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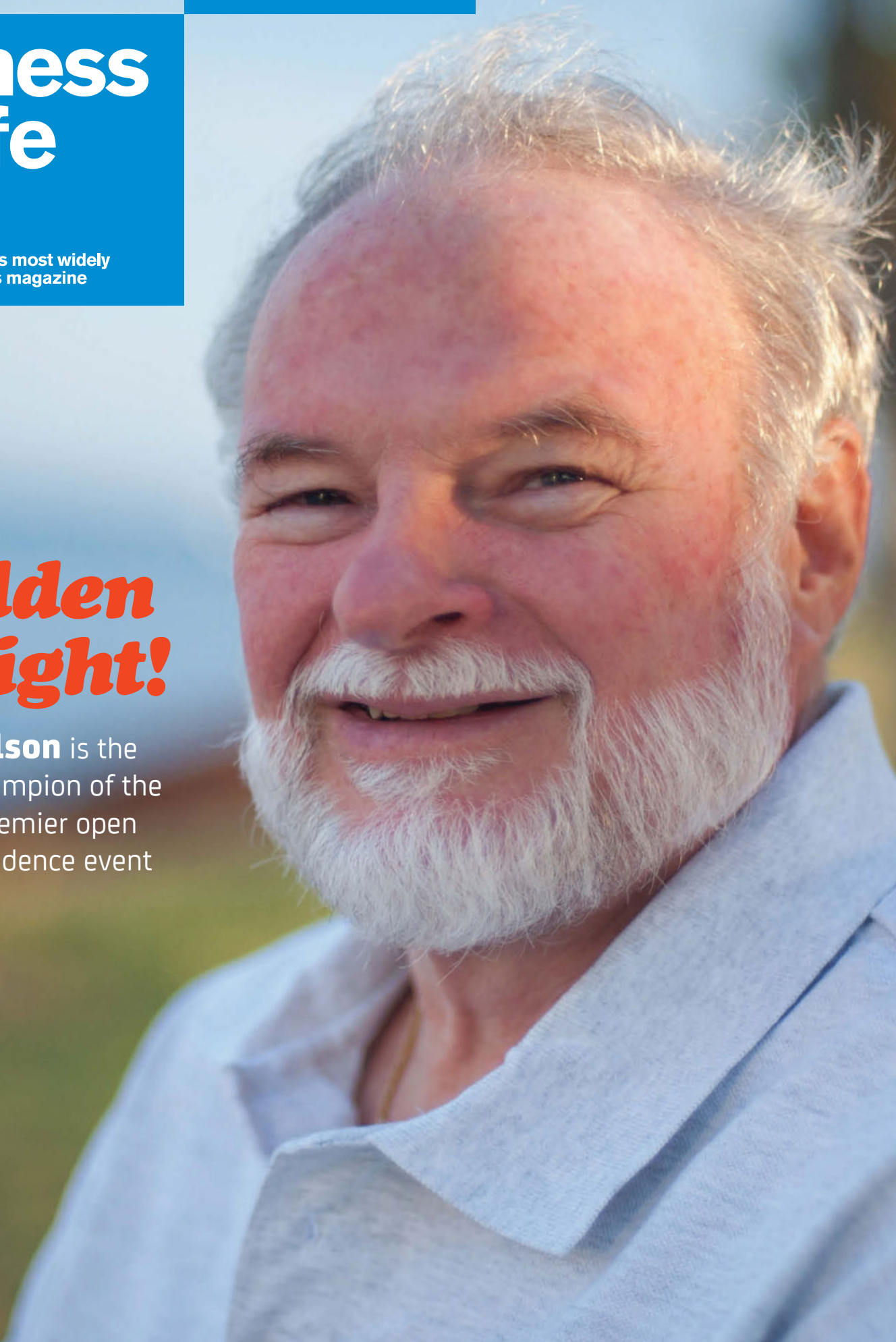
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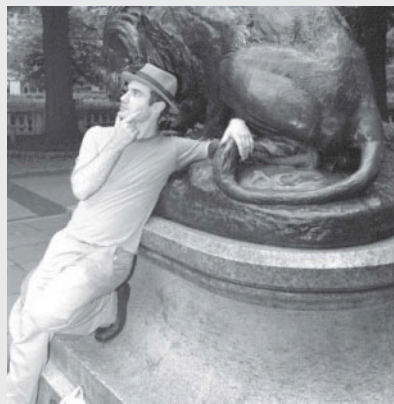


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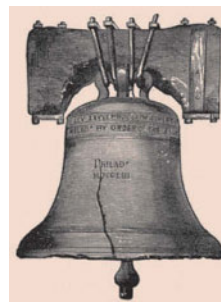
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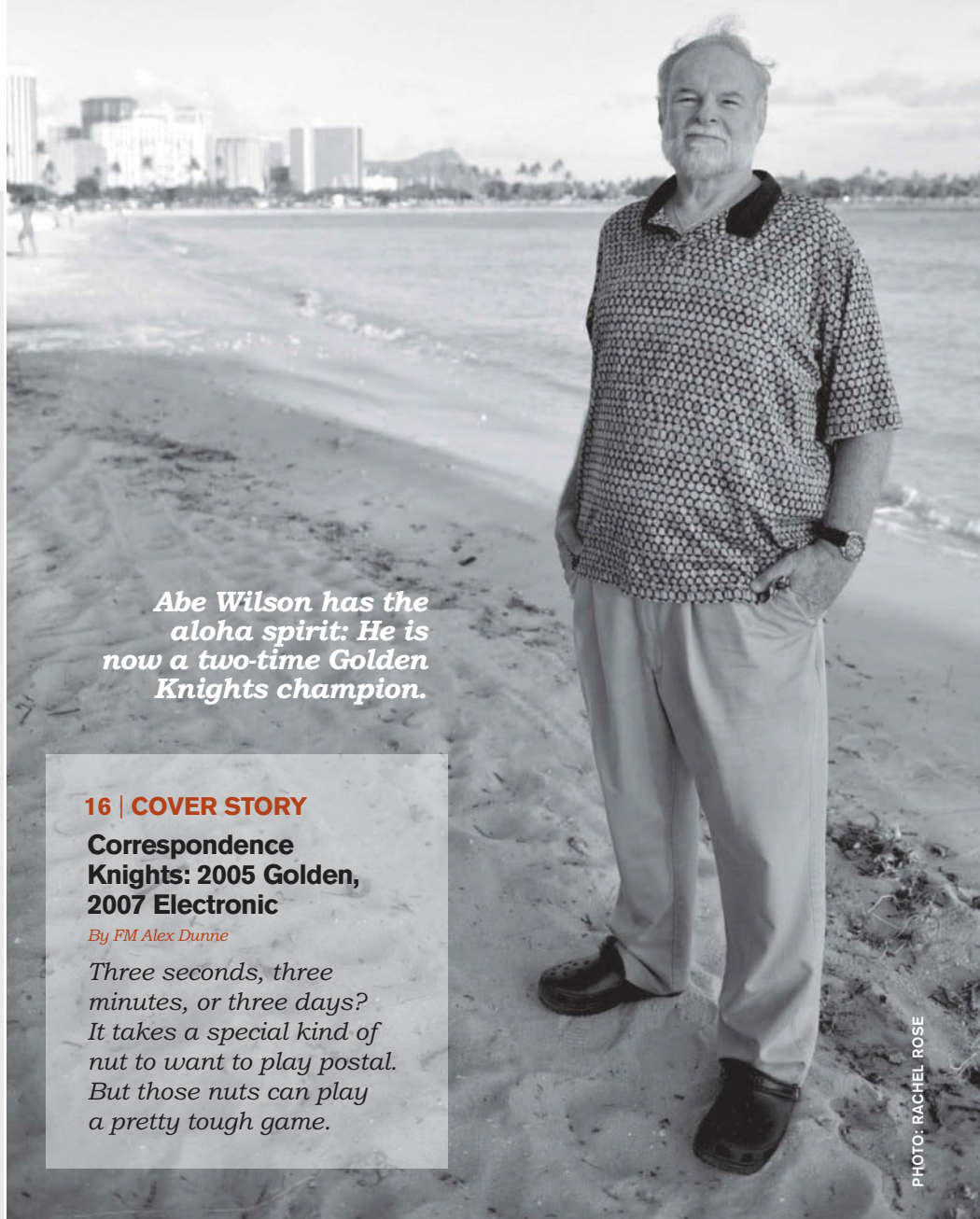
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*Abe Wilson has the aloha spirit: He is now a two-time Golden Knights champion.*

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# Counterplay

## Benko's 45th anniversary

*"It is so good I use it twice!"*

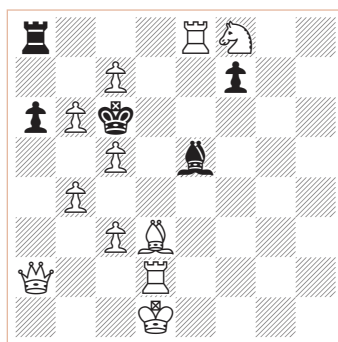
In the illustrious history of "Benko's Bafflers," [*"45 Years of Being Baffled by Benko," April 2012*] I may be the only contributor to have had the same chess problem appear in the column on two separate occasions! Pal Benko himself later confirmed this fact in person. Here's how it happened.

I lived in Indiana in May 1978 when I composed a two-mover, then sent it to Mr. Benko *sans* solution. Soon after submitting the problem, my wife and I moved to Iowa. I kept watching *Chess Life & Review* for a year, but no dice. Finally in the summer of 1979 I resubmitted it, only this time I gave the solution and several tries. Lo and behold, in January 1980 my problem appeared under the heading "D. Shenk, Ind." And in February the solution ran. To my amazement, then, in April 1980 the same problem appeared, only this time it said, "D.W. Shenk, Iowa." And in June (there was no May 1980 issue) the solution ran again.

Four years later, in the spring of 1984, I traveled from Iowa to New York City to play in the New York Open. Thinking ahead like a chessplayer, I took both the January and April 1980 editions with me on the chance I might see Mr. Benko at the prestigious event. I was in luck. One day at the Penta Hotel, with both magazines in hand, I spotted Mr. Benko as he stepped out of an elevator (I recognized him from his photo). I asked to have a word with him, and he was exceedingly

cordial. I told him I enjoyed his column very much—and wondered if he knew that he had run my two-mover three months apart. I quickly opened both magazines to the proper pages and handed them to him. He squinted at them, looking back and forth for a few moments, then smiled and said, "It is so good I use it twice!"

What a great response—and thank you, Mr. Benko, for 45 years of "problematic pleasure."



**White to play**

Incidentally, it wasn't until my 13th hour—literally—of composing the above problem that I finally spotted Black's best defense, which I thought (to my dismay) deep-sixed the key move. At that point the two-mover had become a one-mover. I recall sitting and staring at the position for five minutes—until I suddenly discovered the serendipitous mating move. I had to solve my own problem!

*Dan Shenk  
via e-mail*

*Solution on page 71*

## A defining moment

I am a long-standing subscriber to *Chess Life* and look forward every month to reading your magazine from cover-to-cover, playing through all the games and attempting to solve all the puzzles and problems. However, it has been almost 10 years since I last played in a USCF-sanctioned tournament, and I realize that I have not kept abreast of recent developments in tournament play.

Therefore, when I read your article "Winding Down" in the April 2012 issue of *Chess Life*, I did not understand several of the terms mentioned in that piece. So, would you please provide a few descriptions and/or explanations to the following terms: delay clock, increment clock, increment time control, five-second-delay, sudden death, and finally, the acronym TLA.

*George Fuller Mason  
Bremerton, Washington*

**Delay Clock:** A digital clock with time delay capabilities (see below, "Five-Second Delay").

**Increment Clock:** A digital clock with time increment capabilities (see below, "Increment Time Control"). For example: Game 90 + 30 seconds.

**Increment Time Control:** A time control using a clock with added time capabilities that is set to add time for each move, called an increment. The standard increment is 30 seconds per move. For quick chess the standard increment is 10 seconds per move.

**Five-Second Delay:** The clock does not start until five seconds have elapsed. For example: 40/2, SD/1, D5. The delay time is not accumulated. If the player moves within the delay period, no time is subtracted from his remaining time.

**Sudden Death:** A time control whereby the players must complete all their moves in the allotted time.

**TLA:** Tournament Life Announcement

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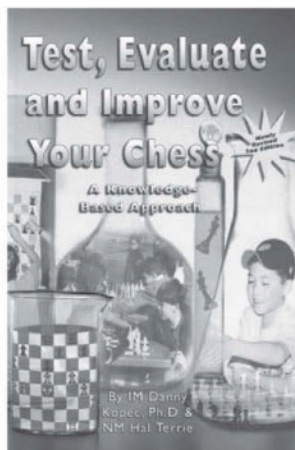
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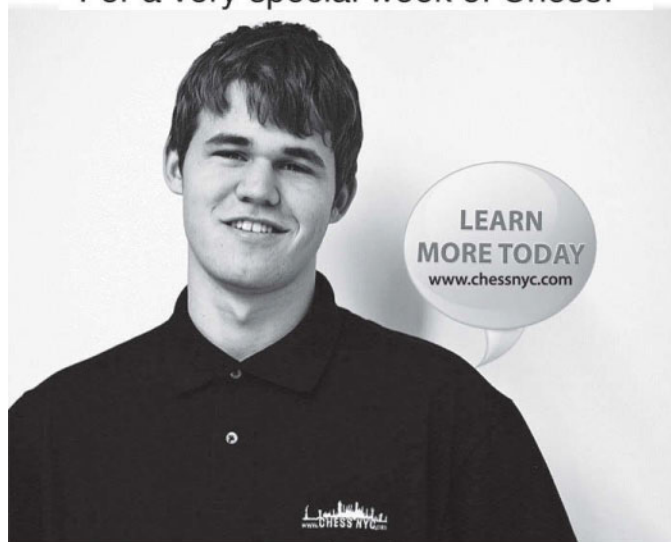
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# Extraordinarily Beneficial

*Three trailblazing teen players from New York travel to Washington, D.C. to inspire other young players.*

By Jamaal Abdul-Alim

WHEN I FIRST LAID EYES on the Great Hall at Gallup World Headquarters in Washington, D.C. during a press conference I covered last year, all I could think of is what a fantastic venue it would make for a chess event of some sort.

That vision came to pass this past spring, when the after-school chess program for which I coach—Chess Challenge in D.C.—invited three trailblazing 13-year-old chess players from New York to play a triple simultaneous exhibition in the hall against 30 students in our program.

The decision to bring National Masters James Black, Jr., Joshua Colas and Justus Williams to play the triple “simul” against 30 youths in our program served a variety of purposes—and so did the venue where we chose to stage the event.

As anyone who has played tournament chess throughout the United States should have noticed by now, while we see many children of Asian and European descent competing on the chessboards, black youth are woefully underrepresented in tournament play.

James, Joshua and Justus are not only changing that reality, but they’re doing so in a spectacular way. To wit, as of April 2012, all three were ranked within the top ten rated 13-year-old players in the USCF.

So it was fitting that, given the fact that our organization serves mostly black children here in the nation’s capital, that we give our children exposure to peers from the same cultural background who’ve achieved greatness in chess in order to inspire them to do similar things.

To attract the three young masters to D.C., we agreed to pay for their transportation and lodging and to offer an honorarium that’s only a fraction of what some grandmasters might fetch for such a thing. Based on how several of my students who participated in the simul told me that the event made them want to start competing in tournaments to get rating points, the investment paid off.

“It made me a little glad because I thought you had to be like 22 or something to be a master,” one of my students told me. “Now, I’m thinking that you can be a master when you are how old you are. I could be a master. You have to train, read books and learn from your mistakes.”

Those remarks came after hearing James, Joshua and Justus explain during an interview I conducted at the event how much time they put into studying chess and going over their

games to get better.

The interview could not have taken place in a more fitting venue. The Great Hall serves as an executive training facility for some of the nation’s top CEOs and generals from the Pentagon, according to Gallup president and CEO Jim Clifton, who graciously agreed to let our organization use the Great Hall after I asked.

Clifton gets the value of chess as a youth development tool. “Activities like this (chess) do burn different neuron highways that cause you to rise up and be able to build strategies and do things that other people can’t,” Clifton said at the event. “This is

wonderful. It’s important and you will become better leaders and better strategic thinkers. This is a great development for you to help us lead America.”

Clifton, who is author of *The Coming Jobs War*, a treatise in which he argues about a looming “all-out global war for good jobs,” warned that America’s future is “going to get really tricky and deadly” because so many kids in other parts of the world are being prepared to think strategically. “But somehow all of you have got to rise up and beat them all,” Clifton said. “You’ve got to beat them in the chess of life.”

Which brings me to the reasons we chose to stage a chess event in the Great Hall. We figured this venue would enable us to elevate the profile of our organization as well. Due to a

variety of reasons, some of which are beyond our ability to comprehend, the publicity strategy didn’t work quite as well as we wanted.

One of the major newspapers in town, for instance, declined to cover the event, I’m told because of another simul that had taken place within the past year.

But we did manage to get a story about the event published on the website of CBS affiliate WTOP, which is enough to share with prospective donors and other stakeholders.

Since the event was essentially my idea, I felt compelled to ask Chess Challenge in D.C. executive director Suzy Hirsch, a crucial question: Was it worth it?

“My answer to that is extraordinarily beneficial,” Hirsch told me. “I think that it gave us really wonderful press that we’ve been looking for and it taught us another way to expose our kids to something really wonderful and also to learn how to put on an event like that in a major space.

“I think a lot of wonderful things will come from it.” ■



*13-year-old National Master Justus Williams of New York shakes hands with a student from Chess Challenge in D.C.*

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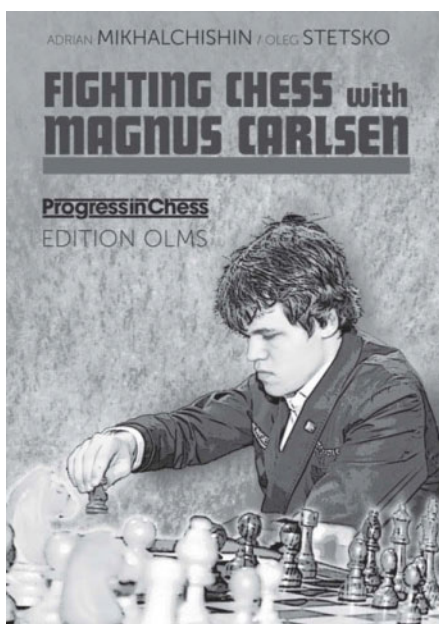
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# Magnus, From the Beginning

*A book for anyone interested in chess history and culture*

By GM Ben Finegold



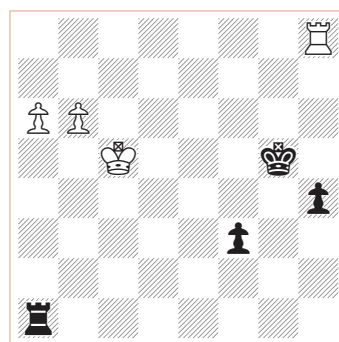
*Fighting Chess with Magnus Carlsen, Adrian Mikhalchishin and Oleg Stetsko, Edition Olms, 2012, \$29.95 from uscsales.com (B00180E)*

MAGNUS CARLSEN IS PERHAPS THE strongest chess player today. Although not yet world champion, there is little doubt that he will achieve the crown in the near future. *Fighting Chess with Magnus Carlsen* by Adrian Mikhalchishin and Oleg Stetsko takes an in-depth look at not only the games of Magnus Carlsen, but his entire career so far.

The book may remind you of other famous titles such as: *The Life and Games of Mikhail Tal* by Mikhail Tal or especially *Fighting Chess: My Games and Career* by Gary Kasparov. Such books are not only instructive and entertaining, but also historically relevant. In all of the aforementioned titles you get a look at famous games, tournaments, and players. Personally, I would much prefer reading these accounts after the subject has retired, however in this case we would be waiting at least 20 years and it can be assumed the book would grow tremendously in size.

My favorite portion of the book is the first chapter, in which we take a look at

many embarrassing endgame fumbles committed by the *Wunderkind*. Often authors attempt to make whatever subject they write about seem perfect (for example: 99% of opening books!) so this is a refreshing turn of events. I found myself looking at the drawn positions in which the young grandmaster lost, and thinking, “I would expect my expert son to hold these!” Then my hubris subsided and I recalled many of my own embarrassing blunders. No matter how strong a player gets, he is always prone to mistakes, even in simple positions. What is especially important about this chapter is how Magnus clearly worked on his endgame and, as mentioned many times throughout the book, ended up preferring simplified positions where he could outplay his elite opponents.



**Black to play**

This is the first diagram in the book, it is from the game Giorgi Kacheishvili-Magnus Carlsen, Bad Wiessee 2001. At this point in time, Carlsen is only about 2100 FIDE, however one can assume he was a bit stronger than his rating. And he plays:

**57. ... Ra5+**

The book bestows a question mark, but since the position is still drawn (and in fact this is Houdini 2's preferred choice) I am reluctant in agreeing with the author. He makes an apt observation however that “if possible, one should normally begin by advancing a passed pawn” and thus suggests the other drawing move 57. ... f2, which may well be easier.

**58. Kd4 Rxa6??**

This is the real mistake. 58. ... f2 still draws. It only takes a bit of calculation to see why the text move is a blunder, perhaps he thought both moves were losing, but whatever the case I am willing to bet the 11-year-old did anything but throw away his scoresheet after the game.

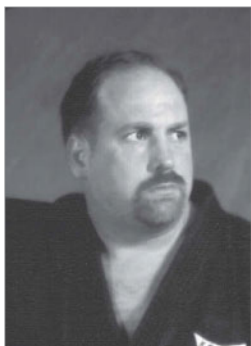
**59. b7 Rb6 60. b8=Q Rxb8 61. Rxb8 Kf4 62. Rf8+ Kg3 63. Ke3, Black resigned.**

There are many more examples of Magnus' inept endgame play from when he was a youngster, but if it is any consolation, the next year he was almost 2300 FIDE, the year after that he hit 2450, and the next year he was a 2580 grandmaster.

The rest of the book is filled to the brim with gems. My personal favorite, if I had to choose just one, is the infamous Carlsen-Sergey Dolmatov, Moscow 2004, where the 14-year-old employed a crafty move order in the opening to annihilate the experienced (and higher rated) grandmaster in only 19(!) moves.

Near the end of the book in the chapter “Life at the Top” his games are heavily analyzed—not much of a problem for someone who can keep variations in their head, but I would think lower-rated players, who could go through the earlier parts of the book with ease, might find it more difficult. However, although very instructive at times, I would consider this book's primary usage to be for entertainment purposes. The most instructive moments were how Carlsen handled, psychologically, having a bad game or even a bad tournament.

I would recommend *Fighting Chess with Magnus Carlsen* to anyone interested in chess history and culture. Part of becoming a strong player is understanding top chess, not just the famous games, but also their demeanor and even lifestyle. Probably a minimum of 1600 USCF is required to get the most out of the last chapter, but that is not to say lower-rated players could not enjoy it. This book would be an excellent addition to the aspiring player's library. ■



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*Position: Ratings and Membership Associate*

We are very pleased to have Jay Sabine as a member of our USCF team. Jay has been involved in chess for many years—we remember him coming to visit our former New York office as a young man with his dad (former USCF executive board member Harry Sabine) on their way to the New York Open. Jay's first hand experience with running, organizing and directing events ties in nicely with assisting our members and organizers, be it answering questions or providing guidance. He is also certified as a senior tournament director. Jay is active with the Cumberland County Chess Club. On a personal note, Jay is the kindest, sweetest person you can ever hope to meet. One of Jay's many achievements is his black belt in Kenpo Karate; he has also studied various other martial arts since 1999. His kind spirit flows right into the job and we can't say enough how much we appreciate him.

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# Let Man Lead

By GM Andy Soltis

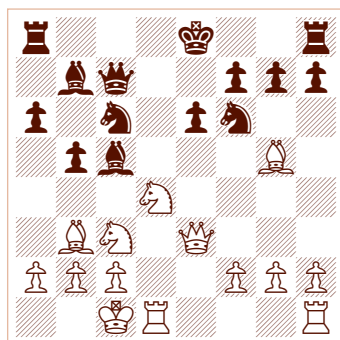
*Cheating is a matter of right and wrong—and which decade you're in*

You can make a good case that the outstanding brilliancy of the 21st century so far is a speed game, played at the rate of 25 minutes for all moves. It also raises questions that chessplayers never ask.

## Sicilian Defense (B87)

GM Vasily Ivanchuk (FIDE 2751, UKR)  
GM Sergey Karjakin (FIDE 2732, RUS)  
*Melody Amber (rapid), 2008*

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bc4 e6 7. Bb3 b5 8. Bg5 Be7 9. Qf3 Qc7 10. e5 Bb7 11. exd6 Bxd6 12. Qe3 Bc5 13. 0-0-0 Nc6



After 13. ... Nc6

Here White uncorked the incredible:

14. Qxe6+!! fxe6 15. Nxe6

He gets the queen back—or a winning attack—in all of the many remarkable variations. Black chose one that allowed him to reach an endgame, but one he eventually lost:

15. ... Qe5 16. Nxc7+ Kf8 17. Ne6+ Kf7 18. Rhe1 Qxe1 19. Nxc5+ Kg6 20. Rxe1 Kxg5 21. Nxb7

When the *Chess Informant* chose the best games of part of 2008, this was easily voted number one. Had it been played 50 years ago it would have been hailed as an immortal game, on par with a Morphy or Alekhine brilliancy.

But there were critics who had an

uneasy feeling. Viktor Korchnoi, for many years the senior judge on the Informant best-games panel, was one. He faulted this game because it was clear Vassily Ivanchuk had come up with 14. Qxe6+!! with the help of a computer. “Using a computer in the creative process lowers the artistic quality,” Korchnoi wrote in *64* magazine.

That raises two questions. First, is Korchnoi right? Are great ideas less than great if prepared with the help of a machine? You can argue about that all day.

But for today, let's deal with a second question: If a computer-prepared move is considered somewhat unworthy, will it some day be considered unethical?

“Of course not,” you say. “Getting moves from a computer *during* a game is cheating. Getting moves from a computer *before* a game isn't.”

Well, that's the way we feel now. But in chess—just as in sports, business, politics, war and other forms of competition—the ground rules that define cheating have a habit of changing.

A decade or so ago, it was virtually a criminal act to use a machine to select a move in correspondence chess. But today some correspondence events are designated as “computer legal,” meaning you are free to use engines as much as you want.

Some correspondence players—who compete either by e-mail, on turn-based correspondence sites or even via old-fashioned letters—draw a finer line. They feel that it's perfectly legitimate to use a database to check out what's been played before in the opening you're considering playing. Or they feel there's nothing wrong with using software to conduct a “blunder-check” of a candidate move they want to play. But asking a machine to suggest a candidate move goes too far, they say.

In sports, we've seen the reverse process: What was once skillful gradually became felonious. There are pitchers in

baseball's Hall of Fame who made their living throwing a spitball. There were pro football stars who turned a crack-back block into an art form.

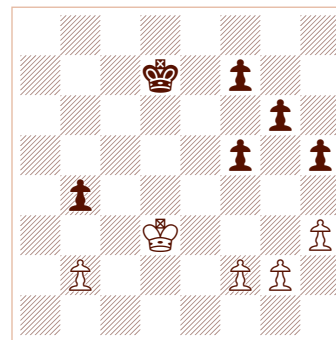
In chess the line that separates cheating from skill has shifted back and forth over rules for adjourned games. At first it was strictly verboten to even look at the adjourned position during a meal break or overnight.

Violators could be kicked out of an international tournament if caught. But soon it became acceptable to analyze your own adjourned game as long as you didn't analyze someone else's.

This led to morality tales like the one Mikhail Botvinnik told about the final game of his 1937 match for the Soviet championship. He analyzed the adjourned position until he reached this:

## Arbitration

Grigory Levenfish  
Mikhail Botvinnik  
*Match 1937*



After 45. Kd3

Black is temporarily a pawn ahead but White's outside passed pawn should win after Kc4 and Kxb4, Botvinnik concluded. He called the match arbiter, Nikolai Grigoriev, to resign.

But Grigoriev just happened to be the world's expert on pawn endgames. He tried to dissuade Botvinnik by pointing out some devilish traps.

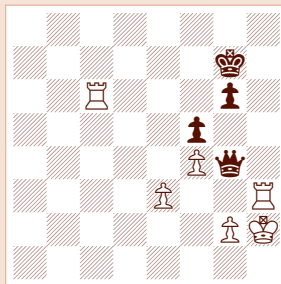
For example, after 45. ... f4! the tempt-

## Reykjavik Chess Festival 2012

America invaded Iceland earlier this year. Nine internationally titled U.S. players, the largest foreign contingent, competed in the 198-player Reykjavik Chess Festival. The tournament was won by Italian-American GM Fabiano Caruana. This month's quiz features six positions from games of American players. In each position you are asked to find the fastest winning line of play. This will usually mean the forced win of a decisive amount of material, such as a rook or minor piece. Solutions on page 71.

### Problem I

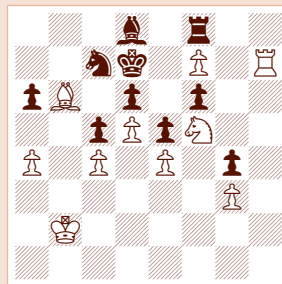
GM Yury Shulman  
Kai Jie Edward Lee



White to play

### Problem II

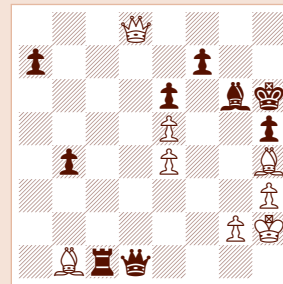
FM Karsten Larsen  
IM Marc Arnold



White to play

### Problem III

WGM Svetlana Cherednichenko  
GM Yury Shulman



White to play

### Problem IV

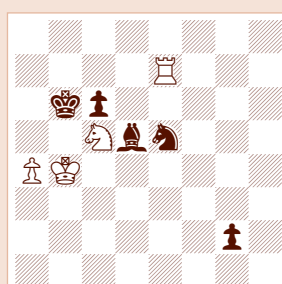
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White to play

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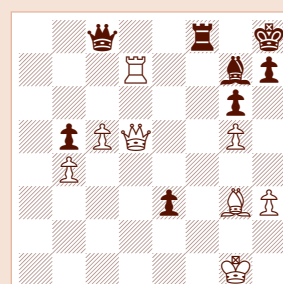
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Black to play

### Problem VI

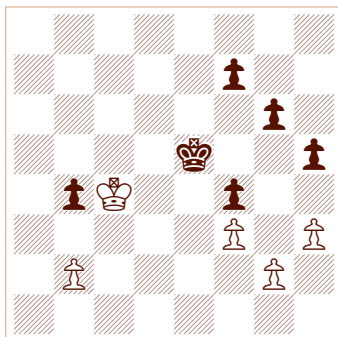
GM Maurice Ashley  
Anders Hobber



White to play

ing 46. Kc4 f3! 47. gxf3 g5 48. Kxb4 allows 48. ... f5 49. Kc4 h4 and it is Black who queens after 50. Kd4 g4 51. fxe4 fxe4 52. Ke4 gxh3 53. Kf3 Kc7.

Grigoriev found more. If White answered 45. ... f4! with 46. f3!, Black could set a second trap with 46. ... Ke6 47. Kc4 Ke5.



Analysis after 47. ... Ke5

Now 48. Kxb4 Kd4! 49. Ka5 Ke3 offers drawing chances after 50. b4 Kf2 51. b5 Kxg2 52. b6 Kxf3 53. b7 Kg2 54. b8=Q f3. And there was a third trap that requires White to find a series of seven tempo-losing finesses.

Botvinnik wrote that he was more outraged than impressed. "Pardon me," he huffed to Grigoriev. "You are the chief arbiter and according to the match regulations the players have no right to take advice from anyone."

Grigoriev replied that Botvinnik's oppo-

nent had been getting adjournment help all match long so this would help make up for that injustice. Botvinnik didn't buy that. He resigned the game and the match ended in a draw.

But in the two decades that followed, analyzing another player's adjournments was elevated to one of the highest chess skills. The story of how several Soviet grandmasters out-analyzed their U.S. counterparts and saved a draw in a Botvinnik-Bobby Fischer game in 1962 became legendary.

And then the line that separates skill from cheating moved again. By the 1990s adjournments were being banned. Most players today have never even seen a sealed-move envelope.

Why do we move that line? There are three basic situations.

The first occurs when we legalize the illegal because we feel it improves the quality of play. Analyzing adjourned games became acceptable because precise, prepared moves enrich chess and teach us how to play the endgame, it was argued.

A similar case was made for contract bridge bidding conventions. When bridge was young, a prearranged agreement on what a bid meant was considered cheating. Later it was regarded as just unethical—and then merely vulgarly "American." Today knowing a complex convention is one of the most refined skills in bridge—

and there are more books on conventions than on the Sicilian Defense.

The second way that the cheating/skill line moves is when we outlaw a previously legal practice because we conclude it unfairly benefits one player over another. Adjournments were banned when computers were rare, and a player who had cyber-help had an improper edge.

And the third way that we move the line is when we recognize that some dubious practices can't be policed. If Vassily Ivanchuk had been a good actor, he could have made it look like he came up with 14. Qxe6+!! at the board. It would be impossible to prove him wrong.

The ethical question evolves into a practical one. Who is doing the real work when a player analyzes with a computer? Would a machine, looking at the position after 13. ... Nc6, recommend sacrificing White's queen for a pawn? It would be surprising if one did.

What's much more likely is that a human, having a flash of genius, will spot 14. Qxe6+!! but need to work out the many variations with his computer. They are sharing the workload. He's doing the human part and the computer is doing what computers do best.

As Ivanchuk said on an unrelated matter to *Sport Express* in 2010, "If a man 'leads' the computer, it helps him. It's good." But, he added, "If the computers 'leads' the man, it's bad." ■

# The Man Who Should Have Been World Champion

By Bruce Pandolfini

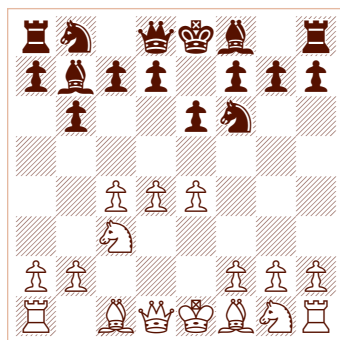
*Ted Williams never won a World Series ring and Akiba Rubinstein never won the World Championship.*

The great Polish grandmaster Akiba Rubinstein (1882-1961) was surely known for his outstanding endgame play, and indeed, he conducted some of the most famous endgames of all time, but his play in the other phases of chess was not less extraordinary. He was a remarkable defender, maneuver and planner, and he was much more precise in his conduct of the opening than what is often written about him. It's regrettable that he never had an opportunity to play for the world championship because he had a terrific chance of winning it. An example of his consummate play is the following game against Sándor Takács (Black) played in Vienna in 1922. He early on wins material, secures his position, and sets out to dismantle his opponent, move by move. The game began:

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

Akiba Rubinstein  
Sándor Takács  
Vienna 1922

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 b6 4. e4 Bb7



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.\*\*

5. **Bd3** **Par Score 5**

The e-pawn needs protection. For the moment Rubinstein avoids f2-f3 since he may want to put a knight on this square.

5. ... **Bb4**

Add 1 *bonus point* if you intended to answer 5. ... d5 by 6. cxd5 exd5 7. e5. As for the text, it pins the knight and threatens to win the e4-pawn.\*\*

6. **Qc2** **Par Score 5**

White puts another guard on e4. *Deduct 2 points* for playing 6. e5?, allowing 6. ... Bxg2.

6. ... **d6?**

Black missed something. White, in fact, didn't.\*\*

7. **Qa4+** **Par Score 6**

This second move in a row by the white queen may be a violation of opening principle but it wins material. When I was younger, it's what the old timers at the Marshall Chess Club would have called a "dead meat check." Rubinstein didn't care much for sayings or catchy terms and phrases. He preferred making good moves. *No credit* for other tries.

7. ... **Nc6**

Otherwise, White just takes the bishop, 8. Qxb4. All the same, the knight is now pinned.\*\*

8. **d5** **Par Score 5**

What should you do to a pinned piece? Attack it again!

8. ... **Bxc3+**

At least this gets something for the dead meat.\*\*

9. **bxc3** **Par Score 4**

9. ... **Qd7**

This way, Black will be able to take back on c6 safely.\*\*

10. **dx6** **Par Score 4**

With Black's knight no longer pinned, White must take it now, before it flees.

10. ... **Bxc6**

11. **Qc2** **Par Score 5**

White retreats from attack and covers his e4-pawn.

11. ... **e5**

Black's queen now has access to g4.\*\*

12. **Ne2** **Par Score 5**

The normal developing move 12. Nf3 sets a trap after 12. ... Qg4 13. 0-0 Nxe4 14. h3 Qg6 15. Nh4 Qh5 16. Bxe4 Bxe4 17. Qxe4, attacking the rook. But Black sidesteps that problem by playing 13. ... Bxe4 instead, picking up a second pawn for his missing piece.

12. ... **Qg4**

This was played to give a forking attack to e4 and g2, but Rubinstein was prepared to meet the move easily enough.\*\*

13. **Ng3** **Par Score 5**

Now, both pawns are okay.

13. ... **h5**

Black hopes to dislodge the knight from g3 and break in at g2.\*\*

14. **0-0** **Par Score 5**

The king takes over direct protection of g2. Rubinstein rightly recognizes that Black has no real attacking chances against his castled king. White has suf-



## ABCs of Chess

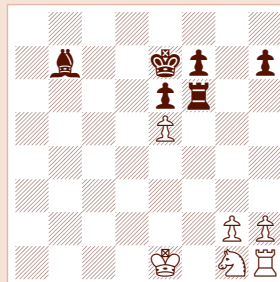
These problems are all related to key positions in this month's game. In each case, Black is to move. The answers can be found in Solutions on page 71.

**June Exercise:** Here is an exercise in frustration, but you don't necessarily know this yet. First you're going to need a bunch of rooks of the Staunton kind. Let's say about 20. Nobody is going to lend you that many, so don't ask. Once you get the rooks, however you get them, go to a flat surface. Then, in a bold act of assemblage, try stacking all twenty on top of each other. According to international rules, if they fall, you lose. True, it worked in the film *Searching for Bobby Fischer*, but you can thank the prop man for that. He used the best glue they had.

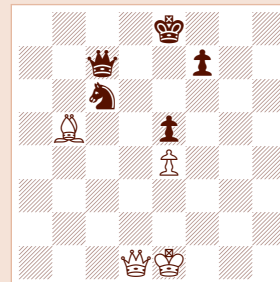
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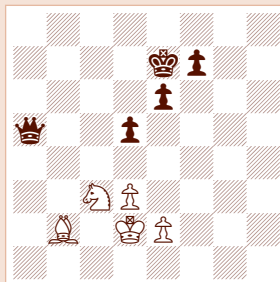
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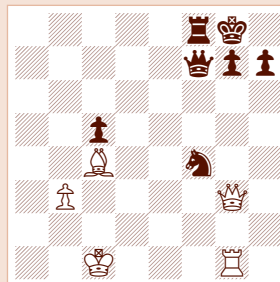
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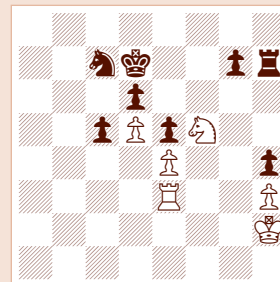
**Problem IV**  
*Pin*



**Problem V**  
*Simplification*



**Problem VI**  
*Trapping*



ficient defenders in the area, plus there is no immediate way Black can break through the cordon of white pawns surrounding the king.

14. ... h4

This only forces the knight off g3 and onto a better square.\*\*

15. f3 **Par Score 5**

By this intermediate move, White secures e4 and pushes the black queen back. The menaced knight can then save itself on the next move.

15. ... Qg6

16. Nf5 **Par Score 5**

This was better than retreating the knight to e2 or h1, either of which would be worth only *3 points part credit*.

16. ... Kd7

If 16. ... Nh5, then 17. Nhx4. And if Black instead castles (either side) he drops the queen to Nf5-e7+ (*1 bonus point*). The text guards e7, while allowing the black queen-rook to slide to the king-side.\*\*

17. a4 **Par Score 5**

White hopes to open the a-file.

17. ... Rg8

Rubinstein's plan starts coming to fruition. Black should have played 17.

... a5, when White still has the task of opening lines and breaking in.\*\*

18. a5 **Par Score 5**

White clearly is in control of his own queenside destiny.

18. ... Qh5

Each side pursues their respective plan. White opens the a-file, while Black prepares to drive out the knight from f5. For that, the g7-pawn has to be unblocked.\*\*

19. axb6 **Par Score 5**

19. ... axb6

20. Ra7 **Par Score 5**

The logical complement of the preceding play: the rook takes up a strong post on the newly opened rook file. The pawn at c7 has become a target and with it the black king as well. *Deduct 2 points* for developing by 20. Be3, allowing the knight to be trapped after 20. ... g6.

20. ... g6

Black pushes the knight back, but as we shall see, the knight is not hurting for good squares.\*\*

21. Ne3 **Par Score 5**

This is why Rubinstein was in no rush to place his bishop on e3. The knight needs e3 as a transit square.

21. ... Ne8

Black anticipates White's next move, guarding c7 in advance. There's also the thought of mobilizing the f-pawn.\*\*

22. Nd5 **Par Score 5**

If anything, d5 is an even stronger square for the knight than f5. True, Takacs can eliminate the knight with 22. ... Bxd5 23. cxd5, but then he gets run over on the light squares.

22. ... Kd8

Black sidesteps 23. Nxb6+. Give yourself *1 bonus point* for seeing this, even though the extra point is awarded for understanding Black's move.\*\*

23. Be3 **Par Score 5**

Now it's okay for the bishop to come here. Black has no tactical tricks with which to take advantage.

23. ... Rf8

Black aims for ... f7-f5, but it's too late.\*\*

24. Nxc7 **Par Score 6**

White has broken through. After say, 24. ... Nxc7, then 25. Bxb6 Bd7 26. Rxc7 Ke8 White has various strong continuations: 27. Ra1; 27. Qa2; or 27. c5. In any of those situations, Black will not long survive. So ...

24. ... **Black resigned. ■**

*See scoring box on page 71.*

# Correspondence Knights: 2005 Golden, 2007 Electronic

*Three seconds, three minutes, or three days? It takes a special kind of nut to want to play postal. But those nuts can play a pretty tough game.*

By FM Alex Dunne

## The 2005 Golden Knights

TWO IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE chess tournaments ended within a few days of each other even though they started two years apart—the 2005 Golden Knights, a postal tournament, and the 2007 Electronic Knights, an e-mail tournament. Both had the same time limits—10 moves in 30 days. Both were three round tournaments, and both meant the finalists played 18 games. A few players played in both events. The question might be asked, why would anyone play in a postal event? Actually the question was asked by an anonymous postalite. (Capitals and punctuation his): “What is this ... the stone age???? ‘Mail’ nowadays is usually associated with e-mail, if you know what I mean. Seriously, who is sending postcards with chess moves in the year 2012?? Fred Flintstone, Junior?? I’m a very, very old-fashioned dude, while being a total hipster inside, I love music

and going nuts ... BUT NOT THAT KIND OF NUTS!!! :-))”

Well, Fred, there are some good reasons to play postal (as well as e-mail and server). The first is the search for the best move. It is not always possible to come up with the best move in three seconds (average blitz move) or three minutes (average over-the-board [OTB] move) but with three days (average correspondence chess [CC] move) you have a chance. Remember the thrill when you were younger and got mail? Some of us still retain that thrill, looking into the mailbox, searching for another postcard. And postcards, for some reason, encourage conversation, and picture postcards are a special treat, while e-mail tends to be fairly sterile. Time is progressing, of course, and now, 2012, only about 45% of USCF correspondence chess is postal. Almost all the

newcomers to CC play have an e-mail address and shortly the USCF will have its own webserver. So, Fred, you are probably right. It takes a special kind of nut to want to play postal. But those nuts can play a pretty tough game.

February 7, 2005, the first section of the 2005 Golden Knights was assigned. There would be 40 more sections for a total of 287 players competing in the preliminary round. It takes 4½ points to advance to the next round in the Golden Knights. By January 8, 2008, just under three years later, 91 players had advanced, 17 of them with perfect scores of 6-0. The legendary William Jemty entered ten sections, the maximum allowed, and qualified ten times for the semifinals. Jemty holds the record for the most CC games completed since the records have been saved electronically with over 1,000 rated games. Here is the legend at work:

## Queen's Gambit Accepted (D26)

*William Jempty (2150)*

*Michael Labac (1727)*

*2005 Golden Knights Preliminary*

**1. d4 d5 2. c4 dxc4 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. e3 e6 5. Bxc4 b6**

More usual here is 5. ... c5 immediately to undermine White's center.

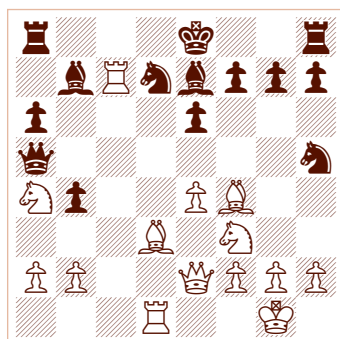
**6. 0-0 Bb7 7. Nc3 Nbd7 8. Qe2 a6 9. Rd1 Be7 10. e4 b5 11. Bd3 c5 12. dxc5**

A cautious approach. Sharper is 12. d5 with the advantage.

**12. ... Bxc5 13. Bf4 b4**

Behind in development, Black is flirting with loss here.

**14. Na4 Be7 15. Rac1 Qa5 16. Rc7 Nh5?**



*After 16. ... Nh5*

And now the end is painful. Black had to try 16. ... Rb8.

**17. Qc2 Nxf4 18. Rxb7 Nxd3 19. Rxd7!**

This is what Black overlooked. Now Jempty scores the point, but not without a small controversy.

**19. ... Nc5 20. Rxe7+ Kxe7 21. Qxc5+ Qxc5 22. Nxc5 Rhd8 23. Nd3 a5 24. Kf1 f6 25. Ke2 e5 26. Rc1 g5 27. Rc6 Rdc8 28. Rb6 Kf7 29. Rb7+ Kg6 30. Kd2 h5 31. h3 Rc4 32. Nfxe5+ fxe5 33. Nxe5+ Kh6 34. Nxc4 Rd8+ 35. Ke3 Rd1 36. Nxa5 Re1+ 37. Kd4 Rg1 38. Ke5 Rxc2 39. Nc4 h4 40. Ne3**

This is the position where Jempty sent several if moves. Labac ignored the if-moves and played **40. ... Kg6** and after **41. Nxc4** and several postcards to straighten things out, **Black resigned**.

Shane Schultheis of Baltimore, Maryland and Pat Ryan of Gladstone, New Jersey both entered the semifinals with perfect 6-0 scores, scored 5½-½ in the semifinals, and shared 4½-1½ scores in the same final section. In the following game Shane shows an instructive trap in an important Sicilian line.

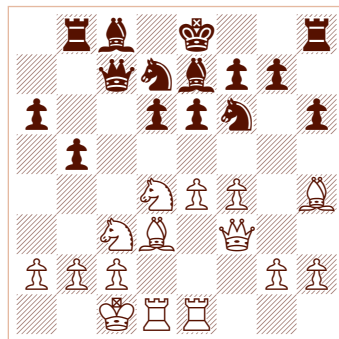
## Sicilian Defense, Najdorf Variation (B99)

*Shane Schultheis (2147)*

*David Porter (2177)*

*2005 Golden Knights Final*

**1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bg5 e6 7. f4 h6 8. Bh4 Be7 9. Qf3 Nbd7 10. 0-0-0 Qc7 11. Bd3 Rb8 12. Rhe1 b5?**



*After 12. ... b5*

Meant as an improvement, two earlier games continued 12. ... g5!? 13. fxg5 hxg5 14. Bxg5 b5 with a small edge to White in Lubomir Kavalek-Raymond Weinstein, 1960, and Bruno Parma-Leonid Stein, Caracas, 1970. Schultheis demonstrates why the pawn sacrifice is necessary.

**13. e5 dxe5**

No better is 13. ... Bb7 14. Qg3 Nh5 15. Nxe6! Nxg3 16. Nxc7+ Kd8 17. Bxe7+ Kxe7 18. hxg3.

**14. fxe5 Nxe5 15. Rxe5 Qxe5 16. Nc6 Qxh2**

If 16. ... Qc7 17. Bg3 Qb7 18. Bxb8 is no fun for Black.

**17. Bg3 Qh5 18. Nxb8 Qxf3 19. gxf3 Bb7 20. a4 Nh5 21. Be5 bxa4 22. Be2 Bg5+ 23. Kb1 Bf4 24. Bxf4 Nxf4 25. Bxa6 Bxa6 26. Nxa6 h5 27. Nxa4 h4**

The race begins, but White is better placed.

**28. b4 Rh5 29. c4 h3 30. b5 Nd3 31. b6 Ne5 32. b7 Nc6 33. N4c5 h2 34. Rh1 Ke7 35. Nb4, Black resigned.**

David Porter had the misfortune of having to face both Schultheis and Pat Ryan in the same final section. His loss to Ryan illustrates the great importance of sound opening play in postal. Recovery from an opening slip is much more difficult by CC than OTB.

## Caro-Kann Defense, Advance Variation (B12)

*Patrick Ryan (2357)*

*David Porter (2177)*

*2005 Golden Knights Final*

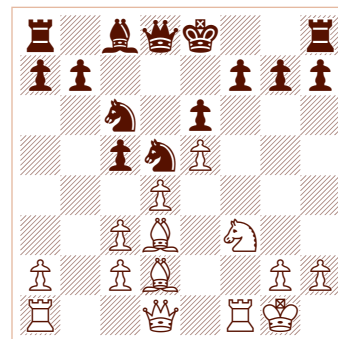
**1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. f3**

This is sometimes called the Fantasy Variation of the Caro-Kann because it is White's fantasy that Black will play 3. ... dxe4 4. Nc3 exf3 5. Nxf3 with the center and development for the pawn.

**3. ... e6 4. Nc3 dxe4 5. fxe4**

Sometimes dreams do come true ...

**5. ... Bb4 6. Nf3 Nf6 7. e5 Nd5 8. Bd2 Bxc3 9. bxc3 c5 10. Bd3 Nc6 11. 0-0**



*After 11. 0-0*

At almost no cost White has developed a classical attacking position.

**11. ... h6 12. Qe1 Nde7**

Black doesn't dare castle and so his king is doomed to stay in the center.

**13. Qg3 Kf8 14. c4 cxd4 15. Qf2 Kg8 16. Nxd4! Qf8**

Not even 16. ... Qxd4 17. Be3 Qxe3 18. Qxe3 Bd7 and ... Be8 helps Black much.

**17. Nxc6 Nxc6 18. Rae1 Bd7 19. Bc1 Be8 20. Re3 Qc5 21. Ba3! Qa5 22. Bd6 Rd8 23. Rg3 g5 24. h4, Black resigned.**

Chuck Cullum of Scituate, Massachusetts gave up two draws, one in the preliminary round and one in the final round, a performance that normally would have won top honors. Chuck is used to being at or near the top of the dog pile—in Golden Knights play he finished fifth in 2001, first in 2002, fifth again in 2003, first in 2004, and now a second place in 2005, simply championship consistency.

## English Opening (A25)

*Bruce Reynolds (2205)*

*Chuck Cullum (2449)*

*2005 Golden Knights Final*

**1. c4 e5 2. g3 Nf6 3. Bg2 Nc6 4. Nc3 Bc5 5. d3 0-0 6. e3 Bb6 7. Nge2 d6 8. 0-0**

The game Gad Rechlis-Viswanathan Anand, Barcelona 1993, continued 8. a3 Be6 9. b4 a6 10. 0-0 d5 11. c5 Ba7.



### Abe Wilson

*Hawaii has its wonders—great scenery, volcanoes, poi, and Abe Wilson. In the correspondence chess world Abe is a natural wonder—two-time Golden Knights champion, seven-time Absolute participant with a third place finish half a point off first in 2009. Abe plays with the Aloha Spirit.*



### Chuck Cullum

*If you look up Scituate, Massachusetts, you will discover there are no freeways or airports in town and one glaring omission on the notable citizens list: two-time Golden Knights winner Chuck Cullum (and now a second place to add to that). Someone should tell the board of selectmen.*



### Patrick Ryan

*If someone were to ask you who the strongest chess player in Manhattan is, you might be able to answer Pat Ryan. Really? Yes, Manhattan, Illinois, population 6,071, is the hometown of Pat Ryan, Correspondence Chess Master. Post-card players can find competition even in the smallest towns.*

8. ... Ne7 9. d4 c6 10. Qc2 exd4 11. Nxd4 d5

Black has equalized.

12. Rd1 Bg4

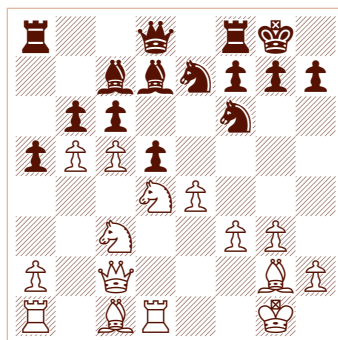
Typical of Cullum's sharp style. His move has both positive and negative points. The white kingside is weakened but the e4-square is secured.

13. f3 Bd7 14. c5 Bc7 15. e4 b6

While the center remains balanced, Black challenges White's claim for superior queenside space. The unprotected a1-rook gives Black his future success in this battle.

16. b4 a5 17. b5

(see diagram next column)



After 17. b5

17. ... bxc5

After 17. ... Be5, Black keeps the game equal but balanced. After 18. cxb6 Qxb6 19. Be3 cxb5 20. f4 Ng4 21. Bf2 Nxf2

22. Qxf2 Bxd4 23. Qxd4 Qxd4+ 24. Rxd4 b4 25. Nxd5 Nxd5 26. exd5 Rac8 a draw is likely. Cullum prefers an equal but unbalanced position to preserve his winning chances.

18. Nxc6 Bxc6 19. bxc6 Be5 20. Bg5 Nxc6 21. Nxd5 Bxa1! 22. Nxf6+ gxf6 23. Rxd8 Rfxd8 24. Bf4 Bd4+ 25. Kh1

The king probably does better fighting with 25. Kf1.

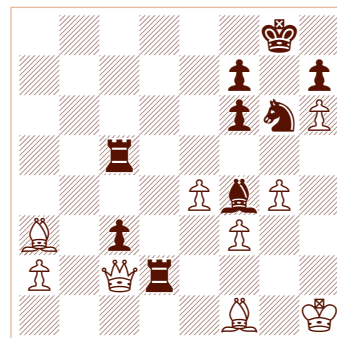
25. ... Ne5 26. h4 Rab8 27. h5 Rb2 28. Qa4 c4

This is Black's trump and it is untouchable—29. Bxe5 Bxe5 30. Qxc4 Bxg3 31. Bf1 Rh2+ 32. Kg1 Bf4 33. Bd3 Rxh5 34. Qc3 Kg7 and with a safe king, Black is free to use his rooks aggressively.

29. Qxa5 Rbb8 30. Qa4 c3 31. h6 Rbc8 32. Qc2 Rc5 33. g4 Ng6 34. Bc1 Be5 35. Bf1 Bf4

The blockaders of the queening square must be removed.

36. Ba3 Rd2!



After 36. ... Rd2

This initiates the winning finesse.

37. Qa4 Rc8 38. Qa6 Rb8 39. Bc1 Rh2+ 40. Kg1 Bxc1! 41. Qxf6

After 41. Kxh2 c2 42. Qxf6 Bb2 43. Qd6 Be5+ wins.

41. ... Bxh6 42. Qxc3 Bf4 43. Bd3 Rbb2 44. Bf1 Nh4 45. Qc8+ Kg7, White resigned.

White concedes as 46. Qc3+ f6 47. g5 Be5 48. gxf6+ Kg6 49. Qe3 Bd4! ends it all.

Abe Wilson of Mililani, Hawaii, is a name familiar to U.S. correspondence players. This is the second time that he has clawed his way to the top of the Golden Knights heap—his first time was in the 2000 event. This time Abe did it in great style conceding only a single draw over 18 games. Abe's draw occurred in the first round against Mark Robledo who also made it to the finals. But Wilson's 6-0 semifinal and 6-0 final round were too much for any competitors.

Here is Abe at his finest, showing the real power of correspondence chess with a 13-move endgame combination to cement his run for the title.

## Semi-Slav Defense (D45)

Jiri Kovats (2110)

Abe Wilson (2372)

2005 Golden Knights Final

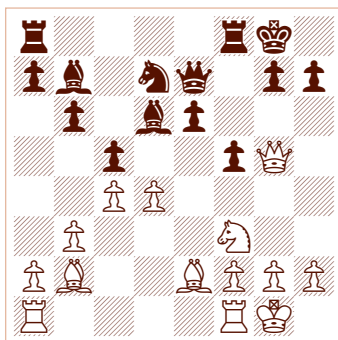
1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 e6 5. e3 Nbd7 6. Qc2 Bd6 7. b3 0-0 8. Be2 b6 9. 0-0 Bb7 10. Bb2 Qe7 11. e4

White is the first to take action in the center, but it is only good for keeping equality.

11. ... Nxe4 12. Nxe4 dxe4 13. Qxe4 f5

The automatic move here is 13. ... Nf6 and that is good enough for equality, but Wilson is playing for ... f5, ... c6-c5 and ... Nf6, with a strong grip on e4.

14. Qe3 c5 15. Qg5



After 15. Qg5

White correctly foresees trouble if Black is allowed to play ... cxd4 and ... e6-e5 with strong pressure in the center and kingside. Black, of course, declines an endgame where White would have a mobile queenside majority.

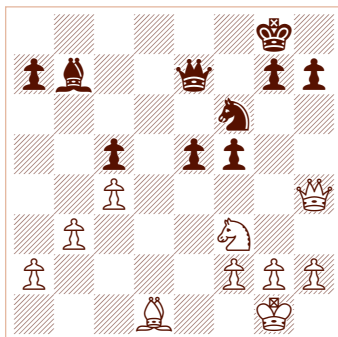
15. ... Nf6 16. dxc5 Bxc5 17. Rad1 Rad8 18. Qh4 Rxd1 19. Rxd1 Rd8 20. Bd4?!

White had better defensive chances with 20. Rxd8+ Qxd8 21. Bc3 when Be1 will keep f2 safe.

20. ... e5! 21. Bxc5

Not 21. Nxe5 Rxd4! or 21. Bxe5 Rxd1+ 22. Bxd1 Bxf3 winning.

21. ... Rxd1+ 22. Bxd1 bxc5



After 22. ... bxc5

Black has made small but real progress. His kingside majority is flexible; White's queenside is, for now, blockaded. White has a bad bishop on d1 and the open d-file will first be occupied by Black.

23. Qg5 Qd7 24. Be2 Bxf3 25. Bxf3 h6 26. Qc1 Qd4 27. g3 g5 28. Bd5+!?

Kovats decides he will not go without a fight. The pawn sacrifice is designed to take advantage of the exposed position of the black king. His idea is 28. ... Nxd5 29. cxd5 Qxd5 30. Qa3 f4 31. Qxa7 Qd1+ 32. Kg2 f3+ 33. Kh3 h5 34. Qa8+ with perpetual check. But Wilson finds the flaw—he does not have to take the d-pawn right away.

28. ... Nxd5 29. cxd5 f4? 30. Qc4 Kg7 31. Qa6

Qd1+ 32. Kg2 f3+ 33. Kh3 Qxd5 34. Qxa7+ Qf7

The threat of 35. ... Qh5 mate forces a winning king and pawn endgame.

35. Qxf7+ Kxf7 36. Kg4 e4 37. h4

Losing is 37. a4 h5+! 38. Kh3 g4+ 39. Kh4 e3.

37. ... Ke6 38. hxg5 hxg5 39. Kh3 Kd5 40. Kh2 Kd4, Black resigned.

Black threatens ... Kd3 when ... e4-e3 will win so White must begin with 41. Kg1 Kd3 42. Kf1 Kc2 43. Ke1 g4 44. a4 Kxb3 45. Kd2 Kb2 when Black queens with check and stops the a-pawn. A great ending by Wilson, which is how you win Golden Knights championships!

## James Sawaski

*Newberry, Michigan, in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, population 2,686 is the official moose capital of Michigan, the location of the second largest waterfall east of the Mississippi River (Tahquamenon Falls, celebrated in Longfellow's poem about Hiawatha) a snowmobiling paradise, and home to the 2007 Electronic Knights Champion James Sawaski.*



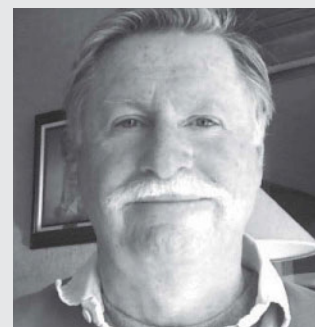
## Harry Ingersol

*Third place finisher Harry Ingersol, by comparison, comes from a big city —there are 28,608 inhabitants of St. Charles, Missouri. Harry has the opportunity for some over-the-board chess as well as correspondence chess as St. Charles is just northwest of St. Louis, arguably the new center of U.S. chess.*



## Barry Endsley

*While it is not true that all strong correspondence chess players come from small towns, it is true that Calumet, Michigan is among the smallest. Calumet, once the center of Michigan's copper mining industry, has a population of 798. Among those 798 is Barry Endsley, correspondence chess master.*



## The 2007 Electronic Knights

OK, FRED, THE GOLDEN KNIGHTS produces great chess games. I am sure you will admit that. So what about the games that travel almost at the speed of light (or so it seems). E-mail (and server chess) is the future and the future is now. Many players like Fred see clearly the day when it will be the dominant method of the CC game. About 55% of correspondents play the e-mail/server form of the game now. And no one played it better in the 2007 Golden Knights than James Sawaski. James is located in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, a land of lakes and wilderness where there is not a lot of OTB chess or anything else for that matter. He notes, however, that it is a gorgeous place to live though.

A corrections educator for a prison in Michigan and an adjunct professor for a community college, he finds the work challenging but rewarding. James learned chess at the age of seven and studies his game on an old Post-a-log wherever he goes. James estimates that his chess regimen is 95% study to 5% play, and relies more on his intuition, the "feel" of the position, than his calculation. He figures out where he wants to go in a position and then imagines getting there. This has helped him find deep ideas, especially in endgames.

James is also a chess author, having created a couple of novels and short stories with a chess theme. He notes that chess is his one true passion. Anyone that truly knows him knows he eats, sleeps, and drinks the game. Here is proof:

### English Opening (A20)

*James Sawaski (2087)*  
*Gordon Magat (2288)*  
*2007 Electronic Knights Final*

#### 1. c4 e5 2. g3 Nf6 3. Bg2 Bb4

What can be said about this provocative move? It has been played a few times before with generally miserable results for Black. After 4. a3 Bc5 it seems the option of an eventual b4 is worth more than the slight weakening (b3) of the queenside. Sawaski chooses to go his own way and the opening quickly resembles a Salvadore Dali landscape.

#### 4. Nf3 e4 5. Ng5 e3! 6. Nh3

White could quickly get in deep trouble after 6. fxe3 Ng4 7. Qb3 Qxg5 8. Qxb4 Nxh2 9. Bxb7 Qxg3+ 10. Kd1 Bxb7 11. Qxb7 0-0 12. Qxa8 Nc6 13. Qb7 Rb8 14. Qa6 Ng4.

#### 6. ... exf2+ 7. Nxf2 Nc6 8. 0-0 Bc5 9. Nc3

White has navigated the opening phase well and has emerged with a small edge based on the better potential center.

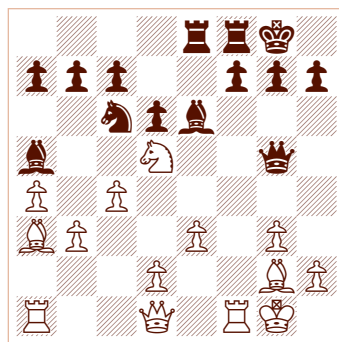
#### 9. ... 0-0 10. e3 d6 11. b3

White does not want to leave e3 as a potential target for Black and keeps the option of a center expansion for later in the game.

#### 11. ... Bb6 12. Nd3 Qe7 13. Nf4 Bd7 14. Bb2 Ra8

With White solidly in command of d5, White begins his play on the queenside. Possible also is 15. Nh5 to take advantage of the offside b6-bishop with play on the kingside.

#### 15. a4 Ba5 16. Nfd5 Nxd5 17. Nxd5 Qg5 18. Ba3 Be6



After 18. ... Be6

#### 19. Rf4!

Outstanding! The rook maneuver is designed to ensure White keeps control of the b4-square, essential to his queenside expansion.

#### 19. ... Bb6 20. b4 a5 21. b5 Bxd5 22. Bxd5 Ne5

Black does not go willingly into passive defense. After 22. ... Nd8 23. Bb2! (Threat 24. Rg4) to which there is no good reply.

#### 23. Bxb7 Ng6 24. Rf1 f5

Black is minus a pawn but his pieces are active. It won't be a walkover. White still has a lot of work to do.

#### 25. Qc2 Kh8 26. Bc6 Rd8 27. Bg2 f4 28. c5!

With this fine interference play, White keeps his king safe and Black's queenside compromised.

#### 28. ... Bxc5 29. Bxc5 dxc5 30. exf4 Qf6 31. Rac1 Rf7 32. Qc3 Qb6 33. Qxc3 Rxd2 34. Qxb6 cxb6 35. Rc6

White now wraps up with an accurate endgame.

#### 35. ... Rf6 36. Re1 Kg8 37. Rxf6 gxf6 38. Re6 Rd1+ 39. Kf2 Rd2+ 40. Kf3 f5 41. Rxb6 Ra2 42. Rd6 Rxa4 43. Ke3 Kf7 44. b6 Ke7 45. b7 Rb4 46. Ra6

Threat: 47. Ra8.

#### 46. ... Nf8 47. Ra8 Rb3+ 48. Kd4 Rb4+ 49. Kc3 Nd7 50. Bc6, Black resigned.

Second place was captured by Harry Ingersol. Although Harry's name might not be known to most USCF CC players, it is a name worth remembering—you will certainly hear more about him! Harry was the 2002 King Champion of Helen Warren's American Postal Chess Tournaments. When Helen retired, Harry came to play in USCF events. He currently is in the lead for the 2010 Absolute Championship and his win in the following game reinforces the wisdom that strong endgame play is necessary to score high in major CC events. In the following game his rook pawns (all three of them) are the boss.

### Semi-Slav (D45)

*Harry Ingersol (2014)*  
*Barry Endsley (2275)*  
*2007 Electronic Knights Semifinal*

#### 1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Nf3 e6 5. e3 Nbd7 6. Qc2 Bd6 7. g4

White announces right at the start that he is not shy about putting Black under immediate pressure. The line has a healthy pedigree in Michael Adams-Garry Kasparov, Dortmund 1992 and later on by Kasparov as White.

#### 7. ... Bb4

Modern usage is all about 7. ... h6 here. Endsley's idea is to fight for the e4-square.

#### 8. Bd2 Qe7 9. Rg1 Bxc3

Sam Shankland-Joel Banawa, Milwaukee 2009, continued 9. ... b6 10. 0-0-0 Bb7 11. g5 Bxc3 12. Bxc3 Ne4 with a small edge to White.

#### 10. Bxc3 Ne4 11. 0-0-0 Nxc3 12. Qxc3 0-0 13. g5 dxc4 14. Bxc4 b5 15. Bd3 Bb7 16. Qc2 g6 17. Be4 Rab8 18. Kb1 c5 19. Bxb7 Rxb7 20. dxc5 Nxc5 21. Ne5!

White's positional plan is simple enough. The knight is headed to g4 where it controls f6 and h6. Black's counterplan is to exchange off all the heavy pieces.

**21. ... Rc7 22. f4 Rfc8 23. Rc1 Na4 24. Qd2 Nb6 25. Ng4 Rxc1+ 26. Rxc1 Rxc1+ 27. Kxc1 Qc5+ 28. Qc3 Qxc3+ 29. bxc3 Nc4 30. e4**

Black's problem in this ending is the h-pawn. His king is tied down to its protection as even if the king gets to e7, White can play 1. Nf6 h5 2. gxh6 e.p. Kxf6 3. e5+ and the h-pawn queens.

**30. ... h5 31. gxh6 e.p. Kh7**

Also failing is 31. ... f5 32. exf5 gxf5 33. Nf6+ Kf7 34. Ne8 Kg6 35. Nc7 e5 36. fxe5 Nxe5 37. Nxb5 a6 38. Nc7 a5 39. Kd2 Kxh6 40. Ke3 Kg5 41. Ne6+ Kg4 42. h3+! Kxh3 43. Kf4 and White is winning.

**32. e5 Nb6 33. Kc2 Nd5 34. Kb3 Nxf4 35. h4 Nd5 36. c4 bxc4+ 37. Kxc4 Ne7 38. a4**

The final assault—while Black is tied up on the kingside, White wins on the queenside. It is well known that the toughest pawn for a knight to fight against is a rook's pawn.

**38. ... Nf5 39. Kb5 Nxb6 40. Nf6+ Kg7 41. Ka6 Ng8 42. Ne4 f5 43. Ng5 Ne7 44. Kxa7 Nc6+ 45. Kb7 Nxe5 46. a5 Nc4 47. a6 Nd6+ 48. Kc7 Nb5+ 49. Kb6 Nd6 50. Nxe6+ Kf7 51. Nf4 Nc8+ 52. Kc7 Na7 53. Nd5, Black resigned.**

Third place was gained by another Upper Peninsula Michigan player, Barry Endsley. Barry retired in 2007 from the Johnson Space Center in Houston. He has a continuous record of playing in the Golden and Electronic Knights since 1964, moving from postcards to the electronic version about five years ago. Since retiring, he has found his CC play improving as he is able to work a little harder at it.

Barry had an interesting journey to third place. He entered the Electronic Knights twice, qualifying for the finals both times, lost to Ingersol twice along the way, and drew with Sawaski. There is much good to be said about persistence.

Some have argued that chess is an art. Some that it is a science and some that it is a sport. The following game is a struggle, a struggle between two strong players who fight each other with every piece at their disposal. It is a full struggle on all 64 squares that does honor to both players and the 2007 Electronic Knights.

### Sicilian Defense, Scheveningen Variation (B84)

*John Gragg (2281)*

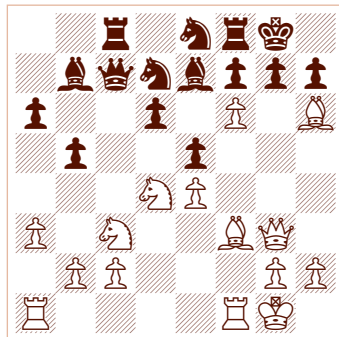
*Barry Endsley (2273)*

*2007 Electronic Knights Semifinal*

**1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Be2 e6 7. 0-0 Be7 8. f4 0-0 9. Be3 Qc7 10. Qe1 b5 11. a3 Bb7 12. Bf3 Nbd7 13. Qg3 Rac8 14. f5**

This is apparently a theoretical novelty. Played here have been 14. Rael, equal, in Pablo Zarnicki-Garry Kasparov, Buenos Aires simultaneous exhibition 1992 and 14. e5 with an edge in Jan Przewoznik-Valery Neverov, Poznan 1986.

**14. ... e5 15. Bh6 Ne8 16. f6!?**



*After 16. f6*

White shows his willingness to mix it up, but Black just takes the pawn and the profit.

**16. ... Bxf6 17. Nf5 Kh8 18. Bd2 Nb6 19. Kh1**

Maybe here is White's last chance to prosper with 19. Ne3.

**19. ... Nc4 20. Bc1 g6 21. Ne3 Nb6 22. Bd2 Bg7 23. Qh3 Nf6 24. Rad1 Na4!**

And now the initiative passes firmly over to Black who never lets go.

**25. Nxa4 bxa4 26. Bb4 Qb6 27. Rfe1 a5 28. Bxd6 Rfe8 29. Ng4 Nxb6 30. Bxg4 Rxc2 31. Bd7 Rg8 32. Bxa4 Rxb2 33. Qg3 f6 34. h4 Rc8 35. h5 gxh5**

You have to admire White's persistence in finding ways to attack and Black's persistence in finding defense and counterattack.

**36. Qh4 Rg8 37. Bd7 Qb3 38. Bh3 Qf7 39. Rb1 Rxb1 40. Rxb1 Bh6 41. Bf5 Bf4**

With this play it is White's turn to find survival moves but the two extra pawns are too much.

**42. Qh3 Rg3 43. Qh4 Kg8 44. Bc5 Qa2 45. Rg1 Rg5 46. Qh3 Qc2 47. Be3 Kh8! 48. Rc1**

White cannot survive the double doubled pawns after 48. Bxf4 exf4 49. Re1 g3 50. Qh2 h4 51. a4 h3.

**48. ... Qe2 49. Bxf4 exf4 50. Qf3 Qb2 51. Qf1 Rxf5! 52. Rb1**

Naturally 52. exf5 Bxg2+!

**52. ... Qc2 53. Rxb7 Rg5 54. Rb5 Qxe4 55. Rb3 Rg4 56. Rh3 h4 57. Qf2 Rg3, White resigned.**

The queen and pawn ending is lost after 58. Rxh4 Rxg2! 59. Qxg2 Qe1+. ■

## Standings

### 2005 Golden Knights Final Standings

Abe Wilson	43.95
Chuck Cullum	43.45
Patrick Ryan	38.35
Shane Schultheis	38.35
R. McLaughlin	35.80
Chris O'Connell	36.75
Steven Smith	34.65
James Ellis	32.90
Gary Adams	32.70
Edward Addis	32.40
Patrick Ryan	31.75
Edward Lupiensi	31.65
Steven Smith	31.10
Bruce Reynolds	30.50
Barry Walker	29.65
Peter Radomskyj	29.55
Thomas Connolly	29.40
David Porter	28.40
Wayne Pressnall	27.20
Mark Robledo	26.05
Michael Allard	25.05
Mark Robledo	23.80
Jiri Kovats	21.65
Preston Ladson	20.00
Michael Allard	18.30
William Jempty	17.65
Mark Garner	17.10
A, J. Zeppa	12.20

### 2007 Electronic Knights Standings

James Sawaski	40.25
Harry Ingersol	40.20
Barry Endsley	37.90
Steven Van Enk	35.60
Gary Walters	34.50
Gordon Magat	33.55
Stephen McGregor	32.25
Sal Celauro	30.70
Thomas O'Donnell	25.70
Barry Endsley	23.25
Gillmore Hoefdraad	22.20
Gary Walters	20.10
Timothy Harris	15.40
Franklin Taylor	13.90

# A Texas Tech Repeat at the Final Four of College Chess

By Jamaal Abdul-Alim

*“The best chess games are all about the war of ideas, the battle of imbalances, and the face-to-face struggle of one player’s will against the other—if you don’t have a fighter’s mentality, if you wilt in the face of an opponent ... then you will find that chess success and real chess enjoyment eludes you. A to-the-death battle of mind and knowledge and skill and heart is what makes chess so exhilarating.”*

—IM JEREMY SILMAN,

HOW TO REASSESS YOUR CHESS:  
CHESS MASTERY THROUGH CHESS IMBALANCES

**AS THE LAST ROUND BEGAN** at the 2012 President’s Cup—perhaps better known as the Final Four of College Chess—Evan Rosenberg of New York University (NYU) resolved to do one thing that no member of his team had done for the entire tournament.

No matter that he was playing against an opponent rated nearly 200 points higher going into the most elite event in college chess.

Rosenberg was determined to make sure that what he hoped would become NYU’s sole victory at the Final Four, held from March 30-April 1 in Herndon, Virginia, took place in spectacular form.

“Going into the final round, my attitude seriously affected my strategy for the game,” Rosenberg told *Chess Life*.

“I thought to myself, I’m going to try to checkmate him,” Rosenberg said. “Unfor-

tunately, that entailed playing heinous-looking moves intended to make the position complicated, usually to my detriment.”

Rosenberg said his final-round opponent—IM Sasha Kaplan of University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC)—proved to be a “tenacious defender, and he has really good positional intuition.”

“So I decided to take the game into risky, uncharted territory early on, with the optimistic plan of eventually checkmating him,” Rosenberg said.

In many ways NYU—the only team at the Final Four without a coach, a grandmaster, or alternates—had already found themselves in uncharted territory. And if ever there was a need for optimism, that optimism became necessary from the very moment NYU came in fourth place at the 2011 Pan-American Intercollegiate Championship—the qualifying

event for the Final Four.

The Pan-Am victory put NYU in a position that was both coveted and unenviable all at once.

On the one hand, there’s the prestige of having made it to the Final Four—the capstone event of American collegiate chess.

But then you look at the statistical odds based on the competitors’ collective rating strength, and if the complex formulae from which those ratings are derived mean anything at all, then perhaps NYU shouldn’t have scored the half point that Rosenberg was now trying to turn into 1½ points.

To be clear, NYU entered the tournament with a team average USCF rating of 2211, while UMBC, University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) and Texas Tech (TT), entered the event with team average USCF ratings of 2521, 2597 and 2629, respectively.





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*The Texas Tech Knight Raiders, your 2012 President's Cup champions: Standing from l-r: Paul Truong, GM Denes Boros, IM Vitaly Neimer (behind Boros), GM Andre Diamant, IM-elect Faik Aleskerov, GM Elshan Moradiabadi. Sitting from l-r: co-captain GM Georg Meier, head coach GM Susan Polgar, co-captain GM Anatoly Bykhovskiy*

As in previous years, all the other teams fielded several grandmasters, whereas NYU had just one international master, Zhe Quan, two national masters and one class A player.

Despite the ratings difference, opinions differ on who was the true underdog.

Susan Polgar, the Hungarian-born American chess great and leader of the defending champions, the Texas Tech Knight Raiders, described her team as the “heavy underdog,” even though they were superiorly-rated.

“Even though the SPICE warriors are the defending champion, we are the underdog for several reasons,” Polgar said in a blog post just before the event, SPICE being an acronym for the Susan Polgar Institute for Chess Excellence.

“Teams like UTD and UMBC are heavily supported by their respective universities

with scholarships while the Knight Raiders relied on donations in the past to even exist,” said Polgar, who is currently in the process of moving SPICE to Webster University in St. Louis, Missouri because of what she says is a lack of overall support from Texas Tech.

In a form similar to her online bio, which is rife with a litany of perceived wrongs she has endured throughout her chess career, Polgar complained that having to move some items from the SPICE office to another location on campus had hampered her team’s ability to prepare for the Final Four.

“While the other three teams were busy preparing for this very important event, the SPICE warriors were busy helping me pack the SPICE office to move to a new location on campus,” Polgar lamented. “This directly took away our valuable time

for preparation.

“The school administrators decided that right before the Final Four is the ‘right’ time to move instead of waiting (until) after the Final Four,” Polgar said.

“I’m sorry, but that’s total [BS],” an agitated Rosenberg countered. “It’s insulting to the actual underdogs.

“Underdogs don’t typically print championship T-shirts ahead of time,” Rosenberg said of the Knight Raiders.

Polgar said the T-shirts—which she had printed unbeknownst to her students—were simply her way of recognizing her players’ incredible achievement.

“Last year, they were very disappointed that they were the first and only Final Four Championship team not to have a cover on *Chess Life*,” Polgar complained. *[The Final Four has never been a cover story, so this statement is false. ~ed.]* “I

fully expect that they will be the first team not to have a *Chess Life* cover on back to back championships.

"Therefore, I wanted them to be recognized in the mainstream media instead."

For what it's worth, this writer reached out to Polgar and the Knight Raiders immediately after the Final Four but did not hear back until after a second attempt over a week later, at which

time Polgar related that many of her players had fallen ill for several days after evidently contracting something at the Final Four.

Of her previous "underdog" assessment, she noted that many of her students have been national champions, European champions or Olympians.

"They are used to pressure," Polgar said. "They know that I only expect them

to give their all. Whatever happens after that happens."

Interestingly, based on the points scored and how the final rounds played out, the Knight Raiders' ability to rightfully don the pre-printed championship T-shirts would hinge directly on Rosenberg's quest for a checkmate against Kaplan of UMBC in the following game, which Rosenberg agreed to annotate below:

## Symmetrical English (A30)

*IM Sasha Kaplan, UMBC (2440)*

*Evan Rosenberg, NYU (2240)*

*2012 College Chess Final Four (3)*

*Notes by Rosenberg*

### 1. Nf3 c5

Already Sasha has something to think about. I noticed that he was traditionally an e4 player, and he probably didn't expect the opportunity to transpose to a Sicilian. He spent a few minutes deliberating before he decided to stick with the fianchetto strategy. It is never too early to introduce a little bit of psychology.

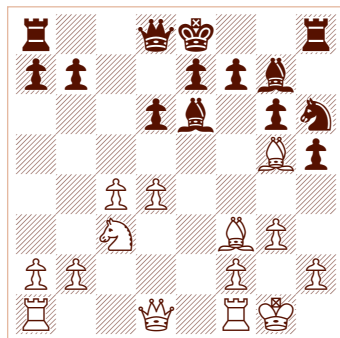
### 2. g3 Nc6 3. Bg2 g6 4. 0-0 Bg7 5. c4 h5

Black has a variety of moves at his disposal in this popular opening position. The ... h5 idea is typically seen after Black develops the knight to h6-f5. One reason I got into a lot of trouble in this game was my reluctance to castle kingside on account of my advanced h-pawn.

### 6. Nc3 Nd4 7. e3 Nxf3 8. Bxf3 d6

I should hold back the d-pawn for now and instead try to catch up in development. Once I get castled, the opportunity to push my pawn to d5 in one move gives my position more dynamic potential.

### 9. d4 cxd4 10. exd4 Nh6 11. Bg5 Be6

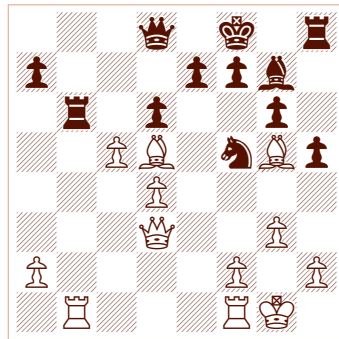


After 11. ... Be6

This move looks pretty crazy, so allow me to explain the method to my madness. I thought I had to prevent White from planting his knight on d5 at any cost, including

the sacrifice of material. However, I can just play 11. ... 0-0. If Sasha continues with 12. Nd5 I can guard my e-pawn with 12. ... Nf5 and the game will continue with White holding a slight advantage, but I am certainly in no danger of losing. Conceptually, castling never occurred to me because I was still determined to create an attack on the kingside. I overestimated the importance of keeping that possibility intact, so I subsequently underestimated the importance of patiently addressing my king safety and coordinating my pieces.

### 12. Bxb7 Rb8 13. Bc6+ Kf8 14. Qd3 Rxb2 15. Rab1 Rb6 16. Nd5 Bxd5 17. Bxd5 Nf5 18. c5



After 18. c5

This pawn sacrifice looks very dangerous, and it doesn't throw away any serious winning chances for White, but this move does not immediately target Black's most vulnerable weakness, the pawn on e7. 18. Rbe1 would have been consistent with the focus of undermining the e7-pawn.

### 18. ... Rxb1 19. Rxb1 Bxd4 20. c6 Bb6

I rejected 20. ... Qa5 because White can proceed straightforwardly with 21. Qc4, attacking f7 and supporting the c-pawn advance. 21. ... f6 is met by 22. Bh6+ Nxh6 23. Qxd4 and I can kiss my light squares good-bye.

### 21. Qc3 Nd4 22. Kg2 Kg7 23. a4

23. Rb4 is more convincing. After 23. ... f6 24. Rxd4 the best Black can do is 24. ... Ba5 which is met nicely by 25. c7.

### 23. ... h4 24. a5 h3+ 25. Kh1

Retreating the king to h1 is extremely committal. Sasha was relatively low on time at this point, and in the heat of time pressure you can't be sure if Black can arrange a queen check on a6, whereas the king on h1 is at least temporarily immune from checks. However, from this stage on, White must now be vigilantly aware of any back-rank mate possibilities. I am still in a lot of trouble, but at least I can try to exploit the mating net White weaved for himself.

### 25. ... Bc5 26. Rb7 f6 27. Be3 Rh5 28. Qc4

Sasha could have increased his advantage with 28. Bxd4 Rxd5 29. Bxf6+ when I don't have time to create mate threats.

### 28. ... Re5

And I return the favor. I couldn't snap out of consolidation mode long enough to discover 28. ... Nxc6 eliminating the irritating c-pawn. 29. Bxc6 is met by 29. ... Bxe3 30. fxe3 Rc5.

### 29. Bg8 Qe8 30. Bd5 Nxc6 31. Rb1 Nxa5

Time pressure got the better of Sasha after 29. Bg8, and now I am three pawns up! Let me tell you from personal experience, however, that winning won games is one of the toughest parts of competitive chess. Especially when you make the mistake of relaxing.

### 32. Qa2 Bb6

32. ... e6 is less complicated.

### 33. Bxb6 axb6 34. f4 Re3 35. Qd2 Ra3 36. Re1 e5

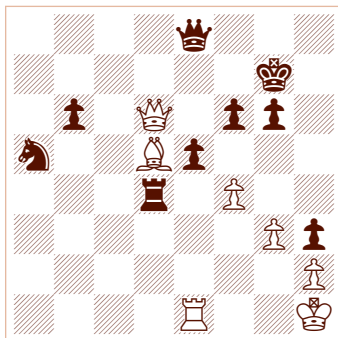
36. ... b5 is the right way to proceed. I can anchor the c4-square to regroup my misplaced knight. How could I have been so irresponsible as to think I could afford to let this position win itself? Kotov identifies this susceptibility as "dizziness due to success." Consider me dizzy.

### 37. Qb4 Ra4

37. ... Rd3 38. Qxd6 e4 is much preferable. Around this point I was falling into time pressure, and I was visibly frustrated with my inability to convert what

I believed was a completely dominating advantage. Meanwhile, Sasha was totally cool and composed.

**38. Qxd6 Rd4**



After 38. ... Rd4

Would you believe I can actually get away with 38. ... exf4 here? Those back-rank mate threats are still very real.

**39. fxe5 fxe5 40. Rf1 Kh6 41. g4 Rf4**

If you thought 38. ... exf4 was outrageous, you need to re-set your outrageous meter for 41. ... Qf7. Forcing a queen trade makes my situation infinitely more tenable.

**42. g5+ Kh7**

If not for the precious seconds ticking away on our clocks, I know Sasha would have found the forced win after 42. ... Kh7. 43. Rxf4 exf4 44. Qc7+ Kh8 45. Qc3+ Kg7 46. Qxh3+ Kg7 47. Qh6 mate. A humbling oversight on both our parts.

**43. Re1 Rf5 44. Qxb6 Qf8 45. Qc7+ Kh8 46. Qc1 Qd8 47. Be4 Rf4 48. Rd1 Qxg5 49. Qc8+ Kg7 50. Qc7+ Kh6 51. Rg1 Rg4 52. Rg3 Rxg3 53. hxg3 Nb3**

This move constituted a moral victory for me. I was essentially playing a piece down the previous 20 moves.

**54. Qf7 Qxg3**

This move is psychologically very similar to White's earlier king retreat to h1 in response to the pawn check on h3. Now I have arranged a stalemate net around White's king which Sasha cleverly exploits.

**55. Qf8+ Kg5 56. Qe7+ Kf4 57. Bb7**

57. Qf7+ right away precludes any chance for me to "un-stalemate" the king after 57. ... Kxe4 58. Qf5+.

**57. ... Nd4**

It was critical for me to play 57. ... Qe1+ 58. Kh2 Qf2+ 59. Kh1 and only now 59. ... Nd4. Now the d4-knight is ideally placed to deal with bothersome queen checks.

**58. Qf7+ Ke3 59. Qf1 e4**

59. ... g5 is better if for no other reason than I don't allow White to win my e-pawn.

**60. Bxe4 Kxe4**

60. ... Ne2 preserves Black's advantage. By taking the bishop I allow Sasha to jettison his queen and force stalemate.

**61. Qf5+, Draw agreed.**

Rosenberg says under different circumstances Kaplan would never have allowed him to escape with a draw.

"This result would guarantee the overall victory for Texas Tech," Rosenberg said. "The Texas Tech team eventually came over to thank me before slipping into their national championship T-shirts, optimistically but accurately printed before the Final Four commenced."

Texas Tech's right to wear the championship T-shirts that Polgar had in her suitcase at the Final Four also hinged on another third-round game, this one between Texas Tech's GM Andre Diamant and UTD's GM-elect Conrad Holt. It's a game in which the hands of both players literally shook as they made their final fateful moves.

Diamant told *Chess Life* under regular circumstances, he would have resigned because he had a position that he considered lost.

"In a normal game, I would resign because my position was terrible," Diamant told *Chess Life*. "But when I figured out it was the last game (between UTD and Texas Tech) to decide who will be the champion, I knew the pressure was on (Holt), not only me.

"I came to life again because if I didn't draw they will kill me," Diamant said of his teammates.

What follows is an annotation of the game that Polgar said she did based on comments by Diamant.

**Caro-Kann Defense, Panov-Botvinnik Attack (B14)**

*GM Andre Diamant, TT (2516)  
GM-elect Conrad Holt, UTD (2602)  
2012 College Chess Final Four (3)  
Notes by Polgar and Diamant*

**1. c4 c6 2. e4 d5 3. exd5 cxd5 4. d4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e6 6. Nf3 Bb4 7. cxd5 Nxd5 8. Bd2 Nc6 9. Bd3 0-0 10. 0-0 Be7 11. Nxd5**

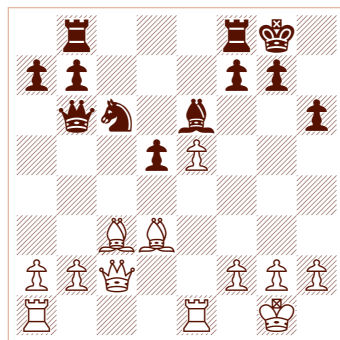
Up to this point all went as expected. From this point on, both sides were on their own.

**11. ... exd5 12. Qb3 Bf6 13. Bc3**

This is an interesting idea to support the e5-square, which has the approval of our "silicon friends."

**13. ... Rb8 14. Rfe1 Be6 15. Qc2 h6 16. Ne5 Bxe5 17. dxe5 Qb6**

(see diagram next column)



After 17. ... Qb6

The immediate 17. ... d4 would be preferred.

**18. Qe2 Rfe8 19. Rad1 d4 20. Bd2**

Now the game takes an unexpected turn by Black bravely accepting the "gift" on a2.

**20. ... Bxa2**

Given that almost all of the black pieces

are on the other side of the board, now White can develop a strong initiative and attack against the king on the kingside.

**21. Qe4 g6**

The only move to prevent Qh7+.

**22. Qf4**

At this point, Conrad went into deep thought and played ...

**22. ... Qc5**

He is trying to get the queen back to f8 to protect the dark squares.

**23. Rc1**

(see diagram top of page 28)

This was one of the critical moments in the game where Andre thought for a long time. He was thinking about the natural and sound 23. Qxh6 Nxe5 24. Bg5 Re6

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# The Teams

*The teams that qualified based on their performance at the 2011 Pan Am Intercollegiate Championship:*



## NYU

**BOARD 1: IM ZHE QUAN** (USCF 2456, FIDE 2427) • Canada • Economics major • 12th place at the 2004 World Junior Championships at the age of 14

**BOARD 2: ANDREW SHVARTSMAN** (USCF 2341, FIDE 2261) • USA, New Jersey • Finance and global business major • Silver medal, U-16 division at the 2009 Pan-Am Youth Championships

**BOARD 3: EVAN ROSENBERG** (USCF 2246, FIDE 2161) • USA, New York • Graduate student in educational leadership, politics and advocacy • Earned international master norm at the 2010 New York International

**BOARD 4: KYLE CAMERON** (USCF 1800, FIDE UNR) • USA, Pennsylvania • Finance major, social entrepreneurship minor • 1st place at the 2010 World Open G/65



## UMBC

**BOARD 1: GM LEONID “CHIEF” KRITZ** (USCF 2659, FIDE 2611) • Germany • World champion under 16 years, Spain 1999 • Best performance 2748, Holland 2007 • Participant in 2004 FIDE World Championship in Libya • Senior majoring in financial economics

**BOARD 2: GM GIORGI MARGVELASHVILI** (USCF 2566, FIDE 2547) • Republic of Georgia • Enjoys soccer • 8th place, World Junior Championship, 2009 • 1st Place, European Championship Under 14, 2004 • Sophomore majoring in financial economics

**BOARD 3: IM SASHA KAPLAN** (USCF 2440, FIDE 2405) • Israel • Enjoys music, soccer and tennis • Israel junior champion under 20, 2007 • Israeli Army champion, 2008 • Second place, Herzeliya International Round Robin • Junior majoring in mathematics

**BOARD 4: WGM SABINA “SUNSHINE” FOISOR** (USCF 2417, FIDE 2361) • USA, Maryland • Member USA Olympic team • Finalist of the USA Women Chess Championships • Enjoys music, soccer, tennis and linguistics • Senior majoring in modern languages and linguistics

**FIRST ALTERNATE: LM ADITHYA BALASUBRAMANIAN** (USCF 2318, FIDE 2233)

**SECOND ALTERNATE: BENJAMIN KRAUSE** (USCF 2264, FIDE 2209)



## UTD

**BOARD 1: GM VALENTIN YOTOV** (USCF 2613, FIDE 2560) • Bulgaria • Freshman in arts & technology • Other interest/hobbies: Reading books

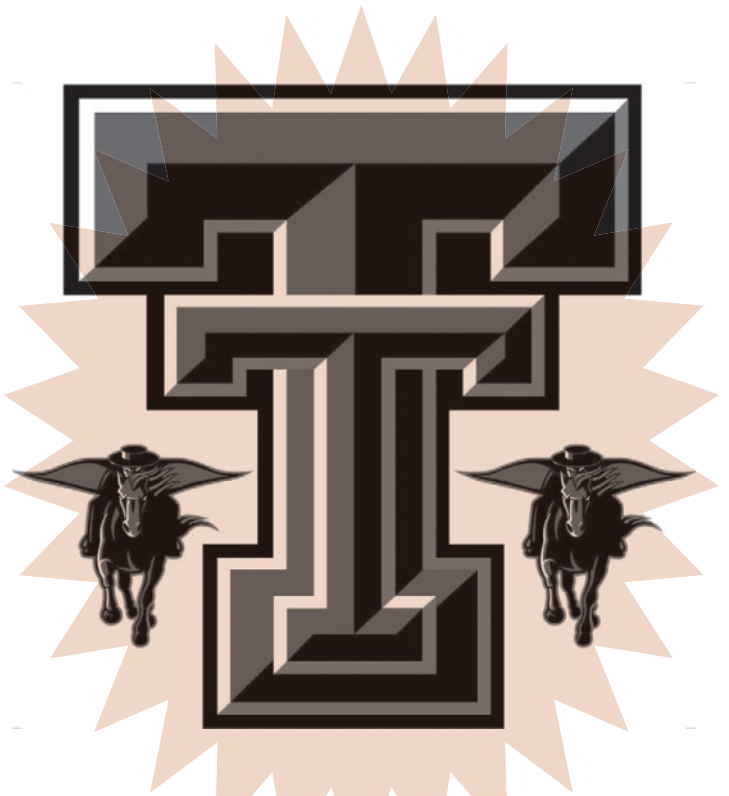
**BOARD 2: GM CRISTIAN CHIRILA** (USCF 2588, FIDE 2539) • Romania • Sophomore in international political economic studies • Other interests/hobbies: soccer

**BOARD 3: GM JULIO SADORRA** (USCF 2607, FIDE 2525) • Philippines • Junior in business administration • Other interests/hobbies: table tennis, documentary films, working out at the gym

**BOARD 4: GM-ELECT CONRAD HOLT** (USCF 2580, FIDE 2499) • USA, Kansas • Academic accomplishments: biomedical engineering, freshman • Other interests/hobbies: reading, programming

**FIRST ALTERNATE: IM MILOS PAVLOVIC**, Serbia (USCF 2526, FIDE 2482)

**SECOND ALTERNATE: IM SALVIJUS BERCYS**, USA, New York (USCF 2506, FIDE 2438)



## Winners: Texas Tech!

**BOARD 1: GM GEORG “THE GERMAN PRECISION” MEIER** (USCF 2740, FIDE 2647) • Germany • Freshman in finance • 2011 European Team Championship gold medalist, winner of the 19th Pamplona International, 2-time runner up of the SPICE Cup A group, No. 2 player on the German Olympiad team

**BOARD 2: GM ELSHAN “THE KNOWLEDGE TREE” MORADIABADI** (USCF 2598, FIDE 2542) • Iran • Graduate student in business • Former national champion of Iran, World Mind Sports Games bronze medalist, no. 2 player on the Iranian Olympiad team

**BOARD 3: GM ANATOLY “THE ROCKET” BYKHOVSKY** (USCF 2640, FIDE 2532) • Israel • Sophomore in finance • 3-time National Youth champion, 2-time Israeli blitz champion, 2-time SPICE Cup champion, Key member of the 2011 National Collegiate Chess Championship team

**BOARD 4: GM ANDRE “THE SHINY” DIAMANT** (USCF 2538, FIDE 2504) • Brazil • Sophomore in economics • Former national champion of Brazil, former top ranked Brazilian junior, member of the Brazilian Olympiad team, key member of the 2011 National Collegiate Championship team

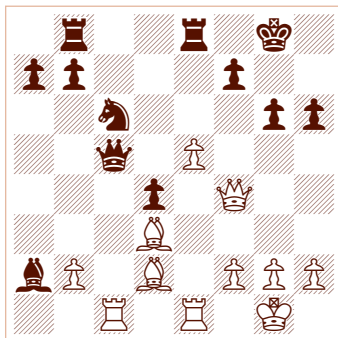
**FIRST ALTERNATE: GM DENES “THE ENTERTAINER” BOROS**, Hungary (USCF 2524, FIDE 2487)

**SECOND ALTERNATE: IM VITALY “THE DIPLOMAT” NEIMER**, Israel (USCF 2421, FIDE 2374)



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After 23. Rc1

25. Re4. After realizing that Black can likely hold with 25. ... Qf8 26. Qxf8+ Rxf8 27. Rxd4 Nxd3, he decided to play 23. Rc1 to keep things complicated.

The reason for this decision is because he felt that his teammate Bykhovsky's position against Sadorra was very dangerous. Even though it was objectively equal, one slight mistake under both mental and time pressure can be costly. Therefore, he made a decision to risk and go all out in the best interest of the team. He knew that it may backfire but there is no time for weak nerve now.

Knowing now what actually happened in the other game between Sadorra and Bykhovsky, Andre should have chosen the natural and sound 23. Qxh6 move. But Andre is an ultimate team player and I am very proud that he was courageous enough to take that chance to help his team.

As it turned out, the best way to actually continue was with the "inhumane" line of 23. b4! Nxb4 and now 24. e6 (opening the h2-b8 diagonal!) 24. ... Bxe6 (White has a small edge after 24. ... Nxd3 25. Qxf7+ Kh8 26. Bxh6 Qe7 27. Qxg6 Nxe1 28. Rxe1) 25. Bxg6 (Although 25. ... Qg5 looks OK for Black) 25. ... fxc6 26. Rxe6 and White has the advantage.

23. ... Qf8 24. Qg3

Andre felt that this was perhaps the best moment to go for a slightly better, but drawish position—if that was the goal—with 24. Bb5 followed by the capture on c6.

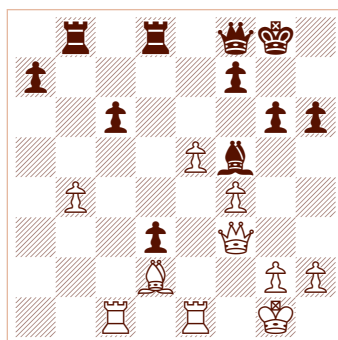
24. ... Qg7 25. f4 Be6 26. Be4 Bf5

27. Bxf5 gxf5 28. Qd3 would have secured a comfortable game for White. But at this point, Andre was still in the mode to keep things complicated and misplayed his next move.

27. Bd5 Red8 28. Qf3 d3 29. Bxc6 bxc6 30. b4 Qf8

(see diagram top of next column)

31. Rxc6



After 30. ... Qf8

Here it was better to go all out with 31. g4 Be6 32. f5.

31. ... Rxb4!

A nice Exchange sacrifice which cannot be accepted (32. Bxb4 Qxb4) as then the passed pawn on d3 would all of a sudden become a monster.

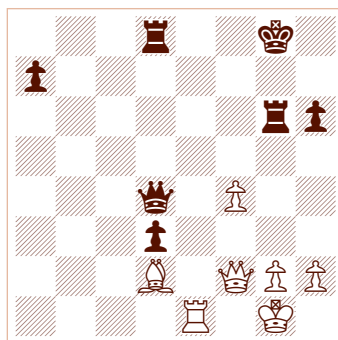
32. e6

This move further complicates the game but does not objectively improve White's chances.

32. ... Bxe6 33. Rcx6 fxe6 34. Qg4 Rb6 35. Qxg6+ Qg7 36. Qh5 Rb2

At this point, Black had an overwhelming position. Only a miracle can save this game now, especially against a player of Conrad's caliber. However, instead of praying and waiting for the miracle to happen, he took a deep breath and decided to throw the kitchen sink at his opponent for the sake of the team. Andre refused to go down without the last hurrah. It was not a bad strategy because in time pressure, anything can happen ... and it did.

37. Rxe6 Rb6 38. Re3 Rg6 39. Qf3 Qa1+ 40. Re1 Qb2 41. Qf2 Qd4



After 41. ... Qd4

42. Re8+!

Even though this move does not change the overall evaluation of the position, missing it had a psychological blow on Conrad. He also had very little time to fully calculate.

42. ... Kf7

Better was 42. ... Kh7 43. Rxd8 Qxd8 44. Qxa7+ Rg7.

43. Rxd8 Qxd8 44. Qxa7+ Kg8 45. Qa2+

Now, White is back in the game and it is realistic to save the half a point.

45. ... Kh7 46. Qf7+ Rg7 47. Qf5+ Kh8 48. Qe5

The immediate 48. Bc3? would be a mistake due to 48. ... Qb6+ 49. Kf1 Qb1+ 50. Kf2? Qc2+.

48. ... Qb6+ 49. Kf1 Qc6 50. Bc3

Now it is game over. Black cannot make any progress other than a bunch of harmless checks.

50. ... Qxg2+ 51. Ke1 Qg1+ 52. Kd2 Qxh2+ 53. Kxd3 Qg3+ 54. Ke2 Qg4+ 55. Ke1 Qg1+ 56. Ke2 Qg2+ 57. Ke1, Draw agreed.

Points weren't the only thing that players were trying to score at the Final Four of Chess. Tournament players also got a unique opportunity to score summer internships.

That's thanks to the event's host and sponsor, Booz Allen Hamilton, a worldwide technology and consulting firm based in McLean, Virginia.

Last year, the firm—cognizant of the intellectual prowess and critical thinking skills of top chess players—offered internships exclusively to the winners of the Final Four. But this year, citing improved structure in the firm's sponsorship of the tournament and increased opportunities within the company, Mark Herman, executive vice president at Booz Allen Hamilton, decided to offer internships to all members of the teams that made it to the Final Four.

Roughly half of the 22 players in the Final Four expressed interest in pursuing the internships.

At a time when the American economy struggles to wade its way back toward pre-recession norms, the quest for work was perhaps one of the most important common denominators between winners and losers, between grandmasters and lesser-rated players.

Among those who expressed interest in the internships was Texas Tech's IM Vitaly Neimer, 24, a freshman finance major from Israel.

Neimer said he and his comrades at Texas Tech, several of whom are also finance majors, would be a good fit at Booz Allen Hamilton, which counts financial consulting as one of the services it provides.

Neimer noted the similarities between the need to think strategically in finance and the way players think strategically in the game of chess.

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# 4th Annual Schein-Friedman Awards Announced

The Schein-Friedman Scholastic Recognition Project is glad to announce its fourth year scholarship recipients! Like last year, we have decided to forego the ranking process, and equally divide the awards among the recipients. Each winner will receive a \$3,000 scholarship.

This year's winners are Awonder Liang (photo, bottom), Ruifeng Li (in below photos, top right), and Sarah Chiang (in below photos, top left, left side).

**Awonder** is an 8-year-old from Wisconsin, is the newest and youngest American world champion, having recently won the gold medal at the World Youth Championships in Brazil. The USCF's top-ranked player for his age group, Awonder is a two-time national scholastics champion. He is fast closing on his immediate goal of making master.

10-year-old **Ruifeng** who hails from Texas, is a multiple times national scholastics champion. Mostly self-taught, Ruifeng is a USCF expert, and ranked second on his age group list. He recently won the silver medal in the under 10 category at the World Youth Championships.

Texan **Sarah Chiang** is 14-years-old, and is the country's top girl under 16 years of age. She recently reached a rating of 2200 and was awarded the master title. She is a 2007 silver medalist in the girls under 10 category at the World Youth Championships, and tied for third (fourth on tiebreaks) in this year's girls under 14 World Youth championship.

Congratulations to all the recipients! And a special thank you to all who applied.

The Schein-Friedman project is designed to help some of our younger champions improve and dedicate themselves more to chess, while offsetting the financial expenses that usually come with those. Hopefully the project will reward excellent youngsters, and help them become tomorrow's best players and grandmasters. At the same time they would be serving as role models and inspiration to the entire scholastic community.

Our program is generally geared towards youngsters age 7-17. Occasionally, in cases of unusual excellence (considerably exceeding the program's criteria), applications by players up to age 20 would be considered.



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“You need to evaluate things, think about future things,” Neimer said. “Every single move matters and many times in a game, you need to change the plan of the game.”

“It’s great that they’re offering it specially to chess players,” said Kyle Cameron, a freshman finance major at NYU, maintaining that the contemporary competition for internships, particularly at large firms, is “just cutthroat.”

“Booz Allen Hamilton is a very recognized firm,” Cameron said. “It looks great for future employers,” he said of being able to list the firm on his resume.

Herman, the Booz Allen Hamilton executive and chess enthusiast who arranged his company’s sponsorship of the Final Four, said his primary objective behind sponsoring the Final Four is to make chess more prominent in American culture.

“If I could raise the national championship to a level where it’s in the conscience of the American public,” Her-

man said of his dreams.

“I tell people we’re hosting the national (chess) champions,” he said. “They say, ‘There is such a thing?’ They don’t even know.”

At the same time, Herman said, it makes sense for his firm to use the event to recruit talent from among the nation’s top collegiate chess players.

“Grandmasters are in the genius level,” Herman said, adding that he didn’t even realize when his firm hosted the championship last year that the majority of the players were grandmasters.

## Lindenwood Launches World-Class Collegiate Chess Program



*ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI—Lindenwood University is putting out a call for some of the finest young chess players in America and abroad. And the university is willing to provide scholarship money to build the nation’s top collegiate chess program.*

*Located in the St. Louis metropolitan area just west of the city of St. Louis, Lindenwood University is a private four-year liberal arts school that is dedicated to excellence in higher education.*

*What is unique about Lindenwood’s plan is the number of competitors it plans to have in the program. Organizers say there could be 25-30 players on up to six different teams.*

*“We are planning to recruit some of the highest-rated competitors in the world,” said Tim Canavan, Lindenwood’s director of student life sports. “We are also going to recruit people who aren’t at the elite level yet, but want to get there. Our interest is competing, promoting the wonderful game of chess, and providing a way for young people to get a good education.”*

*Canavan said the university has been collaborating with the*

*Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis, which is known internationally for its quality. He praised the Chess Club for its guidance during the program’s developmental stages. Canavan said Lindenwood has retained the Club’s grandmaster-in-residence, Ben Finegold, as coach.*

*“I was immediately impressed with the level of commitment Lindenwood has demonstrated to launching this program,” Finegold said. “It’s an exciting development for collegiate chess and also for the chess scene in the greater St. Louis area.”*

*Lindenwood already is on the recruiting trail and is building a collegiate schedule with plans to compete in the fall. Brett Barger, Dean of Graduate and Evening Admissions, said the university already has designated a spot in the Evans Commons for practice and competition.*

*For information about a chess scholarship at Lindenwood University, call Lauren Nystrom at (636) 949-4949. For more information about the university, visit [www.lindenwood.edu](http://www.lindenwood.edu).*



## Booz Allen: Final Four Sponsor



**Former U.S. Chess Champion GM Alex Onischuk conducted a simultaneous exhibition for area elementary players.**

Because Booz Allen recognizes that the skills required to make a great chess player are some of the same skills needed to solve the world's toughest problems, Booz Allen will offer members of the Final Four teams top consideration for summer internships for which they qualify.

"The similarities between chess and our business are clear; they both demand the world's best strategists, critical thinkers, and decisive leaders to solve complex problems," said Booz Allen Executive Vice President Mark Herman, who spearheaded the firm's sponsorship of this event. "Because we believe that the skills chess players master are critical work skills, we would welcome any qualified players into our summer internship programs," he added.

Specifically, Booz Allen is recruiting the nation's top collegiate chess players for internship and co-op positions in cloud analytics in the firm's Washington D.C. area offices. Cloud analytics—using cloud and related computing technologies to perform sophisticated analysis on data sets in order to help solve complex problems—is an important element of the firm's cloud based services. Members of the Final Four teams have been invited to submit resumes for this and other summer internship programs for which they are qualified.

The President's Cup event also featured two programs designed for children. On Saturday, March 31, GM Alex Onischuk, the third-ranked American chess player, engaged in a simultaneous exhibition with area players in grades K-5. Following the exhibition, area K-5 players competed in a four-round tournament.

*Booz Allen Hamilton is a leading provider of management and technology consulting services to the U.S. government in defense, intelligence, and civil markets, and to major corporations, institutions, and not-for-profit organizations. Booz Allen is headquartered in McLean, Virginia, employs more than 25,000 people, and had revenue of \$5.59 billion for the 12 months ended March 31, 2011. (NYSE: BAH)*

## 2012 Final Four of College Chess At A Glance

**Date:** March 31-April 1, 2012 **Location:** Booz Allen Hamilton, Herndon, Virginia **Top Finishers:** 1st, 8: Texas Tech; 2nd, 7½: University of Texas at Dallas; 3rd, 7½: University of Maryland, Baltimore County; 4th, 1: New York University. **Chief Tournament Director:** Mike E. Hoffpauir

"The ability to interact with and recruit brilliant people is never a bad thing," Herman said. "It's going to help the firm."

Among those who've already used the Final Four to land work at Booz Allen Hamilton is IM-elect Faik Aleskerov, team assistant at Texas Tech and member of the 2011 championship team.

Aleskerov, an MBA student, did an internship last summer in Baku, the capital city of his native Azerbaijan, and has been invited to intern for the firm again.

His internship involved doing something that is common in the world of chess—evaluating and monitoring.

"They have lots of projects," Aleskerov said of various projects the firm has going on in his native country. "My task was to study all these projects and then evaluate them."

He also helped write a handbook for new employees.

"It was a great experience," Aleskerov said. "It's teamwork and diversity."

"Every day we were on a phone conference overseas. This company is not local. It's global."

So was, in many ways, the Final Four itself. In that regard, NYU—besides being the lower rated team—was also distinct for being made up of three American students and one from Canada, while the other teams were made up of mostly foreign nationals from countries as diverse as Israel, Iran, Brazil and Germany.

"Chess is a bigger game overseas than it is here," Herman, the Booz Allen Hamilton executive, observed.

Herman said if he had his way, chess would feature more prominently on the landscape of American education.

"In and of itself, it doesn't put bread on the table," Herman said of the reality of chess for most chess players. But what chess does is help players train their minds in such a way as to enable them to apply the principles of chess in the world of work.

"If you're going to be in my business, which is consulting, critical thinking is what it's about," Herman said.

"I've got a room full of the best critical thinkers that you're going to find anywhere," Herman said as he sat at the dinner to kick off the Final Four of Chess. "Why wouldn't I want to recruit them?" ■

*See more by Jamaal Abdul-Alim from the Final Four on [uschess.org](http://uschess.org), Chess Life Online, April archives.*

*A collegiate chess director is being sought by Texas Tech. Formerly combined with the head coach position, the director position is being separated in order to allow greater focus on chess training, community outreach, and education. See the full press release at [uschess.org](http://uschess.org), press.*

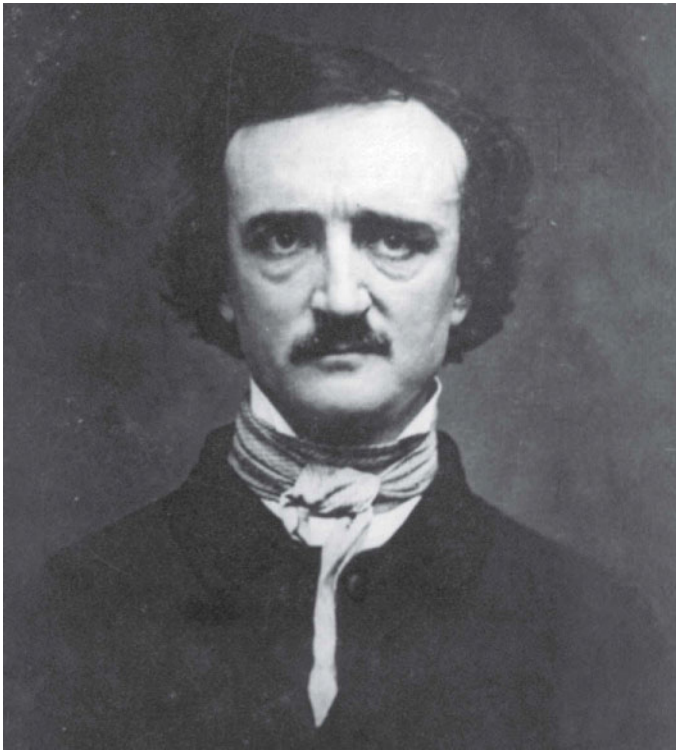
# Edgar Allan Poe versus The Turk—Again



*The famed 1769 automaton continues to fascinate the public.*

By Dr. Gerald M. Levitt

EDGAR ALLAN POE, noted master of the macabre mystery story, and poet of such works as *The Raven* and *Annabelle Lee*, was born on January 19, 1809, the same notable year that brought us Charles Darwin, Louis Braille, and Abraham Lincoln. The Turk, the automaton chess playing machine of Wolfgang von Kempelen, created in 1769, made his explosive entrance to the world's stage in 1770 at Schönbrunn Palace, the home of Maria Theresa, empress of Austria-Hungary.



Edgar Allan Poe

By 1835, the Turk had played before the heads of state in Europe, and against the likes of François-André Danican Philidor, Frederick the Great of Prussia, Benjamin Franklin, and Napoleon Bonaparte. His second owner, Johann Nepomuk Maelzel had spirited him to the New World in 1825. Upon conquering the infant United States with steady and sure chess playing (and having contested a game against the 89-year-old Charles Carroll, the last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence, in 1827, in Baltimore), The Turk was travelling around the country, and was taking his second visit to Richmond, Virginia. In Richmond, Poe had been fired as the editor of the *Southern Literary Messenger* magazine after being dismissed for drunkenness, but remained as a contributor to the magazine through 1837. In 1835, the Turk made its second Richmond appearance, and Poe was there, watching intensely, taking notes, and thinking deeply about the mystery of The Turk.

When it first appeared in 1770 in Vienna, at first it was thought this mechanical chess playing machine was actually just that—a chess playing machine. Over the years since its debut, people realized that there must be someone hidden inside the machine, but von Kempelen would not admit to the secret of how it worked. People wrote articles, books, pamphlets, and letters to magazines, theorizing the way the hidden director moved the arm, saw the board's position, and hid inside the cabinet when the interior was being shown to the audience. During his 1835 Richmond visit, Edgar Allan Poe, mystery writer, began work on his most famous essay, "Maelzel's Chess Playing Machine." He watched, listened, and studied The Turk as it performed. He also did research into the attempted exposés of others that preceded him. In 1836, his essay appeared in print, and unfortunately is still widely quoted as the truth about The

Turk, while in reality it is one of the most prominent sources of misinformation about the automaton.

The Turk was destroyed in a fire on July 5, 1854, age 85, residing on the back landing in the Chinese Museum in Philadelphia, the Turk's adapted home. Poe died on October 7, 1849, age 40, in Baltimore, from undetermined causes. Attributed possibly to alcohol, cholera, stroke, heart disease, rabies, suicide and other means, his premature death is the last great mystery he left to us.

The Turk spent a good part of his life in Philadelphia, as did Edgar Allan Poe. Maelzel's shows, and especially the Turk were a prominent feature of the entertainment available in the city founded by William Penn. Poe wrote often during his six year stay in Philadelphia (1838-1844), penning such immortal works as: *The Cask of Amontillado*, *The Pit and the Pendulum*, *The Gold Bug*, *Fall of the House of Usher*, *Murders in the Rue Morgue*, and others. During his six years in Philadelphia, the Turk had been reconstructed by Dr. Mitchell and the Turk Restoration Club. It frequently gave shows, ending up in the aforementioned Chinese Museum, eventually unused, a mere display. It is highly possible that with Poe's previous association and contact with the Turk, he well might have made visits to see it play again.

The Turk. Edgar Allan Poe. New Mexico. Neither the Turk nor Mr. Poe travelled west of the Mississippi in their lifetimes. So how did New Mexico get into this mix?

In 2006, the National Endowment for the Arts tried a pilot project called The Big Read, to help promote a more literate society and increase the numbers of book enthusiasts across the United States. It was officially launched in 2007, and by 2011 had granted 949 awards to various communities to host Big Read programs. As mentioned previously, October 7, 1849, was the date of Edgar Allan Poe's untimely and unfortunate death. Albuquerque, New Mexico was granted one of 76 Big Read grants from September 2011 to June 2012. Janet Phillips, the youth services librarian at the Loma Colorado Main Library in Rio Rancho, New Mexico was prompted for ideas for the Big Read program. Edgar Allan Poe had been selected by the Albuquerque libraries as the subject for the reading promotion, and Janet submitted her suggestion for a topic. She wanted to do something other than the usual Poe tie-ins of macabre mysteries, and wrote, "Perhaps a chess tournament tie-in with partial reading/discussion of 'Maelzel's Chess-Player' and its modern equivalent counterpart of play chess against computers." That idea was added to the grant

*"Nothing has been written on this topic which can be considered as decisive — and accordingly we find every where men of mechanical genius, of great general acuteness, and discriminative understanding, who make no scruple in pronouncing the Automaton a pure machine, unconnected with human agency in its movements, and consequently, beyond all comparison, the most astonishing of the inventions of mankind."* —EDGAR ALLAN POE, "MAELZEL'S CHESS-PLAYER"

proposal and was then awarded a grant. In her search for "Poe" and the "Turk" on *YouTube*, she came across one of my videos about my book, *The Turk, Chess Automaton*, and was able to contact me via e-mail. I was very interested in helping out and suggested perhaps a prerecorded lecture of some sort would be informative about the Turk, and Poe's essay. I also thought that perhaps John Gaughan (creator and constructor of master magicians, props and illusions, and father of the reconstructed Turk) might participate, and after speaking with him he said that he would provide a video showing his demonstration as to how The Turk was displayed when he played in the 18th and 19th centuries. Then Janet had the idea of doing a question and answer

session via *Skype*. It was a great idea, but none of us had ever used *Skype* before. We obtained *Skype* accounts and soon we were practicing and Janet was checking out the logistics of showing the lecture and the *Skype* question and answer session on the big display screen at the library. Our first attempts had bugs (maybe they were gold bugs) but we persevered and after three practice sessions we had things pretty much under control.

In the meanwhile, Janet was busy with other aspects of the event. Namely, the chess tournament they wanted to follow the Turk/Poe material. One of the Albuquerque librarians had in the past worked with Scott Kerns (the 2002 New Mexico chess champion). His chess club meets regularly at the Albuquerque Main Library and she suggested that perhaps he might run the chess tournament. Janet learned about this invitation to Scott after he had been asked by the Albuquerque librarian, but was delighted to have some experienced help in running the tournament. Janet, unknowing of Scott's willingness to help, had contacted Oren Stevens, the president of the New Mexico Chess Organization and asked him to run the tournament. Janet says that luckily, the two chess aficionados were well known to each other and happy to work together organizing and running the tournament.

I had a collection of slides that were used in a PowerPoint presentation created by Dr. Joseph Wagner when I lectured in Las Vegas at the National Open in 2003 and later in Los Angeles at the U.S. Open in 2003. At both of these events, Mr. Gaughan presented his reconstructed Turk who played endgames with members of the enchanted audience. I had never worked with PowerPoint before, but found I was able to add commentary to each of the slides that I wanted to use. The first attempted lecture ran for over an hour, which was too long. I reduced the time to 28 minutes which was acceptable to Janet, but to me, was just the briefest description of the Turk's history and explanation of the illusion.

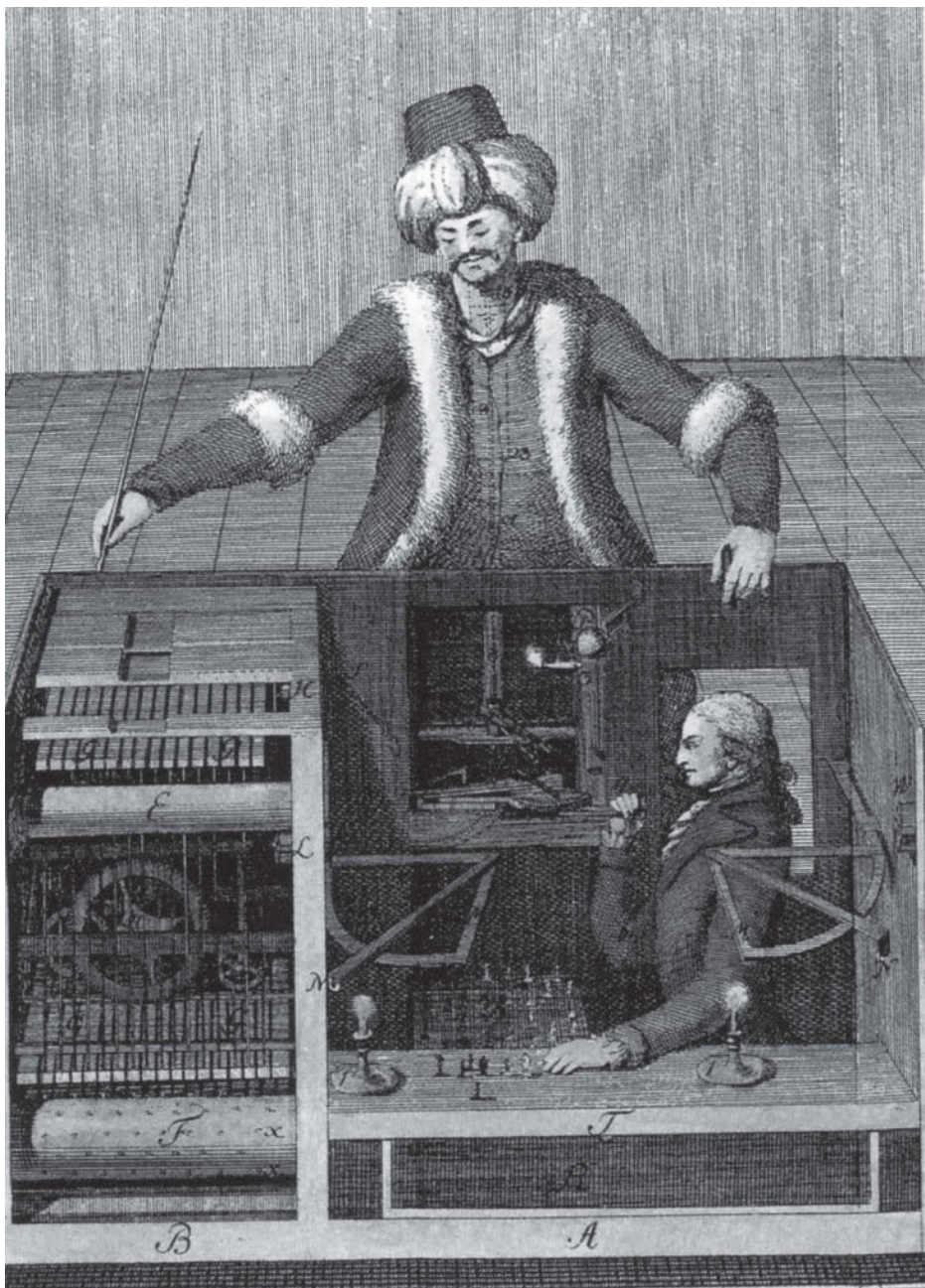
Mr. Gaughan had a video of one of the reconstructed Turk's appearances in 2003. He built it in the 1990's, taking five years and \$120,000 to complete. On rare occasions he takes him out to play. This video shows the process by which the interior of the Turk was revealed step-by-step. He opens doors, shines light through the opening from back to front, turns the Turk around to show the wood and metal pieces in the body of the Turk, and then turns it around to face the audience, and begins shutting the open doors. A key is wound up, and we watch the Turk come alive. His eyes flutter, and his head nods and turns. Soon his left arm rises and moves to a chess piece, the hand then

lowered as the fingers open to receive the selected piece for the first move. The hand closes on the piece, the arm rises and hovers over the landing spot, then the hand lowers, places the piece and opens up its wooden fingers. The arm then returns to its starting spot, a cushion on the top of the cabinet. It is still as captivating today as it would have been in the 1770's.

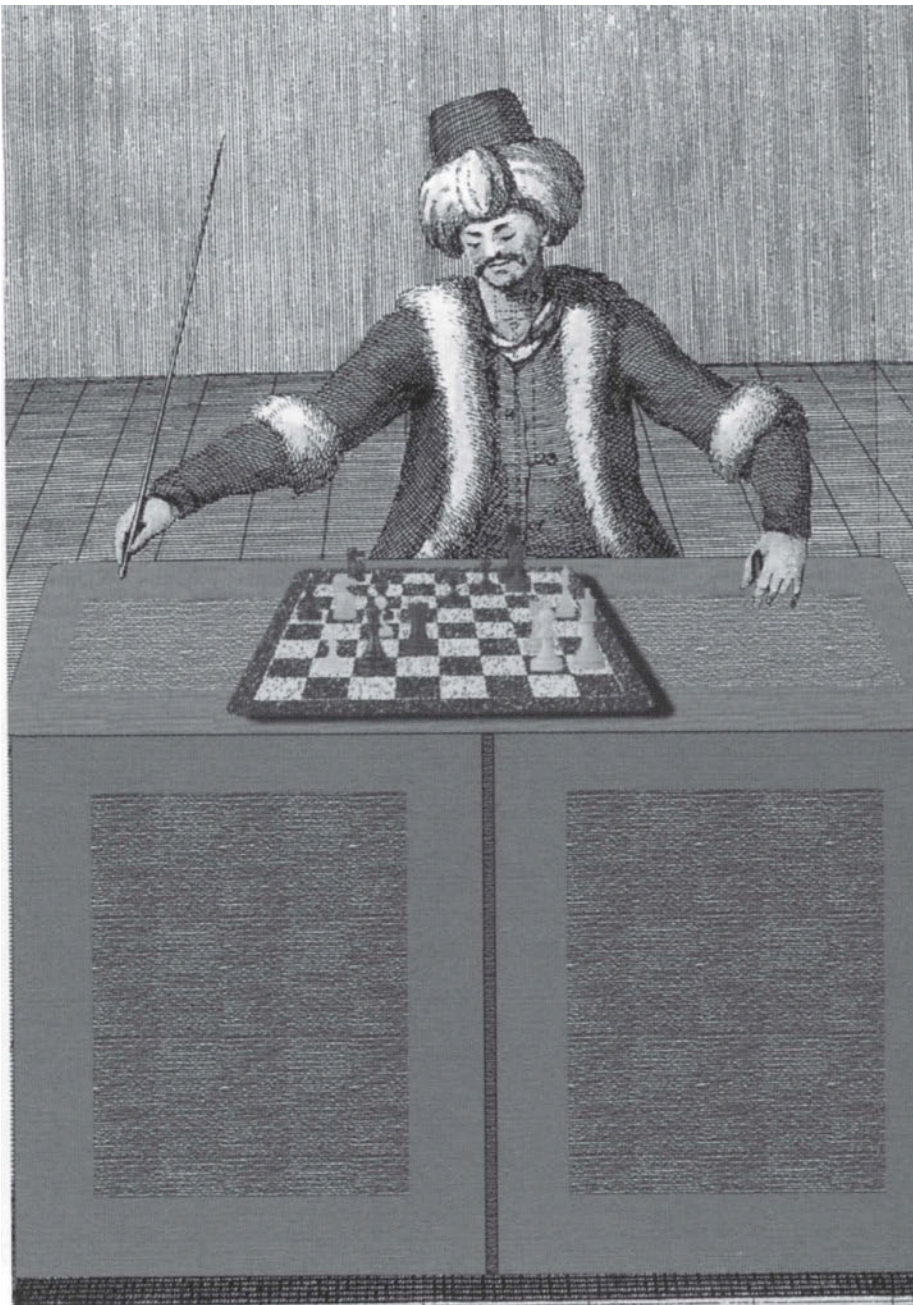
The question and answer session went well. Questions about the creation of the reconstructed Turk, and how my book developed, and others, were answered by Mr. Gaughan and myself. Unfortunately, about 12 minutes into the question and answer session, both Mr. Gaughan and myself lost our *Skype* connections to the

library. John and I were still able to speak and see each other during the lost connection, and we had an interesting discussion about Turk related events. Mr. Gaughan told me about a festival in Budapest in which the reconstructed Turk was displayed, along with speaking machines and other relics of Baron von Kempelen.

After our presentations, Oren Stevens and Scott Kerns set up a display board with chess puzzles and discussed the positions and possible solutions with an eager audience. Soon after that, the tournament began as pairings were posted, and games started. The chess boards had been borrowed from Oren Stevens and



*"A key is wound up, and we watch The Turk come alive."*



*"[The Turk] is still as captivating today as it would have been in the 1770s."*

the Rio Rancho High School chess team. There were 18 participants in the tournament, with players of varying experience and chess skills. The director was Scott Kerns who assembled the players into three sections.

After the tournament, Janet contacted me via e-mail and gave me a list of questions for John Gaughan and myself, that were not able to be asked during the question and answer session because of the communications breakdown. Here are the questions asked, and my answers to them.

#### **How strong was Poe at chess?**

As to Poe's chess playing, I know of no games of his that have been recorded, or other references to his chess playing abil-

ity. I would imagine that he most likely tried his hand at the game, as its popularity at the time was quite substantial. Many chess clubs formed during the early to mid-1800's, and he was most likely a part of the chess playing craze that accompanied it. I have searched a bit on the Internet, and most Poe-chess references are related to his essay. Some Poe scholars may have a better idea from personal papers and the like as to his chess playing. Wish I knew more.

#### **The Turk's Knight Tour was reentrant. Has the number of reentrant (or non-reentrant) tours ever been determined?**

The Knight's Tour has, according to Wikipedia, exactly 26,534,728,821,064

(interesting that it ends with the number of squares on a chessboard) solutions on an 8x8 board. I found a very interesting site that allows you to try your hand at a Knight's Tour. The site is: <http://www.borderschess.org/KnightTour.htm>. It's a great trick that has fascinated many.

#### **Some people in the 17-1800's had more creative theories on how the Turk worked—like witchcraft. What are some of the wilder theories you have heard of from people who lived in that era?**

I suppose that people considered it witchcraft, or some supernatural force that enabled the Turk to play chess. At the first showing in 1770, a woman considered it to be the work of the devil, and ran and hid in a corner as The Turk played (See Windisch's first person account of the first showing; one informative site is [harvardpress.typepad.com/hup\\_publicity/2011/08/the-mechanical-turk.html](http://harvardpress.typepad.com/hup_publicity/2011/08/the-mechanical-turk.html)). Magic was also a common explanation for things that were not easily understood. But it seems that most people either considered it an actual machine that could play chess, or an illusion directed by a human hidden inside. (They wanted to learn how the illusion was performed, especially in regards to the hiding of the hidden director, how he or she saw the movement of the chess pieces, how the arm moved, how was it illuminated inside, and how did the "machine" play such wonderful chess?).

#### **Have any of Maelzel's other creations survived?**

John Gaughan would be better to explain the machines of von Kempelen. As we were talking with each other during the *Skype* outage, Mr. Gaughan related to me that he had been in Budapest at an exhibit and celebration of von Kempelen, and they had some of his speaking machines on display. I imagine his fountains at Schönbrunn may still be in operation, and perhaps his designs of the salt mines are still functioning. As Mr. Gaughan related, von Kempelen is a national treasure to the Hungarians. He has been noted on coins and stamps and is an admired personage in his native Hungary. Hopefully, Mr. Gaughan can add some additional information. Here is a self portrait of von Kempelen that I recently came across: Janet relates that the attendees "... had a good time, enjoyed all the presentations, playing chess, and playing with the Nook." ■

*My PowerPoint presentation is available on YouTube at: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=LdBrItMMej0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LdBrItMMej0); John Gaughan's exhibition and the question and answer session is also viewable on YouTube at: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=LTWYb3MpNg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LTWYb3MpNg)*

# A Year In The Life

*A Connecticut chess facility celebrates its anniversary*

By Jeff Peterson

There was precious little warning—a brief e-mail, a Facebook posting—but the news was stunning. Yuri Averbakh, the world’s oldest living grandmaster and one of the last of the true Soviet chess elite, was coming to lecture at my local club. Indeed, it would be his only lecture on this trip to America.

But my local club isn’t the storied Marshall in New York City, nor the venerable Mechanics’ Chess Club in San Francisco, nor even the gleaming Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis. I am a member of the Chess Club of Fairfield County (CCFC), in Norwalk, Connecticut, and I was about to receive instruction from one of the combatants from the Zurich 1953 tournament.

Averbakh’s lecture was a joy. The man’s passion for the game, and for instruction, radiated from him, warming the crowd of thirty or so. He spoke at length about the challenges facing chess as a sport, and shared some innovative ideas for bringing more girls and women into the royal game. With the help of one of our members, he displayed several intriguing endgames on the club’s large monitor screen, and had us all laughing—laughing!—as he revealed

the tangled paths to victory. Encouraged by one member to comment on his draw against Fischer in 1958, Averbakh at first demurred, apologizing that he couldn’t possibly remember all the moves; a moment later, he nevertheless began reconstructing the game in perfect detail. All in all, it was a most impressive, entertaining, and illuminating night.

It was also something of a watershed moment for the CCFC. A year earlier, it had only been a vague idea shared by two local tournament players; just a few months before Averbakh’s lecture, there was still some doubt about whether the club could ever be brought into being. And yet here I was, hanging out on a Wednesday evening in the main tournament hall of a 4,000-square-foot building dedicated to chess.

I reflected on this as I watched Averbakh sign autographs for his many fans. For years, the local chess community had had to rely on the generosity of local businesses and community centers. Wednesday nights at the bookstore café, Saturdays at the library, the occasional tournament in the community room of a local police station—the story is the same all over America. But here, some enter-

prising players had decided they could do better. They saw a wandering tribe, and decided to build it a home.

## Out of the Shadows

I got my first peek inside the CCFC in November 2010, and I felt lucky to get it. Many of us in the local chess community knew what was going on, but most questions were politely evaded.

While it was hard to believe that a building dedicated to chess was coming to our corner of the world, no one doubted the commitment of the club’s two founders, Daniel Lowinger and Melvin Patrick, both long-term tournament players, chess teachers, and fixtures on the local chess scene. When they began talking about the club they were creating, our response was to nod politely and wonder what disused storefront or basement they had in mind.

But that November evening, I was directed to 710 West Avenue in Norwalk, a free-standing building complete with its own parking lot. I double-checked the address before going in. The air at the time was thick with the smell of drying paint and freshly laid carpet, but the atmosphere was bright and airy—a far cry



*GM Yuri Averbakh was gracious enough to sign several autographs, including one for the author's copy of Bronstein's book of the 1953 Zurich tournament.*

from the dinginess that I (and, I suspect, many chessplayers in general) have come to expect of our playing venues. There were two lounges with plush chairs and large TV screens, bathrooms that were pristine, and a large tournament room with tall windows. The chess library was as yet unstocked, and the refrigerator in the kitchenette was crying out for snacks, but the impression was that of a complete, well-rounded home, a far cry from the room with a few chess sets and folding chairs I had envisioned.

I sat with Lowinger and Patrick in the yet-unfinished tournament hall and asked them how they formed the idea for such a fully realized club. "I'm not sure I can remember exactly when I got the idea of a club," said Patrick, "but I was doing sketches for a chess lounge or chess bar years ago."

Idle fantasies, perhaps, common enough to many chessplayers, but Patrick had also begun making his mark in the area by hosting a series of well-regarded blitz and G/30 tournaments. Getting these rolling had proved less of a challenge than many had anticipated. "We've had to deal with the naysayers," Patrick noted, with pride rather than malice. "When I started

with the tournaments, people were saying to me that GMs wouldn't come, that it wasn't going to happen. Then we wound up getting seven. So if you raise your expectations a little higher, I believe that good things can happen. That's what the CCFC is all about: higher expectations."

Patrick quickly made the acquaintance of Daniel Lowinger, a master-level player and teacher at a prestigious private school. Lowinger had built a chess program from scratch there (his team ultimately winning the Connecticut and New England scholastic championships), and he'd begun giving private lessons as well. "I suddenly realized that Melvin was working with a portion of the chess community that was completely different from the portion I'd taken up. We'd both been building up a contact base out of two groups with no intersection. It occurred to us that the best thing to do was make an umbrella organization that could cover the whole community."

The leap from a combined organization to a physical center was easier than might be supposed. "We didn't invent chess," says Patrick, "People were playing chess before we arrived, and they'll be playing it

after we're gone. What's different is that there was no place for them to be. When you see a bunch of homeless people, you get the idea, 'let's build a home.' That's what this is, we're building a home around the chess community that already exists. They're going to tournaments already. We're not doing anything earth-shattering. The only thing new is the facility, a permanent place to be."

### **Soft Opening**

As Lowinger and Patrick approached the new year, I asked them when they were going to have a grand opening. Certainly, I argued, the chess community would want to celebrate the new birth, and the local media may even have an interest.

But in characteristic fashion, the CCFC opted for a "soft opening," a regular tournament with no bells or whistles. "We thought that we wanted to focus on getting things up and running," said Patrick, "to make sure that everything was working the way we thought it should be working. There was always going to be time for a grand opening somewhere down the road." As it happens, however, that time came and went—probably because,

like artists waiting for that elusive 'final stroke' that will finish the composition, the directors were always tinkering, trying to make sure the club ran ever more smoothly. About 150 tournaments later, the results speak for themselves.

Those early tournaments were golden, with all the visitors savoring the new facility. A young boy, already a grizzled tournament veteran at age 7, tore himself away from his parents, bolted upstairs, and zigzagged his way through the main tournament hall. His verdict? "Wicked cool!"

I have felt this glow for myself. After many years of telling my wife that "I'm off to the bookstore" or "I'm heading to the library," after years of parking in other people's lots and playing on other people's schedules, I'm finally able to say, with a bit of pride, "I'm going down to the club." So far, I have not once been sharply escorted out at closing time, something that was all too common when the club met at the bookstore.

### **"More. Just more."**

But those other places had one advantage: they were free. For adults, the CCFC charges an annual fee of \$300. But both Lowinger and Patrick are quick to point out that it's about more than keeping the lights on. "There will always be free chess at a library or a bookstore, and you can't compete with free," says Patrick. "If that's your thing, go ahead. This may not be for everybody. We're offering more. It's just more."

Lowinger picks up this thought. "There's a flexibility here. There's the sense of pride in ownership. The bookstore is fine, but it's not yours, and they're going to tell you to leave in the most repetitive manner, all the time." He begins talking passionately about something that's clearly close to his heart, the notion of community.

"It's not just that it's a nicer place," Lowinger says, leaning toward me. "You're not paying for an upgraded version of the bookstore or the library or wherever. It's a completely different concept. It's yours. If you and ten people decide you want to do something, then come in and do it. Use the space, it's your building."

"I think people forget that they have their own imaginations, and they forget what it means to be excited about an idea," Lowinger continues. "We're only limited by the creativity and the imagination of our members. I want people to be excited, we can make it, we can do whatever, it's our home."

This spirit has led to the evolution of a surprisingly diverse calendar of events. There are, of course, the regular quads and the ever-popular blitz tournaments, but there's also a bughouse and pizza night (with tournaments generating in-



*IM Irina Krush prepares to move against IM Jan Van De Mortel.*

house ratings for the participants), grandmaster lectures and simulms, and holiday parties. The CCFC, to its own surprise, has even become a regional hub for officially sanctioned Scrabble events.

The club has been just as responsive to the needs of the youth chess community. What started as a series of camps over school vacations has blossomed into an array of programs such as a traveling scholastic "Dream Team" and a regular series of youth tournaments. And in response to a challenge from GM Averbakh himself, the CCFC has made great strides in making chess more accessible to girls, developing a "Queens Rule" program for girls and women, taught by female instructors.

### **Coming-Out Party**

If the CCFC had a 'coming-out party,' it was certainly the Fairfield County Masters and Class Championships held back in June, 2011. This tournament (arguably the strongest in the state) had been run by Patrick for many years prior to the CCFC's opening, but always at local libraries or community centers. This time around, there was room for no fewer than 20 titled players, allowing for an 18-player master section featuring a who's who of the top levels of American tournament chess. The competitors included three-time U.S. champion GM Joel Benjamin, three-time U.S. women's champion IM Irina Krush, GM Tamaz Gelashvili (who had recently stormed through the Philadelphia Open), and many other players of note.

As the tournament was a G/30 event, a time control the CCFC has found appealing to a large population of players, there was a great deal of drama packed into a single day. The play in the top section was sharp from the outset, and produced only three draws over the course of five rounds. When the smoke cleared, GM Benjamin stood in sole possession of the

lead with a score of 4½/5; GM Gelashvili was the only player able to tag Benjamin for some points, dueling to a draw in the final round. Gelashvili shared second place with IM Jan Van De Mortel, each posting a score of 4/5. Dan Lowinger acquitted himself well against such stellar competition, posting a worthy 3/5.

Lowinger and Patrick are hoping to build on such successes with a series of tournaments to celebrate the CCFC's first year, culminating in a first official club championship in January 2012 where club stalwart GM Mikheil Kekelidze fended off a strong challenge from GM Eugene Perelshteyn to claim the crown. There's also some excited chatter about a new lecture from GM Averbakh, whose name has become something of a magic word at the club ("I understand your point, but I recall that Averbakh said ...").

As the club's second year rolls forward, the founders' primary goal—forging a real community out of the diaspora of chess-players—seems well on its way to success. But I have a nagging doubt that I confide to Lowinger. We live in an era of tremendous technological sophistication, an age where I can open up my computer at any hour and find someone to play against. If I am already connected to chess players across the world, isn't a local club a step backwards?

It's clear that's a question to which Lowinger has devoted a lot of thought. "One of the things that encourages me about this place is, despite appearances, people really do like to be around other people. The technology is pushing people in that direction, but I don't think that's what people really like. I think people like being around other people. I think people like to talk, I think people like to play chess in person much more than playing on the Internet. That's one of the things people are going to like about this place, it's bringing us back, away from this sci-fi world of cyborgs. It's a place to be." ■



## Texas GMs **Timur Gareyev** and **Alejandro Ramirez** are the 2012 Samford Fellows

By **IM JOHN DONALDSON**

FRANK P. SAMFORD, JR. CHESS FELLOWSHIP, marking its 26th annual award, has selected Grandmasters Timur Gareyev of Brownsville, Texas, and Alejandro Ramirez of Garland, Texas, as its 2012 Fellows. The Samford is the richest and most important chess fellowship in the United States. It identifies and assists the best young American chess masters by providing top-level coaching, strong competition and access to study materials. The Fellowship also supplies a monthly stipend for living expenses so that the winners may devote themselves to chess without having financial worries. The total value of the Fellowship has been increased several times over the years and is now \$42,000 annually, which will be divided equally between the two winners. The prize is awarded for one year and can be renewed for a second year. The winners' term begins July 1st, 2012.

All in all, it gives these brilliant young American grandmasters the support and resources necessary to enhance their skills and reach their full potential.

Currently rated 2654 by FIDE, Timur Gareyev was awarded the grandmaster title at the age of 16. He won the championship of his native Uzbekistan in 2007 and last year took first place in both the Chicago Open and the 11th Metropolitan FIDE Invitational tournament in Los Angeles. Timur is currently a student at the University of Texas at Brownsville which he attends on a chess scholarship.

A native of Costa Rica, Alejandro Ramirez earned the title of grandmaster at the age of 14, being the first (and still the only) player from Central America to ever hold that title. A graduate of the University of Texas with a master's degree in arts & technology/design and production of video games, Alejandro won the 2008 Morelia Open and finished at the top of the 2010 U.S. Open.

The winners were chosen by the Samford Fellowship committee, consisting of Frank P. Samford III (son of Samford Fellowship founder Frank P. Samford, Jr.), former U.S. Chess Champion Grandmaster Arthur Bisguier and International Master John Donaldson. The winners' potential was determined based on their chess talent, work ethic, dedication and accomplishments. The Fellowship is administered by the U.S. Chess Trust with particularly valuable services provided by Barbara DeMaro.

The Samford Chess Fellowship was created by the late Frank P. Samford, Jr. of Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Samford was a distinguished attorney and CEO of Liberty National Life Insurance Company (now Torchmark). He was active in civic, business, political, educational and cultural affairs. Mr. Samford was also an enthusiastic competitor in chess tournaments. After providing financial support for several chess projects he decided to do something significant for American chess. The result was the Samford Fellowship.

Since its inception the Fellowship has proven very successful. Many Samford fellows have become strong grandmasters, members of the United States Olympiad team and U.S. Champions. America's two top players, Gata Kamsky and Hikaru Nakamura, are not only rated in the top 15 in the world but are former Samford fellows.

Generous contributions from the late Mrs. Virginia Samford and the Torchmark Corporation support the Fellowship. The Samford Fellowship is a fitting memorial to an extraordinary man. The dedication, creativity and achievement that marked Mr. Frank P. Samford, Jr.'s life are examples for all chessplayers to admire and emulate. ■



*Top: GM Timur Gareyev; Bottom: GM Alejandro Ramirez*

## 2012 Trophies Plus All-America Team

*Our annual look at the best young players in the United States*

The USCF is pleased to announce the 2012 All-America Team sponsored by Trophies Plus. Team members were announced at the 2011 National K-12 held this past November in Dallas, Texas. Each member of the 2012 All-America Team receives a team jacket and plaque. The All-America Team was created in 1987 to honor the very best players ages 18 and under. The team, one of the highest national honors attainable by a young chess player, is selected on the basis of age, rating, and activities during that year, similar to the selection process of “all conference” sports teams. This year’s candidates were selected based on their age as of January 1, 2011, and their peak post-tournament rating from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Since this award is a “post-season” selection, the minimum rating limits in each age group are reviewed annually by the USCF staff and the USCF scholastic council. The All-America Team is sponsored by Trophies Plus of Templeton, Iowa. Trophies Plus has sponsored the team since 2004. In addition to the support provided for this award, Doyle Engelen, owner of Trophies Plus, provides trophies for national tournaments as well as post-tournament trophy shipping. The USCF is proud to have Trophies Plus as a part of scholastic chess by sponsoring this year’s All-America Team. You can visit Trophies Plus at their website: [www.trophiesplus.com](http://www.trophiesplus.com) or call them at 800-397-9993.

*The team members younger than 13 years old were featured in the April Chess Life for Kids, available to USCF members at [uschess.org](http://uschess.org).*



**Yian Liou | 13 | 2365**

ALAMO, CALIFORNIA

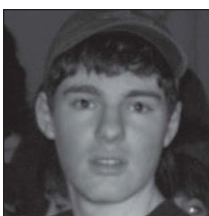
**Coach:** GM Larry Christiansen; GM Predrag Trajkovic.  
**Chess Success:** 2010 U.S. Cadet co-champion, first on tiebreak; 2009 U.S. Chess League 3rd team all star board 4; 2009 north California K-12 champion.



**Daniel Gurevich | 13 | 2267**

MARIETTA, GEORGIA

**Chess Success:** First place at 2004 National K-12 Championship (grade 1), 2005 and 2009 SuperNationals (K-1 section and K-6 section, respectively). **Other interests:** “What’s the Question” columnist for *Chess Life for Kids*.



**Michael Bodek | 13 | 2304**

NEW ROCHELLE, NEW YORK

**Coach:** GM Gregory Kaidanov. **Chess Success:** Michael was co-champion for the 2011 U.S. Cadet tournament. U.S. delegate to U14 - 2012 World Youth Chess Championship. 6th grade national champion, 8th grade national co-champion.



**Varun Krishnan | 13 | 2267**

LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA

**Coach:** IM Cyrus Lakdawala. **Chess Success:** Four-time All-America team; represented U.S. in three World Youth Chess Championships; three-time section winner of the American Open championship; “life master” title from USCF; San Diego Junior Open champion (2009).



**Kevin Wang | 13 | 2279**

BETHESDA, MARYLAND

**Chess Success:** Won the 2010 University of Maryland, Baltimore County Sweet 16 title. **Other interests:** Tennis, clarinet.



**Michael William Brown | 13 | 2265**

TRABUCO CANYON, CALIFORNIA

**Coach:** IM Armen Ambartsoumian. **Chess Success:** National Youth Action K-6 winner (2008); two-time World Youth participant (2009, 2011); National Open U2200 co-champion (Las Vegas, 2010); National K-12 Championship (grade 8) co-champion (2010); first Annual Barber K-8 co-champion (2011).



**FM Arthur Shen | 13 | 2276**

EDISON, NEW JERSEY

**Chess Success:** First place 2011 U.S. Cadet; first place 2011 North American Youth Championship; tied for first 2009 Pan American Youth U12.



**Jarod Pamatmat | 13 | 2261**

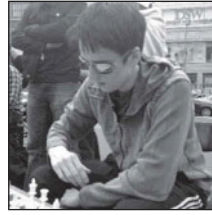
TYLER, TEXAS

**Coach:** GM Alexei Shirov, GM Babakuli Annakov. **Chess Success:** Texas state scholastic champion; first place at 2009 National K-12 Championship (grade 7); four-time World Youth Chess participant. **Other interests:** Piano, basketball.



**IM Darwin Yang** | 14 | 2501  
PLANO, TEXAS

**Coach:** GM Gregory Kaidanov. **Chess Success:** International master 2011 at age of 14; two-time national champion; Texas elementary champion; Pan-American Champion U10; bronze medal winner at World Youth Championship.



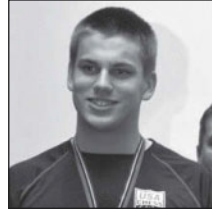
**William Fisher** | 16 | 2369  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

**Chess Success:** United States Chess League: 2011 rookie of the year, 2011 first team all-star, board 4. 2011 Eastern Team Championship, first place (tie), top board 1; 2011 Greater Philadelphia Junior Invitational first place; 2011 PA state high school champion (Denker invite).



**FM Aleksandr Ostrovskiy** | 14 | 2402  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

**Chess success:** Winner of master section (U2400) at the 2011 World Open; international master norm performances at 2010 Continental Class Championship and 2011 New York International; 2010 New York State champion (youngest ever at age 14).



**IM Steven C. Zierk** | 17 | 2536  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

**Coach:** GM Melikset Khachiyan. **Chess success:** 2010 World Under 18 champion; 2010 Denker champion. **Other interests:** Weightlifting, running, shotput, discus, programming, reading.



**David Adelberg** | 14 | 2354  
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA

**Coach:** GM Alex Yermolinsky. **Chess Success:** Participated in three World Youth Championships (Vietnam, Turkey, Greece, 2008-2010); team bronze medal in VungTau, Vietnam; National Junior High Champion 2010; Arizona state high school champion (as fifth grader).



**IM Conrad Holt** | 17 | 2526  
WICHITA, KANSAS

**Coach:** Member of the UT-Dallas chess team, which is coached by Rade Milovanovic. **Chess success:** International master; GM-elect; Member of UTD team that won 2011 Pan Am Intercollegiate Championship; Member Dallas Destiny, 2011, first team all-star, board 2.



**Atulya Arya Shetty** | 14 | 2310  
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

**Coach:** GM Gregory Kaidanov. **Chess success:** Represented U.S. in World Youth Chess Championships in 2006 (Republic of Georgia), 2008 (Vietnam) and 2010 (Greece); Named to 2007, 2008 and 2011 USCF All-America teams; participated in 2010 and 2011 U.S. Cadet Championships; winner of 2011 Michigan Open.



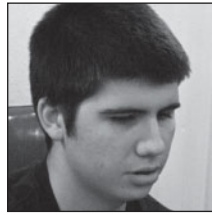
**FM Victor C. Shen** | 17 | 2437  
EDISON, NEW JERSEY

**Chess Success:** Won 2012 Liberty Bell Open; won 2010 World Open, U2400 section; won 2009 Pan American U16; won 2010 North American Youth U18. **Other interests:** Freshman at Columbia University studying economics.



**IM Daniel A. Naroditsky** | 15 | 2536  
FOSTER CITY, CALIFORNIA

**Coach:** GM Lev Psakhis, GM Alex Onischuk. **Chess Success:** International master; Published *Mastering Positional Chess*. Participated in the U.S. Closed Championship, 2011. **Other interests:** Basketball, reading, writing.



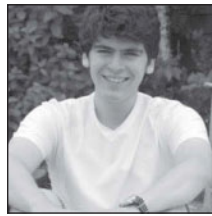
**Raven M. Sturt** | 17 | 2431  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

**Chess Success:** First place at 2011 National K-12 Championship (grade 12). **Other interests:** Math, science, foreign languages, golf, tennis, Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth.



**Robert Perez** | 15 | 2344  
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

**Coach:** GM Julio Becerra. **Chess Success:** Tied for first in 2011 World Open, U2400 section. **Other interests:** Math, MIT student majoring in math with computer science.



**FM Alec Getz** | 17 | 2407  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

**Chess Success:** Pan American U16 gold medal (2008); five national scholastic championships; 15 national scholastic team championships; All-America team since 2004, two international master norms; taught chess at Hunter Elementary and neighboring title one school; tied for second at U.S. Junior (2011).



**GM Ray Robson** | 16 | 2629  
CLEARWATER, FLORIDA

**Coach:** GM Alex Onischuk. **Chess Success:** Youngest U.S. grandmaster ever (age 14); youngest person ever to qualify for the U.S. Closed Championship (age 12); currently one of the top 10 players in the U.S. (2011); currently one of the top 20 players in the world (under age 20, based on FIDE rating) (2011).



**IM Marc Tyler Arnold** | 18 | 2545  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

**Coach:** GM Yury Shulman. **Chess success:** International master title; won U.S. Cadet and U.S. Junior; won 10th and 11th grade nationals; exceeded 2500 FIDE rating. **Plans:** To be a sports agent or successful businessman.

# The Wrong Turn

By GM Lev Alburt

*Even strong players should further hone their defensive skills.*

Jeff Green spent a quarter of his remaining time analyzing the consequences of a tempting-but-risky bishop sacrifice. Conclusions: unclear. Jeff boldly opted for a sacrifice, and his higher-rated opponent immediately blundered, overlooking a beautiful follow-up rook sacrifice two moves later. *(My further comments will be in italics).*

## Alekhine's Defense, Chase Variation (B02)

Jeff Green (1695)

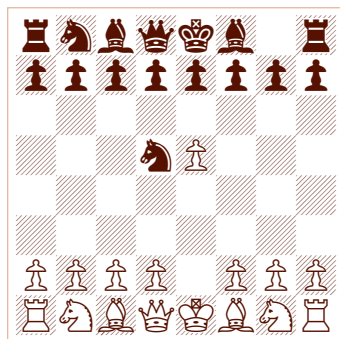
Joshua Zhu (2093)

2009 Arizona Scholastic State Championship (5)

### 1. e4

Notice the rating difference.

### 1. ... Nf6 2. e5 Nd5



After 2. ... Nd5

### 3. c4

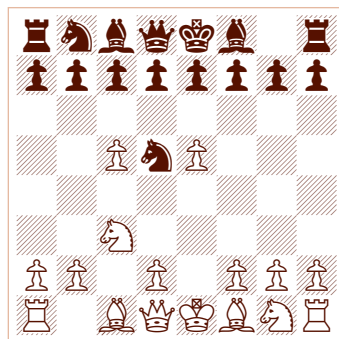
White's best continuation here is the modest-looking 3. d4 d6 4. Nf3, with a better game in all lines.

### 3. ... Nb6 4. c5!?

A strange move with the idea of inhibiting Black's normal avenues of play and gaining more space for the white pieces.

*The official name of this line is the Chase Variation.*

### 4. ... Nd5 5. Nc3



After 5. Nc3

### 5. ... e6

5. ... Nxc3 would be met by 6. dxc3 when Black has a very difficult game and White gets all his pieces out without difficulty.

*My preference here is 5. ... c6, with a good game, e.g., 6. Bc4 d6!. Note how active the c8-bishop is in this line, controlling, particularly, the g4-square.*

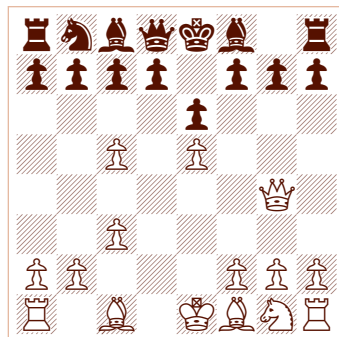
### 6. Qg4

Indirectly defending c5 by creating a threat on g7. Now the bishop on f8 is tied down to the pawn's defense.

### 6. ... Nxc3?!

*"The theory" recommends here 6. ... h5, with a complex and even game.*

### 7. dxc3



After 7. dxc3

### 7. ... h6

Preventing Bg5 which would have caused Black some difficulty.

### 8. Be3 d6?!

The wrong idea. Black should strive to free his game with ... b7-b6, where White would have nothing better than cxb6. The ... d7-d6 push is very common in Alekhine's Defense, but here it is worse than useless.

### 9. Rd1

Not 9. 0-0-0 because Black should free his game with 9. ... b6, wherein after 10. cxb6 axb6 the king is unsafe on the queenside.

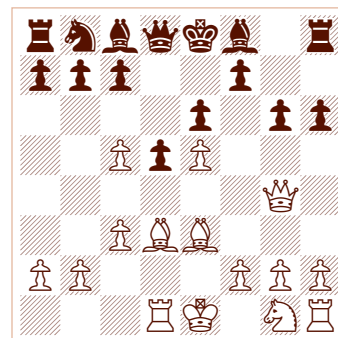
### 9. ... d5

*The necessity of this move underscores that 8. ... d6 was a mistake.*

### 10. Bd3

Also good was 10. Nf3.

### 10. ... g6??



After 10. ... g6

Another typical Alekhine idea. Unfortunately, it is again the wrong one. Notice that Black has no pieces out!

*As we will see from Jeff's comment to White's next move, the judgment "??" is too harsh.*

### 11. Bxg6!?

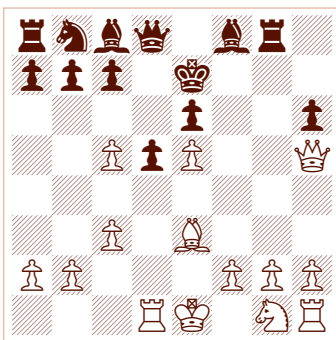
This requires a lot of calculation to play.

There are two main responses, both of which go many moves deep. I fully analyzed the consequences of the game move, but the variations were much more hazy. I had thought this move through for 10-15 minutes in a 60 minute game, and my opponent responded much too quickly.

*The resilience of some chess positions is amazing. In this game, starting with move 6, Black made several not-so-good, dubious, or time-wasting moves. Still, White's most natural move—11. Bxg6—indeed leads to quite “hazy” situations while other, “normal” moves: 11. Nf3, 11. f4 should keep White somewhat better, but only “somewhat.” In toto, I commend both Jeff's thoughtfulness in this crucial moment, and his bold decision. As I have pontificated many times in this column and in my books, it's easier to attack than to defend!*

### 11. ... fxg6??

The losing move. The only defense is 11. ... Rg8 12. Bxf7+ Kxf7 13. Qh5+ Ke7.



Analysis after 13. ... Ke7

This is as far as I analyzed in the game, making the positional judgment that my piece was worth the two pawns, extra development, and inhibited black development. Looking back with the aid of a computer I am not so sure. See some of the variations for an idea of how the game could have proceeded.

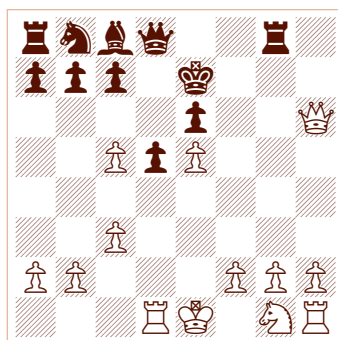
14. Ne2 is the only way to play for a win: the enemy king is in the center, his kingside is destroyed, I have superior development, and soon I may have some passed pawns. However, I am also down a piece (for two pawns—L.A.). The game could continue: 14. ... Qe8 (14. ... Rxc2? 15. Ng3 followed by Kf1) 15. Qh4+ Kd7 16. 0-0.

Of course, I could make a draw by repetition: 14. Qh4+ Ke8 (14. ... Kd7? 15. Rxd5+ —L.A.) 15. Qh5+ Ke7 (15. ... Kd7 16. Qf7+ Bd7 Be7 17. Rxd5+) 16. Qh4+.

Also interesting—and equally unclear—is 14. Bxh6 (from the last analysis diagram) 14. ... Bxh6 15. Qxh6.

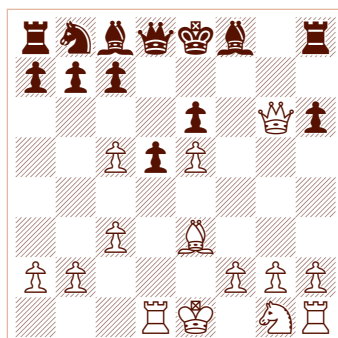
(see diagram top of next column)

Now back to the game, after Black's blunderous 11. ... fxg6:



Analysis after 15. Qxh6

### 12. Qxg6+



After 12. Qxg6+

### 12. ... Kd7

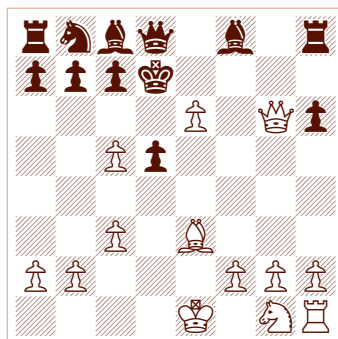
If 12. ... Ke7, then 13. Qf6+ picks up the rook.

### 13. Rxd5+!!

With a clear win.

Without this move the previous sacrifice fails.

### 13. ... exd5 14. e6+!



After 14. e6+

### 14. ... Kc6

Or 14. ... Ke7 15. Qf7 mate.

### 15. e7+

This was as far as I had calculated on move 11. I saw that there was no way to save the queen.

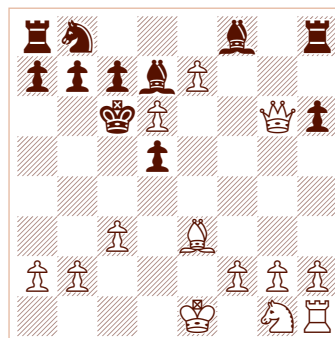
### 15. ... Qd6

Or 15. ... Kd7 16. exd8=Q+ Kxd8 17. Qf6+.

### 16. cxd6

Or 16. e8=Q+ Bd7 17. cxd6 Bxe8 18. Qxe8+ Kxd6—another possibility, but inferior to actual play.

### 16. ... Bd7



After 16. ... Bd7

### 17. dxc7+! Kxc7 18. Bf4+, Black resigned.

This is my most entertaining game to date, and it happened to be a miniature, an upset victory, and a critical win in a critical tournament (I later won third place as a major underdog). I am extremely proud of this game.

Up to the very last move, Jeff played very precisely. His win was well deserved. And the position after 10. ... g6, and the decision to sacrifice or not to sacrifice, deserves a lot of study time. ■

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# Surprise!

By GM Pal Benko

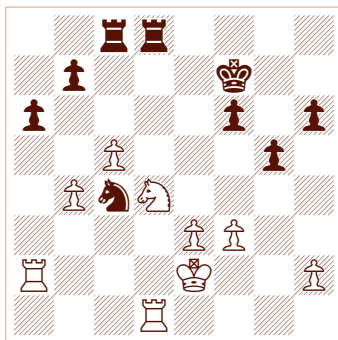
*Some of the most unusual and exciting games from Wijk aan Zee.*

This month I explore the most interesting and unusual endgames that emerged from the 74th Wijk aan Zee tournament (Tata Steel Chess, January 13-29, 2012).

## Life imitates art

*GM Vassily Ivanchuk (FIDE 2766, UKR)*

*GM Anish Giri (FIDE 2714, NED)*



White to play

Black has more or less equalized and no immediate danger can be seen.

### 33. c6 Rc7?

This innocent rook move is followed by a shocker. The natural and satisfactory response was 33. ... bxc6 and then either 34. Rc1 Ne5 or 34. Rxa6 c5! are equal.

### 34. Ne6!

Or 34. Nb5.

### 34. ... Rxd1

Gives away a pawn rather than the Exchange, but 34. ... Kxe6 35. Rxd8 Rxc6 minimizes the damage.

### 35. Nxc7 Rb1 36. b5! Nd6 37. bxa6 bxa6 38. e4

Why not simply 38. Rxa6? There is hardly time to go after the pawn with 38. ... Rb2+ 39. Kd3 Rxh2.

### 38. ... f5?

A better attempt would have been to go for the rook ending with 38. ... Nb5 which

could have yielded practical drawing chances.

### 39. e5

Better is 39. Rd2!

### 39. ... Nb5 40. Nxb5 Rxb5 41. Kd3 Ke6 42. Rc2 Rb8

Just holding on is 42. ... Rd5+ 43. Kc4 Rb5.

### 43. Kd4 h5

Possibly better is 43. ... a5.

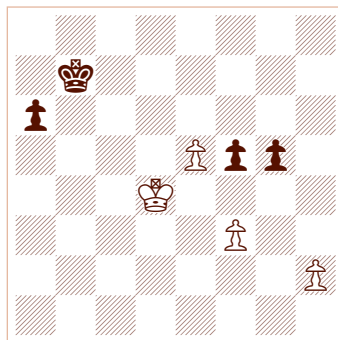
### 44. c7 Rc8 45. Rc6+ Kd7 46. Rh6

Other good alternatives are 46. Rxa6 or 46. Rf6.

### 46. ... Rxc7 47. Rxh5 Rb7?

This leads to a problem-like pawn ending. Either 47. ... Ke6 or 47. ... Rc1 were better.

### 48. Rh7+ Kc8 49. Rh8+ Kd7 50. Rh7+ Kc8 51. Rxb7 Kxb7



After 51. ... Kxb7

### 52. f4!

This move forces either a protected passed pawn or a successful pawn race for White.

### 52. ... gxf4 53. h4 a5 54. e6 Kc7 55. h5 a4 56. e7 Kd7 57. h6, Black resigned.

After 57. ... a3 58. h7 a2 59. e8=Q+ Kxe8 60. h8=Q+ wins. These motifs (promotion on h8 that prevents ... a1=Q or

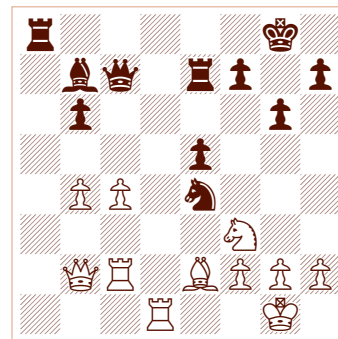
wins by check) had been presented as early as 1930 by Nikolai Grigoriev. But that composition is faulty so I give my improvement in the Bafflers.

Unfortunately the U.S. players also missed opportunities.

## Exposed king

*GM Boris Gelfand (FIDE 2739, ISR)*

*GM Gata Kamsky (FIDE 2732, USA)*



Black to play

The even-looking position is about to reveal a bolt from the blue.

### 24. ... Nxf2!

A pretty and correct sacrifice that forces the king from his shelter.

### 25. Kxf2 e4 26. h3?

It was advisable to give the piece back (26. Ne1 would be followed by 26. ... Qxh2 27. Rc3 Rae8 with a strong Black attack). Sometimes a surprised opponent becomes a confused one. Here either 26. g3 or 26. Qc3 could have been much safer.

### 26. ... exf3 27. Bxf3 Bxf3 28. Kxf3 Rae8 29. Qd4 Re6

Another opportunity was 29. ... Re4 30. Qxe4 Rxe4 31. Kxe4 Qe7+ followed by 32. ... Qxb4, but Black would rather continue to attack the king since after 30. Kf2 Black stops the king's escape with 30. ... Qh2.

## 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.

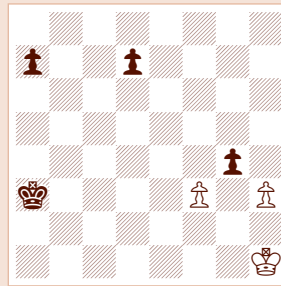
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### Problem I

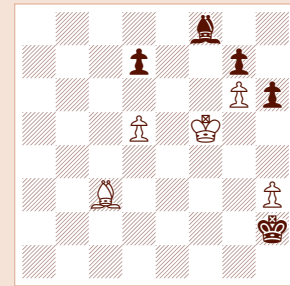
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White to play and win

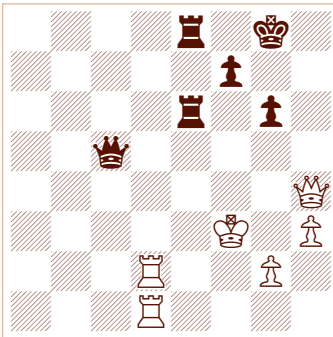
### Problem II

Jeff Green (Arizona) 2010



White to play and win

30. c5 h5 31. Rcd2 bxc5 32. bxc5 h4! 33. Qxh4 Qxc5?



After 33. ... Qxc5

Winning immediately was 33. ... Re3+ 34. Kf2 Qh2 35. Qg5 R5e5. What is the king doing on f3? Can you believe White gets away with this? If 34. Qd4 Qg5 35. Kf2 Re4 36. Qc3 Re3 37. Qc7 Re1 wins while after 34. Rd4, 34. ... g5! would end the game.

34. Kg3 Re4?

An error that lets the white king breathe. The right course is 34. ... Qc7+ (or even 34. ... g5 is good) 35. Kf2 Qh2! and there is no remedy against Black bringing a rook to the f-file.

35. Qf6 R4e6 36. Qd4 Qc7+ 37. Kf3 g5 38. g4 Re5 39. Kg2 Qc6+ 40. Kf2?

More bearable for White is 40. Kg1 Qf3 41. Rg2 Qxh3 42. Rf1.

40. ... R8e6?

Black was presented another winning chance but failed to find it. After 40. ... Qh6, the king's rather "windy" position could have been impossible to defend.

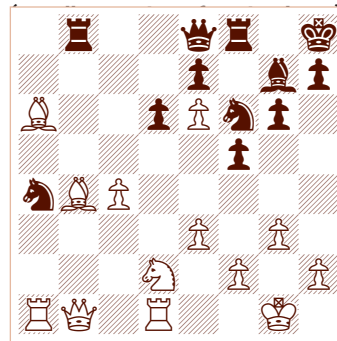
41. Qb2 Rf6+ 42. Kg1 Rb5 43. Qd4 Rf4 44. Qd6 Qxd6, Draw agreed.

What a pity!

### Rook and bishop subdue queen

GM Levon Aronian (FIDE 2805, ARM)

GM Hikaru Nakamura (FIDE 2759, USA)



Black to play

25. ... Nc3

Seemingly wins an Exchange but in fact White finds a positional queen sacrifice.

26. Bxc3 Rxb1 27. Rdx1 g5

White controls the entire queenside by giving up his queen so Black probes for kingside counterplay.

28. Rb7 Ng8 29. Bxg7+ Kxg7 30. Rb5 Qg6 31. c5 dxc5

Black hastily sheds the unpleasant e6-pawn, but this fails to generate any real activity after ... Qf6 followed by ... f5-f4. However, Black actually losing the game does not seem realistic at this point.

32. Rxc5 Qxe6 33. Nf3 Qd6

Or 33. ... Qb6. Now the f5 and g5 pawns are in danger. Black can only make a defensive stand, without a break, while the white position is firm.

34. Nd4 Kh8 35. Rc6

He prefers to hold the positional advantage rather than draw after 35. Rxf5 Rxf5 36. Nxf5 Qf6 37. Ra5 (37. Nd4 e5) 37. ... Qb6 38. Ra1 Qb2 39. Ra5 Qb6.

35. ... Qd7 36. Rac1 f4 37. Bc8 Qa7 38. Ne6 Rf6 39. exf4 gxf4 40. Rc7

In the case of 40. Nxf4? Rxc6 41. Rxc6 Qa1+ 42. Kg2 Qa8 43. Bd7 Nf6 would win for Black.

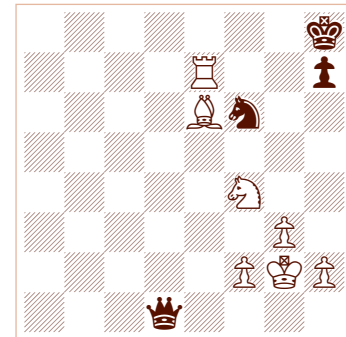
40. ... Qa4?

Again, that ominous 40th move! 40. ... Qb6 41. Nxf4 Rxf4 42. gxf4 Qg6+ would be a perpetual check.

41. Nxf4 Rd6

Black could not bring himself to try a sacrifice on f4 or play ... e7-e5. The f4-knight remains a strong attacking/defending piece.

42. Be6 Rd1+ 43. Rxd1 Qxd1+ 44. Kg2 Nf6 45. Rxe7



After 45. Rxe7

White wins the second pawn. It was better, perhaps, to give it up with 44. ... Kg7, trading the bishop for the knight to have less material on the board. Winning for White now is merely a technical matter.

45. ... Qe1 46. Rf7 Qe4+ 47. f3 Qd4 48. Kh3 Qe5

Dubious would be 48. ... Qb2?!

49. Kh4! Qd4 50. Bg4 Qe5

After 50. ... Qd6, White's attack continues with 51. Bf5.

51. Ne6! h6

51. ... h5 52. Nf4! Kg8 53. Be6 ends all discussion.

52. Rf8+ Ng8 53. f4 Qb2 54. Kh3 Qa1 55.

Bh5 Kh7 56. Rf7+ Kh8 57. Bg6 Nf6 58. Rf8+ Ng8 59. Bf7, Black resigned.

A thoroughly humiliating experience for the queen. ■

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	NAME	STATE	PTS.
1	GM Mikheil Kekelidze	NY	139.58
2	GM Alexander Ivanov	MA	102.33
3	GM Sergey Kudrin	CT	100.45
4	GM Tamaz Gelashvili	NY	92.45
5	IM Enrico Sevillano	CA	92.33
6	IM Justin Sarkar	NY	78.33
7	GM Melikset Khachiyan	CA	52.60
8	FM John Daniel Bryant	MO	48.38
9	GM Alexander Stripunsky	NJ	44.46
10	GM Eugene Perelshteyn	MA	40.78
11	GM Benjamin P. Finegold	MO	35.00
12	GM Timur Gareyev	TX	34.00
13	FM Alexander Kretchetov	CA	30.33
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ALVARADO, OSCAR	CA-S	4282
TANENBAUM, ZACHARY CHEN	CT	4224
KAMARA, ABUBAKARR	DE	4200
YU, JENNIFER R	VA	3829
TAYLOR-BRILL, SETH	NC	3819
BALLESTEROS, ADRIAN	CA-S	3769
GANESH, VIKRAM	CA-N	3664
GAVIN, MIRO	PA	3500
KROUPA, AARON JOSEPH	WI	3500
DELGADO, GILBERT	CA-S	3434
PATEL, ADVAIT	WV	3410
MCGREEN, MAYA	NY	3339
TOBIAS, SANDRA	IL	3296
AZVOLINSKY, ARTHUR	PA	3295
MORRIS, BROCK TRUMAN	MN	3290
CLARE, ZACHARY A	DC	3246
JIANG, KELVIN	CA-N	3217
AUGUSTHY, LAMAR	IL	3150

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NOVAK, ALEX J	IL	3150
LOPEZ, ERICK	FL	3140
REAVES, JAYDEN	NY	3124
LUO, MAGGIE	VA	3123
ERICKSON, NICK	MN	3120
SRINIVAS, RAHUL	CA-N	3080
BRAUER, TRAVIS RICKSECKER	IL	3042
FRIEDMAN, GLORIA	MN	3006
KOBLA, VISHAL	VA	2994
BUZEK, JAN	WA	2954
DENG, YU	MO	2937
SALESKI, NICK I	WA	2920
TAO, RACHEL		2914
WEGNER, MICHAEL MINSOO	WI	2902
CHOW, COLIN	CA-N	2898
FENG, MAGGIE	OH	2863
SHI, JEFFREY	NY	2824
SCHLISSERMAN, SETH EVAN	NJ	2800
RAJENDRA, ANUPAMA SHASHIKALA	WI	2800
DAVIS, JAYVON	DE	2800

## U.S. OPEN SIDE EVENTS

*May register on-line except for the Bughouse which is on-site only.*

### 4 – 5 August:

U.S. Open Weekend Swiss. GPP: 6. 5-SS, G/60. \$\$1,000 guaranteed prizes. \$200-100-50, U2200/Unr \$160, U1800 \$140, U1600 \$120, U1400 \$100, U1200 \$80, Unr \$50. Entry fee \$40, Unr free if paying USCF dues. On-Site Registration 8:30-9:30 am 8/4, Rds: Sat 10-1-3:30, Sun 10-1.

### 5 August:

U.S. Open Bughouse. G/5. Entry fee \$20 per team. 80% of entry fees in cash prizes. Registration ends at 6:30 pm, first round begins at 7:00 pm.

### 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 August:

U.S. Open Quads. G/30. Entry fee \$20. Registration 9 am-11:30 am, Rds. 12-1:30-2:30. \$50 to first in each quad.

### 8 August:

U.S. Open G/15 Championship. 5-SS, G/15. Quick rated, higher of regular or quick rating. Entry fee \$40. Registration 9 am-11:30 am. Rds: noon, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00. 80% of entries as returned as cash prizes. First 30%, second 15%, U2100 12%, U1800 10%, U1500/Unr 8%, U1200 5%.

### 11 August:

U.S. Open Blitz Championship. WCL GPP: 15. 7-SS (double round, 14 games), 1 section, G/5. Quick rated, higher of regular or quick rating. Entry fee \$40, free to Unrated if paying USCF dues. Registration 9 am-11:30 am, first round begins at noon. \$2000 guaranteed prizes! \$400-200-150, Expert \$200-100, U2000 \$200-100, U1800 \$180-90, U1600/Unr \$140-70, U1400 \$100, U1200 \$70.

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### What to Take to a Tournament

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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.

**\$\$Gt:** 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.

**C:** Computers allowed.

**CC:** Chess club.

**EF:** Entry fee.

**Enhanced Grand Prix points** (see previous page).

**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.

**OSA:** Other states accepted. Refers to state dues.

**PPHBF:** Professional Players Health and Benefits Fund.

**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).

**S:** Smoking allowed.

**SASE:** For more info, send self-addressed stamped envelope.

**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.

**Section:** A division of a tournament, usually excluding players above a specified rating. Players in a section face only each other, not those in other sections.

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

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

**Unr:** Unrated.

**USEF:** Combined entry fee & USCF dues.

**W:** Site is accessible to wheelchairs.

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

## USCF National Events

*Note: Tournament memberships not valid for National events*

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- 2012 U.S. Game/10 Championship** June 14 • Las Vegas, Nevada  
**2012 National Open** June 15-17 or 16-17 • Las Vegas, Nevada  
**2012 U.S. Senior Open Championship** July 9-14 • Houston, Texas  
**2012 U.S. Junior Open Championship** July 13-15 • Houston, Texas  
**2012 Trophies Plus U.S. Girls Junior Open Championship** Aug. 4-8 • Vancouver, Washington  
**113th annual (2012) U.S. Open** August 4-12, 7-12 or 9-12 • Vancouver, Washington  
**2012 Women's U.S. Open** Aug. 8-12 • Vancouver, Washington  
**2012 U.S. Class Championships** Sept. 21-23 or 22-23 • Houston, Texas

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- 2012 U.S. Blind Championship** August 24-25 • Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
**2012 U.S. Masters Championship** August 30-September 3 • Greensboro, North Carolina  
**2012 U.S. Game/60** October 27 • Pleasanton, California  
**2012 U.S. Action Game/30** October 28 • Pleasanton, California  
**2012 K-12 Grade Championship** November 30-December 2 • Orlando, Florida  
**2013 SuperNationals V** April 5-7 • Nashville, Tennessee  
**2013 All-Girls National Championships** April 26-28 • Chicago, Illinois  
**114th annual (2013) U.S. Open** July 27-August 4 • Madison, Wisconsin  
**2013 K-12 Grade Championship** 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  
**115th annual (2014) U.S. Open** July 26-August 3 • St. Louis, Missouri  
**2014 K-12 Grade Championship** December 12-14 • Orlando, Florida  
**2015 National Elementary (K-6) Championship** May 8-10 • Nashville, Tennessee  
**116th annual (2015) U.S. Open** August 1-9 • Phoenix, Arizona  
**2015 K-12 Grade Championship** December 5-7 • Orlando, Florida

### ATTENTION AFFILIATES

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*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](http://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](http://main.uschess.org/go/tlainfo).

## 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. Cadet**  
**2012 National Youth Action (NYA)**

### DEADLINE JULY 1, 2012:

- 2013 U.S. Amateur Team Championship (North, South, West)**  
**2013 U.S. Amateur (East, North, South, West)**  
**2013 U.S. Junior Chess Congress**  
**2013 U.S. Class Championship**  
**2013 U.S. Cadet**  
**2013 National Youth Action (NYA)**  
**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**  
**2013 U.S. Masters Championship**  
**2013 U.S. Junior Closed**  
**2013 U.S. Junior Open**

### 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.*

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**July 14-15, New Hampshire****Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 30 (Enhanced) Nashua Open**

Radisson Hotel Nashua, 11 Tara Blvd., Nashua, NH 03062. In 3 Sections. **Open:** 4SS, 40/90, SD/30 + 30 sec. increment, analog clocks play 40/90, SD/60, Chronos use setting CH-P6, FIDE rated. **\$\$\$GTD:** \$500-250-100. U2300 \$150, U2100 \$150. **U1900:** 4SS, 40/90, SD/30 + 30 sec. increment, analog clocks play 40/90, SD/60, Chronos use setting CH-P6, Open to 1899 & under. **\$\$\$GTD:** \$400-200. U1750 \$100. **U1600:** 4SS, 40/90, SD/30 + 30 sec. increment, analog clocks play 40/90, SD/60, Chronos use setting CH-P6, Open to 1599 & under. **\$\$\$GTD:** \$300-150. U1300 \$100. **ALL:** EF: \$50 Postmarked by 7 July, \$55 at site. **Reg.:** 9:00-9:45. **Rds.:** 10-4, 10-4. One half point by rounds 1-3. **ENT:** Alex Relyea, 49 Technology Dr. #89, Bedford, NH 03110. **INFO:** Alex Relyea, relyea@operamail.com. **HR:** \$89 by 13 June. Mention Relyea Chess. (603) 579-3256. [www.relyeacheess.com](http://www.relyeacheess.com). NS. W. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**July 14-15, Virginia****Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 15 22nd Annual Charlottesville Open**

5SS, G/90. **EF:** \$55 by 7/12, then \$65. **2 Sections:** Open & U1700. **Prizes: \$2000 b/o 60.** **Open Section:** Place prizes guaranteed. \$5400, \$3250, \$1150 U2100 \$150, U1900 \$130; **U1700 Section:** \$300, \$200, \$150 U1500 \$140, U2300 \$130. **Site & HR:** Comfort Inn Monticello, 2097 Inn Dr., Charlottesville, VA 22911 (434) 977-3300 \$99.95 + tax. **Reg.:** 11-11:40 am. **Rds.:** Sat. 12, 3:15, 7:15 Sun. 9:30, 1:15. **Entries:** Ernest Schlich, 1370'S. Braden Cres., Norfolk, VA 23502. Checks to VCF. **Mbr:** VCF req'd. for VA residents \$10, \$5 under age 17. **Info:** eschlich@verizon.net, [www.vachess.org](http://www.vachess.org). **Byes:** single half-point bye on request. **No CC on site,** cash only please. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**July 17, 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](http://www.marshallchessclub.org).

**July 19, New York****Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 (Enhanced) Marshall Thursday Game 30 Grand Prix!**

4-SS, G/25d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$40, members \$20, GMs and IMs free (no deduction from prize). **(\$530 b/32 first two prizes guaranteed)** \$200-100-50, U2200 \$95, U2000 \$85. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45 pm. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available, request at entry. [www.marshallchessclub.org](http://www.marshallchessclub.org).

**A Heritage Event!****July 19, New York****Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 (Enhanced) The Original "4 Rated Games Tonight" Now At The New Yorker Hotel - USCF's Longest-Running Action Tournament!**

4-SS, G/25 + d/5 or G/30 + d/0. Chess Center at the historic New Yorker Hotel, 481 8th Ave at 34th St., across from Penn Station, NYC. 845-569-9969 ([www.chesscentercc.com](http://www.chesscentercc.com)). **EF:** \$30, GMs \$25 from prize. **Good Customer Loyalty Discounts:** \$5 less to those who played in at least 4 "4 Rated Games Tonight!" Thursday Night Actions since Jan. 2011. \$10 less to those who played in at least 10 4RTGs since 1987—**Thank You So Much For Your Support Of This Tournament These Past 25 Years!** **\$\$\$700 Guaranteed:** 200-110-50, Top U2200/Unr \$100, U2000 \$90. **NEW!! \$150 Mixed Doubles Bonus Prizes!** Best male/female 2-player team combined score: \$100-50 (teammates' average rating must be Under 2200; teammate pairings avoided but possible, teams must declare by 8:15). **Choice of 2 schedules! 7:00 Schedule,** rds. 7-8:15-9:30-10:45 pm. **7:30 schedule,** rd. 1 only is Quick-rated (G/15 + td/3) at 7:30 pm, score carries over into round 2 of 7:00 schedule at 8:15 pm. Limit 2 byes (1 bye if U2000), commit by 8:15. Re-entry \$15, counts half. **Reg. ends 10 min.** before game. Help with NYC street parking: [www.primospot.com](http://www.primospot.com).

**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, d/5 (2-day option, rds 1-3 G/45,d5). Under 900 Section, July 21-22 only. G/70, d/5. Sherraton 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. If any post-event rating posted at uschess.org by 7/18/11-7/18/12 is more than 30 points over section maximum, prize limit \$600. **Top 6 sections EF:** 4-day \$134, 3-day \$133, 2-day \$132 mailed by 7/10, all \$135 online at [chesstour.com](http://chesstour.com) by 7/15, \$140 phoned by 7/15 (406-896-2038, entry only, no questions), \$150 (no checks, credit cards OK) at mt. 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](http://chesstour.com), Adult \$30, Young Adult \$20, Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or paid at site, Adult \$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, limit 2. Open must commit before rd 2, other sections before rd 4. **HR:** \$87-87, 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](http://www.chesstour.com), 845-496-9658. Advance entries posted at [chesstour.com](http://chesstour.com). **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**July 20-22 or 21-22, California, Northern****Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 40 (Enhanced) People's Tournament**

5SS, 30/90 sd60, 2-day rds. 1-2 g/90 merge rd3. Hilton, 7050 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton, CA \$79. Free parking. **Prizes:** \$8,000 b/133 (75% guar). 5 sections. **MX (2000+ FIDE rated):** 1000-500-200, top u2300 300, u2100 100. **AB/C:** 800-400-200-100 ea. **DE:** 600-300-100, top u2100 300-100. Unr max \$300 exc in Open. **EF by 7/17:** \$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. Jul 12 Supp,CCA min, TD disc to place players. **Sched: 3-day Reg:** F 6-6:30, Rds. F 7, Sa 11:30-5:15, Su 10-3:30; **2-day Reg:** Sa 9-9:30, Rds. Sa 10-1:30-5:15, Su 10-3:30. Max two 1/2-pt byes, commit bef rd 3. **Ent:** BAC, 1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. Rfnd fee 20. E: [ask@BayAreaChess.com](mailto:ask@BayAreaChess.com). **Info:** [BayAreaChess.com/peoples](http://BayAreaChess.com/peoples). NS, NC, W. **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, d/5 (2-day option, rds 1-2 G/75, d/5). 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 7/19/11-7/19/12 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](http://chesstour.com) by 7/16, \$110 phoned to 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 [ichess.org](http://ichess.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](http://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, 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](http://chesstour.com), 845-496-9658. Advance entries posted at [chesstour.com](http://chesstour.com). **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**July 20-22 or 21-22, Tennessee****Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 6 Memphis Summer Open**

5SS, G/120. \$750 prizes based on 40 entries. Greater Memphis Chess Center, 5796 Shelby Oaks Dr., Suite 11, Memphis, TN 38134. Accelerated pairings. Prizes 1st \$300, \$200, \$100. Top U1600 and U1400: \$75 each. **EF:** \$40 (\$35 for MCC and GMCC members). **Rounds:** 3-day option: Fri 7pm, Sat 2pm & 7pm, Sun 9am & 2pm. 2-day option: Sat 9am, 2pm & 7pm; Sun 9am & 2pm. On-site registration: Fri: 5:30-6:30pm or Sat: 7:30-8:30am. **Saturday side event:** U2100 Scholastic, 5SS, G/45. 1st round at 9am, next rounds ASAP! Trophies for top 3 finishers. **EF: \$15.** **Entries:** Memphis Chess Club Inc., PO Box 17864, Memphis, TN 38187-0864. [MemphisChess.com](http://MemphisChess.com), [gpylant@gmail.com](mailto:gpylant@gmail.com). **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**July 21, Missouri****Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 Saint Louis Premiere & Amateur**

4SS, G/85. Chess Club & Scholastic Center of Saint Louis, 4657 Maryland Ave., Saint Louis, MO 63108. Free entries for GMs and IMs. **EF:** \$40, \$30 for annual members of the club if registered by 7/20. MCA membership req'd from \$5. **PF:** \$1,200 Unconditionally Guaranteed!! Each Section \$225-\$150-\$100-\$75-\$50 (1st-5th). Winner of each Section qualifies for 2013 Club Championship. **Reg.:** 8-8:45. **Rds.:** 9, 12:15, 3:45, 7. One 1/2 point bye if declared before round 1. MCA Membership required from \$5. **OSA. Ent:** 4657 Maryland Ave., Saint Louis, MO 63108 or online at [saintlouischessclub.org](http://saintlouischessclub.org). **Info:** 314-361-CHESS info@saintlouischessclub.org. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**July 21, New Jersey****Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 (Enhanced) Luzviminda Machan 2 Open**

4-SS, G/45. Once a month. **EF:** \$40, members \$30, GMs free (\$25 deducted from prize). **\$\$\$G200-150-100-50.** Prizes to U2200, U1800, U1400, and U1000 (Trophies). **Reg.:** 1pm-1:30pm. **Rds.:** 1:30pm, 3:15pm, 5pm, 6:45pm. One bye available, commit at least 15min prior the game. 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. (732)499-0118/(760)583-8429. **NOTE:** *Chess Masters Summer Camps (June 25-September 7). Please visit [www.chessmatesnj.com](http://www.chessmatesnj.com) for details.*

**July 21-22, Texas****Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 20 (Enhanced) 2012 DCC Fide Open V**

5SS, G/90 with 30 sec inc. Dallas Chess Club, 200 S. Cottonwood Dr. #C, Richardson, TX 75080. Two sections: Open and Reserve. **Open Section** \$5750G. This section is FIDE rated but uses USCF Rules. \$500-\$250. **EF:** \$75, Senior/Hcap/Additional Family Member \$50, plus 5-year-DCC membership fee if applicable. Small appearance fee to the First two GM/IM who apply. GM/IM must play all rounds to get appearance fee. **Reserve section:** Open to players rated below 1800 USCF. This section is not FIDE Rated but is USCF rated. EF for U1800: \$30 plus \$5 non Dallas Chess Club membership fee if applicable. The U1800 gives back 10% in prizes and if there is a clear winner, then that winner receives free entry to next DCC Fide Open. Both: **Registration:** 9:45-10:15 am. **Rds.:** Sat 10:45-3:10-7:16, Sun 10:45-3:10. One Bye allowed if requested before rd 2, withdrawals and zero point last round byes are not eligible for prizes. **Ent:** Dallas Chess Club, see address above. **Info:** 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com. NS. NC. **FIDE. Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**July 21-22, Louisiana****Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 6 2012 Paul Morphy Open**

5-SS, G/2 (Round 1: G/90). **Site:** Holiday Inn Metairie New Orleans Airport, 2261 N. Causeway Blvd., Metairie, LA 70001. **EF:** \$50 if mailed by 7/14, \$60 at site. LCA Memb. req'd (\$10 adult, \$5 Schol.), OSA. **Prizes:** \$1900 b/60, 50% Gtd. **Two Sections:** **Open:** \$400-200; U2000 \$200-100, U1800 \$200-100. **Reserve (U1600):** \$250-100; U1400 \$200; U1200/Unr \$150. **Reg.:** 7/21, 8-9am. **Rds.:** Sat: 9:15-1:50, Sun: 9:30-2. **HR:** \$99, (504) 373-5946, reserve early. **Ent/Info:** Adam Caveney, 1301 Gen Taylor St., New Orleans, LA 70115, cb20234@yahoo.com, (504) 895-4133 (evenings), (504) 615-6730 (on day of tourney). NS. NC. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

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### July 21-22, Oklahoma

#### Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10

#### Jerry Spahn Memorial/OCF OK FIDE Open

5-SS, G/90,d30, Clarion Hotel, 2600 N. Aspen (Hwy 51 at 145th East Ave.), Broken Arrow, OK 74012. **\$\$Prizes** (b/49) in two sections: **Open (FIDE-rated)**: 1st \$500(G) + trophy DGT Clock, 2nd \$300, A: \$200 + trophy DGT Clock, \$100. **Reserve** (open to U1800) (FIDE-rated): 1st \$300 + trophy DGT Clock, 2nd \$150. C: \$200 + trophy DGT Clock. D/below/unr: \$200. **EF**: \$55 in advance, \$10 more if rec'd after July 18 or at door. \$5 discount for players under age 18. Cash or check only, OCF memb. req. **Reg.**: 8:30-9:45. **Rounds**: Sat: 10, 2:30, 7. Sun: 9:30, 2:00. **HR**: \$69 ask for chess rate. **Reservations**: (918)258-7085. Free wireless. **Entries**: Frank Berry, 402 S. Willis, Stillwater, OK 74074. **Info**: tom.braunlich@cox.net. **Website**: www.okchess.org. NS. W.

### July 21-22 or 22, New York

#### Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 (Enhanced)

#### Marshall July 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/requests at entry. NO RE-ENTRY. FIDE (G/30 not FIDE ratable). www.marshallchessclub.org. **Chess Magnet School JGP**.

### July 26, New York

#### Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 (Enhanced)

#### Marshall Thursday Game 30 Grand Prix!

4-SS, G/25d5, Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF**: \$40, members \$20, GMs and IMs free (no deduction from prize). **(\$530 b/32 first two prizes guaranteed)**: \$200-100-50, U2200 \$95, U2000 \$85. **Reg.**: 6:15-6:45 pm. **Rds.**: 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

### A Heritage Event!

### July 26, New York

#### Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 (Enhanced)

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### July 27-29 or 28-29, Connecticut

#### Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 50 (Enhanced)

#### 17th Annual Bradley Open

5SS, 40/2, SD/1, d/5 (2-day option, rds 1-2 G/75, d/5). Sheraton Hotel, 1 Bradley Airport (visible at airport entrance), Windsor Locks, CT 06096 (I-91 Exit 40 to Rt. 20). Free parking. **\$8000 guaranteed** prize fund. In 5 sections. **Open**: \$1000-500-300, U2300 \$450. **FIDE**: **Under 2100**: \$800-400-200, top U1900 \$450. **Under 1800**: \$800-400-200, top U1600

\$450. **Under 1500**: \$700-400-200, top U1300 \$300. **Under 1200**: \$250-125-75, trophies to 1st place, top U1000, U800, U600, Unrated. **Unrated** may not win over \$150 in U1200, \$300 in U1500 or \$500 in U1800. **Top 4 sections EF**: 3-day \$88, 2-day \$87 if check mailed by 7/18, all \$89 online at chesstour.com by 7/24, \$95 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 7/24 (entry only, no questions), \$100 at site. No mailed credit card entries. **U1200 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 or WMCA 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**: \$89-89, 860-627-5311; reserve by 7/13 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, Director@Chess.US, 845-496-9658. Advance entries posted at chesstour.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP**.

### July 27-29 or 28-29, Florida

#### Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 80 (Enhanced)

#### 20th Annual Southern Open

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. **\$\$16,000** based on 200 paid entries (re-entries & \$50 off entries count half), \$12,000 (75% each prize) minimum guaranteed. In 5 sections. **Open**: \$2000-1000-500-300, clear or tiebreak winner \$100 bonus, top Under 2300/Unr \$800, Under 2200/Unr \$700. **FIDE**: **Under 2100**: \$1400-700-400-200, top Under 1900 (no unr) \$500. **Under 1800**: \$1400-700-400-200, top Under 1600 (no unr) \$500. **Under 1500**: \$1200-600-300-200, top Under 1300 (no unr) \$400. **Under 1200**: \$800-400-200-100, trophies to top Under1000, 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, 2-day \$102 mailed by 7/18, all \$105 online at chesstour.com by 7/24, \$110 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 7/24 (entry only, no questions), \$120 (no checks, credit cards OK) at site. GMs free; \$100 deducted from prize. **EF for all in U1200 or unrated in U1500**: all \$50 less than above. **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 \$60**; not available in Open 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**: \$71-71 plus resort fee (currently 7.5%), 1-800-421-8001, 407-351-2420; reserve by 7/13 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, Director@Chess.US, 845-496-9658. Advance entries posted at chesstour.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP**.

### July 28-29, Texas

#### Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 6

#### DCC Summer Insanity

10 Rd. 2-SS, G/30, d/5 (Play white and black against each opponent), Dallas Chess Club, 200 S. Cottonwood Dr., #C, Richardson, TX 75080. **EF**: \$50. \$30 Junior/Senior/Hcapp. Limited number of House players welcome for \$1 per game. Dallas Chess Club membership required or pay \$5 non member fee. **\$\$GTD**: \$300-150. Class prizes (if any) depends on entries.

**Reg.**: 7/28 at 11:45 am - 12:10 pm. **Rds.**: Round 1 at 12:30 pm rest ASAP with hour breaks at around 6:30 pm, 12:30 am and 7:30 am. 4 points of 1/2 point byes allowed. Byes for round 9 and 10 must be requested before round 6. **ENT**: Dallas Chess Club, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. **INFO**: Barbara Swafford, 214-632-9000 info@dallaschess.com. www.dallaschess.com. NS. NC.

### A Heritage Event!

### July 28-29, Wisconsin

#### Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10

#### 36th Annual Green Bay Open

Radisson Hotel, 2040 Airport Dr., Green Bay, WI 54313. 5SS, 40/100, 30/1, SD/30. **EF**: \$43, Juniors under 19 \$38, if rec'd by 7/25, entries paid after 7/25 including phone & email are \$12 more! **\$\$Gtd**: \$1760 Cash + 6 trophies! 1st \$425 + trophy, 2nd \$220, X \$120; 1900's & 1800' \$120 each; 1700's & 1600's \$115 each; 1500's & 1400's \$110 each; 1300's & 1200's \$105 each; Under 1200/Unrated \$95. Note: Class prizes are based on a minimum of 5 players per class. (The top 2 prizes are unconditionally guaranteed.) Trophies to top Juniors ages 17-18, 15-16, 13-14, 11-12, 10 & under. **Reg.**: 8:45-9:25am. **Rds.**: 10-2:30-7:30; 10-3:30. **HR**: \$79/\$79/\$89/\$99 call 920-494-7300 mention chess tournament. Room block held to 7/13. **Other Info**: 1/2 bye avail. rds 1, 2 or 3 if req'd w/entry. WCA Tour Event. NS. NC. W. **Entries & Inquiries to**: Luke Ludwig, 2191 Allouez Ave., Green Bay, WI 54311. 920-465-9859, email: lukeludwig@aol.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP**.

### July 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 under 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&6, Wed 8/1 10am. **HR**: \$98. **Ent**: MCA, c/o Michael Regan, 1827 Thornton Ridge Rd., Towson, MD 21204. More information, link for hotel reservation & online entry at: http://washingtontournamentinternationalchess.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP**.

### Aug. 2, New York

#### Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 (Enhanced)

#### Marshall Thursday Game 30 Grand Prix!

4-SS, G/25d5, Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF**: \$40, members \$20, GMs and IMs free (no deduction from prize). **(\$530 b/32 first two prizes guaranteed)**: \$200-100-50, U2200 \$95, U2000 \$85. **Reg.**: 6:15-6:45 pm. **Rds.**: 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

### A Heritage Event!

### Aug. 2, New York

#### Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 (Enhanced)

#### The Original "4 Rated Games Tonight!" Now At The New Yorker Hotel - USCF's Longest-Running Action Tournament!

4-SS, G/25 + d/5 or G/30 + d/0. Chess Center at the historic New Yorker Hotel, 481 8th Ave at 34th St, across from Penn Station, NYC: 845-569-9969 (www.chesscentercc). **EF**: \$30, GMs \$25 from prize. **Good Customer Loyalty Discounts**: \$5 less to those who played in at least 4 "4 Rated Games Tonight!" Thursday Night Actions since Jan. 2011, \$10 less to those who played in at least 10 ARGTs since 1987—**Thank You So Much For Your Support Of This Tournament These Past 25 Years! \$5700 Guaranteed**: 200-110-50, Top U2200/unr \$100, U2000 \$90. **NEW!! \$150 Mixed Doubles Bonus Prizes!** Best male/female 2-player team combined score: \$100-50 (teammates' average rating must be Under 2200; teammate pairings avoided but possible, teams must declare by 8:15). **Choice of 2 schedules! 7:00 Schedule**, rds. 7-8:15-9:30-10:45 pm. **7:30 schedule**, rd. 1 only is Quick-rated (G/15 + td/3) at 7:30 pm, score carries over into round 2 of 7:00 schedule at 8:15 pm. Limit 2 byes (1 bye if U2000), commit by 8:15. Re-entry \$15, counts half. **Reg.** ends 10 min. before game. Help with NYC street parking: www.primospot.com.

### Aug. 3-5 or 4-5, Maryland

#### Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 30

#### 2012 Potomac Open

5SS, 40/100, SD/45 + 30° incr (Rd 1 G/90 + 30° incr) (2-day schedule: rds 1-2 G/45+30° incr) U1300 & U1000 G/120 (2-day option, rds 1-2 G/60) Rockville Hilton, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. **\$\$Based on score**: 6 sections: Championship (min. rating of 1700) FIDE rated: 5.0 = \$1500, 4.5 = \$700, 4.0 = \$350, 3.5 = \$150 [min \$1500 payout, top score group raised if less than \$1500] top U2200 = \$145. U1900 & U1700: 5.0 = \$1200, 4.5 = \$600, 4.0 = \$300, 3.5 = \$100. U1500: 5.0 = \$1000, 4.5 = \$500, 4.0 = \$250, 3.5 = \$100. U1300 & U1000: 5.0 = \$500, 4.5 = \$250, 4.0 = \$125, 3.5 = \$50. **Additional 1st place prizes (added to score prize)** - Championship: \$300; U1900, U1700 & U1500: \$200; U1300 & U1000: \$100. **Unrated** may not win over \$100 in U1000, \$200 U1300, or \$400 in U1500. **Sets and board provided. Clocks provided in the Championship section. Optionally, pairings can be texted to your phone. Free Sunday morning continental breakfast for players.** Free parking for day guests. **EF**: \$90 by 7/20, \$100 by 7/31, and \$105 online only by 8/2, \$110 at the door. **Special EFs**: \$35 less for U1300 & U1000, GMs free, \$50 deducted from prize, IMs \$45 off EF, \$20 deducted from prize, \$5 off EF if staying at hotel. **HR**: \$75, (\$5 EF discount if staying at hotel) limited number of free rooms Sat. night for GMs. Rooms may not be avail after 7/20. 3-day schedule: Reg ends Fri 7pm, rds Fri 8, Sat 11&6, Sun 9&3. 2-day schedule: Reg ends Sat 10am rds 11, 2:15&6, Sun 9&3 U1300&U1000 3-day schedule: Reg ends Fri 7 pm, rds Fri 8, Sat 11&4:00, Sun 9&1:00 U1300&U1000 2-day schedule: Reg ends Sat 10am rds 11, 1:15 & 4:00, Sun 9&1:00. **Ent**: Michael Regan, 1827 Thornton Ridge Rd., Towson, MD 21204. Detailed rules, more information and registration at http://thepotomacopen.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP**.

# BAHAMAS INTERNATIONAL and AMATEUR

October 24-28 or 26-28, 2012

Wyndham Nassau Resort and Crystal Palace Casino  
Cable Beach, Nassau, Bahamas

**\$12,000 guaranteed prizes - USCF rated**

**International Section**: 9 rounds, Oct 24-28, FIDE rated, GM and IM norms possible. Minimum prize \$700 to GMs who complete all games with no byes (limited to first 6 GMs to enter).

**Amateur Section (under 2200)**: 6 rounds, Oct 26-28.

**Reserve Section (under 1600)**: 6 rounds, Oct 26-28.

**FULL DETAILS**: see "Grand Prix" in this issue or chesstour.com.



\$20, Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or paid at site, Adult \$40, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20. **No checks** at site, credit cards OK. No mailed credit card entries. **Re-entry:** \$80, no re-entry from Open Section to Open Section. **3-day schedule:** Reg. ends Fri 11 am, rds Sat 12 & 7, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:30. **2-day schedule:** Reg. ends Sat. 9 am, rds Sat. 10, 12:45, 3:15 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:30. **3-day & 2-day merge** & compete for same prizes. Under 900 & Under 700 schedule: Reg. ends Sat. 9 am, rds 10, 12:45, 3:15 each day. **Byes:** all; limit 2, Open must commit before rd 2, others before rd 3. **Bring sets, boards, clocks** if possible- none supplied. **HR:** \$175-175-195-210 (rates for 3 or 4 in room are for 2 beds), 1-800-764-4680, 212-971-0101, reserve by 7/27 or rate may increase, ask for Continental Chess Association rate. **Car rentals:** Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD #D657633 or reserve car online at chesstour.com. **Foreign player ratings:** see www.chesstour.com/foreignratings.htm. **US player ratings:** August official ratings used; FIDE ratings not used. **Ent:** Continental Chess, Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. **Questions:** 845-496-9658, www.chesstour.com. \$15 service charge for refunds. Advance entries will be posted at chesstour.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

#### Aug. 18, Virginia

##### Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 Tracy Callis Jr. Memorial

3-Round SS, Game/90 w/5 second delay. St. John's Lutheran Church, 4608 Brambleton Ave. SW, Roanoke, VA 24018. **GUARANTEED PRIZES:** Top Section: \$250-\$150-\$100. Additional Sections: If Octagonals, each guaranteed \$150-\$125. If Hexagonals, each guaranteed \$125-\$100. If Quads, each guaranteed \$125. **ENTRY FEE:** If received by Aug 17, \$30.00 At site, \$40.00. **REGISTRATION:** 6-9 pm on 8/17; 8:30-9:30 am on 8/20. **ROUNDS:** 10-2:30-6:30. **BYES:** One only per player; must request in advance. **ADVANCED ENTRIES:** Roanoke Valley Chess Club, P.O. Box 14143, Roanoke, VA 24038. **PHONE:** (276) 692-6418. **EMAIL:** info@roanokechess.com. **WEB PAGE:** roanokechess.com NS. NC. W. Bargain Book Sale on site. **FREE LUNCH PROVIDED!**

#### Aug. 18-19, Michigan

##### Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 6 2012 U.P. Open

**Location:** Masonic Building, 128 W. Washington St., Marquette, MI

(parking and entrance in rear of building). 5SS/G 2 hr (no time delay). **Entry Fee:** \$30 (\$20 for juniors 19 or under). **Prizes:** \$250 (GTD) first place, \$125 (GTD) second, others based on entries. Trophy to top UP resident. **Reg.:** 9-9:30 Sat. **Rounds:** Sat 10:00, 2:30, 7:00; Sun 9:30, 2:00-all times EDT. Byes available all rounds, but must be requested before registration ends. Results will be sent to USCF via US Mail. **Info and early entries:** Robert John, 315 E. Prospect St., Marquette, MI 49855, 906-228-8126, rjrijr@chartermtnet. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

#### A Heritage Event!

##### Aug. 24-26 or 25-26, District of Columbia

##### Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 120 (Enhanced) 44th annual Atlantic Open

5SS, 40/2, SD/1, d5 (2-day option, rds 1-2 G/75, d5). Washington Westin Hotel, 1400 M St. NW at Thomas Circle, Washington, DC 20005. **\$\$\$ 20,000 guaranteed prizes.** In 7 sections. **Open:** \$2000-1000-500-300, clear or tiebreak 1st \$100 bonus, top U2300/Unr \$1200-600. **FIDE. Under 2100:** \$1500-700-400-200. **Under 1900:** \$1500-700-400-200. **Under 1700:** \$1500-700-400-200. **Under 1500:** \$1300-700-400-200. **Under 1300:** \$1200-600-300-200. **Under 1000:** \$400-300-200-100, trophies to top 3, first U800, U600, Unrated. **Unrated** may not win over \$150 in U1000, \$300 U1300, \$500 U1500, \$700 U1700, or \$900 U1900. If any post-event rating posted at uschess.org 8/21/11-8/21/12 is more than 30 points over section maximum, prize limit \$700. **Top 6 sections EF:** 3-day \$108, 2-day \$107 if check mailed by 8/15, all \$105 online at chesstour.com by 8/21, \$110 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 8/21 (entry only, no questions), \$120 at site, or online until 2 hours before your first game. **Under 1000 Section EF:** All \$60 less than above. No mailed credit card entries. No checks at site, credit cards OK. GMS free, \$90 deducted from prize. Re-entry \$60, not available in Open Section. **All:** 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 pm, rds. Fri 7 pm, 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, limit 2, Open must commit before rd 2, others before rd 3. **HR:** \$96-96, 202-429-1700, reserve by 8/10 or rate may increase. Regular rate at this luxury hotel is about

\$200! **Car rental:** 800-331-1600, use AWD D657633, or reserve car online through chesstour.com. **Parking:** Valet parking \$10/day to 2 am or \$20/day overnight; garage has limited space. **Ent:** Continental Chess, Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. \$15 service charge for refunds. **Questions:** www.chesstour.com, DirectorAtChess.US, 845-496-9658. Advance entries posted at chesstour.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

#### Aug. 25-26, Texas

##### Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 20 (Enhanced) 2012 DCC Fide Open VI

5SS, G/90 with 30 sec inc. Dallas Chess Club, 200 S. Cottonwood Dr. #C, Richardson, TX 75080. Two sections: Open and Reserve. **Open Section** \$575/G. This section is FIDE rated but uses USCF Rules. \$500-\$250. **EF:** \$75, Senior/Hcap/Additional Family Member \$50, plus \$5 non-DCC membership fee if applicable. Small appearance fee to the First two GM/IM who apply. GM/IM must play all rounds to get appearance fee. **Reserve section:** Open to players rated below 1800 USCF. This section is not FIDE Rated but is USCF rated. EF for U1800: \$30 plus \$5 non Dallas Chess Club membership fee if applicable. The U1800 gives back 10% in prizes and if there is a clear winner, then that winner receives free entry to next DCC Fide Open. **Both: Registration:** 9:45-10:15 am. **Rds.:** Sat 10:45-3:10-7:16, Sun 10:45-3:10. One Bye allowed if requested before rd 2, withdrawals and zero point last round byes are not eligible for prizes. **Ent:** Dallas Chess Club, see address above. **Info:** 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com. NS. NC. FIDE. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

#### A Heritage Event!

##### Aug. 31-Sept. 3, Sept. 1-3 or 2-3, New York

##### Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 100 (Enhanced) 134th annual NY State Championship

Out of state welcome. 6SS, 40/2, SD/1, d5 (2-day option except in Open Section, rds 1-3 G/45, d5). Albany Marriott, 189 Wolf Rd., Albany 12205 (Thruway Exit 24, I-87 north to Wolf Rd, Exit 4). Luxurious hotel with indoor/outdoor pool, sauna, fitness center, free parking, free airport shuttle, many restaurants in area. **\$\$\$ 12,000.** In 5 sections. **Open:** \$2000-1000-500-300, top U2300/Unr \$700, U2200/Unr \$600. State title and \$100 bonus to top NYS resident. **FIDE. Under 2100:** \$1000-500-300-150, top Under 1900 \$400. **Under 1800:** \$1000-500-300-150, top Under 1600 \$400. **Under 1500:** \$800-400-200-100, top Under 1300 \$300.

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**Indiana State Chess Association**  
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**Sparta Chess Club (NJ)**  
www.spartachessclub.org

**Under 1200:** \$200-100, trophy to first 5, top Under 1000, Under 800, Under 600, Unrated. **Unrated** may not win over \$150 in U1200, \$300 U1500 or \$600 U1800. **All:** 1-year NYSICA membership to NY residents who list name and address on sign-up sheet posted at tournament. **Top 3 sections EF:** 4-day \$99, 3-day \$98, 2-day \$97 if check mailed by 8/22, all \$95 online at chesstour.com by 8/29, \$105 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 8/29 (entry only, no questions), \$120 at site. No mailed credit card entries. **Under 1500 Section EF:** All \$50 less than top 3 sections EF. **Under 1200 Section EF:** All \$50 less than top 3 sections EF. **All:** Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. Special 1 year USCF dues with paper mag-azine 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, all sections but Open. GMs, IMs & WGMs free, \$80 deducted from prize. No checks at site, credit cards OK. **3-day schedule:** Reg. ends Sat 10:30 am, rds. Sat 11 & 6, Sun 11 & 6, Mon 10 & 4:15. **4-day schedule:** Reg. ends Fri 6:30 pm, rds. Fri 7 pm, Sat 6 pm, Sun 11 & 6, Mon 10 & 4:15. **2-day schedule:** Reg. ends Sun. 10:30 am, rds Sun 11, 1:30, 3:30, 6, Mon 10 & 4:15, no 2-day schedule in Open. **Bye:** all, limit 2, Open must commit before rd 2, others before rd 4. **HR:** \$97-97, 800-443-8952, 518-458-8444, reserve by 8/23 or rate may increase. NYSICA meeting 9 am Sun. **Car rental:** 800-331-1600, use AWD D657633, or reserve car online through chesstour.com. **Ent:** Continental Chess, Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. **Questions:** www.chessour.com, Director@Chess.US, 845-496-9658. Advance entries posted at chessour.com. September official USCF ratings used. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**A Heritage Event!**  
**Aug. 31-Sept. 3 or Sept. 1-3, Texas**  
**Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 40 (Enhanced)**  
**78th Annual Southwest Open**  
 75S. Sheraton Dallas North Hotel, 4801 Lyndon B. Johnson Fwy, Dallas, TX 75244. **\$8,950** b/175 full entries, 75% Gtd. 3 Sections and scholastic side events: **Open:** (This section is FIDE rated but uses USCF rules. G/90 with 30 sec. increment: \$1,000-500-250, 2200-2399 \$700, U2200 \$700-350. **Reserve:** U2000. Rds. 1-7 30/90 SD/1, rd. 1 of three day is G/115, d/5. **\$** 800-400-200. **B** \$ 600-300-150, U1600 500-250-125. **Novice:** U1400 and Unrated. Rds. 1-7 30/90 SD/1, d/5, rd. 1 of three day is G/115, d/5. **\$** 500-250-125, **E** \$ 400-200, U1000 \$ 300-150 Unrated \$200. All 3: TCA membership required. Other states accepted. **EF:** \$88 if received by 8/22, else \$99. \$80 Junior(U19) if received by 8/22 else \$90 (juniors count as 90% toward base), Senior(over 65)/Handicapped/additional family participant \$52 if receive by 8/22 else \$65 (Senior/Handicap/Additional family participant counts 60% toward base). Add \$5 for CC phone entries; pre-reg requires pre-payment. After 8/29/12 all registration and changes on site only; all changes including withdrawals, \$10 after 8/29/12. **4 day:** Reg. Friday 8/31, 6:15 pm-7:15. Rds. Fri.: 7:45, Sat: 2:30 pm - 8:00, Sun.: 12:00 pm - 6:15 pm, Mon.: 9:30 am - 3:15 pm. **3 day:** Reg. Sat. 9/1, 9-9:30 am, Rd. 1 at 10 am then merge with 4 day. Foreign Unrated must play in Open section. Registrations that do not indicate 4

or 3 day schedule will be put in the 3 day. **HR:** \$75/75/75/75, 972-661-3600 or 888-627-8436 reserve by 8/17 and ask for Dallas Chess Club rate. \$75 rate includes full breakfast buffet. Free Parking. Up to two 1/2 pt byes available if requested before end of rd. 2, but byes for both rd. 6 AND 7 not permitted. Texas Chess Association meeting on Sunday 9/2 at 9:30 am. **K-12 Scholastic on Saturday, 9/1.** 5-SS, Rds. 1-3 G/30, d/5, rds. 4-5 G/45, d/5. **EF:** \$29 by 8/22, \$43 after; Pre-reg. requires pre-payment. After 8/29/12 all registration and changes on site only; all changes \$10 after 8/29/12. No refunds after 8/29/12, \$10 handling fee for refunds before 8/29/12. Entries do not count toward base in Open, Reserve and Novice. **Registration:** 8:00-8:30 am, Rd. 1 pairings at 9:15 am, rest ASAP with small lunch break. **Sections:** K-12 Championship and K-12 U800. **Prizes:** Trophies to top 12 individuals, five teams in each section. K-12 U800 also top three unrateds. Medals to those who do not win a trophy. **Ent:** Dallas Chess Club, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. **Info:** Barb Swafford, 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com, www.dallaschess.com. NS. NC. W. FIDE. **Chess Magnet School JGP for all but side events.**

**A Heritage Event!**  
**Sept. 1-3 or 2-3, California, Southern**  
**Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 150 (Enhanced)**  
**34th Annual Southern California Open**  
 6-SS, 40/2, SD/1 (2-day schedule rds 1-3 G/60, then merges). Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108. \$520,000 Guaranteed prize fund. 5 Sections. **Prizes: Open Sec 1st** \$2,600-1,800-1,200-900-600-500-400, BU2300 \$800-400, BU2200 \$1,000-600-400-200; **Premier Section** (U2000) \$1,000-600-400-200; **Amateur Section** (U1800) \$1,000-600-400-200; **Reserve Section** (U1600) \$1,000-600-400-200; **Booster Section** (U1400) \$600-400-200-100, BU1200 \$300-150, Best Unrated \$100. Plus Best Game Prizes: \$75-50-25, one reserved for non-open sections. **Reg.:** 3-day: 8 to 9:30 AM, Sept official rating list used. **2-day:** 8 AM to 9 AM Sunday. **Rds.:** 3 day: 10 AM & 5 PM on Sat-Sun, 9 AM & 4 PM on Mon. **2-day:** 9:30 AM, 11:45 & 2 PM Sun, then merges. **EF:** \$100 if received by 8/29, \$120 at door. No credit cards at door, checks or cash only. Special rate of only \$75 if U1400 or unrated. Special rate for GMs and IMs: \$20 if registered by 8/29, or \$60 late entry at door. Open section will be FIDE rated. Unrated players not eligible for prizes except for place prizes in the Open or the unrated prize in the U1400. Players who forfeit any round are also ineligible for prizes. SCCF membership req'd (\$18 Adult, \$10 Jr) for all So Cal residents. Two byes allowed, but must be requested at least one hour before round, and round 5 & 6 byes must be requested before rd 2 and are irrevocable. **Ent:** SDCC, PO Box 120162, San Diego, CA 92112 or enter online at www.schess.com. For more info call Bruce Baker at (619) 239-7166, email Chuck Ensey at chucnglo@aol.com or see our website at sdchessclub.multiply.com. **SCCF Annual Membership Meeting:** Sunday 3 PM. **Hotel Rates:** Special rate of only \$110 single or double, 619-297-1101, or 1-888-233-9527 if booked by 8/15/12, book ASAP as rates may go up and rooms may sell out by mid-August. Great tropical themed hotel is in the heart of Mission Valley, close

to airport, great attractions such as Sea World, the SD Zoo, Seaport Village and Fashion Valley for shopping. The Crown Plaza Hotel (see www.cp-sandiego.com) has a great restaurant and sushi bar, a heated pool, and fitness room. NS, NC, W. State Championship Qualifier. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**Sept. 1-3, Illinois**  
**Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 60**  
**2012 Illinois Open State Championship**  
 6R-SS. Open Section (40/90 SD/30 + 30/sec incr). Reserve and Booster Sections (G/90 + 30/sec incr). Doubletree Hotel 1909 Spring Rd., Oakbrook, IL 60523 - Phone 630-472-6000. **\$8500 Guaranteed + \$250 Isaac Braswell Fighting Chess Award in Open Section.** 3 sections: **Open, Reserve (U1800), Booster (U1400).** Prizes (non-IL players eligible for max 3rd place in Overall Prizes and 2nd place prize for rating bracket prizes): **Open** - Overall: \$1600-1000-300, (2399-2200): \$350-275-200; (2199-2100): \$250-200; (2099-2000): \$200-100; (1999-1900): \$200-100; (1899-1800): \$200-100; **Reserve (U1800)** - Overall: \$750-450-225; (1699-1600): \$250-200-150; (1599-1500): \$150-100; (1499-1400): \$150-100; **Booster (U1400)** - Overall: \$250-125-75; (1299-1200) - \$100-50; (1199-1100): \$100-50. Open & Reserve FIDE Rated. Free Entry for IL FIDE titled players (WFM & above). **EF:** \$64 by 08/04/2012, \$96 by 08/18/2012, \$128 thereafter and on-site. No checks at site, credit cards ok. Online registration preferred. No phone entries. Re-entry: \$60 with 1/2 pt in first two rds only. Rd. 6 bye must commit by end of Rd. 2 otherwise zero pt. Players in contention for prizes must play final rd or have 1/2 pt bye committed by the end of Rd. 2 otherwise ineligible for prizes. **Special Rules for Playing Up:** \$10 more if 150 pts or less from cut-off of section, \$25 more if 151-300 pts from cut-off, \$50 more if 301+ pts from cut-off (Example: 1620 wants to play in open, 180 pts from cut-off, pay \$25 more to play up). **NOTE:** Playing up fee paid in cash at the door - players will be registered in their normal rating section unless you come to the TD room to request playing up. **Schedule:** 10am and 4pm each day. **Mailed entries:** North American Chess Association, 4957 Oakton St., Suite 113, Skokie, IL 60077. All mailed entries must be received by 8/24/2012. **Questions:** sevan@nacchess.org. No Phone Calls. Advance entries and online registration at: www.nacchess.org/ilopen2012. **Hotel:** \$91/night + tax. Ask for Chess Rate. Boards, Sets, Clocks Provided. Must use organizer provided equipment. Chess vendor onsite. August Rating Supplement. **Special Workshops:** Chess in Education plus TD/Rules Workshop. 1-day Scholastic Event. See website for details on Workshops and Scholastic Event. USCF and ICA mbrshp required for main event. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**A State Championship Event!**  
**A Heritage Event!**  
**Sept. 1-3, Ohio**  
**Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 40**  
**68th Ohio Chess Congress**  
 6/SS, 40/120;d5, SD/60;d5. Days Inn, 4742 Brecksville Rd., Richfield, OH.

# ACTIVITY MEANS MEMBERS

Free 8-Line Tournament Life Announcements (TLAs)!

## Adult Dues Options! >>>

NEW FREE TLA CATEGORIES ADDED!

**RUN AN ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT THIS FALL!** 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 October and December 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. Announcement 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.

## Agess 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.)



**Prizes: \$7,000 (b/125).** In 4 Sections. **Open:** (FIDE rated) \$1,000-700-400 All Guaranteed, U2200 \$400-\$200, 1st Guaranteed. **U2000:** \$800-500-300. **U1700:** \$750-450-300. **U1400:** \$600-400, U1100 \$200. **EF:** \$80 by Aug 28 then \$90, Free to GM/IM who complete schedule, \$80 deducted from prize. OCA Membership required of all Ohio residents - \$15, \$10 junior. **Online payment: www.progresswithchess.org. Reg.:** Saturday 9-11:30 am. **Rds.:** Saturday 12:00 (noon) & 6:30, Sunday 9:30 & 4:00, Monday 9:30 & 4:00. **Byes (1/2 point),** must commit before start of round 3, limit 2 in rds. 1-5 or 1 rd. 6. **Hotel:** Day's Inn, 330-659-6151, \$72/night, mention chess. **Entries, checks payable to:** Progress with Chess, 12200 Fairhill Rd. E 293, Cleveland, OH 44120. **Info:** 216-321-7000, mdjoelson@progresswithchess.org. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**Sept. 14-16 or 15-16 (Scholastics Sept. 15 or 16), Connecticut Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 40 (Enhanced) 3rd annual Hartford Open & New England Senior**  
5SS, 40/2, SD/1, d5 (2-day option, rds 1-2 G/75, d5). **Under 1210 Section** plays Sept 15-16 only; G/75, d5. **K-8 U1000 Section** plays Saturday only, **K-5 U800 Section** Sunday only, each G/25, d5. **Sheraton Hotel**, 1 Bradley Airport (visible at airport entrance), Windsor Locks, CT 06096 (I-91 Exit 40 to Rt 20). Free parking, free airport shuttle. **\$5 10,000** based on 150 paid entries, \$7,500 (75% each prize) minimum guaranteed. Senior Section, U1210 Section, and re-entries count as 50% entries towards prize fund, scholastic sections entries as 25% entries. In 8 sections. **Open:** \$1000-500-300-200, top Under 2210 \$400-200. **FIDE. Under 2110:** \$800-400-200-100, top Under 1910 \$400-200. **Under 1810:** \$800-400-200-100, top Under 1610 \$400-200. **Under 1510:** \$700-400-200-100, top Under 1310 \$300-150. **Under 1210:** \$200-100, trophies to first 5, top U1000, Unr. **New England Senior**, open to all born before 9/17/62. No residence requirements; trophy to top New England player. \$300-150-100, top Under 2010 \$180, Under 1810 \$170, Under 1610/Unr \$150. **K-8 Under 1000:** Trophies to first 5 players, first 3 teams of 3, top U800, U600, U400, Unrated. **K-5 Under 800:** Trophies to first 5 players, first 3 teams of 3, top U600, U400, U200, Unr. **Unrated** may not win over \$100 in U1210 or \$300 in U1510. **Open, U2110, U1810, U1510 EF:** 3-day \$98, 2-day \$97 mailed by 9/5, all \$95 online at chesstour.com by 9/11, \$100 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 9/11 (entry only, no questions), \$110 at site. **Under 1210 or Senior EF:** 3-day \$48, 2-day \$47 mailed by 9/5, all \$45 online at chesstour.com by 9/11, \$50 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 9/11 (entry only, no questions), \$60 at site. **K-8 U1000 EF:** \$23 mailed by 9/5 or online by 9/11, \$30 at site. **K-5 U800 EF:** \$22 mailed by 9/5 or online by 9/11, \$30 at site. **All:** No checks at site, credit cards OK. Late entry accepted online until 2 hours before first game; same fee as at site. GMs free, \$80 deducted from prize. Mailed EF \$3 less to CSCA or WMCMA members. Re-entry \$50; not available in Open Section. Unofficial uschess.org ratings based on 4 or more games 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 \$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 am, rds. Sat 11, 2:30 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:15. **Under 1210 schedule:** Reg. ends Sat. 10 am, rds Sat 11, 2:30 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:15. **K-8 U1000 schedule:** Reg. ends Sat. 9:30 am, rds. Sat. 10, 11:30, 1, 2:15 & 3:30. Players in this schedule may also enter the 3-day schedule, taking a half point bye in round 2. **K-5 U800 schedule:** Reg. ends Sun. 10 am, rds. Sun. 10, 11:30, 1, 2:15 & 3:30. **Bye:** all, limit 2; must commit before rd 2. **HR:** \$89-89, 860-627-5311; reserve by 8/31 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 (DirectorAtChess.US, chesstour.com, 845-496-9658). \$15 service charge for refunds. Advance entries posted at chesstour.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**Sept. 21-23 or 22-23, Kentucky Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 60 (Enhanced) 5th Annual Louisville Open**  
5SS, 40/2, SD/1, d5 (2-day option, rds 1-2 G/75, d5). **K-8 U1000 Section** Saturday only, **K-5 U800 Section** Sunday only, each G/25, d5. **Holiday Inn Southwest Fair Expo**, 4110 Dixie Hwy. (I-264, Exit 8B), Louisville, KY 40216. Free parking, free airport shuttle. \$7,000 guaranteed prizes plus U1300 and scholastic trophies. In 6 sections. **Open:** \$1200-600-400-200, clear win or first on tiebreak \$100, top U2200/Unr \$400, top U2000/Unr \$300. **FIDE. Under 1900:** \$800-400-200-100, unrated limit \$500, top U1700 \$300. **FIDE. Under 1600:** \$700-400-200-100, unrated limit \$300, top U1400 \$300. **Under 1300:** \$200-100, trophies to top 5, unrated limit \$100. **K-8 Under 1000: Trophies to first 5 players, first 3 teams of 3, top U800, U600, U400, Unrated. K-5 Under 800: Trophies to first 5 players, first 3 teams of 3, top U600, U400, U200, Unrated. Scholastic team scores based on top 3 scores from school. Top 3 Sections EF:** 3-day \$93, 2-day \$92 mailed by 9/12, all \$89 online at chesstour.com by 9/19, \$90 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 9/19 (entry only, no questions), \$100 at site or online until 2 hours before first game. No checks at site, credit cards OK. Under 1300 Section **EF:** all \$50 less than above. GMs, IMs & WGMs free, \$90 deducted from prize. **K-8 U1000 EF:** \$23 mailed by 9/12 or online at chesstour.com by 9/19, \$30 at site or online until 2 hours before first game. **K-5 U800 Section EF:** \$22 mailed by 9/12 or online at chesstour.com by 9/19, \$30 at site or online until 2 hours before first game. **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 at site, Adult \$40, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20. **Re-entry \$50;** not available in Open Section. Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. **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. **K-8 U1000 schedule:** Reg. ends Sat. 9:30 am, rds. Sat. 10, 11:30, 1, 2:15 & 3:30. **Players in this schedule** may also enter the 3-day schedule, taking a half point bye in round 2. **K-5 U800 schedule:** Reg. ends Sun. 9:30 am, rds. Sun. 10, 11:30, 1, 2:15 & 3:30. **Bye:** all, Open must commit before rd 2, others

before rd 3. **HR:** \$79-89, 502-448-2020, ask for chess rate, reserve by 9/7 or rate may increase. **Car rental:** Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD #D657633. **Ent:** Continental Chess, Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. DirectorAtChess.US, chesstour.com, 845-496-9658. \$15 service charge for refunds. Advance entries posted at chesstour.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP (except scholastics).**

**Sept. 21-23 or 22-23, Texas Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 50 (Enhanced) 2012 U.S. Class Championships**  
See Nationals.

**Oct. 4-8, 5-8, 6-8 or 6-7, Virginia Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 150 (Enhanced) 3rd annual Continental Class Championships**  
Master Section, 9SS, Oct 4-8, 40/90, SD/30, inc/30. Expert through Class D Sections, 7SS, Oct 5-8 or 6-8, 40/2, SD/1, d5 (3-day option, rounds 1-2 G/75, d5). Class E Section, 7SS, Oct 6-7, G/40, d5 (Class E does not play on Columbus Day, Monday, Oct 8). **Hyatt Regency Crystal City**, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202. Free shuttle to/from Reagan International Airport and Crystal City Metro station (contact hotel for schedule). **Prizes \$50,000** based on 300 paid entries (seniors, re-entries, Class D Section, GMs, IMs, WGMs, foreign FIDE rated players in Master count as half entries, Class E Section players count as 1/4 entries), except proportional, except minimum \$30,000 (60% each prize) guaranteed. In 7 sections: **Master:** Open to US players currently or formerly rated at least 2200 USCF or 2100 FIDE, foreign players currently or formerly rated at least 2000 USCF or 1800 FIDE, and invitees. \$5000-2500-1500-1000-700-500-400-400-300-300, clear or tiebreak first bonus \$200, **FIDE** Under 2400/Unr \$2000-1000. Minimum prize \$500 to first 5 foreign GMs to enter who play all 9 rounds (no byes), \$300 to first 5 foreign IMs to enter who play all 9 rounds (no byes). GM & IM norms possible, FIDE rated. Expert, open to USCF 1800-2199. \$3000-1500-1000-700-500-400-300-300. **FIDE rated. Class A,** open to USCF 1600-1999 or unrated. \$3000-1500-1000-700-500-400-300-300. **Class B,** open to USCF 1400-1799 or unrated. \$3000-1500-1000-700-500-400-300-300. **Class C,** open to USCF 1200-1599 or unrated. \$2500-1300-900-600-500-400-300-300. **Class D,** open to USCF under 1400 or unrated. \$1000-700-400-300-300-200-200. **Class E,** open to USCF under 1200 or unrated. \$500-300-200, trophies to first 5, top Under 1000, Under 800, Under 600, Unrated. **Prize limits:** 1) Unrated (0-3 lifetime games rated) cannot win over \$200 in E, \$500 D, \$900 C, \$1200 B or \$1500 A. 2) If any post-event rating posted at uschess.org 10/2/11-10/2/12 is more than 30 points over section maximum, prize limit \$1200. 3) Balance of limited prize goes to next player(s) in line. **Master Section EF:** GMs, IMs, WGMs: free; \$150 deducted from prize (no deduction from minimum prize). Foreign FIDE rated players: \$75 online at chesstour.com by 10/1, \$100 online or at site until 6 pm 10/4. Others: \$225 if check mailed by 9/25 or online by 10/1, \$250 until 6 pm 10/4 online or at site. **Expert through Class C Sections**

**CHECK OUT USCF'S CORRESPONDENCE CHESS RATED EVENTS!**

**2012 Open Correspondence Chess Golden Knights Championship**

**USCF's 65th ANNUAL**  
**\$1,000 FIRST PRIZE**  
 (plus title of USCF's Golden Knights Champion and plaque)  
**2nd place \$600 • 3rd place \$400 • 4th place \$300 • 5th place \$200**  
**6th thru 10th place \$100 each • ENTRY FEE: \$25**

These USCF Correspondence Chess events are rated and open to all USCF members who reside on the North American continent, islands, or Hawaii, as well as those USCF members with an APO or FPO address. USCF members who reside outside of the North American continent are welcome to participate in e-mail events. Your USCF membership must remain current for the duration of the event, and entry fees must be paid in U.S. dollars. Those new to USCF Correspondence Chess, please estimate your strength: **Class A:** 1800-1999 (very strong); **Class B:** 1600-1799 (strong); **Class C:** 1400-1599 (intermediate); **Class D:** 1399 and below (beginner level). **Note:** Prize fund based on 300 entries and may be decreased proportionately per number of entries assigned.

**2012 E-mail Correspondence Chess Electronic Knights Championship**

**USCF's 9th ANNUAL**  
 (Seven-player sections, one game with each of six opponents.)  
**\$700 FIRST PRIZE**  
 (plus title of USCF's Electronic Knights Champion and plaque)  
**2nd place \$400 • 3rd place \$300 • 4th thru 10th place \$100 each • ENTRY FEE: \$25**

These USCF Correspondence Chess events are rated and open to all USCF members with e-mail access. Your USCF membership must remain current for the duration of the event, and entry fees must be paid in U.S. dollars. Maximum number of tournament entries allowed for the year for each player is ten. **Note:** Prize fund based on 200 entries and may be decreased proportionately per number of entries assigned.

**CORRESPONDENCE CHESS MATCHES (TWO PLAYERS)**  
 Two or six-game options. **ENTRY FEE: \$5.**  
**Win A Correspondence Chess Trophy**  
 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 (unrated 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 (webservice 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.

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## Regional Alabama

### A State Championship Event!

#### June 16, 2012 Alabama Quick Chess Championship

Birmingham Bridge Club, 2112 Columbiana Rd., Vestavia Hills, AL 35216. From I-65 take exit #252, go north on Columbiana Road 2 miles, on the left near Charter. In a Sections-SSS, time control G/25T/D3. **Prizes 80% Guaranteed:** Open \$\$\$/15: 1st: \$180, 2nd: \$140, U1700: \$80. Reserve \$\$/15: U1500: 1st: \$140, 2nd: \$100, U1300: 60. **EF: \$30;** Onsite: \$35. Scholastic K-12 Rated and Unrated sections. 3 trophies for each section for Alabama residents. **EF: \$10;** onsite \$15. Rated events require USCF & ACF memberships. OSA. Postmarked entry form and fee payment by June 9. Entry form on www.alabamachess.com on Calendar at June 16. Reg Onsite: 9-9:30. Rds.: 10-11:15-1:00-2:15-3:30 pm. Byes must be requested before start of round 2. No round 5 byes. **ENT:** Birmingham Chess Club; Attn: Balagee Govindan, 5564 Colony Ln., Hoover, AL 35226. **INFO:** bobrieves@charter.net. NS. W.

### June 30, Evangel Juan Open

4SS, G/50, t/d 5. Evangel Church, 3975 Vaughn, Montgomery, AL 36106. **Round times:** 9:00, 11:00, 1:30, 3:30. **1 section.** **Open: EF:** \$25 by June 22, \$30 thereafter. **Prizes (b/20):** 1st \$120, 2nd \$100, Class B/C \$80, Class D/E \$60, U1000/unrated \$40. **Registration:** Send name, USCF ID, and entry fee to Doug Strout, 6000 Camelot Ct., Montgomery, AL 36117.

## Arizona

### June 2, Game/40 Super Quads #2

**Format:** 3-RR (G/40, d/5), Regular and Quick Rated. **EF:** \$15. **Registration:** 9am-10am (onsite). **Rounds:** 10:15, 11:45, 1:15pm. **Prizes:** \$40 first per quad. Players will be grouped into quads (groups of four) by rating. If total number of entries is not divisible by four, director may create a 3-round swiss among the lowest 5-7 players. USCF membership required and available on site. **Location:** InnPlace Hotel Phoenix, 10220 N. Metro Parkway East, Phoenix, AZ 85051, 2nd Floor Cottonwood Room. Phone: 602-850-1515. **INFO:** www.phoenixchess.org, Metro Phoenix Chess Club, phoenixchess@inbox.com.

### June 9, Game/40 Super Quads #3

**Format:** 3-RR (G/40, d/5), Regular and Quick Rated. **EF:** \$15. **Registration:** 9am-10am (onsite). **Rounds:** 10:15, 11:45, 1:15pm. **Prizes:** \$40 first per quad. Players will be grouped into quads (groups of four) by rating. If total number of entries is not divisible by four, director may create a 3-round swiss among the lowest 5-7 players. USCF membership required and available on site. **Location:** InnPlace Hotel Phoenix, 10220 N. Metro Parkway East, Phoenix, AZ 85051, 2nd Floor Cottonwood Room. Phone: 602-850-1515. **INFO:** www.phoenixchess.org, Metro Phoenix Chess Club, phoenixchess@inbox.com.

### June 16, Heat Wave Swiss #2

**Format:** 3-SS (G/40, d/5), Regular and Quick Rated. Two rating-equivalent sections if 18+ players otherwise one open section. **Registration:** 9am-10am (onsite). **Rounds:** 10:15, 11:45, 1:15pm. **EF:** \$5. No prizes-reduced entry fee and the satisfaction of playing well. One 1/2 point bye available. Must declare at registration. USCF membership required and available on site. **Location:** InnPlace Hotel Phoenix, 10220 N. Metro Parkway East, Phoenix, AZ 85051, 2nd Floor Cottonwood Room. Phone: 602-850-1515. **INFO:** www.phoenixchess.org, Metro Phoenix Chess Club, phoenixchess@inbox.com.

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### Oct. 5-7 or 6-7, California, Southern

#### Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 80 (Enhanced)

##### 9th Annual Los Angeles Open

5SS, 40/2, SD/1, d5 (2-day option, rds 1-2 G/75, d5). U1000 Section plays Oct 6-7 only, with all games G/75, d5. Sheraton Four Points LAX, 9750 Airport Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045. Special parking \$5/day. **\$\$\$15,000** based on 200 paid entries (re-entries & U1300 Section count 50%, U1000 Section 25%), \$10,000 (2/3 each prize) minimum guaranteed. In 6 sections. **Open:** \$2000-1000-500-300, clear or tiebreak winner \$100 bonus, top Under 2300/Unr (not a section) \$500-250. **FIDE. Under 2200:** \$1200-600-400-200, top Under 2000 (not a section) \$500-250. **Under 1900:** \$1200-600-400-200, top Under 1700 (not a section) \$500-250. **Under 1600:** \$1000-500-300-200, top Under 1400 (not a section) \$400-200. **Under 1300:** \$500-300-200-150, top Under 1100 (not a section) \$200-100. **Under 1000:** Trophies to top 5, 1st Under 800, Under 600, Under 400, Unr. **Unrated** may not win over \$200 in U1300, Under 600, U1600 or \$600 U1900. **Top 4 sections EF:** 3-day \$108, 2-day \$107 mailed by 9/26, all \$105 online at chesstour.com by 10/1, \$110 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 10/1 (entry only, no questions), \$120 (no checks, credit cards OK) at site or online until 2 hours before first game. GMS, IMS & WGMs free; \$90 deducted from prize. **U1300 Section EF:** All \$50 less than above. **U1000 Section EF:** \$25 mailed by 9/26 or online by 10/1, \$30 at site or online until 2 hours before first game. **SCCF membership** (\$18, under 18 \$10) req. for rated Southern CA residents. Unofficial us.chess.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 \$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 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:15. **2-day schedule:** Reg ends Sat 10 am, rds. Sat 11, 2:30 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:15. **Under 1000 schedule:** Reg ends Sat 10 am, rds Sat 11, 2:30 & 6, Sun 10 & 1:30. **All:** Half point byes OK all, limit 2. Open must commit before rd 2, others before rd 3. **HR:** \$89-89, 1-800-529-4683, 310-649-7025; reserve by 9/22 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 (DirectorAtChess.US, chesstour.com, 845-496-9658). \$15 service charge for refunds. Advance entries posted at chesstour.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

### Oct. 12-14 or 13-14, Illinois

#### Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 100 (Enhanced)

##### 21st annual Midwest Class Championships

5SS, 40/2, SD/1, d5 (2-day option, rds 1-2 G/75, d5). **Class E Section** is G/75, d5 and plays Oct 13-14 only. **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. **Prizes \$20,000** based on 250 paid entries (re-entries & Class E Section count as half entries), else in proportion except \$16,000 (80% of each prize) minimum guaranteed. In 7 sections; no unrated allowed in Master or Expert. **Master** (2200/Up): \$2000-1000-500-300, clear win or 1st on tiebreak \$100, top U2300 \$800-400. **FIDE. Expert** (2000-2199): \$1500-700-400-300. **Class A** (1800-1999/Unr): \$1500-700-400-300. **Class B** (1600-1799/Unr): \$1500-700-400-300. **Class C** (1400-1599/Unr): \$1400-700-400-200. **Class D** (1200-1399/Unr): \$1200-600-300-200. **Class E** (Under 1200/Unr): \$600-300-200-100, trophies to top 7, top 800-999, 600-799, Under 600, Unrated. Rated players may play up one section. Unrated prize limit \$150 E, \$250 D, \$400 C, \$500 B, \$700 A. **Top 6 sections EF:** 3-day \$108, 2-day \$107 mailed by 10/3, all \$106 online at chesstour.com by 10/9, \$110 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 10/9 (entry only, no questions), \$120 at site, or online until 2 hours before first game. **Class E EF:** all \$50 less than above. **All:** No checks

at site, credit cards OK. Online or mailed EF \$5 less to ICA members; join/renew at il-chess.org. 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 \$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. **Class E schedule:** Reg. ends Sat 10 am, rds. Sat 11, 2:30 & 6, Sun 10 & 1:30. **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 9/28 or rate may increase. **Car rental:** Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD #D657633. **Ent:** Continental Chess, Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577 (chesstour.com, DirectorAtChess.US, 845-496-9658). \$15 service charge for refunds. Advance entries posted at chesstour.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

### Oct. 24-28 or 26-28, Bahamas

#### Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 150 (Enhanced)

##### Bahamas International & Amateur

Wyndham Nassau Resort & Crystal Palace Casino, West Bay Street, Cable Beach, Nassau, Bahamas. \$12,000 guaranteed prizes. USCF Rated. International: 9SS, 40/90, SD/30, 30 second increment. \$\$\$6200-1200-800-600-500-400, top FIDE under 2400 or unrated \$800-400. Minimum prize \$700 to GMS who complete all games with no byes (limited to first 6 GMS to enter). IM & GM norms possible; FIDE rated. **EF: GMS, IMS, WGMs** free; \$130 EF deduction from prize (GMS who have a \$700 minimum prize will not be reduced to below \$700 by the deduction). **FMS:** \$130 mailed by 10/12 or online by 10/22, \$150 at tmt. **FIDE 2200/Up** rated players: \$230 mailed by 10/12 or online by 10/22, \$250 at tmt. **FIDE 2100-2199:** \$330 mailed by 10/12 or online by 10/22, \$350 at tmt. **Others:** \$430 mailed by 10/12 or online by 10/22, \$450 at tmt. **Amateur:** 6SS, 40/2, SD/1, d5, open to under 2200 or unrated. \$\$\$1200-600-300-200, top Under 1900 (no unr) \$700-400. **EF:** \$128 mailed by 10/12 or online by 10/22, \$150 at tmt. **Reserve:** 6SS, 40/2, SD/1, d5, open to under 1600 or unrated. \$700-400-200-100, top Under 1300 (no unr) \$350-150; no unrated may win over \$300. **EF:** \$78 mailed by 10/12 or online by 10/22, \$100 at tmt. **All:** No checks at site, credit cards OK. 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. Extra charge for magazine if not US/Canada/Mexico. Special USCF dues for Bahamas residents: see www.chesstour.com/bil2.htm. **Ratings:** FIDE ratings used in International Section, USCF in others; if multiple ratings, usually highest rating used, plus possible adjustment points. No adjustment points added to Bahamas, Jamaica, most Caribbean ratings or CFC, 50 added to FIDE or FQE, 100/more added to many other countries. **International schedule:** Late reg. ends Wed 6 pm, rds Wed 7, Thu 11 & 6, Fri 11 & 6, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:30. Two half point byes available (must commit before rd 2); norm not possible if taking bye. Amateur & Reserve schedule: Late reg. ends Fri 10 am, rds Fri 11 & 6, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:30. **HR:** \$109-109-129 plus \$18 resort fee, 954-903-2800, 242-327-6200, reserve by 10/10 or rate may increase. Resort fee includes bellmen & maid gratuities, pool & beach amenities, fitness room, admission to cocktail party, use of computers/wifi in lobby, access to Crystal Palace Casino Members Club & free play, resort activities, use of facilities at adjacent Sheraton Hotel, Wyndham coupon value pack, etc. **Bring sets, boards, clocks** if possible—none supplied. **Ent:** Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. \$15 service charge for refunds. **Questions:** DirectorAtChess.US, www.chesstour.com, 845-496-9658. Advance entries posted at chesstour.com. Invitations: GoAtChess.us (use @ instead of at). **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

### Nov. 9-11 or 10-11, Ohio

#### Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 150 (Enhanced)

##### 21st annual Kings Island Open

5SS, 40/2, SD/1, d5 (2-day option, rds 1-2 G/75, d5). **U1000 Section** plays Nov 10-11 only, G/75, d5. At Kings Island Resort, 5691 Kings Island Drive (I-71, 6 mi north of I-275), Mason, OH 45040. \$\$\$30,000 based on 350 paid entries (re-entries & U1000 Section count as half entries); minimum \$24,000 (80% of each prize) guaranteed. In 7 sections: **Open:** \$3000-1500-800-600-400, 1st on tiebreak \$200 bonus, top U2300/Unr \$1600-800. **FIDE. Under 2100:** \$2000-1000-500-400-300. **Under 1900:** \$2000-1000-500-400-300. **Under 1700:** \$2000-1000-500-400-300. **Under 1500:** \$1800-900-500-300-200. **Under 1250:** \$1400-700-400-300-200. **Under 1000:** \$800-400-300-200-100. **Unrated** prize limits: U1000 \$200, U1250 \$400, U1500 \$600, U1700 \$800, U1900 \$1000. Balance goes to next player(s) in line. **Top 6 sections EF:** 3-day \$118, 2-day \$117 mailed by 10/31, all \$115 online at chesstour.com by 11/6, \$120 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 11/6 (entry only, no questions), \$130 at site. **Under 1000 Section EF:** 3-day \$58, 2-day \$57 mailed by 10/31, all \$55 online at chesstour.com by 11/6, \$60 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 11/6 (entry only, no questions), \$70 at site. **All:** No checks at site, credit cards OK. Advance EF \$5 less to OCA members. Online late entry available until 2 hours before first game; same price as at site. Re-entry \$60; 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 \$40, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20. **3-day schedule:** Reg ends Fri 6 pm, rds. Fri 7 pm, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:30. **2-day schedule:** Reg ends Sat 10 am, rds Sat 11, 2:30 & 6, Sun 10 & 1:30. **U1000 schedule:** Reg. ends Sat 10 am, rds Sat 11, 2:30 & 6, Sun 10 & 1:30. **Byes:** OK all; Open must commit by rd 2, others by rd 3. **HR:** \$64-64, 800-727-3050, 513-398-0115, reserve by 10/29 or rate may increase. **Car rental:** Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD #D657633, or reserve car online through chesstour.com. **Car rental** is easiest & cheapest transportation from Cincinnati Airport. **Ent:** Continental Chess, Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577 (chesstour.com, DirectorAtChess.US, 845-496-9658). Advance entries will be posted at chesstour.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

## June 23, 30, Metro Phoenix Chess Club G/60 #2

**Format:** 4-SS (G/60, d/5), dual rated. One Open Section. Played over two Saturdays, two rounds each Saturday. **EF:** \$20. **Registration:** 9am-10am (onsite), Round Times: 10:15am, 12:30pm. **Prizes:** \$450 prize fund based on 30 full-paid entries, 1st, 2nd & Under cash prizes will be awarded at the end of Round 4 on June 30th. One 1/2 point bye available. USCF membership required and available on site. Note: The director reserves the right to create a 2nd section if a large rating disparity exists. **Location:** InnPlace Hotel Phoenix, 10220 N. Metro Parkway East, Phoenix, AZ 85051 2nd Floor Cottonwood Room. Phone: 602-850-1515. **Info:** www.phoenixchess.org, Metro Phoenix Chess Club, phoenixchess@inbox.com.

**July 19-22, 20-22 or 21-22, 17th annual Pacific Coast Open (CA-S)**  
See Grand Prix.

**Oct. 5-7 or 6-7, 9th annual Los Angeles Open (CA-S)**  
See Grand Prix.

## California, Northern

### Capital City C. C. Sundays Chess for Kids

Round Table Pizza, 3005 Freport Blvd., Sacramento. FREE CHESS CLASS: 11am (Kids & Families). EVENTS: Quads: (3/RR) &/or Swisses (3 Rds.). T/C: G/30 w/5 Second Delay. RDS.: 1pm/Ongoing. PRIZES: 1st - Trophy or Inscribed Digital Delay Clock & Chess Medals or Pins for all. TIE-BREAK: G/7 w/3 Second Delay. EF: \$15. REG.: Site & Noon. DIRECTOR: John C. Barnard 209-450-6133. JohnCharlesBarnard@gmail.com, capitalcity-chessclub.com.

**June 22-24 or 23-24, Summer Open**  
See Grand Prix.

### June 30-July 1, Berkeley Open

4-SS, 30/90; G/60, d/5. Hillside School; 1581 Le Roy Ave., Berkeley, CA. \$58 60 paid entries (not counting unrated entries). **Three Sections: Open Section:** \$275-175, U2200 \$160-100; **A/B Section:** \$200-150, U1800 \$145-100; **Reserve Section:** \$200-150; U1400 \$145-100, Unr: Trophy First. **All, EF:** postmarked by 6/25 \$50, \$60 on site. Unrateds \$20 in the Reserve section or may play up to the Open section for the regular fee. \$5 discount to Berkeley Chess Club Members. USCF memb. req'd. May play up for add'l \$10 per section. **Reg.:** Sat 6/30 9:00-9:45 am. **RDS.:** Sat 10:00-3:30; Sun 10:00-3:30; One 1/2 pt bye available if requested in advance, a bye in rds 3 or 4 must be requested before rd 1. 2012 June Ratings List, CCA minimums and Directors discretion will be used to place players as accurately as possible. Please bring clocks and equipment. **Info:** Richard Koepcke (650)-224-4938. Email: richardkoepcke@yahoo.com. **Ent:** Richard Koepcke, P.O. Box 1432, Mountain View, CA 94042. No Phone entries. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**July 6-8 or 7-8, 2012 Sacramento Chess Championship**  
See Grand Prix.

**July 19-22, 20-22 or 21-22, 17th annual Pacific Coast Open (CA-S)**  
See Grand Prix.

## July 20-22 or 21-22, People's Tournament

See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 17-19 or 18-19, 4th annual Central California Open**  
See Grand Prix.

**Oct. 5-7 or 6-7, 9th annual Los Angeles Open (CA-S)**  
See Grand Prix.

## California, Southern

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### June 2&3, 16&17, 23&24, LACC - Sat & Sun G/61

6SS, G/61. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA 90025, 2nd fl. **EF:** \$55 (\$35 LACC memb). **Reg.:** 11-12 pm. **Rds.:** 12, 2, 4 pm each day. **Prizes:** 1/2 EFs. **Parking:** Free at BoA and streets (\$5 basement). **Info:** 310/795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

### June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 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:** 75% EFs; **Parking:** Free at BoA (\$5 basement). **Info:** 310/795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com.

### June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, LACC - Sat Nite Blitz (G/5) (QC)

5DSS, (10 Games). 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 at BoA (\$5 basement). **Info:** 310/795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com.

### June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, LACC - Saturday G/61

3SS, G/61. Santa Monica Blvd., LA, 90025, 2nd fl. **EF:** \$30 (\$20 memb, \$10 no prizes). **Reg.:** 11-12 pm. **Rds.:** 12, 2, 4 pm. **Prizes:** 1/2 collections. **Parking:** basement (\$5). **Info:** 310/795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com.

## June 3, 10, 17, 24, LACC - Every Sunday Chess 4 Jrs.

4 separate events - 3 Sections: K-1, K-3, K-6, 5SS, G/30. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA, 90025, 2nd fl. 4 blocks W 405. **EF:** \$30 (\$20 LACC memb, \$10 off siblings, Free new LACC memb). **Reg.:** 12-1 pm. **Rds.:** 1pm & asap; **Prizes:** Trophies (Top 3) & medals; each player receives a prize! **Parking:** Free at BoA and streets or building basement (\$5). Free snacks & free class (12-1). **Info:** (310) 795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com or Mick@LAChessClub.com.

## June 3, 10, 17, 24, LACC - Sunday G/61

3SS, G/61. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA, 90025, 2nd fl. **EF:** \$30 (\$20 memb, \$10 no prizes). **Reg.:** 11-12 pm. **Rds.:** 12, 2, 4 pm. **Prizes:** 50% EFs, **Parking:** Free at BoA and streets or basement (\$5). **Info:** 310/795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com.

## June 9-10, The Best & The Brightest

See Grand Prix.

## June 16, Tournament of Kings & Queens 2012

STAR Education Convention Center, 10117 Jefferson Blvd., Culver City, CA 90232. 5SS, G/30. Rated & Unrated Sections - Unrated is untimed. **Rds.:** 10, 11, 12, 1:45 & 2:45 - Awards at 3:45. Trophies for winners & gift for all players. Food, drinks and fun activities! Grades K-6 (must be 12 and under by event.) **EF:** \$27 by 6/13 & \$35 after. Limited space so register early! **Online Reg.:** chesstourney.starinc.org. **Info:** chess@starinc.org or 310.736.8577.

## June 16, July 14, Aug. 25, Bay Area Chess4Less Quads

1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, 95035. Trophies for winning record. **Sched:** Check-in by: 3:15p, 3xG/30. **Games:** 3:45-6. **EF:** \$19 by Wed before tournament. **Info/flyer:** BayAreaChess.com/chess4less. NS. NC.

## June 23 & 24, LACC - Sat & Sun G/90

4SS, G/90. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA 90025, 2nd fl. **EF:** \$55 (\$35 LACC memb). **Reg.:** 11-12 pm. **Rds.:** 12, 3 pm each day. **Prizes:** 1/2 collections. **Parking:** Free on Butler (\$5 basement). **Info:** 310/795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

## June 30-July 1, 52nd Annual Pacific Southwest Open

See Grand Prix.

## July 1, PSW Scholastics

5-SS, G/30. Warner Center Marriott, 21850 Oxnard St., Woodland Hills, CA 91367. Open to gr. 12/below. In two sections: **Open:** Trophies to top 5, top 3 U1200, top 2 Unrated. **Grade 6/below U1000:** Trophies to top 5, top 3 U700, top 2 Unrated. **Reg.:** 8:30-9:15. **Rds.:** 9:30-11-12:15-1:45-3. **EF:** \$16 if received by 6/29, \$20 door. **Info:** (626) 282-7412 or randallhough@yahoo.com. **Ent:** SCCF, PO Box 205, Monterey Park, CA 91754, online at www.schess.com.

## July 7-8, Orange County Championship

See Grand Prix.

## July 19-22, 20-22 or 21-22, 17th annual Pacific Coast Open

See Grand Prix.

# 17th annual PACIFIC COAST OPEN

July 19-22, 20-22 or 21-22, 2012 - \$25,000 projected prizes, \$15,000 minimum

6 rounds at luxurious Renaissance Hotel, Agoura Hills CA, 12 miles from Malibu

6 rounds, 40/2, SD/1, d5 (2-day option, rds 1-3 G/45, d5). Under 900 Section, July 21-22 only, G/70, d5. Sheraton Hotel, 30100 Agoura Road, Agoura Hills CA 91301 (US-101 to Reyes Adobe Road exit), 26 miles west of Burbank. Free parking.

**Hotel rates:** \$87-87, 818-707-1220, reserve by 7/5 or rate may increase.

**Prizes \$25,000** based on 230 paid entries; min. guarantee \$15,000 (60% each prize). Re-entries count as half entries, U900 one-third. In 7 sections:

**Open:** \$3000-1500-700-400, clear or tiebreak win \$100 bonus, top Under 2300/Unr \$1600-800. FIDE rated, 100 GPP (enhanced).

**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 prize limits:** U2100 \$1000, U1900 \$800, U1700 \$600, U1500 \$400, U1200 \$200, U900 \$100.

If any post-event rating posted at uschess.org 7/18/11-7/18/12 is above 30 pts over section max, limit \$600.

**Top 6 sections entry fee:** 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, no questions), \$150 at site (no checks, credit cards OK) or online until 2 hrs before first game.

**Under 900 Section entry fee:** all \$90 less than above.

**Special 1 yr USCF** with magazine if paid online with entry: \$30, Young Adult \$20, Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or at site \$40, YA \$30, Scholastic \$20. USCF mem. required.

**Unofficial uschess.org ratings** usually used if otherwise unrated.

**SCCF membership** (\$18, jrs \$10) required for rated So. Calif. residents.

**4-day schedule:** Reg Thu to 6:30 pm, rds Thu 7 pm, Fri 7 pm, Sat 11 am & 6 pm, Sun 10 am & 4:30 pm.

**3-day schedule:** Reg. Fri to 11 am, rds Fri 12 noon & 7 pm, Sat 11 am & 6 pm, Sun 10 am & 4:30 pm.

**2-day schedule:** Reg. Sat to 9 am, rds Sat 10 am, 12:45 pm, 3:15 pm & 6 pm; Sun 10 am & 4:30 pm.

**Under 900 schedule:** Reg. Sat to 9 am, rds 10, 1:15, 4:30 each day.

**Half-point byes** OK all (limit 2); Open must commit before round 2, other sections before round 4.

**All:** Bring set, board, clock if possible. JGP. Re-entry (no Open) \$70.

**Car rental:** 800-331-1600, use AWD D657633 or reserve at chesstour.com.

**Entry:** Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills NY 12577.

**Optional entry form** faces inside back cover, or see entryblank.com. \$15 service charge for refunds. Advance entries posted at chesstour.com.



July 21, Young People's Quads

Hilton, 7050 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94588. Trophies: Players w/winn rec. **Sched:** Checkin 4p, **Games:** 4:30-6:30p. 3xG30. **EF:** \$25, Onsite +\$15. **More Info:** BayAreaChess.com/youngpl. NS. NC. W.

July 21, Young People's Swiss

Hilton, 7050 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94588. Trophies: Players w/winn rec & teams. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:30a. **Games:** 10a-2p. **EF:** \$33, Onsite +\$15. **More Info:** BayAreaChess.com/youngpl. NS. NC. W.

**Aug. 17-19 or 18-19, 4th annual Central California Open (CA-N)** See Grand Prix.

**Sept. 1-3 or 2-3, 34th Annual Southern California Open** See Grand Prix.

**Oct. 5-7 or 6-7, 9th annual Los Angeles Open** See Grand Prix.

### Connecticut

**June 8-10 or 9-10, 18th Annual Northeast Open** See Grand Prix.

**June 9-10, Rhode Island State Championship (RI)** See Rhode Island.

**July 4-8, 5-8, 6-8, 2-8, 1-3 or 4-5, 40th Annual World Open (PA)** See Grand Prix.

**July 12, 25th Annual Thursday Night Action Chess Championship: Come Celebrate With Us This Special 25th Anniversary Of USCF's Longest-Running Action Tournament, Now At The New Yorker Hotel!! (NY)** See Grand Prix.

**July 27-29 or 28-29, 17th Annual Bradley Open** See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 9-12, 10-12 or 11-12, 42nd annual Continental Open (MA)** See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 17-19 or 18-19, 11th annual Manhattan Open (NY)** See Grand Prix.

**Sept. 14-16 or 15-16 (Scholastics Sept. 15 or 16), 3rd annual Hartford Open & New England Senior** See Grand Prix.

**Nov. 2-4 or 3-4 (Open), Nov. 3-4 (Booster), 3rd annual Eastern Team Championship**

5SS, 40/2, SD/1, d5 (2-day Open option, rds 1-2 G/75, d5; all Booster games are G/75, d5). Sheraton Hotel, 700 Main St., Stamford, CT 06901. Free parking. Open to teams of 4 plus one optional alternate; match point scoring. Average rating of 4 highest rated players must be under 2000 (Open Section) or 1400 (Booster Section), counting 4th highest rating as at least 3th highest rating minus 500. Alternate must be lowest rated on team, but plays the board of the player who is replaced. Except for the alternate, players must play in rating order, so are always on the same board. **Open EF:** \$280 per team mailed by 10/24 or online at chesstour.com by 10/30, \$320 at site. Mailed entries who do not indicate schedule will be placed in 2-day. **Booster EF:** \$140 per team mailed by 10/24 or online at chesstour.com by 10/30, \$180 at site. **Individuals seeking teams:** post on or see CCA website at ccaforum.com, or email DirectorAtChess.US and we will post for you. **Open Section (\$8000 guaranteed):** Top teams \$2000-1000-600-400, teams averaging under 1700 \$1000-500, top senior teams (all players age 50/up) \$400-200, top on each board \$300-150, top alternate \$100. Team prizes apportioned based on number of games played. Plaque to top college team (same school), K-12 team (same school). **Booster Section:** Plaque to top 5 teams, trophy to top 2 scorers each board, top alternate. All players on 1st team win free entry in 2012 National Chess Congress, Nov 23-25 in Philadelphia. Plaque to top college team (same school), K-12 team (same school), K-9 team (same school), K-6 team (same school), K-3 team (same school). **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 \$40, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20. **Open 3-day schedule:** Reg ends Fri 6:30 pm, rds. Fri 7 pm, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:30. **Open 2-day schedule:** Reg ends Sat 10 am, rds. Sat 11, 2:30 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:30. **Booster schedule:** Reg ends Sat 10 am, rds. Sat 11, 2:30 & 6, Sun 10 & 1:30. **Bye:** all, limit 2; must commit before rd 2. **HR:** \$89-89, 800-408-7640, 203-358-8400; reserve by 10/19 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 (DirectorAtChess.US, chesstour.com, 845-496-9658). \$15 service charge for refunds. Advance entries posted at chesstour.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

### Delaware

**June 9-10, 2012 Delaware Capital Open**

Residence Inn Dover, 600 Jefferic Blvd., Dover, DE 19901. In 2 Sections, **Open:** 5SS, G/90, **\$\$B/25:** 1st \$200, 2nd \$125, 3rd \$75, U2000 \$75, U1800 \$75. **Reserve:** 5SS, G/90, Open to 1600 & under. **\$\$B/15:** 1st \$140, 2nd \$90, 3rd \$50, U1400 \$50, U1200 \$50. **ALL: EF:** \$35 before June 1st, \$40 after. **Memb. Req'd:** DCA \$10(\$5 under 18). **OSA. Reg.:** 8:45-9:45 AM. **Rds.:** Sat 10, 2, 5:30 Sun 10, 2. **Byes:** limit one 1/2pt bye, must commit by start of round 3. **ENT:** Kevin Pytel, 604 N. Walnut St., Newport, DE 19804-2624 KevinJPytel@aol.com. **INFO:** Kevin Pytel (KevinJPytel@aol.com). **HR:** ask for the \$119 Chess Rate 302-677-0777. **Skittles Room and restaurant on premises, many fine restaurants and points of interest nearby. Lots of door prizes and give-aways!** NS. W. Chess Magnet School JGP.

**July 6-8, The Rentschler Foundation 3rd Annual High School Chess Championship (NJ)** See New Jersey.

**July 12, 25th Annual Thursday Night Action Chess Championship: Come Celebrate With Us This Special 25th Anniversary Of USCF's**

**Longest-Running Action Tournament, Now At The New Yorker Hotel!! (NY)** See Grand Prix.

### District of Columbia

**July 12, 25th Annual Thursday Night Action Chess Championship: Come Celebrate With Us This Special 25th Anniversary Of USCF's Longest-Running Action Tournament, Now At The New Yorker Hotel!! (NY)** See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 24-26 or 25-26, 44th annual Atlantic Open** See Grand Prix.

**Oct. 4-8, 5-8, 6-8 or 6-7, 3rd annual Continental Class Championships (VA)** See Grand Prix.

### Florida

**Boca Raton Chess Club**

Friday nights, Game 90 Tournament, one game a week for 4 weeks. [www.bocachess.com](http://www.bocachess.com), 561-479-0351. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**South Florida Chess Club**

Wednesday's 6:30-10:30pm. Rated G/90 Tournaments and skittles. Most tournaments are 4+ rounds Call 561-573-3677 or 954-304-0928 or email southfloridachessclub@gmail.com or visit [www.SouthFloridaChess-Club.com](http://www.SouthFloridaChess-Club.com). **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**June 16, June OCG Open**

Orlando Chess and Games Center. 4SS, G/75. **EF:** \$30. **PF:** \$650 b/30 \$250-\$150-\$100 best U-1600, U-1200, \$75 each. **Reg.:** 9:15-9:45 am. **RDS.:** 10am-12:30pm-3pm-6pm, [www.orlandochess.com](http://www.orlandochess.com). **Info:** call 407-248-0818 or email alex@orlandochess.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**June 23, Central FL Tornado**

4SS, G/75. Casselberry CC, Wirz Park, 806 Mark David Blvd., Casselberry, FL 32707. **EF:** \$30, CFCC/CCC mbr \$25, Masters free (EF deducted from any prize). **\$\$480 b/25, 160-80-60, U1800, U1600, U1400 \$60 ea. Reg.:** 9:30am. **Rds.:** 10, 1, 3:30, 6. **Info:** (407) 629-6946 or [www.centralflchess.org](http://www.centralflchess.org). **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**June 30, June OCG Quick Open (OC)**

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.orlandochess.com](http://www.orlandochess.com). **Info:** call 407-248-0818 or email alex@orlandochess.com.

**July 12, 25th Annual Thursday Night Action Chess Championship: Come Celebrate With Us This Special 25th Anniversary Of USCF's Longest-Running Action Tournament, Now At The New Yorker Hotel!! (NY)** See Grand Prix.

**July 14, Central FL Tornado**

4SS, G/75. Casselberry CC, Wirz Park, 806 Mark David Blvd., Casselberry, FL 32707. **EF:** \$30, CFCC/CCC mbr \$25, Masters free (EF deducted from any prize). **\$\$480 b/25, 160-80-60, U1800, U1600, U1400 \$60 ea. Reg.:** 9:30am. **Rds.:** 10, 1, 3:30, 6. **Info:** (407) 629-6946 or [www.centralflchess.org](http://www.centralflchess.org). **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**July 27-29 or 28-29, 20th Annual Southern Open** See Grand Prix.

**Oct. 24-26 or 26-28, Bahamas International & Amateur (Bahamas)** See Grand Prix.

### Georgia

**June 22-24 or 23-24, 2012 Castle Chess Grand Prix** See Grand Prix.

**June 30, North Georgia Chess Center Scholastic Tournament**

5-SS, G/30. Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 870 Buford Hwy (Ga Hwy 20), Cumming, GA 30041. **Exit 14 off Ga 400 Next to Lowes On Market Place Blvd.** 678-845-7100, For Directions Only! **Sections: Open and U800. EF:** \$22.00 (NGCC Members) \$24.00 (Online Registration). \$27.00 (Non NGCC Members) \$29.00 (Online Registration). Entry For Late Registration: \$27.00 (NGCC Members), \$32.00 (Non NGCC Members). **Reg.:** Sat. 8:30am - 9:30am. **Rounds:** 1st-10am, 2nd-11:30am, 3rd-1pm, 4th-2:30pm, 5th-4pm. **Tmnt. Info:** 770-844-9204, northgachesscenter@gmail.com, northgachesscenter.com.

**July 8, North Georgia Chess Center Open - Game 45 Rated Tournament**

5-SS, G/45 + 16 Second Delay. **Bye:** One 1/2 point available: Must be submitted before 1st Round. (Accelerated Pairings May Be Used) North Georgia Chess Center, 2450 Atlanta Hwy., Suite 201, Cumming, GA 30040. If you are coming in from out of state special rates available at the Holiday Inn Express, 870 Buford Hwy. (Ga Hwy 20) Cumming, GA 30041 please mention that you are in town for North Georgia Chess Center the rates are \$95.00 per night. Exit 14 off Ga 400 Next to Lowes On Market Place Blvd. 678-845-7100 Hotel Directions Only! **Prize Fund:** 50% of Entry Fee (\$60.00) (not including additional non-member price or additional late registration price) **Sections:** Open Section Only. 1st: 33%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%, u2000: 10%, u1600: 8.3%, u1200: 6.7%. **Highest Rating Increase for Tournament:** 6.7%. **Upset Prize:** 5% (This is approximate prize disbursement) **EF:** \$60.00 (North Georgia Chess Center Members) \$65.00 (Non-North Georgia Chess Center Members); Late Registration Entry Fee: \$70.00 (North Georgia Chess Center Members) \$75.00 (Non-North Georgia Chess Center Members) **Must pay in cash or by check. Reg.:** Received by Thursday July 5th. **Round Times:** 1st-10:00am, 2nd-12:15, 3rd-2:30pm, 4th-4:45pm, 5th-7:00pm. **Information:** 770-844-9204, northgachesscenter@gmail.com, northgachesscenter.com.

**July 27-29 or 28-29, 20th Annual Southern Open (FL)** See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 3-5, North Georgia Chess Center Championship**

5-SS, G/90 + 30 Second Delay. **Bye:** One 1/2 point available: Must be submitted before 1st Round. North Georgia Chess Center, 2450 Atlanta Hwy., Suite 201, Cumming, GA 30040. **For those coming in from out of state or long distances, the Holiday Inn Express & Suites 870 Buford Hwy. (Ga Hwy 20) Cumming, GA 30041, is offering our customers discounted rates Exit 14 off Ga 400 Next to Lowes On Market Place Blvd. For Directions or reservations Only: 678-845-7100. Prize Fund:** 50% of Entry Fee (\$60.00) (not including additional non-member price or additional late registration price). **Sections:** Open Section Only. (Accelerated Pairings possibly used for 1st Two Rounds). **Prizes:** 1st: 33%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%, u2000: 10%, u1600: 8.3%, u1200: 6.7%. **Highest Rating Increase:** 6.7%. **Upset Prize:** 5%. **Entry Fee:** \$60.00 (North Georgia Chess Center Members); \$65.00 (Non-North Georgia Chess Center Members); Late Registration Entry Fee: \$70.00 (North Georgia Chess Center Members); \$75.00 (Non-North Georgia Chess Center Members). **Must pay in cash or by check. Registration:** Must be Received by Thursday August 2nd to avoid late registration fees. **Round Times:** 1st - 7:30pm (Friday 3 day Schedule) or (9:30am Sat 2 day schedule) 2nd - 2:30pm, 3rd - 7:30pm, 4th - 11:00 am, 5th - 4:00pm. **Tournament Info:** 770-844-9204, northgachesscenter@gmail.com, northgachesscenter.com. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

### Illinois

**North Shore Chess Center**

5500 W. Touhy Ave., Suite A, Skokie, IL 60077, 847.423.8626, [www.nschess.org/nssc](http://www.nschess.org/nssc). Multiple monthly chess events: Quick and Regular rated tournaments, FIDE amateur tournaments, simulms and lectures by masters. Private & Group lessons for all ages and

## 20th annual SOUTHERN OPEN

July 27-29 or 28-29, Wyndham Orlando Resort

\$16,000 projected prizes, \$12,000 minimum!

5 round Swiss, choice of 3-day or 2-day schedule. Prizes \$16,000 based on 200 paid entries (re-entries & \$50 off entries count half), with 75% of each prize minimum guaranteed. In 5 sections:

**Open Section:** Prizes \$2000-1000-500-300, clear/tiebreak win \$100 bonus, top U2300/Unr \$800, U2200/Unr \$700. FIDE rated, 80 GPP.

**Under 2100 Section:** \$1400-700-400-200, top Under 1900 \$500.

**Under 1800 Section:** \$1400-700-400-200, top Under 1600 \$500.

**Under 1500 Section:** \$1400-700-400-200, top Under 1300 \$400.

**Under 1200 Section:** \$800-400-200-100, trophy to top U1000, U800, U600, Unrated.

Unrated prize limits: \$150 in U1200, \$300 U1500, or \$500 in U1800.

FULL DETAILS: see "Grand Prix" in this issue or chesstour.com.

strengths available. Home of the Chicago Blaze US Chess League team. Contact: Sevan A. Muradian International Arbiter & International Organizer - [sevan@na.chess.org](mailto:sevan@na.chess.org)

## 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. **2 Sections:** Open & Reserve (U1000). **EF:** \$5. No concession on site (bring sack lunch). USCF membership required. **Contact:** Coach Miller 815-463-0104 or [stevencraigmiller@comcast.net](mailto:stevencraigmiller@comcast.net) with questions.

## June 23, Chicago All Stars

Team up with your friends and play in our new 4-player school & club team tournament; minimum 3 players to form a team. Hilton Hotel, 2855 N. Milwaukee Ave., Northbrook, IL. Presented by Renaissance Knights Chess Foundation. **Sections:** Open - 3 rd G/40, d5, **K-8, K-6 & K-3** 4 rd G/25, d5. **Awards:** Trophies top player each board, Medals top 3 teams (Gold, Silver & Bronze). **Reg.:** 12:00-12:30 pm. **Rds.:** 1 at 1:00 pm, rest ASAP. **EF:** \$25 per player by 6/18, \$30 after, \$35 on-site. **Registration/Info:** [www.rknights.org](http://www.rknights.org).

## July 8, 79th Knights Quest

4ss, Game/30. Hilton Hotel, 2855 N. Milwaukee Ave., 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:** \$30 by

7/2, \$35 after, \$40 on-site. **Registration/Info:** [www.rknights.org](http://www.rknights.org).

## July 20-22 or 21-22, 5th annual Chicago Class

See Grand Prix.

## Aug. 17-19 or 18-19, 7th annual Indianapolis Open (IN)

See Grand Prix.

## Sept. 1-3, 2012 Illinois Open State Championship

See Grand Prix.

## Oct. 12-14 or 13-14, 21st annual Midwest Class Championships

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. **\$\$:** 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 [akakarпов@att.net](mailto:akakarпов@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, \$\$4-Quad 1st \$25.00. Ent: Donald Urquhart, 501 N. East St., #802, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Info: Don at 317-634-6259 or email [akakarпов@att.net](mailto:akakarпов@att.net).

## July 20-22 or 21-22, 5th annual Chicago Class (IL)

See Grand Prix.

## Aug. 17-19 or 18-19, 7th annual Indianapolis Open

See Grand Prix.

## Sept. 21-23 or 22-23, 5th Annual Louisville Open (KY)

See Grand Prix.

## Oct. 12-14 or 13-14, 21st annual Midwest Class Championships (IL)

See Grand Prix.

## Nov. 9-11 or 10-11, 21st annual Kings Island Open (OH)

See Grand Prix.

## Kansas

### July 20-22, Kansas Open

All events at Holiday Inn, 8787 Reeder Rd., Overland Park, KS 2 sections: (7/21 and 7/22) 5SS, G/90 30/inc. in Open, G/120 5/d in Reserve, **\$1000 Guaranteed** (Open + Reserve) **Open FIDE rated** (All prizes based on 80 non-scholastic rate entries) **Open: all:** \$320-160-80. 1999/ below: 160-80-40. \$25 & plaque to top KS resident. **Reserve: 1799/below:** \$320-160-80. Class C: 160-80-40. 1399/below + unrated: 160-80-40. \$25 and plaque to top KS resident. **EF:** \$45 if postmarked by 7/14, \$60 there-

## Illinois Open State Championships

September 1 – 3, 2012

**\$8,500 Guaranteed Prize Fund**

**6R-SS in 3 Sections**

**\$64 Early Bird Entry Fee by 8/4**

<http://www.nachess.org/ilopen2012>

## PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS HEALTH AND BENEFITS FUND

Many Grand Prix tournament organizers will contribute \$1 per player to the Professional Health & Benefits Fund. All Grand Prix tournaments which participate in this program are entitled to be promoted to the next higher Grand Prix category—for example, a six-point tournament would become a 10-point tournament. Points in the top category are promoted 50%.

# 5th annual Chicago Class

July 20-22 or 21-22, 2012 - Westin Chicago North Shore Hotel

**\$20,000 GUARANTEED PRIZE FUND!**

**5-SS, 40/2, SD/1, d5** (2-day option, rds 1-2 G/75, d5), at the luxurious Westin Chicago North Shore Hotel, 601 North Milwaukee Ave, Wheeling IL 60090. Free parking.

In 8 sections; no unrateds in Master or Expert. No residence requirements. An Illinois Chess Tour event.

**Master** (2200/up): \$2000-1000-600-400, clear win or 1st on tiebreak \$100, top U2400 \$800-400. FIDE rated, 120 Grand Prix Points (enhanced).

**Expert** (2000-2199): \$1400-700-400-200.

**A** (1800-1999): \$1400-700-400-200.

**B** (1600-1799): \$1400-700-400-200.

**C** (1400-1599): \$1200-600-400-200.

**D** (1200-1399): \$1000-500-300-200.

**E** (Under 1200): \$1000-500-300-200.

**Under 1000:** \$200-100-60-40, trophies to first 5, top Under 800, Under 600, Unrated.

**Unrated prize limits:** \$100 in U1000, \$200 E, \$300 D, \$500 C, \$700 B, \$900 A. Balance goes to next player(s) in line.

**Rated players may play up** one section.

**Top 7 sections entry fee:** 3-day \$103, 2-day \$102 mailed by 7/11, all \$104 online by 7/16 ([chesstour.com](http://chesstour.com)), \$110 phoned to 406-896-2038 (entry only, no questions) by 7/16. \$120 at site, or online until 2 hrs before first game.

**Under 1000 section entry fee:** all \$70 less than above.

**Re-entry** (except Master): \$50.

**All:** No checks at site, credit cards OK. Online or mailed EF \$5 less to ICA members; join/renew at [il-chess.org](http://il-chess.org).

**Special 1 yr USCF dues** with paper magazine if paid with entry. Online at [chesstour.com](http://chesstour.com), Adult \$30, Young Adult \$20, Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or paid at site, Adult \$40, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20. USCF memb. required.

**3-day schedule:** Reg. ends Fri 6 pm, rds. Fri 7, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:30.

**2-day schedule:** Reg. ends Sat 9 am, rds. Sat 11, 2:30 & 6; Sun. 10 & 4:30.

**Half point byes** OK all, Master must commit before rd 2, others before rd 3.

**All:** No smoking. Bring clocks, sets, boards if possible—none supplied. JGP.

**Hotel rates:** \$103-103-103-103, 800-937-8461, 847-777-6500, reserve by July 6 or rate may increase.

**Car rental:** Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD # D657633.

**Unofficial uschess.org ratings** usually used if otherwise unrated.

**Entries:** Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. Optional entry form faces inside back cover, or see [entryblank.com](http://entryblank.com). Advance entries will be posted at [chesstour.com](http://chesstour.com). \$15 service charge for refunds.

after and on-site. Special \$10 discount for advance entry into both KS Open + Quick tourney, \$10 entry fee for Scholastics, not competing for cash, but competing for 3 plaques in Reserve or 1 in Open, Special free Scholastic entry for some (See website for details) **Reg.:** 7/21 8:30-9:30am. **Rds.:** 7/21: 10-2:30-7, 7/22: 9:30, 2:00. **KANSAS QUICK CHESS CHAMP: Site:** Wyandotte room - **1 section:** (7/20), 5SS, G/10 o/d (All prizes based on 40 non-scholastic rate entries) \$240-160-80. Class A, B, & (C and below + unrated): 80, 40 each. \$25 plus plaque for top KS resident in Quick **EF:** \$25 if postmarked by 7/14, \$40 thereafter and on-site, \$10 entry fee for all Scholastics not competing for cash, but for 3 plaques **Reg.:** 7/20 6-7pm. **Rds.:** 7:00, 7:30, 8, 8:30, 9. **KANSAS BUGHOUSE CHAMP: 1 section:** (7/20) Immediately after Quick tourney, prizes 75% of total entry money. **EF:** \$20 per team, pay on-site. (See website for details). **HR:** Special room rate at Holiday Inn, 913-888-8440 or 888-825-7538, up to 4 in a room, \$84 per night, reservations made by 6/13 **Special:** KCA membership required of KS residents to participate; \$7 adult, \$5 junior, \$10 family. USCF membership required for all events except Bughouse. **Annual meeting of KCA on 7/22 at 8am. Site:** Wyandotte room. **Ent:** Laurence Coker, 8013 W. 145th St., Overland Park, KS 66223. Checks payable to "Kansas Chess Association" Ph: 913-851-1583 e-mail wlcoker7@hotmail.com website www.kansaschess.org -2012 Kansas Open ad. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

## Kentucky

**June 9-10, 2012 Kentucky Open**  
See Grand Prix.

**July 14, Bluegrass State Games - Chess event 4SS, G/45. Open through scholastic sections.** Awards included for seniors 50 years old & over. **Quick Chess:** 4 rds - G/10 double Swiss. Events open to players of neighbor states without a chess event in their state games or no state games. USCF membership is not required but games will be rated. College Park Gym, 15 Wheeler Ave., Winchester, KY 40391. **Register at:** bgsq.org/chess.

**Aug. 17-19 or 18-19, 7th annual Indianapolis Open (IN)**  
See Grand Prix.

**Sept. 21-23 or 22-23, 5th Annual Louisville Open**  
See Grand Prix.

## Louisiana

**July 21-22, 2012 Paul Morphy Open**  
See Grand Prix.

## Maryland

**June 9-10, 2012 Delaware Capital Open (DE)**  
See Delaware.

**June 29-July 3 (New date), 9th annual Philadelphia International (PA)**  
See Grand Prix.

**June 30, World Open U2300 Warmup (PA)**  
See Pennsylvania.

**July 1-2, World Open U2200 Warmup (PA)**  
See Pennsylvania.

**July 4-8, 5-8, 6-8, 2-8, 1-3 or 4-5, 40th Annual World Open (PA)**  
See Grand Prix.

**July 3-4, World Open U2100 Warmup (PA)**  
See Pennsylvania.

**July 4, World Open 7-Minute Championship (QC) (PA)**  
See Grand Prix.

**July 7, World Open 10-Minute Championship (QC) (PA)**  
See Grand Prix.

**July 8, World Open Blitz Championship (QC) (PA)**  
See Grand Prix.

**July 12, 25th Annual Thursday Night Chess Championship: Come Celebrate With Us This Special 25th Anniversary Of USCF's Longest-Running Action Tournament, Now At The New Yorker Hotel!! (NY)**  
See Grand Prix.

**July 28-Aug. 1, 2012 Washington International**  
See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 3-5 or 4-5, 2012 Potomac Open**  
See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 24-26 or 25-26, 44th annual Atlantic Open (DC)**  
See Grand Prix.

**Oct. 4-8, 5-8, 6-8 or 6-7, 3rd annual Continental Class Championships (VA)**  
See Grand Prix.

## Massachusetts

**June 9-10, Rhode Island State Championship (RI)**  
See Rhode Island.

**June 24, 2nd annual Schenectady Open (NY)**  
See Grand Prix.

**July 27-Aug. 1, Harlow B. Daly Memorial (1883-1979)**  
5SS, G/110, v/d5. Wachusett CC, McKay Campus School, Room CL59, 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. except 7/4. **Byes:** 1-4, limit two. **Prizes:** chess books to winner(s). **Info:** George Mirjanian, 176 Oak Hill Rd., Fitchburg, MA 01420, miriling@aol.com, 978-345-5011. **Website:** www.wachusettchess.org. Online ratings as of June 27 will be used. **W. Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**July 4-8, 5-8, 6-8, 2-8, 1-3 or 4-5, 40th Annual World Open (PA)**  
See Grand Prix.

**July 12, 25th Annual Thursday Night Action Chess Championship: Come Celebrate With Us This Special 25th Anniversary Of USCF's Longest-Running Action Tournament, Now At The New Yorker Hotel!! (NY)**  
See Grand Prix.

**July 27-29 or 28-29, 17th Annual Bradley Open (CT)**  
See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 9-12, 10-12 or 11-12, 42nd annual Continental Open**  
See Grand Prix.

**Sept. 14-16 or 15-16 (Scholastics Sept. 15 or 16), 3rd annual Hartford Open & New England Senior (CT)**  
See Grand Prix.

## Michigan

**Aug. 3-5 or 4-5, Cleveland Open (OH)**  
See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 18-19, 2012 U.P. Open**  
See Grand Prix.

## Minnesota

**Aug. 4-5, Twin Ports Open**  
See Grand Prix.

## Missouri

**June 23, Super Team Championship**  
4SS, G/65. Chess Club & Scholastic Center of Saint Louis, 4657 Maryland Ave., Saint Louis, MO 63108. Free entries for GMs and IMs. **EF:** \$75 for 3 person team, \$60 for 3 person team that are all annual members of the club if registered by 6/22. MCA membership req'd from \$5. **PF:** \$750 Unconditionally Guaranteed!! Championship Team-\$450, Top Team U4800-\$300. 1st Place team members qualify for 2013 Club Championship. **Reg.:** 9-9:45. **Rds.:** 10, 12:30, 3, 5:30. No Half-point byes available. Unrateds will be considered 1200 for prize and pairing purposes. 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.**

**June 30, 1st Annual Win Cash No Entry Fee Championship**  
The Kansas City Chess Club, 7667 NW Prairie View Rd., Suites 200 & 201, Kansas City, MO. 64151 4SS, G/60 5 Second Delay. **Reg.:** 11:30. **Rds.:** Sat.12/2:15/4:30/6:45. **EF:** Free for KCCA Members. \$27 Non-Members. **Prizes:** \$400 Guaranteed, Open 1st \$100/ U1950 1st \$100/U1700 1st \$100/U1400 1st \$100. **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.

**June 30, 2012 Kansas City Open**  
4SS, G/75/5td. Noland Rd Baptist Church, 4505 S. Noland Rd., Independence, MO 64055. **Reg.:** 8-8:45. **Rds.:** 9, 12, 3, 6. USCF & MCA required, OSA. **EF:** \$20 by 6/23, \$30 onsite. **Sections: Open & Reserve (U1600) b/40:** 1st \$150, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50 each section. **Entries to:** Cj Armenta, 12734 Richmond, Grandview, MO 64030. Cash only onsite. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**A State Championship Event!**  
**July 7, Missouri Unrate Championship (RBO)**  
Open only to new/unrated players or players Rated under 1000. 4 rounds, Game in 60, Quality Inn Conference Center, 1612 N. Providence Rd., Columbia, MO 65202, 573-449-2491. **Registration:** 8:30-9:30; **Round Times:** 10am, 1, 3:30, 6. **Entry Fee:** \$15 pre-registered (payment received by 7/5) \$20 on site. MCA Required, (O.S.A.), available on site from \$5. No 1/2pt byes. **Prizes:** based on 10: 1st \$100 + trophy, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25. **Entries/Info:** Bob Howe, 311 E. Walnut St., Pacific, MO 63069, (636) 234.7928.

**A State Championship Event!**  
**July 7-8, Missouri Class Championship**  
5SS, G/120; Quality Inn Conference Center, 1612 N. Providence Rd., Columbia, MO 65202; **Prizes: b/7 per class:** \$100-1st, \$50-2nd, each: M/X, A, B, C, D, U1200. Missouri State Championship Plaques to winner of each section! Players play only those in their own Class. (Small sections may be combined. Combined sections use prize pairing in last round, "playing up" one section allowed) **Registration:** 8:30-9:30; **Round times:** Sat-10:2-30-7, Sun-9:30-2. **Entry Fee:** \$35 preregistered (payment received by 7/5), \$40 on site. Site entries cash only. Max 1 half bye; MCA required, O.S.A., available on site from \$5. **Hotel Rate:** \$59/night, 573-449-2491, mention CHESS. **Entries/Info:** Bob Howe, 311 E. Walnut St., Pacific, MO 63069 (636) 234.7928.

**July 21, Saint Louis Premiere & Amateur**  
See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 4, Dog Days Open**  
See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 17-19 or 18-19, 7th annual Indianapolis Open (IN)**  
See Grand Prix.

## Montana

**July 21, A One-Day Wonder - UCCC Inter-City Mismatch Open**  
4SS. Rds. 1-2 G/45. Rds. 3-4 G/60. **Site:** Holiday Inn, 22 N. Last Chance Gulch, Helena, MT 59601. **EF:** \$15. **Jrs.** \$10. New USCF/MCA members free. USCF & MCA membership required. OSA. **Reg.:** 8-8:30am. **Rds.:** 9am, 10:45, 1pm, 3:15. **\$\$** 75-50. Biggest upset \$25 (both nonprov). **Special Conditions:** City-mates will not be paired. MCA Grand-Prix Event. **Director:** Murray Strong, 406-459-6684; murstrong@aol.com.

## Nevada

**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 \$20-150-100. 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.

**July 19-22, 20-22 or 21-22, 17th annual Pacific Coast Open (CA-S)**  
See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 17-19 or 18-19, 4th annual Central California Open (CA-N)**  
See Grand Prix.

**Oct. 5-7 or 6-7, 9th annual Los Angeles Open (CA-S)**  
See Grand Prix.

## New Hampshire

**June 22-24, 62nd New Hampshire Open**  
See Grand Prix.

**July 14, Nashua Blitz (QC)**  
See Grand Prix.

**July 14-15, Nashua Open**  
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@icajn.net; www.icajn.net. EVERY SATURDAY. ALL: ICA provides breakfast & lunch.

**June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Chess Lessons & Friday G/90 (4SS, Monthly) Lessons:** 5pm-6:30pm, Under 1600 USCF. Fees: Monthly: \$95 (Wednesday & Friday)/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. GMS free entry (\$20 deducted from prizes). Chess Mates Corporation, 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. (732)499-0118(760)583-8429. **NOTE: Chess Mates Summer Camps (June 25-September 7). Please visit www.chessmatesnj.com for details. Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**June 2, 9, 16, 30, 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:** \$55 to first in each section. **Rds.:** 1:30pm, 3:15pm, 5pm. GMs - Free entry. (\$15 deducted from prizes). **Blitz start:** 7pm. **EF:** \$20/\$15. Prizes: 80% of EF 1st, 2nd, & Class **Prizes:** based on the # of participants. GMS - Free entry (\$15 deducted from prizes). 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. (732)499-0118/(760)583-8429. **NOTE: Chess Mates Summer Camps (June 25-September 7). Please visit www.chessmatesnj.com for details.**

**June 3, 10, 17, 24, 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). 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ. (732) 499-0118. **NOTE: Chess Mates Summer Camps (June 25-September 7). Please visit www.chessmatesnj.com for details.**

**June 3, 10, 17, 24, 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 plus cash or \$35. 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ. (760)583-8429/(732)499-0118. **NOTE: Chess Mates Summer Camps (June 25-September 7). Please visit www.chessmatesnj.com for details.**

**June 4, 11, 18, 25, Chess Lessons & Monday Quad G/30**  
**Chess Lessons:** 5pm-6:30pm, Under 1600 USCF. Fees: Monthly: \$95 (Monday and Wednesday) and Daily: \$15. **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. (760)583-8429/(732)499-0118. www.chessmatesnj.com.

**June 5, 12, 19, 23, Girls Chess Lessons & Tuesday G/15 (U2000) (QC) Chess Lessons:** 5pm- 6:30pm, Under 1600 USCF. Fees: Monthly/daily: \$50/\$15. **4SS, Rds.:** 7pm, 7:40pm, 8:20pm, & 9pm. **EF:** \$20/\$15. **Prizes:** 80% of EF 1st, 2nd, & Class Prizes: based on the # of participants. Chess Mates Corporation, 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ. (760)583-8429/(732)499-0118. www.chessmatesnj.com.

# Tournament Life

**June 6, 13, 20, 27, Chess Lessons & Wednesday G/90 (4SS, Monthly) Lessons:** 5pm-6:30pm, Under 1600 USCF. Fees: Monthly: \$95 (Wednesday & Friday)/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. GMS free entry (\$20 deducted from prizes). 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. (732)499-0118/(760)583-8429. **NOTE:** *Chess Mates Summer Camps (June 25-September 7).* Please visit [www.chessmatesnj.com](http://www.chessmatesnj.com) for details. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**June 6, 13, 20, 27, Chess Mates Club Championship (G/90, 4SS) 4SS, Rd starts at 7pm. EF:** \$25 (Member). **Guaranteed Prizes:** 1st - \$150 & Trophy, U2200 - \$75 & Trophy, U1600 - \$75 & Trophy. **Lessons:** 5pm-6:30pm, Under 1600 USCF. Fees: Monthly: \$95 (Monday and Wednesday)/Daily: \$15. Chess Mates Corporation, 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. (732)499-0118/(760)583-8429. [www.chessmatesnj.com](http://www.chessmatesnj.com). **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**June 8-10 or 9-10, 18th Annual Northlight Open (CT)**  
See Grand Prix.

**June 9-10, 2012 Delaware Capital Open (DE)**  
See Delaware.

**June 10, 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.:** 1:30-2:00 p.m. **Rds.:** 2:15-4:05-5:55 p.m. **Info:** Please present identification on entering the building. Todd Lunna 732-526-7163, [lunnaco@aol.com](mailto:lunnaco@aol.com), [www.westfieldchessclub.com](http://www.westfieldchessclub.com).

**June 16, Central Jersey Chess Tournament**  
4SS, G/30. All Saints Church, 16 All Saints' Rd., Princeton. 3 rated sections (all K-8): **Open** (above 900), **Reserve** (600-900), **Experienced** (below 600). 2 unrated sections: **K-1, Novice** (2nd-8th). Trophies to 1st-3rd & top school/club team per section. **EF:** \$30 at njchess.com by 6/14, \$40 on-site. **On-site reg** ends 1:15, pre-reg check-in ends 1:30, first round at 2. **Questions:** [newjerseychess@gmail.com](mailto:newjerseychess@gmail.com).

**June 16, 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.:** 9:9-2:00 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, [rwm@fambright.com](mailto:rwm@fambright.com).

**June 23, Hamilton Chess Club Quads**  
3RR, 40/80 t/d 5s, G/45. Full K. Ray Dwier Recreation Center, Bldg. 392, Groveville, NJ 08620. Quads open to all. **EF:** \$20, \$15 Members. **Reg.:** 9:10-30 am. **Rds.:** 10:30 am-1:30 pm/4:30 pm. **Info:** NJ State Chess Federation, no dues magazine Subscription per year, OSA. NS, NC, W.

**June 23, Luzviminda Machan 1 Open**  
See Grand Prix.

**June 24, 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.:** 1:30-2:00 p.m. **Rds.:** 2:15-4:05-5:55 p.m. **Info:** Please present identification on entering the building. Todd Lunna 732-526-7163, [lunnaco@aol.com](mailto:lunnaco@aol.com), [www.westfieldchessclub.com](http://www.westfieldchessclub.com).

**June 29-July 3 (New date), 9th annual Philadelphia International (PA)**  
See Grand Prix.

**June 30, World Open U2300 Warmup (PA)**  
See Pennsylvania.

**July 1, Westfield Quads**  
3RR, 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.:** 1:30-2:00 p.m. **Rds.:** 2:15-4:05-5:55 p.m. **Info:** Please present identification on entering the building. Todd Lunna 732-526-7163, [lunnaco@aol.com](mailto:lunnaco@aol.com), [www.westfieldchessclub.com](http://www.westfieldchessclub.com).

**July 1-2, World Open U2200 Warmup (PA)**  
See Pennsylvania.

**July 4-8, 5-8, 6-8, 2-8, 1-3 or 4-5, 40th Annual World Open (PA)**  
See Grand Prix.

**July 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). 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ. (732) 499-0118. **NOTE:** *Chess Mates Summer Camps (June 25-September 7).* Please visit [www.chessmatesnj.com](http://www.chessmatesnj.com) for details.

**July 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:** \$20/\$15, camp participants and GMS are free entry (\$15 deduction from prizes). **Prize per Quad:** 1st Place: \$55 or Trophy plus cash \$30. 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ. (760)583-8429/(732)499-0118. **NOTE:** *Chess Mates Summer Camps (June 25-September 7).* Please visit [www.chessmatesnj.com](http://www.chessmatesnj.com) for details.

**July 3-4, World Open U2100 Warmup (PA)**  
See Pennsylvania.

**July 4, World Open 7-Minute Championship (QC) (PA)**  
See Grand Prix.

**July 4, 11, 18, 25, Chess Lessons & Wednesday G/90 (4SS, Monthly) Lessons:** 5pm-6:30pm, Under 1600 USCF. Fees: Monthly: \$95 (Wednesday & Friday)/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. GMS free entry (\$20 deducted from prizes). 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ

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**July 5-8, World Open Daily 2pm Blitz (QC) (PA)**  
See Pennsylvania.

**July 6-8, The Rentschler Foundation 3rd Annual High School Chess Championship**  
7SS, Rds. G/85 d/5, The Holiday Inn, 2175 Rt. 70, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002. Open to high school students (grades 10-12) born between 1991 & 1995 and not yet in college. Can be from any state. Limited to first 100 players to register. School ID may be required. All PRIZES will be awarded in the form of COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS and are NOT REDEEMABLE FOR CASH. **EF:** FREE ENTRY for all qualified USCF members. Unr: Non-members can buy a tournament membership onsite for just \$7. **\$\$\$GTD:** \$3000-2000-1500-1000. Top South Jersey Players: \$2000, \$1500, \$1000. One prize per player. **Reg.:** onsite 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM only if needed. **Rds.:** Sat. 9:45 AM, 12:30 PM, 3:30 PM, 6:15 PM Sun. 9:45 AM, 1 PM, 3:30 PM. **Byes:** 1/2 point byes available all rounds, limit 3, limit 2 in last 4 rounds. Must commit before round 4. **ENT:** Online at [www.YourChessSet.com](http://www.YourChessSet.com)/freechess. **Mail to:** All the King's Men Chess Center, 62 S. Broadway, Pitman, NJ 08071. **INFO:** [www.ATKMchessSets.com/freechess](http://www.ATKMchessSets.com/freechess) or call 856-582-8222. **DIR:** 3 miles off Rt. 295 exit 34B. **HR:** \$99 per night. Must reserve room no later than 5/28 & mention "chess" to assure rate. **Hotel:** 856-663-5300 FREE PARKING! Restaurant on premises. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**July 6, 13, 20, 27, Chess Lessons & Friday G/90 (4SS, Monthly) Lessons:** 5pm-6:30pm, Under 1600 USCF. Fees: Monthly: \$95 (Wednesday & Friday)/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. GMS free entry (\$20 deducted from prizes). 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. (732)499-0118/(760)583-8429. **NOTE:** *Chess Mates Summer Camps (June 25-September 7).* Please visit [www.chessmatesnj.com](http://www.chessmatesnj.com) for details. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**July 7, World Open 10-Minute Championship (QC) (PA)**  
See Grand Prix.

**July 7, 14, 21, 28, Fair Lawn Saturday Quads**  
3RR, G/60 for quads with rating above 1000; G/30 for quads with rating below 1000 or unrated. **Site:** 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@icanj.net](mailto:diana@icanj.net); [www.icanj.net](http://www.icanj.net). EVERY SATURDAY. **ALL: ICA provides breakfast & lunch.**

**July 7, 14, 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:** \$55 to first in each section. **Rds.:** 1:30pm, 3:15pm, 5pm. GMS - Free entry. (\$15 deducted from prizes). **Blitz start:** 7pm. **EF:** \$20/\$15. **Prizes:** 80% of EF 1st, 2nd, & Class Prizes: based on the # of participants. GMS - Free entry (\$15 deducted from prizes). 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. (732)499-0118/(760)583-8429. **NOTE:** *Chess Mates Summer Camps (June 25-September 7).* Please visit [www.chessmatesnj.com](http://www.chessmatesnj.com) for details.

**July 8, Westfield Quads**  
3RR, 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.:** 1:30-2:00 p.m. **Rds.:** 2:15-4:05-5:55 p.m. **Info:** Please present identification on entering the building. Todd Lunna 732-526-7163, [lunnaco@aol.com](mailto:lunnaco@aol.com), [www.westfieldchessclub.com](http://www.westfieldchessclub.com).

**July 8, World Open Blitz Championship (QC) (PA)**  
See Grand Prix.

**July 12, 25th Annual Thursday Night Action Chess Championship: Come Celebrate With Us This Special 25th Anniversary Of USCF's Longest-Running Action Tournament, Now At The New Yorker Hotel!! (NY)**  
See Grand Prix.

**July 15, Westfield Quads**  
3RR, 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.:** 1:30-2:00 p.m. **Rds.:** 2:15-4:05-5:55 p.m. **Info:** Please present identification on entering the building. Todd Lunna 732-526-7163, [lunnaco@aol.com](mailto:lunnaco@aol.com), [www.westfieldchessclub.com](http://www.westfieldchessclub.com).

**July 21, Luzviminda Machan 2 Open**  
See Grand Prix.

**July 22, Westfield Summer 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 members at site \$30, \$25 members. **Reg.:** 2:30 p.m. **Rds.:** 2:45-4:25-6:05. **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.:** 2:30 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.:** 2:30 p.m. **Rds.:** 2:45-4:00-5:15-6:30 p.m. Tiebreaks for trophies. **Info:** Todd Lunna 732-726-7163, [lunnaco@aol.com](mailto:lunnaco@aol.com), [www.westfieldchessclub.com](http://www.westfieldchessclub.com). **Send advance entries to:** Todd Lunna, 36 Maple Dr., Coits Neck, NJ 07722 by July 19, 2012. Make checks payable to Westfield Chess Club.

**July 27-29 or 28-29, 17th Annual Bradley Open (CT)**  
See Grand Prix.

**July 28-Aug. 1, 2012 Washington International (MD)**  
See Grand Prix.

**July 29, Westfield Quads**  
3RR, 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.:** 1:30-2:00 p.m. **Rds.:** 2:15-4:05-5:55 p.m. **Info:** Please present identification

on entering the building. Todd Lunna 732-526-7163, [lunnaco@aol.com](mailto:lunnaco@aol.com), [www.westfieldchessclub.com](http://www.westfieldchessclub.com).

**Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, Chess Lessons & Wednesday G/90 (4SS, Monthly) Lessons:** 5pm-6:30pm, Under 1600 USCF. Fees: Monthly: \$95 (Wednesday & Friday)/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. GMS free entry (\$20 deducted from prizes). 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. (732)499-0118/(760)583-8429. [www.chessmatesnj.com](http://www.chessmatesnj.com). **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**Aug. 3-5 or 4-5, 2012 Potomac Open (MD)**  
See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, Chess Lessons & Friday G/90 (4SS, Monthly) Lessons:** 5pm-6:30pm, Under 1600 USCF. Fees: Monthly: \$95 (Wednesday & Friday)/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. GMS free entry (\$20 deducted from prizes). 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. (732)499-0118/(760)583-8429. [www.chessmatesnj.com](http://www.chessmatesnj.com). **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**Aug. 4, 11, 25, 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:** \$55 to first in each section. **Rds.:** 1:30pm, 3:15pm, 5pm. GMS - Free entry. (\$15 deducted from prizes). **Blitz starts:** 7pm. **EF:** \$20/\$15. **Prizes:** 80% of EF 1st, 2nd, & Class Prizes: based on the # of participants. GMS - Free entry (\$15 deducted from prizes). 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. (732)499-0118/(760)583-8429. **NOTE:** *Chess Mates Summer Camps (June 25-September 7).* Please visit [www.chessmatesnj.com](http://www.chessmatesnj.com) for details.

**Aug. 5, Westfield Quads**  
3RR, 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.:** 1:30-2:00 p.m. **Rds.:** 2:15-4:05-5:55 p.m. **Info:** Please present identification on entering the building. Todd Lunna 732-526-7163, [lunnaco@aol.com](mailto:lunnaco@aol.com), [www.westfieldchessclub.com](http://www.westfieldchessclub.com).

**Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26, Sunday Advance Lesson & Open Blitz (G/5/RR) (QC)**  
**Advance Lesson (Above 1600 USCF Rating):** 6:15pm-7:15pm, \$15. **Blitz starts:** 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). 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ. (732) 499-0118. **NOTE:** *Chess Mates Summer Camps (June 25-September 7).* Please visit [www.chessmatesnj.com](http://www.chessmatesnj.com) for details.

**Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26, 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:** \$20/\$15, camp participants and GMS are free entry (\$15 deduction from prizes). **Prize per Quad:** 1st Place: \$55 or Trophy plus cash \$30. 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ. (760)583-8429/(732)499-0118. **NOTE:** *Chess Mates Summer Camps (June 25-September 7).* Please visit [www.chessmatesnj.com](http://www.chessmatesnj.com) for details.

**Aug. 9-12, 10-12 or 11-12, 42nd annual Continental Open (MA)**  
See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 12, Westfield Swiss #73 (QC)**  
5SS, G/15 (QC). Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, NJ 07090. **\$425 Guaranteed:** \$125, \$60, under 2150, under 1800, under 1550, under 1300 \$60 each. **Entrance Fee:** \$35, \$25 Members. **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](mailto:lunnaco@aol.com), [www.westfieldchessclub.com](http://www.westfieldchessclub.com).

**Aug. 17-19 or 18-19, 11th annual Manhattan Open (NY)**  
See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 24-26 or 25-26, 44th annual Atlantic Open (DC)**  
See Grand Prix.

**A State Championship Event!**  
**Sept. 1, 2012 New Jersey K-12 Scholastic**  
Hotel Somerset at Bridgewater, 110 Davidson Ave., Somerset Exit #10 off I-287, 5-SS, G/30. **In 3 Sections:** Hot Shots, K-12 U1400. Check Mates K-8 U1000. Rising stars, K-8 U600. **Early EF:** \$21 if rec'd by 8/28 or paid online via site entryfeesrus.com. **EF:** at hotel \$30 cash 11am-noon, on Sept 1st. Round one 12:30 pm. **Trophies** to top ten in each section. **Special only online deal!** Play in any scholastic section and the **Silver U1600** section of NJ Open 2-Day for \$67 (save \$20). **ENT:** Ken Thomas, 115 West Moore St., Hackettstown, NJ 07840. Make checks payable to NJSCF. **Info:** Ken, [acn@goes.com](mailto:acn@goes.com) or (908) 619-8621 or [entryfeesrus.com](http://entryfeesrus.com). NC, W.

**Oct. 4-8, 5-8, 6-8 or 6-7, 3rd annual Continental Class Championships (VA)**  
See Grand Prix.

**Oct. 24-28 or 26-28, Bahamas International & Amateur (Bahamas)**  
See Grand Prix.

**Nov. 2-4 or 3-4 (Open), Nov. 3-4 (Booster), 3rd annual Eastern Team Championship (CT)**  
See Connecticut.

## New Mexico

**June 23-24, Albuquerque/Rio Rancho Open**  
Meadowlark Lane Senior Center, 4330 Meadowlark Lane SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124. Co-sponsored by **The Meadowlark Chess Group** and the **New Mexico Chess Organization**. 5/SS, Game 90 td/5 \$SGTD all sections. **Sections:** Open: EF \$35 Prizes \$150, \$75, \$35; **U1800:** EF \$30 prizes \$100, \$50, \$30; **U1400:** EF \$25; Prizes \$75, \$35, \$25. Rated **U1100** & playing in U1400 EF \$20. Best U1100 prize \$25. Tiebreaks in Open for 1st place late fee. **Rds:** Sat. 8:50-1-4:20. Sun. 9-1. On-Site Reg. Sat. 8-8:30 AM. \$10 late fee. \$5 Family discount after one full-price entry. One 1/2 pt bye requested before Rd 1. **ENT:** received by 6/21. Payable to NMCCO, P.O. Box 4215, Albuquerque, NM 87196. Paypal accepted through 6/22. Include current USCF ID, section & valid contact phone or Email, otherwise \$10

late fee on site. Entry form w/directions & map: nmchess.org. Recommended Motel: Super8 (505)-896-8888. Ask for chess rate. **W. Chess Magnet School JGP.**

## New York

**June 8-10 or 9-10, 18th Annual Northeast Open (CT)**  
See Grand Prix.

### A Heritage Event!

**June 14, 4 Rated Games Tonight At The New Yorker Hotel- USCF's Longest-Running Action Tournament**

4-SS, G/25 + d/5 or G/30 + d/0. Chess Center at the New Yorker Hotel, 481 Eighth Ave at 34th St, across from Penn Station, NYC: 845-569-9969. EF: \$30, GMs \$25 from prize, free to specified Greater NY Scholastic Prizewinners! **Good Customer Loyalty Discounts:** \$5 less to those who played in at least 4 "4 Rated Games Tonight!" Thursday Night Actions since Jan. 2011, \$10 less to those who played in at least 10 4RGTs since 1987 — **Thank You So Much For Your Support Of This Tournament These Past 25 Years!** \$\$ (480 b/32 paid): 150-100-50, Top U2200/unr \$95, U2000 \$85. **NEW!! \$150 GUARANTEED In Mixed Doubles Bonus Prizes!** Best male/female 2-player team combined score: \$100-50 (teammates' average rating must be Under 2200; teammate pairings avoided but possible, teams must declare by 8:15). **Choice of 2 schedules!** **7:00 Schedule**, rds. 7-8:15-9:30-10:45 pm. **7:30 schedule**, rd. 1 (G/15 + td/3) at 7:30 pm, score carries over into round 2 of 7:00 schedule at 8:15 pm. Limit 2 byes (1 bye if U2000), commit by 8:15. Re-entry \$15, counts half. Reg. ends 10 min. before game.

### June 16, 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.

### June 16, Syracuse-Minoa June Open

4SS. **Rds.:** 1&2 G/60, **Rds.:** 3&4 G/90. Minoa Municipal Bldg., 240 N. Main St, Minoa, NY (Exit Kirkville Rd. E. from I 481, R. at second light). **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.**

### June 16-17 or 17, Marshall June Grand Prix!

See Grand Prix.

### June 19, Marshall Masters!

See Grand Prix.

### June 20-24, 22-24 or 23-24, 5th New York International

See Grand Prix.

### June 20-July 18, 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.**

### June 20-July 18, 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.**

### A Heritage Event!

**June 21, 4 Rated Games Tonight, Now At The New Yorker Hotel - USCF's Longest-Running Action Tournament!**

4-SS, G/25 + d/5 or G/30 + d/0. Chess Center at the historic New Yorker Hotel, 481 8th Ave at 34th St., across from Penn Station, NYC: 845-569-9969. EF: \$30, GMs \$25 from prize, free to specified Greater NY Scholastic Prizewinners! **Good Customer Loyalty Discounts:** \$5 less to those who played in at least 4 "4 Rated Games Tonight!" Thursday Night Actions since Jan. 2011, \$10 less to those who played in at least 10 4RGTs since 1987 — **Thank You So Much For Your Support Of This Tournament These Past 25 Years!** \$\$ (480 b/32 paid): 150-100-50, Top U2200/unr \$95, U2000 \$85. **NEW!! \$150 GUARANTEED In Mixed Doubles Bonus Prizes!** Best male/female 2-player team combined score: \$100-50 (teammates' average rating must be Under 2200; teammate pairings avoided but possible, teams must declare by 8:15). **Choice of 2 schedules!** **7:00 Schedule**, rds. 7-8:15-9:30-10:45 pm. **7:30 schedule**, rd. 1 (G/15 + td/3) at 7:30 pm, score carries over into round 2 of 7:00 schedule at 8:15 pm. Limit 2 byes (1 bye if U2000), commit by 8:15. Re-entry \$15, counts half. Reg. ends 10 min. before game. CCA Minimum Ratings may be used.

### June 21, Marshall Thursday Game 30 Grand Prix!

See Grand Prix.

### June 24, 2nd annual Schenectady Open

See Grand Prix.

### June 28, Marshall Thursday Game 30 Grand Prix!

See Grand Prix.

**June 28, 25th Annual Thursday Night Action Championship - Join Us In Celebrating 25 Years Of The USCF's Longest-Running Action Tournament, Now At The New Yorker Hotel!!**  
See Grand Prix.

**The June 28 Thursday Night Championship has been rescheduled for two weeks later, July 12 at the same New Yorker Hotel: with a much bigger \$4,000 Guaranteed Prize Fund!**

### A Heritage Event!

**June 28 (NOTE CHANGES in this NEW TLA), The Original "4 Rated Games Tonight!" Now At The New Yorker Hotel - USCF's Longest-Running Action Tournament!**

4-SS, G/25 + d/5 or G/30 + d/0. Chess Center at the historic New Yorker Hotel, 481 8th Ave at 34th St., across from Penn Station, NYC: 845-569-9969 (www.chesscenter.co). **EF:** \$30, GMs \$25 from prize, free to specified Greater NY Scholastic Prizewinners! **Good Customer Loyalty Discounts:** \$5 less to those who played in at least 4 "4 Rated Games Tonight!" Thursday Night Actions since Jan. 2011, \$10 less to those who played in at least 10 4RGTs since 1987 — **Thank You So Much For Your Support Of This Tournament These Past 25 Years!** \$\$ (480 b/32 paid): 150-100-50, Top U2200/unr \$95, U2000 \$85. **NEW!! \$150 GUARANTEED In Mixed Doubles Bonus Prizes!** Best male/female 2-player team combined score: \$100-50 (teammates' average rating must be Under 2200; teammate pairings avoided but possible, teams must declare by 8:15). **Choice of 2 schedules!** **7:00 Schedule**, rds. 7-8:15-9:30-10:45 pm. **7:30 schedule**, rd. 1 (G/15 + td/3) at 7:30 pm, score carries over into round 2 of 7:00 schedule at 8:15 pm. Limit 2 byes (1 bye if U2000), commit by 8:15. Re-entry \$15, counts half. Reg. ends 10 min. before game. CCA Minimum Ratings may be used.

who played in at least 10 4RGTs since 1987 — **Thank You So Much For Your Support Of This Tournament These Past 25 Years!** \$\$ (480 b/32 paid): 150-100-50, Top U2200/unr \$95, U2000 \$85. **NEW!! \$150 GUARANTEED In Mixed Doubles Bonus Prizes!** Best male/female 2-player team combined score: \$100-50 (teammates' average rating must be Under 2200; teammate pairings avoided but possible, teams must declare by 8:15). **Choice of 2 schedules!** **7:00 Schedule**, rds. 7-8:15-9:30-10:45 pm. **7:30 schedule**, rd. 1 only is Quick-rated (G/15 + td/3) at 7:30 pm, score carries over into round 2 of 7:00 schedule at 8:15 pm. Limit 2 byes (1 bye if U2000), commit by 8:15. Re-entry \$15, counts half. Reg. ends 10 min. before game. Help with NYC street parking: www.primospot.com.

### June 29-July 3 (New date), 9th annual Philadelphia International (PA)

See Grand Prix.

### June 30, 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.

### June 30, World Open U2300 Warmup (PA)

See Pennsylvania.

### June 30-July 1 or July 1, Marshall 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.**

### July 1-2, World Open U2200 Warmup (PA)

See Pennsylvania.

### July 4-8, 5-8, 6-8, 2-8, 1-3 or 4-5, 40th Annual World Open (PA)

See Grand Prix.

### July 2, 9th Nassau G/15 (QC)

6SS. G/12 + 3 or G/15. 1st Presbyterian Church, 1st & Main Sts., Mineola. **EF:** \$25 by 6/25. \$32 at site, Non-memb + \$5. **Reg (\$420 b/20)** 120, U2000, 1800, 1600, 1400/UR 75 ea. 3 byes 1-6. **Reg to 7:15 PM. Rds.:** 7:15-7:55-8:30-9:05-9:40-10:15. Rule 14H not used. **Ent:** Harold Stenzel, 80 Amy Dr., Sayville, NY 11782.

### July 3-4, World Open U2100 Warmup (PA)

See Pennsylvania.

### July 4, Independence Day Madness:

6-SS, G/25d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$45, members \$25. **(\$480/24):** \$200-100, U2000 \$70, U1700 \$60, U1400 \$50. **Reg.:** 10:15-10:45. **Rds.:** 11-12:15-1:30-3:00-4:15-5:30. Two byes available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

### July 4, World Open 7-Minute Championship (QC) (PA)

See Grand Prix.

### A Heritage Event!

**July 5, 4 Rated Games Tonight, Now At The New Yorker Hotel - USCF's Longest-Running Action Tournament!**

4-SS, G/25 + d/5 or G/30 + d/0. Chess Center at the historic New Yorker Hotel, 481 8th Ave at 34th St., across from Penn Station, NYC: 845-569-9969. EF: \$30, GMs \$25 from prize, free to specified Greater NY Scholastic Prizewinners! **Good Customer Loyalty Discounts:** \$5 less to those who played in at least 4 "4 Rated Games Tonight!" Thursday Night Actions since Jan. 2011, \$10 less to those who played in at least 10 4RGTs since 1987 — **Thank You So Much For Your Support Of This Tournament These Past 25 Years!** \$\$ (480 b/32 paid): 150-100-50, Top U2200/unr \$95, U2000 \$85. **NEW!! \$150 GUARANTEED In Mixed Doubles Bonus Prizes!** Best male/female 2-player team combined score: \$100-50 (teammates' average rating must be Under 2200; teammate pairings avoided but possible, teams must declare by 8:15). **Choice of 2 schedules!** **7:00 Schedule**, rds. 7-8:15-9:30-10:45 pm. **7:30 schedule**, rd. 1 (G/15 + td/3) at 7:30 pm, score carries over into round 2 of 7:00 schedule at 8:15 pm. Limit 2 byes (1 bye if U2000), commit by 8:15. Re-entry \$15, counts half. Reg. ends 10 min. before game. CCA Minimum Ratings may be used.

### July 5, Marshall Thursday Game 30 Grand Prix!

See Grand Prix.

### July 5-26, 2nd Long Island CC July Open

4SS, G/90 (d/5). United Methodist Church, 470 East Meadow Ave., East Meadow, NY 11554. **Open to all. (\$b/20):** \$105-85. Top U-2000, U-1500/unr. \$80 ea. Best upset \$10. Random pairings used (within ea. scoregrp). **EF:** \$30. Non-LICC members +\$10. **Reg.:** 6:40-7:10 PM, no adv. ent., **Rds.:** 7:15 PM SHARP ea. Thursday, 2 byes 1-4. **Info:** www.li chessclub.com. NS. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

### July 5-Aug. 2, 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):** \$200-100, U2100 \$90, U1800 \$60. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45. **Rds.:** 7PM each Thursday. Limit 2 byes, request by rd. 3. www.marshallchessclub.org. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

### July 6-8, The Rentschler Foundation 3rd Annual High School Chess Championship (NJ)

See New Jersey.

### July 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.

### July 7, World Open 10-Minute Championship (QC) (PA)

See Grand Prix.

### July 8, Marshall Open & U1500 Sunday G/45!

4-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.

### July 8, World Open Blitz Championship (QC) (PA)

See Grand Prix.

### July 9-23, 29th Nassau Senior

3SS, 40/80. 1st Presbyterian Church, 1st & Main Sts., Mineola. **Open to born before 7/24/62. EF:** \$10 by 7/7, \$17 at site, non-memb \$9 more. Trophies to top 3. **Bye:** 1-3. **Reg to 7:15 PM.** capthal@optonline.net. **Rds.:** 7:15 each Mon. **Ent:** Harold Stenzel, 80 Amy Dr., Sayville, NY 11782.

### July 9-23, 66th Nassau Action

See Grand Prix.

### July 12, Marshall Thursday Game 30 Grand Prix!

See Grand Prix.

### July 12, 10 Grand Prix Points Tonight, Now At The New Yorker Hotel- USCF's Longest-Running Action Tournament!!

**The "10 Grand Prix Points Tonight!" tournament originally scheduled for July 12 has been replaced with the 25th Annual Thursday Night Action Championship at the same New Yorker Hotel with a much bigger \$4,000 Guaranteed Prize Fund!**

### July 12, 25th Annual Thursday Night Action Chess Championship: Come Celebrate With Us This Special 25th Anniversary Of USCF's Longest-Running Action Tournament, Now At The New Yorker Hotel!!

See Grand Prix.

### July 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.

### July 14-15 or 15, CANCELLED - Marshall June 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.**

### July 16-Aug. 13, Marshall Monday U1600!

5-SS, G/85d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$50, members \$30. **(\$675/30):** \$250-150-100, U1400 \$100, U1200 \$75. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45pm. **Rds.:** 7 pm each Monday. Limit 2 byes, request by Rd 3. www.marshallchessclub.org. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

### July 17, Marshall Masters!

See Grand Prix.

### July 19, Marshall Thursday Game 30 Grand Prix!

See Grand Prix.

### July 19, The Original "4 Rated Games Tonight!" Now At The New Yorker Hotel - USCF's Longest-Running Action Tournament!

See Grand Prix.

### July 21, 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.

### July 21, Syracuse-Minoa July Open

4SS. **Rds.:** 1&2 G/60, **Rds.:** 3&4 G/90. Minoa Municipal Bldg., 240 N. Main St, Minoa, NY (Exit Kirkville Rd. E. from I 481, R. at second light). **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.**

### July 21-22 or 22, Marshall July Grand Prix!

See Grand Prix.

### July 22, 40th Binghamton Monthly Tournament

4SS, G/65 d/5. **Prizes:** \$300 b/26. **Open**-\$100-\$60-\$30; **Reserve**-\$50-\$40-\$20 (U1700). **Trophies:** 1-3 Reserve section. **Advance Entry - EF's Reduced:** Open-\$20, Reserve-\$15 (U1700) \$5 more on site-chess 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). **Free** chess set & board to all new players under 18 years of age. **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.**

### July 23-Aug. 27, 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.**

### July 25-Aug. 22, 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.**

### July 25-Aug. 22, 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.**

### July 26, Marshall Thursday Game 30 Grand Prix!

See Grand Prix.

### July 26, The Original "4 Rated Games Tonight!" Now At The New Yorker Hotel - USCF's Longest-Running Action Tournament!!

See Grand Prix.

**July 27-29 or 28-29, 17th Annual Bradley Open (CT)**  
See Grand Prix.

**July 28, Marshall Saturday U1600!**

4-SS, G/40d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212 477-3716. (\$300 b/20): \$160-80, \$1300 \$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.

**July 28-29 or 29, Marshall July 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.

**July 28-Aug. 1, 2012 Washington International (MD)**  
See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 2, Marshall Thursday Game 30 Grand Prix!**  
See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 2, The Original "4 Rated Games Tonight!" Now At The New Yorker Hotel - USCF's Longest-Running Action Tournament!**  
See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 4, Marshall Saturday G/60!**

4-SS, G/55d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. (\$540/32): \$240-120, U2000 \$95, U1700 \$85. 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.

**Aug. 5, Marshall Open & U1500 Sunday Game/45!**

4-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.

**Aug. 9, Marshall Thursday Game 30 Grand Prix!**

See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 9, The Original "4 Rated Games Tonight!" Now At The New Yorker Hotel - USCF's Longest-Running Action Tournament!**  
See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 9-12, 10-12 or 11-12, 42nd annual Continental Open (MA)**  
See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 9-Sept. 6, 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): \$200-100, U2100 \$90, U1800 \$60. Reg.: 6:15-6:45. Rds.: 7PM each Thursday. Limit 2 byes, request by rd. 3. www.marshallchessclub.org. Chess Magnet School JGP.

**Aug. 11, 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.

**Aug. 11-12 or 12, Marshall August 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/25;d5) 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.

**Aug. 17-19 or 18-19, 11th annual Manhattan Open**

See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 24-26 or 25-26, 44th annual Atlantic Open (DC)**

See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 31-Sept. 3, Sept. 1-3 or 2-3, 134th annual NY State Championship**  
See Grand Prix.

**Sept. 14-16 or 15-16 (Scholastics Sept. 15 or 16), 3rd annual Hartford Open & New England Senior (CT)**  
See Grand Prix.

**Oct. 4-8, 5-8, 6-8 or 6-7, 3rd annual Continental Class Championships (VA)**  
See Grand Prix.

**Oct. 24-28 or 26-28, Bahamas International & Amateur (Bahamas)**  
See Grand Prix.

**Nov. 2-4 or 3-4 (Open), Nov. 3-4 (Booster), 3rd annual Eastern Team Championship (CT)**  
See Connecticut.

## North Carolina

**June 22-24 or 23-24, The 2012 Statesville Open**

See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 24-26 or 25-26, 44th annual Atlantic Open (DC)**

See Grand Prix.

**Oct. 4-8, 5-8, 6-8 or 6-7, 3rd annual Continental Class Championships (VA)**  
See Grand Prix.

## Ohio

**June 15, DCC Friday Nite 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@sbcbglobal.net or 937-461-6283.

**June 16, Progress with Chess Monthly Open**

4SS, G/30;d5. Mustard Seed Market, 2nd Floor 6025 Kruse Dr., Solon, OH

44139. EF: \$20. USCF membership required, available at site. Sections: **Open, Scholastic K-12 U1100, Scholastic K-12 U800, Scholastic K-5 U500.** Pairings in Open may be accelerated at TD's discretion. **Registration:** 9-9:45 at site. **Rds.:** Open, 10, 11:30, 1, 2:30. **Scholastic ASAP Prizes:** Open: **\$250 Guaranteed. 1st \$100, 2nd \$50, U-1900 \$50, U-1500 \$50. Scholastic Sections:** Trophies to top 3 each section. **Special Offer:** Free healthy box lunch (\$10 value) to players in scholastic sections! **Info:** www.progresswithchess.org. **Contact:** Mike Joelson 216-321-7000.

**June 22, DCC Friday Nite 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@sbcbglobal.net or 937-461-6283.

**June 22-24 or 23-24, 2012 Columbus Open**

See Grand Prix.

**June 29, DCC Friday Nite 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@sbcbglobal.net or 937-461-6283.

**July 6, DCC Friday Nite 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@sbcbglobal.net or 937-461-6283.

**July 12, 25th Annual Thursday Night Action Chess Championship: Come Celebrate With Us This Special 25th Anniversary Of USCF's Longest-Running Action Tournament, Now At The New Yorker Hotel!!! (NY)**

See Grand Prix.

**July 13, DCC Friday Nite 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@sbcbglobal.net or 937-461-6283.

**July 14, Pawn Storm VIII**

5SS, G/45, td/5. Dayton Chess Club, 18 W. 5th St., Dayton, OH. Rds: 11-1-3-5-7. Two byes - 1 if in rd 5. **Prizes (b/25 paid):** Open \$200-101, U1900 \$100, U1600 \$99. EF: \$25 until 7 July then \$35. EF refunded 2200 or higher players who complete their schedule. **Info:** DCC.18W5@sbcbglobal.net or 937-461-6283.

**July 14, Toledo July Swiss**

Open, 4SS, Rnd 1 G/75, Rnds 2-4 G/90. The University of Toledo Health Science Campus, Mulford Library Basement Cafe, 3000 Arlington Ave., Toledo, OH 43614. Can split into 2 sections if enough players. EF: \$20 by 7/12, \$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 Willowyc Rd., Maumee, OH 43537. 419-367-9450. Chess Magnet School JGP.

**Aug. 3-5 or 4-5, Cleveland Open**

See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 11, Toledo Aug Swiss**

Open, 4SS, Rnd 1 G/75, Rnds 2-4 G/90. The University of Toledo Health Science Campus, Mulford Library Basement Cafe, 3000 Arlington Ave., Toledo, OH 43614. Can split into 2 sections if enough players. EF: \$20 by 8/9, \$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 Willowyc Rd., Maumee, OH 43537. 419-367-9450. Chess Magnet School JGP.

**Aug. 17-19 or 18-19, 7th annual Indianapolis Open (IN)**

See Grand Prix.

**Sept. 1-3, 68th Ohio Chess Congress**

See Grand Prix.

**Sept. 21-23 or 22-23, 5th Annual Louisville Open (KY)**

See Grand Prix.

**Nov. 9-11 or 10-11, 21st annual Kings Island Open**

See Grand Prix.

## Oklahoma

**June 8, B & N June Quick Open (QC)**

All tournaments: 4-SS, G/20/0D. EF: \$0 FREE! **Reg.:** 7:00-7:30 (Late players 1/2 pt bye Rd 1). **Round 1** start 7:35, all others ASAP. Limit 20 players. Address: Barnes & Noble Bookstore (Music Dept area), Woodland Plaza, 8620 E. 71 St., Tulsa, OK 74133, 918-250-5034. **Club contact:** Edward J. Boyle, ebojcf@aol.com, 918-960-9558, 11103 E. 43rd St., Apt. 1605, Tulsa, OK 74146.

**June 30-July 1, 67th Oklahoma Open State Championship**

See Grand Prix.

**July 21-22, Jerry Spann Memorial/OCF OK FIDE Open**

See Grand Prix.

## Oregon

**Aug. 17-19 or 18-19, 4th annual Central California Open (CA-N)**

See Grand Prix.

## Pennsylvania

**Every Saturday - Lehigh Valley Super Quads**

(NO QUADS ON LVCA GRAND PRIX DATES LISTED IN CHESS LIFE or July 7 for WO), G/40 Quads, 3-RR. Reg.: 1-1:45, Rds.: 2 pm, then asap, Site: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 514 3rd Ave, Bethlehem, PA 18018. EF: \$10, \$30 for 3-D score, else \$25 for 1st., Ph: 484-866-3045, Info: bDavis@lehighvalleychess.org, www.lehighvalleychess.org/.

**June 9-10, 2012 Delaware Capital Open (DE)**

See Delaware.

**June 10, Chess In Jasper Park and Picnic (3 Veners)**

(3) - 5SS events, G/7d3. Jasper Park Pavilion, 4960 Vera Cruz Rd. North,

Emmaus, 18049. EF: \$10 Cash each event, FREE ENTRY TO UNR. if paying 1 year USCF Dues, No adv ent. **Prizes:** Min. 50% Rtd. based on pd entries. 1st-60%, 2nd-30%, 3rd-10% AND ADD if 12 or more players "Top U1600": \$15, Top U1000 - \$15, more based on pd. **Picnic:** 11am-dusk. **Reg Ends:** 1, 3, 5 pm for each event. **Event #1:** Rd-1:1pm, **#2:** Rd-1:3pm, **#3:** Rd-1:5pm. **Info:** 484-866-3045, davis@lehighvalleychess.org, www.lehighvalleychess.org/.

**June 16, 2012 PA State Game/45 Championship**

See Grand Prix.

**June 29-July 3 (New date), 9th annual Philadelphia International**

See Grand Prix.

**June 30, World Open U2300 Warmup**

5SS, G/30, d/5. Sheraton Philadelphia City Center Hotel (see World Open). Open to under 2300 or unrated. Prizes \$500 based on 30 entries, else in proportion: \$150-70-40, U2050 \$90, U1800 \$80, U1550/Unr \$70. EF: \$20, at site only, no checks. Reg. ends 9:30 am 6/30, rds. 10, 12, 1:30, 3, 4:30. One half point bye allowed if U1800/Unr, otherwise two byes allowed, must commit before rd 2.

**July 1-2, World Open U2200 Warmup**

5SS, G/90, d/5. Sheraton Philadelphia City Center Hotel (see World Open). Open to under 2200 or unrated. Prizes \$500 based on 20 entries, else in proportion: \$150-70-40, U1950 \$90, U1700 \$80, U1450/Unr \$70: EF: \$30, at site only, no checks. Reg. ends 10 am 7/1, rds. Sun 10, 2, 6, Mon. 10, 2. One half point bye allowed if U1700/Unr, otherwise two byes allowed; must commit before rd 2. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**July 4-8, 5-8, 6-8, 2-8, 1-3 or 4-5, 40th Annual World Open**

See Grand Prix.

**July 3-4, World Open U2100 Warmup**

5SS, G/90, d/5. Sheraton Philadelphia City Center Hotel (see World Open). Open to under 2100 or unrated. Prizes \$500 based on 20 entries, else in proportion: \$150-70-40, U1850 \$90, U1600/Unr \$80, U1350 \$70. EF: \$30, at site only, no checks. Reg. ends 10 am 7/3, rds. Tue 10, 2, 6, Wed 10, 2. One half point bye allowed if U1600/Unr, otherwise two byes allowed, must commit before rd 2. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**July 4, World Open 7-Minute Championship (QC)**

See Grand Prix.

**July 5-8, World Open Daily 2pm Blitz (QC)**

4 separate tournaments at Sheraton Philadelphia City Center Hotel (see World Open). Each is a 4-SS, double round (8 games), G/5. Prizes \$300 based on 20 entries, else in proportion: \$100-50, U2100 \$60, U1800 \$50, U1500/Unr \$40. EF: \$20, at site only, no checks. **Reg. ends:** 1:45 pm, rds. 2, 2:45, 3:15, 3:45. One pair of 1/2 pt byes available, must commit before rd 2. Quick rated (will not affect regular ratings), but higher of regular or quick used for pairings & prizes.

**July 6-8, The Rentschler Foundation 3rd Annual High School Chess Championship (NJ)**  
See New Jersey.

**July 7, 7th Ever Milford G/90 Quads!**

3RR, G/90 d/5. Patisserie Fauchere, 403 Broad St., Milford, PA 18337. EF: \$25 cash only. **Reg.:** 9:15-4:5. **Rds.:** 10-1:30-4:45. **Prizes:** \$50. Space limited, email advance entry if possible. **Entry:** Troy Duncan, pikecountychessclub@gmail.com, 570-296-1109. http://pikecountychessclub.wordpress.com.

**July 7, World Open 10-Minute Championship (QC)**

See Grand Prix.

**July 8, World Open Blitz Championship (QC)**

See Grand Prix.

**July 12, 25th Annual Thursday Night Action Chess Championship: Come Celebrate With Us This Special 25th Anniversary Of USCF's Longest-Running Action Tournament, Now At The New Yorker Hotel!!! (NY)**  
See Grand Prix.

**July 13, 2nd Friday of the Month LVCA \$\$ 100% GTD, (QC)**

4SS, G/25;d3. St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 140 So. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104. EF: \$15, \$10-21 & under/College Student Id, \$200 100% Gtd., \$70-\$35, Top U20 \$35, top U16/unrated \$30, Top Junior/College \$30. One 1/2 pt byes if reg'd after 6:45 pm. **REG.:** Ends 6:45pm, Cash on site only. **RDS.:** 7 pm, then ASAP **Adv Ent:** By July 11, **Check payable:** Bruce Davis, 1208 Linden St., Fl. 1, Bethlehem, PA 18018 or 484-866-3045 or bdavis@lehighvalleychess.org, www.lehighvalleychess.org.

**July 14, 2012 PA State Action Championship**

See Grand Prix.

**July 14, MasterMinds CC Summer Quads**

Blair Christian Academy, 220 W. Upsal St., Philadelphia, PA. **Quads:** 3RR, 40/75, SD/30 TD/5. EF: \$20 Perfect score winner \$50 else \$40. **Rd. 1** 10AM then asap. **Reg.** ends 9:30am. **Info:** Bradley Crable, 215-844-3881, www.mastermindschess.org.

**July 14, 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.

**July 21-22, 43rd Susquehanna Valley Open**

5 SS, G/90. Honeysuckle Student Apts., 1111 Honeysuckle Ct., Bloomsburg, PA 17815. EF: \$29 by July 18, \$40 later. **\$\$ (4000):** 150-75-40, 135 in class prizes. Prizes will be increased if over 30 entries, seating may be limited. **Reg.:** 9-9:30am. **Rds.:** 10am-1:30pm-5 pm, 10 am-1:30 pm. **Housing:** \$40 - for housing info contact Sam Lamonto, 717-580 7492, slam.dk@verizon.net. **Ent:** GHACC, C/O Michael Jemo, 128 Forest Hills Acres, Hazle Twp., PA 18201, 570-455-9261, jem023@ptd.net. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**July 28-Aug. 1, 2012 Washington International (MD)**

See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 3-5 or 4-5, 2012 Potomac Open (MD)**

See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 3-5 or 4-5, Cleveland Open (OH)**  
 See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 5, 10th Holly Heisman Memorial Fundraiser**  
 JCC Kaiserman Branch, Haverford Rd. & City Ave., Wynnewood. **FREE entry!** Advance entry strongly suggested. Optional tax-deductible donation to the Holly Heisman Memorial Fund at the Philadelphia Foundation to benefit women in need, \$25 + per entry encouraged. **Reg.:** 9:15-10. **All:** 6/30 Rds. 10:30-11:45-1:30-2:45-4 or earlier. **3 Sections: Open 5SS & U1500 5SS** (both open to all ages) and **K-8 U900 4SS**. **Many donated prizes (\$1,000+/yr!).** Prize sponsors encouraged & honored at event: email Dr. Ramachandra, pramachandra@mercyhealth.org. **Ent:** click "tournaments" at www.silverknightschesspa.com; Inf: 484-948-5692, Joshua Anderson: joshuamiltonanderson@gmail.com, W.

**Aug. 9-12, 10-12 or 11-12, 42nd annual Continental Open (MA)**  
 See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 17-19 or 18-19, 11th annual Manhattan Open (NY)**  
 See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 24-26 or 25-26, 44th annual Atlantic Open (DC)**  
 See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 31-Sept. 3, Sept. 1-3 or 2-3, 134th annual NY State Championship (NY)**  
 See Grand Prix.

**Oct. 4-8, 5-8, 6-8 or 6-7, 3rd annual Continental Class Championships (VA)**  
 See Grand Prix.

**Rhode Island**

**Cranston Chess Club Monthly**  
 Every Tuesday. 4SS, 40/70, SD/30. Garden City Center, Cranston. **EF:** \$5; game (club mbns: \$3/game). **Reg.:** 6:30-6:50pm; **RDS:** 1st 4 Tuesdays of the month, 7pm sharp! 5th Tuesday extra rated games and events. One bye rd 1-3; if notified in advance. Prizes based on entries. **Info:** www.cranstonchess.org, 401-575-1520. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**A State Championship Event!**

**July 9-10, Rhode Island State Championship**  
 5SS, G/75, delay 5. Sheraton Providence Hotel and Conference Center, 1850 Post Rd., Warwick, RI 02886. Open to out of state players. **\$1500 based on 55**, Trophies- top RI finishers. **4 Sections: OPEN \$350-200, U2200 \$200 U2000 \$250-150.** SAT RDS 1-3, SUN RDS 4-5. **EF:** \$45 by 6/6, then \$55. **REG.** Ends 10:30 AM. **Rds.:** SAT 11, 2:30 and 5:30. SUN 10 and 1:30. **Byes-** limit 1, must commit before RD3. **U1600 4SS, Sunday ONLY G/60 d5.** \$225-125; **U1200 4SS, Sunday ONLY G/30 d5.** Trophies 1st, 2nd, 3rd. **EF:** U1600 and U1200 \$35 by 6/6, then \$45. **REG.:** Ends 9:30AM, RD1 start at 10 then ASAP **HR:** \$99 (401) 738-4000 ask for chess rates. **ALL EF:** online www.richess.org or mail PO Box 40604, Providence, RI 02940. **INFO:** Frank Vogel 401-837-1302. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**July 12, 25th Annual Thursday Night Action Chess Championship: Come Celebrate With Us This Special 25th Anniversary Of USCF's Longest-Running Action Tournament, Now At The New Yorker Hotel!! (NY)**  
 See Grand Prix.

**July 27-29 or 28-29, 17th Annual Bradley Open (CT)**  
 See Grand Prix.

**Tennessee**

**June 30, John Hurt Memorial**  
 See Grand Prix.

**July 20-22 or 21-22, Memphis Summer Open**  
 See Grand Prix.

**July 21, 2012 Clinton Pearson Jr. Memorial 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 UNR eligible for unrated prize only. **Reg.:** 7:30-8:30am. **Rds.:** 9, 11, 2, 4:30 CDT. **All EF:** \$15 if mailed by 7/16, \$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. 23 W.

**Sept. 21-23 or 22-23, 5th Annual Louisville Open (KY)**  
 See Grand Prix.

**Texas**

**June 9-10, 2012 DCC Fide Open IV**  
 See Grand Prix.

**June 23, Many Springs Quad**  
 North Richland Hills Public Library, 9015 Grand Ave., North Richland Hills, TX 76180. 3 Round Quad, G/75; 5d. **EF:** \$15, 80% of EF returned as prizes. **Registration on-site:** 8:45-8:55. **First Round:** 9:00AM. Additional information Tom Crane at either 817-296-4287, tcrane5000@yahoo.com, or www.tarrantcountychessclub.org/.

**June 23-24, San Antonio City Championship**  
 Hornbeak Bldg, 4450 Medical Dr., San Antonio, 2nd floor, San Antonio, TX 78229. 5SS, Rds. 1 and 2 G/90; others 40/2 SD/1, **\$\$ (1075 b/40, 2/3gtd)** \$300-150, U2200 \$125, U 2000 \$125, U1800 \$125, U1600 \$100, U1400/unr ea \$75. **EF:** \$45 if rec'd by 6/20, \$50 at site. Trophy to Top Bexar City Resident. Option play for 1/2 prizes: \$23 by 6/20, \$28.00 later and at site. **EF:** Jr U19 entry \$20 if rec'd by 6/20 or \$25 at site. Option play and U19 entries count 2/3 toward "based on". **Reg.:** 8:30-9:30 am. **Rds.:** 10-2-6, 9-3.half pt. Bye any 1 rd, notice before Rd 2 is paired, Swap and shop used books, equip. 8:30-9:30. **Ent.** SACC, PO BOX 690576, San Antonio, TX 78269-0576. **Info:** sanantoniochess.com, 210-384-4797, louis.Rimpel@att.net. NS. NC. W. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**July 6-8 or 7-8, 1st Annual Austin Chess Club Summer Open**  
 See Grand Prix.

**July 9-14, 2012 U.S. Senior Open**  
 See Nationals.

**July 13-15, 2012 U.S. Junior Open**  
 See Nationals.

**July 21-22, 2012 DCC Fide Open V**  
 See Grand Prix.

**July 21-22, Summer Open**  
 Hornbeak Bldg, 4450 Medical Dr, 2nd floor, San Antonio, TX 78229, 4 SS, 30/90, SD/60, **\$\$ 1100 b/40, 2 sections.** **Open:** \$250-150, U2100 \$100, U1900 \$100. **Reserve (1800):** \$150-100, U1700 \$100, U1500 \$75, U1300/Unr. **EF:** \$40 if rec'd by 7/18, \$45 at site. Option play for 1/2 prizes: \$20 by 7/18, \$25 at site. **EF:** Jr U19 entry \$20 if rec'd by 7/18 or \$25 at site. Option play and U19 entries count 2/3 toward "based on". **Reg.:** 9:00-10:00am. **Rds.:** 10-3, 10-3. Bye any 1 rd, notice before Rd 2 is paired. **Ent:** SACC, PO BOX 690576, San Antonio, TX 78269-0576. **Info:** sanantoniochess.com, 210-384-4797, louis.Rimpel@att.net. NS. NC. W. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**July 28-29, DCC Summer Insanity**  
 See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 18-19, 2012 Texas Senior Chess Championship and Futurity Senior Tournament:** Must be 50 or older to enter. 4-SS, G/120 w/5 Sec delay. **Playing Site:** Holiday Inn, 5247 S. General Bruce Dr., (Service road on East side of I-35 just North of Midway exit # 297), Temple, TX 76502, (254) 778-5511. **HR:** \$89 if reserved by 8/1. Mention Chess. Free parking. **Seniors:** Gtd. Prizes \$750. Open to all over 50 yrs of age. **Prize fund \$750** - 1st - \$200, 2nd - \$100, 3rd - \$75; U1600 1st - \$100, 2nd - \$50 Age under 65 1st - \$75, Age 65-75 1st - \$75, over 75 1st - \$75 **EF:** Seniors - \$30 in advance, \$40 at site. TCA membership required. **Futurity:** For those under 50 years of age. Futurity Prize fund - 75% of Futurity entries returned. Two Sections; Open & U1400 **Futurity EF:** \$25 if paid in advance, \$30 on site. TCA membership not required. **Info:** discount for current Texas Chess Association members. **Reg. for ALL:** 9-9:45. **Rds.:** Sat, 10 am, 3 pm, Sun, 9 am, 2 pm. USCF membership required UNR placed at the discretion of the TD. **Pre-entries for ALL:** Forrest Marler, 4102 West Adams Ave., #104, Temple, TX 76504-3551. 254-231-7026. fmzmarler@gmail.com. NS, NC, W. **Chess Magnet School JGP for those born after 12/31/1990.**

**Aug. 25-26, 2012 DCC Fide Open VI**  
 See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 31-Sept. 3 or Sept. 1-3, 78th Annual Southwest Open**  
 See Grand Prix.

**Sept. 21-23 or 22-23, 2012 U.S. Class Championships**  
 See Nationals.

**Oct. 13, 3rd Annual Scott Watson Memorial Chess Classic**  
 A Major USCF Rated College Scholarship Chess Tournament Lively Youth Center, 909 North O'Connor, Irving, TX 75063. In 8 Sections, **K-3 Primary U400:** 5SS, Game/30, Open to 399 and under. Trophies Top 3 Individuals per Section, Top 3 Teams per Section. **K-3 Primary Open:** 5SS, Game/30, Trophies Top 3 Individuals per Section, Top 3 Teams per Section. **Elementary U600:** 5SS, Game/30, Open to 599 and under. Trophies Top 3 Individuals per Section, Top 3 Teams per Section. **Elementary Open:** 5SS, Game/30, Trophies Top 3 Individuals per Section, Top 3 Teams per Section. **Middle School U700:** 5SS, Game/30, Open to 699 and under. Trophies Top 3 Individuals per Section, Top 3 Teams per Section. **Middle School Open:** 5SS, Game/30, Trophies Top 3 Individuals per Section, Top 3 Teams per Section. **High School Open:** 5SS, Game/30, Prizes: Trophies Top 3 Individuals per Section, Top 3 Teams per Section. \$1,000 Top Finishing Player attending HS within Irving City Limits, \$1,000 Top Finishing Player attending HS outside of Irving City Limits. **Not To Be Rated 4th-8th Grade Open:** 5SS, Game/30, Prizes: Trophies Top 3 Individuals ONLY-No Team Trophies This Section. **All:** \$ 25.00 After 10.08.2012 and On-Site. USCF Membership Required for Elementary, Middle School, and High School Sections, Will Be Provided with Paid EF for HS section ONLY. **Reg.:** 10.13.2012, 8-8:30 AM. \$15.00 B/4 10.08.2012, Thereafter and On-Site \$25.00. **Rds.:** Round 1, 9:00 AM, All others ASAP 1/2 Point for any round if requested at registration. HS section N 5th Round Bys. **Ent:** Nancy H. Bauer, 1807 Pueblo Pl., Irving, Texas 75061-2243. Register & Pay On-Line at www.Chess4Champs.com **INFO:** nancybauer223@tx.rr.com, jonessoc@junio.com. NS. NC. W.

**Vermont**

**June 24, 2nd annual Schenectady Open (NY)**  
 See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 31-Sept. 3, Sept. 1-3 or 2-3, 134th annual NY State Championship (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 (\$10 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. Most join club to play. Yearly dues: \$50 adults, \$40 seniors/U18. 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).

**June 9-10, 2012 Delaware Capital Open (DE)**  
 See Delaware.

**A State Championship Event!**  
**June 9-10, 2012 Virginia Senior Championship**  
 4SS, G/120 d5. Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss St., Alexandria, VA 22312. Open to all USCF members born before June 9, 1962 (50+). VCF Membership Req for VA Residents. **Prizes \$51000:** 1st - \$300, 2nd - \$175, 3rd - \$150, Top U2000-\$130, Top U1700-\$125, U1400-\$120. Top Age 60-69 and Top Age 70+ plaques. **Site:** Dining Room. **EF:** \$35 if received by 6/4, \$45 at site. **Reg.:** 6/11 8:45-9:45 am. **Rds.:** Sat 10-4pm Sun 9-2:30 pm. **Byes:** One 1/2 point bye available if requested before Rd 2. Standard USCF tiebreaks for title if needed. **Info:** Comfort Inn Landmark, 6253 Duke St., Alexandria, VA 22312 (703) 642-3422, \$75/day rates available Fri-Sun (hotel. 33 mi from site). **Info:** eschlich@verizon.net, www.vachess.org/senior.htm. Entry: checks to "Virginia Chess" and mail to Ernest Schlich, 1370 S. Braden Cres., Norfolk, VA 23502. Free entry to 2011 Champ.

**June 16, 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 www.loudouinchess.org/reg/accrregister.htm. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**June 23, Sterling Chess June Open and RBO**  
 See Grand Prix.

**June 25-29 (camp), June 30 Tnmt., Ashburn Summer Chess Camp I & Closed Tournament**  
 Ashburn Chess Center, 44927 George Washington Blvd. #120, Ashburn, VA 20147. Summer camp conducted by Russian trainer IM Nikolay Andrianov, chess training degree holder from the Moscow Central Physical Culture & Sport Institute. Closed Tournament 4SS, G/61. **Reg.:** 9-9:30AM. **Rd. 1 10AM.** No half point byes. Top 3 qualify to Ashburn Round Robin Scholastic Tourney with winner going to Moscow, with participation at Moscow Open in February. **More info at:** www.ashburnchessclub.com.

**June 30-July 1, 3rd Annual Fairfax 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.

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 See Grand Prix.

**July 14-15, 22nd Annual Charlottesville Open**  
 See Grand Prix.

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 Ashburn Chess Center, 44927 George Washington Blvd. #120, Ashburn, VA 20147. Summer camp conducted by Russian trainer IM Nikolay Andrianov, top scholastic trainer. Closed Tournament 4SS, G/61. **Reg.:** 9-9:30AM. **Rd. 1 starts at 10AM.** No half point byes. Top 3 qualifies to Ashburn Round Robin Scholastic Tourney with winner going to Moscow, with participation at Moscow Open in February. **More info at:** www.ashburnchessclub.com.

**July 21, 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 www.loudouinchess.org/reg/accrregister.htm. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**July 28-Aug. 1, 2012 Washington International (MD)**  
 See Grand Prix.

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 See Grand Prix.

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**Aug. 18, Tracy Callis Jr. Memorial**  
 See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 24-26 or 25-26, 44th annual Atlantic Open (DC)**  
 See Grand Prix.

**Oct. 4-8, 5-8, 6-8 or 6-7, 3rd annual Continental Class Championships**  
 See Grand Prix.

**Oct. 24-28 or 26-28, Bahamas International & Amateur (Bahamas)**  
 See Grand Prix.

**Washington**

**Aug. 4-5, 2012 U.S. Open Weekend Swiss**  
 See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 4-5, 2012 U.S. Open Scholastic Tournament**  
 5SS, Game 90, d/5 in Championship Sections, Game 30, d/5 in under sections. Hilton Vancouver Washington, 301 W. 6th St., Vancouver, WA 98660. Self Parking \$13.00, valet \$17.00 per night. **HR:** \$110 single/quad, 360-993-4500, reserve by July 12 or rate may increase. **Four sections:** High School/Junior High Championship Section and U1200 Section, Elementary Championship Section and U1000 Section. Elementary is considered Grade 6 or under, Junior High, grades 7 to 9 and High School

grades 10 to 12. Your grade is considered as of the school year just completed. **Please note:** If High School/Junior High section are larger than expected, sections may be split to make two sections instead of one. **EF:** \$25 before 7/29, \$35 after or on site. **Prizes:** At least 5 trophies in each section: High School Championship, High School Under 1200, Junior High Championship, Junior High Under 1200, Elementary Championship, Elementary Under 1000, Elementary top grade 4 to 6, Elementary top grades 3 and under. Trophies may increase based on entries. **Rounds:** Please note that the Championship sections play both the 4th and 5th and the under sections play only on the 4th. **Championship Sections:** 8/4 at 9:30 AM, 2:30 PM and 7:00 PM, 8/5 at 9:00 AM and 1:30 PM. Awards 8/5 at 5:30 PM. **Under sections:** 8/4 at 9:30 and 11:00 AM, 1:00, 2:30 and 4:00 PM. **Awards:** 8/4 at 6:00 PM. Half point byes: Limit 1, must commit before Round 2. **Entry Fee:** Online, \$25 by July 29th, \$35 after or on site. By mail, \$25 postmarked by 7/29; do not mail after 7/29! By phone, \$25 by 7/29, \$35 by 8/3. No phone entries after 8/3 (close of business at the Office)! Registration At site closes August 4 at 8:30 AM. **August official ratings used;** unofficial ratings used if otherwise unrated. CCA ratings used if above USCF. Foreign player ratings: usually 100 points added to FIDE or FQE, 200+ added to most foreign national ratings, no points added to CFC. Highest of multiple ratings generally used. **Entries:** USCF, ATTN: 2012 US Open Scholastic, PO Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557. Online entry: [www.uschess.org/tournaments/2012/scholastic/](http://www.uschess.org/tournaments/2012/scholastic/). Phone entry: 800-903-8723. **No cell phones.** Bring a clock -- none supplied. Sets/boards supplied for tournament but not for skillies. Please see the US Open TLA for side events, committee meetings, delegate meetings and other events held during the Open. **Please check the U.S. Open website often for updates, new information and corrections!** [www.uschess.org/tournaments/2012/scholastic/](http://www.uschess.org/tournaments/2012/scholastic/). **Chess Magnet School JGP for U.S. Open Scholastic Championship section.**

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See Nationals.

**Aug. 4-12, 7-12 or 9-12, 113th annual U.S. Open**  
See Nationals.

**Aug. 8-12, 2012 Women's U.S. Open**  
See Nationals.

**Aug. 11, 2012 U.S. Open Blitz Championship (QC)**  
See Grand Prix.

## West Virginia

### A State Championship Event!

#### June 30, 2012 West Virginia Action Championship

6 SS, Game/30 (No delay). **Registration:** 9 am-9:45 am. **Rounds:** 10-11:15-1-2:15-3:30-4:45. **Entry Fee:** \$25. WVCA Membership Required for State Residents. **Prizes:** (Based on 20 entrants) 1st - \$125; 2nd \$75 U1900 - \$50; U1500/JUNR - \$50. Trophy & Title to top State Resident. **Site:** WVSSPA Building; 1610 Washington Street East; Charleston, WV 25311. No smoking, No Computers. **Entries:** John Roush, 114 Chloe Dr., Ripley, WV 25271. **Info:** [jroush@wvsspa.org](mailto:jroush@wvsspa.org).

## Wisconsin

### July 14-15, Milwaukee Summer Challenge

5SS, G/120. **4 Sections:** Master/Expert (closed), U2000, U1500, U1000. Wyndham Milwaukee Airport Hotel, 4747 S. Howell Ave., Milwaukee, WI 481-8000 (mention Southwest Chess Club for \$79 room rate). **EF:** \$40 All Sections (except U1000), U1000 Entry Fee: \$25, all \$5 more after 7/11. Prizes based on 40 total entries. **SS** Master/Expert (closed section) = 1st-\$300, 2nd-\$200, 3rd-\$100. U2000=1st-\$150, U1500=1st-\$80, U1000=1st-\$50. **Reg.:** 8:30-9:30. **Rds.:** Saturday, July 14: 10:00am-2:30pm-7:00pm, Sunday July 15: 10:00am-2:30pm. **ENT:** Allen Becker, N112 W17033 Vista Ct., Apt. D, Germantown, WI 53022. **Questions:** TD Tom Fogec, 414-405-4207 (cell). **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

**July 20-22 or 21-22, 5th annual Chicago Class (IL)**  
See Grand Prix.

**July 28-29, 36th Annual Green Bay Open**  
See Grand Prix.

**Aug. 17-19 or 18-19, 7th annual Indianapolis Open (IN)**  
See Grand Prix.

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See Grand Prix.

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See Grand Prix.

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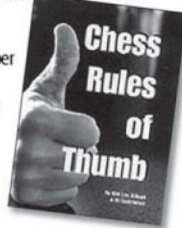
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## COUNTERPLAY (page 6)

### Benko's 45th anniversary

1. Rh2!

## CHESS TO ENJOY (page 13)

### Problem I.

56. Rxg6+! Qxg6 (or 56. ... Kxg6) 57. Rg3 leads to a won king and pawn endgame.

### Problem II.

After 65. Ba5 there is no defense to 66. Bd2 and 67. Bh6.

### Problem III.

42. Qh8+ Bh7 43. Bg5+! and 44. Qf6 mate.

### Problem IV.

35. Rg7! and 36. Bxe6 mates on f7 or g8.

### Problem V.

Not 61. ... g1=Q?? 62. Rb7 mate but 61. ... Nd3+! 62. Nxd3 c5+! and 63. ... g1=Q.

### Problem VI.

Don't take credit for 36. Rxg7! Kxg7 37. Be5+ unless you also saw that 36. ... Qxh3 allows 37. Rg8+! Rxg8 38. Be5+ and mates.

## SOLITAIRE CHESS ABCs of Chess (page 15)

### Problem I.

*Pin:* The knight on e4 is simply hanging, so 1. ... Bxe4 gains a piece.

### Problem II.

*Trapping:* The direct capture 1. ... Bxg2 will eventually put Black two pawns ahead.

### Problem III.

*Fork:* Black has a dead meat check: 1. ... Qa5+.

### Problem IV.

*Pin:* The pinned knight is won for a pawn by 1. ... d4.

### Problem V.

*Simplification:* Black simplifies to a winning endgame by 1. ... Qxc4+!, when 2. bxc4 is met by 2. ... Ne2+.

### Problem VI.

*Trapping:* White loses the knight to 1. ... g6.

**Total your Solitaire Chess score to determine your approximate rating below:**

Total Score	Approx. Rating
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81-94	2200-2399
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51-65	1800-1999
36-50	1600-1799
21-35	1400-1599
06-20	1200-1399
0-05	under 1200

## ENDGAME LAB Benko's Bafflers (page 45)

### Problem I.

1. f4!

Both 1. fxg4? and 1. hxg4? only draw.

1. ... Kb4 2. h4 d5 3. f5 Kc5 4. h5 d4 5. f6 Kd6 6. h6 d3 7. f7 Ke7 8. h7 d2 9. f8=Q+ wins.

The logic of the solution is worth special attention.

### Problem II.

1. h4 Kh3 2. h5 Kh4 3. d6 Kxh4 4. Bf6 gxf6 5. Kxf6 Kg4 6. Kf7 Kg5 7. Kxf8 Kxg6 8. Ke7 h5 9. Kxd7 h4

10. Ke6 h3 11. d7 h2 12. d8=Q h1=Q 13. Qg8+ Kh6 14. Qh8+! wins.

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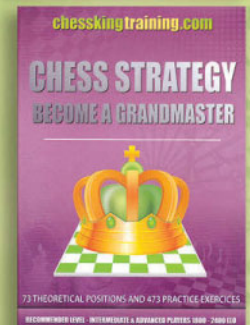
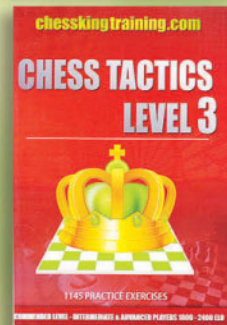
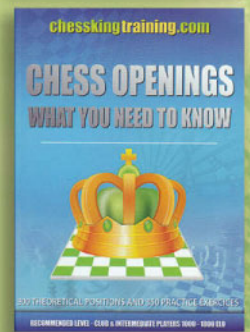
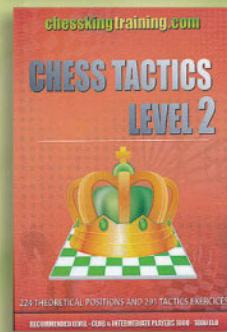
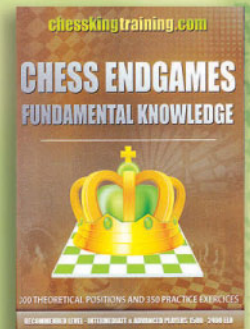
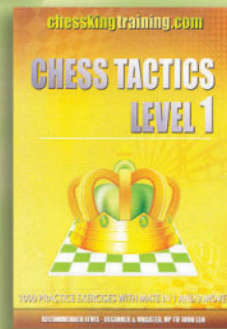
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