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Editor's Letter

Usually in this space I try to tease a feature or two from within the issue. Certainly I could do so this month—Macauley Peterson's profile of Hikaru Nakamura is one of the most fascinating profiles to appear in Chess Life in years. But this month I'm focusing on an item that only takes up about a third of a page: A Dilbert comic strip from February that we are reprinting (see the third page of "First Moves" on page 10). The joke arises from Malcolm Gladwell's book, Outliers: The Story of Success from 2008; in it he makes the claim that to succeed in any field you must practice the core skills of that field for at least 10,000 hours. Gladwell even mentions chess success specifically, writing, "... to become a chess grandmaster also seems to take about ten years." To get to 10,000 hours, the math works out to between three and four hours a day of chess study and play over those ten years, assuming about 300 days a year of chess. If you have the talent to become a grandmaster, OK, that doesn't seem undoable. But what about the rest of us plodding patzers? Most of us have jobs, children, or school and are saddled with the letters A, B, C, or D attached to our ratings, not the coveted G and M. Yet we all entertain dreams of improving a class level or two-and, hope of hopes-reach expert or master. This is why we continue to set up the positions from each month's Chess Life and try to plumb the depths of the grandmasters' minds. So while I can, like Dilbert, accept my mediocrity, I'm going to continue the quest. Here's to your chess life. -Daniel Lucas. Editor

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Fantasy Chess: Keep your eyes open for this year's Fantasy U.S. Chess Championship competition, where you can root on your favorite players at the 2013 U.S. Chess Championship (May 2-13), for bragging rights and prizes.

The Dragon Pose: As the summer season approaches, everyone is looking to get in better shape. Popular CLO writer and yogi Melinda J. Matthews talks about chess and yoga. (Photo features Michelle Tantoco from American Chess Star, 2005)

All-Girls in Chicago: Find coverage, including games and photos from the 10th anniversary of the All-Girls nationals in Chicago from April 26-28, presented by the Kasparov Chess Foundation, USCF and the Renaissance Knights Chess Foundation.

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The Resolute Grandmaster: Hikaru Nakamura's slow progress towards the top

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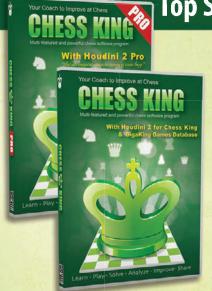
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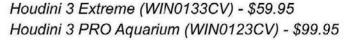
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Would you be able to shed a little more light on the circumstances surrounding the tenthround draw between Francisco Vallejo (White) and Fabiano Caruana (Black) at the recent Grand Slam Final tourney, split between Sao Paulo and Bilbao? That was the draw that denied any real chance for Caruana to win the tournament outright without going into a blitz tiebreak, where, as it turned out, Magnus Carlsen easily prevailed.

In the January 2013 Chess Life, page 22, reporter Ian Rogers recounts how Caruana purposefully allowed Vallejo to steer the game to a quick draw as a "chivalrous" gesture-even though that result was against Caruana's interest-since Vallejo had been depressed by his recent poor form, and was intending to take an extended break from chess to recharge his engines, and so Caruana apparently did not want Vallejo to have to go out on a sour note.

Nevertheless, some Chess Life readers will no doubt be familiar with the much different version of the same episode, as reported by Dirk Jan ten Geuzendam, written in the 2012 #8 issue of New in Chess.

There, on page 17, the reporter suggests that Vallejo himself engineered the draw (the well-known line in the Spanish Zaitsev, where Black plays Rf8-e8, intending to retreat the dark-square bishop back to f8, but where White can essentially force Black to shuffle his king rook back and forth between e8 and f8, by simply playing a timely Ng5, attacking the f7-pawn, and then retreating to f3, only to repeat the pattern again).

In fact, Jan ten Geuzendam writes that-Caruana was "speechless," "inwardly appalled," and "raging inside" that Vallejo might take such an easy way out, especially since Caruana at that moment was fighting for the tournament crown, and, as the reporter adds, Vallejo had not even qualified for the tournament like the other players, but in fact was a last-minute addition to fill out the field.

There must be a story here that is begging to come out.

Bruce Radford, Washington, D.C.

GM Ian Rogers responds:

Mr. Radford is very perspicacious.

I was rather stunned when I read ten Geuzendam's description in New in Chess of the Vallejo-Caruana game—I would regard it as spin by ten Geuzendam. All those emotive terms-"speechless," "inwardly appalled," and "raging inside"—are ridiculous given that Caruana chose the variation and could have varied at manu moments. He knew that Vallejo was playing badly and might head for a draw. The



Fabiano Caruana (right) playing Francisco Vallejo in Sao Paulo during the Grand Slam Final.

side swipe by ten Geuzendam at Vallejo's method of entry to the tournament—which was more due to the unavailability of so many strong players due to the clash with the London Grand Prix tournament than any other factor—shows only that ten Geuzendam wanted to paint Vallejo as the

Part of the problem is that New in Chess depends for its reputation on access to the very best players in the world for interviews, annotations, etc. As a result, you will very rarely see criticism of the world elite;

they will almost always be painted in a good light compared to the less important grandmasters. I think that is what happened here, even though it was completely unnecessary and the short draw did not reflect badly on Caruana at all, as I indicated in my article.

Actually this example is not really typical of ten Geuzendam's style—he usually prefers to put almost everyone (except perhaps FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov) in the best possible light, which is not such a bad attribute to have.

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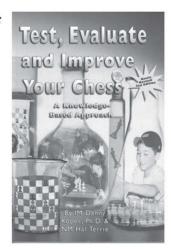
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Above left: 5-6 rated winner, Om Borkar, first place trophy and Kindle Fire; above middle: 9-12 rated winner, Kevin Du, first place trophy and \$4,000 scholarship; above right: Alpha Phi Alpha member Tony Dunlap Sr. and iPad winner Connor Keuchel; below: First time tournament player Robert Travis (right) of Solon High School thinking about his next move against Courtney Sargent (left) of John Hay High School.



For Adult Beginners

Do you have an adult friend you would like to introduce to chess? David MacEnulty's new book will help you out.

By DR. ALEXEY ROOT, WIM

How to Beat Your KIDS at Chess

An Adult Beginner's Guide to Chess



2nd EDITION by David MacEnulty

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A GIFT FOR your non-chessplaying friends, to introduce them to chess, How to Beat Your Kids at Chess: An Adult Beginner's Guide to Chess by David MacEnulty would be a good choice. Without boring his readers, MacEnulty conveys chess rules, tactics, opening principles, and basic endings (such as king and rook versus king). To illustrate middlegame ideas, he annotates three Paul Morphy games.

MacEnulty's approach to forks illustrates how most of this book is structured. MacEnulty writes, "Kings also attack in eight directions. But with a limit of only one square in each of those directions, its ability to catch other pieces in a fork is quite limited." With these two sentences, he refers to the preceding section on knight forks, since a knight also attacks in eight directions. And he reminds the reader of how a king

moves, which is covered on earlier pages. After sections on bishop, rook, queen, knight, king, and pawn forks (each of which has two-eight puzzles), there are 20 "mixed fork puzzles."

This book is a second edition. Perhaps the proofreader was negligent with updates between editions, as there are mistakes in page numbers. On page 53, MacEnulty writes, "Pawns capture one square away on a forward diagonal. See page 38." But there is nothing about pawns on page 38. Similarly, on page 31, MacEnulty writes, "as in the diagrams on page 14" yet page 14 has no diagrams. Along with the occasional typo ("6. ... Bf8-e6!" is on page 171), proofreading errors may annoy the reader. Content understanding, however, should not be affected.

MacEnulty lists five categories of adult readers for his book. Those who:

- 1) have a child learning chess;
- 2) are in charge of school chess programs;
- 3) lose to their friends at chess;
- 4) want to learn chess for the first time;
- 5) want to keep their minds active.

For adults in the first two categories, there is not enough help. Parents and teachers would have to convert MacEnulty's chess content into child-friendly activities and lesson plans. This book does not tell how to make those transformations. Instead, MacEnulty offers, "For teachers who would like more supplemental exercises, or suggestions on how to move beyond this book, e-mail me."

MacEnulty is successful with the last three categories. Those who have been losing at chess and those who want to learn chess are both well served. After reading this book, adults will know enough to play a competent game of chess. For adults in the last category, MacEnulty states, "Neurologists have observed the neuronal interplay within the brain of people playing chess and found the whole brain teeming with activity." That sentence, which is quite a mouthful, shows why this book is for adult (rather than child) beginners. For adult beginners, *How to Beat Your Kids at Chess* is a thorough introduction to the royal game.

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Larry's mate

At 11, Natasha liked her first chess set because it was pink and green. An Massa-

chusetts Institute of Technology graduate, she worked as an engineer and went on to earn her law degree—and play in two U.S. Women's Championships. She's now a patent attorney at Goodwin Procter LLP. "Chess has been helpful to me in all sorts of ways," she said, "including meeting people." GM husband Larry must agree. After 23 years of marriage, they're still playing on the same team.



CARISSA YIP

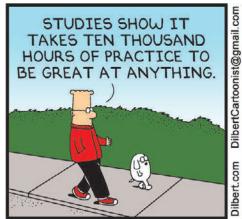
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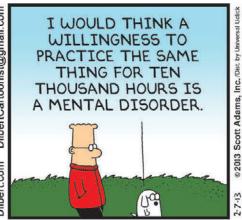
Carissa learned chess at seven and won her very first game at the Metrowest Chess

Club. A year later, she's already on USCF's top ten under nine, having represented the USA at the Maribor, Slovenia, World Youth Championship. The tiniest Aplayer at the USATE*, she sat pertly on fourth board for "Larry C, Larry Do," led by GM Larry Christiansen. "It was fun actually playing with my coach," she said. "I want to be the first woman to win the U.S. Championship."

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Benko Remembers Fischer

Three compositions in honor of Fischer's 70th birthday (born March 9, 1943)

By GM PAL BENKO

Note: Problems II and III use Chess960 castling rules.

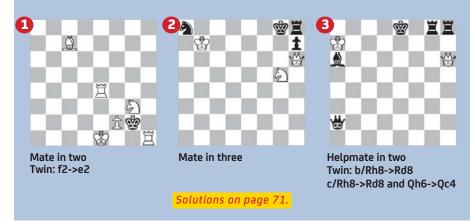
From Wikipedia: In Chess960, each player may castle once per game the same as standard chess, moving both the king and a rook in a single move. However, the castling rules were reinterpreted in Chess960 to support the different possible initial positions of the king and rook.

After castling, the king and rook's final positions are exactly the same as they would be in standard chess. Thus:

After a-side (on the left or gueenside) castling, the king finishes on the c-file (c1 for White, c8 for Black) and the a-side rook finishes on the d-file (d1 for White, d8 for Black). The move is notated 0-0-0 and is known as queenside castling in standard chess.

After h-side (on the right or kingside) castling, the king finishes on the g-file and the h-side rook finishes on the f-file. The move is notated as 0-0 and is known as kingside castling in standard chess.

Castling in Chess960 has the same or similar requirements to castling under the standard chess rules.



USCF Blitz Ratings

As of March 1, 2013, the USCF has a Blitz rating system. Events that started on or after March 1, 2013, and that have a total time per player of between five and 10 minutes are now automatically part of the Blitz rating system. Add the minutes of time plus the seconds of delay/increment to determine the total time per player.

For Blitz events, the fastest available time control is G/3;d2 (Game in three minutes with two seconds of delay) and the slowest available time control is G/10;d0 (Game in 10 minutes with no increment or delay.) All rounds and games in a Blitz event must use the same time control. If an event would have previously qualified as a Quick-Rated-Only event but is within the five to 10 minute range for Blitz events, it will be a Blitz event. For more information, see the updates to the USCF rulebook:

uschess.org/docs/gov/reports/RulebookChanges.pdf

FIDE Norms

FIDE has announced procedures for tracking older norms for players. The announcement states in part, "Instead of tracking old regulations and old tournament results whenever an application is received, the QC recommended that norms achieved prior to 1st July 2005 be registered before 1st July 2013." The complete FIDE announcement may be found at:

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Executive Board Candidate Statements



Michael Atkins

I am Michael Atkins, and my four-year term on the executive board ends this August in Madison, Wisconsin. I am running again because I think there is still much work left to be done.

I am a licensed clinical professional counselor in Maryland, recently retired after 32 years in the mental health field and moved back to Baltimore, which is my hometown. Along with being a life member of the USCF and a national tournament director, I have served chess at the local, state, regional and national levels as a four-time president of the Virginia Chess Federation and region three tournament clearinghouse coordinator since 1999. I am also a FIDE arbiter and international organizer, and I am interested in how the USCF relates to the rest of the chess world.

My goal on the board has been to approach every issue objectively and do my best for the USCF.



Chuck Unruh

I stand before you as a candidate, to continue my volunteer service for the Federation. Many know of my service on the USCF finance and life member assets committees, president of the Oklahoma state chapter, and as a delegate to the annual USCF meetings. A member since the 1960s, I've enjoyed competition in USCF tournaments, both at the national and local level. My actions in the Federation have changed from fierce competitor, to extending the role of chess in American society.

I have served on several corporate boards, mostly in key times of financial duress. My primary business experience is private equity management and investment. Our family owned energy company, formed in 1986, still successfully operates and produces crude oil and natural gas properties.

Experienced leadership in a rapidly changing business climate is important. I offer my help and experience in the challenges of a growing Federation to the membership.



Randy Bauer

Chess and the USCF has been an important part of my life for over 40 years. My primary goal in serving is to help ensure that others can have that same positive experience.

I've devoted five years to executive board (EB) service as well as five years on (including chairing) the finance committee. I am proud that those years have helped bring the USCF into a position of financial solidity after many years of budget deficits.

We need to build on those efforts. The USCF needs to increase its membership and create a stable financial position that ensures its financial future and its ability to grow chess in this country at every level.

We are at a crossroads—we need experienced chess and financial professionals on the EB. I've balanced multi-billion dollar budgets in my 'day job' and I'm committed to that same approach for the USCF and its membership.

CALL FOR ADMS Advance delegate motions (ADMs) for the delegates' meeting at this year's U.S. Open are due before June 1, 2013. They can be sent to Cheryle Bruce, c/o USCF, P.O. Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557 or e-mailed to cbruce@uschess.org.

ELECTION BALLOTS Ballots will be available to USCF members who are current members for the entire day on May 5th and who will be 16 by June 30th. More details about the ballot will be available in a future issue. If a USCF member did not register to vote by March 31, 2013 and is not a USCF member for the full day on May 5th, 2013, the member will not receive a ballot.

2013 USCF Election



Beatriz Marinello

Chess Educator. Chess Visionary. Chess Master.

In 2003, I became the first woman president of the USCF during a period in which the organization was struggling for survival. The board and I made tough decisions which saved the USCF from financial disaster; crisis management was key in turning the organization around. Now, I am running for a position on the executive board because I want to continue to make a difference for chess in America. I've dedicated my life to chess, as an organizer, promoter, developer, teacher and chess master. My expertise, hard work and commitment enables me to make lasting contributions that can help create and implement strategic plans for continued growth and success.

My vision involves furthering educational and social development, supporting clubs and affiliates, using technology to enhance marketing and supporting talented young players and chess professionals.

For more information visit: BeatrizMarinello.com or e-mail: Beatriz@chesseducators.com



Tim Redman

I am running for a position on the USCF executive board as a financial conservative. The Federation is slowly recovering from a nearly ruinous period in which our litigation expenses threatened to sink us. During my nine years on previous boards (including two terms as USCF president), I learned how to deal with crisis.

The only cash reserve the USCF has right now is the life membership assets (LMA), and the need to keep that cushion is impeding the LMA from pursuing investment opportunities. As longtime chair of the life membership asset management committee, that concerns me.

The Federation needs to build up a cash reserve of about six months of annual budget and completely pay down the line of credit at Cumberland Bank.

You may also be aware of my role in founding the chess program at The University of Texas at Dallas. I hope for your support.

Cordially, Tim Redman



Ruth Haring

I am an avid tournament player, life member, chess mom, and USCF president, elected to the executive board in 2009. I have a management background, worked for IBM, eBay, and other companies in Silicon Valley since 1983. My experience enables me to work effectively with leadership to advance the goals and objectives of USCF. Accomplishments include settling litigation, major debt payoff, and two years of budget surpluses. The current year budget is tracking positively and membership growth is trending higher. I am optimistic that positive trends will continue in the future. Thank you for the opportunity to give back to the chess community: U.S. Women's Championships—1974-1985, over 15 U.S. Opens, five Olympiad teams. I earned the WIM title when I won a tiebreak match to qualify for the 1976 Interzonal.

I have no personal or professional conflict of interest. My income is derived from non-chess sources.

Vote for Ruth Haring: www.RuthHaring.com

USCF ELECTION

Any Youth category member who wants the May candidate's statements may receive them on request. This applies only to Youth members who will be 16 by June 30th, since otherwise the Youth member will not be receiving a ballot. In addition to the 150-word candidate statements that appear in this issue of *Chess Life*, there will be 500-word statements in the May and June issues. Youth members are not scheduled to receive the May issue.

Good Stories Come To Those Who Wait

Now it can be told ...

By GM ANDY SOLTIS

WE USUALLY HAVE TO WAIT MONTHS. if not a year, before we know the inside story behind a major news event, such as a presidential election or war, from a tell-all book.

No such luck in chess: We often have to wait decades to know what really happened.

Take, for example, one of Bobby Fischer's most famous losses. It was against Ratmir Kholmov-not a familiar name today but one of the world's dozen or so top players in the 1960s. Kholmov didn't reveal how he came up with the stunning strategy that undid Bobby until 40 years after their game.

Closed Ruy Lopez, Chigorin Defense (C98)

GM Bobby Fischer **GM Ratmir Kholmov** Capablanca Memorial, Havana 1965

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. 0-0 Be7 6. Re1 b5 7. Bb3 0-0 8. c3 d6 9. h3 Na5 10. Bc2 c5 11. d4 Oc7 12. Nbd2 Nc6 13. dxc5 dxc5 14. Nf1 Be6 15. Ne3 Rad8 16 Qe2 c4 17. Ng5



The back story is that Kholmov, Vasily Smyslov and other grandmasters were staying at a Havana hotel that provided an open buffet-and bar-for their benefit. That's where Kholmov, a barrel-chested former sailor, became acquainted with, what he called, "the remarkable rum Bacardi."

Kholmov was "drinking like a shoemaker," as the Russians put it, when Smyslov found him the night before Kholmov was to play the American. "Let's go,"

Smyslov said. "I'll show you the variation you'll play tomorrow with Fischer," Kholmov told 64 magazine.

Fischer knew nothing of this. He was 1,300 miles away because he couldn't get a visa to play in Cuba. He made his moves from a board at the Marshall Chess Club and they were transmitted to the Havana playing hall.

By the time Kholmov got to Smyslov's hotel room, he was so drunk "that Vasily Vasilevich was sure that I wouldn't remember anything," he said in the 2005 interview. Nevertheless, Smyslov explained the nuances:

White is not threatening 18. Nxe6 because 18. ... fxe6 would favorably open up Black's side of the f-file—and prepare the surprising pseudo-sacrifice 19. ... Nd4!.

When Kholmov got to the board the next day he struggled with a hangover and the burden of facing the number one threat to Soviet domination of chess. Just about the only thing he could remember of Smyslov's analysis was the sacrifice. Fischer fell into it with both feet:

17. ... h6! 18. Nxe6 fxe6 19. b4? Nd4! 20. cxd4

Black must regain his piece, with a positional edge to boot.

21. a3 d3 22. Bxd3 Rxd3 23. Nq4 Kh7 24. e5 Nxg4 25. Qe4+ g6 26. Qxg4 Rf5 27. Qe4 Qd7 28. Be3 Qd5!

Black made slow progress in the endgame and won on the 46th move.

One of Kholmov's colleagues, GM Evgeni Vasiukov, revealed last November what he called a key reason for another remarkable page in the Fischer story, Bobby's 6-0 victory in a Candidates match.

Vasiukov, who was considered the leading Soviet expert on Fischer, was sent as Mark Taimanov's second to Vancouver for the 1971 match. He said Taimanov played badly because of "bad nutrition."

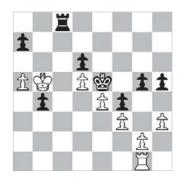
Nutrition? Yes, even though the Soviet Sports Committee had given him \$11 a day to eat—when that was good money and Taimanov got an extra stipend from a Canadian sponsor. But Taimanov "wanted to economize," Vasiukov said. So the Soviet delegation bought a few items in a Vancouver supermarket and cooked in their fivestar hotel room, to save every dollar.

Taimanov saved so much he was undernourished and "simply couldn't physically withstand" Fischer, Vasiukov said. "Absurd? Yes, but unfortunately it was so," he told the Web site www.tribuna.ru.

Some mysterious games by world class players are just as hard to explain decades later. For example, the game that helped deprive Efim Geller of first prize in an Interzonal tournament.

"What happened"?

IM Peter Biyiasas GM Yefim Geller Petropolis 1973



Black can collect his well-earned victory with the obvious 38. ... b3. For example, 39. Ka6 b2 40. Rb1 Rb8 41. Kxa7 Rb4 and ... Kd4-c3-c2.

But he blundered with 38. ... Kd4?. Then came 39. Ka6 b3 40. Rd1+—and Black froze.

What was he looking at? There's probably a draw in 40. ... Ke5 41. Kxa7 Rc4 42. Kb6 b2 43. Rb1 Rb4+ 44. Kc6 Rb3 45. a6 Ra3. But Black stared at the board until his flag fell.

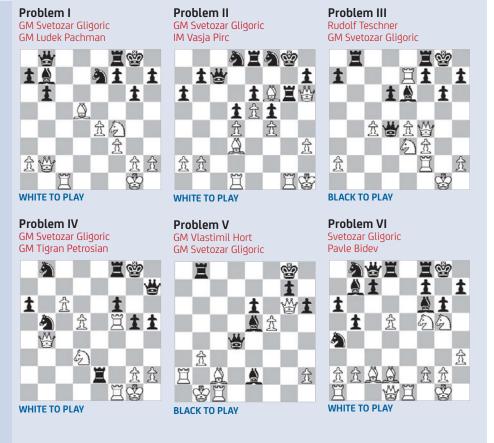
His second, Eduard Gufeld, explained 26 years later: Immediately after the game he asked Geller, "What happened?"

"I was paralyzed. I couldn't raise my arm, couldn't shift my leg."

"You could have cried out, gotten the attention of the arbiter," Gufeld told him.

Gligoric Quiz

Svetozar Gligoric managed to score 13 career wins against players such as Bobby Fischer, Mikhail Tal, Mikhail Botvinnik and Vasily Smyslov. Yet his most impressive feat was defeating the unbeatable Tigran Petrosian eight times. The games of the great Yugoslav player, who died last August, provide us with six examples for this month's quiz. 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. For solutions see page 71.



"My voice was taken away," Geller replied. "I couldn't do anything."

The true stories behind some games can influence the outcome of battles between amateurs. That was the case of the last of Mikhail Tal's four games with Tigran Petrosian from the 1959 Candidates tournament.

Sicilian Defense, Najdorf Variation (B56)

GM Mikhail Tal GM Tigran Petrosian Bled/Belgrade 1959

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Nbd7 6 Bc4 a6 7. Bg5 Qa5 8. Qd2 e6 9. 0-0 h6 10. Bh4 g5 11. Bg3 Nh5

This was a controversial opening line at the time. With three games to go in the tournament—and his chances of becoming the world championship challenger at stake—Tal unleashed:

12. Bxe6! fxe6 13. Nxe6 Nxg3 14. fxg3! Ne5 15. Rxf8+! Rxf8 16. Qxd6 Rf6! 17. Nc7+ Kf7 18. Rf1! Rxf1+ 19. Kxf1 Nc4 20. Qxh6! Qc5! 21. Nxa8 Nd2+ 22. Ke2 Bg4+ 23. Kd3 Qc4+ 24. Ke3 Qc5+ 25. Kd3, Draw agreed.

What Tal needed to explain is why the game lasted only five minutes. It turns out that earlier in the tournament he and Petrosian had made three bloodless draws, which ended in 12, 23 and 15 moves. They

read in the Yugoslav newspapers that their friendship had prevented them from playing a real game.

"This angered us," Tal said in his memoirs. So they decided to play a composed game in record time to show the world what a really phony draw was.

But Najdorf Variation specialists thought it was a real game. Some of them repeated Petrosian's moves until being surprised by 17. Qc7!, which wins, e.g. 17. ... b6 18. Ng7+ Kf8 19. Nh5! Nf3+ 20. Kh1! as one later game went.

And sometimes we have to wait decades until a player's second writes his memoirs and explains a mysterious game. When Alexander Koblents, Tal's longtime confidante, wrote about Tal's career, he mentioned this position:

Tranquilized

Anatoly Bannik GM Mikhail Tal Soviet Championship 1958

(see diagram top of next column)

Despite Black's passed pawn on the queenside he has to defend carefully, with 36. ... Ne8!, to drive back the bishop. Chances are double-edged after 37. Be5 Qb7.

But Black sluggishly played 36. ... a5?



and after 37. Be5! it became clear that his intended 37. ... a4? would lose to 38. Qf8 followed by 39. Bh3! Qb7 40. Be6!.

So Black played 37. ... Ne8 and dropped pawn after pawn following 38. Qxb6 a4 39. Qc5 Kg8 40. Bh3! Qxh3 41. Qxc6 Kf7 42. Qb7+ Kf8 43. Qxd5 Qc8 44. Qb5. He resigned at move 52.

What really happened, according to Koblents, is that the illness-plagued Tal had been receiving vitamin C injections to get him through the tournament.

But before this game a nurse mistakenly gave him a shot of the *tranquilizer* Nembutal instead. Tal's legendary ability to calculate quickly had been simply put to sleep.

Read the statements on pages 12-13 by the candidates for the USCF executive board. Additional statements will appear in the May and June issues.

Tarrasch's Two Bishops

Knights? Who needs knights?

By Bruce Pandolfini

IT'S WELL-KNOWN THAT DR. SIEGBERT Tarrasch, paragon of chess wisdom, and certainly one of the leading players in the world for more than two decades, loved bishops. To be sure, much of his valued contributions to chess theory play off realizing that kind of "small advantage." We can see the emphasis he placed on using his bishops and on obtaining greater space for them from his foundational books and also from the way he conducted his own games. The following contest is a clarion call in point. Played against Max Kuerschner at Nuremberg in 1893, it displays some questionable footwork with a bishop at the start, but the ending is well worth the wait. The game began:

French Defense, Advance Variation (CO2)

Dr. Siegbert Tarrasch Max Kuerschner Nurenberg 1893

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5



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 on the next line.**

3. Bd3 Par Score 5

Tarrasch plays something a little bit different—a not recommended move with his king-bishop. *Full credit* for any of the usual moves: 3. Nc3, 3. Nd2, 3. e5 and 3. exd5.

This is a typical French move, attacking the e4-pawn, but here it plays into White's hands. Either 3. ... c5, or 3. ... dxe4 4. Bxe4 Nf6, yielded even chances.**

4. e5 Par Score 6

Here we have an excellent version of the Advance Variation, since the pawn push comes with tempo on the knight. Accept only *4 points part credit* for the less pointed replies: 4. Nc3, 4. Bg5, or 4. exd5.

Add 1 bonus point if on 4. ... Ne4 you knew to stay away from 5. f3?, which would be answered by 5. ... Qh4+ 6. g3 (6. Ke2 Qf2 mate) 6. ... Nxg3. Either 5. Qe2 or 5. Nd2 are right.**

5. Nf3 Par Score 5

White develops and supports e5. He also gets ready to castle.

Black commences the standard French attack against the base of White's pawn chain, as recommended memorably in Nimzowitsch's *My System*—one of the most recommended (and one of the most unread) chess books of all time.**

6. c3 Par Score 5

White replies standardly, strengthening d4, while maintaining the integrity of the pawn chain. Non-standard is 6. Qe2?, self-trapping the bishop after 6. ... c4. *Deduct 3 points* if you played it.

6. ... Nc6

Black develops and increases pressure on d4.**

7. 0-0 Par Score 5

By getting the king to safety, White prepares to activate the king-rook on the e-file.

If Black had anticipated 7. ... Qb6, menacing d4, award yourself *1 bonus point* if you had intended to continue 8. dxc5 Bxc5 9. b4 Be7 10. Re1. The text move looks a bit premature with Black's king still uncastled.**

8. Re1 Par Score 5

Accept *full credit* for 8. exf6 Nxf6, which opens the e-file for play against the backward e6-pawn.

Tarrasch was critical of the text move, but that's mainly because it inhibits the c8-bishop further. He simply didn't like doing such a thing.**

9. Be3 Par Score 6

Tarrasch settles for a defensive move, to strengthen d4. *Deduct 1 point* for the overly aggressive, 9. Bg5, chasing the queen to where she wants to go anyway: 9. ... Qb6, after which, Black is on the verge of winning a pawn (10. dxc5 Qxb2 etc.).

Black might have done better with the direct 9. ... Be7 and 10. ... 0-0. Black is guaranteed play on the queenside with c5xd4, so there is no reason to rush. The text is premature, a strategic mistake, since it relieves the pressure against d4.**

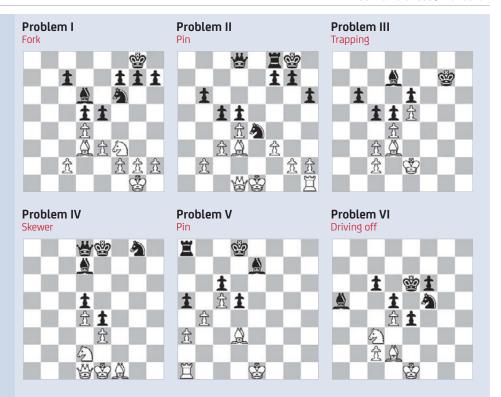
10. Bc2 Par Score 4

One of the nice features of 6. c2-c3 is that it creates a drop-back square at c2 for the light-square bishop.

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.

April Exercise: Chess is many things, including being a game of perspective. Usually, when playing over games, we tend to do so from one side. But that doesn't give the full picture. Now and then, try seeing it the other way. That is, when you're analyzing, and sitting with the white pieces, pretend you're situated across the way, playing Black. Just as physically shifting your viewpoint may change your take on a position, imagining you're there, on the other side of the board, can be almost as good. And since you're still back where you really were, it may even be better.



Black is being too casual. He should make an effort to support his pawn chain: 10. ... a6 11. b3 b5 12. a4 Rb8 13. axb5 axb5 14. bxc4 bxc4. Even so, White is more likely to benefit from the open lines.**

11. Par Score 6

White begins to assail the c4-pawn, to pry open the game on the queenside.

Black plays to support his pawn chain, but next move he realizes it can't be done. The net effect to trying to do the impossible is that he weakens his position. He should settle on 11. ... cxb3 12. axb3 0-0.**

12. Par Score 6

White undermines the b-pawn, since after 12. ... a6 13. axb5, the a-pawn is pinned and cannot recapture. Add 1 bonus point if against 9. ... c4 you realized you had the follow-up of b2-b3 and a2-a4.

The third weak move for Black in a row: He had to try 12. ... cxb3 13. Bxb3 bxa4.**

13. bxc4 Par Score 6

White threatens 14. cxd5 exd5 15. Bxf5 (1 bonus point) and stronger than 13. bxa4 (only 2 points part credit).

14. d5 Par Score 7

White opens the center. Accept full credit for the alternative 14. bxa4 Bb7 15. d5, which accomplishes much the same as the text. If 14. ... Ndb8, to restrain d5, then 15. Bb5 Qd5 16. Qa4 and Bxc4 (1 bonus point).

14. Ncxe5

Another bad choice. Better would have been 14. ... exd5, when 15. Qxd5 leads to a queen trade: 15. ... Ndxe5 16. Qxd8+ Kxd8 (not 16. ... Bxd8 17. Nxe5 Nxe5 18. Bd4) 17. Nxe5 Nxe5, and it is doubtful if White has any advantage.**

Par Score 6

Both black knights are now under fire, so material loss is unavoidable. The pawn at e6 acts like a nail in the coffin.

Par Score 4 Qxf3

This gives a double attack, on knight and rook.

Black saves the knight and guards the a8-rook.**

Qxf5 Par Score 6

Accept full credit for 17. Bxb6 axb6 18. Qxa8. Tarrasch figures that with the black king not castled he can swing a mate. There's one now threatened at f7 (1 bonus point for seeing it).

The try 17. ... Rf8 runs into 18. Qh5+ g6 19. Bxg6+ hxg6 (19. ... Rf7 20. Bxf7+ Kf8 21. Q or Bh6 mate) 20. Qxg6+ Rf7 21. Qxf7 mate (2 bonus points).**

18. Bc5 Par Score 6

The bishop seizes a key diagonal, preventing castling. White's bishops have great mobility, a Tarrasch characteristic.

18

Black overlooks the threat. But 18. ... Qd5 (vacating d8) drops the queen to 19. Bxa4+ Kd8 20. Bxb6+; and if 18. ... Qc7, then 19. Qh5+ Kd8 (19. ... g6 20. Bxg6+) 20. Rd1+ (1 bonus point for each line).**

19. Qg6+ Par Score 7

A queen sacrifice. Sometimes they can be real fun.

19. hxg6

20. Bxg6 mate Par Score 5

A crisscross bishop mate! Accept 1 bonus point if you had it in mind when playing 18. Bc5. 🖢



See scorebox on page 71.

The Resolute Grandmaster:

Hikaru Nakamura's slow progress towards the top

2012 was a tumultuous year for the current U.S. champion. Competing in 11 major events all over the world, Hikaru logged more air miles than most people earn in a lifetime.

MACAULEY PETERSON followed him to eight tournaments in six countries for Chess Life's profile.



N A SPORT WHERE FORESIGHT AND STRATEGIC THINKING are supposed to be the hallmarks of greatness, you might expect the professional player to go through life with a plan, charting a course way out into the future, as he would calculate a sacrificial mating attack.

But surprisingly often, you would be wrong.

"In general, with just about everything in life these days, I tend not to look more than just a few weeks, or a month ahead, because I don't see the point really."

Hikaru Nakamura had just notched his best result of 2012, and he was in a good mood. Scoring 4½ out of 6 games, he won the Univé (formerly Essent) tournament, a small double roundrobin in the Dutch town of Hoogeveen, by a point and a half margin, and netted a whopping 2856 performance rating.

At a brasserie called Raethuys—a regular hang out for Hoogeveen's competitors—our conversation had turned to one of the most common preoccupations of any elite grandmaster's professional life: the quest for the world championship.

Under current FIDE rules, unless he can qualify by rating

ago. So, I think being on the inside makes it very hard to really know or tell how well or badly you're playing. It's very hard."

A tumultuous year

Nakamura ended 2011 with a bang, but started 2012 with a whimper in Reggio Emilia, Italy. The tournament is traditionally played with its halfway mark coinciding with New Year's celebrations, and Nakamura could toast to a sparkling score of 4 out of 5. But on the verge of winning the tournament, he lost three games in a row at the finish, ending in third place.

One week later, Nakamura returned to Wijk aan Zee, The Netherlands, for the third year in a row, to compete in the Tata Steel tournament. Forging a strong performance, he finished sixth, a point and half behind Levon Aronian, who had beaten him in the second round en route to a tremendous 9 out of 13 score. (See, "Through the Eyes of the Victims," Chess Life, April 2012.)

Wijk aan Zee is the scene of what remains Nakamura's greatest triumph to date—winning the 2011 Tata Steel tournament. It was Nakamura's first event after starting his work with Kasparov, a

> relationship that ended in late November of that vear. following Ta1 unsuccessful Memorial in Moscow.

When we spoke last October, Nakamura was far enough removed from training with Kasparov to reflect on its merits. It was not a ringing endorsement.

"I learned to be a little bit more serious about chess, and I think ultimately that's the biggest thing I'll take away from it."

At the same time, he said he should have ended the relationship sooner.

"To be blunt, no one was in control. That was part of the problem—who was responsible for this and that. Perhaps I should have been a bit more forceful in terms of trying to suggest certain things that we should look at, but I didn't take the initiative, and at the same time he didn't either ... There has to be communication—a lot of communication—and you have to trust the people that you're working with."

After Wijk aan Zee, and a three-month break spent largely in Vancouver, Nakamura reclaimed the U.S. championship title from Gata Kamsky, with a stalwart 8½ out of 11, and a 2833 performance rating. It was his third title, and the most important individual result of the year. (See, "Two Weeks of Theater," Chess Life, August 2012.)

At the closing ceremony, after thanking the patrons and staff of the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis, along with his parents and his second, Kris Littlejohn, Nakamura said, "I look forward to being back next year defending my title."

From Moscow to Zürich

Just three weeks later, Hikaru was on a plane to Moscow for the Tal Memorial, which was moved from November to June to avoid conflict with potential FIDE events. In a very tight field, Nakamura finished in next to last place. That looks worse on paper than it really was; he only lost one more game than he won. The first-round loss to Aronian set the pace, and Nakamura never recovered his momentum. (See "Middling in Moscow," Chess Life Online, June 18, 2012.)

Moscow is not Hikaru's favorite city by a long shot, and he has yet to post a great result there (although he came close in 2010). After a difficult two weeks, it was a relief to return to Vancouver, which has become like a second home—that is, if anywhere can be considered home for someone who spends half the year on the road.

Nakamura spent as much of his free time there in 2012 as he could

"In general, with just about everything in life these days, I tend not to look more than just a few weeks, or a month ahead, because I don't see the point really.

alone, Nakamura has two options to reach the next candidates tournament, tentatively scheduled for March, 2014. He can either reach the final of the World Cup, a 128-player knockout tournament to be held in Tromsø, Norway this August, or he can finish first or second in the Grand Prix, a series of tournaments in which he must accumulate points in four out of six events, with the top three scores counting.

It's a tall order either way. However, sipping red wine, in the half-empty restaurant, Nakamura was remarkably sanguine about what will undoubtedly be a difficult feat.

"Life is short enough as it is. If you start worrying about things that are years down the road, it detracts from the quality of life, the quality of everything that you're trying to do."

Fair enough. Worrying about anything too much can be counter-productive, adding additional stress to an already tough challenge. In all likelihood, he probably has two or three promising chances in upcoming world championship cycles to qualify for a shot at the title. Most professionals believe—and Nakamura agrees—that there is such a thing as a "prime age" in chess, somewhere in your late '20s or early '30s, when your old enough to possess a wealth of experience and knowledge and maturity, but young enough to remain vigorous, able to endure the grueling travel schedules and long hours of play, with stamina in reserve.

"If you look at Anand for instance, he's retained his title, but he's certainly not playing at the same level that he was, say five, ten years ago," Nakamura opined. Of course, you never really know when you're in your prime until that time has passed. It still feels like just a blink of the eye since he was 18 and starting his professional career, with one U.S. championship already under his belt.

At only 25 years old, Nakamura is firmly established among the elite grandmasters, and is one of the world's most sought after players, garnering invitations to all the top tournaments.

"I'm probably, at the moment, playing my best, objectively. [October saw his peak FIDE rating of 2786-MP] But to me it doesn't feel like it's any different than how I was playing two years

THE BEST OF HIKARU 2012

By GM BEN FINEGOLD

Rook sac

GM Hikaru Nakamura (2874) GM Robert L. Hess (2710) U.S. Championship, St. Louis (1), 05.08.2012



31. Rxg7!

Nakamura finishes off the attack with a nice sacrifice. Black's ... Qa2 and ... Rc5 provide no defense for the king.

31. ... Kxg7 32. Rg3+ Kf8 33. Qh7, Black resigned.

Tactical retreat

GM Hikaru Nakamura (2874) GM Ray Robson (2692) U.S. Championship, St. Louis (3),



43. Nd5!

Hikaru sees that Black is defenseless, even after promoting with check!

43. ... Rg3+ 44. Kf4! Bg5+ 45. Ke5 e1=Q+ 46. Kd6

Nakamura saw this position when he played 43. Nd5! and realized that Black really could not defend against the mate threats.

46. ... Bf4+ 47. Nxf4 Rd3+ 48. Nxd3 Qq3+ 49. Ne5, Black resigned.

Underpromotion

GM Hikaru Nakamura (FIDE 2778, USA) GM Vladimir Kramnik (FIDE 2797, RUS) 40th World Chess Olympiad - Open, Istanbul, Turkey (9), 09.06.2012



62. c8=N+!!

This was not only an amazing move, but probably the most important move Hikaru played in 2012. Winning this game ensured the U.S. beat Russia in the Olympiad!! (The obvious 62. Kxe2? is not winning due to 62. ... f3+ 63. Kxf3 Bxc7).

62. ... Kf6 63. Kxe2, and Black resigned at move 80.

And White easily created a mating attack with his two extra pieces.

Breakthrough

GM Hikaru Nakamura (FIDE 2783, USA) GM Anish Giri (FIDE 2730, NED) FIDE Grand Prix London 2012, London, England (10), 10.02.2012



47. g5!!

A brilliant breakthrough!

47. ... hxq5 48. h6! qxh6 49. Rxe5!! fxe5 50. f6

Now White is threatening 51. Bxc5 and 52. f7+.



50. ... Bd7 51. f7+ Ke7 52. Bxd7 Kxd7 53. Bxc5, Black resigned on move 65.

And Hikaru easily won a few moves later.

Mating net

GM Judit Polgar (FIDE 2705, HUN) GM Hikaru Nakamura (FIDE 2760, USA) London Chess Classic 2012, London, England (5), 12.06.2012



45. ... Rf4!

Setting up a mating net in the endgame!

46. Nc3? Rg4! 47. Nd1 Bf1, White resigned.

There is no defense to ... Nf3+ and ... Rh4 mate.

Ignore the rook

GM Alexander Grischuk (FIDE 2771, RUS) GM Hikaru Nakamura (FIDE 2760, USA) SportAccord World Mind Games (Men Rapid) Beijing, China (6), 12.15.2012



40. ... bxa5+!

Ignoring the "hanging rook" on b8.

41. Qxb8?

White has drawing chances after 41. Kc2.

41. ... Rb5+ 42. Qxb5 axb5, White resigned soon thereafter at move 53.

See "The Worst Of Hikaru 2012" on page 23.

reasonably schedule. He counts many Vancouverites among his closest friends. He enjoys the natural beauty of British Columbia, and having a more relaxed pace of life—"just chilling," as he put it, "for lack of a better word."

Our first meeting for this story was in Zürich at the end of July. Nakamura had just flown in from Vancouver the day before, and hadn't gotten much sleep.

I wondered if so much traveling, spending just a few weeks in Canada between events in Moscow and Biel, was worth the trouble. Couldn't it be more stressful than relaxing?

"It's good and bad," he explained, "but I've certainly made a point, more recently, of trying to enjoy myself away from the board, much more than in the past. I'm not necessarily studying chess every day when I have breaks in between tournaments and I try to go out, I try to meet new people from different walks of life."

While on "vacation" (a bit hard to define for a chess pro), Nakamura spends hardly any time on chess. What little chess he does study is centered mostly around preparing openings for specific opponents that he expects to face in the future, mixed in with perhaps a bit of endgame study. Only a week or so before a tournament does the work really ramp up. Over the course of the year, he estimates this might amount to only an hour a day, on average, even including the intense tournament periods, when five or six hours a day minimum is the norm.

Zürich was one of his more relaxed non-tournament chess engagements. As we caffeinated on absurdly expensive coffees in the bar of the Hotel Savoy, 17 amateur players gathered expectantly, one flight up, for a simultaneous exhibition. (See "A Swiss Swing for Nakamura," Chess Life Online, July 25, 2012.)

It was Nakamura's first visit to Switzerland's largest city, but a brief one. The next day, Hikaru hopped a train to the 45th Biel Chess Festival, about an hour away, accompanied by his stepfather Sunil Weeramantry (who played in the 1st Biel Festival in 1968!) and Littlejohn.

Biel/Bienne straddles the German and French-speaking regions of the country—hence the dual names—and is actually

Up in the Air

The sheer amount that Nakamura flies would give an aerophobe a conniption. But Hikaru enjoys being airborne, ping-ponging mostly between Europe and New York, St. Louis or Vancouver, and wracking up those frequent flyer miles. He has over a million of them lifetime.

Hikaru once flew from St. Louis, via Denver, to San Francisco, to take advantage of a relatively cheap fare to Dubai on United Airlines. Yes, that Dubai, as in, the United Arab Emirates. As in, on-the-other-side-of-the-world Dubai. The itinerary had him going from SFO (fluent jet-setters use only the three-digit airport codes) back via DEN to IAD (Washington D.C.) and on to DBX ... on Christmas Day. Only here's the kicker, there was no reason for him to be in Dubai, other than the fact that the round trip ticket would net 16,000 miles, enough to increase his frequent flyer status and earn a bunch of transatlantic business class upgrades for the coming year. He stayed in the Dubai airport for less than three hours before boarding the return flight back to San Francisco (via D.C. and Denver). The whole trip took two full days.

That was a bit too much, even for a hard-core flyer, and Hikaru later called it, "far and away the most depressing Christmas of my life." Still, business class to Europe is a nice perk. And sometimes ... maybe ... it can offer that little extra boost at the start of a tournament, when jet-lag still lingers, that makes the difference between middling and magical. M.P.

Switzerland's only officially bilingual city (most are either one or the other).

Nakamura participated in the grandmaster tournament once before, seven years prior, as a 17-year-old U.S. champion. The 2012 field included two opponents who are particularly challenging for him: Magnus Carlsen and Wang Hao. Carlsen, as the world number one, is hard for anyone to handle, but Nakamura has never beaten him at classical time controls, unlike most of his peers.

Wang and Nakamura have played just a handful of games, but Wang won both games in Biel, and added another win later in the year to his lifetime score of four wins, three draws, and one loss.

Nakamura's two draws with Carlsen and Anish Giri, and 2-0 sweeps of Étienne Bacrot and Victor Bologan, left him tied for third place, with yet another 2800 performance rating.

The Olympiad, a favorite tournament

Istanbul marked Nakamura's fourth appearance in the bi-annual Olympiad, which he calls, "almost certainly my favorite," having played previously in Turin, Dresden and Khanty-Mansiysk. "I guess I'm getting a bit old," he joked.

Sporting his first pair of glasses, he looked, if not older, at least a bit more professorial. Nakamura's mild nearsightedness doesn't require him to wear his new spectacles at the board, although he often does.

Istanbul was going according to script for much of the way. The underdog American squad stumbled early, but fought their way back with a clutch win against the "big bad Russians" (as Nakamura tweeted the night before the match), giving them an excellent shot at a medal. His critical win over Kramnik, which included a rare under-promotion, was a highlight of the year. (See "The Best of Hikaru 2012" on page 21.)

USA's hopes for gold were dashed in round 10, when they lost to China. Shortly after GM Alexander Onischuk's uncharacteristic failure to hold a drawn rook and pawn ending against China's GM Liren Ding, Nakamura posted the following to his Twitter account:



Hikaru Nakamura @GMHkaru

The cruel and harsh reality of playing in a team chess event is that you are only as good as your teammates.

Given the timing, the remark was widely regarded by fans on Twitter and online chess forums as a slight towards Onischuk, who was already devastated by the loss, calling it, "the worst day in my chess career as a player." Nakamura insists the tweet was not directed at his teammate, but was rather a general observation.

"Perhaps I should have thought a little bit more before posting it then, as opposed to a week later or a week before the tournament ... Sure if you do read into it, yeah, I can very easily understand where people are coming from, but that wasn't the intent."

He hastened to add his tremendous respect for Onischuk, and said that as a chess professional, Onischuk wouldn't pay any attention to a Twitter post anyway.

Onischuk, reached for comment in his office at Texas Tech, said, "I didn't really take it personally. Believe me I felt bad that night without any comments from Hikaru or somebody else." He broadly shared Nakamura's account of the positive team chemistry in Istanbul and said there were no hard feelings.

After drawing GM Wang Hao, Nakamura's 6 out of 8 put him in strong contention for an individual gold medal on board one, but he needed a win with black against Radoslaw Wojtaszek in the last round. Nakamura tried a sharp Queen's Gambit Accepted, but Wojtaszek remained firmly in control and won in fine style. (See "The Worst of Hikaru" on page 23.)

Ironically, as Nakamura explained to me in October, although a draw would not have been enough, if he had sat out the final round against Poland he would have won the Continued on page 24



Unlike most of his peers, Nakamura has never beaten Magnus Carlsen (right) using classical time controls.

THE WORST OF HIKARU 2012

By MACAULEY PETERSON

Bleak

GM Michael Adams (FIDE 2722, ENG) GM Hikaru Nakamura (FIDE 2783, USA) FIDE Grand Prix London 2012, London, England (9), 10.01.2012



26. Rhd1

The position is bleak for Black, but Nakamura's choice loses by force.

26. ... Rb8? 27. Rd8+ Rxd8 28.

Rxd8+ Kh7 29. Qc2+ g6 30. Rd7 Kg8 31. hxg6 Kg7 32. gxf7 Nxf7 33. Qe2 Kg8 34. Qf3 Qf8 35. Rxb7 Qg7 36. Kb2, Black resigned.

Bishop invasion

GM Levon Aronian (FIDE 2825, ARM) GM Hikaru Nakamura (FIDE 2775, USA) M. Tal Memorial 2012, Moscow, Russia (1), 06.08.2012



21. Nd5 g5?

Black would be doing fine with a move like 21. ... Rad8.

Unfortunately Nakamura had missed the strong thrust:

22. Bd7!

Winning material.

22. ... Re6 23. Bxe6 Bxe6 24. Nxf6 Qxf6 25. Rxc6!

Aronian gives back the Exchange to simplify into a winning ending.

25. ... bxc6 26. Qa1 a5 27. Qxe5 Qxe5 28. Nxe5, Black resigned at move 53.

Losing to Radek

GM Radoslaw Wojtaszek (FIDE 2717, POL) GM Hikaru Nakamura (FIDE 2778, USA) 40th World Chess Olympiad - Open, Istanbul, Turkey (11), 09.09.2012

(see diagram top of next column)



42. Rc8 Bf7?

Black could try to hang on by trading pieces with 42. ... Bc6 43. Rxf8+ Qxf8.

43. Qc1

The prosaic deflection 43. Nd7! would have ended Black's suffering immediately. The continuation would be 43. ... Qxd7 44. Qe5 Be8 45. Rc7.

43. .. Be6

Now it's just a mop-up job.

44. Rc7 f4 45. Rxb7 g5 46. Rxa7 g4 47. Qc7 Qxc7 48. Rxc7 Rf6 49. Rg7+, Black resigned. Continued from page 22 gold. That wasn't really an option, of course, with the USA so close to medalling as a team, not to mention that it would be a pyrrhic victory—he would have played fewer games (eight) than nearly all of the top board one players. (By contrast, gold and silver medal winners Aronian and Wojtaszek each played 10 of the 11 rounds.)

On board two, Kamsky managed to win his game (and with it a gold medal), and Onischuk rebounded from his tragic loss to draw on board three, so the match hinged on the outcome of Ray Robson's game. As his teammates watched anxiously, Ray eked out the victory allowing the USA to finish in fifth place.

In May, during the U.S. Championship, Nakamura publicly questioned the selection criteria used by the USCF to give Robson the last Olympiad spot, indicating he was unhappy with the outcome. After Istanbul, however, he acknowledged that Ray had played quite well:



Hikaru Nakamura @GMHikaru

I carried our team through the Olympiad and today, they carried me. Robson winning today bodes well for our future.

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On tilt

Later in September, for his first appearance in FIDE's Grand Prix series, Nakamura produced his worst performance of the year. He harkened the experience to his three game losing streak in Reggio Emilia. Only in London, he lost four in a row—one of his worst losing streaks ever. He also obtained several winning positions, but failed to convert.

"I was certainly feeling a little bit tired and fatigued from the Olympiad. When you play a lot of long games and you come very close to winning, and throw the opportunities away, it just builds and builds and builds."

Hikaru's facial expressions and body language at the board are remarkably pronounced. You can very often read what's going on in the game just by looking at him. In round seven, he faced the tournament leader, Shakhriyar Mamedyarov, with black. I had a unique vantage point in London, sitting in the playing hall to supervise the live video feeds of each table. Nakamura struggled throughout the game, finally reaching a dead lost position at the end of the first time control. On the verge of being checkmated, he turned partly away from the board, as though loathe to face the reality of his impending defeat. While Mamedyarov paced about the hall, Nakamura slouched, despondent, sometimes examining his scoresheet to divine where he went wrong. Several minutes went by like this, before he finally nodded to his opponent, indicating his resignation.

The fourth game of the losing streak witnessed one of the biggest meltdowns I've seen in elite play. After blundering (26. ... Rb8 against Michael Adams [see "The Worst of Hikaru 2012" on page 23"]), it was hard for Nakamura to conceal his dismay, as he realized he was suddenly hopelessly lost. Viewers of the live video at home could not see his face, because his head was hidden from view as it rested in his left hand, but from where I sat he looked absolutely gutted.

After the tournament, Hikaru was admirably unperturbed about the whole experience, despite slipping out of the top ten in the world for the first time since early 2011.

"I mean, sure I went on tilt (a poker term, which means [according to Wikipedia] a state of mental or emotional confusion or frustration in which a player adopts a less than optimal strategy, usually resulting in the player becoming over-aggressive.) ... but it's not all that bad, because I still got good positions. It's not like throughout the whole tournament I was worse, and then you know I had a bad streak, and that's the end of the story."

One bad result in the Grand Prix is not catastrophic, as your final score combines your best three performances. He has yet to play his second tournament.

Nakamura's decision to participate in the series was an easy one. Word came of his inclusion right after the U.S. Championship, and he signed the players' contract almost immediately.

"It's a good opportunity to gain experience, but also having the chance, potentially, to qualify for whatever format ... to determine the challenger for the world championship. There are almost no negatives to playing."

The Grand Prix idea has had problems in the past, however, including funding challenges, player withdrawals, and unex-

Kibitzing in London

Highlights from Nakamura at the London Chess Classic:

"In general, I try to surprise my opponents much more, as opposed to having a set repertoire of one or two openings. The more weapons you have—the more chances to surprise your opponents and reach positions that you're more familiar with the better off you are. That's why, I would say, Carlsen has such great results. He's very good in pretty much every structure that's out there. He knows the concepts and the piece play a lot better than some of the other players."

"With the computers now, you can't just be successful with one opening. You look at players like Karpov or Kasparov. Karpov for almost his whole career played the Caro-Kann, and some Frenches as well, and he did great. And with Garry, he played the Scheveningen and then the Najdorf for the better part of 20 years, whereas nowadays you really have to know more than that because with the computer you can analyze any opening and probably within one day you can have a very good understanding of it. So, because of that it's really changed the whole landscape of chess."

"I really like Chess960 [also known as Fischer Random chess—MPJ. I think it is the future of chess. For now classical chess is still very much alive, but at some point I think ... most people will be playing [960] ... The pieces are more random

but still the skill factor is there, and I really enjoy it because it's really playing pure chess, there isn't the same preparation the way there is now ... I wish there were more opportunities to play it."

On Magnus Carlsen: "There's a certain psychology and at a certain point he keeps finding the best defenses and not cracking, so a lot of people they tend to get a little bit nervous or a little uncomfortable, and it's a lot easier to make a mistake then."

"I think what Magnus does is quite brilliant. I think that both he and Kramnik—if you look at the way they play—they're just trying to play very solidly and avoid heavy, heavy theory for the most part, and when you do that I think that you're more capable of thinking about deeper ideas and deeper plans, than if you just turn on the computer and say, oh this one move is equal, as opposed to trying to figure out why is it equal. Because during the game you don't have that luxury. You have to think."

Classical chess over blitz: "I enjoy the quality much more ... I would say someone can get better from blitz until IM strength or maybe GM strength, but passed that point it's much more about coming up with ideas and concepts in a way that you can never really learn from blitz. Whereas blitz is mostly about obtaining better tactical vision, seeing these tricks a lot quicker."

You can view the full hour on Chess Life Online this month.

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By JAMAAL ABDUL-ALIM

ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WITH AMERICAN chess is that the strongest players spend too much time teaching weak players.

That paradoxical statement represents one of several idiosyncrasies that U.S. chess champion Hikaru Nakamura expounds upon in a new book billed as the first ever to focus exclusively on the young player's life.

For those who like when people name names, Nakamura does not disappoint and proceeds to identify a couple of "very strong players" who coach on the side and whose tournament play he says suffers as a result.

"You can see when they compete in tournaments and have what I would say are bad results," Nakamura says in an exclusive interview with German chess journalist IM Georgios Souleidis that is featured in the book, titled Fighting Chess with Hikaru Nakamura, (Edition Olms, 232 pages, \$29.95). "It shows in their play, just because they are teaching all the time."

While teaching may help weak players reach a higher level, Nakamura says there is a toxic drawback in that "when you are teaching weaker players it can affect your own ability."

The interview provides a glimpse into the ideas that shape the mindset of a player whom the authors describe as "the legitimate successor of the 11th world champion, the great Robert James Fischer."

While that is a statement that is aspirational at best-Bobby Fischer, after all, was once the world champion and Nakamura is a wannabe world champion—the book nevertheless delineates the various elements that make up the mettle of the player who is currently rated as the top U.S. player in the world.

Those elements include determination and grit, a disposition to never give up and put forth the best defense even in seemingly lost games.

At the same time, there are times when the chess champ sounds wistful, complaining that while players such as Magnus Carlsen and Levon Aronian are treated as "superstars" and "heroes" in their home countries of Norway and Armenia, respectively, he gets no such fanfare at home.

"When I go back to the U.S., I am essentially just an ordinary citizen, I am not anything special," Nakamura laments in the interview.

"It is quite difficult sometimes to reconcile that with the fact that these other really strong players get so much

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Fighting Chess with Hikaru Nakamura by Karsten Muller & Raymund Stolze, 232 pages, Edition Olms (2013), \$29.95 from uscfsales.com (catalog number B00190E)

attention in their own countries."

The book itself is a reflection of that reality insofar as it comes courtesy of a publisher based in Germany.

If you can overlook the linguistic peculiarities, the book is rife with factual gems about Nakamura's early chess life.

For instance, Nakamura explains in an interview how his "hate" for losing turned him into a formidable player at a very young age, and how his stepfather had a way of encouraging him to press on, such as when a very young Nakamura lost all four games in the first tournament he ever played.

The book deals with Nakamura's fondness for the King's Indian and why he was once enamored with playing the "outrageous" 2. Qh5 even at the 2600+ level.

Nakamura also speaks about why he shuns coaches and doesn't invest too much trust in computers, given the fact that various computer chess programs have often concluded that he was "completely lost, when in fact I was completely winning."

At the same time, Nakamura, having been raised in the digital age, says computers and the vast knowledge that they place at the fingertips of today's players are the reason chess books have ceased to have practical value. That's a rather curious thing to say in a book.

Books aren't completely absent from Nakamura's arsenal of training tactics, though. For instance, in chapter three, titled "Flying high with endgame skills," the authors discuss Nakamura's "mastery of technical endgames and his knowledge of Mark Dvoretsky's excellent Endgame Manual."

Several "tests" in the book invite the reader to figure out how Nakamura achieved various feats in games, such as how he broke through a stronghold, stormed a position or realized an advantage through liquidation.

Chapter 10, "Nakamura's best games," cites magazine articles about the games. The games include one he played against World Champion Vishy Anand during the 3rd London Classic in 2011—a game in which Nakamura compares himself to the character Neo dodging bullets in the movie The Matrix.

Nakamura is seemingly annoyed by the book's publication, Tweeting in May 2012: "It is truly disgusting that people are allowed to write books and profit off of our games without our permission."

But while the subject is disgusted, there is much here to appeal to the chess reader hungry for more information on the man likely to have a stranglehold on the U.S. championship for many years



pected changes of venue. Nakamura is well aware of this, but he's not worried about what could go wrong with the cycle just yet. "I don't really see the need, frankly, to think that far ahead. It's simply a matter of playing well, and doing the little things correctly."

The same goes for the World Cup, and he doesn't expect to decide whether or not to participate until June or July.

After London there was no respite, as Nakamura, along with several other competitors, left directly for the European Club Cup in Eilat, Israel. There he represented the Italian Club, Obiettive Risarcimento, from Padova, for which he also played three games alongside Fabiano Caruana in the Italian Team Championship in April.

Hikaru has developed a fondness for all things Italian, and has been spending a bit more private time there, lately, and is even learning the language.

In Eilat, facing mostly weaker opposition, he scored five out of seven, but was upset in the first round by the up and coming Russian GM Dmitry Andreikin.

In light of such a busy schedule, replete with disappointment, it was a relief to bounce back strongly at the Univé tournament in the Netherlands, where he won with white and drew with black against each of his opponents. (See "A Dutch Treat for Nakamura," Chess Life Online, October 29, 2012).

Finally, after two months solid of chess, Nakamura enjoyed a brief break. He turned down an invitation to the Romanian King's Tournament, which had been moved from June to November, so as to recover in time for yet another trip to London for the Chess Classic.

Building a team

The month off allowed Nakamura to work on another important professional task, developing a team of people who could help him prepare, and who eventually might serve as seconds at important events in the future. To date, Nakamura has been accompanied to tournaments almost exclusively by Littlejohn or his parents.

Most top players rely on other grandmasters to help with opening research, training and psychological guidance. Nakamura is unique in working with an untitled player (Littlejohn) who is adept at computer-assisted opening research. But he acknowledges that eventually, he will need more.

"It's a process. You have to assess how things are going ... after London [the Grand Prix] ended I was already drawing some conclusions and thinking I had to do quite a few things completely differently, but at the end of the day you have to step back and look at everything and just try and figure out what went wrong."

Naturally, when things are not going well, the first impulse is often to change something in your routine, but after four years of progress, he's not planning to replace Littlejohn any time soon.

"Really I think the most difficult thing about working with Kris as opposed to, say Garry [Kasparov] for instance, is that Kris is a very good friend too. I mean we work together on chess, but he's also one of the best friends I have out there, so it's very difficult when you're trying to mix business with pleasure—it's very difficult because of the loyalty there ... But, having said that, everything is going quite well, and I think that going forward, Kris is going to be around. He's an integral part of my success —I mean he's been there since I was 2700."

Professional players have seconds who come with them to tournaments but also others—often many others—who are kept out of the limelight, and a closely guarded secret. It is the nature of the sport that if your opponents know who is on your team, they can sometimes make useful inferences about what openings you may try to play. One would think that for someone like Nakamura, who is known for playing almost any opening, this would be less of an issue, yet he is quite coy as to who they might (or might not) be.

"Everyone has their role. I am working with Kris ... [but] he's not the only one. There are people I'm working with and they do know each other. We haven't met in person, but we will soon in preparation for the London Chess Classic," he told me in October.

"It is what it is."

So far in 2013, Nakamura has played in only one event, The 75th Tata Steel Chess Tournament. Fans of the brief "En passant" videos on the official website could not fail to notice a common refrain from the only American in Wijk aan Zee:

ROUND 2: "I played like an idiot ... I managed to get a little bit lucky. It is what it is."

ROUND 3: "I was a little bit lucky that I was able to force a repetition at the end. So, **it's what it is.**"

ROUND 5: "I think Hou felt the pressure, and she blundered with the move 21. f4, and after that it's more or less just lost. **So, it's what it is.**"

ROUND 7: "And after 30. Bd3 it's still a game, I'm obviously better and I'll be playing 20 hours. **But it is what it is,** and I'll certainly take it after having a little bit of bad luck the previous rounds."

ROUND 10: "Fabiano I think just got careless, he made this one slip with 51. Nf2 and maybe he can still hold, but it's extremely difficult after that. So, **it is what it is**, I'll certainly take it, I mean plus three—at least I have a chance for second place."

After this, Nakamura lost to Aronian, then was crushed by Carlsen in just 31 moves, and stopped giving comments for the official website. A plus one score was only good enough for clear sixth place, and he even lost a few rating points.

Judging from his Twitter feed, he recovered quickly, returning to Italy in time for Carnival festivities, during which he posted a striking picture with WFM Maria De Rosa, both of them in colorful costumes.

Nakamura is one of the more active grandmasters on Twitter (@GMHikaru), where he posts anywhere from a few times a month to several times a day.

"People are going to take things a certain way. Nearly everything I post—that I post on Twitter—everyone assumes there's some hidden meaning, when most of the times there isn't."

But it's worse than that. For better or worse, he has become a polarizing figure in the chess world. There are some chess fans who seem to harbor a great deal of Nakamura *schadenfreude*. For instance, whenever he is playing, the unmoderated chat comments on the popular ChessBomb Web site often border on histrionic, or even vicious. Hikaru apparently takes it all in stride.

"If everyone wants to make me out as the bad guy, so be it.

That's just how it goes. There's nothing I can do to change what people think." (See Sidebar: Kibitzing in London for more Hikaru musings.)

It's hard to know what to make of that statement of indifference, which is oddly fatalistic for a chess player. Insofar as the negative impressions some people have of him are based on misunderstandings of his words or misperceptions of his character, it may be an uphill climb. But chess aficionados must value objectivity, self-improvement and open-mindedness. In the face of new evidence they are capable of reappraisal, perhaps even more so than most. The point is, there is a choice involved, on both ends.

The road ahead

"It's all about the ride, it's about the journey, and I'm just going to enjoy it, because really that's all you can do."

Hikaru is no stranger to journeys, with tournaments in Italy, Holland, Canada, the USA, Russia, Switzerland, the U.K., Turkey, Israel and China, just in the past year! He has been in high demand, so much so that he's in the enviable position of declining tournament invitations.

In January he decided to skip the 2013 U.S. Championship (to be held May 2-13), in favor of a new tournament in Norway which will include eight of the worlds' top ten players, including Carlsen, Kramnik, Aronian and Anand. Considering that this may turn out to be the strongest tournament in history, the move is understandable, but it is certainly a blow to the Championship and the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis, and it will undoubtedly dismay some of his American fans. (Nakamura declined several requests to be interviewed on the subject for this story.)

There are many qualities that make Nakamura a potent force behind a chess board: Fearlessness, an amazing will to win, confidence and tenacity. The one that is most frustrating for those who interact with him away from the board is his unpredictability. One day he is extremely open and laid back, the next day he has other things on his mind, and may not give you the time of day. Still, professional chess needs more people like him; an uncompromising player, and a complex character, he's capable of ginning up popular interest in the sport whenever and wherever he plays.

Success at the elite level is not just about calculating a little further ahead, but finding the self-awareness and equilibrium that enables peak performance and consistency. Chess sometimes seems like a burden for Nakamura, when it needs to feel effortless. In that sense, maybe it is better not to worry about the future.

And just play. 👚

Results in major 2012 events

Event	Place	Score ¹	TPR ²
Reggio Emilia	3/6	5½/10	2777
Tata Steel	6/13	7½/13	2811
U.S. Championship	1/12	8½/11	2831
Tal Memorial	8/10	4/9	2738
Biel	3/6	6/10	2814
Olympiad	5th (team)	6/9	2794
Grand Prix London	12/12	4/11	2633
Univé	1/4	4½/6	2858
London Classic	3/9	5/8	2839

Other events

Grand Pacific Open | Italian Team Championship | European Club Cup Sport | Accord World Mind Games (Rapid/Blitz)

- 1 Classical scoring used for comparison, although Reggio Emilia, Biel, and the London Classic used 3 points for win, 1 for draw.
- ² Tournament performance rating



A Winning Composition **By Ludwig**

IM Daniel Ludwig Dominates the 39th Eastern Open

Some of the key games from the 39th Eastern Open.

Gruenfeld Defense, Anti-Gruenfeld Attack (D70)

IM Daniel Ludwig (2566) GM Lawrence Kaufman (2404) 2012 Eastern Open (6), 12.29.2012 Notes by Ludwig and Tom Beckman

This is the first of two critical games that enabled me to secure clear first place in the tournament.

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 q6 3. f3

Recently, this Anti-Gruenfeld line with 3. f3 has been a popular way to avoid more well-trodden Gruenfeld variations. This line gained in popularity when it was debated in the recent World Championship match between GM Viswanathan Anand and GM Boris Gelfand and it gave Anand as white great chances in game three.

3. ... d5

This is the critical continuation for true Gruenfeld players. Most King's Indian Defense advocates are happy to enter a Saemisch Variation.

4. cxd5 Nxd5 5. e4 Nb6 6. Nc3 Bg7 7. Be3 0-0 8. Qd2 Nc6

There are several main lines with 8. ... Nc6 and 8. ... e5 occurring most frequently at the top level. Gelfand chose 8. ... e5 in game three of the World

Championship match: 8. ... e5 9. d5 c6 10. h4 cxd5 11. exd5 N8d7 12. h5 Nf6 13. hxg6 fxg6 14. 0-0-0 when White has the initiative.

9.0-0-0 Qd6

This funny looking move is designed to provoke White to push pawns, and consequently make holes in his pawn structure.

A recent development came from the fifth round of Wijk aan Zee. Karjakin tried 10. Nb5 Qd7 11. f4 against Giri, after which Black played energetically and accurately to eventually equalize.

Black could consider 10. ... a6, but the knight hop is not devastating.

11. Nb5 Qd7 12. d5 a6 13. Nc3

I spent over 30 minutes on this move and rejected 13. dxc6, and I also considered 13. Na3 Ne5 14. f4 Ng4 15. Bxb6 cxb6 16. Nc4 Qc7 17. Rc1 Qc5! after which White has no useful discovery. Black has proven equality after the alternative 13. dxc6 Qxd2 14. Rxd2 Rxd2 15. Bxd2 axb5 16. cxb7 (16. Bxb5 bxc6 17. Bxc6 Rb8 gives Black adequate compensation.) 16. ... Bxb7 17. Bxb5 f5! 18. exf5 Bd5! Once again Giri reached equality

with sharp play in Vitiugov-Giri 2011.

13. ... Ne5

13. ... Na5 is an alternative.

14. Bd4 Nbc4



Black needs to get rolling on the queenside. As a general rule in the Gruenfeld, Black is looking for precarious complications where his lead in activity will compensate for lack of space.

15. Qe2?!

It was tough to find a promising continuation. After considering several continuations, 15. Bxc4, 15. Qe1, and 15. Qf2, I chose 15. Qe2 by process of elimination. The most logical 15. Bxc4 is followed by 15. ... Nxc4 16. Qe2 e5 17. Bc5 b5 and Black is doing great. If 15. Qe1, then 15. ... Qd6 16. f4 Qb4! and Black has adequate attacking lanes despite White's strong center. An alternative that I didn't consider at the board is 15. Qc1, maintaining harmony among White's pieces.

15. ... b5! 16. f4 Ng4 17. h3?!

Maybe not bad strictly speaking, but there was no need to force the exchange. Simply 17. Nf3 is better.

17. ... Bxd4 18. Rxd4 Nge3 19.



19. ... c5?

The compensation is insufficient for the material sacrificed. Better is 19. ... Od6! and there ensues some wild tactics: 20. Ne5 Nxf1 21. Nxc4 Qc5 22. Rd3 bxc4 23. Rf3 Nh2! 24. Qf2 Qd6 25. Rxh2 with a game.

20. Rd3?

Here I thought that 20. dxc6! e.p. was weak after 20. ... Qxd4 21. Nxd4 Rxd4 with Black's pieces dominating White's uncoordinated pieces. However, White is just winning after 22. Kc1! Be6 23. f5! This strong computer move refutes the sacrifice due to the weakness of the black king.

20. ... b4?

Black missed an excellent chance with 20. ... Nxf1 and now either 21. Rxf1 b4 22. Nd1 (not 22. Rdd1 Nb6) 22. ... a5! followed by 23. ... Ba6, or 21. Qxf1 b4 22. Ne2 Nd6 23. Ng3 c4 24. Rd4 Qb5 with a nice edge for Black.

21. Rxe3!

Giving up the Exchange but keeping all the play.

21. ... Nxe3 22. Qxe3 bxc3 23. Qxc3 Qd6 24. Ne5 Bd7



25. g3!

Keeps the bishop and supports the long diagonal.

25. ... Bb5?!

Black decides on activity (it is a Gruenfeld after all), but this bishop is needed for defense against White's protected passed pawn after 25. ... Rab8 26. Bc4 Be8 27. h4 h5 28. b3 Kh7 29. Re1 Rb6 30. Nf3 with only a small edge for White.

26. Bg2

Inserting 26. Ng4! first is more accurate, then the game could follow 26. ... f6 27. Bg2 Rab8 28. e5 fxe5 29. fxe5 Qb6 30. d6 and White is dominating.

26. ... f6?!

Black should hunker down with 26. ... Be8 27. Rc1 Rab8 28. b3 Rdc8 29. h4 Qb6 30. Kb2 and White is only modestly better.

27. Nq4

And now mates loom.

27. ... Qb6?

If now 27. ... h5? 28. e5! Qb6 29. exf6! hxg4 30. fxe7 Rd7 31. hxg4! and the threats on h8 are too much. Black must try to hang on with 27. ... Rab8 28. e5

fxe5 29. fxe5 Qb6 30. d6 Bd3+31. Ka1 although White is close to winning.

28. e5 f5?

Opening up the position where your opponent would like to attack is rarely a good idea. Still losing but much better is 28. ... Bd7 29. d6 Bf5+ 30. Ka1.



29. Ne3?

29. Nh6+! Kg7 30. e6+ Kxh6 31. g4 is crushing. I had seen this but missed after 31. ... Be2 (If 31. ... Bd3+ 32. Ka1 Rab8 33. g5+ Kh5 34. Bf3+ Kh4 35. Qe1 mate.) 32. g5+ Kh5 33. Bf3+ Bxf3 34. Qxf3+ Kh4 35. Qf2+ Kh5 36. h4! is mating.

29. ... Rab8 30. d6 Bd3+?!

If 30. ... exd6 31. Bd5+ Kg7 32. e6+ Kh6 33. Nxf5+! gxf5 34. Qf6+ Kh5 35. Qg5 mate. However, Black is in the game after 30. ... e6 31. Rd1 Kf7 32. Ka1 Bc6 33. Nc4 Qb5 34. Bxc6 with a moderate White edge.

31. Ka1 e6 32. Bf1?

A tough decision made somewhat quickly due to time constraints. The obvious 32. Rc1 would be better, and maybe if extremely brave, 32. Nd5! exd5 33. Bxd5+ Kg7 34. e6+ Kh6 35. g4.

32. ... Bxf1

Black had a nice chance here with 32. ... Qb7 33. Rg1 c4 34. Bg2 Qb6 with near equality.

33. Rxf1 Qb4 34. Rc1 Qxc3 35. Rxc3 Rb5?!

Unfortunately, Black again chooses activity over hunkering down. Better was 35. ... Rdc8 36. Nc4 Kf7 37. b3 h6 38. Nb2 Rb4 39. h4 with near equality.

36. b3?!

In retrospect, I think committing my pawns was a mistake, but Black's position is still difficult to crack regardless.

However, White is doing well after 36. Nc2 Rdb8 37. b3 Kf7 38. Na3 Ra5 39. Nc4.

36. ... Rdb8?!

Somewhat better is 36. ... Kf7 37. Nc4 Rg8 38. h4.

37. Kb2?!

Instead, 37. Nc2 Kf7 38. Na3 Ra5 39. Nc4 Rab5 gives White a strong edge.

37. ... Kf8 38. Nc4 Ke8 39. a4?!

Attempting to open a second front with 39. g4 Kd7 40. gxf5 exf5 41. Kc2 Ke6 42. h4 h6 43. Rh3 leaves White significantly better. The committal 39. a4 was clearly a mistake.

39. ... Rb4 40. Na5



40. ... Rxa4?

This move lets White get active and the rest is easy. Perhaps if Black had more time to consider his 40th move, he would have defended with 40. ... Rc8 41. Kc2 Kd7 42. Nc4 Kc6 43. Nb2 Rb7 and the struggle continues.

41. Rxc5 Rab4?

Black might have been able to hang on with 41. ... h6 42. h4 h5 43. Nc6 Rb6.

42. Rc7 R4b5?

Now it ends quickly.

43. Nc6 Rxb3+ 44. Kc2 Rb2+ 45. Kc3 R2b3+ 46. Kc4 Kf8 47. d7, Black resigned.

Sicilian Defense, Scheveningen Variation, English Attack (B80)

Andrew Samuelson (2267) IM Daniel Ludwig (2566) 2012 Eastern Open (7), 12.30.2012 Notes by Ludwig

This game won the first prize for the Best Played Game, and cemented Ludwig's tournament win.

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 Nf6

A useful move order for avoiding certain sidelines.

4. Nc3 cxd4 5. Nxd4 a6 6. Be3 e6

6. ... e5 7. Nb3 Be6 is a major alternative.

7. f3 b5

This is the English Attack, notoriously dangerous for both sides. Though the moves might appear hyper-aggressive, there are actually a number of nuances in this sharp line.

8. q4

This is the first critical juncture. White can play 8. Qd2 instead, but this allows a different maneuver. After 8. Qd2 Nbd7! 9. g4 Nb6 10. a4 Nc4 11. Bxc4 bxc4 12. a5 Bb7 13. Na4 d5, Black has proven that he has enough in this sharp position. The nuance is that 9. ... Nb6 clears room in case of 10. g5 Nfd7.

8. ... h6

I wasn't sure what my opponent had prepared, so I took some time here. I have games with both 8. ... h6 and 8. ... Nfd7. 8. ... Nfd7 is an attempt to transpose into the line mentioned above, however, 9. Qd2 Nb6 10. a4! is stronger when Black has a knight on b8 instead of f6.

9. Qd2 b4

The Najdorf has been extremely successful over the years, so successful that various lines go out of fashion even though White has no way of attaining an advantage. The latest rage is 9. ... Nbd7 10.0-0-0 b4 11. Nce2 Qc7. This modern treatment relies heavily on computer analysis, and I find that it is harder to play this way than by 'feel'.

10. Nce2

10. Na4 used to be employed, but Black can simply leave b4 unprotected for a long time. After 10. Na4 Nbd7 11. 0-0-0 Ne5 12. b3 (Kramnik discovered against Topalov [Wijk aan Zee, 2005] in just 20 moves why 12. Qxb4 was bad.) 12. ... Bd7 13. Nb2 d5! 14. Bf4 Qc7 and Black has at least equality thanks to White's terribly poor coordination and shaky structure.

10. ... e5!



This pawn push gains valuable space and time.

11. Nf5

This variation is not considered a threat to Black, but it is obviously the most menacing. The alternative is to play 11. Nb3 and I reached this position against GM Sergey Erenburg via transposition. After 11. ... Nc6 12. c4 Be6 13. Ng3 g6 14. h4 h5 15. g5 Nd7 16. Rc1 a5 17. Bh3 a4 18. Bxe6 fxe6 19. Na1 Nc5 put Black solidly in control, though I was outplayed later and lost.

11. ... d5!

With 11. Nf5, it is useful to undermine the outpost by reducing White's center. Also, the reader might notice that Black pushed pawns ten out of the first 11 moves. Black makes so many pushes to claim space and also create an edge. Of course, his lack of development is risky.

12. exd5 Qxd5 13. 0-0-0

GM Becerra played 13. Bg2 against me in 2005, and while I think the two moves are equally strong, 13. 0-0-0 at least feels more threatening to Black.

13. ... Be6

Initially 13. ... Bb7 looks better because of the weakness on f3, but 13. ... Be6 sets up my later idea of ... Nc6.

14. Bg2



14. ... Nc6!

This is a nice novelty as we will see later. Black needs to play

extremely precisely. 14. ... Nbd7 is okay, but 15. Qxd5 Bxd5 16. Rxd5 Nxd5 17. f4 Nxe3 18. Bxa8 among other variations leaves Black without winning chances.

15. Qxd5 Nxd5!

After 15. ... Bxd5 16. Rd2 0-0-0 17. Rhd1 I had difficulty seeing how Black could untangle.

16. f4 0-0-0

This move is relatively forced, but it is still unexpected due to the timing and setting.

17. Rd3?!

Better is 17. Bf2 g6 18. fxe5 Nxe5 (18. ... gxf5 19. gxf5) 19. Bd4 f6 20. Nh4 with near equality.

17. ... Nxe3?!

The variation I chose is still better for Black, but I missed a great opportunity here with 17. ... h5 which causes White's kingside to crumble, and Black is already nearly winning. For example, 17. ... h5 18. Rhd1 (Otherwise, 18. h3 hxg4 19. hxg4 Rxh1+ 20. Bxh1 g6.) 18. ... hxg4 19. Bxd5 Bxf5 20. Bxc6 Bxd3 21. cxd3 Rxh2 since the pawns are too strong.

18. Rxe3



This is a key position in the game. Even though so many pieces are now off the board, there is still a ton of play left for both sides. I really wanted to win this game since that would guarantee overall victory with a round to spare, but many variations seemed to leave Black without winning chances. The unusual structure caused me to explore imbalances and mismatches that I could exploit. I wanted to somehow keep the two bishops, or trade on f5 and damage White's pawn structure, but in the end Bg2 is always much too strong. For example: 18. ... Bxf5 19. gxf5 exf4 (19. ... Bc5 20. Re4!) 20. Re4! (20. Nxf4 Nd4) and 21. Rc4 is

tough to meet. My conclusion was that Bg2 was White's strongest asset, and the longterm imbalance I should exploit was the dark-squared bishop versus knight.

18. ... Bd5! 19. Bxd5 Rxd5 20. Rd1

Perhaps 20. Re1 or something similar is better since it avoids descending into the unfavorable bishop versus knight ending.

20. ... Rxd1+ 21. Kxd1 g6 22. Nfg3 exf4 23. Nxf4 Bg7 24. Nd3 Rd8 25. Kc1

White is trying to avoid the ugly b3 as long as possible. If 25. Ke2 Nd4+ 26. Kd2 Ne6 allows Black to relocate the knight to a superior square while applying the same threat.

25. ... h5

A tough decision. I'm not trying to play for cheap shots, but the idea of ... Bh6 does loom. The question is whether or not fixing the pawns is good or bad for Black. After 25. ... h5 I concluded that 26. g5 could not hurt Black since it locked White's pawns on the dark squares. That said, there is a lot of work left to convert this position, and Black will certainly have to be patient. My opponent told me later that putting the pawns on the dark squares was sort of a last resort, and he assumed that sooner or later I could exploit the weaknesses. I think 26. g5 was forced for concrete reasons, but also taking space is good for White, even though space is less significant in the endgame.

26. Re4? hxq4 27. Rxq4 Ne5! 28.

White avoids 28. Rxb4? Rxd3! 29. cxd3 Nxd3+ netting a piece. Also, 28. Nxe5?? Bh6+ leads to a quick mate.

28. ... Nxd3+ 29. cxd3



29. ... Rh8!

This move is extremely precise. Being greedy is the wrong response! 29. ... Rxd3 30. Rh7 Be5 31. Rxf7 Bxg3 32. hxg3 Rxg3 33. Ra7 is an easy draw for White. The key is to keep bishop versus knight, since as they say, "all rook endgames are drawn."

30. Rxh8+

White is almost without a choice in the matter. If 30. Rc4+ Kd7 31. Rxb4 Rxh2 32. Rb7+ Ke6 33. Rb6+ Kd5, Black dominates due to superior pieces even though the material is technically even.

30. ... Bxh8

Thus my dream from move 18 has now become reality. Now Black is already practically winning thanks to White's poor pawn structure and his stronger minor piece. Bishops are especially better than knights when pawns are spread out on both ends of the board.

31. Ne4 Be5 32. h3 f5 33. Nc5 Bd6! 34. Ne6

Worse is 34. Nxa6 Kb7.

34. ... Kd7 35. Nd4 Be5 36. Nf3 Bf6 37. h4

White's last hope was to create a blockade, but Black has one important path of entry left for the king via e6-f5-g4.

37. ... Ke6 38. Kc2 f4 39. d4 Kd5!

Not 39. ... Kf5? 40. Kd3 Kg4 41. Ke4 when Black is now in danger of losing since White commands the center. After 39. d4, White creates a new weakness to create a path for the king, and Black can divert attention from the kingside to the d4pawn.

40. Kd3 a5 41. b3 Bq7

Zugzwang. One advantage of bishops over knights is that bishops can lose tempi.

42. Nd2 Bxd4 43. Nc4 Bf2 44. h5

The alternatives are equally hopeless.

44. ... gxh5 45. Nxa5 h4 46. Ke2 Bq3 47. Kf3 h3 48. Nc4 h2 49. Kg2 f3+ 50. Kh1 Bf4, White resigned.

(see next game, next page)

English Opening (A26)

David Filipovich (2183) IM Bryan Smith (2525) 2012 Eastern Open (7), 12.30.2012 Notes by Smith

This game won the second Best Played Game prize.

1. Nf3 g6 2. g3 Bg7 3. Bg2 e5 4. d3 Nc6 5. 0-0 d6 6. c4 f5

The game has transposed to an English Opening. The setup I adopted here I have used several times in the past. In principle, Black should be happy-he has plenty of space and the pieces will all be working, without creating any weaknesses. On the other hand, White has a clear plan for attacking the queenside and the Bg2 can be strong. Black's counterplay is found on the kingside—however, unlike in the King's Indian Defense, the center is fluid so play over the entire board is required.

7. Nc3 Nf6

It is possible to prevent Bg5 by playing 7. ... h6 at this point, which is what I did at a previous event against GM Vlad-Cristian Jianu (he had a rook on b1 instead of 0-0). Here I was afraid of 8. e4, but it doesn't seem too good. After 7. ... h6 8. e4 Nge7, in view of Nh4 ideas, the knight needs to go here. But this is a good setup as well, and because of White's e2-e4 move he will have to watch carefully for ... f5-f4.

8. Rb1 0-0 9. b4

9. Bg5 is possible, and would have been more annoying for me. White trades off the ... Nf6, pretty much ensuring that he won't be mated on the kingside anytime soon (for which Black needs the knight). However, Black's two bishops could become relevant as the game opens up later. And Black has done pretty reasonably well from

the position that arises after 9. ... h6 10. Bxf6 Qxf6 11. Nd5 Qf7.

9. ... h6

It is a tough question—whether Black should have played ... a7-a6 or ... a7-a5 (in response to Rb1), forcing White to support the b-pawn with a2-a3 or a2-a4, leading to the open a-file. I have always avoided moving the a-pawn on principle, since the queenside is White's part of the board. However, there are some points to this—in many cases, an early Ba3 would be prevented.

10. b5 Ne7 11. Nd2

I was happy to see this, being more afraid of 11. c5. Naturally, the position has been seen before, and Black is doing pretty well after 11. c5. However, this move would allow White to get some more play going, at least. 11. c5 Be6 12. Ba3 Ned5 (Also 12. ... Rc8 has been played here) 13. Nxd5 Bxd5.

11. ... q5 12. Nd5 Nexd5 13. cxd5



So White has the open c-file, and can attack the weakness on c7. However, there is hardly any other way for him to open the queenside or center, so Black just needs to defend this one point. Meanwhile, Black can slowly prepare the attack on the kingside, and I think Black's game is already somewhat easier to play.

13. ... Bd7

I wanted to play 13. ... Qe8 immediately, but 14. Qc2 was an

annoying answer. Meanwhile, 13. ... f4 could be met by 14. Ne4, which seemed reasonable for White.

14. a4?!

At the time I thought this move was rather pointless and maybe a little harmful (White won't be able to attack a7 as easily, by e.g. Qa4 at some later point). Instead, it seemed that he should stop Black's play on the kingside by 14. f4.

14. ... Qe8 15. Nc4

Now it is too late for 15. f4 because of 15. ... exf4 16. gxf4 Ng4 17. Nc4 Bd4+.

15. ... f4 16. e3

More challenging was 16. Na5, when attacking directly does not quite work: 16. ... Qh5 17. Nxb7 Bh3 18. e4 Ng4 19. Qf3, and White holds on. Instead Black could just guard the b-pawn with 16. ... Rb8, and after 17. Qc2, 17. ... Bg4 looks good.

16. ... Qg6 17. a5 b6 18. Qc2

This allows the black queen to get to h5, but it was hard to find something for White to do. For instance, 18. Ba3 loses control of f4 and could be met by 18. ... g4.

18. ... Qh5 19. Qd1?

The last chance to create some uncertainty was to just take twice on f4. I looked at a couple promising continuations. Probably the best was 19. gxf4 exf4 20. exf4 Ng4! (Not 20. ... Bh3 21. f3, guarding along the second rank) 21. h3 gxf4! 22. hxg4 Bxg4 with a deadly threat of ... f3. For example, 23. Bb2 (23. f3 Bd4+24. Rf2 Bxf3, with a decisive attack was my main calculation.) 23. ... f3 24. Bh1 Qg6 25. Kh2 Rf5, winning.

19. ... f3! 20. Bxf3

If 20. Qxf3 Ng4 (Also quite strong is 20. ... Bg4) wins; while 20. ... Ng4 is also the answer to 20. Bh1

20. ... Nq4

Not as clear is 20. ... Bg4 21. Nd2.

21. Bxq4

21. h4 gave more chances, but only because Black has a larger choice of possible wins. 21.... gxh4 22. Kg2 Rxf3! (Black obviously wants to remove this bishop, but just building up with 22.... Rf7 was also effective: 23. Rh1 h3+ 24. Kg1 h2+ 25. Kg2 Raf8 with an overwhelming attack.) 23. Qxf3 Rf8 24. Qe2 hxg3 25. Rh1 Qg6 26. f3 Nf2 and White's game is hopeless.

21. ... Bxg4 22. Qa4



22. f3 Bxf3 23. Qc2 loses in a similar way to the game after 23. ... Be2!, which is even better than 23. ... Bxd5.

22. ... Be2! 23. Bb2

White cannot move his rook: 23. Re1 is met by 23. ... Rxf2! 24. Kxf2 Qxh2 mate.

23. ... Bxd3 24. Nd2 Bxb1 25. Rxb1

Technically, 25. Nxb1 is better, but White is down the Exchange after 25. ... Qe2.

25. ... Qf7!, White resigned.

Forking d5 and f2 wins another pawn, so White resigned.

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At A Glance

39th Eastern Open

Date: December 27-30, 2012 | Location: Westin Washington City Center Hotel, Washington, D.C. | 193 players. | Top Finishers: Open, 1st, 6%: Daniel Ludwig; 2nd-5th, 5%: Bryan Smith, Thomas Bartell, Elmir Huseynov, Lawrence Kaufman. Under 2200, 1st, 7%: Darius Pour; 2nd-3rd, 6: Apurva Virkud, Andrew Zheng; 4th-5th, 5%: Bendeguz Offertaler, Kevin Huang; Under 1900, 1st-3rd, 6: Alfred Hurd, Jr., Saad Al-Hariri, Ryan Xu; 4th-8th, 5%: Jeffrey Jones, Fred Nelson, Steven Pettit, Yuvik Umapathy, Sebastian Fengler; Under 1600, 1st-2nd, 5%: Andy Huang, Tad Mrozek; 3rd-7th, 5: Delonta Richardson, Chris Giofreda, Andrew Yang, Jordan Flemer, Rodney Holmes; Under 1300, 1st, 6: Kai Sandbrink; 2nd, 5%: Vishal Menon; 3rd-6th, 5: Tony Qin, Timothy Vanderplas, Charles Thompson, Xinxi Qin. | Tournament Directors (TDs): Brennan Price, Head TD, and Andy Rea, Associate TD.



UT-Dallas A wins the Pan-Am trophy in a five-way tie with Webster A and B, UMBC and dark-horse Illinois

By AL LAWRENCE

t was the day after Christmas, but hush my mouth, not an airplane was flying, not even down South. December 26 let loose the biggest winter storm of 2012. That date was also the long-anticipated travel day for the most important collegiate championship in the Americas. The Pan-American Intercollegiate Championship was to begin the next day. Teams across the nation had long since purchased tickets they thought would give them a night's rest

before the clocks were started at Frick Hall on Princeton University's historic campus in New Jersey.

Four thousand flights were canceled, as many northern areas were buried in snow, and the southern U.S. was blown by heavy thunderstorms and ravaged by twisters. Hundreds of thousands were without power. Members of the Texas Tech (TTU) team, finding their home airport closed for the next two days, quickly rented a van and drove

to Dallas' smaller Love airport, only to have to fly to Houston to eventually make a serpentine connection to Newark International. Other team members spent the night in D.C.'s Reagan airport, arriving at their boards after the clocks had started. Nearly all but the East Coast competitors found themselves in the same dilemma. Ultimate winner UTD rerouted similarly, and even had to forfeit one game in round one. "Sometimes adversity helps everything else

L-R: IM Milos Pavlovic, GM Conrad Holt, GM Cristian Chirila, UTD Coach IM Rade Milovanovic, GM Julio Sadorra, and GM Valentin Yotov (the team with its trophy at 5:30 a.m. the day after, at Newark International, about to leave for Dallas).

seem easier," Program Director Jim Stallings said. "But I don't recommend this kind of stress test."

Once heads were bowed over boards, the only storm that mattered was inside. Despite the weather, 44 teams—a record since 1996-answered director Glenn Petersen's call to arms. After all, the event embodies tradition, going back to 1946, and has its roots in an even earlier U.S.-only competition, when City College of New York, with Reuben Fine leading its team, won in 1931. It's true that the Bobby boom saw the biggest numbers—108 teams in Columbus, Ohio in 1972, when the University of Chicago won, and the all-time record of 123 teams again in Columbus in 1975, when Ivy League Harvard tied with the Nebraska Cornhuskers. But never had the tournament packed the chess muscle flexed in Princeton.

RECORD TALENT AND NEW POWERHOUSES

The new college powerhouse, Susan Polgar's Webster University, from the St. Louis area, brought an A-team averaging 2691 USCF, a lineup that would be formidable even at the world Olympiad! Ten-time champion University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) came in at 2597, just a mere 50 points higher than Webster's B-team. Texas Tech University coach and former U.S. Champion Alex Onischuk's Texas Tech University team was pre-ranked fourth, at 2517, but just barely ahead of two other championship squadsthe University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), at 2512, and University of Texas (UT) at Brownsville at 2488. Three-time U.S. champion Yasser Seirawan was another "newbie coach" on the scene, with a strong team from another St. Louis area college, Lindenwood.

The current format requires four-player teams with a maximum of two alternates. Boards must be seated in rating order, within a discretionary range of 50 points. Winning the Pan-Am is an historic achievement. But finishing in the top four, in order to get a seat at the Final Four to have a shot at the President's Cup—the recognized championship of college chess—is everyone's fallback goal. Because each school is limited to one team entry in the Final Four, all the colleges scoring five points in the Pan-Am will be represented. Each is allowed to send any of its students.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS

Webster B took on the UT-Dallas A-team in round four. Both teams were a perfect 3-0. Such was the depth of the squads Webster brought to the Princeton tables. The teams ultimately drew—and also drew a clutch of self-interested spectators from other teams. The fight on board two was crucial.

Sicilian Defense, Sveshnikov Variation (B33)

GM Denes Boros (2552, Webster University B) GM Chris Chirila (2600, UT at Dallas A) 2012 Pan-Am Intercollegiate (4) Comments by GM Alex Onischuk

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Qb6

Black used to play this move to try to avoid theory. Nowadays, however, the line has become quite popular.

5. Nb3 Nf6 6. Nc3 e6 7. Bd3 d6 8. Be3 Qc7 9. f4 a6 10. Qf3 Be7 11. 0-0-0 0-0

I think 11. ... b5 is more flexible. Black leaves himself an option to castle long or even keep his king in the center.

12. Kb1 b5 13. Qh3 Nb4 14. g4 Nd7 15. Rhg1 Bb7 16. g5 Nxd3 17. cxd3 b4 18. Ne2 Rfc8 19. Nbd4

Now White has a direct attack, and it seems that in all lines Black is a little bit behind. It is so much harder to play the position with black. Only computers can try to survive here.

19. ... e5 20. Nf5 Bf8 21. Rc1 Qd8



22. Rg4!

This is the key move.

22. ... g6

Followed immediately by a decisive mistake. The only way here was 22. ... Rxc1+ 23. Bxc1 (White lacks the Ne3 resource in this line: 23. Nxc1 Rc8 24. Rh4 Qc7) 23. ... Rc8 24. Rh4 Qc7 25. Ne3 (25. Rxh7?? Qc2+ 26. Ka1 Qxc1+ 27. Nxc1 Rxc1 mate) 25. ... h6 26. gxh6 exf4!? (White still makes progress after 26. ... g6 27. f5) 27. hxg7 Bxg7 28. Rxf4 Ne5 29. Bd2, and the position remains very complicated.

23. Rh4 Rxc1+

Black's defenses are overrun after 23. ... h5 24. Neg3!!.

24. Bxc1 gxf5 25. Rxh7 Bg7 26. Ng3!

Now everything works for White.

26. ... exf4 27. Nxf5 Be5 28. Bxf4 Nf8 29. Bxe5 Nxh7 30. Qh6, Black resigned.

DARK HORSE QUALIFIER

Illinois A, entering the penultimate round undefeated with two draws and three points, was to most onlookers overmatched playing sixth-seeded and traditional powerhouse UT-Brownsville A. But the Illini team from University of Illinois' at Urbana-Champaign continued to show Great Plains tenacity, winning the match $2\frac{1}{2}$. "It was shocking to make it to the Final Four," Illinois' first board Eric Rosen said. "We didn't go into the tournament expecting very much. It was a huge surprise to all of us. We had nice pairings." Ah, Midwestern modesty!

To score the crucial upset on board tihree, an expert on the Illinois team had to bamboozle an international master on the University of Texas at Brownsville's powerful first squad.

Sicilian Defense, Smith-Morra Gambit (B21)

Aakaash Meduri (2082, University of Illinois) IM Max Cornejo (2461, UT at Brownsville) 2012 Pan-Am Intercollegiate (5)

1. e4 c5 2. d4 cxd4 3. c3 dxc3 4. Nxc3 e6 5. Nf3 a6 6. Bc4 b5 7. Bb3 Bb7 8. 0-0 b4 9. Nd5!

Houdini 3 Pro agrees that the knight's harikari is best and gives White a slight plus.

9. ... exd5 10. exd5

Also quite strong is 10. Re1! dxe4 11. Ne5.

10. ... Bd6 11. Bg5

11. Re1+ is objectively better.

11. ... f6 12. Re1+ Kf8 13. Bh4 Ne7 14. Nd4 Qb6 15. Rc1 a5 16. Qg4?! h5 17. Qe4 Na6 18. Bg3 Nc5 19. Qe3 Ba6?

The move 19. ... a4 keeps Black in the game.

20. Bxd6 Qxd6



21. Rxc5 a4

Of course 21. ... Qxc5 loses to 22. Ne6+dxe6 23. Qxc5.

22. Bd1 Nxd5

Black, after one surprise, falls into an even simpler trap, making White's win easy.

23. Rxd5 Qxd5 24. Bf3 Qe5 25. Bxa8 25. Qxe3



Webster B team: GM Denes Boros, GM Susan Polgar, GM Anatoly Bykhovsky, Webster President Dr. Beth Stroble, IM Vitaly Neimer, Webster Provost Dr. Julian Schuster, GM Andre Diamant

26. Rxe3

White is simply a piece up.

26. ... Bc4 27. b3 axb3 28. axb3 Bf7 29. Nc2 h4 30. Bf3 Be6 31. Nxb4 Kf7 32. Bd5 Rb8 33. Bxe6+ dxe6 34. Nc2 e5 35. Kf1 Ke6 36. Ke2 Kd5 37. Rc3 Rb7 38. Ne3+ Ke6 39. Kd3 Rd7+ 40. Kc2 h3 41. g3 Ra7 42. Kb2 e4 43. Rc6+ Ke5 44. Rc5+ Kd6 45. Rh5 g5 46. Rxh3 Ke5 47. Rh8 Rd7 48. Rc8 Ke6 49. b4 f5 50. Rc6+ Kf7 51. Rc5 f4 52. qxf4 Rd2+ 53. Kc3 Rxf2 54. fxg5 Rxh2 55. b5, Black resigned.

Also in the fifth round, Texas Tech was paired against Toronto A, ranked 11th. Toronto is a seven-time champion with an impressive list of firsts. It was the first non-U.S. team to win the event (1965) and the first to win the Pan-Am title outright three years in a row (1980-1982). But this year, TTU set them back 31/2-1/2. After 29 moves on board four, Oregon champion Steven Breckenridge had engineered a lethal attack against the enemy king.

Lethal

Steven Breckenridge (2389, Texas Tech University A) Jonathan Yu (2021), Toronto A 2012 Pan-Am Intercollegiate (5)

(see diagram next column)



29. ... d3 30. Rxh6+ gxh6 31. Rxh6+ Kg7 32. Rh7+, Black resigned.

Because 32. ... Kxh7 33. Qh5+ Kg7 34. Oh6 is mate.

CLOSING THE GATE IN ROUND SIX

The last-round match-up of Texas Tech and UMBC would open the gate for one of the previous national champions to go on to the Final Four. That gate would slam shut for the loser. A drawn match would probably lead to TTU going on. But UMBC won by the narrowest of margins. Indeed, only TTU's Faik Aleskerov, who won the board three prize with 5½-½, could score a full point against UMBC. In the game below, new UMBC recruit from the Republic of Georgia,

IM Nazi Paikidze, showed her mettle on the fourth board, contributing a key victory.

Showing her chops

IM Nazi Paikidze (2422, UM Baltimore County) Steven Breckenridge (2389), Texas Tech University A) 2012 Pan-Am Intercollegiate (6) Comments by GM Alex Onischuk



Clearly, Black's attack should not work.

The move 24. Qxb7! was another way to refute Black's plan 24. ... Rxb7 25. cxb7 Qb8 26. Ba3 Nxg2 27. Bd6.

24. ... Nxg2 25. Rxb7 Rxb7 26. cxb7 Qb8 27. f4 Ngxf4 28. Qc6 Rxh2+ 29. Kxh2 Nd5+ 30. Kg2 Ne7 31. Qd7 Kf8 32. Ba3, Black resigned.



The UMBC team is shown here along with GM Sam Palatnik (chess program associate director), Alan Sherman (chess program director and professor of computer science and electrical engineering) and Igor Epshteyn (chess program coach). The current team lineup includes GM Giorgi Margvelashvili (captain), GM Niclas Huschenbeth, IM Sasha Kaplan, IM Nazi Paikidze and alternates WGM Sabina Foisor and Adithya Balasubramanian.

FAILING TO FIND THAT ONE. MIRACULOUS MOVE!

No one can say that UTD got any pairing luck—they had to play both Webster teams! In the final round, the four from UTD A faced the highly touted Webster A team, who had to win the match to take the title; otherwise, the top-ranked Webster—by a team average of nearly 90 points!—would miss the mark on tiebreaks. The board-three and -four face-offs reflected this significant rating difference. But often in team play the whole is stronger than the parts. Coaching, team spirit, preparation, and the ineffable forces of the moment all come into play. Webster's board three understandably missed finding a sensational save. So in the end, the teams tied, and UTD got the trophy.

Queen's Gambit Declined (D37)

GM Julio Sadorra (2628, UT at Dallas A) GM Fidel Corrales Jimenez (2686, Webster U. A) 2012 Pan-Am Intercollegiate (6) Comments by GM Alex Onischuk

Considering the importance of the following game, I would call it the best of the tournament.

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bf4 Be7 5. e3 0-0 6, a3 c5

Other popular lines are 6. ... Nbd7 and

6. ... b6.

7. dxc5 Bxc5 8. Nf3 Nc6 9. Qc2 Qa5 10. Rd1

Today this move order is the most unpleasant for Black.

10. ... Be7

Another possibility is 10. ... Ne4 11. cxd5 Nxc3 12. Qxc3 Qxc3+ 13. bxc3 exd5 14. Rxd5 Bxa3 15. Nd4, and despite the computer-engine evaluation (0.00), it is no fun to play this position with black.

11. Be2 dxc4 12. Bxc4 Nh5 13. 0-0 Nxf4 14.

Despite a pair of bishops, Black has a passive position that is hard to play. One minor mistake can lead to a loss.

14. ... a6?!

An inaccuracy-14. ... g6, as played in GM Vladimir Kramnik-GM Magnus Carlsen and GM Dmitry Yakovenko-GM Alexander Onischuk, is more precise. Black, however, lost both games.

15. Ne4 h6?!

Black should have played 15. ... g6. Now his light squares become weak.

16. Ba2

With the idea Bb1.

16. ... Rd8 17. Rxd8+ Qxd8 18. Rd1 Bd7 19. Bb1 Kf8 20. Ng3 g6 21. f5!

This is the most energetic way to gain an advantage.

21. ... exf5 22. Qd2 f4 23. Qxf4 Kg7 24. Qd2?

Another inaccuracy. The correct continuation was 24. Ba2 f6 25. Qc4! (25. Nh5+ also looks nice but is more complicated-25. ... gxh5 26. Qg3+ Bg4 27. Rxd8 Rxd8 28. Ne1!!, with a winning position) 25. ... Qe8 26. Rxd7 Qxd7 27. Qf7+ Kh8 28. Qxg6 Qd1+ 29. Nf1.

24. ... Qb6

Black does not find the one miraculous move that holds his position: 24. ... Bc8!!. The point is that in case of 25. Qc3+ Bf6 26. Rxd8 Bxc3, the a8-rook is not hanging.

25. Bxq6!

Now it's all over.

25. ... Rd8 26. Bf5 Be8 27. Bd3 Kg8 28. Qxh6 Qxb2 29. Nd4 Qxd4 30. Bh7+ Kh8 31. Bf5+, Black resigned.

On board four, UTD's Conrad Holt was in a problematic position against Webster's powerful Georg Meier, a former Texas Tech teammate who went with Susan Polgar to Webster. A Meier win would give clear title to Webster.

A problematic position

GM Georg Meier (2701, Webster University A) GM Conrad Holt (2565, UT at Dallas A) 2012 Pan-Am Intercollegiate (6) Comments by GM Alex Onischuk



Meier was playing very well, squeezing out a little bit better endgame. Indeed, just one step away from a win, he makes a huge blunder.

69. b8=0??

It is hard to blame players for such mistakes. The new FIDE time control (90 minutes per game plus 30 seconds per move) does not really leave any time for the endgames. With a little more thinkingtime on his clock, Georg would have easily found 69. g4! Ke5 70. Ne3 Kf4 71. Nd5+ Ke5 72. Nb6 and the pawn promotes.

69. ... Nxb8 70. Kxb8 Ke5

Now it is a draw.

71. Ne3 Kd4 72. Nq2 e3 73. Kc7 Ke4 74. Ne1 Kf5 75. Nc2 Kg4 76. Nxe3+ Kxg3, Draw agreed

DIVISION WINNERS

Besides the overall champions in Division I, colleges in three divisions took home national honors: Illinois A in Division II, and Texas Tech in both Divisions III and IV.

Tournament organizer Jack Hutton, who despite being a graduating senior at Princeton and playing for one of their four teams, produced a universally praised event. "We had team members flying back from Christmas vacation from as far away as Korea and China," he said. "Our top team finishing in 6-11th place was quite an accomplishment." Chief Tournament Director Glenn Petersen, backed up by Noreen Davisson of USATE directing fame, was typically flawless. Perhaps Seirawan summed it up best and spoke for all the coaches for their teams:

"I'm very proud of each and every member of our team-especially their support for one another. Grateful thanks to the hard-working Princeton organizers for hosting a magnificent competition played in a no-holds-barred combat atmosphere filled with mutual respect. We can't wait for next year."

By the way, "next year" the event will be held at Texas Tech in Lubbock.



Webster A team: GM Wesley So, GM Fidel Corrales Jimenez, GM Susan Polgar, GM Manuel Leon Hoyos, Webster President Dr. Beth Stroble, Webster Provost Dr. Julian Schuster, GM Ray Robson, and GM Georg Meier



Dark horse Illinois "A" looking bright: Xin Luo, Michael Augur, Aakash Meduri, Eric Rosen

STANDINGS

Pan-Am finishers with 4 points or more, in tiebreak order:

1.	Univ. of Texas at Dallas A	5	2597
2.	Webster B	5	2545
3.	Univ. of Maryland Baltimore County	5	2512
4.	Webster A	5	2691
5.	Illinois A	5	2156
6.	Univ. of Texas at Brownsville A	4	2488
7.	Texas Tech A	4	2517
8.	Lindenwood A	4	2387
9.	Univ. of Washington A	4	2181
10.	Toronto A	4	2233
11.	Princeton A	4	2243
12.	Texas Tech B	4	1964
13.	Univ. of Texas at Austin	4	2005

Division II National Champions: Illinois A

Division III National Champions: Texas Tech B

Division IV National Champions: Texas Tech C

For a complete list of winners, go to

See the video "The Scoop on the Pan-Ams" at uschess.org/content/view/12034/701/, which features super-coaches GMs Yasser Seirawan of Lindenwood University and Alexander Onischuk of Texas Tech, GM Ray Robson of Webster, GM Elshan Moradiabadi, FM Eric Rosen of the University of Illinois and Al Lawrence, program director at Texas Tech.



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USCF ANNUAL MEETINGS, MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS, AND FUND BALANCES

Year	U.S. Open Business Meeting	Membership (1)	Fund Balance (2)
2011	Orlando, Florida	76,151	(187,918)
2012	Vancouver, Washington	77,254	61,492.20

- (1) Membership totals are given as of May 31. Totals exclude Junior Tournament Players and tournament members.
- (2) Figures enclosed in parentheses are deficits.

USCF PRESIDENTS & EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Presidents (1) 2009-2011 Ruth Haring 2011-current

Executive Directors (2) Bill Goichberg 2004-2005 Bill Hall 2005-current

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP

2011 Gata Kamsky

2012 Hikaru Nakamura

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI • MAY 2012

2011 Alex Lenderman, Alejandro Ramirez, Hikaru Nakamura, Tamaz Gelashvili, Alonso Zapata, Giorgi Kacheishvili, Timur

2012 Manuel Leon Hoyos, Dmitry Gurevich, John Daniel

VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON • AUGUST 2012

U.S. WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

2011 Anna Zatonskih

2012 Irina Krush

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI • MAY 2012

NATIONAL OPEN

Edmondson Cup winner*

2011 Loek van Wely, Varuzhan Akobian

2012 Aleksandr Lenderman

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA • JUNE 2012

ARMED FORCES

(Individual* Team)

2011 Dan Ranario* Air Force

2012 Dan Ranario* Air Force*

OLK, VIRGINIA • OCTOBER 2012

U.S. SENIOR OPEN

2011 Sergey Kudrin

2012 Alexander Ivanov

HOUSTON, TEXAS • JULY 2012

U.S. CLASS

2011 M: Timur Gareyev, Julio Sadorra; X: Austin Jiang; A:Daniel Ng; B: Angelito Abella; C: Brian Shicoff, BenKarren; D: Cindy Nam; E: Antonio Pereria, Adrian Patterson; Unrated: Alexandrov

2012 M: Julio Sadorra, Justin Sarkar, Salvijus Bercys; X: Ernesto Malazarte, Akshay Malhotra, Odunayo Ajiboye; A: Ramy Farrag; B: Khoa Minh Nguyen; C: Charles Ventimiglia, Dale Bird; D: Sriharsha Rangaraj; E: Matthew Minear; Unrated: Yezeng Cheng

HOUSTON, TEXAS • SEPTEMBER 2012

U.S. BLIND

2011 Daniel Steininger

2012 Daniel Steininger

rsburgh, pennsylvania • August 2012

U.S. GAME/10

2011 Sam Shankland, Levon Altounian

2012 Tamaz Gelashvili, Sam Shankland,

Mikheil Kekelidze

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA • JUNE 2012

U.S. GAME/15

2011 Sergev Kudrin 2012 Georg Meier

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO • FEBRUARY 2012

U.S. GAME/30

2011 1800+: Vladimir Mezentsev, Raymond Kaufman

2012 1900+: Enrico Sevillano, Walter Browne,

Cyrus Lakdawala, John Cline

PLEASANTON, CALIFORNIA • OCTOBER 2012

U.S. GAME/60

2011 1800+: Vladimir Mezentsev

2012 2000+: Enrico Sevillano

LEASANTON, CALIFORNIA • OCTOBER 2012

U.S. AMATEUR CHAMPIONS

2011 East: Leonard Chipkin, Kimberly Ding; South: Bryan Tillis, Kevin Knight; West: Bryan Hu, Benjamin Marmont

2012 East: Michael Lim; South: George Woodbury; West: Anthony Conyers II, Amrit Gupta, Rohan Mittal

U.S. AMATEUR TEAM

2011 West: USC (Jack Peters, Danyul Lawrence, Blake Phillips, Nathan Heussenstamm, Sriram Balasubramanian); East: West Orange Krush (Mikhail Zlotnikov, Peter Radomskyj, Jose Fernandez, Victor Rosas); North: For Whom the Azbel Tolls (Josh Friedel, Alex Betaneli, Erik Santarius, Gregory Azbel); South: Armageddon Your Pieces (Javad Maharramzade, Jeremy Mandelkern, Matt Helfst, Peter Dyson); National Playoff Winner: Team South

2012 West: Forfeit by Disconnection (Robin Cunningham, Dana Mackenzie, Julian Chan, Todd Rumph); East: Forking with Tebow's Knights Won't Lead to Mating (Robert Hess, Zachary Weiner, Shawn Swindell, Peter Hess); North: Chess X-Men (Mariano Acosta, Tenzing Shaw, Fred Allsbrook, Dmitri Sergatskov) South: Yo Doy Clase (Eric Rodriguez, Ernesto Alvarez, Bennet Pellows, Mohammad Yousef); National **Playoff Winner: Team East**

FEBRUARY 2012

ARNOLD DENKER TOURNAMENT OF HIGH **SCHOOL CHAMPIONS**

2011 Michael Vilenchuk

2012 Darwin Yang, Atulya Shetty

VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON • AUGUST 2012

U.S. GIRLS JUNIOR OPEN

2011 Rachel Gologorsky

2012 Alexandra Wiener

VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON • AUGUST 2012

DEWAIN BARBER K-8 CHAMPIONSHIP

2011 Michael Brown, Justus Williams

ANCOUVER, WASHINGTON • AUGUST 2012

SUSAN POLGAR NATIONAL INVITATIONAL **FOR GIRLS**

2011 Apurva Virkud

2012 Alice Dong ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI • JULY 2012

U.S. JUNIOR INVITATIONAL

2011 Gregory Young

2012 Marc Tyler Arnold

LOUIS, MISSOURI • JULY 2012

NATIONAL ELEMENTARY

2011 K-6: Christopher Wu: K-5: Cameron Wheeler: K-3: Joseph Cheng-Yue Wan, Max Aeon Chung, Andrew Lewis Titus; K-1: Ben Rood, Aydin Turgut

2012 K-6: Amir Moazami, Vignesh Panchanatham, Alex Bian, Roland Feng, Kevin Moy; K-5: Bryce Tiglon, Marcell Szabo, Danial Asaria, Advait Patel, Dex Webster, Andrew Zheng, Thomas Knoff, Zachary Tanenbaum, Luke Bohua Xia: K-3: Aidan Lawler, Ruthvik Ayyagari, Jeremy Minikes, Alex Wei, Advaith Bulusu; K-1: Anthony Bi He, Logan Wu

NASHVILLE TENNESSEE • MAY 2012

NATIONAL ELEMENTARY TEAM

2011 K-6: Daniel Wright JHS (IL); K-5: Regnart Elementary School (CA); K-3: New Explorations Into Science, Technology and Math (NY); K-1: Dalton School (NY)

2012 K-6: Weibel Elementary School (CA), NYC Lab Middle School (NY), Dalton School; K-5: Greenbrier West Elementary School (VA); K-3: Dalton School (NY); K-1: Mission San Jose Elementary (CA), Hunter College Campus School (NY) NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE • MAY 2012

NATIONAL JUNIOR CONGRESS

2011 Chinguun Bayaraa, Ben Rood, Advait Budaraju, Maiti Milind, Rayan Taghizadeh, Vignesh Panchanatham, Samuel Bekker, Bingjie Liu

2012 6 & Under: Balaji Daggupati; 8 & Under: Joaquin K. Perkins; 10 & Under: Leyton Ho, Anirudh Seela, 12 & Under: Jeffrey Tao, Pranav Nagarajan; 14 & Under: Hemang J. Jangle, Joanna Liu; 16 & Under: Charles Tang; 18 & Under: Sudarsha Seshadri; 20 & Under: Ted Belanoff

BURLINGAME CALIFORNIA . MARCH 2012

NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH

2011 K-9: John Hughes; K-8: James A. Black, Jr., Jeevan Karamsetty

2012 K-9: James A. Black, Jr., Michael William Brown, Bryan Hu; K-8: Christopher Wu, Kapil Chandran

SAN DIEGO CALIFORNIA • APRIL 2012

NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH TEAM

2011 K-9: I.S. 318 (NY); K-8: I.S. 318 (NY) K-9: I.S. 318 (NY); K-8: Kennedy Middle School (CA) AN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA • APRIL 2012

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

2011 Fric Rosen

2012 Ben Gershenov

MINNESOTA, MINNESOTA • APRIL 2012

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TEAM

2011 Hunter College Campus School (NY)

I.S. 318 (NY), Hunter College Campus School (NY) MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA • APRIL 2012

U.S. JUNIOR OPEN

2011 Under 21: Michael Michaelides; Under 15: Steven Chen, Andy Shao, Andrew Jacob, Annie Zhao; Under 11: Tianming Xie; Under 8: Jason Metpally, Tristan Ma

2012 Under 21: Karthik Ramachandran; Under 15: Jackson Chen, Richard Qi; Under 11: Advait Patel, Ram Krishna; Under 8: Maggie Ni

HOUSTON, TEXAS • JULY 2012

U.S. CADET

2011 Arthur Shen, Michael Bodek

2012 Aleksandr Ostrovskiy, Michael Bodek, Christopher Gu, Christopher Wu

ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND • JULY 2012

NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC K-12

2011 K: Chinguun Bayaraa, Maurya Palusa; 1st: Aryaman Bansal; 2nd: Christopher Yu-Shuo Shen, Daniel Levkov, Rohan Suryawanshi, Constantine Oskiper, Corwin Cheung, Luke Robert Robitaille; 3rd: Marcus Ming Miyasaka; 4th: Rayan Taghizadeh; 5th: Christopher Chen; 6th: William Graif, Vignesh Panchanatham; 7th: Christopher Wu; 8th: Mika Brattain; 9th: Bryan Hu; 10th: Sam Schmakel; 11th: Christopher Heung; 12th: Matthew Dahl

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2011 K: Oak Hall (FL); 1st: Oak Hall (FL); 2nd: Scicore Academy (NJ), Columbia Grammar (NY); 3rd: Universal Academy (TX); 4th: Dalton (NY), Aspen Elementary (NM), Skaggs Elementary (TX); 5th: Scicore Academy (NJ), Dalton (NY); 6th: Canyon Vista Middle School (TX); 7th: Hunter College Campus School (NY); 8th: I.S. 318 (NY); 9th: Catalina Foothills High School (AZ); 10th: Westwood (TX); 11th: Plano East High School (TX); 12th: Solomon Schechter (NY), University High (CA)

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AMERICAN OPEN

2011 Varuzhan Akobian

2012 Melikset Khachiyan

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LINA GRUMETTE MEMORIAL CLASSIC

2011 Melikset Khachiyan

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ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA • MAY 2012

WORLD OPEN

2011 Gata Kamsky, Michael Adams 2012 Igor Sokolov, Alexander Shabalov PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA • JULY 2012

NORTH AMERICAN OPEN 2011 Francisco Vallejo-Pons

2012 Timur Gareev

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA • DECEMBER 2012

PAN-AM CHAMPIONSHIPS

PAN-AM INTERCOLLEGIATE INDIVIDUAL

2011 Giorgi Margvelashvili, Andre Diamant, Andrew Shvartsman

2012 Wesley So

BRANCHBURG, NEW JERSEY • DECEMBER 2012

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2011 University of Texas at Dallas, Team A

2012 Webster A, University of Texas at Dallas A, Webster B BRANCHBURG, NEW JERSEY • DECEMBER 2012

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3. Timur Gareev	GM	2665
4. Alexander Onischuk	GM	2660
5. Varuzhan Akobian	GM	2622
6. Yasser Seirawan	GM	2620
7. Aleksandr Lenderman	GM	2619
8. Ray Robson	GM	2615
9. Jaan Ehlvest	GM	2603
10. Gregory Kaidanov	GM	2598
11. Robert Hess	GM	2595
11. Samuel Shankland	GM	2595
13. Alexander Shabalov	GM	2578
13. Alexander Stripunsk	y GM	2578
15. Larry Christiansen	GM	2577
16. Igor Novikov	GM	2563
16. Yury Shulman	GM	2563
18. Ildar Ibragimov	GM	2555
19. Julio Becerra Rivero	GM	2554
20. Alexander Goldin	GM	2549
21. Alejandro Ramirez	GM	2544
22. Alexander Ivanov	GM	2542
23. Larry Christiansen	GM	2539
24. Marc Arnold	GM	2538
25. Boris Gulko	GM	2533
26. Sergey Kudrin	GM	2531
26. Eugene Perelshteyn	GM	2531
28. Joel Benjamin	GM	2530
29. Maxim Dlugy	GM	2527
30. Alex Yermolinsky	GM	2517
31. Enrico Sevillano	GM	2515
32. Nick de Firmian	GM	2510
33. Melikset Khachiyan	GM	2501
34. Conrad Holt	GM	2494
 Joshua Friedel 	GM	2491

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Anna Zatonskih

Dmitry Gurevich

Daniel Naroditsky

Steven Zierk

Darwin Yang

Benjamin Finegold

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2.	GM Dr. Jason Bokar	2585
2.	GM Stephen E. Ham	2585
4.	GM Daniel M. Fleetwood	2578
5.	SIM Tim Murray	2544
6.	GM Dr. Edward P. Duliba	2531
7.	SIM Keith Holzmueller	2525
8.	GM Jon Ostriker	2521
9.		2509
). IM Carl L. Siefring	2473
	. IM John R. Menke, Sr.	2470
	2. SIM Dan Perry 2. SIM Kenneth M. Rinehart	2464 2464
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10	I. IM Wieland Belka	2455
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17	7 IM Waslay C Graan	2446
18	B. SIM John C. Knudsen	2443
	9. SIM Dr. Michael Millstone	2442
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24	I. Bobby Johnson	2413
25	. Edward Kotlyanskiy	2411
	5. SIM David R. Myers	2408
27	7. IM William Boucher	2406
28	B. IM Allan George Savage	2405
29). Lawrence Coplin	2403
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	. Dennis Michael	2399
	Wilbur Tseng	2399
	B. Kenneth Holroyd	2397
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	7. Peter Dessaules	2386
	7. Robert N. Fass	2386
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	o. Daniel M. Horwitz 7 SIM Kristo S. Miottinon	2358

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Class C	1400-1599
Class D	1200-1399
Class E	1000-1199
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Class G	600-799
Class H	400-599
Class I	200-399
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Minimum Rating	100

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2012 Hikaru Nakamura

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An (Almost) Effortless Win

From opening to ending to victory.

By GM LEV ALBURT

AN UNTITLED PLAYER (ONE BELOW 2000) who loves endgames has a big edge over his peers. Some games are won almost effortlessly—as the game below illustrates.

Writes the winner of this month's award, Mark Dugger (Lev's future comments are in italics): I have enjoyed your column for years. I selected this game with annotations for submission because of its emphasis on fundamentals and the accumulation of small advantages for victory. I hope you and your readers enjoy it.

Ruy Lopez, Exchange Variation (C68)

Mark Dugger (1554) Gary Greenlee (1783) Oklahoma State Championship, 06.24.2000 (2)

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Bxc6

If you like endgames, this is a system for

4. ... dxc6



5. d4

Starting with Fischer, 5. 0-0 is most popular here, while the old 5. d4 is viewed as having been analyzed to full equality.

Still, 5. d4 sufficed to give Lasker an edge, and then a win, over Capablanca in Petersburg 1914; it probably will suffice for you, at least for awhile, in your tournaments.

5. ... exd4 6. Qxd4

I chose the variation with an early queen trade, thinking it would be less risky

against my higher-rated opponent.

See my notes to White's moves 4 and 5!

6. ... Qd6



Black's best here is 6. ... Qxd4. In fact, in the line 5. 0-0 Qd6 6. d4 exd4 7. Qxd4, Black's best is, according to the Encyclopedia of Chess Openings, 7. ... Qxd4—the same endgame a tempo down.

7. Be3 Bg4 8. Nbd2 Rd8 9. h3

I intend to castle queenside. So, I begin to set my kingside pawn majority in motion.

9. ... Bh5 10. g4 Bg6 11. 0-0-0 Qe6



Threatening both the a-pawn and the queen.

12. Qe5

Rybka prefers 12. Qa7, a move I did not consider. However, after 12. Qe5, White enjoys a clear edge in development and kingside space.

Well, Rybka and you are both correct.

12. ... Qxe5 13. Nxe5 Ne7



Perhaps 13. ... f6!? was stronger—see my note to Black's 15th move.

14. f4 f6 15. Nxg6



15. ... Nxg6

I'd seriously consider 15. ... hxg6—albeit, of course, White is clearly better there as well.

16. Nc4

With an eye toward Na5 or f4-f5.

16. ... Rxd1+

Strategically, I question this move by Black since it leaves White in sole possession of the d-file.

And allows White to play f4-f5 as in the game, while controlling the e5-square (with his knight). Better was 16. ... Bd6, with only a small edge for White. If 17. Rhf1, 17. ... h5—be active!).

17. Rxd1 b6 18. f5 Ne5 19. Nxe5

Separating Black's pawns into three islands. This also converts the 4-3 pawn majority on the kingside to a 3-2 majority (even better).

19. ... fxe5 20. Bg5



20. ... Be7

Forcing the bishop trade leaves Black with scant resources for counterplay. White maintains the active rook and superior pawn structure.

White's 20. Bg5 does not force the bishop trade, as 20. ... Bd6 was possible. Still, White would then prepare the breakthrough on the kingside, with excellent (probably the same as in the actual game) winning chances.

21. Bxe7 Kxe7 22. g5 h6 23. g6



23. ... Kf6

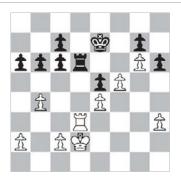
Abandoning the defense of d7, Black commits a crucial blunder.

If not this, or a similar blunder (say, 23. ... Rd8 24. f6+)—can Black hold? Not likely. For instance 23. ... Rf8 24. b4 Rf6 25. Rd3 Rd6 26. Kd2 ...

(see diagram top of next column)

... with the idea of recapturing on d3 with the pawn; otherwise, 27. Ke3 and 28. Ra3. Or 23. ... a5 24. Rd3 and later c2-c3 and b2-b4 (in case of ... a5xb4 White recaptures, of course, with the c-pawn). In some lines, an already-known pawn sacrifice, f5-f6, should assure White's victory. Still—no excuse for surrendering with 23. ... Kf6.

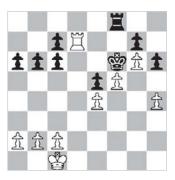
24. Rd7 Rc8 25. h4



Leaving the black king with no moves and tying the rook to the defense of f7.

Excellent!

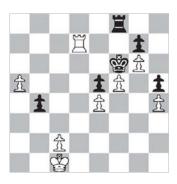
25. ... Rf8



26. Rxc7

Black is in Zugzwang. Very soon he'll run out of moves, and checkmate will follow.

26. ... c5 27. Rd7 h5 28. a3 b5 29. b4 cxb4 30. axb4 a5 31. bxa5 b4



32. Kb2

After Black's forced reply, White recaptures with the pawn to shield his king.

Another example of White's mature play and in particular, his prophylactic thinking (as on move 25).

32. ... b3 33. cxb3, Black resigned.

After 32. ... b3 setting up the last trap: If 33. Kxb3? then 33. ... Rb8+ 34. Kc3 Rc8+! unleashing the desperado rook.

Seemingly easy—and a well-deserved victory. Endgames generously reward their aficionados!

Read the statements on pages 12-13 by the candidates for the USCF executive board.

Kasparov—50

Lev Alburt Garry Kasparov Daugavpills 1978



BLACK TO MOVE

Here is the finale of another effortless-looking win. It only took a few seconds for a 15-year-old to execute the winning "triangulation" maneuver:

1. ... Kf5 2. Kg1 Ke5!, White resigned.

... and White (an experienced grandmaster) finally resigned.

On April 13, 2013 Garry Kasparov, chess world champion par excellence and a slayer of the evil empire, turns 50. Many happy returns, Garry, and sincere congratulations on your truly great accomplishments.

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The Magnificent Seven

Progress in the seven-man database, or, White to play and win in 517 moves.

By GM PAL BENKO

THE JOINT RESEARCH OF MARK Bourzutschky of the USA and Yakov Konoval of Russia continues to bear fruit in the continued advancement of endgame databases. An almost unbelievable record has been established for calculating a win: 517 moves with seven pieces in the case of optimal play with king, queen, and knight against king, rook, bishop, and knight, a number the researchers believe cannot be improved upon.

The record previously was "only" 243 moves. Below, you can see that even this number has now been topped.

Bourzutschky & Konoval:

The new DTZ (depth to zeroing) record



WHITE TO PLAY AND WIN IN 260 MOVES

The win was not given all the way to mate, but in the end, Black loses the rook. We don't have the room to provide the moves here of course. (Likewise, changing the 50-move tournament rule would not be practical.) The whole series of moves can be found in EG Magazine.

Here are some examples involving similar material from top players' games. My comments incorporate the data of the two researchers (B-K).

Blunder (B-K)

GM Magnus Carlsen (FIDE 2733, NOR) GM Alexei Shirov (FIDE 2755, LAT) XXV T. IOntercontinental Ciudad de Linares-Morelia, Jaen, Spain, 2008



White can win in 79 moves with optimal play. The goal is to get the white king to c8 so that Nc7 would win immediately.

64. Kd5 Rb1 65. Kc6!?

Even though it looks logical, this lengthens the win by 55 moves! Instead, best is 65. Nc5!

65. ... Rc1+ 66. Nc5 Bb8!?

This move reduced the resistance to 80 moves (as compared to the better 66. ... Kf6! which lengthens the game by 131 moves).

67. Rd5 Ba7 68. Kd7 Bb8 69. Ne6 Kf6 70. Rc5 Rb1 71, Nd8 Bh2 72, Rc6+

White finds the right path only later with 78. Kc8.

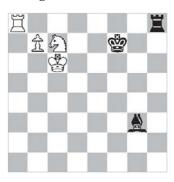
72. ... Ke5 73. Rc1 Rb3 74. Rc2 Bf4 75. Kc6 Kf5 76. Rc5+ Kf6 77. Kd7 Rb1 78. Kc8 Bh2 79. Rc6+



79. ... Ke5??

A big mistake, but in a lost position.

The longest resistance is offered by 79. ... Ke7 80. Re6+ Kf8 81. Rh6 Rc1+ 82. Rc6 Rd1 83. Rc2 Be5 84. Nc6 Bd6 85. Rc4 Re1 86. Rd4 Bg3 87. Rd3 Bh2 88. Rd2 Bg3 89. Nb4 Rc1+ 90. Rc2 Rh1 91. Nd5 Kf7 92. Nc7 Rh8+ 93. Kd7 Be5 94. Re2 Rb8 95. Kc6 Bg3 96. Ra2 Rh8 97. Ra8 wins.



80. b8=Q+, Black resigned.

Naturally, neither player always makes the best moves. It is important that a relatively weaker move should not affect the outcome of the game decisively. But this often happens with even the very best players.

Decisive Rapid (B-K)

GM Viswanathan Anand (FIDE 2791, IND) GM Boris Gelfand (FIDE 2727, ISR) World Chess Championship Tiebreak Game 2, 2012



The knight pawn is farther back here so it not yet dangerous. The black king being forced to the eighth rank is a bigger fear.

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. Solutions can be found on page 71.

Please e-mail submissions for Benko's Bafflers to:

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Problem I: Pal Benko WHITE TO PLAY AND WIN

Problem II: P. Benko, 1981 允

WHITE TO PLAY AND WIN

58. ... Bf5?!

Black could have equalized immediately here with 58. ... Bd3! 59. b6 Rxd5+!. Instead, he has to suffer much more as he searches for the right way to hold the draw.

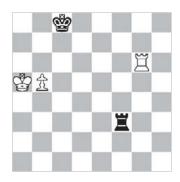
59. Rh6 Bg4 60. Rf6 Rf5 61. Rb6+ Ka7 62. Rg6 Bf3 63. Rg7+ Kb8 64. Nc3 Bb7 65. Kc4 Bf3 66. Kb4 Bd5 67. Na4 Rf7 68. Rg5 Bf3 69. Nc5 Kc7 70. Rq6 Kd8 71. Ka5 Rf5?

A significant mistake since after trades there is only a lost rook ending. Instead, 71. ... Bh1 could have held on.

72. Ne6+ Kc8

Somewhat better is 72. ... Kd7, but after 73. Nd4 Bh5 74. Rg7+ Rf7 75. Rg5! Bd1 76. b6 is winning since the bishop gets

73. Nd4 Rf8 74. Nxf3 Rxf3



75. Kb6 Rb3 76. Rg8+ Kd7 77. Rb8!, Black resigned.

The rest is technique: 77. ... Rb1 78. Ka7 Ra1+ 79. Kb7 Rb1 80. b6 Rb2 81. Rh8 Rb1 82. Ka7 Ra1+83. Kb8 Rb1 84. b7 Ra1 85. Rh4 (Starts building the famous "Lucena bridge.")

(see diagram top of next column)

85. ... Ra2 86. Rd4+ Ke7 87. Kc7 Rc2+ 88. Kb6 Rb2+ 89. Kc6 Rc2+ 90. Kb5 Rb2+ 91. Rb4 This endgame decided the world championship title.

Interestingly, we had a similar ending at last year's U.S. Championship.



Bishop versus knight in St. Louis

GM Yasser Seirawan (2698) GM Alejandro Ramirez (2657) 2012 U.S. Championship (4), St. Louis, Missouri 2012



82. Rf7+?

After this seemingly strong move the position is only drawn, while the immediate 82. hxg5 wins since there is no good defense against Nf5 and the g6 mate threat or if Black plays 82. ... Rc1 83. g6+ Kg7 84. Rf7+ Kh8 85. Rh7 mate.

82. ... Kh8 83. hxg5 Ba5 84. Rd7 Bc3 85. Kg6 Rc6+ 86. Kf7 Be5?

The right path was 86. ... Rc5 87. g6 Rc8, but even 86. ... Bf6 87. g6 Rc8 was possible trying for stalemate.

87. Nq4!

(see diagram top of next column)



Forces a winning rook ending.

87. ... Bc3 88. Nf6 Bxf6 89. gxf6 Kh7 90. Ke7 Rc8 91. Rd8 Rc7+ 92. Kd6 Rf7 93. Ke6, Black resigned.

Alternatives?!

Other researchers are also making attempts to progress in this same area. Emil Vlasak sent me this example from a study.

Husak, Vlasak, Hlinka



MUTUAL ZUGZWANG

The position is really a mutual Zugzwang in which if it is White to move, White cannot win. This has been verified by a supercomputer at Lomonosov University in Moscow. It contains also a genetic inheritance from IBM's Deep Blue. They started the program only in April 2012 with input from specialists. It seems that in Russia the chess (and also this branch of chess) is still taken more seriously. 👚

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A Saint Louis Tradition

By MIKE WILMERING

THE FOURTH ANNUAL BILL WRIGHT SAINT LOUIS OPEN begins April 12 at the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis (CCSCSL), and a number of top players have already committed including GMs Georg Meier, Wesley So, Fidel Corrales, Andre Diamant, Denes Boros, Anatoly Bykhovsky and GM Ben Finegold. This year's installment, a FIDE-rated, five-round Swiss with a time control of game in 120 minutes (G/120), features a guaranteed prize fund of more than \$10,000.

For many years, the Saint Louis Open has been one of the strongest and largest annual tournaments in Missouri.

In 2010, the event was renamed in honor of Bill Wright, a longtime tournament organizer and CCSCSL benefactor who had, for years, served as the primary organizer and promoter of the Saint Louis Open. Wright suffered health complications that left him unable to run the tournament that year, and event officials at the CCSCSL wanted to ensure that his lasting commitment to chess in the St. Louis area was adequately remembered.

The 2010 Bill Wright Saint Louis Open featured the strongest open tournament in Missouri state history. Headlined by reigning 2009 U.S. Champion GM Hikaru Nakamura, the field also featured GMs Robert Hess, Alejandro Ramirez, Josh Friedel, Dmitry Gurevich, Ben Finegold, Mesgen Amanov and four-time U.S. Women's Champion IM Irina Krush.

Nakamura, who finished tied for first alongside Hess, Ramirez and Friedel, relocated to St. Louis shortly after the conclusion of the event.

In 2011, GM Mesgen Amanov made up for his poor showing the previous year to win the event outright, and 2012 saw a threeway tie for first place between IMs Marc Arnold and Enrico Sevillano and GM Elshan Moradiabadi.

Although St. Louis has a rich and growing chess history, the city is celebrated for much more than just chess. Known for years as a bastion of beer and baseball, those long-standing traditions remain central to St. Louis culture. The 11-time World Champion St. Louis Cardinals host division rivals the Milwaukee Brewers April 12-14, and catching a game at Busch Stadium is a fantastic way for visitors to immerse themselves in the local culture.

A number of up-and-coming St. Louis brewers are helping reshape the local beer market. In addition to the beer-giant Anheuser-Busch (now AB InBev), a vibrant craft-brewing scene featuring more than 20 breweries across the greater St. Louis area has made the city a destination for beer aficionados. These brew houses complement an equally noteworthy and growing restaurant scene.

St. Louis also is home to one of the premier zoos in the nation, which is just one of a number of world-class free attractions the city offers including the Saint Louis Science Center, Missouri History Museum and Saint Louis Art Museum, all located in beautiful Forest Park just minutes from the Chess Club.

And don't forget about the stunning World Chess Hall of Fame, located directly across the street from the CCSCSL.

Although Wright passed away in March of 2011, the tournament that shares his namesake serves as a reminder of the impact he had on the St. Louis chess scene and the lasting legacy he left behind.

Join us in St. Louis on April 12 to experience the urban renewal going on in our fair city, take part in a St. Louis tradition and to honor Bill Wright, a consummate gentleman and true ambassador to the game. For hotel, entry and more information, visit www.saintlouischessclub.org. 👚

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YOUNG ADULT (3)	\$33	\$61	\$88	

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SCHOLASTIC (1)	\$17	\$30	\$42
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YOUNG ADULT (3)	\$26	\$47	\$67

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FAMILY PLAN 1 (6)	\$75	N/A	N/A	N/A
FAMILY PLAN 2 (7)	\$47	N/A	N/A	N/A
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OVERALL STANDINGS

	NAME	STATE	PTS.
1	GM Zviad Izoria	NY	69.73
2	GM Melikset Khachiyan	CA	56.33
3	GM Gregory Kaidanov	KY	50.33
4	GM Mikheil Kekelidze	NY	47.39
5	IM Andranik Matikozyan	CA	38.33
6	FM Jeffery Xiong	TX	36.33
7	GM Alexander Ivanov	MA	33.50
8	GM Aleksandr Lenderman	NY	32.66
9	IM Ricardo De Guzman	CA	32.00
10	GM Sergey Kudrin	CT	30.66
11	GM Alexander Shabalov	PA	27.66
12	IM Dionisio Aldama	CA	24.50
13	GM Carlos Matamoros		24.50
14	IM Vladimir Mezentsev	CA	23.00
15	IM Kayden W. Troff	UT	23.00

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Name	State	Pts.	Name	State	Pts.
TOKATYAN, SHANT	CA-S	3850	YURCHENKO, ILYA	NY	2182
MCCARTY-SNEAD, CALLAGHAN	CA-N	3160	DEDONA, MARK	NY	2173
PETERSON, GIA	CA-S	3063	SOSSAN, KATHERINE	NY	2111
PALUSA, MAURYA	CA-N	3054	LIAO, JUSTIN	IL	2100
LI, ALEX	CA-N	3028	CHAN, ANDREW	OH	2100
VANDERWAY, GIORGI I	IL	2811	HOLJES, OLIVER	PA	2100
KOTHAPALLE, TANISH	TN	2623	MALAVALLI, PRANAV G	CA-N	2048
MITCHELL, MATTHEW	NY	2598	SRINIVASA, NANDAN	VA	2035
SODEM, VISHAL	CA-N	2534	LEVIN, CORY	NY	2010
KARTHIK, PRANAV	VA	2485	CRAIG, PETER A	NY	1992
CHANG, WILLIAM ALEXANDER	NJ	2450	MURUGAPPAN, GANESH M	CA-N	1950
CHERELIN, PAHZ CAHLIL	NY	2450	SRIVATSA, ADITH	CA-N	1936
WITTEN, ANDREW	MD	2425	FELDMAN, ZACHARY	PA	1928
CHAPIN, WILL	NY	2415	FIGORITO, NICK	NY	1926
LI, EDWARD	CA-N	2387	ATHIKAYALA, AYUSH HARI	CA-N	1916
EL-BADRY, KAREEM J	СТ	2362	WANG, KINGSLEY	CA-N	1913
SUGANRAJ, BRIAN ESHWAR	IL	2336	PLOCH, MICHAEL V	NJ	1912
SALIBA, JUSTIN	OH	2268	JOHNSON, DREW M	NY	1890
BARNOY, OREN	NY	2258	INDUSEKAR, AKSHAY	IL	1888
DASIKA, ARCHIT	CA-N	2182	HEMMAT, ALEXANDER	CO	1869

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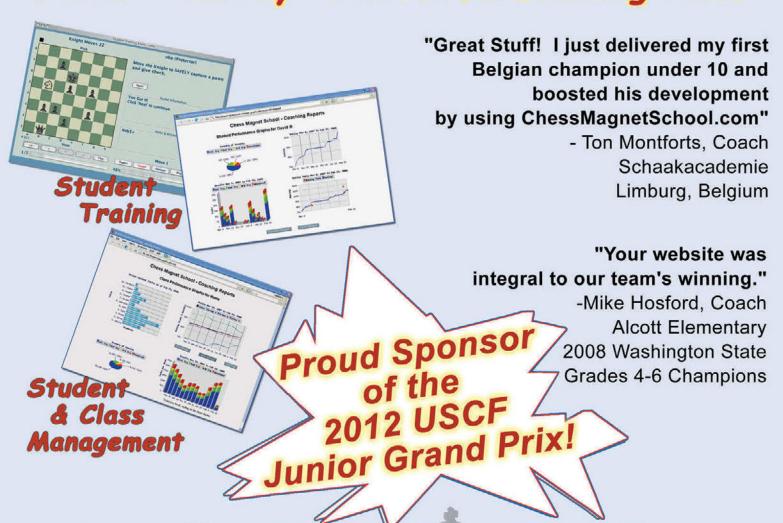
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2013 SuperNationals V April 5-7 • Nashville, Tennessee

2013 All-Girls National Championships April 26-28 • Chicago, Illinois

2013 U.S. Amateur Championship East May 25-27 or 26-27 • Somerset, New Jersey

2013 U.S. Amateur Championship West May 25-27 • Tucson, Arizona

2013 U.S. Senior Open May 28-June 2 • Tarrytown, New York

2013 U.S. Junior Open May 31-June 2 • Tarrytown, New York

2013 U.S. Game/10 Championship June 6 • Las Vegas, Nevada

2013 National Open June 7-9 or 8-9 • Las Vegas, Nevada

2013 U.S. Amateur Championship South June 8-9 • Memphis, Tennessee

FUTURE EVENTS (Watch for details)

2013 U.S. Championship May 2-13 • St. Louis, Missouri

2013 U.S. Women's Championship May 2-13 • St. Louis, Missouri

2013 U.S. Cadet July 20-23 • Rockville, Maryland

114th annual (2013) U.S. Open July 27-August 4 • Madison, Wisconsin

2013 U.S. Blind Chess Championship August 9-10 • Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

2013 U.S. Class Championship September 27-29 • Houston, Texas

2013 K-12 Grade Championship December 13-15 • Lake Buena Vista, Florida

2013 Pan American Intercollegiate Championship December 27-29 • Lubbock, Texas

2013 U.S. Game/60 Championship—TBA

2013 U.S. Action G/30 Championship—TBA

2014 National High School (K-12) Championship April 4-6 • San Diego, California

2014 National Junior High (K-9) Championship April 25-27 • Atlanta, Georgia

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 High School (K-12) Championship April 10-12 • Columbus, Ohio

2015 National Junior High (K-9) Championship April 24-26 • Louisville, Kentucky

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 4-6 • Lake Buena Vista, Florida

2016 National High School (K-12) Championship April 1-3 • Atlanta, Georgia

2016 National Junior High (K-9) Championship April 15-17 • Indianapolis, Indiana

2016 National Elementary (K-6) Championship May 6-8 • Nashville, Tennessee

117th annual (2016) U.S. Open July 30-August 7 • Indianapolis, Indiana

2016 K-12 Grade Championship December 16-18 • Nashville, Tennessee

2017 SuperNationals VI May 12-14 • Nashville, Tennessee

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Bids

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

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.

PAST DEADLINE JULY 1, 2012:

U.S. Amateur (North)

U.S. Game/15 Championship 2013

2013 U.S. Masters Championship

2013 U.S. Junior Closed

DEADLINE JULY 1, 2013:

2014 National Open

2014 U.S. Amateur Teams (North, South, West)

2014 U.S. Amateur (East, North, South, West)

2014 U.S. Cadet

2014 U.S. Class Championship

2014 U.S. Game/10 Championship

2014 U.S. Game/30 Championship

2014 U.S. Game 60 Championship 2014

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May 2-13, 2013

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SUBMISSIONS: If possible e-mail your tla to: tla@uschess.org (Joan DuBois). For tla deadline schedule, formatting help and Grand Prix information see January 2013 Chess Life pg. 50 and 51 or check www.uschess.org/go/tlainfo. Payment can be done online through the TD/Affiliate area or sent to: U.S. Chess, TLA Dept., PO Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557.

Nationals

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! APR. 5-7, TENNESSEE SuperNationals V

2013 Elementary, Junior High and High School National Championships in one great event! 7SS, G/120 (K-1: G/90). Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Convention Center, 2800 Opryland Dr., Nashville, TN 37214. 615.889.1000 HR: \$149 single-quad. All under one roof! **20 Sections** (Select only one): **High School:** K-12 Championship; K-12 U1600; K-12 U1200; K-12 U800; K-12 Unrated. **Junior High:** K-9 Championship; K-8 Championship; K-9 U1250; K-8 U1000; K-8 U750; K-9 Unrated. **Elementary:** K-6 Championship; K-5 Championship; K-6 U1000; K-5 U900; K-3 Championship; K-3 U800; K-1 Championship; K-6 Unrated; K-3 Unrated. EF: \$50 postmarked, faxed or online by 3/17/2013, \$70 postmarked, faxed or online by 3/31/2013, \$85 after 3/31/2013, \$90 on site. DO NOT mail entries after March 31 - they will not be received in time. \$5 extra for all phoned reg istrations, \$20 change fee for roster or section changes after March 31. USCF membership is required (may be paid with entry). AWARDS: Trophies awarded in accordance with Scholastic Regulations and based on number of participants. Team score = total of top four (min. two) finishrs from each section. March 2013 rating supplement will be used. BYES: One 1/2 –pt. bye available in rounds 1-6 if requested prior to 10am, Fri (4/5). On site entries after 10 AM, Fri 4/5 will receive a 1/2-point bye for the first round and begin play in round 2. SCHEDULE: Rounds 1-2: Friday (4/5) 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM [K1 at 1:30 PM & 6:30 PM] Rounds 3-5: Saturday (4/6) 9:00 AM, 2:00 PM, & 7:00 PM [K1 at 9:30 AM, 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM], Sunday (4/7) Rounds 6:7 9:00 AM, & 2:00 PM [K1 at 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM]. Awards Ceremonies, Sunday (4/7); approximately 7 PM [K1 at approx. 5:30 PM]. **SIDE EVENTS: Bug**house Championships: Thursday (4/4) 11:00 AM, Register ON SITE ONLY by 10:00 AM. EF: \$25 per team of 2. **Blitz Championships:** Thursday (4/4) 5:00 PM. EF \$15 postmarked, faxed or online by 3/31, \$20 after 3/31 or on site. On site registration ends at 4 PM. [The Blitz tournament will be playing 'Touch-Move' - see Blitz rules on the web page.] Please refer to the web site: www.uschess.org/tournaments/2013/snv to register **on-line**, see up-to-the-minute registrations, for more information, updated details, corrections, any added events and other activities. Advance entries must include player's name/information and all fees to be accepted. Roster changes are considered new entries and will be charged according to date received. List name, address, phone, section, grade, school (even if no team), e-mail, birthdate, USCF ID number (enclose USCF dues if necessary). Players must be eligible to play in accordance with USCF Scholastic Regulations. Entries may be faxed to: 931.787.1238. Mail Entries To: U.S. Chess Federation, ATTN: Super-Nationals V, P. O. Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557. Please note: Rule 12.5 has been replaced with Rule 12.6: Players entering an "Under" section in a USCF National Scholastic tournament shall disclose at the time of registration whether they have one or more ratings in another over-theboard rating system(s). The USCF may use this rating information to determine section and prize eligibility in accordance with USCF rules 28D and 28E. This rule will be in effect for the 2013 SuperNationals and future USCF National Scholastic Tournaments that have one or more "Under" sections.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

2013 All-Girls National Championships presented by the Kasparov Chess Foundation in association with the Renaissance Knights **Chess Foundation & USCF**

First place winners of each section will qualify to play at the 2013 World Youth Championships. 6SS, G/90. Swissotel, 323 E. Wacker Dr., Chicago, IL 60601, 888-737-9477, Hotel Rate breakfast included for the number based on the room rate paid. **7 Sections:** Under 8, Under Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, Under 18, Under 20. Age as of 1/1/2013. USCF membership required. **EF:** \$50 postmarked by 3/25, \$70 by 4/15, \$90 after/on-site. Do not mail after 4/18 as your entry may not be received on time. Opening Ceremony: 6pm, Friday. Rounds: Rd. 1 - 6:30pm Fri; Rounds 2-4 - Sat 10am, 2:30pm, 6:30pm; Rounds 5-6 - Sun 9am & pm. **Awards Ceremony:** Sun. 5pm. Trophies top 15 individual players and top 3 teams in the Under 8, 10, 12 & 14 Sections; top 10 individual players and top 3 teams in the Under 16, 18 & 20 Sections. (top 3 players added for team scores). **Bye:** One 1/2-pt bye available, any round, if requested before end of Rd. 2 and if player has not received a full-point bye. **Side Events: Bughouse Tournament** – Fri. 1pm, EF \$30/team. **Blitz Tournament** – Fri. 3pm, EF \$20 by 4/15, \$25 after or on site, HR; single \$169, Double \$169, Triple \$189, Quad \$209 breakfast included for the number based on the room rate paid: 1-2-3 or 4 people, Reserve early rate may increase 888-737-9477. Entries: online/ info at: www.renaissanceknights.org/allgirls or mail to RKnights, Attn:

All Girls, PO Box 1074, Northbrook, IL 60065, include name, section, rating, USCF ID#, date of birth, grade, school name city & state.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

MAY 25-27 OR 26-27, NEW JERSEY 69th Annual U.S. Amateur East Championship

6-SS, 50/2, SD/1, La Quinta Inn & Suites, 60 Cottontail Ln., Somerset, NJ 08873. Telephone 732 560-9880. In 3 Sections: Championship (U2200), Reserved (U1800), Booster (U1400). 2-day & 3-day schedules. **3-Day Registration:** Saturday May 25, 9:30-10:45 am. Schedule: Rounds 12-6, 11-5, 9-3. 2-Day Registration: Sunday May 26, 8:30-9:30 am. Schedule: First 3 games, 5/26, G/60, Rounds 10-12:15-2:30, All schedules merge in round four. Each Sections: Trophies to top five and top Senior 55/over and Jr's under ages 16 & 13. Championship: Trophies to top U2000, U1900 and U1850. Reserve: Trophies to top U1600 and U1500. Booster: Trophies to top U1200, U1100, U1000, U900 and U800. EF: \$49 if postmarked by May 20, or paid online via CharacterKings.org. EF: at site \$60 cash. **Byes:** Three 1/2 point byes allowed in rounds 1-5. **Ent:** Hal Sprechman, P.O. Box 1511, Jackson, NJ 08527. Checks to NJSCF. Info: 732 259-3881 or halsprechman@gmail.com. NS. NC. W.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! MAV 25-27, ARIZONA

2013 U.S. Amateur West Championship

Holiday Inn Palo Verde, 4550 S. Palo Verde Rd., Tucson, AZ 85714, 520-746-1161. **SECTIONS:** Championship (U2200), Reserve (U1600), Booster (U1200), SCHEDULE: (Championship & Reserve) 6/SS; 40/90, G/30, Inc/30; Rds.: 10-4, 10-4, 9-3.(Booster) 6/SS, Game/60, Inc/30; Rds.: (Sat) 10-1:30-5, (Sun) 10-1:30-5. **PRIZES**: (Championship) Digital Clock + plaque to Top 3, Top 1900-1999, 1800-1899, 1700-1799, 1600-1699, and U1600; Plaque to top Senior 50+, Junior U20 and Junior U14. (Reserve) Digital clock + plaque to Top 3, Top 1300-1399, 1200-1299, and U1200; Plaque to top Senior 50+ and Junior U14. (Booster) Digital clock + trophy to 1st; Trophy to 2nd - 5th, Top Unrated and Junior U11. **SPECIAL** PRIZES: 1st Place in Championship and Reserve will receive a FREE ENTRY to the 2013 National Open. Top 2 Family Pairs in combined sections. Biggest Upset of each round. **EF:** (Championship & Reserve) \$60 if rec'd by 5/22, \$70 if after 5/22. (Booster) \$40 if rec'd by 5/22, \$50 if after 5/22. **SIDE EVENTS:** 2100+ section 5/SS, TC:40/90, G/30, Inc/30, Rds.: 10-4, 10-4, 9, EF: \$40, Prizes: 300-200-150, Blitz tournament Friday 5/24 at 6:00pm, Reg. 5:00 - 5:45 at site, G/5, 5 Rounds, Double SS; Entry Fee: \$10 (\$15 to non-tournament players); 1-day Scholastic tournament (K-6 and U1000 rating), Saturday 5/25 at 10:00am, Reg.: 8:30 - 9:30, GAME/40 d/5; 4 rounds, Entry fee \$15; Quick tournament Monday 5/27 at noon, Reg. 10:30 - 11:30, GAME/10 d/2; 5 rounds, Entry Fee: \$10 (\$15 to non-tournament players). **ENTER:** www.sazchess.org/store/store.php or mail to (make checks payable to "SACA"): SACA, Attn: U.S. Amateur West, PO Box 36149, Tucson, AZ 85740 or at site. HR: \$72 (single/double) or \$92 (suite) if by 5/10, mention "SACA". INFO: Karen Pennock, 520-261-6149, e-mail: kpennock_83@yahoo.com, web: www.sazchess. org. NC. NS. W.

MAY 28-JUNE 2, NEW YORK 2013 U.S. Senior Open

6 SS, 40/2, SD/1. Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Tarrytown, 455 South Broadway Tarrytown, NY 10591. **Chess Rate** \$129 single/double/triple/ quad Free Parking, free internet connection. **Reservation:** Call 914-631-5700 or online at www.tarrytown.doubletree.com and enter the group code CHS make a reservation by April 26. **Eligibility**: Open to USCF members born on or before May 27, 1963. Two 1/2-point byes allowed if requested before end of Rd 2. Prizes and Awards \$5,500 GTD! 1st \$1,250, 2nd \$850, 3rd \$600, 4th \$300, under 2300 \$500 & \$300, under 2000 \$300 & \$150, under 1800 \$300 & \$150, under 1500/unr \$300 & \$150, Top Woman \$350. Plaques for the top 10 players overall. Top finisher born on or before 1/1/53 qualifies for the 2013 FIDE World Senior Championship in Opatija, Croatia. Info for the 2013 World Senior Championship can be found at: http://www.fide.com/index.php?option=com_fidecal endar&view=fcalview&aid=880. The USCF will provide a \$500 stipend and the U.S. Chess Trust will provide a \$500 stipend, FIDE Rated, Sched**ule:** 6 Day schedule: Rounds 1-5 at 5pm, Round 6 at 9am. 3 Day schedule (First three rounds not eligible for FIDE rating, since its G/60) Rounds 1-3 at 9am, 11:30am, 2pm Merges round 4. Awards Banquet on Sunday, June 2nd at 4pm, \$35, open to all. EF: \$95 by April 20th, \$110 by May 10th and \$130 after or at the site. Mail entry to: Chess Educators, P.O. Box 160, New York, NY 10028. For more information please call or e-mail Beatriz Marinello at 917-553-4522 or Beatriz@chesseducators.com. Online registration at www.chesseducators.com. 2013 U.S. Senior Blitz Chess Challenge: 7 rounds G/5, Sunday, June 2 at 8pm. Two Sections: Open, Under 1600. On-site registrations for the Blitz tournament will close at 7:30pm \$20.(70% of total entry fees for Blitz Chess Challenge will be allocated to cash prizes) 50% 1st Place, 30% 2nd Place & 20% 3rd Place.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! MAY 31-JUNE 2. NEW YORK

2013 U.S. Junior Open

6 SS, G/120. Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Tarrytown, 455 South Broad-

way Tarrytown, NY 10591, Chess Rate \$129 single/double/triple/guad Free Parking, free internet connection. Reservation: Call 914-631-5700 or online at www.tarrytown.doubletree.com and enter the group code CHS. Make a reservation by April 26th. 4 Sections: U21, U15, U11, U8 (ages as of 1/1/2013). One 1/2 point bye available, except Rd 6, if requested prior Rd1. Individual and Team Awards (schools and clubs). Plaques are decided by tie breaks, cash prizes are divisible. UNDER 21: Fide rated. #1 player gets the U.S. Junior Open Champion title, qualifies to play in the 2014 U.S. Junior Closed Invitational, if still eligible by age. Plaque and \$600 #2-5 players: Cash prizes: \$400-\$300-\$200-\$100 Plaques for best player age 18, 17, 16, 15, top Girl, top ratings U2000, U1800, U 1600, U1400, U1200. **UNDER 15: Fide rated.** #1 player gets the U.S. Junior Under 15 Champion title, Plaque and \$400 #2 - 5 players. Cash prizes: \$300-\$200-\$100-\$50. Plaques for best player age 14, 13, 12, 11, top Girl, top ratings U1800, U 1600, U1400, U1200, U1000. UNDER 11: #1 player gets the U.S. Junior Under 11 Champion title, Plague and \$300 #2 - 5 players. Cash prizes: \$200-\$100-\$75 -\$50. Plaques for best player agr 10, 9, 8, top Girl, top ratings U 1600, U1400, U1200, U1000, U800 **UNDER 8:** #1 player gets the U.S. Junior Under 8 Champion title, Plaque and \$200 #2-5 players. Cash prizes: \$150-\$100-\$75-\$50. Plaques for best player age 7, 6, 5, top Girl, top ratings U1400, U1200, U1000, U800, U600. TEAM TROPHIES AWARDS FOR ALL THE SECTIONS: (minimum 3 players for team, and winning teams will be selected by the top three individual scores) SCHOOL TEAM AWARDS TOP 5; CLUB TEAM AWARDS TOP 5. SCHEDULE: Rounds 1-4 11am & 5pm; Rounds 5-6: 9am & 2pm; and Award ceremony 7pm. ENTRY FEE AND REGISTRATION \$60 if registered or postmarked by April 22, 2013, \$70 if registered or postmarked by May 20, 2013, \$80 after May 20 or \$100 at site from 8am-10am. Players registering on site after 10am (Friday) will not be paired for round 1, will receive a 1/2 bye, and will begin play with round 2. **2013 U.S. Junior Open Blitz Chess Challenge:** 7 rounds G/5 Thursday, May 30th at 5pm. Three Sections: Open, Under 1600, Under 1000. On-site registrations for the Blitz tournament will close at 4:30pm, EF: \$20, Trophies to top 5 players in each section. **FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beatriz Marinello at 917-553-4522 or Beatriz@chesseducators.com. REG-ISTRATIONS: www.chesseducators.com.

JUNE 6. NEVADA

S PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 80 (ENHANCED)

2013 U.S. Game/10 Championship (BLZ)

8SS, G/10. Riviera Hotel and Casino, 2901 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas 89109. **\$\$6,000 Guaranteed Prize Fund.** \$1700-850-500, U2300 \$500, U2100 \$500, U1900 \$450, U1700 \$400, U1500 \$350, U1300 \$300, U1000 \$250, unrated \$200. FIDE Blitz rated. There must be 3 players eligible for each prize to be awarded. **EF:** \$69 by 5/16, \$79 by 6/3, \$100 later. **REG.:** 2-4 p.m. Rds: 5-5:30-6-6:30-7-7:30-8-8:30. Higher of regular or quick rating used. Bring clocks. 1/2 point bye available in any round (limit 2). **HR:** \$62 single or double (\$89 Friday and Saturday nights). (800) 634-6753 or (702) 734-5110 – be sure to ask for the CHESS rates. ENT: Vegas Chess Festivals, PO Box 90925, Henderson, NV 89009-0925, on line www.VegasChessFestival.com or fax at (702) 933-

An American Classic! A Heritage Event!

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JUNE 7-9 OR 8-9, NEVADA TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 200 (ENHANCED)

2013 National Open

6-SS, 40/90, Game/30 + 30 second increment (2 day option rds 1-3 G/45). Riviera Hotel and Casino, 2901 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas 89109. **\$80,000 Guaranteed Prize Fund** will not be reduced. **Championship:** \$6500-3300-1600-800-500-350-350-350-350-350-50-250-250-250, under 2500 1600, under 2400 1200, under 2300 1000, \$2,000 EXTRA for perfect score. The winner of the Championship section also receives a replica of the Edmondson Cup. Under 2200: \$3500-200. **Under 1800:** \$3500-1800-900-500-400-250-250-250-250-250-200 200-200-200-200 Under 1600: \$3000-1500-800-500-400-250-250-250-250-250. **Under 1400:** \$2000-1000-500-350-250-200-200-200-200-200 Under 1200: \$1200-600-400-300-200-200. Unrated: \$500-300-200. Plus Score Bonus (\$14.000 quaranteed) in addition to any other prizes. every player with 3-1/2 points or more wins a \$50 gift certificate. Plus score certificates will be awarded on site only. Players age 14 and under are eligible for best game prizes including the Freddie Award plus \$200 (donated by Fred Gruenberg). Top 2 sections FIDE rated. **EF**: \$199 by 5/16, \$219 by 6/3, \$240 later. \$40 less for seniors 65 and over. Add \$120 for adults rated under 2100 or juniors under 2000 playing in the Championship Section. This is an open tournament - you may play in any section at or above your rating level; unrated players may play only in Unrated or Championship Section. Provisionally rated players may not win more than the amount of 3rd prize in any section except Championship, CCA minimum ratings or other ratings may be used if higher than USCF June Supplement. **Reg.**: 2 p.m.-10 p.m. Thursday, 8-9:30 a.m. Friday. **Rds.**: 11-5, 10-4:30, 10-4:30. 2-day schedule: Reg.: 8-9 a.m. Saturday. Rds.: 10-12-2-4:30 merge with 3-day in round 4. Half point byes available in any round but round 5 or 6 byes must be requested before the start of round 2 and may not be cancelled. Chess sets and boards provided for tournament play only, not for skittles. Please bring chess clocks! The LAS VEGAS INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL features the National Open, the U.S Game/10 Championship, the International Youth Championship, and other events. Many free extras and surprises! Free parking. Free raffles with great prizes. Free GM Lectures. Free GM analysis of your games. Grandmaster Chess Camp for all ages on Thursday. U.S. Game/10 Championship and Grandmaster Alex Lenderman Simul Thursday afternoon. Youth Tournaments Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Blitz Tournaments Saturday & Sunday. Poker Tournament Monday morning. Don't be shut out — make your reservations early and be sure to ask for the CHESS rates — \$62 single or double (\$89 Friday and Saturday nights) guarantees a Signature or remodeled room with new furniture, flat screen TV and more. The complimentary resort package includes access to the Fitness Center, free WI-FI, discounts on selected show tickets and more with no additional cost only if you are in our group. Cutoff for special hotel rate is **May 16th**. 1-800-634-6753 or (702) 734-5110 or online at www.vegaschessfestival.com/hotel/. ENT: Vegas Chess Festivals, PO Box 90925, Henderson, NV 89009-0925, on line at **www.VegasChess-Festival.com** or by fax at (702) 933-9112. **Info:** (702) 560-0955 and leave a message. NS. W. FIDE.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! JUNE 8-9, TENNESSEE 2013 U.S. Amateur South Championship

5SS, G/90 td/5. University of Memphis' Fogelman Executive Conference Center and Hotel, 330 Innovation Dr., Memphis, TN 38152 NOT University of Memphis, University Center, 499 University St., Memphis, TN 38152. Saturday: Special Guest appearances by GM Alex Stripunsky, GM Alex Onischuk, IM Irina Krush, IM Teddy Coleman. 2 Sections: Championship (Under 2200), 1st: "River Cup" Championship trophy + free entry to a Cajun Chess regional tournament, 2nd: plaque + premium chess book, 3rd: plaque + chess book, 4th: plaque + chess book, 5th: plaque + chess book, Under 2000: figurine plaque + chess book praque + criess book, under Zoou: Igurille praque + criess book. Reserve (Under 1600). 1st: Championship trophy + free entry to a Cajun Chess regional tournament, 2nd: plaque + premium chess book, 3rd: plaque + chess book, 4th: plaque + chess book, 5th: plaque + chess book, Under 1400: figurine plaque + chess book. **Both, EF:** \$40, \$10 less to juniors under age 18 or seniors over age 60, \$50 at site. **Reg.:** 9-9:45 am. **Rds.:** Sat. 10-2-6. Sun. 9-1. One requested half-point bye allowed, any round, must request before the start of round 3. **Side Event:** Saturday, June 8 (1-day ONLY) - Scholastic (K-12) sections in a separate room from main tournament: Under 1000, Under 550, Unrated. 4SS, G/30 td/5. EF: \$15 by June 6, \$20 after and at site. Trophies or medals for ALL side event players! Reg.: 11-11:45 am. Rd. 1 at 12 noon, rest ASAP HR: Fogelman Executive Conference Center and Hotel (at the University of Memphis, across the street from the Holiday Inn), \$69, (901) 678-8200, free airport transportation with 24-hour notice. **Additional details:** Arlene Kleiman, midsouthchess@hotmail.com. **Entry:** Online entry at shelbycountychess. blogspot.com or mail registration to Shelby County Chess, Attention: Amateur South, 1614 Vance Ave., Memphis, TN 38104.

Grand Prix

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! APR. 12-14, MISSOURI

IS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 100

Bill Wright Saint Louis Open 5/SS, G/120. Chess Club & Scholastic Center of Saint Louis, 4657 Mary land Ave., Saint Louis, MO 63108. Free entries for GMs and IMs. **EF:** \$100, \$80 if registered by 4/6. **Two Sections:** Open (FIDE Rated) & U2000. **Prize** Fund: \$10,050 UNCONDITIONALLY GUARANTEED!! **Open**: \$1500-\$1000-\$800-\$650-\$300. Under 2300-\$600-\$400-\$250. Under 2100-\$350-\$200 Under 2000 Section: \$1000-\$600-\$350-\$200. U1800: \$500-\$250. U1600: \$400-\$200. U1400: \$350-\$150. Winner of each Section qualifies for the 2014 Club Championship. **Reg.:** 3:00-6:30 on Friday Afternoon. **Rds.:** Friday: 7:00 PM. Saturday 10:00-3:00 Sunday 9, 1:30. Two half point byes available if declared before Round 2. MCA Membership required from \$5 OSA. Ent: 4657 Maryland Ave., Saint Louis, MO 63108 or online at saintlouischessclub.org. Info: 314-361-CHESS info@saintlouischessclub.org.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

APR. 13, WISCONSIN
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10 Hales Corners Challenge XVII

4SS, G/60;d5. **2 Sections:** Open & Reserve (under 1600). Comfort Suites Milwaukee Airport Hotel, 6362 S 13th St., Oak Creek, WI. 414-570-1111 (mention Southwest Chess Club for \$89 room rate). **EF:** \$40- Open, \$30- Reserve, both \$5 more after 4/10. Comp EF for USCF 2200+. **\$\$ GTD:**

Open=1st-\$325, 2nd-\$175, A-\$100, B & Below-\$75; Reserve =1st-\$100, 2nd-\$75, D-\$50, E & Below-\$40. Goddesschess Prizes for Females in Addition to Above Prizes Open: \$40 per win/\$20 per draw, Reserve: \$20 per win/\$10 per draw. Reserve: to: Allen Becker, N112 W1/7033 Vista Court, Apt. D, Germantown, W1 53022; E-mail: allenbecker@wi.rr.com. Questions to TD: Robin Grochowski, (414) 861-2745.

APR. 13, CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN

LACC - Sat Nite Blitz (G/5) (BLZ)

(Sponsored by www.VELOCITYCHESS.com). 7DSS, (14 Games). 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA, 90025, 2nd fl. 4 blks W of 405. **EF**: \$20 (\$15 LACC memb). Q-rated. **Reg.**: 6-6:30 pm. **Rds**.: 6:30, 6:55, 7:20, 7:45, 8:10, 8:35, 8:50 pm. **Prizes:** \$500 Guaranteed! 1st: \$200; 2nd: \$100; 3rd: \$50; 4th: \$25; Best U1800: \$50; Best U1600 \$50; U1600 1st: \$25. **Parking:** Free on streets & basement. Info: 310/795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

APR. 13-14, NEW YORK
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10

4th Annual Broome County Chess Championship - Francis Cordisco

6 Round Swiss, G/75 d5, CORDISCO'S CHESS CENTER, 308 Chenango St Binghamton, NY 13901, (607) 772-8782, cordiscos@stny.rr.com. \$1000 Prize Money GUARANTEED. Two sections, **Open Section:** \$300-\$150-\$100 trophies 1st – 3rd; **Reserve Section:** \$250-\$125-\$75 (under 1700) trophies 1st – 3rd. US Chess Federation Membership required. **Advance** entry fee: Open-\$40 Reserve-\$30, \$5 more on site- cash only on site. Non Broome County residents welcome. All juniors (under 18) receive FREE chess set & board. Schedule: Registration on site 9:00-9:30 AM Saturday. Rounds: 10AM – 1PM – 4PM both days. Mail entry: checks payable to "Cordisco's Corner Store", 308 Chenango St., Binghamton, NY 13901. Non Broome County residents welcome- 1st place trophy Broome residents only.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

APR. 13-14, LOUISIANA TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 6

2012 Louisiana Pro-Am

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 4/6. \$60 at site. LCA Memb. reg'd for all Louisiana residents (\$20 adult. \$10 Schol.), OSA. Prizes: \$1800 b/60, 50% Gtd. Two Sections: Pro (Open): \$400-201; U2000 \$200-100. **Amateur** (U1800): \$250-100; U1600 \$200-100; U400 \$150; U1200/UNR \$100. **Reg.**: 4/13, 8-9am. **Rds**:. Sat: 9:15-15-30, Sun: 9:30-2. **HR:** \$129, (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 tour-

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

APR. 13-14, TEXAS

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 20

SCA Chess Open - \$1500 Guaranteed Prize Fund

Courtyard by Marriott, 6400 Overton Ridge Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76132. 5 Rd Swiss, G/90; d5. **Sections:** Open (must be rated over 1200 to play in this section), Intermediate Under 1200, Novice Under 800. **Open and Intermediate Section Round Times:** Saturday Rd 1 - 10AM, Rd 2 - 1:30PM, Rd 3 - 5:00PM, Sunday Rd 4 – 10AM, Rd 5 – 1:30PM. **\$1500 guar anteed prize fund.** Open 1st \$500, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200, 1st X-D \$50, 2nd X-D \$25. Intermediate 1st \$75, 2nd \$50. Novice Section 5 Round G/45;d5. Novice Section Round Times: Saturday Rd 1-10:00AM, Rd 2-1:00PM, Rd 3-3:30PM, Sunday Rd 4-10:00AM, Rd 5-1:30PM. Trophies for top five players in Novice. Entry Fee Open and Intermediate \$50 before April 11th. After deadline \$75 including on-site registration. Entry Fee Novice \$25 before April 11th, After the deadline \$35 including on-site. Players registering on site may receive a first round 1/2 point bye. To register visit www.scachess.org. For additional information contact Feliciano Delapaz e-mail scachess@gmail.com.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! APR. 13-14, CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 6

LACC - April Open

(Sponsor, Harold C. Valery, Inc.) Open (6SS, G/61, no time delay). 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA 90025, 2nd fl. **2 sections**: U2300/U1800. **EF:** \$70 at the door (\$65 if notified by 4/12); \$60 LACC members (\$55 if notified by 4/12); Siblings 1/2, \$30 new LACC members, Free new LACC Life members! 20% off EF for each friend you bring in. **Reg.:** Sat 10-11:30 am. **Rds.:** 12, 2, 4 pm each day. **Byes:** Up to three 1/2-point byes available. **1-Day** option I: Play 1 day- no 1/2 pt byes- 1/2 EF. 1-Day option II: Play 1 day & receive three 1/2 pt byes- Full EF. Prizes: \$\$ 1,500 (b/45, 50% Guaranteed). lst-3rd \$400-200-75 U2000: \$125. U1800: \$200-100; U1600: \$100-50-\$25: U1400: \$100-50: U1200/unrated: \$75. **Ent:** LACC. Box 251774, LA, CA 90025. **Info:** Mick Bighamian: Cell (310) 795-5710; Mick@ LAChessClub.com or www.LAChessClub.com. Parking: Free on streets

APR. 16, NEW YORK

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 15 (ENHANCED)

Marshall Masters!

4-SS, G/25 d/5. 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 event since the prior month's Masters). **EF:** \$40, members \$30, GMs free. **\$\$**G250-150-100. 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.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

APR. 19-21 OR 20-21, VIRGINIA
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 40

The Cherry Blossom Classic!

VCE Cup Event! As listed on www.cherryblossomchess.com. SITE: Marriott Washington Dulles Airport, 45020 Aviation Dr., Sterling, VA 20166. (www.marriott.com, rooms \$84 per night, res. by 3/22, 703-471-9500). 3 Sections: **OPEN** (FIDE rated), **RESERVE** (U2000), and **AMATEUR** (U1600). PRIZE\$ \$6700: Open 100% GUARANTEED, other sections 80% b/130 total paid entries, 3 sections combined. OPEN: 1000-500-300-175, U2350 250-125, U2150 225-100; RESERVE: 900-450-300-150, U1800 225-125; AMATEUR: 750-375-250-100, U1400 200-100, Top U1100 100. Unr. Play in Reserve. **SCHEDULE**: (all) **3-day REG**. 6:00-7:30, Rd1 Fri 7:45, Rd2-4 Sat 10:00-2:30-7:00, Rd 5-6 Sun 10:00-4:30. OR **2-day REG.** 8:15-9:30, Rd1-4 Sat 9:45-12:45-3:30-7:00, Sun Rd 5-6 10:00-4:30. TL/ 3-day Rd1-3 G/100, Rd4-6 30/100, G/60; 2-day Rd1-3 G/70, Rd 4-6 30/100 G/60. All d/5. **EF:** \$79 received by 4/14, \$89 later or at site. **ENTRIES:** PayPal via www.cherryblossomchess.com, or Mail to CHERRY BLOSSOM CLAS-SIC, Attn. Jonathan Kenny, 7405 Lanham Dr., Falls Church, VA 22043. NOTE: Free Entries to past US (Closed) Champions, see list on www.cherryblossomchess.com for eligibility! BOARDS and SETS provided for OPEN, BOARDS for RESERVE and AMATEUR. 1/2 bye info, Re/Entry info also on www.cherryblossomchess.com. **Contact**: Andrew Rea, andrerea2@yahoo. com, Jonathan Kenny, benonijump@hotmail.com or Chief TD Brennan Price, brennanprice@verizon.net. NS. NC.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

APR. 19-21 OR 20-21, IOWA
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10

7th Annual Okoboji Open and Reserve (U1600)

Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center, 1405 Highway 71 S, Okoboji, IA 51355. In 2 Sections. **Okoboji Open**: 5SS, Game/120 (2 games at G/90 if playing in 2 day option), EF: \$50 if registered by Apr. 13th; \$60 on site. Jr. and Sr. (\$40 if pre-registered), GM's and IM's free entry. \$\$b/30 (top 3 guaranteed) \$500+T-350-150. U2000, U1800, U1600 : \$80-\$50 each. 3 guaranteed) \$500+F350+S10. \$62000, 10000, 01000 : \$500-\$30 data. State membership required, other states accepted. **Okoboji Reserve:** \$5SS, Game/120 (2 games at G/90 if playing in 2 day option), Open to 1599 & under. EF: \$40 if registered by Apr 13th; \$50 on site. **\$5b/20** (top 3 guaranteed) \$200+F100-50. U1400, U1250: \$75-\$50; U1000 \$50. **ALL:** 2 day round times: April 20: 9-1-4:30 April 21: 9-2:30. 3 day round times: April 20: 9-0-4:30. April 21: 9-2:30. 3 day round times: April 19: 6:00 April 20: 9-4:30; April 21:9-2:30 (2 and 3 day options merge after round 2). 1 half point bye per player allowed if requested in advance. ENT: Jodene Kruse, 934 6th St., Sibley, IA 51249. INFO: Jodene Kruse, indene77@vahoo.com. HR: \$79 if reserved by April 7th, 1-800-727-4561. **SIDE EVENT:** IM John Bartholomew will be giving a simultaneous exhibition on 4/19 at 4:30 PM. Cost \$10. NS. NC.

APR. 20, VIRGINIA

PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 6

Walter Muir Memorial

3-Round Swiss System Game/90 w/5 second delay, St. John's Lutheran Church, 4608 Brambleton Ave. SVI, Roanoke, VA 24018. **GUARANTEED PRIZES**: Top Section: \$125-\$100-\$75. Additional Sections: If Octagonals, Each is guaranteed \$125-\$100, If Hexagonals, Each is guaranteed nais, Each is guaranteed \$1.25-\$100, If Hexagonais, Each is guaranteed \$100.875, If Quads, Each is guaranteed \$100. ENTRY FEE: If received by April 19, \$30.00. At site, \$40.00. REGISTRATION: 6-9 pm on 4/19; 8:30-9:30 am on 4/20. ROUNDS: 10-2-6. BYES: One only per tournament; must request before 1st round begins. ADVANCE ENTRIES: Roanoke Valley Chess Club, PO. Box 14143, Roanoke, VA 24038. PHONE: (540) 344-4446. E-MAIL: info@roanokechess.com. WEB PAGE: roanokechess.com.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

APR. 20-21, CALIFORNIA, NORTHERN TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 6

8th Annual Frank Doyle Open

Exchange Bank, 444 Aviation Blvd., Santa Rosa, CA 95401. 4 round Swiss, GAME/120. In 3 Sections, **Open**: \$\$GTD: \$250-175. **Reserve**: Open to 1899 & under. \$\$GTD: \$200-125. **Booster:** Open to 1499 & under. \$\$GTD: \$150-100. Unr. must play in Booster Section. Unrated players winning prizes will only receive half of the prize. ALL: EF: \$35 advance until 4/17, \$45 at site. **Reg.:** 04/20 8:30am-9:30am. **Rds.:** Sat 10, 3; Sun 10, 3. **ENT:** Paul Stagnoli, 4233 Kintyre Rd., Santa Rosa, CA 95409-4127. INFO: (707)478-4385, paulgs@sonic.net. No phone or e-mail entries. Bring equipment, none provided. No cell phones allowed. NS. NC. W.

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APR. 20-21, ILLINOIS
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 6

49th Greater Peoria Open

5 SS, G/120 T/d5. AmericInn, 9106 N. Lindbergh Dr., Peoria, IL 61615. EF: \$35 by 4/15, \$45 at site, \$20 Un; \$0 to Masters, \$5 disc't ICA memb, \$3 disc't GPCF memb, **Open. \$\$GTD**: 1st \$250, 2nd \$125, 3rd \$75, Expert \$75 & \$50, Class A \$75 & \$50, Class B/below \$75 & \$50, Upset \$50. Reserve (under 1800). \$\$GTD: 1st \$75, 2nd \$50, Class C \$50 & \$35, Class D/below \$50 & \$35, Upset \$50. REG.: 8:30-9:30. RDS.: 9:45-2:15-6:30,

VERMONT RESORT OPEN, May 3-5 or 4-5

At Holiday Inn Rutland/Killington, Vermont's most upscale Holiday Inn, near intersection of US-4 and US-7. Free parking, free wireless, heated pool, exercise room, free shuttle to Amtrak, bus terminal or Rutland Airport, restaurants within walking distance. \$2500 guaranteed prizes, \$500 more than last year. See "Grand Prix" this issue or chesstour.com for full details, enter at chessaction.com.

9:30-2:00. INFO: Bye 1-4, www.gpcf.net. ENT: Wayne Zimmerle, 514 W. Loucks #2, Peoria, IL 61604, 309-692-4480 day, 309-686-0192 night, wzim@sbcglobal.net.

APR. 21, NEW JERSEY

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 15 (ENHANCED)

Dr. David Ostfeld Memorial ICA Spring 2013 Open Championship Bergen Academy, 200 Hackensack Ave., Hackensack, NJ 07601. Open To All Ages With Rating above 1400. 4SS, G/60. USCF Membership Required. Prize Fund (\$\$ b/40): 1st - 3rd \$300, \$250, \$200, U2200, U2000, U1800 U1600 each \$100. Best Under 13 Years Old \$75, Best Over 55 Years Old \$75. Prize Fund Will Not Be Reduced Below 70 %. **Reg Ends** at 9 AM Only one 1/2-point bye allowed, if requested before the start of round two. **EF**:
Adv (pmk. By Apr 17th) \$40. AT Site \$45. GMs Free Entry. **INFO**: 201 287 0250 or diana@icanj.net. **Rds.:** 9:30 AM, 11:45 AM, 2:15 PM, 4:30 PM. ENT: Make EF and/or USCF Membership checks payable to: International Chess Academy. Mail To: Diana Tulman, 28 Canterbury Ln., New Milford, NJ 07646. INFO: www.icanj.net. NS. NC. W.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! A State Championship Event!

APR. 21, MASSACHUSETTS

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10 (ENHANCED)
23rd Massachusetts G/60 Championship

4-SS, G/60 d/5. Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, 181 Boston Post Road West, Marlboro, MA (I-495, exit 24B, Rt. 20W, one mile from exit). 508-460-0700 or 888-543-9500. \$\$ 2,000 b/80 paid entries, 75% G. 5 sects Open Section: \$300-150, Top U2200 \$150. Under 2000 Section: \$250-125. Under 1800 Section: \$250-125. Under 1600 Section: \$200-100, Top U1400 \$75. Under 1200 Section: \$125-75, Top U1000 \$75. Unrated **prize limits:** \$75 in U1200, \$100 in U1600, \$150 in U1800, \$200 in U2000. **EF:** \$34 if mailed by 4/15 or online by 4/19, \$40 at site. \$10 discount to players in U1200 Section. GMs and IMs free. Reg.: 8:30-9:30 a.m. Rds.: 10-1-3:30-6. Other: Bye 1-3 with entry, limit 1. MACA memb. req. for Mass. residents (\$12 adult, \$6 jr. U18, add \$8 for Chess Horizons subscription). Ent: Bob Messenger, 4 Hamlett Dr., Apt. 12, Nashua, NH 03062 or online (PayPal) at www.MassChess.org, Make checks payable to MACA. Info: (603) 891-2484 or send e-mail to info@masschess.org. NS. W.

APR. 21, GEORGIA

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 15 (ENHANCED)

2013 Championship Chess Spring Fling, over \$1300 Gtd.

4SS, G/45d5 in 3 Sections. North DeKalb Mall, 2042 Lawrenceville Hwy., Decatur, GA 30033. **EF Rtd Sections:** Adv by Apr 9, \$30; after Apr 9, \$40; late Reg (after Apr 17) and onsite, \$50. (Onsite by 9am or you may re ceive a Rd. 1 bye, no checks accepted onsite.) Online Reg at www.cham pionshipchess.net, click Non-Scholastic Tournament to register and pay. Enter "Spring" and Section. USCF ID# required. All mail entries, \$40, pmk by Apr 9. Over \$1300 Gtd Cash Prizes in 2 rtd sections. **Championship** Section Gtd: \$250, \$150, \$100, \$75, \$50 and \$75 to top under 1800. Only players rtd over 1499 may play up. **Reserve Section Under 1600 and Unrtd Gtd:** \$200, \$120, \$90, \$60, \$40 and \$50 to top under 1300. **Both** Sections: \$25 Cumulative upset prize based on wins/draws with higher rated players. If more than 60 registered players, add'l class prizes will be added. See online for Unrtd Section. All Sections: Rd 1 at 10am; then, 12pm, 2:30pm, 4:30pm. One 1/2 point bye rounds 1-3, confirmed before Rd 1. For more information: www.championshipchess.net or Steve chess@championshipchess.net or Tim (770-633-6718).

APR. 26, NEW YORK

FROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10 (ENHANCED)

Marshall \$500 FIDE Blitz! (BLZ)

Last Friday of every month. 9-SS, 6/5. **Marshall CC**, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **\$\$Gtd 500:** \$200-100, top U2400/unr, U2200, U2000, U1800: \$50 each, EF: \$30, members \$20. Quick-rated, but higher of reg ular or quick USCF rating used for pairings & prizes, FIDE Blitz Rated! Reg.: ends 6:45 pm. Rds.: 7-7:30-7:50-8:10-8:40-9-9:20-9:40-10 pm. Three byes available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

APR. 26-28 OR 27-28 OR 28. MICHIGAN

ROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 20 10th Annual Great Lakes Chess Open

Battle Creek, Michigan, at the McCamly Plaza Hotel, 50 Capital Avenue, SW, Battle Creek, MI 48017. 3 Sections (OPEN, U1700, U1000), 2-day & 3-day schedules only for OPEN and U1700, 5-SS. 1-day only schedule for U1000, 4-SS, OPEN & U1700 merge after RD 2. Up to 2 1/2 point byes allowed, must be requested prior to start of RD 3. USCF & State Memhership required (can be purchased on site) PRIZES: OPEN Section **\$2,050 (B/36min., 6 per prize group):** \$1,500, \$700, TOP X, TOP A, TOP U1800/UNR \$250 **U1700 Section \$950 (B/36min., 6 per prize group):** \$400, \$250, TOP C, TOP D, TOP U1200/UNR \$125 (UNR eligible for TOP or UNRATED prize only. **ENTRY FEES:** Due by April 12, 2013 (after April 12th add \$10, add \$15 at the door) OPEN: 2 Day- \$62, 3 Day- \$63, U1700 2 Day- \$52, 3 Day- \$53 IM's/GM's FREE! (entry fee deducted from winnings) Re-entry in U1700 section only \$35 TIME LIMITS: 2 Day- RDs 1-2 G-60, RD 3 G/2hrs, RDs 4-5 40/2, SD 30; 3 Day- RDs 1-3, G/2hrs, RDs 4-5 40/2, SD30. **REGISTRATION TIMES: 2 Day- 9am-11am, 3 Day-**5:00pm-6:30pm; Rounds 2 Day-Sat: 11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:00pm Sun: 10:00am, 3:30pm 3 Day-Fri: 7:00pm, Sat: 12:00pm-4:30pm, Sun: 10:00am-3:30pm. **Online at:** http://michiganchessfestival.com/register.php. Special Events: IM or GM Lecture \$10 Sunday 9:00am. HOTEL: Special Chess rate for hotel rooms \$91 (ask for the Great Lakes Open Chess rate). Parking is \$8 per day w/unlimited in & out privileges. Free parking is available in local lots on weekends. Reserve a room at the hotel: www.mccamlyplaza.com or to reach a hotel reservation specialist focused on making reservations for this tournament, call (888) 622-2659. NOTE: This excellent rate is available for a limited time, so PLEASE reserve your room at the hotel promptly! **Contact:** Stan Beckwith, (269) 964-2927. **Reg**ister: Battle Creek Community Foundation, 34 W. Jackson St., Suite 1, Battle Creek, MI 49017 (269) 962-2181.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

APR. 26-28 OR 27-28, CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 60

SCCF Western Pacific Open

5SS, 40/2, SD/1, d/5 (2-day option, rds 1-2 G/75, d/5). Radisson LAX 6225 West Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045. Prizes: **\$\$10,000** b/165, 80% of each prize guaranteed! **5 sections. Open:** \$\$1700-750-400-300-200, U2400 400, U2200 700-300-200. FIDE. **Premier** (under 2000): \$\$750-300-200-100. **Amateur** (Under 1800): \$\$750-300- 200- 100. **Reserve** (Under 1600): \$\$750-300-200-100. **Booster** (Under 1600): \$\$750-300-200-100. 1400/unrated): \$\$400-200-100, U1200 150, Unr 150. (Unrated may win Unrated prizes only.) EF: \$99 by 03/10, \$105 by 04/01 \$109 at door, GM/IM free, \$99 from prize. Booster (U1400) section EF: \$80 by 03/10, \$87 by 04/01, \$95 door. Re-entry \$60 in all sections. **3-day schedule:** Regends Fri 6 pm, rds. Fri 7 pm, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:15. **2-day sched**ule: Reg ends Sat 10 am, rds. Sat 11, 2:30 & 6, Sun 10 & 4:15. All: Half point byes OK all, limit 2, must commit before rd 3. SCCF membership (\$18, \$13 jrs [or \$3 no magazine jr version] required for rated Southern Californians.) HR: \$99-99, 1-(800) 333-3333, code Metropolitan, reserve by March 10th. Parking \$11/day. Free wireless in public areas, 24-hour airport shuttle. Info: info@metrochessla.com. Web site, Online entry: www.metrochessla.com. Ent: Metropolitan Chess, PO Box 25112, Los Angeles, CA 90025-0112. \$15 service charge for refunds.

A Heritage Event! Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

APR. 26-28 OR 27-28, OHIO

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 15

49th Cincinnati Open

5SS; Crowne Plaza Hotel, 5901 Pfeiffer Rd., Blue Ash, OH. Five Sec-So, townie Thaza Hotel, 301 Fletinei Aut, Blue 481, or. Five Settions: Open, U2100, U1800, U1800, U1200. Time Control: 40/120, SD/60 d/5; 2-day rds 182 G/75 d/5. Prizes: Open: \$600-450-325-225; U2100: \$450-325-225-175; U1800: \$325-225-175-150; U1500: \$225-175-150-125; U1200: \$160-140-120-100. Prizes based on 100 entries, else proportional. (No unrated may win more than the third-place prize amount except in Open.) **Entry fee:** All except U1200 \$85, U1200 \$75, if postmarked/hand delivered by April 22, 2013; All \$100 after April 22/onsite. Re-entry \$45. **Discounts:** Loyalty: Anyone who played in the 2012 Cincinnati Open may deduct \$10 from entry fee. Ohio Grand Prix: Active OCA members may deduct \$3 from entry fee. GMs/IMs: Free entry, \$85 deducted from prize. Registration: Mail entries to Cincinnati Open, PO Box 499006, Cincinnati, OH 45249. Onsite entry Friday, April 26 5:00-6:30 pm and Saturday, April 27 9:00-10:30 am. **3-day schedule:** Friday 7:00, Saturday 11:00 and 5:30, Sunday 9:30 and 4:00. **2-day schedule:** Saturday 11:00 and 2:00, then merge with 3-day. Bring sets and clocks. **Byes:** Maximum two half-point byes, must commit before round 3. **HR:** Room \$79, suite \$109, group code CIN, reserve by 4/12/2013 or rate may go up: reservations 877-227-6963. Registration form, hotel reservation link, and complete information at www.chessinnati.com. Questions: Alan Hodge 513-697-6930, a.hodge195@gmail.com.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! APR. 26-28 OR 27-28, FLORIDA

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 50

20th Space Coast Open

5SS, Top section FIDE rated at G/100+Increment 30. Lower sections G/120+Delay 5. (2-day Rd. 1 for all sections G/60+Delay 5). Double-Tree Hotel Cocoa Beach Oceanfront, 2080 North Atlantic Avenue. (Hwy Ala), Cocoa Beach, FL. \$\$15,000 b/200 pd., \$10,000 Gtd. 6 Sections: Master/Expert: \$1500+trophy-900-500-300, U2400 \$1000+trophy, U2200 \$1000+trophy-500-300. Class A: \$1000+trophy-500-300-200. Class B: \$1000+trophy-500-300-200. Class C: \$800+trophy-400-250-150. Class D: \$700+trophy-400-200-100. Class E / U1200: \$600+ trophy-300-200-100, U1000 \$300 + trophy-200, U800 \$200 + trophy-100, trophies to top Brevard County scholastics players in K-3, K-5, K-8. K-12 book to plus score not winning other prize. All: Rated players may play up one class only. Unr. may enter any section. Unr. may not win over \$300 unless place prize in Master/Expert section. Prizes for 1st-3rd brilliancy and biggest upset rds 1-4. **EF:** \$99 via mail or on-line by 4/19, \$120 on line by 4/25 or at site (no credit cards); \$20 less if Unr. or under age 18. Re-entry \$50 by round 3 (1/2 point Byes for earlier rounds). GM/IM free entry available on-line until 3/31, else \$100 from prize. Special EF for Brevard County students in any section: \$25 on-line by 4/19, \$30 on-line by 4/25 or at site (counts as 1/4 entry for based on prize fund). Reg.: ends 1 hr. before 1st rd. **Rds.:** Rd. 1 7pm Fri (2-day 10am Sat. at G/60), Rds. 2-5 Sat. 1-7, Sun. 9-2:30. 1₂ point Bye available any round if requested in advance and before round 2 (limit 2). Side events: Space Coast Open Blitz, 4-SS (2 games/Rd), G/5, Prizes; Cash prizes based on entries, FF: \$10. Rds Sat. 12:30-6:30, Sun. 8:30-2:00. (i.e., Blitz rounds are prior to rounds 2-5 of main tournament). Other events: see sco2013.eventbrite. com. **HR:** \$99-99-109-109, \$129 oceanfront (King only), \$129 suite (\$139 triple/quad occupancy). 800-552-3224 or 321-783-9222, ask for Space Coast Chess rate, reserve by 4/12. **Ent:** Space Coast Chess Foundation, c/o Harvey Lerman, 921 N. Thistle Ln., Maitland, FL 32751 or sco2013. eventbrite.com. Info only: Peter Dyson 321-452-9863, peter 200@modus operandi.com, FTDF, W.

APR. 27, NEW JERSEY

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 20 (ENHANCED) Viking Eastern Masters

Somerset Holiday Inn, 195 Davidson Ave., Somerset (exit 10 off I-287).

4-SS. G/55:d5. G\$\$: \$350-200-150-50. \$50 Bonus Rd.#4! \$75 Minimum to topMaster, Expert and U2000 only. No pooling, no duplicate cash prizes, Req.: 9-10am on 4/27, EF: \$49 on entryfeesrus.com/, EF:\$55 at site. **See web site**: VPLM Masters members get \$20 refund at site. All VPLM members get \$5 refund. Dues \$1 per year paid online only. **Trophy Quads (U1800)**. EF:\$15 pay at site. 3RR, G/55;d5, Trophy to Quad winner. VPLM members get \$5 refund at site. **HOT-SHOTS: U1400, K-12**, 4SS,

G/45;d5 EF: \$18 early at web site entryfeesrus.com, EF: \$30 at hotel. Trophies to top 10. ALL-STARS: U700, K-7, 5SS. G/30;d5. EF: \$18 early at veb site, entryfeesrus.com. EF: \$30 at hotel. Trophies to top 10. Info: Ken 908-619-8621, acn@goes.com. NC. W. Web.

A State Championship Event!

APR. 27, NEW HAMPSHIRE TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 6

New Hampshire Quick Chess Championship

Increased prize fund! 8SS, GAME/25 Delay/3. Holiday Inn Portsmouth, 300 Woodbury Ave., Portsmouth, NH 03801. **EF:** \$20 postmarked by 20 April, \$25 at site. **Memb. Req'd:** \$8, Juniors \$6. OSA. **\$\$GTD:** \$200-100. U2000 \$100. U1600 \$100. Plaque and \$100 bonus to top finishing NH resident. Reg.: 9:00-9:45. Rds.: 10-11-1-2-3-4-5:30-6:30. Byes available any round, limit two. Must be requested before round four. ENT: Alex Relyea, 49 Technology Dr. #89, Bedford, NH 03110. **INFO:** Alex Relyea relyea@operamail.com. **HR:** (603) 431-8000. www.relyeachess.com.

APR. 27, NEW JERSEY
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10

Dr. Luzivminda Machan Open #22

4-SS, G/40;d5. **EF:** \$40, members \$30, U1600 less \$5, GMs free (\$25 deducted from prize). **Prizes:** \$\$G 200-150-100-50. Trophies to U2000, U1400 and Biggest Upset. **Rds.:** 1:30, 3:15, 5:00, 6:45 p.m. 2 byes available, commit prior to game 2. 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. **Info:** www.chessmatesnj.com, 732-499-0118.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

APR. 27-28, SOUTH DAKOTA
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 20

2013 Black Hills Open

5-SS, G/90d5. Arrowhead Country Club, 3675 Sheridan Lake Rd., Rapid City, SD. **Prizes** \$\$Gtd \$1000 (1st \$600, 2nd 400); others based on 4 per section (sections may be combined up if less than 4.) U 2000 \$100, U1800 \$95, U1600 \$90, U1400 \$85, U1200 \$80. **EF:** \$36 by 4/22/2013, \$45 by 4/26/2013, \$54 at site. April 27 **Reg.:** 10:00-10:30 AM. **Rds.:** Sat 10:45-2:30-6:00, Sun 10:00-2:00. SDCA Memb reqd. Other states OK. **Ent:** Mark Derby, 243 Oak Ridge Rd., Spearfish, SD 57783 or e-mail: markderby@gmail.com. **Much more Info** at sdchess.org

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 \$25, GMs free. **Prizes:** (\$\$530 based on 32 paid entries; first two prizes guaranteed:) \$200-100-50, U2100 \$95, U1900 \$85. Reg.: 6:15-6:45 pm. Rds.: 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available, request at entry

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! A State Championship Event! MAY 3-5 OR 4-5, GEORGIA

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 40
2013 Georgia State Championship

5SS. North DeKalb Mall, 2050 Lawrenceville Highway, Decatur, GA 30033. \$8,000 guaranteed, \$10,000 based on 124 full-paid entries. Guaranteed prizes, All Championship and First places, others 50%. In 7 sections: Championship: FIDE rated with USCF rules. Must be 1900 and above! \$1000-500-300-200; u2200: \$400, u2050: \$300. Under 2000: \$700-300-200-100; u1900: \$200. Under 1800: \$700-300-200-100; u1700:\$200. Under 1600: \$700-300-200-100; u1500: \$200. Under 1400: \$600-300-200-100; u1300: \$200. Under 1400: \$600-300-200-100; u1300: \$200. Under 1200: \$600-300-200-100; u1000: \$200. Unrated: (not part of base). Trophies to top GA resident each section, top under 2200 in Championship section. Note under 2200 is not a separate section. Players may play one section above current rating except for players rated under 1000, who may only play U1200. **Time Controls:** Championship: G/90 +30s, 2-day G/90 d/5 rd 1. Other sections: G/120, d/5. 2-day: G/90 d/5 rd 1. **Entry Fees:** \$91 3-day and \$90 2-day if received by May 1st: \$100 at site. GMs and IMs free, \$50 deducted from prize. Unrateds: \$30. Reentry except in Championship section \$35. Byes: available all rounds (limit 2), not 5th, must commit before 1st round. **3-day schedule:** Reg.: 6-7pm on May 3. Rounds: 7:30p, 2-7:30, 10-4. 2-day schedule: Reg. 8:30-9:30 May 4. Rounds: 1st at 10 a.m., then merges with 3/day. Chief TD: Thad Rogers, IA. Assistant TD: Joe Couvillion. GCA membership required for all Georgians. Info: member2@georgia chess.org. or (478)-9739389. Georgia Chess Business Meeting- 2:30 p.m. on May 5th. Enter: Online at georgiachess.org. or mail to G.C.A., P.O. Box 2584, Suwanee, GA 30024. W. NS. FIDE.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

MAY 3-5 OR 4-5, NORTH CAROLINA TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 20

The Big Enchilada III

5SS, G/120 i/30. (2-day option Rds. 1 and 2 G/80 d/5) \$\$10,000 b/180. \$6,000 GTD. Holiday Inn, 4100 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh, NC 27612 HR: \$79 1-4 (919)782-8600. **Registration:** 6pm-7:30pm Fri, 8am-9:30am Sat. Rounds: 3-day 8pm Fri, 10am Sat. or 2-day 10am Sat., 1:30pm Sat. All players Rd.3 5pm Sat., Rd. 4 9am Sun. Rd. 5 3:00pm Sun. Entry Fee: \$70 4/26, \$80 on site. +\$2 for PayPal or credit card. NCCA members get \$2 off EF. Sections: Open (FIDE-rated): \$1000-\$500-350-200-100-100; 2050-2199, u2050 \$350-100 ea. U1900: \$900-450-300-200-100-100; u1750 \$300-100. U1600: \$800-400-250-175-100-100; u1450 \$250-100. U1300: \$700-350-225-150-100-100; u1150 \$200-100. \$300 in upset prizes. 2 byes allowed. Must request upon entry. Optional re-entry \$40 counts as half-EF www.chesstbe.info. Make Checks to: RTCC, 3161 Exacta Ln. #415, Raleigh, NC 27613. Contact: Jeff Jones (919)270-9948, RaleighChess@yahoo.com.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

MAY 3-5 OR 4-5, VERMONT

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 20 (ENHANCED)

24th annual Vermont Resort Open

5SS, G/120, d5 (2-day option, rds 1-2 G/70, d5). Holiday Inn Rutland/Killington, 476 Holiday Drive (near intersection US-4 and US-7), Rutland, VT 05701. Free shuttle to Amtrak, bus terminal or Rutland Air port. Free parking, free wireless, heated pool, whirlpool, exercise room; restaurants within easy walking distance. **\$2500 guaranteed prizes.** In 3 sections. **Open:** \$400-200-150, top Under 2050/Unr \$230-120. **Under 1810:** \$300-150-100, top Under 1650 \$180-90, no unrated may win over

22nd annual

CHICAGO OPEN

May 23-27, 24-27, 25-27 or 26-27, 2013

Open 9 rounds, others 7 rounds, Memorial Day weekend at luxurious Westin North Shore Hotel

GM and IM norms possible! Free lectures & analysis of your games by GM John Fedorowicz!

\$100,000 PRIZE FUND UNCONDITIONALLY GUARANTEED!

Open: 9 rounds, 5/23-27, 40/90, SD/30, Inc/30.
U2300 Section: 7 rounds, 5/24-27, 40/115, SD/1, d5.
U1300 to U2100: 7 rounds, choice of 5/24-27, 5/25-27.

U1300 to U2100: 7 rounds, choice of 5/24-27, 5/25-27 or 5/26-27. 40/115, SD/1, d5 except rounds 1-2 of 3 day are G/75, d5, rounds 1-4 of 2 day are G/40, d5. 4-day, 3-day & 2-day schedules merge and compete for same prizes.

U1100 Sections: 7 rounds, choice of 5/25-27 or 26-27. G/90, d5 except rounds 1-4 of 2 day are G/40, d5. 3-day & 2-day schedules merge and compete for same prizes.

Westin Chicago North Shore Hotel, 601 N Milwaukee Ave, Wheeling IL 60090. Free parking. In 9 sections:

Open Section: \$10000-5000-2500-1200-1000-800-600-500-400-300, clear/tiebreak bonus \$200, top FIDE U2500/Unr \$2000-1000. FIDE, GM/IM norms possible, 200 GPP. EF \$100 more for US players not FIDE rated 2200 or over.

Under 2300 Section: \$5000-2500-1200-1000-800-600-500-400-300-300. FIDE rated.

Under 2100 Section: \$5000-2500-1200-1000-800-600-500-400-300-300. No unrated may win over \$2500.

Under 1900 Section: \$5000-2500-1200-1000-800-600-500-400-300-300. No unrated may win over \$2000.

Under 1700 Section: \$5000-2500-1200-1000-800-600-500-400-300-300. No unrated may win over \$1600.

Under 1500 Section: \$4000-2000-1000-700-500-400-400-300-300-300. No unrated may win over \$1200.

Under 1300 Section: \$3000-1500-1000-700-500-400-400-300-300-300. No unrated may win over \$800. Players with under 10 lifetime games may not win over \$1000.

Adult Under 1100 Section (born 1994/before): \$1000-700-500-300-200-200, trophies to first 3, top U900, U700, Unrated. No unrated may win over \$400.

Junior Under 1100 Section (born 1995/after): \$1000-700-500-300-200-200, trophies to first 3, top U900, Under 700, U500, Unrated. No unrated may win over \$400.

Ratings: May official USCF ratings used for U2300 & below, FIDE for Open. Unofficial web ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. For foreign ratings see chesstour. com.

Prize limits: If any post-event rating posted 5/20/12 to 5/20/13 was more than 30 pts over section max, limit \$1500.

Top 7 sections entry fee: \$227 online at chessaction.com by 5/21, \$230 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 5/23 (entry only, no questions), 5-day \$235, 4-day \$234, 3-day \$233, 2-day \$232 mailed by 5/14, all \$250 online until 2 hrs before rd 1 or at site. No checks at site, credit cards OK.

Special entry fee: GMs \$200 from prize. IMs/WGMs in Open: \$30 online by 5/21, \$50 after 5/21 or at site; \$200 from prize. Seniors 65/over in U1300/above (except GM/IM/WGM), \$100 less. Online/mailed EF \$5 less to ICA mems; join at il-chess.org. Re-entry (no Open to Open) \$100.

Under 1100 entry fees: \$77 online at chessaction.com by 5/21, \$80 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 5/23 (entry only, no questions), Adult 3-day \$83.50, 2-day \$82.50 mailed by 5/14, Junior 3-day \$83, 2-day \$82 mailed by 5/14, all \$100 online until 2 hours before game or at site until 1 hour before game.

USCF membership required. Special dues, see Chess Life TLA, chesstour.com or chessaction.com.

5-day schedule (Open): Late entry to Thu 6 pm, rds Thu 7 pm, Fri 12 & 7, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 11 & 6, Mon 10 & 4:30.

4-day schedule (U1300-U2300): Late entry to Fri 6 pm, rds. Fri 7 pm, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 11 & 6, Mon 10 & 4:30.

3-day schedule (U1300-U2100): Late entry to Sat 10 am, rds. Sat 11, 2:30 & 6, Sun 11 & 6, Mon 10 & 4:30.

2-day schedule (U1300-U2100): Late entry to Sun 9 am; rds. Sun 10, 12, 2, 3:45 & 6, Mon 10 & 4:30.

3-day U1100 schedules: Late entry to Sat 1 pm, rds.Sat 2 pm & 6 pm, Sun 10, 2 & 6, Mon 10 & 2.

2-day U1100 schedules: Late entry to Sun 9 am, rds Sun 10, 12, 2, 3:45 & 6, Mon 10 & 2.

Half point byes OK all rounds, limit 4 (2 in last 4 rds). Open must commit before round 2, others before rd 4.

Hotel rates: \$105 for 1-4/room, 800-937-8461, 847-777-6500. Reserve by 5/10; rate may increase or hotel sell out.

All: Bring sets, boards, clocks-none supplied. \$15 charge for refunds. Entries posted at chessaction.com. Questions: chesstour.com, Director@Chess.US, 845-496-9658. JGP.

Entry: chessaction.com or Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills NY 12577.

PAST WINNERS

1992 Gregory Kaidanov, 1993 Alex Ivanov, 1994 Dmitry Gurevich, 1995 Alex Shabalov, 1996 Gregory Kaidanov, 1997 Gregory Kaidanov, 1998 Dmitry Gurevich, 1999 Dmitry Gurevich, 2000 Artashes Minasian, 2001 Alex Goldin, 2002 Jaan Ehlvest, 2003 Alex Shabalov, 2004 Jaan Ehlvest, 2005 Igor Novikov, 2006 Vadim Milov, 2007 Vadim Milov, 2008 Varuzhan Akobian, 2009 Jaan Ehlvest, 2010 Loek Van Wely, 2011 Timur Gareyev, 2012 Gabriel Sargissian.

\$200. Under 1510: \$200-130-70, top Under 1310 \$120-60, trophies to first 3 ton Under 1100 Under 900 Under 700 Unrated: no unrated may win over \$120. **Top 2 sections EF:** \$65 online at chessaction.com by 5/1, \$70 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 5/1 (entry only, no questions), 3-day \$68, 2day \$67 if check mailed by 4/24, \$80 at site, or online until 2 hours before first game. Under 1510 Section EF: All \$20 less than top 2 sections EF All: No checks at site, credit cards OK. Special 1 year USCF dues with paper magazine if paid with entry. Online at chessaction.com, Adult \$30, Young Adult \$20, Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or paid at site, Adult \$40, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20. **Re-entry** \$40, not available in Open. GMs & IMs free; \$60 deducted from prize. **3-day schedule**: Reg. ends Fri 6:30 pm, rds Fri 7, Sat 11 & 4, Sun 9 & 1:30. **2-day schedule**: Reg ends Sat 9:30 am, rds. Sat 10, 1 & 4, Sun 9 & 1:30. **Half point byes** OK all, limit 2; must commit before rd 2. **HR:** \$89-89, 802-775-1911, reserve by 4/19. **Car rental:** Avis, 800-331-1600, AWD #D657633, or reserve car online at chesstour.com. Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. Ent; chessaction.com or Continental Chess. PO Box 249. Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. Questions: DirectorAtChess.us, chesstour.com, 845-496-9658. \$15 service charge for refunds. Advance entries posted at chessaction.com.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! MAY 4-5, KENTUCKY TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 15

Western Kentucky University MasterMind Open 5SS, G/120, USCF rated. PRIZES: \$23,500 in scholarships & \$5,000 open b/75 full ent. Free Entry for GM, IM, & College (by 4/1). SIDE EVENT: Scholastic Tournament: Sat. Only 5/4. 5 SS, G/30, USCF rated. Trophies to top five teams in each section, and top 5 individuals in each section. EF: \$15 by 4/26, \$25 on site. Reg.: Sat. 8-9 am. Rd 1: 11 am. Rds.: 2-5 ASAP/ as announced. SECTIONS: High (9-12 only): See Open EF, Jr. High (k-8), Elementary (k-5), Primary (k-3, top 3 k-1 awarded). For Round Swiss. Top 4 scores count towards team total. **SIDE EVENT**: Friends and Family Tournament: Sat. Only 5/4. 5 SS, G/30, Non-rated. EF: \$8 Reg: Sat. 8-9 am. Rds: see scholastic. Trophies to top player in sections: Adult (18+), Seniors (50+); top 3 in High-school (k-12), Jr. High (k-8), Elementary (k-5), Primary (k-3). Tiebreak: All Ties will be broken. G/10 playoff for first place. Otherwise, the system will be: 1) Modified Median 2) Solkoff 3) Cumulative 4) Median 5) Kashdan 6) Sonnenbornberger 7) Coin toss. **OPEN SECTION**, **PRIZE FUND**: \$5,000 (b/75—\$3,000 (b/75—\$3,000 (b/75—\$3,000 (b/75—\$3,000 (b/75—\$3,000 (b/75—\$3,000 (b/75—\$3,000 (b/75—\$3,000 (b/75)—\$1,000 (b/75)—\$ prizes. Entries posted online. **Rds.:** Sat. 5/4 10 am, 2:30, & 7; Sun. 5/4 10 am & 2:30 pm. **OPEN EF:** \$60 if postmarked by 4/1, \$70 by 4/26, \$75 on site. Valid college ID req'd. Free entries count 1/2 entry towards prize fund w/\$60 deducted from winnings. High School players: \$15 by 4/26, \$25 on site. HS compete in own section with Open Rds for annually renewable WKU Scholarship prizes totalling \$23,500! HS PRIZES and eligibility: see web site for full details. Reg.: Sat. 5/4 8-9 am; Byes: 1/2 point any Rd. (limit 1), must commit by 2nd rd. HR: mention "WKU Hilltopper Chess": *Staybridge Suites*, 680 Campbell Ln., Bowling Green, KY 42104. Tel: (270) 904-0480. Hotel adjacent to tourn site. Rate includes: Free brkfast, laundry, & wifi. Rate: Studio, sleeps 2 (\$99); 1 Bdrm w/living area, sleeps 2-4 (\$109); 2 Bdrm/2 bath suite w/living area, sleeps 6 (\$129). **Chief TD:** Chris Prosser. **ENT:** Online registration: **www.hill**topperchess.net. Mail-in: Dr. Ian Schnee, c/o WKU MasterMind, 319 C Cherry Hall, 1906 College Heights Blvd., Bowling Green, KY 42101. Info or phone entry: Samuel J. Hunt (918) 809-6278.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

MAY 4-5 OR 5, NEW YORK

PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10 (ENHANCED)

Marshall May Open GP

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 \$105, U2000 \$95. Reg ends 15 min before Rd. **2 schedules: 2 day** 12:30-5:30 each day. **1 day** 10-11:15-12:30-5:30 (Rds. 1-2 G/25d5). Limit 2 byes, request at entry. FIDE rated! NO REENTRY, www.marshallchessclub.org.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

MAY 10-12, ALABAMA
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 20

Chess Extravaganza in T-Town

Three tournaments in one. Great venue in the heart of the University of Alabama campus within walking distance of restaurants and football stadium of the NCAA champions. 1. Black Warrior Chess Challenge; 5/10-5/12; \$2500 GTD; 5SS, 30/90, SD/1; **Sections: Open** \$600-350-200-150, U1800: \$100), **Reserve:** (U1600) \$425-250-175-150-U1200 \$100; EF:\$40 postmarked by 5/6 or \$50 at site. ACF memb reqd \$10, OSA. GM & IM no fee- EF deducted from winnings; On-site reg; FRI: 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm cst. Rds.: FRI: 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm cst. Rds.: FRI: 5:00 pm – SAT: 9:45-4; SUN: 9-3. Bye 1-4. 2. Tuscaloosa Scholastic Chess Championship, May 11 only; 5-SS, See flyer for details. 3. Alabama Quick Chess Championship, May 12 only; \$1000 prize fund (50% GTD b/15 per section); Open \$200-150-100-(U1800 \$90); Reserve: \$\$175-130-80-(U1200 \$75); Trophies to top AL residents. 5 SS, G/25 D4; EF: \$30 postmarked by 5/6 or \$40 at site. Onsite reg: 5/12: 8:30-9am; Rds: 9:30-10:45-12:30-1:45-3; Bye 1-4. ENT: Freedom Chess Academy, PO Box 2356, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403-2356. INFO: See www.freedomchessacademy.org for flyers, entry forms & payment options, HR and directions. OSA. Location: Ferguson Center Student Union, 231 Ferguson Center, Tuscaloosa, AL. Contact: freedomchess@ gmail.com. NS, NC, W.

A Heritage Event! Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

MAY 10-12 OR 11-12, MARYLAND TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS:

59th Annual Maryland Open NOTE DATE CHANGES

5SS, 40/90, SD/30 + 30" incr, (Rnd 1 G/90 + 30" incr) (2-day schedule: rds 1-2 G/45+30"incr) U1400 & U1100 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 1800) FIDF rated; 5.0

=\$1500, 4.5=\$800, 4.0=\$450, 3.5=\$175 [min \$1500 payout, top score group raised if less than \$1500 $\overline{)}$ top expert = \$145. U2000 $\underline{\&}$ U1800: 5.0 = \$1200, 4.5 = \$600, 4.0 = \$300, 3.5 = \$100. U1600: 5.0 = \$1000, 4.5 = $\$500, 4.0 = \$250, 3.5 = \$100. \ U1400 \& \ U1100: 5.0 = \$500, 4.5 = \$250, 4.0 = \$125, 3.5 = \$50.$ Additional 1st place prizes (added to score prize) - Championship: \$300; U2000, U1800 & U1600: \$200; U1400& U1100: \$100, Unrated may not win over \$100 in U1100, \$200 U1400, or \$400 in U1600. 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. EF: \$95 by 4/26, \$100 by 5/7, and \$105 online only by 5/9, \$110 at the door. Special EFs: \$35 less for U1400 & U1100; GMs free, \$50 deducted from prize; IMs \$45 off EF, \$20 deducted from prize; HR: \$95, (\$10 EF discount if staying at hotel) limited number of free rooms Sat. night for GMs. Rooms may not be avail after 4/19. 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 U1400 & U1100, 3-day schedule Reg, ends Fri 7 pm, rds Fri 8, Sat 11 & 4:00, Sun 9 & 1:00 U1400 & U1100. 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 are at http://themaryland.open.com

MAY 11, INDIANA

PHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10 (ENHANCED)

4th Annual Indiana Memorial Open 5SS, G/60. Visit WWW.INDIANACHESS.ORG for additional site and schedule information updates or to register online. EF: Open: \$40 online or royd by 4/27 \$50 at site 111300 Section: \$20 Memb. Reg'd: TSCA see web site for details, OSA. **Open:** (\$1010 b/40) **1st(gtd): \$300,** 2nd: \$200, U2100: \$175, U1800: 1st: \$140 2nd: \$60, U1500: 1st: \$135 2nd: \$70(gift certificate), UPSET: \$50 (gift certificate). **U1300**: Trophy & Merchandise prizes. ENT: ISCA, C/O Drew Hollinberger, 55 Monument Circle, Ste. 450, Indianapolis, IN 46204. INFO: info@indianachess.org. (317) 721-CHES. NS. NC. W.

MAY 11, NEW JERSEY

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10

Dr. Luzivminda Machan Open #23

4-SS, G/40;d5. **EF:** \$40, members \$30, U1600 less \$5, GMs free (\$25 deducted from prize). **Prizes:** \$\$G 200-150-100-50. \$25 or trophy to U2000, U1400 and Biggest Upset. Reg.: 12:35-1:25 p.m. Rds.: 1:30, 3:15, 5:00, 6:45 p.m. 2 byes available, commit prior to game 2, Re-entry \$20, before round 2 or 3 only. 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. Info: www.chessmatesnj.com, 732-499-0118.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

MAY 11, ÖKLAHOMA

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 6 OCA Route 66 Open 2013

4SS, G/60, 5-sec delay. **\$500 Guaranteed**. Best Western Stroud Motor Lodge, 1200 N. 8th Ave (I-44, Exit 179), Stroud, OK, 918-968-9515, www.bestwestern.com. One section. Prizes: \$200-100-50; \$100-50 to 1st and 2nd Juniors; plagues to champion & class winners A, B, C & D/Under (including Unrateds); additional prizes b/entries. EF: \$25 at site, OCA membership included. Reg.: 9:00-9:45; one 1/2-point bye available Rd 1 only accelerated pairings may be used. **Rds.:** 10:00, 1:00, 3:30, 6:30. **Contact:** Chuck Unruh, POB 340, Collinsville, OK 74021, 918-371-2978 or 800-460-2794, chunruh@aol.com. More info: www.ochess.org

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! MAY 17-19 OR 18-19. NEW YORK

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 20 (ENHANCED)

21st annual New York State Open

5SS, 30/90, SD/1, d5 (2-day option, rds 1-2 G/60, d5). Tiki Resort, 2 Canada St., Lake George, NY 12845. \$\$G 3000. In 4 sections. **Open:** \$\$ 400-200-150, top Under 2110 \$230-120, top Under 1910/Unr \$220-110. **Senior,** open to under 2010 or unrated born before 5/20/63. \$\$ 300-150-80, top Under 1810 \$120-60. **Under 1710**: \$\$ 300-150-80. Under 1510 \$120-60. unrated limit \$150. **Under 1310:** \$100-50, trophies to first 3, top U1000, U800, Unr. **EF:** \$79 online at chessaction.com by 5/15, \$85 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 5/16 (entry only, no questions), 3-day \$83, 2-day \$82 mailed by 5/9, \$90 online until 2 hours before game or at site. ADVANCE ENTRY OR LATE ONLINE ENTRY \$7 LESS TO NYSCA MEMBERS (NYSCA dues \$12/year, may be paid with entry fee). No checks at site credit cards OK. Entry fee \$50 less to all in U1310 Section. Special 1 year USCF dues with magazine if paid with entry- online at chesstour.com, Adult \$30, Young Adult \$20, Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or paid at site, Adult \$40, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20. Re-entry \$40, not available in Open Section. GMs free, \$60 deducted from prize. **3-day schedule:** Reg ends Fri 6:30 pm, rds. Fri 7, Sat 12 & 6, Sun 10 & 3:15. **2-day schedule:** Reg ends Sat 11:30 am, rds Sat 12, 3 &, 6, Sun 10 & 3:15. Half point byes OK all, must commit before rd 2; limit 2 byes (limit 1 bye if under 1910/unr in Open). **HR:** 74-74, call 518-668-5744 Mon-Fri 9 am-5pm. reserve by 5/3 or rate may increase. Car rental: Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD #b657633, or reserve car online through chesstour.com. Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. **Ent:** chessaction. com or Continental Chess, Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. Questions: www.chesstour.com, DirectorAtChess.us, 845-496-9658. \$15 service charge for refunds. Advance entries posted at chessaction.com.

MAY 21, NEW YORK

www.marshallchessclub.org

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 15 (ENHANCED) Marshall Masters!

4-SS, G/25 d/5. 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 event since the prior month's Masters). **EF:** \$40, members \$30, GMs free. **\$\$**G250-150-100. 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.

An American Classic! Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! MAY 23-27, 24-27, 25-27 OR 26-27, ILLINOIS

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 200 (ENHANCED)

22nd annual Chicago Open

Open Section, May 23-27: 9SS, 40/90, SD/30, inc/30, FIDE rated, GM & IM norms possible. **U2300 Section, May 24-27:** 7SS, 40/115, SD/1, d5. FIDE rated. **U2100, U1900, U1700, U1500, U1300 Sections, May** 24-27, 25-27 or 26-27: 7SS, 40/115, SD/1, d5 (3-day option, rds 1 G/75, d5, 2-day option, rds 1-4 G/40, d5), Adult U1100 & Junior U1100 **Sections, May 25-27 or 26-27:** 7SS, G/90, d5 (2-day option, rds 1-4 G/40, d5). Westin Chicago North Shore Hotel, 601 North Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, IL 60090 (from Chicago, I-294 north to US-45 north; from Milwaukee, I-94 east to Lake Cook Rd to US-45 south.) Free parking lectures and analysis of your games by GM John Fedorowicz. **\$100,000** guaranteed prize fund. In 9 sections. **Open:** \$10000-5000-2500-1200-1000-800-600-500-400-300, clear or tiebreak winner bonus \$200, top FIDE Under 2500/Unr \$2000-1000. FIDE rated, GM and IM norms possible. Under 2300: \$5000-2500-1200-1000-800-600-500-400-300-300. FIDE rated. Under 2100: \$5000-2500-1200-1000-800-600-500-400-300-300. Under 1900: \$5000-2500-1200-1000-800-600-500-400-300-300. Under 1700; \$5000-2500-1200-1000-800-600-500-400-300-300. Under 1500; \$4000-2000-1000-700-500-400-400-300-300. **Under 1300:** \$3000-1500-1000-700-500-400-400-300-300; players with under 10 lifetime games may not win over \$1000 in this section. Adult Under 1100 (born 1994/before): \$1000-700-500-300-200, trophies to first 3, top U900, U700, Unrated. **Junior Under 1100** (born 1995/after): \$1000-700-500-300-200-200, trophies to first 3, top U900, U700, U500, Unrrated. **Prize** limits: 1) If any post-event rating posted 5/20/12-5/20/13 was more than 30 points over section maximum, prize limit \$1500. 2) Unrated (0-3 lifetime games rated) cannot win over \$400 in U1100, \$800 U1300, \$1200 U1500, \$1600 U1700, \$2000 U1900 or \$2500 U2100. Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. 3) Balance of any limited prize goes to next player(s) in line. **Top 7 sections EF:** \$227 online at chess-action.com by 5/21, \$230 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 5/23 (entry only, no questions), 5-day \$235, 4-day \$234, 3-day \$233, 2-day \$232 mailed by 5/14; all \$250 online until 2 hours before game or at site until 1 hour before game. No checks at site, credit cards OK. **GMs in Open:** Free; \$200 deducted from prize. IMs & WGMs in Open: \$30 online at chessaction.com by 5/21, \$50 after 5/21 or at site; \$200 deducted from prize. **Open Section EF \$100 more** for US players not FIDE rated 2200/over. **EF \$100** less to seniors age 65/over in Ú1300 Section or above (except senior GM/IM/WGM in Open, who get no discount but have \$100 less taken out of prize.). **Under 1100 Sections EF:** \$77 online at chessaction.com by 5/21, \$80 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 5/23 (entry only, no questions), Adult 3-day \$83.50, 2-day \$82.50 mailed by 5/14, Junior 3-day \$83, 2-day \$82. mailed by 5/14, all \$100 online until 2 hours before game or at site until 1 hour before game. **Online or mailed EF** \$5 less to ICA members; join at il-chess.org. An ICA Tour Event. **Special 1 yr USCF dues** with magazine if paid with entry: Online at chesstour.com, Adult \$30, Young Adult \$20, Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or paid at site, Adult \$40, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20. **Re-entry:** \$100, no re-entry from Open to Open. **5-day schedule** (Open only): Reg. ends Thu 6 pm, rds Thu 7 pm, Fri 12 & 7, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 11 & 6, Mon 10 & 4:30. **4-day schedule** (U2300 to U1300): Reg. ends Fri 6 pm, Rds. Fri 7 pm, Sat 11~& 6, Sun 11~& 6, Mon 10~& 4:30. **3-day U2100 to U1300 schedule:** Reg. ends Sat 10~am, Rds. Sat 11, 2:30 & 6, Sun 11 & 6, Mon 10 & 4:30. **3-day U1100 schedules:** Reg ends Sat 1 pm, rds Sat 2 & 6, Sun 10, 2 & 6, Mon 10 & 2. **2-day U2100** to U1300 schedule: Reg. ends Sun 9 am, Rds. Sun 10, 12, 2, 3:45 & 6, Mon 10 & 4:30. 2-day U1100 schedules: Reg ends Sun 9 am rds Sun 10, 12, 2, 3:45 & 6,. Mon 10 & 2. U2100 to U1100 schedules merge & 105, 800-937-8461, 847-777-6500, reserve by 5/10 or rate may increase. **Car rental:** Avis, 800-331-1600, AWD #D657633, or reserve car online through chesstour.com. Foreign player ratings: See www.chesstour.com/ foreignratings.htm. **US player ratings:** May official ratings used; FIDE ratings used for Open Section. Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. Special rules: Players must submit to a search for electronic devices if requested by Director. In round 3 or after, players with scores of 80% or over and their opponents may not use headphones, earphones, cellphones, or go to a different floor of the hotel without Director permission. **Ent:** Continental Chess, Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. Questions: DirectorAtChess.US, 845-496-9658, www chesstour.com, \$15 service charge for refunds. Advance entries posted at chessaction.com. Bring set, board & clock if possible- none supplied. MAY 24, NEW YORK

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10 (ENHANCED)

Marshall \$500 FIDE Blitz! (BLZ)
Last Friday of eyery month, 9-SS, G/5, Marshall CC, 23 W, 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **\$\$Gtd 500**: \$200-100, top U2400/unr, U2200, U2000, U1800: \$50 each, **EF:** \$30, members \$20. Quick-rated, but higher of regular or quick USCF rating used for pairings & prizes. **FIDE Blitz Rated!** Reg.: ends 6:45 pm. Rds.: 7-7:30-7:50-8:10-8:40-9-9:20-9:40-10 pm. Three byes available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org

A Heritage Event!

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

MAY 24-26 OR 25-26, OHIO TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 80 (ENHANCED)

55th Gem City Open

-SS, 30/90, SD/60 (2-day schedule, rd. 1 G/90) at Dayton Chess Club, 18 West 5th St., Dayton, ÓH 45402. 44% GREATÉR PRIZE FUND & STILL UNCONDITIONALLY GUARANTEED. 3 sections: **OPEN**, open to all. GTD \$1200, 800, 501, 400, 301; U2000: \$500, 300. **Premier-U1800**. \$501, 301; U1600: \$500, 300. **Reserve-U1400**. \$501, 301; U1200: \$500, 300. **EF**: 3day \$88, 2-day \$89 if mailed or registered online by 5/17, then \$98 at site 2 or 3 day. Free to SM & above-(\$85 deducted from winnings), DCC mbrs \$5 disc. Ohio Grand Prix event, OCA members deduct \$3 from EF. 3-day schedule: Reg. Fri. 5- 6:30pm, Rds: Fri 7pm; Sat 2pm, 7:30pm; Sun 9:30am, 3pm. 2-day schedule: Reg. Sat. 8:30-9:30am, Rd1 at 10am, then merges with 3-day. Re-entry: \$30. Any player who loses Fri night may reenter for \$30 and loss will not count in tournament standings. One 1/2 pt bye available in Rds1-4 (request prior to R1). Unrated players may play in any section with prizes limited to 1/3 except in OPEN with balance to next player(s). \$25 upset prize each section. **CROWN PLAZA HOTEL** "Where Elegance Meets Style in the Heart of Downtown" beautifully remodeled 4 star hotel at 33 E 5th St., 1/2 block from playing site, (888)-233-9527, with the incredible rate of only \$89/nite (up to 4) plus tax, ask for Gem City Open rate, 11 May cutoff, reserve early, free parking and a magnificent view of the Miami Valley from the restaurant on the top floor. FREE COFFEE, TEA, & Donuts Saturday and Sunday Mornings at the Dayton Chess Club for players, parents, and spouses. **Book Vender: THINKER'S PRESS** & THE CHESS BUTLER (formerly ChessCo) is selling books (new & old), DVDs, Equipment, and new TPi chess products dur-ing your stay with FREE Certificates in your sales bags. Meet "legendary" Bob Long, 40 years of chess sales & publishing. ENTRIES: Mail to Dayton Chess Club, 18 West 5th St., Dayton, OH 45402 or register online at www.DavtonChessClub.com. No cks at site.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! MAY 24-26 OR 25-26, SOUTH CAROLINA TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 20

2013 South Carolina Open

Embassy Suites, 670 Verdae Blyd., Greenville, SC 29607, \$3700 Guaran teed. **4 Sections:** Open, U1800, U1400, 5 Rounds Swiss, G/120, D/5 (optional Saturday 1st round G/90, D/5.) **Entry Fees:** \$69 if received by May 19. \$85 thereafter and on site. \$5 discount to Greenville Chess Club members. Re-entry \$40. State Affiliate membership required, Other state memberships accepted. Special Saturday Only Scholastics Section 4 Rds G/45, D/5 see below for more information. Entries To: Dr. Walter High, 105 North Crabtree Knoll, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, Online entries to www.carolinaschessinitiative.com. Look for Paypal button. **Open Fide** rated. Prizes: \$600 \$300 \$100 U2200 \$150 -\$100 U2000 \$150- \$100 **U1800 Prizes:** \$500 \$250 \$100 U1600 \$150-\$100. **U1400 Prizes:** \$500 \$250 \$100 U1200 \$150-\$100. Special Saturday Only U1000 Scholastic Section Prizes: Trophies to top 5 in each section. Sections determined by attendance. Rounds: 11AM-1PM-2:45PM-4:30PM. Format: 4 Round Swiss, G/45, D/5 Affects both Quick and Regular rating. Entry Fees: \$20. **Prize Limits:** Unrateds are ineligible for cash prizes in the U1800 or U1400 sections. Also ineligible for Under prizes in the Open section. Special Entry Fees: FREE ENTRY!! for any player with an established USCF rating who has not played a USCF rated tournament game in the prior two years from the start date of this event! Free entry to GM's/IM's. Notes: Make checks to"CCI". Byes: One bye available. Must be requested by 1:30PM on Saturday. **3 Day Schedule:** Onsite Registration: Friday 5PM to 7:30PM. Rounds: Friday 8PM Saturday 2PM and 7PM. Sunday 9AM and 2PM. **2 Day** Schedule: Onsite Registration: Saturday 8:00AM to 9:45AM, Rounds: Saturday 10AM then merge with 3-day. Hotel Information: Rates: \$99. Mention: South Carolina Open Chess when calling. (864) 676-9090. Rooms are suite style with one or two beds plus sofa bed. Free cooked to order breakfast and free manager's reception for every quest! For More Information: Dr. Walter High, E-mail: wmhigh@nc.rr.com.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

MAY 24-27, 25-27 OR 26-27, NEW YORK TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 20 (ENHANCED)

3rd Annual New Yorker Open!

7-SS, **Open Section time control:** 40/110, SD/30 + 10-second delay / (non-delay clocks: 40/110, SD/35), **Under 2000 & Under 1600 Sections time control**: 30/90, SD/1, d/5, All sections: **3-Day Option**, rds. 1-2 G/75 + d/5; **2-Day Option** is only for **U2000** & **U1600 Sections**: **no 2-Day Option**; the historic New Yorker Hotel, 481 Eighth Ave at 34th St., across the place of the section from Penn Station, NYC. **\$2,500 Guaranteed Prizes!** 3 sections. **Open.** \$400-200-100-50, top U2200 \$200, FIDE. **Under 2000:** \$300-150-70, top U1800 \$160. \$200 limit to Unr. Under 1600: \$250-120-60, top U1400 \$140 \$100 limit to Unr. Trophies to top 3, top U1200, U1000, Unr. **NEW!! Mixed Doubles Bonus Prizes**: best male/female 2-player "team" combined score among all sections: \$200-100 (teammates' average rating must be U2200 & may play in different sections, teammate pairings avoided but possible, teams must commit before both players have played rd. 4). EF if postmarked by 5/17: 4-Day \$79, 3-Day \$78, 2-Day \$77, all \$75 on-line thru 5/22 at www.chesscenter.cc, current NYSCA members, \$5 off mail or online entries only, all \$80 by phone thru 5/22, \$90 at site; EF \$40 less to unrated players in U1600 Section (*only* players with 3 life-time games or less are unrated), GMs free (\$60 from prize), specified Greater NY Scholastic prizewinners free! Re-entry \$50 except from Open to Open. **4-Day Schedule:** reg. ends Fri 6:30 pm. Rds. Fri. 7, Sat. 12 & 6, Sun. 12 & 6, Mon. 10 & 3:30. **3-Day Schedule**: Reg. ends Sat. 10 am. Rds. Sat. 11, 2:30 & 6, Sun. 12 & 6, Mon. 10 & 3:30. **2-Day Schedule**: Reg. ends Sun 9:30 am. Rds. Sun. 10, 12, 2, 4, 6, Mon. 10 & 3:30. All schedules merge and compete for same prizes. Limit 3 byes, Open must commit before rd. 2, others before rd. 4. Balances of all limited prizes go to next eligible player(s). Unofficial ratings at us.chess.org usually used if otherwise unrated. \$15 charge for refunds. **HR:** 212-971-0101. **Questions,** chesscentr@gmail.com or 347-201-CCNY (2269), credit card phone entries (no questions) thru 5/22: 406-896-2191. No checks at site, credit cards OK. CCA ratings may be used. **Ent: Chess Center of NY,** PO Box 4615, New Windsor, NY 12553. Help with NYC parking: www.p. com, www.iconparkingsystems.com Bring sets, clocks, boards! W.

MAY 25. ILLINOIS

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 15 (ENHANCED)
Chicago Open G/10 Championship (BLZ)

5SS, G/10, d2. Westin North Shore Hotel (see Chicago Open). \$1000 guaranteed prizes: \$300-150-90, U2250 \$130, U2000 \$120, U1750/Unr \$110, U1500 \$100. **EF:** \$40, at site only, no checks, GMs \$40 from prize. **Reg.** 7-10 pm, rds. 10:15, 11, 11:35, 12:10, 12:45. 1 half point bye available, must commit before rd 2. Quick rated (will not affect regular ratings), but higher of regular or quick used for pairings & prizes.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! MAY 25, TENNESSEE
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 6

Rutherford County Open

5-SS, rd.1 G/30d5, rd.2 G/55d5, rds.3, 4, 5 G/70d5. Grace Lutheran

Church, 811 E. Clark Blvd., Murfreesboro, TN. EF: \$25 by 8/15, \$30 at site. **\$\$** (1160, top 2 G, class prizes b/6 entries per class, else proportional): \$200-120, X, A, B, C, D, E/below, Unr. each \$120. **Reg.:** 8:00-8:45am. **Rds.:** 9:00-10:00-12:45-3:15-5:45. Ent: Rutherford County Chess Club, P.O. Box 1593, Murfreesboro, TN 37133. http://rccc.us/ (with map to site), rccc@ rccc.us, 615-895-7989. NS. NC. W.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! MAY 25-26, OKLAHOMA

FROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 6

68th OCF Open and Jerry Spann Memorial and 2013 OCF Regional Championship

5-SS, G/90+30 spm; \$\$G \$950. Quality Inn-Stillwater, 2515 W. 6th Ave., (Hwy 51), Stillwater, OK 74074, 1-405-372-0800; HR: 68-68 Wi-Fi. EF: Open \$50; Reserve \$30 (deduct \$10 on each if envelope postmarked before May 22nd); OCF \$10 required; Reg.: 9-9:45 Sat AM; Rds.: 10-2:30-7; 9-1:15. Two Sections: Open (OCF Regional Championship) \$6 1st \$300 U-2100 \$150; U-1900 \$150-100; U-1700 \$150; **Jerry Spann Memorial U-1500**: \$100 1st; 1 Half pt bye rds 1-5. Frank Berry, 402 S. Willis St., Stwtr, OK 74074; FKIMBerry@AOL.com.

A Heritage Event! Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! A State Championship Event!

MAY 25-27 OR 26-27, MASSACHUSETTS TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 40 (ENHANCED)

82nd Massachusetts Open

6SS, 40/2, SD/1, d/5 (2-day schedule, G/45, d/5 in rounds 1-3. No 2-day schedule in Championship sect.) Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, 181 Boston Post Road West. Marlboro (I-495. exit 24B. Rt. 20W. one mile from exit). **\$\$ 4,200 b/100 paid entries** (\$30 off EFs count half), 75% G. Prizes in Championship sect. are 100% G. 4 sects. Championship (open to players rated 1800 or above): \$1000-400-200, Top U2300 \$250. FIDE rated. 3-day schedule only. **U2100**: \$400-200, Top U1950 \$200. **U1800**: \$400-200, Top U1650 \$200. **U1500**: \$300-150, Top U1350 \$150, Top U1200 \$150. State championship title to high scoring Mass. resident or student in each sect. Unrated prize limits: \$200 in U2100, \$150 in U1800, \$100 in U1500, can't win title. **Prizes for most interesting games in each sect.** (100% G): Championship \$300, U2100 \$250, U1800 \$200, U1500 \$100, plus books or DVDs to each. **EF:** \$69 for 3-day, \$68 for 2-day if mailed by 5/20 or online by 5/23, \$80 at site. GMs and IMs free. \$30 discount to players in U1500 sect. rated under 1000 or unrated. **3-Day Schedule:**Reg. Sat. 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Rds. Sat. 10:30-5:30. Sun. 10-5. Mon. 9:30-4:30. **2-Day Schedule (U2100 to U1500 only):** Reg. Sun. 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Rds. Sun. 10-12:30-2:45-5, Mon. 9:30-4:30. Schedules merge in round 4. **Byes:** 1-5, limit 2, rds. 4-5 must commit before rd. 2. **Memb. req.:** MACA \$12 adult, \$6 jr. U18, add \$8 for optional Chess Horizons subscription, OSA. **Massachusetts Blitz Championship:** Sun. 5/26. Reg. ends 9:15 p.m. 5SS (dbl). 75% of EFs returned as prizes. EF: \$10 if playing in main tnmt, else \$15. **MACA Annual Meeting:** Mon. 5/27 at 9 a.m. **HR:** \$97-97, 508-460-0700 or 888-543-9500, reserve by 5/11 and mention chess tnmt. Ent: payable to MACA and mail to Robert Messenger, 4 Hamlett Dr., Apt. 12, Nashua, NH 03062, or enter online (PayPal) at www. MassChess.org. Info: send e-mail to info@masschess.org or phone 603-891-2484. NS. NC. W.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! MAY 25-27 OR 26-27, CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN

2013 Lina Grumette Memorial Day Classic 6-SS, 3-day 40/2, SD/1, d/5 2-day rds. 1-3 G/1 then merges. Sheraton Ontario Airport, 429 North Vineyard Ave., Ontario, CA 91764. \$10,000 b/200, 50% of each prize guaranteed. In five sections: Open: \$\$T+1700-750-400-300-200, U2400 400, U2200 700-300-200. Premier (under 2000): \$\$750-300-200-100. Amateur (Under 1800): \$\$750-300- 200-100. Reserve (Under 1600): \$\$750-300-200-100. Booster (Under 1400/ unrated; \$\$400-200-100, U1200 150, Unr 150. (Unrated may win Unrated prizes only.) **EF**: \$88 by 5/23, \$99 at door. **Booster (U1400) section EF**: \$72 by 5/23, \$85 door. **Reg.**: ends 10:30am 5/25, 9:30 am 5/26. **Rds.**: 3-day: 11-6, 11-6, 10-4:30. 2-day: 10-1-3:30 (G/1), then merges with 3day at 6. All: SCCF membership req. (\$18 adults, \$13 youth with print mag, \$3 youth without mag), OSA: \$25 Best Game prize, all sections eligible 1 half-point bye if requested at least 1 round in advance, rd. 6 must be requested with entry. **HR:** \$89, (800) 325-3535, code Southern California Chess Federation, reserve by 5/13. Parking free. Free wire-less in public areas, 24-hour airport shuttle. Info: randallhough@yahoo.com. Web site, Online entry: www.scchess.com. Ent: SCCF, PO Box 205, Monterey Park, CA 91754. NS. NC. F. State Championship Qualifier.

MAY 26, ILLINOIS

GRAND PRIX POINTS 5 (ENHANCED)

Chicago Open Blitz Championship (BLZ) 5SS, G/5, d0 (double round, 10 games). Westin North Shore Hotel (see Chicago Open). \$1000 guaranteed prizes: \$300-150-90, U2250 \$130, U2000 \$120, U1750/Unr \$110, U1500 \$100. **EF**: \$40, at site only, no checks, GMs \$40 from prize. **Reg.** 5-10 pm, **rds.** 10:15, 11, 11:30, 12, 12:30. One pair of 1/2 pt byes available, must commit before rd 2. Blitz or quick rated, but higher of regular, quick or blitz used for pairings & prizes.

MAY 26, NEW YORK

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10 (ENHANCED)

3rd Annual New Yorker Open Blitz Championship (BLZ)!

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MAY 31-JUNE 2 OR 1-2, GEORGIA TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 20

2013 Atlanta Championship

SS. North DeKalb Mall, 2050 Lawrenceville Highway, Decatur, GA 30033. \$3,500 GTD. In 2 sections: Championship: FIDE rated with USCF rules. Must be 1900 and above! \$500-400-300; under 2200 and under 2000 each \$200-100. **Amateur:** \$400-200-170; under 1800 and under 1600 each \$160-80; under 1400 and under 1200 each \$150-75. Unrated: Trophies to top 5. **Time Controls:** Championship: G/100 w 30 sec. increment, 2day G/90 d5. Other sections: G/120 d/5. 2-day: G/90, d/5. **Entry Fee:** \$59 3-day, \$58 2-day by May 29th; \$63 at site. GMs and IMs free, \$60 deducted from prize. Unrateds: \$25. Reentry except Championship section \$40. Bye: all rounds (limit 2), must commit before 1st round. 3-day schedule: Reg.: ends 6:30 p.m. Rounds: 7, 2:30-7:30, 10-3:15. 2-day schedule: Reg.: ends 10 a.m. Rounds: 1st at 10:30 a.m., then merges with 3-day. Info: (478)-973-9389 or atlantachess@yahoo.com. Chief TD: Thad Rogers, IA, Assistant TD: Joe Couvillion. Enter: American Chess Promotions, 3055 General Lee Rd., Macon, GA 31204. W. NS. NC. FIDE.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JUNE 1 OR JUNE 1-2, WISCONSIN TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10

2013 Madison Spring Championship (formerly 2013 Wisconsin International Chess Championship)
Three Sections: Open, u1400 (Sat only), Scholastic Unrated (Sat only).

Open Section, June 1-2: 5SS, G/90+inc/30 (1st round: G/90+ delay) U1400 (Madison RBO) and Scholastic Unrated (Madison RBO) sections, June 1: 4SS, g/30+5 sec delay. Radisson Hotel: 517 Grand Canyon Dr., Madison, WI 53719, 608-833-0100. Free parking. **Free** hot buffet breakfast, **Free** internet, **Free** shuttle from the airport (24 hour notice) to hotel guests. Dozens of restaurants and coffee shops and a movie theater next to the playing site. **Prizes: Open (\$2,000 b/80** or else proportional): \$500-\$300-\$200-\$150, X-\$150, A-\$150, B-\$150, C-\$150, D/below-\$150, UNR-\$100. **U1400**: \$90-\$50, trophies based on rating and age. **Scholastic Unrated:** trophies based on rating and age. **EF: Open:** \$50 if paid by May 14th, \$60 if paid between May 14th and May 29th, \$70 after May 29th. **EF: U1400 and Scholastic Unrated:** \$20 if paid by May 29th, \$25 after May 29th. **Online entry:** www.onlineregistration.cc. **Open Schedule:** registration ends Sat at 9:30am. Rounds: Sat 10am-:00pm-7pm, Sun 10am-3:00pm U1400 and Scholastic Unrated Schedule: registration ends Sat at 9:45am. Rounds: Sat 10:15am-11:30am-1:30pm-3pm. Hotel Rates: \$109 single or double, ask for Chess tournament rate, 608-833-0100 reserve early or rate may increase. **Mailed EF (do not mail after May 25th):** Wisconsin Chess Academy, 1090 Links Court #1, Brookfield, WI 53005. Questions: abetaneli@wichessacademy.com or 608-334-2574. Bring clocks if possible, boards and sets provided.

JUNE 2, NEW JERSEY

TROPHIES PILIS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 15 (ENHANCED)

Dr. David Ostfeld Memorial ICA Summer 2013 Open Championship Bergen Academy, 200 Hackensack Ave., Hackensack, NJ 07601. Open To All Ages With Rating above 1400. 4SS, G/60. USCF Membership Required, Prize Fund (\$\$ b/40) 1st - 3rd \$300, \$250, \$200, U2200, U2000, U1800, U1600 each \$100. Best Under 13 Years Old \$75, Best Over 55 Years Old \$75. Prize Fund Will Not Be Reduced Below 70 %. Reg Ends at 9 AM Only one 1/2-point bye allowed, if requested before the start of round two. EF:
Adv (pmk. By May 29th) \$40, AT Site \$45. GMs Free Entry. INFO 201 287
0250 or diana@icanj.net. **Rds.:** 9:30 AM, 11:45 AM, 2:15 PM, 4:30 PM. ENT: Make EF and/or USCF Membership checks payable to: International Chess Academy Mail To: Diana Tulman, 28 Canterbury Ln., New Milford, NJ 07646. INFO: www.icanj.net. NS. NC. W.

JUNE 6. NEVADA

S PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 80 (ENHANCED)

2013 U.S. Game/10 Championship (BLZ) See Nationals.

JUNE 6, 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,

2013 U.S. Championship

2013 U.S. Women's Championship

May 2-13

Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis 4657 Maryland Avenue St. Louis, Missouri 63108 314.361.CHESS (2437)

www.uschesschamps.com

members \$25, GMs free. Prizes: (\$\$530 based on 32 paid entries; first two prizes guaranteed:) \$200-100-50, U2100 \$95, U1900 \$85. **Reg.**: 6:15-6:45 pm. **Rds.**: 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available, request at entry.

JUNE 7-9 OR 8-9, NEVADA

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 200 (ENHANCED) 2013 National Open

See Nationals

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! JUNE 7-9 OR 8-9, FLORIDA

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 30

Sunshine Summer Open & Scholastic Chess Tournament

International Palms Resort, 6515 International Dr., Orlando, FL 32819 (near Wet & Wild). **\$7,000/b130** (Scholastic = 1/2 entry). **70% Guaranteed**. 5SS, G/120 (2-day. Rnd 1 G/60). 4 Sections: **OPEN**: \$1000-500-300, U2210 & U2210 \$300-200 ea.; **U1910**: \$700-300-150, U1710 \$300-200; **Scholastic U1310**: \$300-200. 100, U1110 & U910 \$150 ea. Trophy to top each age "7 & under" thru 14 with at least 2 players. Unrateds limited to \$100, unless Place prize in Open. Rated players can play-up if rated within 60 points of top of their section. **EF: 3-day** \$75, **2-day** \$74, **Scholastic U1310:** EF: \$35; After May 31, EF: \$80 (\$45 for Scholastic), plus \$5 if paid onsite; CFCC memb dis-31, Er. 380 (343 for Schlodstic), plus 33 in plut olistic; CrCc firein discount; \$10 (\$\$ for Jr/\$r memb) and part of CFCC Grand Prix with \$600 additional prizes. **Reg.**: ends 1/2 hr. before 1st Rd. Scholastic (Sat & Sun only). **Rnd 1**: 7pm Fri (or 10am Sat at G/60). Re-entry \$40. **Rds 2 thru** 5: Sat 1 & 6, Sun 9 & 2. 1/2-pt. byes if req'd before Rnd 2 (max 2). **HR**: \$78 (407) 351-3500; (Mention "Chess", Includes Resort Fee), or **http://** tinyurl.com/June2013Hotel. Reserve by May 22nd. (Resort Fee removed on checkin.) (48-hr Cancellation penalty.) Free: Internet with sleeping rooms, PM Beverage Break once daily, and parking for all. Ent: CFCC, c/c Harvey Lerman 921 N Thistle Ln Maitland EL 32751 or online at http:// 2013sunshine.eventbrite.com (by 6/6). Info: call (407)629-6946 or www.centralflchess.org.

A Heritage Event! Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! A State Championship Event! JUNE 8-9, KENTUCKY

FROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10

2013 Kentucky Open

5SS, G/90. \$\$2550 b/100. Registration 9-9:45am. Sat. June 8th: rd 1-3 10am, 2pm, 5:30pm & Sun June 9th: rd 4-5 10am, 3pm. 1 half point bye available rd 1-4 if noted by rd 2. **Entry Fee:** \$42 in advance, \$50 on site. KCA dues (\$8) required from Kentucky players (according to USCF). **Open:** \$600-300-150-75; X: 150; A: 150; **U1800:** 300-150-75; C: 150; U1400: 200-100-50; E: 100. Go to kcachess.org for more info. Annual meeting of the KCA Board between rds 4 and 5, at 2 pm. Hotel Louisville (room rates starting at \$49), 120 West Broadway, Louisville, KY 40202. (502) 582-2241. Contact: Steve Dillard, stevedillard@hotmail.com, 502-641-

CONTINENTAL CHESS SCHEDULE

Visit www.chesstour.com for late news, results, games, minimum ratings, entries, etc. To be added to our email list, see chesscalendar.com. Most tournaments have alternate schedules playing less or more days than listed below.

Asterisk means full details in this issueotherwise, see future issues or our website

Events in red offer FIDE norm possibilities. ONLINE ENTRY: www.chessaction.com.

5/3-5: Vermont Resort Open, Rutland VT*

5/17-19: New York State Open, Lake George NY*

5/24-27: Chicago Open, Wheeling IL

6/21-23: Northeast Open, Stamford CT*

6/27-7/1: DC International, Arlington VA*
6/28-30: World Open Senior Amateur, Arlington VA*

6/29-30: Workl Open Warmup, Arlington VA*
6/29-30: World Open Under 13, Arlington VA*

7/1-3: World Open Women's (new date), Arlington VA*
7/3-7: World Open, Arlington VA (DC area)*

7/18-21: Pacific Coast Open, Agoura Hills CA*

7/19-21: Chicago Class, Wheeling IL*
7/19-21: Bradley Open, Windsor Locks CT* (corrected)

7/26-28: Southern Open, Orlando FL*
8/2-4: Manhattan Open, New York NY* (new date)

8/9-11: Cleveland Open, Cleveland OH* 8/9-11: Continental Open, Sturbridge MA*

8/16-18: Indianapolis Open, Indianapolis IN 8/16-18: Central California Open, Fresno CA

8/23-25: Atlantic Open, Washington DC 8/31-9/2: New York State Championship, Albany NY

9/20-22: Louisville Open, Louisville KY 10/10-14: Continental Class, Arlington VA

10/11-13: Los Angeles Open, Agoura Hills CA 10/18-20: Midwest Class, Wheeling IL 10/18-20: Eastern Team, Stamford CT

11/1-3: Boardwalk Open, Galloway Township NJ 11/15-17: Kings Island Open, Mason OH

11/15-17: Hartford Open, Windsor Locks CT

11/29-12/1: National Chess Congress, Philadelphia PA 12/26-30: North American Open, Las Vegas NV

For later events, see chesstour.com.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JUNE 8-9 OR 9, NEW YORK
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10 (ENHANCED)

Marshall June GP

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 \$105, U2000 \$95. Reg ends 15 min before Rd. **2 schedules: 2 day** 12:30-5:30 each day. **1 day** 10-11:15-12:30-5:30 (Rds. 1-2 G/25d5). Limit 2 byes, request at entry. **FIDE** rated! NO REENTRY, www.marshallchessclub.org

JUNE 9. NEVADA

ROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 60 (ENHANCED)

2013 National Open Blitz (BLZ)
7 D-SS (14 games), 6/5. Riviera Hotel and Casino, 2901 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas 89109. \$\$6 3,000. 2 Sections: Open \$600-400-200. U2300, U2100 \$200-100 each. FIDE Blitz rated. Amateur (under 1900) \$400-300-100, U1700, U1500, U1200 125-75 each. There must be 3 players eligible for each prize to be awarded. **EF** \$40. **REG** by 9 p.m. Round 1 at 9:30 p.m. Higher of regular or quick rating used. HR \$62 single or double (\$89 Friday and Saturday nights). (800) 634-6753 or (702) 734-5110 – be sure to ask for the **CHESS** rates. **ENT** Vegas Chess Festivals, PO Box 90925, Henderson, NV 89009-0925, on line at www.VegasChess Festival.com or fax at (702) 933-9112. NS. NC. W.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JUNE 19-23, 21-23 OR 22-23, NEW YORK TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 200 (ENHANCED)

6th New York International

Playing Site: St. John's University, Manhattan Campus (in TRIBECA) 101 Murray St., New York, NY 10007. In 5 sections: A) FIDE Norm Tournament, June 19-23: Open to all players rated 2200 or above (USCF or FIDE) and special invitees. 9- SS, 40/90, SD/30, increment 30. \$\$12,500 unconditionally guaranteed: \$5000-2500-1500-1000, U2500 FIDE \$1,000, U2400 \$1000, U2300 \$500. **EF:** \$375 in advance, \$425 on site. Players with USCF ratings over 2200 with no FIDE rating: \$325 advance/\$375 at site, Players with USCF ratings over 2200 and FIDE rating U2200: \$275 in advance/\$325 at site. USA players with FIDE ratings over 2200: \$225 in advance, \$275 at site. USA IMs, USA WGMs, and Foreign FIDE rated players: \$175 in advance/\$225 at site. GMs, foreign IMs, and foreign WGMs free; no money deducted from prize fund. All \$25 less for Marshall Chess Club Members. **Rds.:** 6/19: 7 pm 6/19-23: 11 am & 5 pm. Byes: Limit 2, must commit before round 3; limit 1 bye rounds 8-9. FIDE IM/GM norms possible, must play all rounds. Last year 2 GM and 3 IM norms were achieved! FIDE Rating used for pairings. Prizes for all sections other than Top section based on 175 entries (U1300 count as 1/2 entries) B) U2200: \$1,500-800-500-200, Top U2100 \$500, Top U2000 \$500. FIDE rated, USCF ratings used for pairings and prizes. C) U1900: \$1,500-800-500-200, Top U1800 \$500, Top U1700 \$500. D) U1600: \$1,500-800-500-200, Top U1500 \$500, Top U1400 \$500. E) U1300: \$1,000-400-200, Top U1200 \$200, Top U1100 \$200, Trophies to Top U1000, U900, U800, unrated. Sections B)-E): 6-SS, 30/90, SD/60, d5. EF: \$129 if received by 6/13 (mail check or online), \$149 if received after 6/13 or at site (credit or cash only). U1300 \$50 less! MCC members \$25 (\$10 in U1300) less. Reentry (counts 1/2) \$80 (U1300 \$60). 2 schedules: **3-day:** Rds: 6/21-23: 12 & 6 pm. **2-day** (Rd.1-2 G/30;d5): Reg. ends Sat 9AM. Rds.: 6/22 9:30,10:45am 12& 6pm, 6/23: 12 & 6pm. Byes: Limit 2, commit before rd.2. USCF June rating used (unless FIDE or foreign rating is higher), unofficial USCF rating used if otherwise unrated. **Foreign players:** Usually 100 points added to FIDE or foreign national ratings. No points added to CFC, PR, or Jamaica. Please bring clocks, boards, and sets. Reg.: Advance: must be received by 6/13. On Site: One hour before round. Accommodation: St. John's University Manhattan Campus. Private rooms, shared bathrooms: \$70 single, \$90 double (10% discount if reserved by May 15), Registration and room reservation, please contact: Marshall Chess Club, 23 West 10th St., New York, NY 10011. 212-477-3716. www.marshallchess club.org. E-mail: admin@marshallchessclub.org.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JUNE 21-23 OR 22-23, OHIO
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 80 (ENHANCED)

2013 Columbus Open

5-SS, 30/90, SD/60 (2-day schedule, rd. 1 G/90), ALL PRIZES UNCONDITIONALLY GUARANTEED. 3 sections: **Open**, open to all. G \$1200, 800, 500, 400, 300; U2000, \$500, 300; **Premier**, open to 1799/below: \$500, 300; U1600: \$500, 300; **Reserve**, open to 1399/below: \$500, 300; U1200: \$500, 300. All EF: \$85 if rec'd by 6/16/2013. \$95 at site. Free to Sr. Master/ above who complete their schedule. (\$85 EF deducted from winnings.) **3-day schedule:** Reg. Ends Fri. 6:30 p.m., Rds: Fri. 7 p.m.; Sat. 2 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; Sun. 9:30 a.m., 3 p.m. 2-day schedule: Reg. Ends Sat. 9:30 a.m. Rd 1 at 10 a.m., then merges with 3-day schedule. Re-entry: \$20. Any player who loses Fri. night may re-enter for \$20 and loss will not count in tournament standings! One 1/2-pt. Bye available in Rds 1-4 (request required prior to Rd 1). Unrated players may play in any section. \$25 upset prize each section. HOTELS: HOLIDAY INN DOWNTOWN CAPITAL SQUARE, 175 E. TOWN ST., COLUMBUS, 43215. (614)221-3281. ROOM RATE: \$109.00 plus tax (includes parking). Hotel remodeled, with expanded playing space, skittles room, many amenities. Chess rate available through June 1st, code CCC. (note: there is a large convention in Columbus this weekend; rooms scarce.) Alternative hotel: The German Village Inn, one mile from playing site, 920 S. High St., (614) 443-6506, \$59.00 plus tax. Free parking: Bd. of Ed. Lot between 5th and 6th St., on Capital St., 5 min. walk from site. ENT: C/O Lou Friscoe, 1645 Glenn Ave., Columbus, OH 43212. Inquires: (614) 486-6856 or (614) 228-8111. Entry forms available at our web site: www.centralchessclub.com.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JUNE 21-23 OR 22-23, CONNECTICUT
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 50 (ENHANCED)

19th Annual Northeast Open

5SS, 30/85, SD/60, d10 (2-day option, rds 1-2 G/85, d10). Sheraton Hotel, 700 Main St., Stamford, CT 06901. Free parking. **\$8,000 guaranteed** prize fund. In 4 sections. **Open:** \$1000-500-300-200, U2250 \$600–300. **Under 2050:** \$800-400-300-200, top U1850 \$500-250. **Under 1650:**

\$700-400-250-150, top U1450 \$400-200. Under 1250: \$300-150-100, trophy to first 3, ton U1000, U800, U600, Unrated, Unrated may not win over \$150 in U1250 or \$400 in U1650. **Top 3 sections EF:** \$88 online at chessaction.com by 6/19, \$95 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 6/19 (entry only, no questions), 3-day \$93, 2-day \$92 if check mailed by 6/12, \$100 at site, or online until 2 hours before game. No mailed credit card entries. U1250 Section EF: all \$40 less than above. No checks at site, credit cards OK. GMs free, \$80 deducted from prize. Online EF \$3 less to CSCA members. Re-entry \$50; not available in Open Section. Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. **Special 1 year USCF dues** with paper magazine if paid with entry. Online at chessaction.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. Fir 7 pm, Sat 12 & 6, Sun 10 & 3:30. **2-day schedule**: Reg ends Sat 9 am, rds. Sat 10, 2 & 6, Sun 10 & 3:30. **Bye**: all, limit 2; must commit before d 2. **HR**: \$94-94, 800-408-7640, 203-358-8400; reserve by 6/7 or rate may increase. **Car rental**: Avis, 800-331-1600, AVID D657633, or reserve car online through chesstour.com. **Ent:** chessaction.com or Continental Chess, Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. \$15 service charge for refunds. Questions: DirectorAtChess.us, www.chesstour.com, 845-496-9658. Advance entries posted at chessaction.com (online entries posted

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JUNE 21-23 OR 22-23, GEORGIA
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 100

2013 Castle Chess Grand Prix

5-SS, G/120, d/5 (2 day schedule, rd 1 G/90, d/5). Cox Hall, Emory University, 569 Asbury Cir., Atlanta, GA 30322. **\$12,000 G!** Seven sections: Master: \$2,100-1250-750-450; U2400: \$800-500; Expert: \$750-425-225; Class A: \$675-375-200; Class B: \$575-350-175; Class C: \$500-300-150; Class D: \$400-250-150; U1200: \$350-200-100. Official June ratings used. Unofficial ratings used if otherwise unrated. Rated players may play up one section. First prize every section paid on-site. All other prizes mailed by July 1. **EF:** \$79 if received by 6/19. \$100 later or at site. Free to GM, IM or USCF 2400. Unrated Players: \$50; Unrated may enter any section, except Master. Unrated may not win over \$150 in U1200, \$ 200 in D, \$250 in C, \$300 in B, \$350 in A, or \$400 in Expert. Balance of any limited prize goes to next player(s) in line. **3 day schedule**: Reg.: 6:30any inimeter in Zeyests to lear page (s) in initial stay schedule: Reg.: 7:30 pm on 6/21. Rds.: 8; 1:30-6:30; 9-1:30. **2 day schedule**: Reg.: 8:00-9:00 am on 6/22. Rd. 1 at 9:30 am, then merges with 3 day schedule. Half point bye rounds 1-4. Limit 2. Must commit before playing first game. No changes. **Ent**: 5025 Antebellum Dr., Stone Mtn., GA 30087. Make check payable to: Castle Chess Inc. Info: Scott Parker, 770-939-5030, tournament@castlechess.org, on-line registration at www.castlechess.org. **Note**: Bring sets, boards, clocks. None supplied. All parking at Emory is in either Fishburne or Peavine parking decks. No parking next to Cox Hall. Please allow time to walk from the deck to Cox Hall. NS. NC. W.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JUNE 27-JULY 1, VIRGINIA
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 150 (ENHANCED)

DC International

9SS, 40/90,SD/30, 30 seconds increment. Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA 22202 (free shuttle from Reagan National Airport; see World Open for rates & parking info). **\$\$G 8000:** \$2000-1200-800-700-600-500-400-300, top FIDE under 2300 or unrated \$1000-500. Minimum prize \$700 to foreign GMs who complete all games with no byes (limited to first 5 foreign GMs to enter). Minimum prize \$300 to foreign IMs who complete all games with no byes (limited to first 5 foreign IMs to enter) IM & GM norms possible; FIDE rated. **EF:** GMs, IMs, WGMs free; \$150 deducted from prize (no deduction from minimum prize) Free advance entries must confirm entry 6/26 by e-mail or 6/27 at hotel. Foreign FIDE rated players: \$127 online by 6/25, \$150 online or at site until 10 am 6/27. **USA players FIDE rated 2200/up**: \$235 mailed by 6/18, \$227 online by 6/25, \$250 online or at site until 10 am 6/27. **Others:** \$325 mailed by 6/18, \$327 online by 6/23, \$350 at tmt. **All:** No checks as size, credit cards OK. Special 1 year USCF dues with magazine: see World Open. Schedule: Late reg. ends Thu 10 am, rds Thu through Sun 11 & 6, Mon 11. Two half point byes available (must commit before rd 2); norm not possible if taking bye. **Bring sets, boards, clocks** if possible-none supplied. **Ent:** chessaction.com or Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. \$15 service charge for refunds. Questions: www.chesstour.com, DirectorAtChess.us, Advance entries posted at chessaction.com. Invitations: GoAtChess.us. Use @ symbol instead of "At" in e-mail addresses.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! June 29-30, Virginia Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 (Enhanced)

World Open Warmup

5SS, G/90, d10. Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington (see World Open). \$\$G 200-100, U2000 \$110, U1600/Unr \$90. EF: \$40, at site only, no checks. Reg. ends 9:30 am 6/29, rds. Sat 10, 2 & 6, Sun 10 & 2. One half point bye allowed if U1600 or unrated, otherwise two byes allowed, must commit before rd 2.

JULY 3, VIRGINIA

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10 (ENHANCED) World Open 7-Minute Championship (BLZ)

World Open / -minute Gramphorismin (DeLZ) FSS, double round (10 games), G/7, d2. Hyatt Regency Crystal City (see World Open). Prizes \$1200 based on 40 entries, else in proportion except half each prize guaranteed. \$300-200-100, U2100 \$160-80, U1800 \$130-70, U1500/Unr \$110-50. EF: \$40, at site only, no checks. **Reg.** ends 10:30 am, rds. 11, 12, 1, 2, 3. One pair of 1/2 pt byes available, must commit before rd 2. Blitz or Quick rated (will not affect regular ratings), but highest of regular, quick or blitz used for pairings & prizes.

An American Classic!

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Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JULY 3-7, 4-7, 5-7, 1-7 OR JUNE 29-JULY 7, VIRGINIA

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 300 (ENHANCED)

41st Annual World Open

NOTE NEW OPEN TIME CONTROL AND TWO WEEKEND SCHEDULE. 9SS. Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202 (a few miles from Washington, DC). Free shuttle from Reagan National Airport, special chess rate for hotel valet parking \$6/day, parking about \$7-10/day nearby if hotel garage is full. In 9 sections, \$250,000 projected prizes based on 1180 paid entries, \$175,000 (70% of each prize) minimum guaranteed. GMs, re-entries count as 50% entries, IMs, WGMs, Under 1200, Seniors in U1400/over as 60% entries, U900 as 15% entries. Free analysis of your games by GM Sam Palatnik 7/3-7; free GM lectures 9 am 7/5 & 7/6. Open Section, July 3-7, 1-7 or June 29-July 7: 40/ 90, SD/30, inc. 30. **Under 2400 & Under 2200 Sections, July 3-7, 4-7, 5-7 or June 29-July 7:** 40/115, SD/1, d5 (4-day option, rds 1-2 G/75, d5; 3-day option, rds 1-5 G/45, d5). **Under 2000 to Under 1200** Sections, July 3-7, 4-7 or 5-7: 40/115, SD/1, d5 (4-day option, rds 1-2 G/75, d5, 3-day option, rds 1-5 G/45, d5.) Under 900 Section, July 5-7: G/65, d5. **Open:** \$20000-10000-5000-2500-1200-1000-800-700-600-500 clear winner bonus \$300, top FIDE U2500 \$2000-1000, top senior 65/over \$1000. If tie for first, top 2 on tiebreak play speed game 11:30 pm 7/7 for title & bonus prize. GM & IM norms possible. FIDE rated. **Under 2400/Unr:** \$13000-7000-3000-1500-1000-900-800-700-600-500, top U2300/Unr \$2000-1000, top senior 65/over \$800. FIDE rated. **Under 2200/Unr:** \$13000-7000-3000-1500-1000-900-800-700-600-500, top U2100 (no unr) \$2000-1000, top senior 65/over \$800, FIDE rated, **Under 2000/Unr:** \$13000-7000-3000-1500-1000-900-800-700-600-500, top U1900 (no unr) \$2000-1000, top senior 65/over \$800. **Under 1800/Unr:** \$13000-7000-3000-1500-1000-900-800-700-600-500, top U1700 (no unr) 800-700-600-500, top U1300 (no unr) \$1600-800, top senior 65/over \$800. **Under 1200/Unr:** \$5000-2500-1200-1000-900-800-700-600-500-400, top U1000 (no Unr) \$1200-600, top senior 65/over \$600. Under **900/Unr:** \$1000-700-500-400-300-300, trophies to first 10, top U700, U500, U300, Unrated. **Prize limits:** 1) Players with under 10 lifetime games played as of 7/13 official list may not win over \$500 in U900, \$1500 in U1200. \$2500 in U1400 or U1600. Games rated too late for 7/13 list not counted. 2) If any post-event rating posted 6/30/12-6/30/13 was more than 30 points over section maximum, prize limit \$2000. 3) Unrated (0-3 lifetime games rated) cannot win over \$300 in U900, \$800 U1200. \$1200 U1400, \$1600 U1600, \$2000 U1800, or \$2500 U2000. 4) Balance of any limited prize goes to next player(s) in line. **Entry fee** for Open through Under 1400: **Online at chessaction.com:** \$318 by 4/15, \$328

by 6/28, \$350 until 2 hours before first game. **Phoned to 406-896-2038**: \$325 by 4/15, \$335 by 6/28. **Mailed by 4/15**: 5-day \$325, 4-day \$324, 3-day \$323, 7-day \$327, 2-weekend \$322. **Mailed by 6/18**: 5-day \$335, 4-day \$334, 3-day \$333, 7-day \$337, 2-weekend \$332. Do not mail entry after 6/18. **At site until 1 hour before first game:** all \$350; no checks, credit cards OK. GMs free; \$200 deducted from prize. IMs, WGMs: EF \$100 less, \$100 deducted from prize. All Open Section EF \$100 more for US players not FIDE rated 2200 or over. **Under 1200 Section EF:** all \$100 less than above. **Under 900 Section EF:** \$48 online at chessaction.com by 6/28. \$52 mailed by 6/18. \$60 online until 9 am 7/5. \$60 at site until 10 am 7/5. **Seniors 65/up:** all EF \$100 less in U1400 or above sections, \$20 less in U1200 Section. No checks at site; credit cards OK. Reentry: \$160, no re-entry from Open to Open. \$20 fee for switching section after 7/2. Special 1 year USCF dues with magazine if paid with entry: Online at chessaction.com, Adult \$30, Young Adult \$20, Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or paid at site, Adult \$40, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20. Open to U1200 5-day schedule: Wed 7 pm, Thu 11 am & 6 pm, Fri 11 am & 6 pm, Sat 11 am & 6 pm, Sun 10 am & 5 pm, U2400 to U1200 4-day schedule: Thu 11, 2:30 & 6, Fri 11 & 6, Sat 11 & 6, Sur 10 & 5. **U2400 to U1200 3-day schedule:** Fri 11, 1:30, 3:30, 6 & 8:30, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 10 & 5. **Open 7-day schedule:** Mon-Wed 7 pm, Thu-Fri 6 pm, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 10 & 5. **Open to U2200 2-weekend schedule:** 6/29 11 & 6, 6/30 10 & 4:30, 7/5 6 pm, 7/6 11 & 6, 7/7 10 & 5. **All above schedules** merge & compete for same prizes. **Under 900 schedule:** Fri & Sat each 11 am, 2 pm & 5 pm, Sun 10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm. Half point byes OK all, limit 4 (limit 2 in last 4 rds), Open must commit before rd 2, others before rd 5. Entries, re-entries close 1 hour before your first game. HR: \$95-95-105-115, 703-418-1234, ask for chess rate, may sell out about May 31, two night minimum July 5-6. **Special car rental** rates: Avis, 800-331-1600, AWD #D657633, or reserve car online through chesstour.com. **US player ratings:** Official July ratings used, except Open Section. Unofficial uschess.org usually used if otherwise unrated. Foreign player ratings (except Open Section): see www.chesstour.com/foreignratings. htm. Open Section: June FIDE ratings used for all players. Special rules: Players must submit to a search for electronic devices if requested by Director. In round 3 or after, players with scores of 80% or over and their opponents may not use headphones, earphones, cellphones or go to a different floor of the hotel without Director permission. **Ent:** Continental Chess, Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. **Questions:** www.chesstour. com, DirectorAtChess.US, 845-496-9658. \$15 service charge for refunds. Advance entries will be posted at chessaction.com. Bring set, board, **clock** if possible- none supplied.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! JULY 5-7 OR 6-7, CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 60

SCCF Pacific Southwest Open

6SS, 40/2, SD/1, d/5 (2-day option, rds 1-3 G/75, d/5). **Radisson LAX**, 6225 West Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045. Prizes: **\$\$10,000** b/165, 80% of each prize guaranteed! 5 sections. **Open:** \$\$1700-750-400-307-203, 03/801 each pize guaranteeur 3 sections. Spein. 337-007-334-300-200, U2400 400, U2200 700-300-200. Premier (under 2000): \$\$750-300-200-100. Amateur (Under 1800): \$\$750-300-200-100. S\$750-300-200-100. Booster (Under 1400): \$\$750-300-200-100. Booster (Under 1400): \$\$750-300-200-100. Booster (Under 1400) unrated): \$\$400-200-100, U1200 150, Unr 150. (Unrated may win Unrated prizes only.) EF: \$99 by 05/20, \$105 by 06/20 \$109 at door. GM/IM free, \$99 olly) Fr. 397 by 20720, 340 y 00720 340 y 4 0000. Whit Mir Hey 376 morprise. Booster (U1400) section EF: \$80 by 05/20, \$87 by 06/20, \$95 door. Re-entry \$60 in all sections. 3-day schedule: Reg ends Fri 10 am, 4cs. Fri 11 & 6, 5at 11 & 6:30, Sun 10 & 4:15. 2-day schedule: Reg ends Sat 8:30 am, rds. Sat 9, 12, 3 & 6:30, Sun 10 & 4:15. All: Half point byes OK all, limit 2, must commit before rd 4. SCCF membership (\$18, \$13 jrs \[\text{or} \\$3 no magazine jr version \] required for rated Southern Californians.) HR: \$99-99, 1-(800) 333-3333, code Metropolitan, reserve by May 10th. Parking \$11/day. Free wireless in public areas. 24-hour airport shuttle. Info: info@metrochessla.com. Web site, Online entry: www.metrochess la.com Ent: Metropolitan Chess, PO Box 25112, Los Ángeles, CA 90025-0112. \$15 service charge for refunds.

JULY 6, VIRGINIA

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10 (ENHANCED)

World Open 10-Minute Championship (BLZ) 5SS, G/10, d2. Hyatt Regency Crystal City (see World Open). Prizes \$2000 based on 65 entries, else in proportion except half each prize guar-

anteed. In 2 sections. **Open Section**: \$400-200-100, top U2300/Unr \$220, U2100/Unr \$200. **Under 1900 Section**: \$280-140-70, top U1700/Unr \$160, U1500 \$130, U1300 \$100, no unrated may win over \$150. EF: \$40, at site only, no checks. Reg: 7-10:15 pm, rounds 10:30, 11:10, 11:50, 12:30, 1:10. 1 half point bye available, must commit before rd 2. Quick-rated (will not affect regular ratings), but higher of regular or quick used for pairings & prizes.

GOLD

JULY 7, VIRGINIA
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 30 (ENHANCED)

World Open Blitz Championship (BLZ)

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GOLD & SILVER

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SILVER

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\$80, no unrated may win over \$150. Entry fee: \$40, at site only, no checks. **Reg:** 6-11 pm, rounds 11:15 pm, 12, 12:30, 1, 1:30. Bye: OK rd 1. Blitz or Quick-rated (will not affect regular ratings); prizes based on highest of regular, blitz or quick ratings.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JULY 18-21, 19-21 OR 20-21, CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 150 (ENHANCED)

18th annual Pacific Coast Open

6SS. Sheraton Agoura Hills Hotel, 30100 Agoura Rd., Agoura Hills, CA 91301 (US-101 to Reyes Adobe Road exit). Adjacent to the Santa Monica Mountains, 26 miles west of Burbank, 12 miles from Malibu, 28 miles from Ventura, Free parking, Prizes \$25,000 based on 230 paid entries (re-entries & U1200 Sections count half), minimum \$20,000 (80% each prize) guaranteed. In 7 sections. **Open** 3-day & 4-day 40/110, SD/30, d10, **other sections** 3-day & 4-day 30/90, SD/1, d5. **2-day option** in all sections, rds 1-3 6/45, d5, then merges with others. **4-day option** offered only in Open through Under 1500. **Open:** \$3000-1500-700-400, clear or tiebreak win \$100 bonus, top U2300/Unr \$1400-700. FIDE. **Under 2100:** \$2000-1000-500-300. **Under 1900:** \$2000-1000-500-300. **Under 1700:** \$1700-900-500-300. **Under 1500:** \$1400-700-400-200, top U1300 (no Unr) \$400. Adult Under 1200 (born 1995/before):\$500-300-200-100, trophies to first 3, top U1000, U800, Unr. **Junior Únder 1200** (born 1996/after): \$500-300-200-100, trophies to first 3, top U1000, U800, Unr. **NEW** mixed doubles bonus prizes: best male/female 2-player "team" combined score among all sections: \$600-300. Team average rating must be under 2200; teammates may play in different sections; teams must register at site (no extra fee) before both players begin round 2; teammate pairings avoided but possible. **Unrated** may enter any section, with prize limit U1900 \$900, U1700 \$700, U1500 \$500, U1200 \$200; balance goes to next player(s) in line. **Top 5 sections EF:** \$135 at chessaction.com by 7/16, \$140 phoned by 7/16 (406-896-2038, no questions), 4-day \$139, 3-day \$138, 2-day \$137 mailed by 7/9, \$150 (no checks, credit cards OK) at site, or online until 2 hours before game. GMs free; \$120 deducted from prize. **Under 1200 Sections EF:** \$65 at chessaction.com by 7/16, \$70 phoned by 7/16 (406-896-2038, no questions), 3-day Adult \$68.50, 2-day Adult \$67.50, 3-day Junior \$68, 2-day Junior \$67 mailed by 7/9, all \$80 at site, or online until 2 hours before game. **SCCF membership** (\$18, jrs \$10) required for rated Southern CA residents. **Re-entry** \$70; not avail able 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 chessaction.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 6 pm, Sat 12 & 6, Sun 10 & 3:30. No 4-day schedule in either U1200 Section. **3-day schedule:** Reg. Fri to 11 am, rds Fri 12 & 6, Sat 12 & 6, Sun 10 & 3:30. 2-day schedule: Reg Sat to 9 am, rds Sat 10,12:45, 3:15 & 6, Sun 10 & 3:30. All schedules: Half point byes OK all, limit 2, Open must commit before rd 2, other sections before rd 4. HR: \$95-95, 818-707-1220, request chess rate, reserve by 7/3 or rate may increase. Car rental: Avis 800-331-1600, use AWD #D657633. **Ent:** Continental Chess, Box 8482, Pelham, NY 10803. \$15 service charge for refunds. Questions: www.chess tour.com, DirectorAtChess.US, 914-665-8152, Advance entries posted at chessaction.com (online entries posted instantly).

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JULY 19-21 OR 20-21, CONNECTICUT
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 50 (ENHANCED)

18th Annual Bradley Open

5SS, 30/85, SD/1, d10 (2-day option, rds 1-2 G/85, d10). 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, U2310 \$300-150. **Under 2110**: \$800-400-200, top U1910 \$300-150. **Under 1810**: \$800-400-200, top U1610 \$300-150. Under 1510: \$700-400-200, top U1310 \$200-100. Under **1210:** \$250-125-75, trophies to first 3, top U1000, U800, U600, Unrated **Unrated** may not win over \$150 in U1210, \$300 in U1510 or \$500 in U1810. **Top 4 sections EF:** \$88 online at chessaction.com by 7/17, \$95 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 7/17, 3-day \$93, 2-day \$92 if check mailed by 7/10, \$100 at site, or online until 2 hours before game. No mailed credit card entries. **U1210 Section EF:** all \$40 less than above. **No checks** at site, credit cards OK. GMs free, \$80 deducted from prize. Online 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 chessaction.com, Adult \$30, Young Adult \$20, Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or paid at site, Adult \$40, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20. **3-day sched**ule: Reg ends Fri 6 pm, rds. Fri 7 pm, Sat 12 & 6, Sun 10 & 3:30. **2-day** schedule: Reg ends Sat 9 am, rds. Sat 10, 2 & 6, Sun 10 & 3:30. **Bye:** all, limit 2; must commit before rd 2. **HR:** \$95-95, 860-627-5311; reserve by 7/5 or rate may increase. **Ent:** chessaction.com or Continental Chess, Box 8482, Pelham, NY 10803. \$15 service charge for refunds. Questions: www.chesstour.com, DirectorAtChess.US, 914-665-8152. Advance entries posted at chessaction.com (online entries posted instantly).

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JULY 19-21 OR 20-21, ILLINOIS
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 120 (ENHANCED)

6th annual Chicago Class

SSS. 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: Master 40/110, SD/30, d10, other **sections** 30/90, SD/1, d5. **2-day option** in all sections, rds 1-2 G/90, ds, then merges with 3-day. **Master** (2200/µp): \$2000-1000-500-300, clear win or 1st on tiebreak \$100, top U2400 \$800-400. FIDE. **Expert** (2000-2199): \$1400-700-400-200. **Class A** (1800-1999/Lnn): \$1400-700-400-200. **Class B** (1600-1799/Lnn): \$1400-700-400-200. **Class C** (1400-1599/Lnn): \$1400-700-400-200. \$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 \$125 in U1000, \$250 E, \$375 D, \$500 C, \$700 B, or \$900 A. Top 7 sections EF: \$105 online at chessaction.com by 7/17, \$110 phoned to 406-896-2038 (entry only, no questions) by 7/17, 3-day \$108, 2-day \$107 mailed by 7/11, all \$120 at site, or online until 2 hours before first game. 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 il-chess.org. An ICA Tour event. Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. Special 1 year USCF dues with paper magazine if paid with entry. Online at chessaction.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 12 & 6, Sun 10 & 3:30. 2-day schedule: Reg. ends Sat 9 am, rds. Sat 10, 2 & 6, Sun 10 & 3:30. Bye: all, Master must commit before rd 2, others before rd 3. **HR:** \$105-105-105, 800-937-8461, 847-777-6500, reserve by 7/5 or rate may increase. Car rental: Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD #D657633. Ent: chessaction.com or Continental Chess, Box 8482, Pelham, NY 10803 \$15 service charge for refunds. Questions: DirectorAtChess.US, chess tour.com, 914-665-8152. Advance entries posted at chessaction.com (online entries posted instantly).

JULY 20, ALABAMA

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 15 (ENHANCED)

Evangel Grand Prix

4SS, G/50, d5. Round times: 9:00, 11:00, 1:30, 3:30. Evangel Church, 3975 Vaughn Rd., Montgomery, AL. **One section,** OPEN (b/40, 70%GTD) 1st \$400, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$150, 4th \$100, A/B \$100, C/D \$100, U1200/unrated \$100. **EF:** \$40 by July 12, \$50 thereafter. BYES: Limit 1, request before round 1. **Registration:** Send name, USCF ID, and entry fee (checks payable to "Evangel Church") to Doug Strout, 6000 Camelot Ct., Montgomery, AL 36117, dtstrout@bellsouth.net.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JULY 26-28 OR 27-28, FLORIDA TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 80 (ENHANCED)

21st annual Southern Open

5SS, 40/110, SD/30, d10. (2-day option, rds 1-2 G/90, d5). 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 \$800-400. **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**: \$600-300-200-100, trophies to top Under 1000, Under 800, Under 600, Unrated. NEW mixed doubles bonus prizes: best male/female 2-player "team" combined score among all sections: \$400-200. Team average must be under 2200; teammates may play in different sections; teams must register at site (no extra fee) before both players begin round 2; teammate pairings avoided but possible. **Unrated** may not win over \$150 in U1200, \$300 U1500, or \$500 U1800. **Top 4 sections EF:** \$105 online at chessaction.com by 7/24, \$110 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 7/24, 3-day \$108, 2-day \$107 mailed by 7/17, all \$120 (no checks, credit cards OK) at site, or online until 2 hours before game. GMs free; \$100 deducted from prize. **U1200 Section EF:** all \$50 less than above. **Unof**ficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. Special 1 year USCF dues with paper magazine if paid with entry. Online at chessaction.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 12 & 6, Sun 10 & 3:30. **2-day schedule:** Reg ends Sat 9 am, rds. Sat 10, 2 & 6, Sun 10 & 3:30. **All:** Half point byes OK all, limit 2, Open must commit before rd 2, others before rd 3. HR: \$75-75 (no resort fee), 1-800-421-8001, 407-351-2420; reserve by 7/12 or rate may increase. **Car rental:** Avis, 800-331-1600, AWD D657633, or reserve car online through chesstour.com. **Ent:** chessaction.com or Continental Chess, Box 8482, Pelham, NY 10803. \$15 service charge for refunds. Questions: www.chesstour.com, DirectorAtChess.US, 914-665-8152. Advance entries posted at chessaction.com (online entries posted instantly).

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

AUG. 2-4 OR 3-4, NEW YORK
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 80 (ENHANCED)

12th annual Manhattan Open

5SS, New Yorker Hotel, 481 Fighth Ave at 34th St, across from Penn Station, New York 10001. \$15,000 guaranteed prizes. In 5 sections. 3-day Open 40/110, SD/30, d10, 3-day other sections 30/90, SD/1, d5. 2-day option in all sections, rds 1-2 G/90, d5, then merges with 3-day. **Open:** \$1400-700-400-200, clear/tiebreak win \$100 bonus, top Under 2450/Unr \$500-250. FIDE. **Under 2300:** \$1200-600-300-200, top U2150 \$500-250. **Under 2000:** \$1200-600-300-200, top U1850 \$500-250. **Under 1700:** \$1200-600-300-200, top U1550 \$500-250. **Under 1400:** \$500-300-200-100, top U1250 \$200-100, trophies to first 3, top U1200, U1000, U800, Unr. Mixed doubles bonus prizes: best male/female 2-player "team" com bined score among all sections: \$600-300. Team average rating must be under 2200; teammates may play in different sections; teams must register at site (no extra fee) before both players begin round 2; teammate pairings avoided but possible. **Unrated** may enter any section, with prize limit U2000 \$900, U1700 \$600, U1400 \$300; balance goes to next player(s) in line. Top 4 sections EF: \$118 at chessaction.com by 7/31, \$125 phoned to 406-896-2038 (no questions) by 7/31, 3-day \$123, 2-day \$122 if check mailed by 7/24, \$140 (no checks, credit cards OK) at site, or online until 2 hours before game. GMs free; \$100 from prize. **Under 1400** Section EF: all \$50 less than above. Online or mailed entry \$5 less to NYSCA members. Re-entry \$60, not available in Open. No checks at site, credit cards OK. Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. Special 1 year USCF dues with magazine if paid with entry. Online at chessaction.com, Adult \$30, Young Adult \$20, Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or at site, Adult \$40, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20. 3-**Day Schedule:** Reg. ends Fri 6 pm. Rds. Fri 7, Sat 12 & 6, Sun 10 & 3:30. **2-Day Schedule:** Reg. ends Sat 9 am. Rds. Sat 10, 2 & 6, Sun 10 & 3:30. Half point byes available all rounds, limit 2 byes, Open must commit before rd. 2, others before rd 3. HR: \$185-185, 1-800-764-4680, 212-9710101, reserve by 7/12 or rate may increase, ask for Continental Chess Association rate Ent: chessaction com or Continental Chess Box 249 Sal-Association are Enth chessacturicum of Continental chess, box 249, 3air isbury Mills, NY 12577. \$15 service charge for refunds. Questions: chesstour.com, DirectorAtChess.US, 845-496-9658. Advance entries posted at chessaction.com (Online entries posted instantly).

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

AUG. 6-11, MARYLAND TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 200 (ENHANCED) 2nd Annual Washington International

9SS, 40/90, SD/30 inc/30. Rockville Hilton, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-468-0308 All prizes guaranteed. Two sections: A Section (minimum 2100 FIDE or 2200 USCF to play. FIDE ratings used for pairings and prizes) \$5000-3000-2000-1000-900-800-700-600-550 500, top U2500 \$1300-700, top U2400 \$1200-600 top U2300 \$1100-550 top U2200 \$1000-500. **GM and IM norms possible. B Section (under** 2250 USCF and under 2200 FIDE, USCF ratings used, FIDE rated) \$1500-\$700-\$400, top U2000 \$600-300, top under 1800 \$500. Free Continental breakfast before morning rounds. Sets, board and clocks provided for both sections. A section EF: GMs, non-US IMs, or FIDE above 2500 Free; US IMs and WGMs, non-US FIDE rated, or FIDE about 2400 \$199; FIDE above 2300 \$299; FIDE above 2200 \$349; FIDE from 2100 to 2199 \$399; FIDE below 2100 and USCF above 2200 \$599; FIDE below 2100 and USCF of 2200 \$799. All \$25 more after 6/6, \$35 more after 7/21, \$45 more after 8/3, \$70 more at the door. **A Section Special EFs:** All EFs \$50 less, if staying at the Hilton; \$50 less, if born after 8/6/1963; \$25 less for all FMs, WFMs, WIMs, and non-US WGMs. B Section EF: \$249. \$20 more after 7/21, \$30 more after 8/3, \$40 more at the door, B Section Special EFs: All EFs \$50 less, if staying at the Hilton. Schedule: Reg ends Tue 10 am, rds 8/6-8/8:11am & 6pm, 8/9 11am, 8/10 6pm, Sun 8/11 11am. **HR** \$99 **Ent:** MCA, c/o Michael Regan, 1827 Thornton Ridge Rd., Towson, MD 21204. More information, link for hotel reservation, & online

A Heritage Event!

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

AUG. 8-11, 9-11 OR 10-11, MASSACHUSETTS

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 150 (ENHANCED)

entry at www.washingtoninternationalchess.org.

43rd annual Continental Open

6SS. Host Hotel at Cedar Lake, 366 Main St. (Rt 20 West), Sturbridge, MA 01566 (I-84 Exit 3, near I-90). Free parking. Experience early 19th century America at Old Sturbridge Village (see www.osv.org). **Prizes \$30,000** based on 250 paid entries (re-entries & U1300 Section count half), minimum \$24,000 (80% of each prize) guaranteed. In 5 sections. **Open** 3-day & 4-day 40/110, SD/30, d10, other sections 3-day & 4-day 30/90, SD/1, d5. **2-day option** in all sections, rds 1-3 G/45, d5, then merges with others. **4-day option** offered only in Open through Under 1600. **Open:** \$3000-1500-900-600-400, clear or tiebreak win \$200 bonus, top U2350 \$1000-500. FIDE. **Under 2200:** \$2000-1000-700-500-300, top U2050/Unr \$800-400. **Under 1900**: \$2000-1000-700-500-300, top U1750 (no unr) \$800-400. **Under 1600**: \$1800-900-700-500-300, top U1450 (no unr) \$700-400. **Under 1300**: \$1000-700-400-300-200, top U1150 (no unr) \$400-200. **NEW mixed doubles bonus prizes:** best male/female 2-player "team" combined score among all sections: \$1000-600-400. Team average rating must be under 2200; teammates may play in differemt sections; teams must register at site (no extra fee) before both players begin round 2; teammate pairings avoided but possible. **Unrated** may enter any section, with prize limit U1900 \$900, U1600 \$600, U1300 \$300; balance goes to next player(s) in line. **Top 4 sections EF:** \$148 online at chess-action.com by 8/6, \$155 phoned by 8/6 (406-896-2038, no questions), 4-day \$154, 3-day \$153, 2-day \$152 mailed by 7/31, \$160 (no checks, credit cards OK) at site, or online until 2 hours before game. GMs free; \$140 deducted from prize. Under 1300 Section EF: all \$60 less than above. All: Advance EF \$5 less to MACA members: may join/renew at masschess.org. Re-entry \$80; not available in Open. Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. Special 1 year USCF dues with paper magazine if paid with entry. Online at chessaction.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 6 pm, Sat 12 & 6, Sun 10 & 3:30. No 4-day U1300. **3-day schedule:** Reg. Fri to 11 am, rds Fri 12 & 6, Sat 12 & 6, Sun 10 & 3:30. **2-day schedule:** Reg Sat to 9 am, rds Sat 10,12:45, 3:15 & 6, Sun 10 & 3:30. All schedules: Bye all, limit 2, Open must commit before rd 2, other sections before rd 4. HR: \$91-91-100, 800-582-3232, 508-347-7393, request chess rate, reserve by 7/26 or rate may increase. Car rental: Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD #D657633. Ent: chessaction.com or Continental Chess, PO Box 8482, Pelham, NY 10803. \$15 service charge for refunds. Questions: www.chesstour.com, DirectorAtChess.us, 914-665-8152, Advance entries posted at chessaction.com (online entries posted instantly).

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

AUG. 9-11 OR 10-11, OHIO TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 120 (ENHANCED)

Cleveland Open

5SS, 40/110, SD/30, d10. (2-day option, rds 1-2 G/90, d5). Sheraton Cleveland Airport Hotel, 5300 Riverside Drive (inside Cleveland Airport; free shuttle), Cleveland, OH 44135. Free parking. **\$16,000 guaranteed prize** fund. In 6 sections. Open: \$2000-1000-500-300, clear or tiebreal ner \$100 bonus, top Under 2300/Unr \$800-400. 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. **Adult Under 1200** (born 1995/before): \$300-200-100, trophies to first 3, top Under 1000, Under 800, Unrated Junior Under 1200 (born 1996/after): \$300-200-100, trophies to first 3, top Under 1000, Under 800, Unrated. **NEW mixed doubles bonus prizes:** best male/female 2-player "team" combined score among all sections: \$400-200. Team average must be under 2200; teammates may play in different sections; teams must register at site (no extra fee) before both players begin round 2; teammate pairings avoided but possible. **Unrated** may not win over \$150 in U1200, \$300 U1500, or \$500 U1800. **Top 4 sections EF:** \$105 online at chessaction.com by 8/7, \$110 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 8/7, 3-day \$108.50, 2-day \$107.50 mailed by 7/31,

all \$120 (no checks, credit cards OK) at site, or online until 2 hours before game. GMs, IMs & WGMs free; \$90 deducted from prize. U1200 Sections EF: \$45 at chessaction.com by 8/7, \$50 phoned by 8/7 (406-896-2038, no questions), 3-day Adult \$48.50, 2-day Adult \$47.50, 3-day Junior \$48, 2-day Junior \$47 mailed by 7/31, all \$60 at site, or online until 2 hours before game. Online EF \$5 less to OCA members. Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. Special 1 year USCF dues with paper magazine if paid with entry. Online at chessaction.com, Adult \$30, Young Adult \$20, Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or paid at site, Adult \$40, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20. Reentry \$50; not available in Open Section. 3-day schedule: Reg ends Fri 6 pm, rds. Fri 7 pm, Sat 12 & 6, Sun 10 & 3:30. 2-day schedule: Reg ends Sat 9 am, rds. Sat 10, 2 & 6, Sun 10 & 3:30. All: Half point byes OK all limit 2, Open must commit before rd 2, others before rd 3. **HR:** \$84-84 plus \$3 facility charge, 216-267-1500, request chess rate, reserve by 7/26 or rate may increase. Car rental: Avis, 800-331-1600, AWD D657633, or reserve car online through chesstour.com. Ent: chessaction.com or Continental Chess, Box 8482, Pelham, NY 10803. \$15 service charge for refunds. Questions: www.chesstour.com, DirectorAtChess.US, 914-665-8152. Advance entries posted at chessaction.com.

Regional

Alabama

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

APR. 6, Birmingham Challenge 4SS, TC: G/75. Asbury UMC, 6690 Cahaba Valley Rd., Birmingham, AL 35242. **Open (PF: \$\$b/15):** \$225-125-U2000:100-U1800:100; **Reserve** (PF: \$\$b/15): \$175-125-U1400:100-U1200:100; Rds.: 9-11:30-2:30-5. EF: \$40; if mailed by MAR 30th; \$50 at site. Scholastic: 5SS, TC: G/30. EF: \$20. Trophy: Top 3, Rds.: 9-10-11-1-2. Late REG.: APR 6th at 8am Checks payable to: Caesar Chess. ENT: Caesar Chess LLC, 5184 Caldwell Mill Rd., Suite 204-202, Birmingham, AL 35244. Info: CaesarChess@ yahoo.com; www.AlabamaChess.com; www.CaesarChess.com

APR. 27, Evangel April Open

4SS, G/50, d5. Round times: 9:00, 11:00, 1:30, 3:30. Evangel Church, 3975 Vaughn Rd., Montgomery, AL. Two sections: **OPEN** (b/20) 1st \$200, 2nd \$100, A/B \$60, U1600/unrated \$60. **RESERVE** (U1500, b/20) 1st \$160, 2nd \$100, D/E \$60, U1000/unrated \$60. EF: \$25 by April 19, \$30 thereafter. BYÉS: Limit 1, request before round 1. Registration: Send name, USCF ID, section, and entry fee (checks payable to "Evangel Church") to Doug Strout, 6000 Camelot Ct., Montgomery, AL 36117. E-mail: dtstrout@ bellsouth.net.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

APR. 27, Huntsville Challenge 4SS, TC: G/75. UAH – University Center. 1410 Ben Graves Dr., Huntsville AL 35816. Open (PF: \$\$b/15): \$225-125-U2000:100-U1800:100; Reserve (PF: \$\$b/15): \$175-125-U1400:100-U1200:100; Rds.: 9-11:30-2:30-5. EF: \$40; if mailed by APR 20th; \$50 at site. Scholastic: 5SS, TC: G/30. EF: \$20. Trophy: Top 3. Rds.: 9-10-11-1-2. Late REG: APR 27th at 8am. Checks payable to: Caesar Chess. ENT: Caesar Chess LLC, 5184 Cald well Mill Rd., Suite 204-202, Birmingham, AL 35244. Info: CaesarChess@ yahoo.com; www.AlabamaChess.com; www.CaesarChess.com

MAY 3-5 OR 4-5, 2013 Georgia State Championship (GA)

MAY 10-12, Chess Extravaganza in T-Town See Grand Prix.

MAY 31-JUNE 2 OR 1-2, 2013 Atlanta Championship (GA) See Grand Prix

JULY 20, Evangel Grand Prix

JULY 26-28 OR 27-28, 21st annual Southern Open (FL) See Grand Prix.

Arizona

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

Tuesday Night Open
4 or 5 round, USCF rated tournament. ROUND TIMES: 7:00pm. One game every Tuesday of the month. Time Control: 40/120,SD/60;d5 PRIZES: 1st Place and Class Prizes based on number of entries. ENTRY FEE: \$45; TO REGISTER: chessemporium.com, call 602-482-4867. SITE: 10801 N. 32nd St., Suite 6, Phoenix, AZ 85028.

APR. 13, 1st Chess & Science Festival and All-Girls Tournament! 4-SS, G/30;d5. USCF rated. Flandrau Science Center, 1601 E. University Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85719. **Open to girls in K-12.** 2 sections: **Open & U800**. Trophies to top 5 in each section. Certificates to all. Possible special prizes books, medals, etc... EF: \$25 by 4/01; \$35 by 4/10; \$50 & 1/2 point bye in the 1st round onsite. Online registration: http://www.events4chess com/Questions: Anjelina Belakovskaia (520)370-0700, anjelina@gmail. com. Bring set, board, clock, if possible. **More info:** ChessforParents.com. Other events: 10-board simultaneous exhibition for adults and kids (U800) by 9 y.o. CFCA student. Participants and their families (up to 4 people) receive FREE museum admission. Special Reduced Fee admission for visitors: \$5 adult, \$3 child. **Event includes:** science exhibits, museum admission, multiple laser show, screening of *Brooklyn Castle* movie and more! The information shown above is based on information in USCF records prior to publication of the TLA in Chess Life (or Chess Life for Kids.) As such, the information shown above is subject to change and any URLs may not yet be activated or may refer to other events. Please check the TLA in Chess Life (or Chess Life for Kids) for any corrections, updates or other changes. In special cases, changes that are made after

the publication of Chess Life may be found on the Tournament Listings by State page, Sponsoring Affiliate; A6038416, CATALINA FOOTHILLS CHESS ACAD. **Tell the TD** you heard about this event via TLA Mail or saw it on the USCF website

APR. 13, Tempe Open

4 round, USCF rated tournament. **SECTIONS:** USCF/ASCF: OPEN(2000+)/ 1600-1999/ 1200-1599/U1200. ASCF: U1000; G/60 for the top 4 sections. G/45 for U1000. **ROUND TIMES:** 4 top sections:8:30am-10:45am-1:00pm-3:00pm. U1000: 8:30am-10:10am-12:10pm-1:50pm. **PRIZES**: \$200 1st, \$100 2nd OPEN/Top 3 trophies in 1600-1999, 1200-1599 Sections and U1200/Top 5 U1000 plus best Chess4Life Bishop, Knight, Pawn & best U800 and U600. ENTRY FEE: \$25 by 4/10, \$28 by 4/11, \$31 by 4/12, \$35 at site. \$10 to play up. TO REGISTER: chessemporium.com, call 602-482-4867. SITE: 1835 E. Elliot Rd., Tempe, AZ.

MAY 11, Tempe Open

4 round, USCF rated tournament. **SECTIONS:** USCF/ASCF: OPEN(2000+)/ 1600-1999/1200-1599/U1200. ASCF: U1000; G/60 for the top 4 sections. G/45 for U1000. **ROUND TIMES:** 4 top sections:8:30am-10:45am-1:00pm-3:00pm. U1000: 8:30am-10:10am-12:10pm-1:50pm. PRIZES: \$200 1st \$100 2nd OPEN/ Top 3 trophies in 1600-1999, 1200-1599 Sections and U1200/ Top 5 U1000 plus best Chess4Life Bishop, Knight, Pawn & best U800 and U600. **ENTRY FEE:** \$25 by 5/8, \$28 by 5/9, \$31 by 5/10, \$35 at site. \$10 to play up. **TO REGISTER:** chessemporium.com, call 602-482-4867. **SITE:** 1835 E. Elliot Rd., Tempe, AZ.

MAY 25-27, 2013 U.S. Amateur West Championship See Nationals

JUNE 6, 2013 U.S. Game/10 Championship (BLZ) (NV) See Nationals

JUNE 7, National Open Scholastic Trophy Tournament (NV) See Nevada

JUNE 7-9 OR 8-9, 2013 National Open (NV) See Nationals.

JUNE 8, National Open Blitz Sectionals (BLZ) (NV)

JUNE 8-9, International Youth Championship (NV) See Nevada

JUNE 9, 2013 National Open Blitz (BLZ) (NV)

JULY 18-21, 19-21 OR 20-21, 18th annual Pacific Coast Open See Grand Prix

Arkansas

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! APR. 13-14. Arkansas Open

5SS, G/90+30. Days Inn, 2402 N College Ave., Fayetteville, AR 72703. \$\$ (b/40) 250-150; A, B, C, D & below-100 each (min. 3/class; if 2-75; if 1-50); Upset-50. **EF:** \$35 (by 4/11), \$40 at door. **Reg.:** Sat. 8:30-9:15 a.m. **Rds.:** 9:30-2-6; 9-1:30. **Bye:** Limit 1, request before rd. 3 pairings. **HR:** King (1-2) \$52 + tx, 2 Queens (1-2) \$60 + tx. (479) 443-4323. **Entries:** Les Kline (TD), 801 Rush Dr., Fayetteville, AR 72701; (479) 444-8530; (479) 856-4692 [cell]; cl_kline@sbcglobal.net, USCF & ACA (OSA)

California, Northern

APR. 14, Cupertino Quads

3 x G/30. Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. Sched: Checkin by 2:30p. Games: 2:45-5p. EF: \$25, 40 onsite. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/cupertino. NS. NC. W.

APR. 14, Cupertino Swiss

4SS, G/30. Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies** for plus score & teams. **Sched:** Reg. 9-10a. **Games:** 10:15a-2p. **EF:** \$33, 48 onsite. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/cupertino. NS. NC. W.

APR. 20, Bay Area Chess4Less Quads

3 x G/30, 1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Check-in by 2:30p. **Games:** 2:45-5p. **EF:** \$19, \$34 onsite. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/chess4less. NS. NC

APR. 20, Bay Area Chess4Less Swiss

4SS, G/30. 1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. Trophies for plus score & teams. Sched: Reg. 9-10a. Games: 10:15a-2p. EF: \$19, \$34 onsite. Info: http://BavAreaChess.com/chess4less, NS, NC,

APR. 20-21, 8th Annual Frank Doyle Open See Grand Prix.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! A State Championship Event!

A State Championship Evenu APR. 27-28, CalChess State Scholastics Championship 2013 Convention Ctr., 5001 Grt America Pkwy, Santa Clara, CA 95054. Park free.

Hotel \$99: Hilton, 4949 Grt America Pkwy., Santa Clara. Main Event: Trophies to top 10 teams & max 40 players w plus score (in ea section). Medals to all. **16 sections:** Gr1-3 <800:Sat 5xG/30. KG & Gr4-12 <800:Sun 5xG/30. K-12 800+: Sat+Sun 6xG/75 (except 9-12 1600+ is FIDE rated 5xG/90+30s). Blitz Fri 6-8p. Bughouse Sat 6-8p. EF by 4/19: 1day \$48, 2day \$60. Blitz/Bugh: \$12. Apr 13 Supp &TD discretion to place players. **Info:** CalChessScholastics.org. Quest: ask@BayArea Chess.com. CalChess Mem reqd. NS, NC, W.

MAY 5. Fremont Quads

3 x G/30. Courtyard Marriott, Fremont, CA 94538. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Checkin by 2:30p. **Games:** 2:45-5p. **EF:** \$25, 40 onsite. Info: http://BavAreaChess.com/fremont, NS, NC, W.

MAY 5, Fremont Swiss

4SS, G/30. Courtyard Marriott, Fremont, CA 94538. Trophies for plus score & teams. **Sched:** Reg. 9-10a. **Games:** 10:15a-2p. **EF:** \$33, 48 onsite. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/fremont. NS. NC. W.

MAY 11. CalNorth Youth Chess Quads

Weibel Elementary School, 45135 S. Grimmer Blvd., Fremont, CA. Held in memory of David Donaldson. Info & Entry Form at www.calnorthyouthchess.org/SpringTournaments2013. Open to all scholastic players who are USCF members. Trophies to winners of each Quad. Chess medals to all who do not win a trophy. Info: Alan M. Kirshner, Ph.D., Alan@CalNorthYouthChess.org, (510) 659-0358.

JUNE 6, 2013 U.S. Game/10 Championship (BLZ) (NV) See Nationals

JUNE 7-9 OR 8-9, 2013 National Open (NV) See Nationals.

JUNE 8, CalNorth Youth Chess Quads

Weibel Elementary School, 45135 S. Grimmer Blvd., Fremont, CA. Info & Entry Form at www.calnorthyouthchess.org/SpringTournaments2013. Open to all scholastic players who are USCF members. Trophies to winners of each Quad. Chess medals to all who do not win a trophy. Info: Alan M. Kirshner, Ph.D., Alan@CalNorthYouthChess.org, (510) 659-0358.

JUNE 8-9. International Youth Championship (NV) See Nevada

JULY 18-21, 19-21 OR 20-21, 18th annual Pacific Coast Open (CA-S) See Grand Prix.

California, Southern

The Los Angeles Chess Club

(The premier chess club in Southern California) (310) 795-5710 * www.LAChessClub.com Beginner/Novice Class: Sundays: 12-1 pm Intermediate Class: Saturdays: 10:30 am - noon Advanced Lecture: Tuesdays: 7:30-9:30 pm Tournaments every Saturday and Sunday Every Sunday Chess 4 Juniors Tournament - 3 Sections: >1000, <1000, <600. Everybody receives a prize (trophies & medals) + Free pizza & juices. Details: www.LAChessClub.com. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90025 (4 blocks 405 West, SW corner of Santa Monica & Butler * 2nd Floor) Group Classes * Tournaments * Private (1:1) Lessons.

Beverly Hills Chess Club

Join the elite group of chess enthusiasts! Curriculum based instruction from ages 3 and above, Privates, Lectures, Blitz, Simuls, Open & Scholastic tournaments, Camps, Adult events, Member-only events and more... Open T, TH, F, Sat, Sun (hours vary). 8950 W. Olympic Blvd., #210, Beverly Hills, CA 90211. In the Beverly Hills Plaza (Corner of Lapeer Dr. & Olympic) 310-274-7873, e-mail us at info@bhchessclub.com, web site www.bhchessclub.com.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

APR. 6&7, 20&21, LACC - Sat & Sun G/61 6SS, G/61. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA 90025, 2nd fl. 2 Sections: Open & U1600. EF: \$55 (\$35 LACC memb; siblings 1/2). Reg.: 11-12 pm. Rds.: 12, 2, 4 pm each day. **Prizes:** 1/2 collections. **Parking:** Free on streets & basement. **Info:** 310/795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com.

APR. 6, 20, 27, LACC - Sat Nite Blitz (G/5) (BLZ)

5DSS, (10 Games). 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA, 90025, 2nd fl. 4 blks West of 405. **EF:** \$10. Q-rated. **Reg.:** 6-6:30 pm. **Rds.:** 6:30, 6:50, 7:10, 7:30, 7:50 pm. Prizes: 1/2 collections. Parking: Free on streets & basement. Info: 310/795-5710 or www.l AChessClub.com.

APR. 6, 20, 27, LACC - Saturday G/61

3SS, G/61. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA, 90025, 2nd fl. **2 Sections: Open & U1600. EF:** \$30 (\$20 memb, \$10 no prizes; siblings 1/2). **Reg.:** 11-12 pm. **Rds.:** 12, 2, 4 pm. **Prizes:** 1/2 collections. **Parking:** Free on streets & basement. Info: 310/795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

APR. 7, 14, 21, 28, LACC - April Sunday Swiss Ladder G/120 1 event - 2 sections: Open & U1600 (4SS, G/120;d5). 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA 90025, 2nd fl. EF: \$40 (\$30 LACC members; Siblings 1/2. Reg.: 1st Sat 1-2 pm. **Rds.**: Starts at 2 pm each Saturday. **Byes**: Up to two 1/2-point byes available. **Prizes**: 50% collections. **Info**: Mick Bighamian: (310) 795-5710; Mick@LAChessClub.com or www.LAChessClub.com. Parking: Free on streets & basement.

APR. 7, 14, 21, 28, LACC - Every Sunday Chess 4 Jrs.

4 separate events – 3 Sections: -1000, <1000, <600, 555, 6/30. 11514
Santa Monica Blvd & Butler LA, 90025, 2nd fl. 4 blocks West of 405. EF: \$30 (\$20 LACC memb, siblings 1/2, Free new LACC memb). Reg.: 12-1 pm. Rds.: Ipm&asap; Prizes: Trophies (Top 6) & medals; each player receives a prize! Parking: Free on streets & basement. Free pizza & juices. Info: (310) 795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com or Mick@LAChessClub.com.

APR. 7, 21, LACC - Sunday G/61

3SS, G/61. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA, 90025, 2nd fl. 2 Sections: Open & U1600. EF: \$30 (\$20 memb, \$10 no prizes; siblings 1/2). Reg.: 11-12 pm. Rds.: 12, 2, 4 pm. Prizes: 1/2collections. Parking: Free on streets & basement. Info: 310/795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com.

APR. 13, LACC - Sat Nite Blitz (G/5) (BLZ) See Grand Prix.

APR. 13-14, LACC - April Open

APR. 14, The Beverly Hills Scholastic Chess Championship Rated: Open, U900, & U500 5-SS, G/30. EF: \$15 BEFORE 3/24, \$25 after.

Bring Clocks! Non-Rated: Round Robin. EF: \$10 before 3/24, \$15 after 3/14. Online Reg: www.bhchessclub.com, Onsite Reg: 8-9 am, Rated Rds: 9,10,11, 1, 2pm. Prizes: Trophies to top3 in each section. Info: 310-274-7873, e-mail: tmtreg@bhchessclub.com. Site: Horace Mann School, 8701 Charleville Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA 90211.

APR. 26-28 OR 27-28, SCCF Western Pacific Open See Grand Prix.

APR. 27, SCCF WPO Scholastics

5-SS, G/30. Radisson LAX, 6225 West Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045. 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. Rds.: 9:30-11-12:15-1:45-3. **EF:** \$20 if received by 04/01, \$25 door. Info: info@metrochessla.com. Online ent: www.metrochessla.com. Ent: Metropolitan Chess, PO Box 25112, Los Angeles. CA 90025-0112.

MAY 25-27 OR 26-27, 2013 Lina Grumette Memorial Day Classic See Grand Prix.

MAY 26, MDC Action Swiss

5-SS, G/30. Sheraton Ontario Airport, 429 North Vineyard Ave., Ontario, CA 91764. **\$500 b/40, else proportional:** \$150-70-40, U2100/ Unr \$80, U1800 \$80, Under 1500 \$80. **EF:** \$20 if received by 5/24, \$25 at door. **Reg.:** 9:30-10 a.m. **Rds.:** 10:15-11:30-12:45-2:30-3:45. **Ent:** \$CCC, PO Box 205, Monterey Park, CA 91754. On-line entry: www.scchess.com.

MAY 26, MDC Scholastics

5-SS, G/30, Sheraton Ontario Airport, 429 North Vineyard Ave., Ontario, 3.30. Since of the district of the sections: Open: Trophies to top 5, top 3 U1200, top 2 Unrated. **Grade 6/below U1000**: Trophies to top 5, top 3 U1200, top 2 Unrated. **Reg.:** 8:30-9. **Rds.:** 9:30-11-12:15-1:45-3. **EF:** \$16 if received by 5/24, \$20 door. Info: randallhough@yahoo.com. Online ent: www.scchess.com. **Ent:** SCCF, PO Box 205, Monterey Park, CA 91754.

MAY 27, MDC Hexes

3-SS, G/90. Sheraton Ontario Airport, 429 North Vineyard Ave., Ontario, CA. 8-player sections by rating. **EF:** \$21 if received by 5/24, \$24 door. **\$\$** 40-20-10 each section. Reg.: 9:30-10:15 a.m. Rds.: 10:30-1:30-4:30. Ent: SCCF, PO Box 205, Monterey Park, CA 91754. Online entry:

JUNE 6, 2013 U.S. Game/10 Championship (BLZ) (NV) See Nationals

JUNE 7, National Open Scholastic Trophy Tournament (NV)

JUNE 7-9 OR 8-9, 2013 National Open (NV) See Nationals

JUNE 8, National Open Blitz Sectionals (BLZ) (NV)

JUNE 8-9, International Youth Championship (NV) See Nevada

JUNE 9, 2013 National Open Blitz (BLZ) (NV) See Grand Prix.

JULY 5-7 OR 6-7, SCCF Pacific Southwest Open See Grand Prix.

JULY 6, SCCF PSO Scholastics

5-SS, G/30. Radisson LAX, 6225 West Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045. 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. Rds.: 9:30-11-12:15-1:45-3. EF: \$20 if received by 06/20, \$25 door. **Info:** info@metrochessla.com. **Online ent:** www.metrochessla.com. Ent: Metropolitan Chess, PO Box 25112, Los Angeles, CA 90025-0112.

JULY 18-21, 19-21 OR 20-21, 18th annual Pacific Coast Open See Grand Prix

Colorado

A State Championship Event!

APR. 20-21, Colorado Senior Championship

Masonic Lodge, 455 El Paso Blvd., Manitou Springs, CO. 4-SS, time control G/90 with 30 seconds increment Held in conjunction with Colorado Closed. Open to all players age 50 or older. CSCA membership required, OSA **Entry fee** \$30 if received by 4/18, \$35 at site. Make checks to CSCA, Cash prizes per entries. **Register** 8:30 - 9:30 AM, **Rounds** 10:00 AM, 5:00 PM Saturday; 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM Sunday. Entries to Richard Buchanan, 1 Sutherland Rd., Manitou Springs, CO 80829. Phone (719) 685-1984; e-mail buckpeace@pcisys.net.

Connecticut

APR. 20, 2013 Waterbury Chess Championships 4-Ss, G/60. OPEN: \$45 + \$15 reg. fee. Cash Prizes: (50%-1st, 25%-2nd, 25%-Top U1800). RESERVE: (U1800) \$30 + \$15 reg. fee. Cash Prizes: (50%-1st, 25%-2nd, 25%-Top U1600). JUNIOR: (U18) \$20 + \$15 reg. fee. Prizes (in credit): (50%-1st, 25%-2nd, 25%-Top U12). Holiday Inn, 120 Laning St., Southington, CT 06489 (I-84 x-32). **ALL:** Reg.: 9-9:30am. Round 1 begins 10am. Rds.: 2-3-4 as completed. Adv EF: (mail by Apr 12) get \$15 off. GMs & IMs: Free, pay only \$15 reg fee via mail by Apr 12 (\$45 EF deducted from prize). Rob Roy, 3111 South St., Coventry, CT 06238, RobRoy810@gmail.com, (860) 887-5052, http://robroy8.tripod.com Free food and drink. www.facebook.com/ConnecticutChessMagazine. Free WiFi. NS. WA.

APR. 20, Newtown Spring Open

CH Booth Library, 25 Main St., Newtown, CT 06470, 100 yds. south of Flagpole on Rte.25. 3SS, G/55, d5. **Prizes(\$\$300 based on 15 entries)**: \$100-50; U1700 \$75; U1400 \$75. More per entries. Unrated not eligible for class prizes and may not win more than \$50. Multiple prizes possible. Rds: 10:15, 12:30, 2:45. EF: \$25 if rec'd by 4/18, \$30 at door. Reg.: 9:30-10:00 **sharp.** Ent: Glenn Budzinski, 1 Black Cherry Ln., Sandy Hook, CT 06482. Questions only: licensingagent@yahoo.com. May be limited to 40 players. NS, NC, W.

MAY 3-5 OR 4-5, 24th annual Vermont Resort Open (VT)

MAY 4, 2013 Planet Earth Chess Championship

4SS, G/45, T/D5. USCF Dual rated. Simsbury Public Library, 725 Hop-

meadow Street (Route 10), Simsbury, CT 06070, www.simsburylibrary.info. TWO SECTIONS: Open and Under-1600 (based on April supplement) OPEN SECTION: Trophies to 1st (with title of Planet Earth Chess Champion!), 2nd, Top Under 2000 and Top Under 1800. **UNDER-1600**: Trophies to 1st, Top Under 1200, Top Under 800, Top Grades 1-3, Top Grades 4-6, Top Grades 7-12. **ALSO:** Trophy for "Biggest Upset" from either section (i.e. for winning despite the biggest rating deficit). Conventional tiebreaks to determine place prizes. Entry Fee: \$35 in advance (includes lunch) or \$45 (cash) on site. Student discount of \$10 for K-12 players. **Rounds:** 10:00, 11:45, 1:45, 3:15. Limit one bye. USCF Membership Required (available onsite). FOOD INCLUDED FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS! pizza/lunch/ice cream, (\$15 for non-players) including coffee/water most of the day. Bring sets boards, clocks if possible. Entries: Doug Fiske, 20 Glen Hollow, West Hartford, CT 06117 (checks payable to "New Britain Chess Club" and mailed by April 30th). Information required: Name, section, USCF ID, USCF Expiration, and if 1/2 point bye is requested, please state round. Questions: Derek Meredith (860)250-6040.

MAY 17-19 OR 18-19, 21st annual New York State Open (NY) See Grand Prix.

JUNE 8, 19th Annual Robert Musicant/Donald Yazgoor Memorial Scholastic

5SS, G/30;d0. Norwalk Library, 2nd Flr Auditorium, 1 Belden Ave., Norwalk, CT 06850. Near Exit 1 from US-7. Open to all school-age players finishing 12th grade or younger. EF: \$10 postmarked by 6/1/13. ALL-\$15 after or at door. **Prizes:** Trophies to Top 3 overall, Top 3 U-1200/UNR, Top overall in grade categories K-2, 3-5, 6-8, Top U-1200/Unr in grade categories K-2, 3-5, 6-8. Name of first overall Is engraved on the Musicant Cup. Name of first U-1200/Unr is engraved on the Yazgoor Cup. Both cups are on permanent display in the Norwalk Main Branch Children's Library. Reg. 9:15-9:45 Sat 6/8: Rd. 1-10:00am, others ASAP. Lunchroom facility available for bag lunch. Pizza/desserts will be provided. Boards and sets will be provided. Please bring a clock if you have one. The tournament is open to USCF members and non-members. Only games between Two USCF members will be submitted for rating. All games count for prizes. For more information contact: norwalknights@optonline.net. Chks payable to **Christopher Potts**, mail by 6/01 to: Christopher Potts, 73 Nursery St., Norwalk, CT 06850. (Include player's full name, grade finishing, USCF Expiration, ID number and rating. Include SASE for confirmation if wanted. NS. NC. W.

JUNE 21-23 OR 22-23, 19th Annual Northeast Open See Grand Prix

JULY 3-7, 4-7, 5-7, 1-7 OR JUNE 29-JULY 7, 41st Annual World Open (VA)

See Grand Prix

JULY 19-21 OR 20-21, 18th Annual Bradley Open See Grand Prix.

AUG. 2-4 OR 3-4, 12th annual Manhattan Open (NY) See Grand Prix.

AUG. 8-11, 9-11 OR 10-11, 43rd annual Continental Open (MA) See Grand Prix.

District of Columbia

APR. 20. Rated Beginners Open (RBO)

4-SS, G/30. US Chess Center, 410 8th St. NW, Washington, DC 20004. Open to players rated under 1200 or unrated. **EF:** \$30 (\$20 if by 4/13). 5 sections by age. **Reg.:** 12-12:45. **Info:** 202/857-4922. www.chessctr.org/

MAY 3-5 OR 4-5, The Big Enchilada III (NC) See Grand Prix.

MAY 5, Metro Sunday Quads

3-RR, G/90. U.S. Chess Center, 410 8th St. NW, Washington, DC 20004. EF: \$20. \$\$ \$40 each quad. Scholastic sections. EF: \$10, Trophy prizes. Both: Reg.: 9:15 - 9:50. (202) 857-4922. www.chessctr.org./quads.php.

Florida

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

Boca Raton Chess Club

Friday nights, G/85,d5 Tournament, one game a week for 4 weeks. www.bocachess.com, 561-479-0351.

Broward Chess Club

909 N. Federal Hwy., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304. USCF & FIDE Tournaments, Blitz, Bughouse, Lessons, Chess Camps, Summer Camp and After School Chess Programs. www.browardchessclub.com. Contact: NM Oscar Maldonado 860-372-5966

Broward Chess Club Fridays Night Blitz (BLZ)

(70% of EFs paid out in prizes!): Please enter by 7:30pm. EF: \$6 members, \$8 for non-members. Address: Broward Chess Club. 909 N. Federal Hwy., Fort Lauderdale 33304. Phone (860) 372-5966, www.broward chessclub com

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

30, MAY 7, 14, 21, Broward Chess Club, Tuesdays 6SS, G/90, USCF rated! Open to all players rated 1600 and higher. EF: \$50, members \$30. \$\$400 b/22: \$200-100. U2000 \$100. **Registration:** 6:15-6:45, **Rounds:** 7 PM each Tuesday. Byes OK, limit 2, request by round 4. Address: Broward Chess Club, 909 N. Federal Hwy., Fort Lauderdale 33304. Phone (860)372-5966, www.browardchessclub.com.

APR. 18, Broward Chess Club, Thursday 4SS, G/30. EF: \$20, members \$10, GMs and IMs free (no deduction from prize!) Prizes: (\$\$ 60% of EFs paid out in prizes!). Registration: 6:15-6:45 pm. Rounds: 7, 8:05, 9:10, and 10:15. One bye available will be at entry. Address: Broward Chess Club. 909 N. Federal Hwv., Fort Lauderdale 33304. Phone (860) 372-5966, www.browardchessclub.com.

APR. 20, April Scholastic Tournament

5SS, G/30. Orlando Chess and Games Center. **EF:** \$25 Trophies and medals to all players, awards at 3:30 pm. **Reg.:** 9:15-9:55 am. **RDS.:** 10-11-12:30-1:30-2:30, www.orlandochess.com. Info: call 407-248-0818 or 321-297-7087 or e-mail alex@orlandochess.com.

R. 21, Broward Chess Club, Sunday

4SS, G/30. EF: \$20, members \$10, GMs and IMs free (no deduction from prize!) Prizes: (\$\$ 60% of EFs paid out in prizes!). Registration: 11:15-11:45 am. Rounds: 12pm, 1:15pm, 3pm, and 4:15. One bye available will be at entry, Address: Broward Chess Club, 909 N. Federal Hwy., Fort Lauderdale 33304. Phone (860) 372-5966, www.browardchessclub.com.

APR. 26-28 OR 27-28, 20th Space Coast Open See Grand Prix.

MAY 3-5 OR 4-5, 2013 Georgia State Championship (GA) See Grand Prix.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! MAY 4, May OCG Open

4SS, G/75, Orlando Chess and Games Center, EF; \$25, PF; \$650 b/30. \$250-\$150-\$100 best U1600, U1200, \$75 each. **Reg.:** 9:15-9:45 am RDS.: 10am-12:30pm-3pm-6pm, www.orlandochess.com. Info: call 407-248-0818 or 321-297-7087 or e-mail alex@orlandochess.com

MAY 31-JUNE 2 OR 1-2, 2013 Atlanta Championship (GA) See Grand Prix

JUNE 7-9 OR 8-9, Sunshine Summer Open & Scholastic Chess Tournament See Grand Prix.

JULY 26-28 OR 27-28, 21st annual Southern Open See Grand Prix

AUG. 6-11, 2nd Annual Washington International (MD) See Grand Prix.

Georgia

APR. 21, 2013 Championship Chess Spring Fling, over \$1300 Gtd.

MAY 3-5 OR 4-5, 2013 Georgia State Championship See Grand Prix.

MAY 31-JUNE 2 OR 1-2, 2013 Atlanta Championship See Grand Prix

JUNE 21-23 OR 22-23, 2013 Castle Chess Grand Prix See Grand Prix

JULY 26-28 OR 27-28, 21st annual Southern Open (FL) See Grand Prix.

Idaho

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
MAY 18-19, 2013 Idaho Open Chess Championship

A Northwest Chess Grand Prix Event. 5SS, G/120 d5. 2 Sections: Open and Reserve (U1400). **Site:** ISU, Student Un Bldg, Salmon River Suites, 1065 S. 8th St., Pocatello, Idaho. **EF:** USCF mem req., \$30 (U18 & 60+ \$25), by 05/15/13. \$5 more (all) after. **Reg & Ck in:** 7:30-8:30 AM 05/18/13. Those not paid & ck'd in by 8:30 AM may not be paired in 1st rnd. **RDS.:** 9,2,7,9,2. 1/2 pt byes: Max 1, Rd 1-4 only. 0 pt bye avail rnd 5. Commit by end of rd 2. **Prizes:** \$\$ b/30; Open: \$175-85-65; Reserve: \$75-50-35. **HR/ENT/INFO:** ICA, % Jay Simonson, 391 Carol Ave., Idaho Falls, ID 83401, 208-206-7667, rooknjay@yahoo.com, www.idahochessassociation.org, NC, NS, W.

Illinois

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APR. 20-21, 49th Greater Peoria Open See Grand Prix.

APR. 26-28, 2013 All-Girls National Championships presented by the Kasparov Chess Foundation in association with the Renaissance **Knights Chess Foundation & USCF**

MAY 4, JJC Chess Club 14th Annual Spring Tournament 3 round Quad, G/70. Joliet Jr. College, Bldg. J, Room 0006, 1215 Houbolt

Ave., Joliet, IL 60431 (exit 127 from I-80). EF: \$25 by 05/02, \$35 at site (**Please Note:** Due to the longer time control, no Scholastic players 12 or younger are allowed entry unless they are USCF rated 1,000 or higher, no exceptions please). **Cash Prize:** \$50 for 1st-\$25 for 2nd per quad (based on 4 per quad). Reg.: 9:00-9:50am. **Rds.:** 10:00-1:30-4:00. **Info:** Checks payable to Dennis R. Doyle, c/o JJC Chess Club, 536 Springwood Dr., Joliet, IL 60431, no phone or cr. card entries, cash only payment on day of tournament: e-mail questions to ddoyle@jjc.edu.

MAY 12, 89th Knights Quest

Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2875 Milwaukee Ave., Northbrook, IL. USCF Rated Sections: Open (K-12 & Adults), U1400 (K-12 & Adults), U1000 (K-8) & U600 (K-8). Awards: Top 6 U600 & U1000 Sections, Top 5 U1400 & Open Sections, Players in U600 receive participation award, **Time Control: Time** Control: Game 30 (G/25,d5) 4 Rounds U600 & U1000 Sections Game 45 (G/40,d5) 4 Rounds U1400 & Open Sections. Reg.: 11:00-11:30 am. Rds.: 1 at 12:00 pm, rest ASAP. EF: \$30 early, \$35 after Monday before, \$40 after Friday before. \$5 discount to siblings and team members when registering together. **Online Registration**: www.rknights.org. **Mail-in Reg**: Renaissance Knights, PO Box 1074, Northbrook, IL 60065. **Info:** www. rknights.org, 773-844-0701.

MAY 23-27, 24-27, 25-27 OR 26-27, 22nd annual Chicago Open

MAY 25, Chicago Open G/10 Championship (BLZ)

MAY 26, Chicago Open Blitz Championship (BLZ) See Grand Prix.

JUNE 22, Warriors Open & Reserve

G/60 + 5 (sec. delay), 3R-SS. Lincoln-Way West HS, 21701 S. Gougar Rd., New Lenox, IL 60451. **Reg.**: 8:15-8:45 am. **Rds**.: 9, 11:30, 2. **Sections**: Open & Reserve. **EF:** \$5. No concessions on site (bring sack lunch). Contact: Coach Miller at 815-463-0104 or stevencraigmiller@comcast.net with

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! JULY 5-7, The Greater Midwest Classic and The Billy Colias Memo-

rial Invitational

\$21,000 Unconditionally Guaranteed! Prizes: Billy Colias Memorial Invitational Sections A, B, C (FIDE rated): \$500-300-200 per section Classic Sections: U2200 (FIDE rated): Overall - \$1500-1200-1000-700; 1951-2100 - \$400-200-100; 1800-1950 - \$400-200-100; Biggest Upset - \$200; **U1800**: Overall - \$1500-1200-1000-700; Top 1551-1700 - \$400-200-100; Top 1400-1550 - \$400-200-100; Biggest Upset - \$200; **U1400**: Overall - \$1500-1200-1000-700; 1151-1300 - \$400-200-100; 1150 and below - \$400-200-100; Biggest Upset - \$200; Billy Colias Memorial Invitational Sections: 5R-RR Game-90 + 30/sec: Fri 5:30pm, Sat-Sun 10am and 3:30pm. Classic Sections: 6R-SS Game-90+30/sec: Fri: 12pm and 5:30pm, Sat-Sun 10am & 3:30pm each day. **On-site reg:** 9:30-11:30am Fri or 8:30-9:30am Sat. Limit 2 byes. Last rd. bye must co mit nrior to start of Rd 3. Side Events: Grandmaster Simul (9am Fri), Blitz (8:30pm Sat). FREE raffle prizes before round 6 with free entry, free room and free airfare to 2014 tournament. **Site**: Hyatt Regency O'Hare, 9300 Bryn Mawr Ave., Rosemont, IL 60018. **HR**: \$99/night – call 847-696-1234 and ask for CHESS rate. Reserve by June 1. Discounted parking - only \$5, 10 minute walk from CTA Blue Line, FRFF hotel shuttle from/to O'Hare airport. Rivers Casino in Des Plaines, less than one mile away.

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JULY 13, Warriors Open & Reserve

G/60 + 5 (sec. delay), 3R-SS. Lincoln-Way West HS, 21701 S. Gougar Rd., New Lenox, IL 60451. **Reg.:** 8:15-8:45 am. **Rds.:** 9, 11:30, 2. **Sections:** Open & Reserve. EF: \$5. No concessions on site (bring sack lunch). Contact: Coach Miller at 815-463-0104 or stevencraigmiller@comcast.net with

JULY 19-21 OR 20-21, 6th annual Chicago Class See Grand Prix.

AUG. 3, Warriors Open & Reserve

G/60 + 5 (sec. delay), 3R-SS. Lincoln-Way West HS, 21701 S. Gougar Rd., New Lenox, IL 60451. **Reg.:** 8:15-8:45 am. **Rds.:** 9, 11:30, 2. **Sections:** Open & Reserve. **EF:** \$5. No concessions on site (bring sack lunch). Contact: Coach Miller at 815-463-0104 or stevencraigmiller@comcast.net with

AUG. 6-11, 2nd Annual Washington International (MD) See Grand Prix.

NOV. 2-3, The Susan Polgar World Open for Boys and Girls

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Indiana

Orange Crush Chess Club Friday Night Blitz (BLZ)

Donatos Pizza, 825 W. 10th St. USCF rated. Reg.: 6-6:25 pm, starts at 6:30pm, Type: 3 RR Quad. G/5d2. BLZ. EF: \$10.00. \$\$ b/4-Quad 1st \$25.00, \$30 for club members. Ent: Donald Urquhart, 1020 Central Ave., #304, Indianapolis, IN 46202. Info: Don at 317-679-2813 or e-mail akakarpov@att.net.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

The 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: \$25 - \$5.00 BD month, - \$5.00 for any state association (except ISCA), OCCC Memb.reg'd. Memb. includes magazine + . FIDE Titled Players Free. Ent: Donald Urquhart, 1020 Central Ave., #304, Indianapolis, IN 46202. Info: at 317-679-2813 or email akakarpov@att.net. 3 entries in a class req'd for that class prize to be awarded

APR. 20, Fort Wayne CC Spring Open 4SS, G/55. Allen Main Public Library, Meeting Room C, 900 Library Plaza. Free parking on street. **Reg.:** 9-9:40. **Rds.:** 9:40am, 12noon, 2pm, 4pm. **EF:** \$30 pre-reg. check to D.S. or cash only at site. **Prizes:** b/20, 1st \$100, 2nd \$50, B \$50, C \$50, D \$50, E/Unr. \$50, must have 3 per class. Ent: Dan Steininger, 6025 S. Hanna St., Apt 207, Ft. Wayne, IN 46816. Info: (260)

MAY 11, 4th Annual Indiana Memorial Open See Grand Prix

MAY 23-27, 24-27, 25-27 OR 26-27, 22nd annual Chicago Open See Grand Prix.

MAY 24-26 OR 25-26, 55th Gem City Open (OH)

See Grand Prix.

MAY 25, Chicago Open G/10 Championship (BLZ) (IL) See Grand Prix

MAY 26, Chicago Open Blitz Championship (BLZ) (IL)

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JULY 19-21 OR 20-21, 6th annual Chicago Class (IL) See Grand Prix.

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APR. 19-21 OR 20-21, 7th Annual Okoboji Open and Reserve (U1600)

See Grand Prix

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! A State Championship Event! APR. 27, 2013 Iowa Class Championship

4-SS, Divided into Classes: M-X-A, B, C, D, & E/under. Players may play up one class. Some sections may be combined. All but E/under and Closed, G/75, d/5. E/under, G/30, d/5. See details for Closed Championship below. **Where:** Kirkwood Hotel at the corner of Kirkwood Blvd. SW and 76th Ave. Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. Phone 319-848-8700. Reg.: 8:15 to 9:00 am. USCF membership required. On-site available. IASCA membership required, \$15.00, \$10.00 Jr. or Sr. Rds.: M-X-A, B, C, & D, 9:30-2:30-5:00-7:30. E/under, 9:30 am-10:45-Lunch-1:00 pm-2:15 pm. More rounds will be added if needed. **Entry Fee:** \$25 if postmarked by April 24, \$30 on site. **Prize Info:** Class prizes, 1st place \$45 + trophy, 2nd place \$30. **Send Entry Fee to:** Checks payable to Bill Broich, 7149 Wilshire Blvd., Windsor Heights, IA 50324. Include name, USCF ID, Section, phone #, e-mail address. Clocks, boards & sets will be provided for E/under section. **Additional Info:** Chess Magnet School JGP for sections M-X-A, B, C, D. Annual meeting at 1 pm. **Apr 27-28, 2013. lowa Closed Championship.** FIDE rated. Invitation only. This event will be held in conjunction with this tournament. Time: G/90, i30. Rds: 9:30-2:30-7:30, 9:30-2:30. Spectators welcome.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! MAY 11-12, Ice Harbor Scholastic Open

A weekend Scholastic Open Tournament with four sections, Friday night blitz, and Saturday night bughouse. Individual and Team Awards. Sections: K-3, K-6: 7 Round Swiss, G/45;d/5; K-8, K-12: 5 Round Swiss, G/75;d/5. Where: The Grand River Center, 500 Bell St., Dubuque, IA 52001. Hotel: Grand Harbor Resort and Waterpark, 350 Bell St., Dubuque, IA 52001. **Reg.:** On-Site Registration: 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **Rds.:** K-3 & K-6: Rd 1:10:00 am, Lunch: Rd 2:12:30 pm, Rd 3: 2:30 pm, Rd 4: 4:30 pm Rd 5: 9:00 am, Rd 6:11:00 am, Lunch: Rd 7: 1:30 pm; K-8, K12: Rd 1: 10:00 am, Lunch: Rd 2: 1:30 pm, Rd 3: 4:30 pm, Rd 4:9:00 am, Lunch: Rd 5:12:30 pm Entry Fee: \$40 if postmarked by April 11, \$45 if postmarked by May 1st, \$50 postmarked after 5/1 or on site. **Prize Info:** Trophies for Top 10 Individuals K-3, K-6, K-9, K-12. Trophies for Top 3 Individuals K-3 U600, K-3 U400, K-3 Unrated. Trophies for Top 3 Individuals K-6 U800, K-6 U600, K-6 Unrated. Trophies for Top 3 Individuals K-9 U1000, K-9 U800, K-9 Unrated. Trophies for Top 3 Individuals K-12 U1200, K-12 U800, K-12 Unrated. Team Awards (top 4 individual scores): Plagues for Top 3 Teams K-3, K-6, K-8, K12. Teams may be of common school or chess club per USCF current regulations. Send Entry Fee to: Checks payable to James Hodina, 3411 Blue Pt. Ct. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. Include name, USCF ID, Section, Team, phone #, e-mail address. You may register in advance for main event, speed chess, and bughouse. **Additional Info:** Visit www.iceharborchess.com for details on tournament, playing site, hotel, and area attraction or e-mail: james.hodina@chessiniowa.org. **Hotel**: Grand Harbor Resort and Waterpark, \$99 chess rate includes passes to waterpark. Rate guaranteed through April 11. Reservations: Phone (866) 800-4006 and ask for the Ice Harbor Chess Group rate. **Bitz Tourna-ment, Friday night** May 10th, On-Site Registration: 5:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., Entry Fee: \$5.00, Sections: K-3, K-5, K-8, K-12, Seven Round Swiss, Rounds start at 7 p.m. and each following round will start ASAR Blitz Prize Info: Trophies for Top 6 Individuals K-6 Open, One trophy to the top individual K-6 U800, K-6 U600, K-6 Unrated. Trophies for Top 6 Individuals K-12 Open, One trophy to the top individual K-12 U1200, K-12 U800, K-12 Unrated. **Bughouse Tournament Saturday night**. Entry Fee: \$5.00 per player. On-Site Registration, Rounds start at 7:30 p.m. and each following round will start ASAP. Bughouse Prize Info: Trophies for Top 10 two-player Teams. On-site registration for concurrent parent/coaches tour-

MAY 23-27, 24-27, 25-27 OR 26-27, 22nd annual Chicago Open

See Grand Prix.

Kentucky

IAY 4, Lexington Monthly (1st Saturday G/60)

3SS, G/60;d5. Expansive Art, 125 E. Reynolds Rd., Lexington, KY. Directions: Take New Circle Rd. to Nicholasville Rd. Head towards the Mall/Best Buy, turn left at E. Reynolds Rd. Shop is in the Crossroads shopping center. **Prizes:** Class Prizes with 90% of entries returned. **Reg.:** 11:45-noon. Rds. 1st Rd. at noon, subsequent rounds ASAP (you will have some to get something to eat). EF: \$1 per 100 rating points (e.g. a player rated 1483 would pay \$14 EF) Contact: Matthew Gurley (859)-537-1060; mgurley@gmail.com.

MAY 4-5, Western Kentucky University MasterMind Open See Grand Prix

MAY 24-26 OR 25-26, 55th Gem City Open (OH)

JUNE 8-9, 2013 Kentucky Open See Grand Prix.

Louisiana

APR. 13-14, 2012 Louisiana Pro-Am See Grand Prix.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! MAY 25-26, Louisiana Open 2013

5SS, G/150, except for RD 1, which is G/75. Web: Complete details at

www.lafayettechess.org. Site: America's Best Suites, 125 E. Kaliste Saloom Rd., Lafayette, LA 70508. Reg.: Sat. 8:30-9:45am. Rounds: Sat. 10am, 1:30pm & 6pm. Sun 9am, 1pm. **Byes:** One 1/2 pt bye available if requested before rd 2, except for last round. **Prizes:** 70% returned; 1st 200, 2nd 150, MXA 1st 200, 2d 150, B 1st 200, 2d 150, C 1st 200, 2d 150 D 1st 200, 2d 150 E below and UNR: 1st 200, 2d 150. 3 persons in each class or combined. **EF:** \$70. Free parking. Room Rate: \$69. To reserve by phone, call 337-235-1367, and reference Lafayette Chess Club. **Entry/Info:** www.lafayettechess.org. Checks payable to: James MacManus, 225 W. Main St., Lafayette, LA 70501. (337)234-1720. No electronic devices of any kind in Tournament Hall; no cell phones, no mon rois, no Ipad/Ipod Touch, no hearing aids, etc. NS, NC.

Maine

AUG. 8-11, 9-11 OR 10-11, 43rd annual Continental Open (MA) See Grand Prix

Maryland

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MAY 10-12 OR 11-12, 59th Annual Maryland Open NOTE DATE CHANGES

See Grand Prix.

JUNE 27-JULY 1, DC International (VA) See Grand Prix.

JUNE 28-30, 5th annual World Open Senior Amateur (VA)

JUNE 29-30, World Open Under 13 Championship (VA) See Virginia.

JUNE 29-30, World Open Warmup (VA) See Grand Prix

JULY 1-2, World Open Under 2300 (VA) See Virginia

JULY 1-3 OR 2-3, 2nd annual World Open Women's Championship

JULY 3, World Open 7-Minute Championship (BLZ) (VA) See Grand Prix

JULY 3-7, 4-7, 5-7, 1-7 OR JUNE 29-JULY 7, 41st Annual World Open (VA)

See Grand Prix.

JULY 4, 5, 6, 7, World Open Daily 2 pm Blitz (BLZ) (VA) See Virginia



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JULY 6, World Open 10-Minute Championship (BLZ) (VA)

JULY 7, World Open Blitz Championship (BLZ) (VA) See Grand Prix.

AUG. 6-11, 2nd Annual Washington International See Grand Prix.

Massachusetts

APR. 21, 23rd Massachusetts G/60 Championship See Grand Prix.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

NY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, JUNE 5, 12, Wachusett CC "B" Championship 7SS, G/105, d/5. McKay Campus School, Room C159, Fitchburg State University, 67 Rindge Rd., Fitchburg, MA 01420. **EF:** \$20 annual club dues. Reg.: 6-7:10 p.m. Rds.: 7:15 p.m. each Wed. Byes: 1-6, limit three. Prizes: chess books to 1st. top U1600, U1400, Info: George Mirijanian. 176 Oak Hill Rd., Fitchburg, MA 01420, miriling2@aol.com, 978-345-5011. Web site: www.wachusettchess.org Online ratings as of May 1 will be used. W.

MAY 3-5 OR 4-5, 24th annual Vermont Resort Open (VT) See Grand Prix.

MAY 17-19 OR 18-19, 21st annual New York State Open (NY) See Grand Prix.

MAY 25-27 OR 26-27, 82nd Massachusetts Open See Grand Prix.

JUNE 21-23 OR 22-23, 19th Annual Northeast Open (CT) See Grand Prix.

JULY 3-7, 4-7, 5-7, 1-7 OR JUNE 29-JULY 7, 41st Annual World Open (VA)

JULY 19-21 OR 20-21, 18th Annual Bradley Open (CT)

See Grand Prix. AUG. 6-11, 2nd Annual Washington International (MD)

See Grand Prix.

AUG. 8-11, 9-11 OR 10-11, 43rd annual Continental Open See Grand Prix.

Michigan

APR. 26-28 OR 27-28 OR 28, 10th Annual Great Lakes Chess Open See Grand Prix.

MAY 23-27, 24-27, 25-27 OR 26-27, 22nd annual Chicago Open (IL) See Grand Prix.

JULY 19-21 OR 20-21, 6th annual Chicago Class (IL)

See Grand Prix. AUG. 9-11 OR 10-11, Cleveland Open (OH)

See Grand Prix

Minnesota

MAY 23-27, 24,27, 25-27 OR 26-27, 22nd annual Chicago Open (IL) See Grand Prix.

JULY 19-21 OR 20-21, 6th annual Chicago Class (IL) See Grand Prix.

Mississippi

APR. 20, 2013 Mississippi G/30 Open

7SS: G/25 d/5. International Checker Hall of Fame, 220 Lynn Ray Rd., Petal, MS 39465. All sections are USCF rated. USCF membership can be nurchased on-site. There is one Open section with prizes going to the top two players in the Open and to the top two players U1400. Prizes based on 90% of entry fees! **EF:** Adults, \$20 if received by 4/6/2013, \$30 at site. Students (K-12) and seniors (65yrs and older), \$20. \$5 MCA membership required for adults living in Mississippi. Reg.: Sat 8-9am. Rds.: 9:30, 10:45, 12:00. Lunch. 1:45, 3:00, 4:15 and 5:30. For pre-entries mail your entry fee made out to the Mississippi Chess Association, USCF number, expi ration date and estimated current rating to: Ralph McNaughton, 407 Boehle St., Pearl, MS 39208. **Information:** Call Ralph at 601-278-9670 or e-mail ralphmcn@comcast.net. Mississippi Chess Association homepage - www.mcachess.org.

Missouri

APR. 12-14, Bill Wright Saint Louis Open See Grand Prix.

APR. 27, The 2013 Kansas City Chess Club Championship

The Best Western Plus, 11130 N. Ambassador Dr., Kansas City, MO 64153. \$69.95 816-891-9111. Reg.: 9AM-10AM. **Open Section** 4SS, G/60. EF: \$20 Rds.:11:00/1:30/4:00/6:30. Youth Section 4SS, G/30. EF: \$20, Rd. 1 11AM. **Bughouse/Blitz** 4SS, G/5 RD. 1: 9:30. EF: \$10 /Club ChampionTrophy Open/U1800/U1600/U1300/K-3/K-6/Bughouse/Blitz. Ken Fee, 1537 Baker St., Liberty, MO 64068. 816-399-3703. Req. Memb: USCF & KCCA. Free Entry Unrated Players! www.kansascitychess

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! APR. 27, 2013 Don Oswald Memorial Tournament

Come join us as we Honor, Celebrate and Remember, a true Legend in Kansas City Chess! American Inn, 1211 Armour Rd., North Kansas City, MO 64116. Just a couple of blocks west of I-35 on Armour Rd., HR:\$54-Single, \$59-Double. Free Coffee in tournament area. 4-rounds SS, G/60+5sec delay. **EF:** \$28 if recieved before 4/20, \$35 cash at door. MCA Required \$5 other states OK. One-1/2 pt bye if requested before rd1. **Entries to:** Ronald Luther, 5205 Countryside Ln., Blue Springs, MO 64015, ronaldluther@yahoo.com. 2 Sections: Open and Under 1600. Reg.: 8:30-9:10. Rds.: 9:30, 12:15, 2:40, 5:00. Prizes based on 40 entries. Open Section: 1st-\$100, 2nd-\$60; Class A: \$60/\$30; Class B: \$60/30; Under1600 Section: 1st-\$100, 2nd \$60; Class D/E/F-\$50; Unr-\$50. Perfect 4.0 Bonus \$25! Top Female-\$30 Top Under 16-\$30. Sponsored by the Heart of America Chess Association, American Inn, and the Kansas City Tournament Directors Association.

MAY 23-27, 24-27, 25-27 OR 26-27, 22nd annual Chicago Open

See Grand Prix.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! MAY 25, Show Me Classic

4SS, G/70. Chess Club & Scholastic Center of Saint Louis, 4657 Maryland Ave., Saint Louis, MO 63108. Free entries for GMs and IMs. **EF:** \$15, \$10 for annual members of the club if registered by 5/24. **PF:** \$410 UNCON-DITIONALLY GUARANTEED!! 1st Place-\$100, 2nd Place-\$60. \$50 for 1st in each class: A, B, C, D, U1200/UNR. Winner qualifies for 2014 Club Championship. **Reg.**: $9\cdot9:45$. **Rds.**: 10,12:30,3:30,6:15. One 1/2 point bye if declared before round 2. MCA Membership required from \$5. OSA. **Ent**: 4657 Maryland Ave., Saint Louis, MO 63108, or online at saintlouischess-club.org. **Info:** 314-361-CHESS info@saintlouischessclub.org.

A State Championship Event!

JUNE 8, 2013 Missouri Class Championship
4rd Swiss G/55/with 5 sec delay. Birchwood Baptist Church, 3883
Blueridge Blvd., Independence, MO 64052. Prizes based on 10 each **class/section.** M/E: \$100-50; A: \$100-50; B: \$100-50; C: \$100-50; D/E/Unr: \$100-50. \$25 - 4.0 Perfect Score Bonus! **Registration:** 8:30-9:15. **Rds.**: 9:30, 11:45, 1:50, 4:00. **EF:** \$25 if mailed by 6/1 \$30 cash only at door. MCA membership(\$5) required other states OK. 1-1/2 Point bye available if requested before round 1. **Send advance entries to:** Ronald Luther, 5205 Countryside Ln., Blue Springs, MO 64015

JULY 19-21 OR 20-21, 6th annual Chicago Class (IL) See Grand Prix.

Montana

A Heritage Event!

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

APR. 13-14, 78th Montana Open

Open. **5 SS, G/120. Mary Alice Fortin Health Conference Center,** Billings Clinic Hospital, 2800 10th Ave., Billings, MT. **EF:** \$30 by April 10th, \$35 at site, Jrs-1/2. USCF & MCA membership required, OSA. (Tournament EF waived for new members.) **Reg.:** 9-9:40. **Rds.:** 10, 2:30, 7:00 / 9, 3. Annual business meeting between rds 4&5. \$\$b/25: \$200, \$120, \$80 biggest upset \$40 (both players nonprovisional). **Contact:** Murray Strong, 406-459-6684. murstrong@aol.com, www.montanachess.org.

Nevada

JUNE 6, 2013 U.S. Game/10 Championship (BLZ) See Nationals

JUNE 7. 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. Unrated players 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. There must be 3 players eligible for each prize to be awarded. **EF:** \$39 by 5/16, \$44 by 6/3, \$50 later. **REG.**: 9-9:30 a.m. **RDS.**: 10-11:30-1-2:30-4. Blitz 6:30 p.m. (\$15 by 5/16 \$20 later) **HR**: \$62 single or double (\$89 Friday and Saturday nights). (800) 634-6753 or (702) 734-5110 – be sure to ask for the **CHESS** rates. **ENT:** Vegas Chess Festivals, PO Box 90925, Henderson, NV 89009-0925, online **www.VegasChessFestival.com** or fax at (702) 933-9112. NS. NC. W.

JUNE 7-9 OR 8-9, 2013 National Open See Nationals.

JUNE 8. National Open Blitz Sectionals (BLZ)

12-RR, G/5. Riviera Hotel and Casino, 2901 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas 89109. Sections of 12-15 players with rating range less than 200 points whenever possible. \$100-60, 2nd half \$40, in each section. **EF:** \$20. REG.: by 9 p.m. Round 1 at 9:30 p.m. Higher of regular or quick rating used. HR: \$62 single or double (\$89 Friday and Saturday nights). (800) 634-6753 or (702) 734-5110 – be sure to ask for the **CHESS** rates. **ENT**: Vegas Chess Festivals, PO Box 90925, Henderson, NV 89009-0925, online at www.VegasChessFestival.com or fax at (702) 933-9112. NS. NC. W.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JUNE 8-9, International Youth Championship

5SS, Game/60, d5. 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 1000), 9 and Under, 9 and Under Reserve (rated below 800). **Trophies** to top 10 in each section plus class trophies and team trophies. 1st Place in each section wins a **Computer** loaded with valuable Chess Software and hundreds of Videos, 2nd-4th win chess prizes valued at \$250-150-100. Unrated players may not win 1st in Reserve sections. **EF:** \$69 by 5/16, \$79 by 6/3, \$90 later. 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 6/7 at 6:30 p.m. (\$15 by 5/16, \$20 later) HR: \$62 single or double (\$89 Friday and Saturday nights). (800) 634-6753 or (702) 734-5110 – be sure to ask for the **CHESS** rates. **ENT:** Vegas Chess Fesvals, PO Box 90925, Henderson, NV 89009-0925, online www.Vegas ChessFestival.com or fax at (702) 933-9112. NS. NC. W.

JUNE 9, 2013 National Open Blitz (BLZ) See Grand Prix

JULY 18-21, 19-21 OR 20-21, 18th annual Pacific Coast Open See Grand Prix

New Hampshire

APR. 27, New Hampshire Quick Chess Championship See Grand Prix.

MAY 3-5 OR 4-5, 24th annual Vermont Resort Open (VT) See Grand Prix

JULY 19-21 OR 20-21, 18th Annual Bradley Open (CT) See Grand Prix.

AUG. 8-11, 9-11 OR 10-11, 43rd annual Continental Open (MA) See Grand Prix.

New Jersey

NJCCS Quads - First Friday Every Month!

New Jersey Children's Chess School, 862 DeGraw Ave., Forest Hill (Newark), NJ 07104. Open to K-8. 3-RR, G/35. EF: \$20 for rated above 1400, \$25 for R>1200, \$30 for others. \$5 off for registration by mail one week in advance. Req.: 6-6:50PM. Rds: 7-8-8:50 PM. Awards: Trophies to ALL. Chess classes meet every Friday 6:30-9PM. Web site: www.kidschesscamp.com. Info: Arkady Geller, 973-483-7927 or chesscamp1@yahoo.com.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

APR. 3, 10, 17, 24, Chess Mates Wednesday G/90 4-SS, G/85, d5. 1 game per week. Prize Fund: 70% of EF. Prizes: 1st, 2nd & Class Prizes (based on the # of participants). 2 byes are available. Latejoins accepted until the start of round 3. **EF:** \$20, \$15 members. **Reg.:** 6:30-7:00 p.m. **Rds.:** 7:00 p.m. on March 6, 13, 20, 27. 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. Info: www.chessmatesnj.com,732-499-0118.

APR. 13, Central Jersey Chess Tournament 4SS,6/30. All Saints Church, 16 All Saints Rd., Princeton. Open, U1200, U900, U600, Novice(unr), K-1(unr). Trophies: 1st-3rd, top school/club team/section. \$30 at nichess.com by 4/11, \$40 on-site. Reg. ends 1:30.

APR. 13, Ewing CC - Quad #7

3RR, G/90, d5. Ewing Community Center, 999 Lower Ferry Rd., Ewing, NJ 08628. **Open EF:** \$14. **Prizes:** \$35. per Quad. **REG.:** 8:45-9:45AM. **Rds.:** 10:15, 1:30, 5PM. Train/Bus Access. Contact: Mike zyxcol@earthlink.net, 609-468-4792. NS. NC. W.

APR. 18, 3rd Thursday Quads

3 RR, G/30 t/d5. Quads grouped by rating. All The King's Men Chess & Games Center (Just 22 mins. from Center City Philadelphia), 62 S. Broadway, Pitman, NJ. 856-582-8222. **Prizes:** \$25 1st per quad. Unr. cannot win more than \$10. **EF:** \$15, members \$10. Players with less than 4 rated games \$10, members \$7. **Reg.:** 6-6:45 pm. **Rds.:** 7-8-9 pm. Info: cs@ ATKMchessSets.com. All: Visa/MC/Disc OK w/\$1surcharge. Bring a clock!

APR. 20. Chess Mates Saturday Swiss

4-SS, G/40;d5. **EF:** \$40, members \$30, U1600 less \$5, GMs free (\$25 deducted from prize). **Prize Fund:** 70% of EF. **Prizes:** 1st, 2nd, 3rd, U2100, U1900, U1700, U1500. **Rds.:** 1:30, 3:15, 5:00, 6:45 p.m. **Byes:** 2 byes available, must commit prior to game 2. 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. Info: www.chessmatesnj.com, 732-499-0118.

APR. 20, Fair Lawn Saturday Quads

ICA, 9-10 Saddle River Rd., Fair Lawn, NJ 07410. 3 RR, G/60. EF: \$25. Prize: \$50 to first in each quad. Reg.: 12:45-1:15 PM. Rds.: 1:30 PM, 3:45, 6:00. ENT: Info Diana 201-797-0330, diana@icanj.net; www.icanj.net. ICA provides lunch.

APR. 21. Chess Mates Sunday Quads

3-RR. G/25;dS. 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. **Prizes:** \$55 to first in each section. **EF:** \$20, \$15 members. **Reg.:** 10:00-10:15 a.m. **Rds.:** 10:20, 11:30 a.m., 12:40 p.m. **Info:** www.chessmatesnj.com, 732-499-0118. Also: Lessons with GM Yudasin 2:30-7:30 p.m. on May 5 & 19. Visit our web site or call for details.

APR. 21, Dr. David Ostfeld Memorial ICA Spring 2013 Open Championship

See Grand Prix.

PR. 21, Dr. David Ostfeld Memorial ICA Spring 2013 Scholastic Championship in 5 Sections SITE: BERGEN ACADEMY, 200 HACKENSACK AVE., HACKENSACK, NJ

07601. 4SS, EVERYONE PLAYS 4 GAMES, ALL PLAYERS WITH 2.5 PTS OR MORE WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY! USCE Memb Reg'd For Sections 3, 4 AND 5. Info: 201 287 0250 or diana@icanj.net. ADV EF (pmk by Apr 17th) \$25 At Site \$30 Reg ends 1/2 hr before 1st rd Late entrants will receive a 1/2 pt bye for rd 1. In 5 Sections: **Section 1 Junior Novice (not USCF rated):** Open to unr players K thru 2nd grade. Rds.: First Round 10:15 AM then ASAP. Section 2 Novice (not USCF rated): Open to unr players K thru 4th grade. Rds.: First Round 10:00 AM then ASAP. Section 3 G/45 U800: Open to players rated below 800 and unr players K thru 12th grade. Rds.: 9:45 AM, 11:30, 1:15, 3:00 PM. Section 4 G/45 U1200: Open to players rated below 1200 and unr players K thru 12th grade. **Rds.:** 9:45 AM, 11:30, 1:15, 3:00 PM. **Section 5 G/60 U1600**: Open to All Ages rated below 1600 or unrated. **Rds.:** 9:30 AM, 11:45, 2:00, 4:30 PM. **ENT:** Make EF and/or USCF Memb chks payable To: International Chess Academy. Mail To: Diana Tulman, 28 Canterbury Ln., New Milford, NJ 07646. **INFO:** www.

APR. 21. Westfield Quads

3-RR. G/40;d5. 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. John Moldovan: westfieldchessclub@gmail.com, Bill Cohen: 732-548-8432 or 848-219-1358, westfieldchessclub.blogspot.com and www.westfieldchessclub.com

APR. 27, Dr. Luzivminda Machan Open #22 See Grand Prix.

APR. 27, Fair Lawn Saturday Quads

ICA, 9-10 Saddle River Rd., Fair Lawn, NJ 07410. 3 RR, G/60. EF: \$25 Prize: \$50 to first in each quad. Reg.: 12:45-1:15 PM. Rds.: 1:30 PM, 3:45 6:00. ENT: Info Diana 201-797-0330, diana@icanj.net; www.icanj.net. ICA provides lunch.

APR. 27, Hamilton CC Saturday Quad

3RR, 40/80 15/30 15/30. Full K. **New Location:** McManimon Hall, 320 Scully Ave., Hamilton Twp., NJ 08610. Quads open to all. **EF:** \$10. **Prizes:** \$25 per Quad. **Reg.:** 9-10:30/am. **Rds.:** 10:30/am-1:30/pm-4:30/pm. NJ State Chess Federation, no dues magazine Subscription per year, OSA. Contact e-mail: hamiltonchessclub.com. NS, NC, W.

APR. 27, Viking Eastern Masters See Grand Prix.

APR. 28, 4th Sunday G/60 Quads

3 RR, G/60 t/d5. 1st round 1pm. All the King's Men Chess & Games Center (Just 22 mins. from Center City Philadelphia), 62 S. Broadway, Pitman, N.I. 856-582-8222 FF: \$25 members \$20 Prizes: \$50 1st per guad Reg.: 10:30-11:30 onsite, or pre-register at www.ATKMchessSets.com/quads4. Bring a clock!

APR. 28, Chess Mates Sunday Quads

3-RR. G/25;d5. 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. Prizes: \$55 to first in each section. **EF:** \$20, \$15 members. **Reg.:** 10:00-10:15 a.m. **Rds.:** 10:20, 11:30 a.m., 12:40 p.m. **Info:** www.chessmatesnj.com, 732-499-0118. Also: Lessons with GM Yudasin 2:30-7:30 p.m. on May $5\,\&\,19$. Visit our web site or call for details.

APR. 28, Ronald F. Cohen (Sitzfleish) Memorial

4-SS, G/30Inc5. Renaissance Copy, 57 Main St., Hackensack, NJ 07601. EF: \$10. Numerous nice noncash prizes. Reg.: 10-11 AM. Advance entries welcome. Master class "The Chess of Sitzfleish" 11 AM, free to entrants. Player meeting 11:40. **Rds.:** 12-1:30-3-4:30. **Info:** (201) 342-2442; e-mail

APR. 28, Westfield Quads

APR. 28, Westfield Quads
APR. G/40/36. 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. John Moldovan: westfieldchessclub@gmail.com, Bill
Cohen: 732-548-8432 or 848-219-1358, westfieldchessclub.blogspot.com and www.westfieldchessclub.com

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! MAY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Chess Mates Wednesday G/90

5-SS, G/85;d5. 1 game per week. Prize Fund: 70% of EF. Prizes: 1st, 2nd & Class Prizes (based on the # of participants). 2 byes are available. Latejoins accepted until the start of round 3. **EF**: \$30, \$25 members. **Reg.:** 6:30-7:00 p.m. on 5/1, 5/8, 5/15. **Rds.:** 7:00 p.m. 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. Info: www.chessmatesnj.com,732-499-0118.

MAY 4, Chess Mates Saturday Swiss

4-SS, G/40;d5. **EF**: \$40, members \$30, U1600 less \$5, GMs free (\$25 deducted from prize). **Prize Fund**: 70% of EF. **Prizes**: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, U2100, U1900, U1700, U1500. **Reg.:** 12:35-1:25 p.m. **Rds.:** 1:30, 3:15, 5:00, 6:45 p.m. **Byes:** 2 byes available, must commit prior to game 2. 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. Info: www.chessmatesnj.com, 732-499-0118.

MAY 4. Fair Lawn Saturday Quads

ICA, 9-10 Saddle River Rd., Fair Lawn, NJ 07410. 3 RR, G/60. EF: \$25.

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MAY 5, Chess Mates Sunday Quads

3-RR. G/25;d5. 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. Prizes: \$55 to first in each section. EF: \$20, \$15 members. Reg.: 10:00-10:15 a.m. Rds.: 10:20, 11:30 a.m., 12:40 p.m. Info: www.chessmatesnj.com, 732-499-0118. Also: Lessons with GM Yudasin 2:30-7:30 p.m. on May 5 & 19. Visit our web site or call for details.

MAY 5. Westfield Octos

New Event. 3-SS. 6/40;d5. Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, NJ 07090. Prizes per 8-player section: 1st \$50, 2nd \$30, Under prize \$20. (Under number determined by rating of 4th seed.) 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. John Moldovan: westfieldchess-club@gmail.com, Bill Cohen: 732-548-8432 or 848-219-1358, westfield chessclub.blogspot.com and www.westfieldchessclub.com.

MAY 10-12 OR 11-12, 59th Annual Maryland Open NOTE DATE

See Grand Prix.

MAY 11. Dr. Luzivminda Machan Open #23

See Grand Prix.

MAY 11, Ewing CC - Quad #8 3RR, G/90, d5. Ewing Community Center, 999 Lower Ferry Rd., Ewing, NJ 08628. **Open EF:** \$14. **Prizes:** \$35. per Quad. **REG.:** 8:45-9:45AM. **Rds.:** 10:15, 1:30, 5PM. Train/Bus Access. Contact: Mike zyxcol@earthlink.net, 609-468-4792, NS, NC, W.

MAY 11, Fair Lawn Saturday Quads

ICA, 9-10 Saddle River Rd., Fair Lawn, NJ 07410. 3 RR, G/60. EF: \$25. Prize: \$50 to first in each quad. Reg.: 12:45-1:15 PM. Rds.: 1:30 PM, 3:45, 6:00. ENT: Info Diana 201-797-0330, diana@icanj.net; www.icanj.net. ICA provides lunch.

MAY 12. Chess Mates Sunday Quads

3-RR. G/25;dS. 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. **Prizes:** \$55 to first in each section. **EF:** \$20, \$15 members. **Reg.:** 10:00-10:15 a.m. **Rds.:** 10:20, 11:30 a.m., 12:40 p.m. **Info:** www.chessmatesnj.com, 732-499-0118. Also: Lessons with GM Yudasin 2:30-7:30 p.m. on May 19. Visit our web site or call for details.

MAY 17-19 OR 18-19, 21st annual New York State Open (NY) See Grand Prix.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
MAY 18, Viking Saturday Quads and Kids Swiss
Somerset Holiday Inn, 195 Davidson Ave., Somerset, NJ (exit 10 off I-287). Quads: G/85;d5, EF: \$20, 10 am - at site. \$40 to winners. Rds.: 10-1-4. Join VPLM Club online only. Annual dues \$1. Members get a \$5 cash refund (all Sections). **Kids Swiss:** Viking U1300 K-8: and U0700 K-6: 5-SS, G/30:d5, Trophies top 10. **EF:** \$20 online entryfeesrus.com. \$25 at site. **Starts:** 10 am then ASAP w/lunch break. **Info:** 908-619-8621, or acn@goes.com. NC. W. WEB.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! A State Championship Event!

MAY 18-19, New Jersey Junior Championship High School Championship: (9-12) 5SS, G/90 D/5. ICA 9-10 Saddle River Rd., Fair Lawn, NJ 07410. Phone: 201 797-0330. Trophies to top 10. Top High School player from NJ awarded entry to Denker Tournament of HS Champions. **K-8 Championship:** (K-8) 5SS, G/90 D/5. Trophies to top 10, U1300, U1200, U1000, Unr. Top K-8 from NJ awarded entry to Dewain Barber Tournament of K-8 State Champions. **ALL:** Entry fee \$35 if received by 5/11, \$50 at site. **Reg.:** Sat. 8-9:30am. **Rds.:** Sat: 10am 2pm 6pm Sun. 10am 2pm **ENT:** NJSCF PO. Box 1511, Jackson, NJ 08527. Make checks payable to NJSCF or online at www.characterkings.org. **Info:** Hal Sprechman, 732-259-3881, hsprechman@characterkings.org

MAY 19, Westfield Quads

3-RR. G/40;d5. 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. John Moldovan: westfieldchessclub@gmail.com, Bill Cohen: 732-548-8432 or 848-219-1358, westfieldchessclub.blogspot.com and www.westfieldchessclub.com

MAY 25, U.S. Amateur K-8 East U1200

5-SS, G/30. La Quinta Inn & Suites, 60 Cottontail Ln., Somerset, NJ 08873. Telephone 732 560-9880. In 3 Sections (U1200, U900, & U600). Trophies to Top 10, Others win chess medallions. Unrated may not win first. Registration: Saturday May 26, 11am-12pm. Rounds: 12:30pm, then ASAP with lunch break after round #2. EF: \$25 if mailed by May 20 or paid online via CharacterKings.org, EF: \$40 cash at site. One 1/2 point bye allowed if requested with EF. April Rating supplement used. Ent: Hal Sprechman, PO. Box 1511, Jackson, NJ 08527. Checks to NJSCF. Indicate grade level. Info: 732 259-3881 or halsprechman@gmail.com. NS. NC. W.

MAY 25-27 OR 26-27, 69th Annual U.S. Amateur East Championship

See Nationals

JUNE 2, Dr. David Ostfeld Memorial ICA Summer 2013 Open Championship

JUNE 2, Dr. David Ostfeld Memorial ICA Summer 2013 Scholastic Championship in 5 Sections

SITE: BERGEN ACADEMY, 200 HACKENSACK AVE., HACKENSACK, NJ 07601. 4SS, EVERYONE PLAYS 4 GAMES, ALL PLAYERS WITH 2.5 PTS OR MORE WILL RECEIVE ATROPHY! USCF Memb Reg'd For Sections 3, 4 AND 5. Info: 201 287 0250 or diana@icanj.net ADV EF (pmk by May 29th) \$25 At Site \$30 Reg ends 1/2 hr before 1st rd Late entrants will receive a 1/2 pt bye for rd 1. In 5 Sections, Section 1 Junior Novice (not USCF rated): Open to unr players K thru 2nd grade. Rds.: First Round 10:15 AM then ASAP. Section 2 Novice (not USCF rated): Open to unr players K thru 4th grade. Rds.: First Round 10:00 AM then ASAP. Section 3 G/45 U800: Open to players rated below 800 and unr players K thru 12th grade. Rds.: 9:45 AM, 11:30, 1:15, 3:00 PM. Section 4 G/45 U1200: Open to players rated below 1200 and unr players K thru 12th grade. **Rds.:** 9:45 AM, 11:30, 1:15, 3:00 PM. Section 5 G/60 U1600: Open to All Ages rated below 1600 or unrated, Rds.: 9:30 AM, 11:45, 2:00, 4:30 PM, ENT; Make EF and/or USCF Memb chks payable To: International Chess Academy. Mail To: Diana Tulman, 28 Canterbury Ln., New Milford, NJ 07646 . INFO: www.

JUNE 21-23 OR 22-23, 19th Annual Northeast Open (CT) See Grand Prix

JUNE 27-JULY 1, DC International (VA) See Grand Prix.

JUNE 28-30, 5th annual World Open Senior Amateur (VA)

JUNE 29-30, World Open Under 13 Championship (VA) See Virginia.

JUNE 29-30, World Open Warmup (VA)

See Grand Prix

JULY 1-2, World Open Under 2300 (VA) See Virginia.

JULY 1-3 OR 2-3, 2nd annual World Open Women's Championship (VA)

See Virginia

See Grand Prix.

JULY 3-7, 4-7, 5-7, 1-7 OR JUNE 29-JULY 7, 41st Annual World Open (VA)

JULY 19-21 OR 20-21, 18th Annual Bradley Open (CT) See Grand Prix.

AUG. 2-4 OR 3-4, 12th annual Manhattan Open (NY)

AUG. 6-11, 2nd Annual Washington International (MD)

AUG. 8-11, 9-11 OR 10-11, 43rd annual Continental Open (MA) See Grand Prix

New Mexico

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! APR. 27-28, New Mexico Class Championship

Open to all ages. 5/SS, G/90 +5/d. In the Mall at La Tienda, 7 Caliente Road, Santa Fe, NM 87508 (site info and map at www.latiendaeldorado. com). Co-sponsored by the the New Mexico Chess Organization, and the Santa Fe Rooks. **EF:** \$30 all sections. **\$\$** All Sections are \$100 1st and are based on 5 entries per section. **Sections**: M/X, A, B, C, D, & E. **Rds.**: 10am, 1:45pm & 5pm on Saturday, April 27 and 10am, 1:45pm Sunday April 28. Reg.: Sat 9-9:30. One(1) ½ pt. Bye avail. if requested in advance of pairing Rd 1. 0 pt. bye avail. each rd. if requested before end of previous rd. \$10 late fee if entry not rec'd by April 25. ENT: checks payable to NMCO, mailed to NMCO, P O Box 4215, Albuquerque, NM 87196. Paypal accepted. See www.nmchess.org. Those NM residents who finish highest in each section are dubbed NM Champions of their respective classes Entrants will be assigned to Sections based on their highest ratings after January 1, 2013. Playing in a higher section will not be permitted. The purpose of the Tournament is to compose a NM team of Class Champions to take on a similar team from Colorado for the Southern Rocky Team Championship Trophy.

New York

See Grand Prix.

APR. 13-14, 4th Annual Broome County Chess Championship -Francis Cordisco Memorial

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

APR. 15, 22, 29, MAY 6, 13, 20, Marshall FIDE Mondays!! 6-SS, G/120d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212 477-3716. Open to

all players 1600 or above. **EF:** \$50, Members \$30. **(\$500 b/28):** \$175 100, U2000 \$100. 2 byes OK, commit before round 4. Reg.: 6:15-6:45. Rds.: 7PM each Monday. FIDE rated. Limit 2 byes, request by rd. 3. www.mar shallchessclub.org

APR. 16. Marshall Masters!

See Grand Prix.

APR. 18, 4th Long Island CC G/10 (BLZ)
7SS, G/10(t/d5). United Methodist Church, 470 East Meadow Ave., East
Meadow, NY 11554. Open to all. \$(b/20): \$120-90. Top U-2000, U-1500, U-1400/unr. \$75 ea. **EF:** \$25. Non LTCC members + \$5. **Reg.:** 6:40-7:10 PM, no adv. ent. **Rds.:** 7:15-7:45-8:15-8:45-9:15-9:45-10:15. 3 byes 1-7. Info: www.lichessclub.com. NS.

APR. 18, Marshall Thursday Game 30!

4-SS, G/25d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. EF: \$40. members \$25, GMs free. **Prizes:** (\$\$530 based on 32 paid entries: \$200-100-50, U2100 \$95, U1900 \$85. Reg.: 6:15-6:45 pm. Rds.: 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available, request at entry.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

APR. 18, 25, MAY 2, 9, 16, Marshall Thursday Open 5-SS, G/115d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. EF: \$50, members \$30. (\$450/20): \$200-100, U2100 \$90, U1800 \$60. Reg.: 6:15-6:45 Rds.: 7 each Thurs. Two byes available, request by Rd 3. www. marshallchessclub.org.

APR. 19, Marshall Friday G/45 Quads

3rd Friday every month. 3-RR, G/40d5. Open to all; guads formed by rat-

ing. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. EF: \$30, members \$20, \$50 for each winner. **Reg.:** 5:15-5:45. **Rds.:** 6-7:30-9. www.marshall chessclub.org.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! APR. 20, 2013 Watertown Open Chess Tournament

4 -SS, G/75+d /5, H pt Bye 1-3. American Red Cross, 203 N. Hamilton St., Watertown, NY, 2d Flr. Conference Rm. **\$100 Prize fund** b/8 total paid entries. **\$60**, first, **\$25**, 2nd & **\$15**, class. **Reg.:** 8:30-9:20 AM. **Rds.:** 9:30 AM, 12:15, 3 and 5:30 PM. EF: \$23, \$25 at door (\$20 for WCC mem bers). Ent: send to Don Klug, 518 Sherman St., Watertown, NY 13601. D. Klug 315-785-8800 or donklug@twcny.rr.com.

APR. 20, Marshall Saturday U1500

4-SS, G/40d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. (\$300/20): \$160-80, U1200 60. EF: \$40, members \$20. Reg.: 12:15-12:45. Rds.: 1 2:45-4:30-6:15. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchess club.org.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

APR. 20, Syracuse University April Open 4SS. Rds.: 1&2 G/60, Rds.: 3&4 G/90. (Syracuse University, Hall of Languages, Room 101). EF: \$30. Prizes: (b/20) \$200, 125, Class 100. Reg.: 8:30-9:15. Rds.: 9:30, 12:00, 2:15, 5:30. Contact: Joe Ball 315-436-

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

APR. 20-21 OR 21, Marshall April Open

4-SS, 30/85d5, SD/1d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. EF: \$45/members \$25. (\$400/24): \$150-100, U2000 \$80, U1700 \$70. Reg ends 12:15. 2 schedules: 2 day 12:30-5:30 each day, 1 day (Rds 1-2 G/25d5) 10-11:15-12:30-5:30. Limit two byes, request at entry. NO REEN-TRY, www.marshallchessclub.org.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

APR. 22, 29, MAY 6, 13, 20, Marshall Monday U1600 5-SS, 6/85d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. (\$450/20): \$240-120, U1300 \$90. Reg.: 6:15-6:4., Rds.: 7 pm each Mon. Two byes available, request by Round 3. www.marshallchessclub.org.

APR. 25, Marshall Thursday Game 30!

4-SS, G/25d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$40, members \$25, GMs free. **Prizes:** (\$\$530 based on 32 paid entries: \$200-100-50, U2100 \$95, U1900 \$85. Reg.: 6:15-6:45 pm. Rds.: 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available, request at entry.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

APR. 25, MAY 2, 9, 16, 23, 3rd Long Island CC Early Spring Open 5SS, G/90 (d/5). United Methodist Church, 470 East Meadow Ave., East Meadow, NY 11554. **Open to all. \$(b/22):** \$170-120. Top U-1900, U-1500/unr. \$100 ea. Best upset \$10. **EF:** \$35. Non-LICC members +\$10. Reg.: 6:40-7:10 PM, no adv. ent., Rds.: 7:15 PM SHARP ea. Thursday. 2 byes 1-5. Info: www.lichessclub.com. NS.

APR. 26, Marshall \$500 FIDE Blitz! (BLZ)

APR. 27, Marshall Saturday G/60!4-SS, G/55d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. (\$540/40): \$240-120, U2000 95, U1700 85. EF: \$40, members \$20. Reg.: 11:15-11:45 Rds.: 12-2:30-4:45-7. One bye available, request at entry. www.mar shallchessclub.org.

APR. 28, Marshall Sunday G/45!4-SS, G/40d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **Two** sections: A. Open (\$360/26): \$160-80, U2100 65, U1800 55. B. U1500 (\$240/18): \$120-65, U1200 55. EF: \$40, members \$20. Reg.: 11:15-11:45. Rds.: 12-1:45-4:00-5:45. One bye available, request at entry. www. marshallchessclub.org.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

APR. 29, MAY 6, 13, 20, 27th Nassau Amateur Team 4-SS, 40/80. 1st Presbyterian Church, 1st & Main Sts., Mineola. Open to

teams of 3 (+ optional alternate). Ave rating must be U1800. May ratings used. Teams play in rating order. **EF:** \$54/team by 4/27, \$75 at site, \$10 more per non-memb. **\$\$** (504 b/12 teams) 252, U1600, 1400/UR each 126. Team byes 1-4 (Last rd bye must be req before rd 3 and is irrevocable). Teams seeking players call 631 218-4440 or capthhal@optonline.net. Players looking for teams \$18 by 4/27, \$25 at site, \$10 more for non-memb. **Reg ends** 7:15 PM. Rds: 7:15 each Mon. **Ent:** Harold Stenzel, 80 Amy Dr., Sayville, NY 11782.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

MAY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Community Chess Club of Rochester Wed Night chess!

1 game, 6/80d5. Rochester Chess Center, 221 Norris Dr., Rochester, NY 14610. 585-442-2430. EF: \$5, CCCR members \$3. Reg.: 7-7:25 pm. Rd.: 7:30pm. www.rochesterchessclub.org.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

MAY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Marshall Wednesday U1400!

5-SS, G/85d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. EF: \$50, members \$30. (\$450/24): \$240-120, U1100 \$90. Reg.: 61:5-6:45. Rds.: 7 cm seab Wed Limit has been greated by Pd. 24 purpose by Pd. Section 1. 7 pm each Wed. Limit two byes, request by Rd 3. www.marshallchess

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

MAY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Marshall Wednesday U2000! 5-SS, 30/85d5, SD/1d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. EF: \$50, members \$30. (\$450/24): \$240-120, U1700 \$90. Reg.: 6:15-6:45. Rds.: 7 pm each Wed. Limit two byes, request by Rd 3. www.marshall chessclub.org.

MAY 2, Marshall Thursday Game 30 Grand Prix!

See Grand Prix.

MAY 3, NEW! Marshall Friday U2000 Action!

4-SS, G/25d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. EF: \$40 members \$20. (\$360/24): \$160-80, U1800 \$65, U1600 \$55. Reg.: 6:15-6:45. Rds.: 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

AAY 3-5 OR 4-5, 24th annual Vermont Resort Open (VT) See Grand Prix.

MAY 4, Marshall Saturday U1800

4-SS, G/40d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. (\$300/24): \$160-80, U1500 \$60. EF: \$40, members \$20. Reg.: 12:15-12:45. Rds.: 1-2:45-4:30-6:15. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchess club.org.

MAY 4, TRM 73

4SS, G/30;d5. Boys & Girls Club, 544 Broadway, Rensselaer, NY. EF: Free, Pre-registration required www.maketherightmove.org, Round 1 starts at 10:00 Seven Sections

MAY 4-5 OR 5, Marshall May Open GP

MAY 4, 11, 18, 25, Rochester Chess Center Saturday Tournaments!

3-SS, G/60d5. Rochester CC, 221 Norris Dr., Rochester, NY 14610. 585-442-2430. Prizes based on entries. **EF:** \$15, RCC members \$13. \$2 less for HS and Pre-HS. Reg.: 1-1:45 pm. Rds.: 2-4-6. One bye available, request at entry, www.nychess.org, Also, Youth tournament every Saturday morning 10am-1pm, trophies and prizes. EF: \$5

MAY 5. TRM 188

4SS, G/30:d5, Riverbank State Park, 145th St. & Riverside Dr., NYC. EF: Free. Pre-registration required www.therightmove.org by Fri, 8:00 PM with check in by 9:15 AM Sunday for round 1 at 10:00.

MAY 7, NEW! Marshall Tuesday Action!

4-SS, G/25d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. EF: \$40, members \$20. (\$360/24): \$160-80. U2100 \$65. U1800 \$55. Reg.: 6:15-6:45. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

MAY 9, Marshall Thursday Game 30!

4-SS, G/25d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$40, members \$25, GMs free. **Prizes:** (\$\$530 based on 32 paid entries: \$200-100-50, U2100 \$95, U1900 \$85. Reg.: 6:15-6:45 pm. Rds.: 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available, request at entry.

MAY 10, NEW! Marshall Friday U2200 Action!

A-SS, G/25d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF**: \$40, members \$20. **(\$360/24)**: \$160-80, U2000 \$65, U1800 \$55. **Reg.**: 6:15-6:45. **Rds**.: 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

MAY 11, Marshall Saturday U1600!

4-SS, 6/40d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212 477-3716. (\$300 b/24): \$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.mar shallchessclub.org.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! IAY 11, Šyracuse-Minoa May Open

4SS. Rds.: 182 G/60, Rds.: 384 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 Junior Grand Prix!

MAY 11-12 OR 12, Marshall May U2300! 4SS, 30/85d5, SD/1d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212 477-3716. EF: \$45, Members \$25. (\$540 b/40): \$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.mar-

MAY 16, Marshall Thursday Game 30!

4-SS, G/25d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$40, members \$25, GMs free. **Prizes:** (\$\$530 based on 32 paid entries: \$200-100-50, U2100 \$95, U1900 \$85. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45 pm. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available, request at entry.

MAY 17. Marshall Friday G/45 Quads

3rd Friday every month. 3-RR, G/40d5. Open to all; quads formed by rating, Marshall CC, 23 W, 10th St., NYC, 212-477-3716, EF; \$30, members \$20, \$50 for each winner. **Reg.:** 5:15-5:45. **Rds.:** 6-7:30-9. www.marshall

MAY 17-19 OR 18-19, 21st annual New York State Open See Grand Prix.

MAY 18, Marshall Saturday U1500

4-SS, G/40d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. (\$300/20): \$160-80, U1200 60. EF: \$40, members \$20. Reg.: 12:15-12:45. Rds.: 1-2:45-4:30-6:15. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchess club.org

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

MAY 18-19 OR 19, Marshall May Open

4-SS, 30/85d5, SD/1d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. EF: \$45/members \$25. (\$400/24): \$150-100, U2000 \$80, U1700 \$70. Reg ends 12:15. 2 schedules: 2 day 12:30-5:30 each day, 1 day (Rds 1 G/25d5) 10-11:15-12:30-5:30. Limit two byes, request at entry. NO REEN-TRY. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

MAY 19, 47th 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-cash only on site. Schedule: Registration on site 8:45–9:15 AM. Rounds: 9:30-12Noon-2:30-4:45. Free USCF 90-day membership (call for details) 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.

MAY 21, Marshall Masters!

MAY 23, Marshall Thursday Game 30! 4-SS, G/25d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. EF: \$40, members \$25, GMs free. Prizes: (\$\$530 based on 32 paid entries: \$200 100-50, U2100 \$95, U1900 \$85. Reg.: 6:15-6:45 pm. Rds.: 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available, request at entry.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! MAY 23, 30, JUNE 6, 13, 20, 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/24):** \$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.

MAY 24, Marshall \$500 FIDE Blitz! (BLZ)

See Grand Prix

MAY 24. New Yorker Rated Beginners Tournament!

4-SS, G/30. Chess Center at New Yorker Hotel, 481 Eighth Ave at 34th St., across from Penn Station, NYC, for Under 1200 or those not rated in any country. **EF:** \$20, free to players who (re-)join USCF with magazine, free to players also playing New Yorker Open, 5/24-27, specified Greater NY prizewinners free! Trophies to top 3. Limit 2 byes, commit by 8:15. Reg. ends 6:30 pm. Rds. 7-8:15-9:30-10:45 pm. No advance entries.

21st annual NEW YORK STATE OPEN

May 17-19 or 18-19, Tiki Resort, Lake George \$3000 prize fund, includes Senior Section

5 rounds, \$78 room rate (corrected), beautiful area. In 4 sections:

Open Section: Prizes \$400-200-150, top Under 2110 \$230-120, top Under 1910/Unr \$220-110.

Senior Section: Open to under 2010 or unrated born before 5/20/63. \$300-150-80, top Under 1810 \$120-60.

Under 1710 Section: \$300-150-80, top Under 1510 \$120-60. Unrated may not win over \$150.

Under 1310 Section: \$100-50, trophies to first 3, top Under 1000, Under 800, Unr. Online advance entry fee only \$29 or \$22!

Advance or online entry \$7 less to NYSCA members (NYSCA dues \$12/year, may be paid with entry fee).

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

MAY 24, Point Me To The New Yorker!

3-SS, G/30. Chess Center at New Yorker Hotel, 481 Eighth Ave at 34th St., across from Penn Station, NYC. EF: \$20, specified Greater NY Scholasprizewinners free! 3-0 wins \$40, 2.5 wins \$20, 2 wins \$10. Reg. ends 7:15 pm. Rds. 7:30-8:30-9:30.

MAY 24-27, 25-27 OR 26-27, 3rd Annual New Yorker Open! See Grand Prix.

MAY 25, Marshall Saturday G/60! 4-SS, G/55d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. (\$540/40): \$240-120, U2000 95, U1700 85. **EF:** \$40, members \$20. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45. **Rds.:** 12-2:30-4:45-7. One bye available, request at entry. www.mar

MAY 26, 3rd Annual New Yorker Open Blitz Championship (BLZ)! See Grand Prix.

MAY 26, Marshall Sunday G/45!

4-SS, G/40d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **Two sections: A. Open** (\$360/26): \$160-80, U2100 65, U1800 55. **B. U1500** (\$240/18): \$120-65, U1200 55. EF: \$40, members \$20. Reg.: 11:15 11:45. Rds.: 12-1:45-4:00-5:45. One bye available, request at entry. www. marshallchessclub.org.

MAY 27, Marshall Memorial Day Madness!

6-SS, G/25d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. (\$480/28): \$200-100, U 2000 \$70, U1700 \$60, U1400 \$50. EF: \$45, members \$25. Reg.: 11:15-11:45. Rds.: 12-1:15-2:30-4-5:15-6:30. Two byes available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

MAY 27, JUNE 3, 10, 17, 24, Marshall Monday U1600 5-SS, G/85d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. (\$450/20): \$240-120,

U1300 \$90. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:4., **Rds.:** 7 pm each Mon. Two byes available, request by Round 3. www.marshallchessclub.org.

MAY 28-JUNE 2, 2013 U.S. Senior Open

See Nationals.

MAY 30, Marshall Thursday Game 30!

4-SS, G/25d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. EF: \$40, members \$25, GMs free. Prizes: (\$\$530 based on 32 paid entries: \$200-100-50, U2100 \$95, U1900 \$85. Reg.: 6:15-6:45 pm. Rds.: 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available, request at entry.

MAY 31, Marshall Friday U2200 Action!

4-SS, G/25d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$40, members \$20. **(\$360/24):** \$160-80, U2000 \$65, U1800 \$55. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45. Rds.: 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available, request at entry. www. marshallchessclub.org.

MAY 31-JUNE 2, 2013 U.S. Junior Open See Nationals

JUNE 1, Marshall Saturday U1500 4-SS, G/40d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. (\$300/20): \$160-80, U1200 60. EF: \$40, members \$20. Reg.: 12:15-12:45. Rds.: 1 2:45-4:30-6:15. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchess

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! JUNE 1-2 OR 2, Marshall June Open

4-SS, 30/85d5, SD/1d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. EF: \$45/members \$25. (\$400/24): \$150-100, U2000 \$80, U1700 \$70. Reg ends 12:15. 2 schedules: 2 day 12:30-5:30 each day, 1 day (Rds 1-2 G/25d5) 10-11:15-12:30-5:30. Limit two byes, request at entry. NO REENTRY. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JUNE 3, 10, 17, 24, JULY 1, 8, Marshall FIDE Mondays!! 6-SS. G/120d5. Marshall CC. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212 477-3716. Open to

all players 1600 or above. **EF:** \$50, Members \$30. **(\$500 b/28):** \$175-125-100, U2000 \$100. 2 byes OK, commit before round 4. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45. **Rds.:** 7PM each Monday. FIDE rated. Limit 2 byes, request by rd. 3. www.mar shallchessclub.org.

JUNE 4, Marshall Tuesday Action!

4-SS, G/25d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. EF: \$40, members \$20. (\$360/24): \$160-80, U2100 \$65, U1800 \$55. Reg.: 6:15-6:45. Rds.: 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JUNE 5, 12, 19, 26, JULY 3, Marshall Wednesday U1400! 5-SS. G/85d5. Marshall CC. 23 W. 10th St., NYC, 212-477-3716. EF: \$50.

members \$30. **(\$450/24):** \$240-120, U1100 \$90. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45. **Rds.:** 7 pm each Wed. Limit two byes, request by Rd 3. www.marshallchess club.org.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! JUNE 5, 12, 19, 26, JULY 3, Marshall Wednesday U2000! 5-SS, 30/85d5, SD/1d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

EF: \$50, members \$30. (\$450/24): \$240-120, U1700 \$90. Reg.: 6:15-6:45 Rds.: 7 pm each Wed. Limit two byes, request by Rd 3. www.marshall chessclub.org.

JUNE 6, Marshall Thursday Game 30 Grand Prix! See Grand Prix.

JUNE 7, Marshall Friday U2000 Action! 4-SS, G/25d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. EF: \$40, members \$20. **(\$360/24):** \$160-80, U1800 \$65, U1600 \$55. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

JUNE 8, Marshall Saturday U1800

4-SS, G/40d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **(\$300/24):** \$160-80, U1500 \$60. **EF:** \$40, members \$20. **Reg.:** 12:15-12:45. **Rds.:** 1-2:45-4:30-6:15. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchess club.org.

JUNE 8-9 OR 9, Marshall June GP See Grand Prix

JUNE 13, Marshall Thursday Game 30!

4-SS, G/25d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. EF: \$40, members \$25, GMs free. Prizes: (\$\$530 based on 32 paid entries: \$200 100-50, U2100 \$95, U1900 \$85. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45 pm. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available, request at entry.

JUNE 14, Marshall Friday U2200 Action!

4-SS, G/25d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. EF: \$40, members \$20. **(\$360/24):** \$160-80, U2000 \$65, U1800 \$55. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

JUNE 19-23, 21-23 OR 22-23, 6th New York International See Grand Prix.

JUNE 21-23 OR 22-23, 19th Annual Northeast Open (CT) See Grand Prix.

JUNE 27-JULY 1, DC International (VA) See Grand Prix.

JUNE 28-30, 5th annual World Open Senior Amateur (VA) See Virginia

JUNE 29-30, World Open Under 13 Championship (VA) See Virginia.

JUNE 29-30, World Open Warmup (VA) See Grand Prix

JULY 1-2, World Open Under 2300 (VA) See Virginia.

JULY 1-3 OR 2-3, 2nd annual World Open Women's Championship

See Virginia

JULY 3-7, 4-7, 5-7, 1-7 OR JUNE 29-JULY 7, 41st Annual World Open (VA)

See Grand Prix.

JULY 19-21 OR 20-21, 18th Annual Bradley Open (CT) See Grand Prix.

AUG. 2-4 OR 3-4, 12th annual Manhattan Open See Grand Prix

AUG. 6-11, 2nd Annual Washington International (MD) See Grand Prix.

AUG. 8-11, 9-11 OR 10-11, 43rd annual Continental Open (MA) See Grand Prix.

AUG. 9-11 OR 10-11, Cleveland Open (OH)

North Carolina

APR. 13. Knights Templar II

3-SS, G/75, Dowd YMCA, 400 E, Morehead St., Charlotte, NC 28202, In **10 man sections:** \$\$100-50 per. **EF:** \$25. (\$5 discount for CCC Membs.) Reg.: 9:30am. Rds.: 10-1-3:30. Info: charlottechessclub@gmail.com, www.charlottechess.com (704-965-8931).

MAY 3-5 OR 4-5, 2013 Georgia State Championship (GA)

MAY 3-5 OR 4-5, The Big Enchilada III See Grand Prix.

MAY 31-JUNE 2 OR 1-2, 2013 Atlanta Championship (GA) See Grand Prix.

JUNE 27-JULY 1, DC International (VA)

See Grand Prix.

JUNE 28-30, 5th annual World Open Senior Amateur (VA) See Virginia.

JUNE 29-30, World Open Under 13 Championship (VA)

JUNE 29-30, World Open Warmup (VA) See Grand Prix.

JULY 1-2, World Open Under 2300 (VA)

See Virginia

JULY 1-3 OR 2-3, 2nd annual World Open Women's Championship

See Virginia

JULY 3-7, 4-7, 5-7, 1-7 OR JUNE 29-JULY 7, 41st Annual World Open (VA) See Grand Prix.

Ohio

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

Criess Magnet 2-13, 55th Dayton Chess Club Championship 6SS Open, G/2h30m, d/5. Reg.: Fri Apr 5 to 7:15 p.m. **EF**: \$20 adv/\$30 after Mar 29. **RDS**:: Apr 5 R1-7:30 pm, Sat Apr 6 Rds. 2&3 - 11 & 5:30. Fri Apr 12 R4-7pm, Sat Apr 13 Rds. 5&6 - 11 & 5:30. Must be DCC member for min 1 month. Trophies: 1st/2nd, U2000: 1st/2nd, U1600: 1st/2nd, U1200: 1st/2nd. **Register online at:** www.DaytonChessClub.com or at site 18 West St., Dayton, OH 45402. **Info:** DCC.18W5@sbcglobal.net, 937-461-6283

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! APR. 6, Genesis: The Rebirth of the Cincinnati Chess Tornado

4SS tmt. G/60, d/5. **Site:** 605 Northland Blvd., Forest Park, OH 45240 (green building next to Speedway). **EF:** \$25 until 3/31 then \$30 at site.

Visa/MC/AMEX accepted at site. Based on 35 entries. Open: \$225-\$125; 1st in Class A.B.C.D/under...each \$125, Req.: 9-9:45, Rds.: 10am.1:00pm. 3:30, & 6:00...one bye available. **Register** online at: chessearth.com or Mail entry fee to Robert Chenault, 932 Smiley Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45240. Contact Robert at 513-884-7027.

APR. 13, Parma Open

48S, 6/45. German Central Organization, 7863 York Rd. (1/4 mi. N of Sprague), Parma, OH. **Sections**: Open, U2000, U1600. **Reg.**: 8-9AM. **Rds**: 9-30-11:15-1:30-3:15. **Prizes (b/50)**: Open 1st \$160, 2nd \$80; U2000 1st \$120, 2nd \$60; U1600 1st \$120, 2nd \$60; U1200 1st \$60. **Ent**: \$20. Info & entries: William Wright, 19121 Wheelers Ln., Strongsville, OH 44149, Phone: (440) 572-9565. E-mail: grubber@adelphia.net. Web www.parmachessclub.org/

APR. 19, DCC Friday Nite Quick 2013 (QC) 4SS, 6/24, d5. 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 mbr). Info: DCC.18W5@sbcglobal.net/, 937-461-6283.

APR. 26, DCC Friday Nite Quick 2013 (QC)

4SS, G/24, d5. 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 mbr). Info: DCC.18W5@sbcglobal.net/, 937-461-6283.

APR. 26-28 OR 27-28, 49th Cincinnati Open See Grand Prix.

APR. 27, Progress with Chess Monthly Open 4SS, G/30;d5. Mustard Seed Market, 2nd Floor 6025 Kruse Dr., Solon, OH 44139. EF: \$25. USCF membership required. Sections: Open, U-1500, K-4 U-500, K-9 U-1000 (Free USCF membership to any new or expired K-12 player) 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: \$275 Guaranteed. 1st \$100, 2nd \$50, U-1900 \$50, 1st U-1500 \$50, 2nd \$25. Scholastic Sections: Trophies to top 3 each section. Special Offer: Free healthy box lunch (\$10 value) to ALL players! Info: www.progresswithchess.org. Contact: Mike Joelson 216-321-7000.

MAY 3. DCC Friday Nite Quick 2013 (QC)

4SS, 6/24, d5. 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 mbr). **Info:** DCC.18W5@sbcglobal.net/, 937-461-6283.

MAY 10, DCC Friday Nite Quick 2013 (QC) 4SS, G/24, d5. 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 mbr). Info: DCC.18W5@sbcglobal.net/, 937-461-6283.

MAY 11, Ohio Elementary State Championship

IM Goran Vojinovic will be on hand to analyze games! 5-SS, G/30 d5, round 5 of championship sections G/45, d5. **Site** 4-H Center on OSU main campus, 2201 Fred Taylor Dr., Columbus, OH 43210. See web site below for parking info. Food service on site. **4 Sections** Primary Championship K-6, Reserve K-6/U750, Non-rated K-6. Accelerated pairings possible. One 1/2-pt bye rounds 1-4. Check in 9:30-10:30am, rounds begin 11am. **Trophies** to all scoring 3.5+ and top 3 teams each section, medals to all others. **EF:** \$25 postmarked by 4/30, \$32 after; \$10/\$15 for free/reduced lunch program students. Refund less \$7 admin fee if w/d by noon 5/10, no refunds after. Advance registration only, no on-site entries. **Mail to** Licking Co. 4-H, c/o Tim Beltz, 94 Grant St., Newark, OH 43055. Hotel info, complete details & entry form neilley. com/chess, OSCA Event Guidelines ohioscholasticchess.org. Contact: Grant Neilley, grant@neilley.com, 614-314-1102. NS. W.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

MAY 11, Toledo May Swiss
Open, 4SS, Rnd 1 G/75, Rnds 2-4 G/85. 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 5/9, \$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 Willowyck Rd., Maumee, OH 43537. 419-367-9450.

MAY 23-27, 24-27, 25-27 OR 26-27, 22nd annual Chicago Open (IL)

See Grand Prix.

MAY 24-26 OR 25-26, 55th Gem City Open See Grand Prix.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JUNE 8, Toledo June Swiss Open, 4SS, Rnd 1 G/75, Rnds 2-4 G/85. 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 6/6, \$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 Willowyck Rd., Maumee, OH 43537. 419-367-9450.

JUNE 21-23 OR 22-23, 2013 Columbus Open See Grand Prix.

AUG. 9-11 OR 10-11, Cleveland Open See Grand Prix.

Oklahoma

MAY 11, OCA Route 66 Open 2013

See Grand Prix

MAY 25-26, 68th OCF Open and Jerry Spann Memorial and 2013 OCF Regional Championship

Oregon

JULY 18-21, 19-21 OR 20-21, 18th annual Pacific Coast Open (CA-S)

See Grand Prix.

Pennsylvania

Every Friday - LVCA 7 & 9 pm Blitz Events Open/U1200 (Closed 3/8, 3/29) (BLZ)

8SS, G/5;d2. St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 140 So. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104. EF: \$5, Prizes: Open and U1200, Minimum 50% Returned. 1st-70%, 2nd-30% AND will ADD PRIZES if 12 or more players per section, FREE Coffee For All Entrants. REG.: Ends 6:55pm, Cash on site only. RDS.:7 pm, then ASAP. On Site: 484-866-3045 or bdavis@lehighvalleychessclub.org, www.lehighvalleychessclub.org.

Every Saturday - LVCA QUADS/RBO U1200 Quads + G/7;d3, 5SS Event (May 4th, 11:30am, \$\$200 SWISS only, TLA below) G/40;dS Quads, 3-RR. Reg.: 1-1:45, Rds.: 2 pm, then asap. Site: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 514 3rd Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18018. 2 Sections: Open Section EF: \$15. Prizes: \$50 for 3-0 score, else \$45 for 1st. RBO Section EF: \$10. Prizes: \$30 for 3-0 score, else \$25 for 1st. G/7;d3 Event Rd. 1: 6:15 pm or asap. Prizes: 50% of entries, 1st-70%, 2nd-30%, more prizes if 12 or more. Ph: 484-866-3045, Bruce. Info: srdiamondd@yahoo.com.

Maryland Chess Association (MD)

See Maryland.

North Penn Chess Club

Main & Richardson, Lansdale, PA. See www.northpennchessclub.org for schedules & info or 215-699-8418.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

APR. 6-7, Donald Byrne Memorial Tournament 100% of EFs Returned as prizes (excluding scholastic)! Free talks by Dan Heisman and Eli Byrne. 3rd Floor, Room 302 HUB-Robeson Building, University Park, PA 16802. Register on site or at http://mindseyepress webs.com/apps/webstore/ 2 Day event - Reg.: 10 AM—10:30 AM. 5SS. TC: G/75, d5. EF: \$40. 3 Sections Open: 1st - 50% of section EFs, 2nd - 25%, Top U2000, Top U1800 - 12.5%. Under 1600: 1st - 50% of section EFs, 2nd - 30%, Top U1400/Unr - 20%. Under 1200: 1st - 50% of section EFs, 2nd - 30%, Top U1400/Unr - 20%. Under 1200: 1st - 50% of sec Lis, 2 and – 30%, Top U1000/Unr – 20% **Rds**: 11:00, 2:15, 6:30; 10:00, 1:15. Heisman talk at 5:30 on 4/6. 1 Day Scholastic – **Reg.**: 11:10 – 11:30 **2 sections**: K-12 U1200 and K-12 Non-Rated. **TC**: G/25, d/5; **EF**: \$20; Prizes: Trophies and Ribbons. Rds.: 12, 1:15, 2:30, 3:45. INFO: joshuamil-tonanderson@gmail.com, 484-948-5692. W.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

A State Championship Event!

APR. 20-21, 2013 PA State Amateur Championship

Comfort Inn, 58 SR 93, West Hazleton, PA 18202, 1/2 mile from Exit 145 off 181. **2 Sections: Champ (Sat & Sun):** Open to U2200. SSS. 6/90dS. Rds.: 10-1:30-5, 9:30-1. **EF**: \$20 rec'd by 4/17, \$30 later. Trophies: 1-3, U1800, U1600, U1400, U1200/Unrated, School Team (top 4 scores). Top 2 receive entry into 2013 PA Champ. Title to top PA resident. **Scholas**tic (Sun only): unrated or U1400 in grades K-12. 4SS. G/40d5. Rds.: 10-11:30-1-2:30. EF: \$15 rec'd by 4/17, \$20 later. Trophies: 1-2, U1000, U880/Jurrated, School Team (top 4 scores). **ALI**: Reg.: 9-9:45am, PSCF \$5, OSA. **HR**: 570-455-9300, 1-877-424-6423, \$70. Ent/Info: GHACC, c/o Michael Jemo, 128 Forest Hills Acres, Hazle Twp., PA 18201, jem023@ ptd.net, 570-455-9261.

A Heritage Event! Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

APR. 27-28, 53rd Golden Triangle Open
4SS, G/120, d/5, Pittsburgh Chess Club, 5604 Solway St., Suite 209, Pittsburgh, PA 15217. EF: \$30 postmarked by 4/24, \$40 later, \$5 discount to PCC members. 2 Sections: Open, Reserve (under 1800). Prizes: \$\$615 b/30. **Open:** 120-90, U2000 \$80. **Reserve:**100 - 70, U1600 \$60, U1400 \$50, U1200/Unr \$45. **Reg.:** 9AM - 9:45AM on 4/27. **Rounds:** 10AM - 3PM both days. One 1/2 point bye permitted if requested before the start of Round 2. Info: 412-421-1881, www.pittsburghcc.org. Ent: Pittsburgh Chess Club, Attn: Mike Holsinger, 5004 Solway St., Suite 209, Pittsburgh, PA 15217. Checks payable to Pittsburgh Chess Club.

MAY 4, LVCA May Matt O'Brien Open Swiss \$\$200 Gtd.

4-SS, G/40;d5. **EF** \$15, \$10 College/U18 yrs old, \$5 more each CASH ONLY after 5/1/13 AT SITE, FREE ENTRY TO UNRATEDS, if paying 1 year USCF Dues. Prizes: \$70-1st, \$35-2nd, \$35-U2000/Unr, \$30-U1200, \$30-Top College. **Rds.**:12-1:30-3-4:30pm. **Onsite Reg.**: Opens 11:30 am. **Site**: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 514 3rd Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18018. **Ent.**: Check payable to: "Bruce Davis", 1208 Linden St., Bethlehem, PA 18018. **Info**: www.lehighvalleychessclub.org.

MAY 4, Pocono Spring Challenge Scholastic 5-SS, G/30;d5. EF: \$30, \$35 CASH ONLY after 4/25/13 AT SITE. Trophy's to 1st, 2nd, 3rd;Top U1000,1st, 2nd, 3rd, Raffle and **Prizes** to be announced. **Rds.:** 9:30-10:45-12:30-1:45-3:00. **Reg.:** Opens 8:30 am. Site: Pocono Mountain East High School, 200 School Rd., Swiftwater, PA 18344. Ent.: Check payable to: "PMECPA", c/o Dan Tartaglione, 1354 Madison Ave., Pocono Summit, PA 18346. Info: www.pmechess.com/.

MAY 4. W.Chester 1st Sat. Quads

Our 24th year! 3RR, 40/75,sd/30,td/5sec. 2nd Presbyterian Church, 114 S. Walnut St., West Chester, PA 19382. EF: \$20; \$40, \$50 for 3-0. Reg.: 9am; Rds.: 9:30,1,4:30. Info: WCCC1975@gmail.com

MAY 10-12 OR 11-12, 59th Annual Maryland Open NOTE DATE CHANGES (MD)

See Grand Prix

MAY 11. MasterMinds CC Swiss/Quads

Blair Christian Academy, 220 W. Upsal St., Philadelphia, PA. **Quads:** 3RR. 40/75 SD/30,d/5. EF: \$20 cash; \$40, \$50 for 3-0. Reg.: 9AM. Rd. 1 9:30AM then asap. Scholastic: 4SS K-12 G/40.d5. EF \$5 rec'd by Thurs, before \$15 on site. Reg. ends 9:30am. Rd 1 10AM then asap: 17 individual & 4 team trophies. **Mail Ent:** payable to MasterMinds CC, 36 E. Hortter St., Philadelphia, PA 19119. **Info:** mastermindschess.org or Bradley Crable,

MAY 18. May LVCA Scholarships K-12 Championship

5-SS, G/30;d5. EF: \$30, \$40 CASH ONLY after 5/15/13 AT SITE. \$\$1000

in Scholarships to 1st-\$400, 2nd-\$200, 3rd-\$100, \$100 each top 3 Lehigh Valley players. **Trophy's** to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Top U1400, U1200, U1000, U800, U600, U400, UNR, \$10-\$20 in Random **Prizes** to every player. Rds.: 1:10pm then ASAP Reg.: Ends 1pm. Site: Holy Trinity Church, 514 3rd Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18102. Ent: "Bruce Davis", 1208 Linden St., Bethlehem, PA 18018, Ph. 484-866-3045, E-mail: bdavis@lehighvalleychess club.org. Info: www.lehighvalleychessclub.org/

MAY 24-26 OR 25-26, 55th Gem City Open (OH) See Grand Prix.

JUNE 27-JULY 1, DC International (VA) See Grand Prix

JUNE 28-30, 5th annual World Open Senior Amateur (VA) See Virginia

JUNE 29-30, World Open Under 13 Championship (VA) See Virginia.

JUNE 29-30, World Open Warmup (VA) See Grand Prix.

JULY 1-2, World Open Under 2300 (VA) See Virginia

JULY 1-3 OR 2-3, 2nd annual World Open Women's Championship (VA) See Virginia.

JULY 3, World Open 7-Minute Championship (BLZ) (VA) See Grand Prix

JULY 3-7, 4-7, 5-7, 1-7 OR JUNE 29-JULY 7, 41st Annual World Open (VA) See Grand Prix

JULY 6, World Open 10-Minute Championship (BLZ) (VA) See Grand Prix.

JULY 7, World Open Blitz Championship (BLZ) (VA) See Grand Prix

AUG. 2-4 OR 3-4, 12th annual Manhattan Open (NY) See Grand Prix.

AUG. 6-11, 2nd Annual Washington International (MD) See Grand Prix.

AUG. 8-11, 9-11 OR 10-11, 43rd annual Continental Open (MA)

AUG. 9-11 OR 10-11, Cleveland Open (OH) See Grand Prix.

Rhode Island

AUG. 8-11, 9-11 OR 10-11, 43rd annual Continental Open (MA) See Grand Prix.

South Carolina

APR. 20-21, 5th Annual South Carolina Senior Open 2013

Ages 50+: born before 4/21/1963. 4SS, G/90, d30. Accelerated pairings possible in rds 1 & 2. Hampton Inn, 593 Roe Center Ct., Travelers Rest, SC 29690; 864-834-5550; http://hamptoninn.hilton.com. **EF**: \$35 if rec'd by 4/13; \$40 at site. Bye: Once per player, any round, must commit before rd 2. USCF, SCCA membership required. Other states OK. 1 Open section. Prizes Guaranteed: \$250 & trophy-\$150-\$100; U1600: \$75-\$50. Schedule: Reg ends 10:30am on 4/20. Rds Sat 11 & 5; Sun 9 & 3. Info: Greenville Chess Club, c/o Gene Nix, 119 Northcliff Way, Greenville, SC 29617, eenixjr@yahoo.com; 864-905-2406. Checks to Greenville Chess

MAY 3-5 OR 4-5, 2013 Georgia State Championship (GA) See Grand Prix

MAY 3-5 OR 4-5, The Big Enchilada III (NC) See Grand Prix.

MAY 24-26 OR 25-26, 2013 South Carolina Open See Grand Prix

MAY 31-JUNE 2 OR 1-2, 2013 Atlanta Championship (GA) See Grand Prix.

JULY 26-28 OR 27-28, 21st annual Southern Open (FL) See Grand Prix.

South Dakota

APR. 27-28, 2013 Black Hills Open

Tennessee

APR. 5-7, SuperNationals V See Nationals

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! APR. 20, 2013 Cumberland County Spring Open

Cumberland Co. Community Complex, 1398 Livingston Rd., Crossville, TN 38555. \$420 guaranteed prize fund. In 2 Sections, **Open:** 4SS, G/60;D5, \$\$: \$75, 30-X,A,B,C,D/ Below. **Amateur:** 4SS, G/60;DS, Open to U1200 & UNR. **\$\$**: \$75, 30-Y,G,B,C,D/ Below. **Quarteur:** 4SS, G/60;DS, Open to U1200 & UNR. **\$\$**: \$75. 30-Y,G,B/Below,UNR UNR eligible for unrated prize only. **ALL: EF:** \$15 if mailed by 4/16, \$20 at site. **Memb. Req'd:** TCA \$10 TN residents only. ENT: Harry D. Sabine, P. O. Box 381, Crossville, TN 38557. INFO: www.cumberlandcountychess.org or Susan at 931-261-4024. NS.

APR. 20. Middle Tennessee Scholastic

5SS, G/30d5. Central Magnet School, 701 E Main St., Murfreesboro, TN

37130. 3 rated sections: K-3, K-6, K-12. Trophies: top 10 individual and 3 team (top 4 from the same school) per section, EF; \$10 by 4/15, \$20 on-site. **Reg.:** 7:45-8:30. **Rd.1:** 9:00, other rds. asap. **Ent:** Central Magnet School, Attn: Nick Horton, 701 E. Main St., Murfreesboro, TN 37130. Include name, grade, school, section, USCF ID #, address, phone, e-mail. Info: Igor Zhislin, igorzhislin@gmail.com

MAY 3-5 OR 4-5, 2013 Georgia State Championship (GA) See Grand Prix.

MAY 17-19 OR 18-19, 2013 Tennessee Senior Open

5SS, G/120, Fair Park Senior Center, 1433 Livingston Rd., Crossville, TN 38555. **EF:** \$25 if mailed by 5/10/2013 \$35 at site. **3-Day:** Reg Fri 2:00-3:30 PM. Rds: 4,10-4, 9-2. 2 Day: Reg Sat 8:00-9:30. Rds: 10-1-4, 9-2 (2 Day R 1 & 2 at G/60). **Memb. Req'd:** TCA \$10, TN residents only. **\$\$GTD:** \$150-100. 50-B/C,D/E,B1000,Unr, Age 60-69, Age-70 & Older. Plaques to top 3, B1400, Age 70+ (plaques to TN residents only). Medals to all participants. **ENT:** Harry D. Sabine, PO Box 381, Crossville, TN 38557. **HR:** \$60 tax 931-484-1551 or 1-866-707- 8408, Crossville Best Western Leisure Inn, 4035 Highway 127 N, Crossville, TN 38571. NS.

MAY 25. Rutherford County Open

See Grand Prix.

MAY 31-JUNE 2 OR 1-2, 2013 Atlanta Championship (GA) See Grand Prix

JUNE 8-9, 2013 U.S. Amateur South Championship See Nationals

Texas

APR. 13-14, SCA Chess Open - \$1500 Guaranteed Prize Fund See Grand Prix.

APR. 20, Many Springs Open 53

North Richland Hills Public Library, 9015 Grand Ave., North Richland Hills, TX 76180. 3 Round Swiss, G/60. **EF**: \$20, 65% of EF returned as prizes. Sections to be determined by participation. **Registration** on-site 8:45-8:55. First Round 9:15AM, Second Round 12:15PM, Third Round 2:30PM. Additional information: Tom Crane at either 817-296-4287. tcrane5000@vahoo.com or www.tarrantcountychessclub.org/

Utah

JUNE 6, 2013 U.S. Game/10 Championship (BLZ) (NV)

JUNE 7, National Open Scholastic Trophy Tournament (NV)

JUNE 7-9 OR 8-9, 2013 National Open (NV)

JUNE 8, National Open Blitz Sectionals (BLZ) (NV) See Nevada

JUNE 8-9, International Youth Championship (NV) See Nevada

JUNE 9, 2013 National Open Blitz (BLZ) (NV) See Grand Prix

JULY 18-21, 19-21 OR 20-21, 18th annual Pacific Coast Open (CA-S) See Grand Prix.

Vermont

MAY 3-5 OR 4-5, 24th annual Vermont Resort Open See Grand Prix.

MAY 17-19 OR 18-19, 21st annual New York State Open (NY) See Grand Prix

AUG. 8-11, 9-11 OR 10-11, 43rd annual Continental Open (MA) See Grand Prix.

Virginia

Arlington Chess Club's Friday Action

3SS, G/30. Held 1/month. For dates go to: www.arlingtonchessclub.com. 80% returned as prizes (b/entries). Reg.: 7-8pm. Rd 1: 8:15pm. EF: \$15 (\$10 for members), cash only. Arlington Forest United Methodist Church, 4701 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, VA. Info only: chrisney2@gmail.com.

Arlington Chess Club Ladder (Held Every Friday)

30/90, SD/1. Monthly Prize: \$50. Must join club to play. Yearly dues: \$50 adults, \$40 for age 65+ or U18. Cash or check. Reg.: 7-8pm; no advance entries. Arlington Forest United Methodist Church, 4701 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, VA 22203. Info only: chrisney2@gmail.com. W, NS. (If 4 rounds/games played in that one month they qualify for Chess Magnet

Maryland Chess Association (MD)

See Maryland.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

APR. 9, 16, 23, 30, HRCC Club Championship
Tues. nights. 4SS, G/65;d5. EF: \$15 Cash and trophy prizes based on entries. Reg.: 7-7:25 pm. Info: www.chesshouse.zxq.net

APR. 19-21 OR 20-21, The Cherry Blossom Classic! See Grand Prix.

APR. 20, Walter Muir Memorial

See Grand Prix

MAY 3-5 OR 4-5, The Big Enchilada III (NC)

See Grand Prix.

MAY 4, Kingstowne Quad #91/Action-Plus #61

Kingstowne Thompson Center, 6090 Kingstowne Village Pkwy., Alexandria, VA 22315. **2 events. Quad #91:** 3RR, G/100 d5. **EF:** \$10 if received by 5/1, \$15 at site. **Prizes:** medals to 1st and 2nd in each quad: gold to 1st if 3-0 score, else silver; bronze to 2nd. **Rds:** 11-3-7. **Action-Plus #61:** 5RR, G/45 d5. **EF:** \$15 if received by 5/1, \$20 at site. **Prizes:** \$\$250/20: \$100-60, U1800-U1400-Unr. each \$30. **Rds.:** 11-1-3-5-7. **Both: Reg** 9-10:30. Ent (checks payable to): Don W. Millican, P.O. Box 151, N VA 22122. E-mail (info only): dm407_92@hotmail.com. W (please give 48-hour notice).

MAY 10-12 OR 11-12, 59th Annual Maryland Open NOTE DATE CHANGES (MD)

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! MAY 25, Richmond Spring Open

4SS, G/65. Atlee High School, 9414 Atlee Station Rd., Mechanicsville, VA, 23116. Reg.: 9:00-9:30. Rds.: 9:45-12:15-3:00-5:30. 2 Sections/ OPEN: EF: \$33 pd by 5/22, \$38 at site, \$145-85, Top X/A/B \$65 ea.; **PREMIER** (under 1700): EF: \$30 pd by 5/22, \$34 at site, \$130-75, Top C/D/E-unr \$60 ea. Prizes GUARANTEED, more > 50 players total. NS, no credit cards. A VCF Cup event. Mail entries to: Andrew Rea, 6102 Lundy Pl., Burke, VA 22015. Info: www.vachess.org or andrerea2@yahoo.com . One 1/2 pt bye avail. at reg. or at site before Rd. 2.

JUNE 8-9, 2013 Virginia Senior Open!

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5SS. Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington (see World Open for location, rates). Open to all females. In 2 sections. **Open**, July 1-3, open to all, 30/85, SD/1, d10. **\$\$G 1200:** \$500-300-200, top U1700/Unr \$200. Reserve, July 2-3, open to under 1400 or unrated, G/85, d10. Trophies to first 3, top U1200, U1000, U800, Unr. Open EF: \$80 online at chessaction.com by 6/29, \$83 mailed by 6/18, \$85 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 6/29, \$95 at site, or online until 2 hours before game. **Reserve EF:** all \$40 less than Open EF. **Open reg.** ends Mon 10:30 am, **rds.** Mon 11 & 5, Tue 11 & 5, Wed 10. Reserve reg. ends Tue 9:30 am, rds. Tue 10, 2 & 6, Wed 10 & 2. Bye: OK any round, limit 1 bye, must commit before rd 2. Special USCF dues: see World Open. Ent: chessaction.com or Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. \$15 service charge for refunds. Advance entries posted at chessaction.com

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Problem I. a) 1. f3! Kxf3 2. 0-0 mate. b) 1. Re5! (1. e3? Kf3 2. 0-0 mate.) 1. ... Kxg3 2. Rg5 mate. Problem II. 1. Kc6 Nc7 2. Kxc7 0-0 (Fischer) 3. Qxh7 mate. Problem III. a) 1. Qb6 0-0 2. Qg6 mate. b) 1. Qh1 0-0-0 2. Qc6 mate. c) 1. Qxa2 Rf8 2. Qe6 mate.

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Problem I. Buenos Aires 1955: 22. Ne6! fxe6 23. Bxe6+ Rf7 24. Qf6 wins, e.g. 24. ... Qe8 25. Rc7. Problem II. Bad Pyrmont 1951: 28. Be2 and 29. Bh5 are good, but 28. h4! is fastest in view of 29. h5 Rxg1+ 30. Rxg1+, e.g. 28. ... Kf7 2. Qg7+! Rxg7 3. Rxg7 mate. Problem III. Helsinki 1952: 23. ... g5! 24. Qxg5+ Kh8 opens the g-file and threatens ... Rg8. For example, 25. Nc2 Bh3! 26. Nxd4 Rb1+ and mates or 25. Ng4 Rg8 26. Qh4 Bxg4 27. fxg4 Qd1+ 28. Rf1 Rxg4+. **Problem IV.** Belgrade 1954: Don't take credit for 33. Rxg5+ unless you also saw the answer to 33. ... Kf7! (33. ... fxg5 34. Qxf8 mate). It is 34. Rxf6+! Kxf6 35. Qxf8+ Kxg5 (35. ... Qf7 36. Rf5+) **36. h4+** Kxh4 37. Qf4+. **Problem V.** Wijk aan Zee 1971: 34. ... Rxb3+! 35. Bxb3 Qd3+ 36. Bc2 Qb5+ and mates. Or 36. Rac2 Qxb3+ and 36. Rcc2 Qd1+ 37. Rc1 Qxb3+. Problem VI. Belgrade 1946: 22. Nxh7! leads to pretty mates after 22. ... gxf5 23. Nxf6+ Kq7 24. Qh5!, e.g. 24. ... Kxf6 25. Qq5 mate and 24. ... Rh8 25. Qg5+ Kf8 26. Qh6+! Rxh6 27. Bxh6 mate. And if 22. ... Kxh7 23. Ne7! White clears a path for Qh5+—23. ... Bxe7 24. Qh5+ Kg8 25. Bxg6 fxq6 26. Qxg6+ Kh8 27. Rxe7 and mates

PAGE 17 / ABCS OF CHESS

Problem I. Fork: Black gains a piece for a pawn with the fork 1. ... e4. Problem II. Pin: Black breaks through with 1. ... Qh4+, when 2. g3 is crushed by 2. ... Nxg3. Problem III. Trapping: Black traps the d3-bishop by 1. ... c4. Problem IV. Skewer: After 1. ... Qh4+ 2. Ke2 Bg4+, White is up the creek. Problem V. Pin: White loses some pawns after 1. ... axb4. Problem VI. Driving off: Black chases away the d2-bishop by 1. ... e3

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Problem I. 1. Ke5 (1. e4? Kf2! 2. e5 h5 leads only to a book draw.) 1. ... Kf2 2. Kf4 h5 3. e4 Kg2 4. e5 (White can only draw with 4. Kg5? Kg3 5. Kxh5 Kf4) 4. ... h4 5. e6 h3 6. e7 h2 7. e8=Q h1=Q 8. Qe2+Kg1 (No better is 8. ... Kh3 9. Qg4+ Kh2 10. Qg3 mate.) 9. Kg3 wins. This mini study has practical value. Problem II. 1. g7 Rg4+ 2. Kf3 (White even loses after 2. Kf2? Kf6) 2. ... Kh6 3. e7! (White falls victim

to Black's stalemate ideas with 3. Kxg4? d2 4. g8=Q d1=Q+ 5. Kh4 Qh5+ 6. Kg3 Qf3+) 3. ... d2 4. Ke2 Rxg7 5. Ng6 (It is stalemate after 5. e8=Q Re7+! 6. Qxe7 d1=Q+ 7. Kxd1) 5. ... Rg8 6. Nf8 Rg5 7. Ng6! wins (The other tries only draw: 7. e8=Q? Re5+! 8. Qxe5 d1=Q+ 9. Kxd1 stalemate; 7. e8=R Rd5 8. Kd1 Rd6 9. Re6+ Rxe6 10. Nxe6 Kg6= 11. Nd4 Kf6 12. Nb5 Ke6 13. Nxa7 Kd7 14. Nb5 Kc6 15. Kxd2 Kb6 16. a7 Kb7). During the play there are repeated knight sacrifices.



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MY BEST MOVE

MICHAEL CHIANG

2012 K-12 CHAMPION

n December 2002, with the tender rating of 1062, I travelled to Atlanta, Georgia and began my scholastic career playing in the 2002 K-12 Grade Nationals. I got five out of six and came in sixth place. Since then, I have played in every grade nationals. Throughout the years, I have had mixed results, but I always came back. This past December, in 2012, a decade since my arrival into scholastic chess, I entered my last grade nationals as the top seed. In 10 years, I had amassed rating points, eventually reaching 2278. Those 10 years can not be defined by the rating points I have gained, or the new knowledge of the game, but rather, by the experiences of celebrating valuable wins and dealing with tough losses.

"My Best Move" came in the sixth round of the 2008 K-12 Championships, where I ultimately finished in fourth place. Going into this round, I had 4 2 after five rounds, tied for first with three other players. I was paired with Ryan Moon, the top seed in the 8th Grade Section.



Those ten years [are defined] by the experiences of celebrating valuable wins and dealing with tough losses.

Moon over Orlando

Ryan Joseph Moon (2113) Michael Chiang (2013) 2008 Grade Nationals (6)



16. ... Neg4+!

It takes Fritz a minute to suggest Ng4,

and even after Fritz thinks Black is winning for a while, until finally settling on a slight advantage for Black.

17. hxg4 Nxg4+ 18. Kg1 Nxf2 19. Qc1 Qe3?!

Best is 19. ... Bd4 holding a slight advantage.

20. Nf1



Best is 20. Nf3 with equality.

20. ... Nh3+

Black has a forced mate in 9.

21. Kh2 Qg1+ 22. Kxh3 Bc8+ 23. g4 Bxg4+ 24. Kxg4 Qxg2+ 25. Ng3 h5+ 26. Kh4 Bf6+ 27. Qq5 Bxq5+ 28. Kxq5 Qxq3+ 29. Kh6 Qf4 mate.

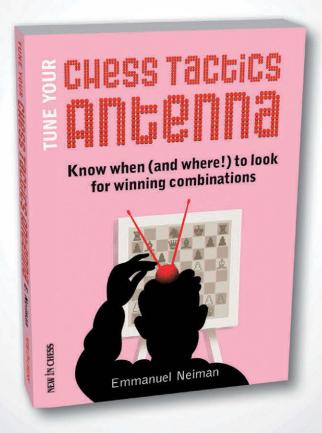
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