dayton, OH 45402. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

May 4-6 or 5-6, 48th Cincinnati Open

See Grand Prix.

May 12, Toledo May Swiss

Open, 4SS, Rnd. 1 G/75, Rnds. 2-4 G/90. The University of Toledo Health Science Campus, Mulford Library Basement Café, 3000 Arlington Ave., Toledo, OH 43614. Can split into 2 sections if enough players. **EF:** \$20 by 5/10, \$25 at site. **Reg.:** 9-10 a.m., **Rds.:** 10, 1, 4, & 7. **Prizes:** \$360 b/20, \$100-50, 1st Class A ,B,C,D/Under \$40, 1st U1600 \$50. **Ent:** James Jagodzinski, 7031 Willowick Rd., Maumee, OH 43537. 419-367-9450. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

May 24-28, 25-28, 26-28 or 27-28, 21st annual Chicago Open (IL)

See Grand Prix.

June 22-24 or 23-24, 2012 Columbus Open

See Grand Prix.

Oklahoma

Mar. 25, 10th Annual Red River Shoot Out

State Team match open only to OK and TX residents as defined as to where USCF has your address. Two rounds, G/60+30 sec. Must have USCF rating and current USCF membership. Treasure Valley Casino, I-35 Exit 55 & Hwy 7, Davis, OK 73030. **EF:** \$5, Masters Free, all registration on site. **Reg.:** 9:30 to 10:45. **Rds.:** 11 and 2:30. **For questions OK players contact:** Frank Berry at fkimberry@AOL.com; **TX players contact:** Rob Jones at 214-212-9185, jonessoc@juno.com.

Mar. 31, Phillips 66 Quads

3 Round Swiss, 100/G with 15 sec add on. **Reg.:** 8:30-9:30. **Rds.:** 10, 2:30, 7 PM. **EF:** \$50. **Prizes:** \$200 to first in each Quad. (100% of entries returned as prizes). La Quinta Inn, 1410A Whashington Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74006 (918) 331-9151. **Entries to:** Steve Wharry, 8409 N. 70th East Ave., Owasso, OK 74055, (918) 766-4124, email: chess@smwharry.net.

Oregon

May 4-6 or 5-6, Western Amateur (CA-S)

See California, Southern.

Pennsylvania

Mar. 17, St. Patrick's Day (NJ)

See Grand Prix.

Mar. 18, PCL March Quick Quads (QC)

3RR, G/15d3. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. **EF:** \$10, \$7 Jrs. \$20 to 1st/quad. **Reg.:** 11-11:15am. **Rds.:** 11:30am-Noon-12:30pm. **Info:** martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com, 412-908-0286. W.

Mar. 23-25 or 24-25, 13th annual Pittsburgh Open

See Grand Prix.

Mar. 24, 11th Annual Horizons for Youth Scholastic Spring Chess Tournament

5SS, G/30, d/5. Northampton Community College, 3835 Green Pond Rd., Main Campus, College Center Building, Bethlehem, PA 18020. **Reg.:** 7:30-8:45am. **Rds.:** 9:30, 11, 12:30, 2, 3:30. Rated Section Age 18 and under. Non-Rated Sections ages 14 and under. **EF:** \$30 postmarked by March 22nd, \$35 later & on site. **Prizes:** Rated-Trophies-1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th U1400, U1200, U1000, U800, U600, UNR. Non-Rated Trophies b/o age. For rated section, please bring chess equipment. Random draw prizes between rounds. Sudden death, if necessary for 1st-4th – Non-Rated G/7, d/3, G/6vG/4.5, d/0 Armageddon if necessary, tie breaks determines color and clock placement. **Ent:** Online reg: forms at <http://www.northamp-ton.edu/Community-Programs/Horizons-For-Youth/Special-Events-and-Partnerships.htm> or call Horizons for Youth at 610-861-4120. **Please print and mail form with payment (CC or check) to:** Horizons for Youth, 3835 Green Pond Rd., Bethlehem, PA 18020. **Info:** Jane 610-861-4120, Scott Zrinski (TD), sazrinski@gmail.com or Bruce Davis (Chief TD), BDavis@lehigvalleychess.org.

Mar. 24, Tom Volkert Memorial

4-SS, G/30 + 5 sec delay. St. Luke's Ev. Luth. Church, 417 N. 7th St., Allentown, PA 18102. **Two sections: OPEN: EF:** \$15. Prizes (gtd): \$80 1st, \$20 2nd. **U1600: EF:** \$10. Trophy 1st place. **Reg.:** Noon - 1:15 PM. **Rds.:** 1:30-3-4-5. Trophy playoff 6:15. No adv ent. **Info:** Eric C. Johnson ph 610-433-6518 or www.freewebs.com/allentowncenterchessclub. NS.

Apr. 1, 2012 PA State Game/29 Champ. (QC)

See Grand Prix.

Apr. 4-8, 5-8, 6-8 or 7-8, 6th annual Philadelphia Open

See Grand Prix.

Apr. 7, Philadelphia Open Action Quads

3RR, G/25, d/5, dual rated. Loews Philadelphia Hotel (see Philadelphia Open). **EF:** \$20, at site only. \$5 50 1st each section. **Reg.** ends 1:45 pm, rds. 2, 3, 4.

Apr. 7, Philadelphia Open G/15 (QC)

4SS, G/15, d/3. Loews Philadelphia Hotel (see Philadelphia Open). Prizes \$300 based on 20 entries, else in proportion: \$100-50, U2100 \$60, U1800 \$50, U1500/Unr \$40. **EF:** \$20, at site only. **Reg.** ends 10:15 pm, rds. 10:30, 10:45, 11:30, 12:15. One half pt bye available, must commit before rd. 2. **Quick rated,** but higher of regular or quick used for pairings & prizes.

Apr. 7, W. Chester 1st Sat. Quads

Our 23rd year! 3RR, 40/75, sd/30, td/5sec. United Methodist Church, 129 S. High St., West Chester, PA. **EF:** \$20; \$40, \$50 for 3-0. **Reg.:** 9am; **Rds.:** 9:30, 1, 4:30. **Info:** WCCC1975@gmail.com.

Apr. 8, Philadelphia Open Blitz & G/7 (QC)

2 separate tournaments at Loews Philadelphia Hotel (see Philadelphia Open). **Blitz:** G/5, no delay. **G/7:** G/7, d/2. Each is a 4-SS, double round (8 games) with prizes \$300 based on 20 entries, else in proportion: \$100-50, U2100 \$60, U1800 \$50, U1500/Unr \$40. **EF:** \$20, at site only. **Blitz:** reg. ends 12:45 pm, rds. 1, 1:30, 2, 2:30. **Game/7:** reg. ends 10:15 pm, rds. 10:30, 11:15, 12, 12:45. **Both:** One pair of 1/2 pt byes available, must commit before rd. 2. **Quick rated,** but higher of regular or quick used for pairings & prizes.

Apr. 14, MasterMinds CC Swiss/Quads

Blair Christian Academy, 220 W. Upsal St., Philadelphia, PA. **Quads:** 40/75 SD/30/AD/5. **EF:** \$20 cash, Perfect score winner \$50 else \$40. **Rd. 1** 10AM then asap. **Scholastic SS,** EF \$5 rec'd by Thursday before \$15 at the door. 3 sections Rd. 1 10AM then asap: **K-12** 3SS, G/55 TD/5 1st, 2nd, 3rd, top under 1200, top unrated; **K-8** 4SS G/35 TD/5. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, top under 800, top unrated; **K-6** 4SS, G/35 TD/5. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, top under 600, top under 400, top unrated. 1st & 2nd school & club trophies. **All Reg.** ends 9:30am. **Ent:** MasterMinds CC, 36 E. Horter St., Philadelphia, PA 19119. **Checks made payable to:** MasterMinds CC. **Info:** Bradley Crable, 215-844-3881, info@mastermindchess.org, or www.mastermindchess.org.

Apr. 15, PCL April Quick Quads (QC)

3RR, G/15d3. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. **EF:** \$10, \$7 Jrs. \$20 to 1st/quad. **Reg.:** 11-11:15am. **Rds.:** 11:30am-Noon-12:30pm. **Info:** martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com, 412-908-0286. W.

Apr. 21-22, 2012 PA State Amateur Champ.

Comfort Inn, 58 SR 93, West Hazleton, PA 18202, 1/2 mile from Exit 145 off I81. 2 sections: **Chess (Sat & Sun):** Open to U2200. 5SS. G/90. **Rds:** 10-1:30-5: 9:30-1. **EF:** \$20 rec'd by 4/18, \$30 later. **Trophies:** 1-3, U1800, U1600, U1400, U1200/Unrated, School Team (top 4 scores). Top 2 receive entry into 2012 PA Champ. Title to top PA resident. **Scholastic (Sat only):** unrated or U1400 in grades K-12. 4SS. G/40. **Rds:** 10-11:30-1-2:30. **EF:** \$15 rec'd by 4/18, \$20 later. **Trophies:** 1-2, U1000, U800/Unrated, School Team (top 4 scores). **All:** Reg. 9-9:45am, PSCF \$5, OSA. **HR:** 570-455-9300, 1-877-424-6423, \$68.95. **Ent/Info:** GHACC, c/o Michael Jemo, 128 Forest Hills Acres, Hazle Twp., PA 18201, jem023@ptd.net 570-455-9261. W. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Apr. 27-29 or 28-29, 2012 Maryland Open (MD)

See Grand Prix.

May 5, North Jersey Adults (Limited to Class A and below.) (NJ)

See New Jersey.

June 29-July 3 (New date), 9th annual Philadelphia International

See Grand Prix.

July 4-8, 5-8, 6-8, 2-8, 1-3 or 4-5, 40th Annual World Open

See Grand Prix.

Rhode Island

Mar. 17, RI Chess Association Quads

3RR, Game/45 + TD 5. Blackstone Chess Academy, 250 Main St., Pawtucket, RI 02860. **EF:** \$20 cash at site or online at www.riChess.org. First each Quad \$50. **Reg.:** ends 10:50. RD1 at 11 AM then ASAP. **Info:** 401-837-1302. NS. NC.

Mar. 31, 2012 CT Open State Championship (CT)

See Grand Prix.

Mar. 31, 2012 New Haven Scholastic Championship (CT)

See Connecticut.

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South Carolina

Mar. 30-Apr. 1 or Mar. 31-Apr. 1, 10th Annual Southern Class Championships (FL)
See Grand Prix.

Mar. 30-Apr. 1, The Big Enchilada II (NC)
See Grand Prix.

Tennessee

Mar. 16-18 or 17-18, 16th annual Mid-America Open (MO)
See Grand Prix.

Mar. 17-18, Saint Patrick's Day Open
See Grand Prix.

A State Championship Event!

Apr. 14, Tennessee All-Girls Scholastic State Championship
55S, G/40, 3rd Floor, Keathley University Center, MTSU 1301 E. Main St., Murfreesboro, TN 37132. **Two Sections:** Championship Section open to all TN girls ages 18 & under. **EF:** \$20 pstmkd by 4/10/12, \$25 later. Competition Section open to all TN girls ages 12 & under. **EF:** \$15.00 if pstmkd by 4/10/12, \$20.00 later, USCF and TCA membership req'd., Trophies 1st-6th place, medals 7th-10th place, plus prizes to 1st-3rd place in each section. **Rds.** both sections: 9:00, 10:30, 12:00, 1:30 3:00, Play-off if needed: G/10, G/5, Coin toss, Winner of Championship Section will be crowned TN All-Girls State Champion and receive **Grand Prize** of partial scholarship to college of choice. **Special Events:** Exhibits & Seminars for players and Parents from W/STEM, GRITS, NGCP, MTSU, Free games analysis by NM. Inq.: clarksvillechessclub@charter.net. **Ent:** Clarksville Chess Club, c/o Roy Manners, 1215 Cumberland Heights Rd., Clarksville, TN 37040. **Online:** www.tnchess.org.

Apr. 21, 2012 Cumberland County Spring Open
Cumberland Co. Community Complex, 1398 Livingston Rd., Crossville, TN 38555. \$420 guaranteed prize fund. In 2 Sections: **Open:** 4SS, G/60, **\$\$:** \$75. 30-X,A,B,C,D/Below. **Amateur:** 4SS, G/60, Open to U1200 & under. **\$\$:** \$75. 30-F, G,H/Below, UNR eligible for unrated prize only. **ALL:** **EF:** \$15 if mailed by 4/16, \$20 at site. Memb. Req'd: TCA \$10 TN residents only. **Ent:** Harry D Sabine, P.O. Box 381, Crossville, TN 38557. **INFO:** www.cumberlandcountychess.com or Susan at 931-261-4024. NS. W.

Apr. 21, Bluff City Open
See Grand Prix.

May 11-13, 2012 National Elementary (K-6) Championship
See Nationals.

June 9-10, 2012 U.S. Amateur South Championship
See Nationals.

Texas

Mar. 24, Spring Slammer
Hornbeak Bldg, 2nd floor, 4450 Medical Dr., San Antonio, TX 78229. 5-SS, Rd. 1 G/30, Rds. 2-5 G/60. **\$\$ 700 b/40:** \$175-100; A, B, U1600 ea. \$75-\$50; U1400/unt. \$50. **EF:** \$20 by 3/22, \$25 site. Book & supply sales and swap during registration. **Reg.:** 9-10 a.m., **Rds.:** 10:30-11:30-2-4:30-7:30. Half-pt. bye any 1 rd., notice before rd. 2. **Entries:** SACC, 9306 Autumn Sunrise, San Antonio, TX 78254. **Info:** sanantoniochess.com, jiphylin@yahoo.com. NS. NC. W.

Vermont

Apr. 27-29 or 28-29, 23rd annual Vermont Resort Open
See Grand Prix.

May 18-20 or 19-20, 20th annual New York State Open (NY)
See Grand Prix.

Virginia

Arlington Chess Club's Friday Action Tournament

3SS, G/30. Once a month we run a Friday night event - dates are on the club website: www.arlingtonchessclub.com. Prizes b/entries: 80% returned as prizes. **Reg.:** 7:00-8:15pm. Rd. 1: 8:20. **EF:** \$15 (for ACC Members), no advance entries, cash only. Arlington Forest United Methodist Church, 4701 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, VA 22202. Contact for info only: chrisney2@gmail.com. W, NS.

Arlington Chess Club's Friday Ladder

30/90, SD/1. Most monthly game points: \$50; most total points Jan. to Dec.: \$100. Must join club to play. Yearly dues: \$50 adults, \$40 seniors/UI8. Cash or check. **Reg.:** weekly sign-up from 7:00-8:00pm, games start by 8:10, no advance entries. Arlington Forest United Methodist Church, 4701 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, VA 22203. Contact for info only: chrisney2@gmail.com. W, NS. Chess Magnet School JGP (if 4 rounds/games played in that one month).

Mar. 10, Kingstowne Quad #82

3RR, G/100 d/5. Kingstowne Thompson Center, 6090 Kingstowne Village Pkwy, Alexandria, VA 22315. **EF:** \$10 if received by 3/7, \$15 at site. **Prizes:** Medals to 1st and 2nd in each quad: gold to 1st if 3-0 score, else silver; bronze to 2nd. **Reg.:** 9-10:30. **Rds.:** 11-3-7. Ent (checks payable to): Don W. Millican, P.O. Box 2902, Springfield, VA 22152. e-mail (info only): dm407_92@hotmail.com. **W (please give 48-hour notice if needed).**

Mar. 17-18, VA Scholastic & Collegiate Championships

6SS, Rds. 1-3 G/60; Rds. 4-6 G/90. Organized by VA Chess Federation. **Blitz Championships Friday** at 6PM before the main tournament. **Main tournament** is Saturday and Sunday, March 17-18. Players must be K-12 or College players attending school or college full time in Virginia as of Jan. 2012, or must be Virginia residents. Virginia residency is NOT REQUIRED for the Blitz Tournament. **Online registration, eligibility, other details and hotel info** at: www.vachess.org or www.vschess.org. **Questions to:** Mike Hoffpauir, mhoffpauir@aol.com, or 757-846-4805. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Mar. 24, Third Saturday Swiss

Ashburn Chess Center, 44927 George Washington Blvd., #120, Ashburn, VA 20147. 4SS, G/61 Open & U1200 sections. **Prizes:** 50% back to top 3 per section. **EF:** \$18 Preregistered. \$20 at site. Members discounted. **Reg.:** 9-9:30AM. **Rd.1** 10AM. **Halfpt Bye:** 1-3. **Preregistration and more info** at: http://www.loudounchess.org/reg/accregister.htm. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Mar. 30-Apr. 1, The Big Enchilada II (NC)
See Grand Prix.

Mar. 31, Sterling Chess March Open and RBO

Hilton Inn & Suites Dulles; 22700 Holiday Park Dr., Sterling, VA 20166. **Three sections: Open** 4SS, G/61 d5, **\$\$200 b/22**, 100/60/40. **U1500** 4SS, G/61 d5, medal to winner. **U1000** 4SS, G/25 d5, medal to winner. **Rds.:** Open and U1500 11:15, 1:45, 4:15, 6:30. U1000 11:30, 12:45, 2:00, 3:15. **Check-in:** 10:30-11:00. **EF:** Open \$20, U1500 \$15, U1000 \$12. Unrateds free. **Entries limited:** Register online at www.meetup.com/sterling-chess-tournaments. Pay on website. **Info:** news@serranoassociates.com. **Bye:** Half-point, any round. **Chess Magnet School JGP for top two sections.**

Apr. 7, Philadelphia Open Action Quads (PA)
See Pennsylvania.

Apr. 7, Philadelphia Open G/15 (QC) (PA)
See Pennsylvania.

Apr. 8, Philadelphia Open Blitz & G/7 (QC) (PA)
See Pennsylvania.

Apr. 14-15, Kingstowne Chess Festival - 10th Annual!
See Grand Prix.

Apr. 27-29 or 28-29, 2012 Maryland Open (MD)
See Grand Prix.

Apr. 28, 2012 Walter Muir Memorial
See Grand Prix.

June 29-July 3 (New date), 9th annual Philadelphia International (PA)
See Grand Prix.

July 4-8, 5-8, 6-8, 2-8, 1-3 or 4-5, 40th Annual World Open (PA)
See Grand Prix.

West Virginia

Apr. 14-15, Kingstowne Chess Festival - 10th Annual! (VA)
See Grand Prix.

Wisconsin

Mar. 31, Rated Beginners Open (RBO)

4SS, G/60. Dual rated. Country Springs Hotel, (262.547.0201); Exit 291, I-94 and Hwy G, Waukesha, WI 53187. Open to players rated under 1200 or unrated. **Prizes:** Trophies to top 3, book prizes for class winners. **EF:** \$15 (\$12 by 3/30). **Reg.:** 8:30-9:30. **Rds.:** 10:00; 1:00; 3:30; 6:00. **Mail entries to:** Waukesha CC, 1911 Stardust Dr., Waukesha, WI 53186. **Phone Info:** Jim Nickell (262) 544-6266. **Online info:** jnickell@wi.rr.com.

A Heritage Event!

Apr. 31, Waukesha Memorial (31st Annual)

A Wisconsin Tour Event! 4SS, G/60. Dual rated. Country Springs Hotel, (262.547.0201); Exit 291, I-94 and Hwy G, Waukesha, WI 53187. \$5Non-monetary, traveling trophy to First, books for class winners. Open to all. **EF:** \$15 (\$12 by 3/30). **Reg.:** 8:30-9:30. **Rds.:** 10:00; 1:00; 3:30; 6:00. No state memb. req'd. OSA. **Mail entries to:** Waukesha CC, 1911 Stardust Dr., Waukesha, WI 53186. **Phone Info:** Jim Nickell (262) 544-6266. **Online info:** jnickell@wi.rr.com.

Apr. 14, Ozaukee Regional Chess Association Spring G/45

4-SS, G/45 D/5. **2 Sections:** Open & U1500. **Site:** Christ Church, 13460 N. Port Washington Rd., Mequon, WI 53097. **EF:** \$15; \$10 for paid entries received by 4/1. \$2 discount for ORCA members. **Reg.:** 9:00-9:45. **Rds.:** 10:12:30-2:15-4:00. **Prizes:** 80% of combined EF minus expenses. **Ent:** ORCA, c/o Tom Hudson, 822 W. Grand Ave., Port Washington, WI 53074. **Info:** www.orcachess.org/tournaments or admin@orchess.org. NS. NC.

Apr. 21, Hales Corners Challenge XV

See Grand Prix.

May 24-28, 26-28 or 27-28, 21st annual Chicago Open (IL)
See Grand Prix.

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CHESS TO ENJOY
(page 13)

Problem I.

Jermuk 2009

41. Rb7! threatens 42. Rf7! and 43. Rxf6+. If 41. ... Kg8 then 42. Qa8+ mates.

Problem II.

Dortmund 1994

41. d7 c2 42. Be3! wins, e.g. 42. ... Qxe3 43. Qxc2+ e4 44. Qc7! and White queens without fear of ... Be5+.

Problem III.

Bundesliga 1997

41. Nd7! Rf7 42. Qe8+ Kh7 43. Nf8+ and 44. Qxc6 pockets the queen. Or 41. ... Ra8 42. Nf6+! gxf6 43. exf6 and 42. ... Kh8 43. Rd8+ wins.

Problem IV.

U.S. Championship 2006

41. Nh6+! Qxh6 (41. ... Kf8 42. Qc8 mate or 41. ... gxh6 42. Qd7+) 42. Qd7+ Ne7! 43. Qxe7+ Kg6 44. Qe8+ Kf5 (44. ... Kh7 45. Rh1) 45. g4+! and wins (45. ... Kxg4 46. Qe2+ Kf5 47. Qd3+ Kg4 48. Qf3+ Kg5 49. Qe3+ Kg4 50. Qxb6).

Problem V.

Wijk aan Zee 2011

41. d7! threatens 42. Rc8 and wins, e.g. 41. ... Nxd7 42. Nd5 Qe8 43. Rc8! (43. ... Qxc8 44. Ne7+).

Problem VI.

Gibraltar 2004

41. Qf6+ Kg8 42. Rh2?? fails to 42. ... Nb3+!. White won with 42. Bc4!, which stops the check, threatens Qxg6+ or Rh2, e.g. 42. ... bxc4 43. Rb8+ Kh7 44. Rh2 mate (or 44. Rh8 mate).

SOLITAIRE CHESS
ABCs of Chess (page 15)

Problem I.

Trapping: With 1. ... bxc4, Black gains the bishop, with a winning ending.

Problem II.

Fork: Black wins easily after the forking 1. ... e4+.

Problem III.

Mating net: Best is 1. ... Ne3+, which mates next move.

Problem IV.

Mating net: It's mate with 1. ... gxh4+ 2. Kf4 g5 mate.

Problem V.

Mating net: Black mates by 1. ... Qh6+ 2. Kg3 Qh2 mate.

Problem VI.

Mating net: It's all over after 1. ... Bg3+ 2. Kg1 Qh2 mate.

ENDGAME LAB
Benko's Bafflers (page 49)

Problem I.

1. e5

Not quite as good is 1. g5?.

1. ... fxe5 2. g5 e4 3. g6 e3 4. g7 e2

4. ... exf2 5. g8=Q f1=Q 6. Qc4+ wins. If 4. ... Ke2 5. g8=Q Kxf2 6. Kc3! e2 7. Qa2! now this square is attainable 7. ... Kf1 8. Qc4 etc. wins.

5. g8=Q e1=Q 6. Qc4+ Kd2 7. Qc2 mate.

Problem II.

1. a5!

Less effective is 1. Kg2? g3! (1. ... b6? 2. c5 bxc5 3. a5 c4 4. Kf1 wins) 2. fxc3+ Ke5.

1. ... Ke4

1. ... g3 2. c5 Ke5 3. c6! wins.

2. Kg2 Kd4 3. Kg3 Kxc4 4. Kxg4 Kb5 5. Kxg5 Kxa5

6. f4 b5 7. f5 b4 8. f6 b3 9. f7 b2 10. f8=Q b1=Q

11. Qa8+ wins the queen.

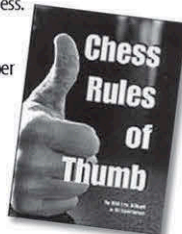
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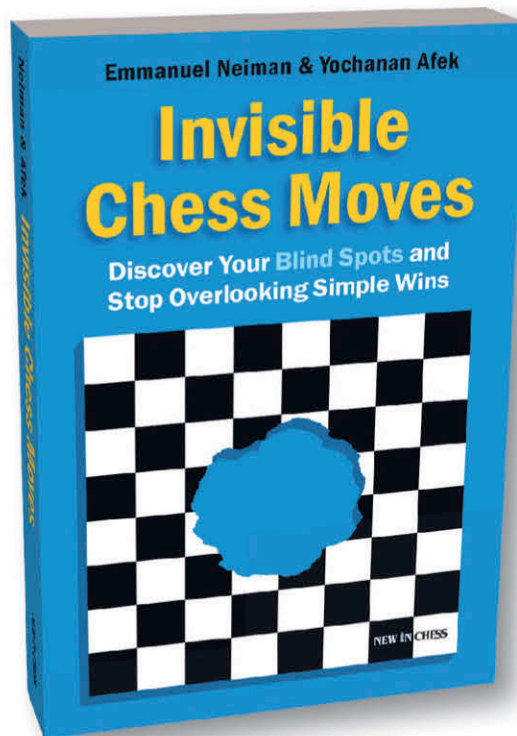
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