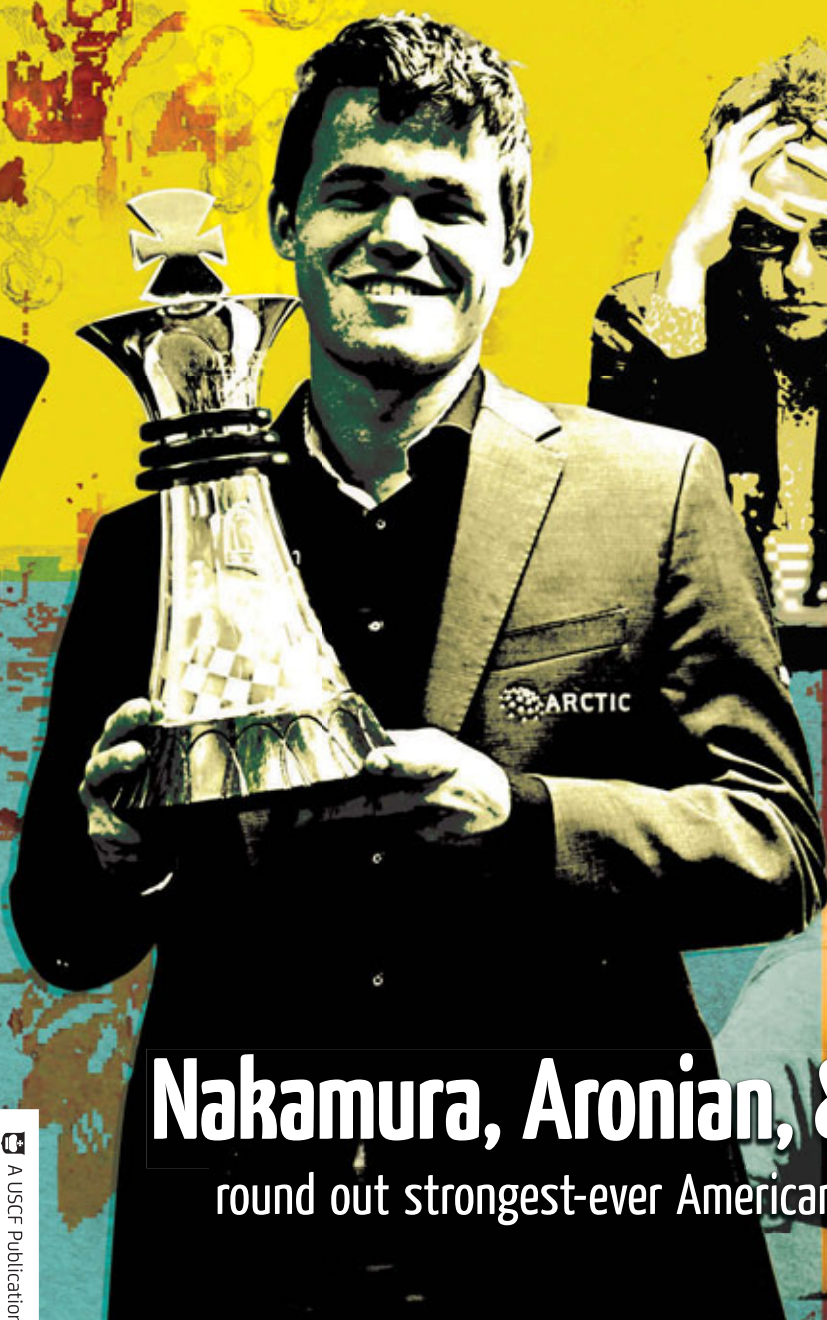


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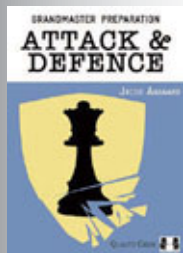
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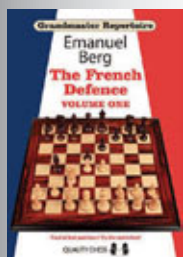


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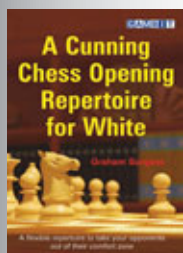


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Mastering Endgame Strategy is a product of Hellsten's many years' work as a full-time chess teacher and is specifically designed as part of a structured training programme to improve strategic thinking. In addition to the many examples there's an abundance of carefully selected exercises which allow readers to monitor their progress and put into practice what they have just learned.



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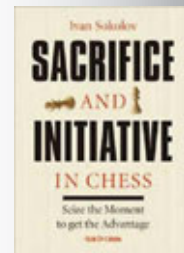
A good opening repertoire need not require an enormous amount of study to be highly effective. A cunning choice of lines and move-orders can steer the game to positions that favor white. This book presents a repertoire based on 1. d4 and Nf3 with precisely those aims. Black's possibilities for counterplay - and sharp gambit play - are kept to a minimum with a focus on giving black exactly the type of position he DOESN'T want.

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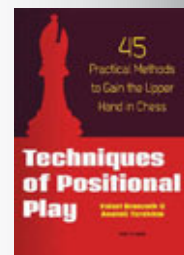


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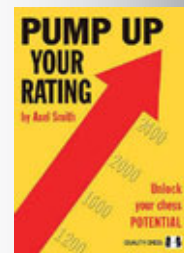


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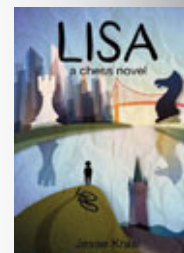


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Editor's Letter: Through the Looking Glass

Last month I wrote how as a young *Chess Life* reader in the late 1970s I was reading about our top players for the first time. So you can imagine how strange it was for me to attend the Sinquefeld Cup at the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis (our report starts on page 16). Being up close and personal with four of the top players in the world (and quite possibly the next world champion by the time you read this) was a chess fan's dream come true. Meeting Magnus Carlsen was especially interesting—I could sense the magnetism emanating from him. Perhaps it is the aura of the “top dog”? This is helped a bit by the exquisitely tailored, sponsored clothing he wears, but mostly it comes from the confidence projected by a young man at the top of his game.

What is equally amazing about the wonderland that is chess in St. Louis is that merely having the strongest American tournament ever isn't all they have to offer. Directly across the street is the World Chess Hall of Fame, yet another must-see for the chess fan (including getting your obligatory photo in front of the building with the Guinness Book of World Records-certified largest chess piece in the world). During the match, they had a preview exhibit of their now-open Jacqueline Piatigorsky exhibit. Most interestingly for me, this exhibit includes a number of *Chess Life* issues from the 1960s. It is both thrilling and a little sad that this issue you are reading now may someday be a museum piece itself.

You owe it to yourself to make a pilgrimage to St. Louis when you can. Keep an eye out for details on next year's Sinquefeld Cup; if you attend you will find yourself given the royal treatment. From grandmaster commentary in multiple locations, to the chess tables on the sidewalk, to being mere feet from your chess heroes as you hope to absorb through osmosis some of their genius, it will be an experience you will tell your grandchildren about, whether those children are decades in the future or by your side now. Here's to your chess life. *-Daniel Lucas, Editor*

CHESS LIFE ONLINE PREVIEW: DECEMBER

Disney in December

It's an early Christmas for chess kids. The National K-12 Grade Championships head to Lake Buena Vista, Florida near Disney World from December 13-15. The intense seven-round event crowns thirteen new national champions, one for each grade. Popular writer Melinda J. Matthews, and mom of 12th grade contender Nicky Rosenthal, will report for *CLO*.



PAN-AMS IN TEXAS: Texas Tech will host this year's Pan American Intercollegiate Chess Championship from December 27-30 in Lubbock, Texas. At last year's "Pan-Ams" in Princeton, New Jersey, Program Director Al Lawrence talked about the incredible grandmasters that participate each year, "In the '70s after [Bobby] Fischer, we had Pan-Ams with 100 teams, but nothing this powerful—these teams are Olympiad-level teams."

WORLD YOUTH IN DUBAI: Our World Youth delegation heads to Abu Dhabi, in the United Arab Emirates from December 17-29, right over the Christmas holiday. Root on our team online and look to *CLO* for reports on medal hunting and adventures.

STUFFED WITH GRAND PRIXS: Major tournaments held over the holidays (December 26-30), include the North American Open in Las Vegas, Nevada, the Eastern Open outside Washington, D.C. and the Empire City Open in New York, New York. Find games and stories on *CLO* and share your own chess holiday plans on [facebook.com/uschess](https://www.facebook.com/uschess) or twitter.com/uschess.

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FM MIKE KLEIN

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The Dark Knight Rises

THE DARK KNIGHT SYSTEM

I would like to thank GM Ben Finegold for his time and his opinions (October “Looks at Books”). I hope you will allow me to clarify a few matters that pertain to *The Dark Knight System*. Like GM Finegold, I would be very concerned about recommending a position with a computer evaluation of +.55 pawns advantage to White. That is why I selected a threshold of +.25 pawns, which corresponds to an evaluation of “plus over equal/equal,” which is the normal result of an opening. I broke this rule a few times, not because it was necessary, but because sometimes the computer assessments were contradicted in actual play. GM Finegold appears to have detected at least one of these exceptions (though he did not respond to my attempt to confirm this) which occurs after 1. e4 Nc6 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 Nf6 4. Nc3 g6 5. d5 Nb8 6. h3 Bg7 7. Be2 0-0 8. 0-0 e5!? If White fails to free and develop Black’s position with 9. dxe6 *en passant*, White retains an advantage of exactly +.55 pawns, according to Houdini 3. GM Finegold suspects that this type of position will play even worse, but there is no need to guess. GM Tiger Hillarp Persson, GM Ilia Smirin, and six other grandmasters (GMs) have all been willing to play black. Their confidence is supported by a 10½-4½ (70 percent) advantage for Black in 15 games. No one over 1850 has ever lost this position with black according to ChessBase’s online Megabase.

Like GM Finegold, I am also aware that positions can play worse than their computer assessment. I rejected countless variations with evaluations of +.22, +.17, and even +.07 because of concerns over king safety, database statistics, static weaknesses, a lack of “human” logic, or because they had no conceptual connection to other Dark Knight variations.

If an evaluation of +.20 or +.25 is accurate in human play, it can normally be best understood as some extra difficulty in constructing and executing plans, or some lack of resiliency to error. That is why I made a

special effort to develop and present plans in such positions. +.25 does not correspond to tangible dangers that require special treatment or difficult defensive techniques. If White has an advantage in space or development, it is obvious—routinely pointing it out is not objective, it’s pedantic.

Thank you to all the people who have contacted me to let me know how much they are enjoying reading and playing the Dark Knight System. The most detailed and specific review available is on Michael Goeller’s Kenilworthian blog: <http://kenilworthian.blogspot.com/2013/04/the-dark-knight-system-review.html>

Despite my best efforts, those of 3100+ rated Houdini, and my GM editors, it is unlikely, to say the least, that I have produced a 200+ page chess book with no debatable conclusions or mistakes, which is why I welcome any substantive (meaning specific) comments and criticism.

James Schuyler
via e-mail

I thought GM Ben Finegold’s October book review of James Schuyler’s *The Dark Knight System* was horribly unfair. GM Finegold believes that uncommon openings must be bad, that trying to entertain a reader must be an attempt to cover for other shortcomings, that repertoire books should not try to advocate their openings, and most importantly, that FIDE masters should not write chess books. These fallacies, which make up the bulk of the “review” are unworthy of refutation.

Where in a typical review there would be examples, here we have only rhetoric. Without ever referencing any specific position, he estimates a computer assessment of +.55. I’m not a grandmaster, but when I wish

to speak of a computer assessment, I get it from a computer. Also, if I want to know whether a position plays better or worse than its computer assessment, I don’t speculate—I check my database.

It is fairly common to read reviews that say more about the reviewer than the book,

but rarely do the reviewer’s criticisms apply so thoroughly to his own writing. Finegold’s “review” pontificates about objectivity but demonstrates none, and rails against style over substance without saying anything substantial. According to USCF’s website, when Finegold was asked which books he would recommend, he replied, “I’m not a fan of books.” Perhaps then not the best candidate to review one.

As it so happens, I have read the book and I find it to be excellent. It’s a great weapon for the club player as the positions are easy to play with the help of Schuyler’s lucid explanations. It’s always nice when the author actually plays the opening he’s writing about. GM Finegold is entitled to his opinion just as I am. The question is, why would *Chess Life* choose to publish a gleeful, self-indulgent tirade written with all the intellectual rigor of an Internet troll, in place of a fair and balanced review?

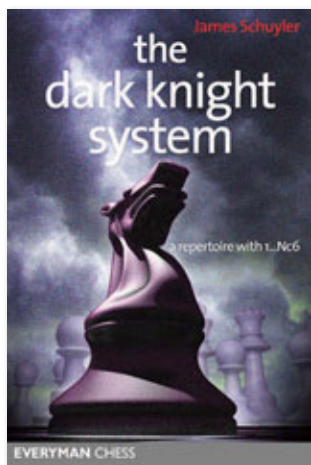
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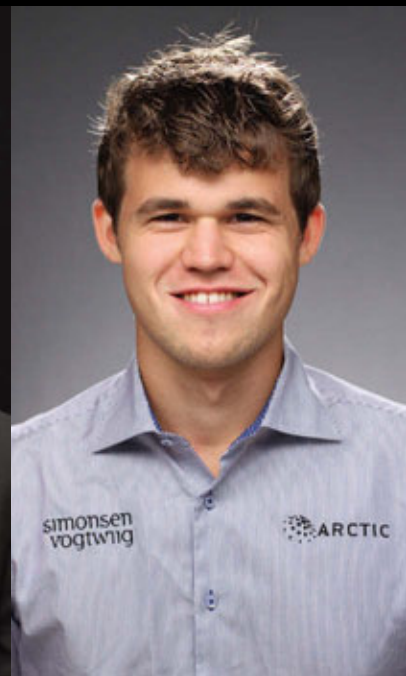
Seeing the article “Benko’s Ultimate Truth” (October 2013) reminded me of the fictional chess story I wrote over 20 years ago about computer analysis of Vladimir Vukovic’s analysis of the Emanuel Lasker-William Napier game in his book *The Art of Attack*, “The Ultimate Truth”: danheisman.home.comcast.net/~danheisman/Articles/Vukovic_story.html

Since in the early 90’s most players were more distrustful of computer analysis than they should have been, I put it into fictionalized setting to make it more interesting and palatable. Today no one would blink an eye if you told them pre-computer analysis in a classic book was now shown to be incorrect, and it would not be news.

Dan Heisman
via e-mail



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Grandmaster Ron Henley (left) shares strategies with new players and Mayor Mike Ryan (right) during a City of Sunrise free open play chess session.

Sunrise Over Scholastic Chess: A City Project

By **MICHAEL RYAN, MAYOR OF SUNRISE, FLORIDA**

The City of Sunrise, Florida is home to the 20,000 seat, world class entertainment venue known as the BB&T Center where the NHL Florida Panthers call home, one of the largest malls in the nation visited by millions each year, and headquarters for many companies in our bustling corporate park.

Sunrise, with 87,000 residents, is also home to 11 public schools where thousands of students are educated each day—eight elementary schools, two middle schools and one high school. Our schools are part of the Broward County Public Schools, the sixth largest school district in the nation.

What's missing? Scholastic chess.

There is no need to recite the mountain of literature supporting the direct correlation between scholastic chess and development of academic prowess in young students. We know the facts and it makes common sense. So we, in Sunrise, set out on a journey to bring chess to the community and classrooms.

One challenge, the City does not control the education of our children. Because there is a separately

elected school board, the City does not designate where our children go to school, the curriculum or the budgetary priorities. Therefore, our plan to introduce chess would require a cooperative and grassroots approach. Fortunately, our superintendent of schools understands the academic benefits of scholastic chess.

Our journey began when, as a PTA president at an elementary school, I helped start a chess club. Even though I am a casual player at best, a dynamic teacher and I worked together to build a fledgling chess club for that particular elementary school. We were soon overwhelmed by the number of students who wanted to participate.

A couple of years later, after I was elected mayor, we began working on a plan to promote chess in our community. We made some important first moves to prove there is a strong interest from parents, students, teachers and schools in developing scholastic chess:

- Two years ago, each of the 11 public schools received 20 chess sets for the purpose of starting a chess club. Most schools started a chess club that

first year. However, one limitation was that after-school clubs, by design, eliminate participation for many students who would otherwise be interested and who would benefit.

- After giving the chess clubs some time to grow, the City Commission held a year-end “Champions of Chess” tournament for the students and schools. Now into the third year, this fun and free “tournament” has prizes for the elementary, middle and high school winners.

- In cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce, Broward Chess Club and local restaurants, we developed “Family Fun Chess Nights”. Held at local restaurants, this has brought business together with players and families. When we introduced “bughouse”, we brought a new level of excitement to young players and families.

- Local organizations began “adopting” the after-school chess clubs. Building a bond between the community and the clubs has proven to be an important part of the grassroots effort.

- We invited additional schools outside the geo-

graphic borders of the city of Sunrise into our chess network.

• The City Commission created a free city program of open chess play every Saturday morning. This allows students (and adults) of all ages and talents to play in a fun and supervised environment. Importantly, our City staff has been quite enthusiastic about this program. We were amazed at the number of children who attended even though they did not know the first thing about chess, proving parents want their children to learn chess. We just need to give children exposure to the game and the opportunity to learn.

Then, with the building interest in our community, we pressed forward to bring chess into the classroom and curriculum.

Through a grant from the America's Foundation

for Chess "First Move" program and with gap funding from our police department, we initiated a pilot program for the first time in our school district—establishing chess classes in every second and third grade classroom for three of our eight elementary schools. The program is designed to track academic benefits and gains. We are confident once the other elementary schools, teachers and parents see the benefits of this pilot program, we will expand the program to more schools next year.

We keep looking for new ideas to expand the opportunity for chess. The United States Chess Federation staff and advisors have been a great resource to learn about successful strategies from other communities. While we have further to go towards the goal of putting chess permanently in our academic environment, we think we are making the right moves.

For more information on chess in Sunrise, go to www.sunrisefl.gov/chess or e-mail the mayor at mryan@sunrisefl.gov.

Adventures of the Mind Looking For More Chess Players

Adventures of the Mind is a different kind of summer camp—one that helps high-potential teens explore their futures, including career paths that stoke their intellectual and creative passions. For a student to be accepted to the program is to achieve de facto national recognition given the in-depth nature of the selection process, world class stature of the mentors, and the intellectual rigor of the program. Next summer, gathering on the Los Angeles campus of our academic partner Occidental College, our 200 talented teens will meet dozens of adult achievers at the top of their respective fields, tour area colleges, go behind the scenes at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) and explore their famed facility on Friday, June 20th while meeting their top scientists. Curiosity: The Mars Exploration Program is based at JPL.

Adventures of the Mind—often referred to as a mentoring summit because of the high ratio of mentors to students—happens June 15-22, 2014. Our students will investigate one of the major societal shifts shaping their futures: Now that technology has made information instantly accessible, what you know is not as important as what you do with it! As a result, young people need to think critically, collaborate effectively, and communicate persuasively. As they explore these skills, they will have at their sides an all-star faculty of mentors: tech entrepreneurs and Pulitzer-winning writers, astronauts and archeologists, Nobel-winning scientists and public servants, many of whom are also professors from leading universities.

In seminars, workshops and informal gatherings, these mentors will share their own triumphs, setbacks, and lessons learned, with the goal of inspiring and better preparing the next generation of thinkers and leaders. And we have seen how these messages are taken to heart.

We need your assistance to ensure a diverse and talented class of 2014. Please nominate two students aged 15-18 whom you believe have the intellect and imagination to be worthy of this honor. Nominations must be completed on our website: adventuresofthemind.org. (Select the 'Nominate' button and log in with the e-mail address at which you received this letter and password mindtrek2222.)

We hope you will nominate students you feel will both benefit from this program and also contribute to this stimulating environment that inspires campers to achieve. We are especially interested in welcoming young people who may not fit the traditional standards of academic excellence. For students who qualify for financial aid, we offer full scholarships—covering lodging, meals, events, materials and books—funded by generous individuals and foundations. We also have transportation grants available. There are a limited number of scholarships and grants per state, so please submit your nominations at your earliest convenience.

Accepted students will receive a formal letter of invitation accompanied by general program information. We will select the first half of the class by December 15, 2013, and the remainder by April 15, 2014.

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AT THE
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CLASS!

By AL LAWRENCE



MIKE AND ERIC INGRAM

TEXAS

Father-son finish

USCF's recent rating-formula adjustments make it a great time to go for the next level. Father-and-son team Mike and Eric each gained over 100 rating points at the U.S. Class Championships in Houston. Mike, a software developer from Austin, won the class A plaque. Twelve-year-old Eric, who attends chess camps organized by Gary Gaiffe, tied for second in the class D section. "We've been playing in tournaments since Eric started elementary school," Mike said. "My wife Claudia, Eric, and I have enjoyed traveling to national scholastic events, including Super-Nationals V in Nashville."

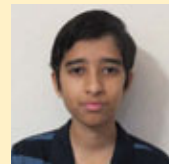


JIE AND KEVIN LIU

TEXAS

Joined the party

Neither Jie nor his son Kevin, 8, knew how the pieces moved until 2011. "Kevin and I were in Sunday school where he learns Chinese," Jie said. USCF Senior Director Rob Jones waived them into his chess class. "It was like he was inviting us to a party and felt sorry for us missing all the fun!" At the U.S. Class, Jie won the class B championship with a 5-0 sweep and saw his USCF rating top 1900. Kevin gained 44 points—and he had previously qualified for the World Youth Championships. They credit the Dallas Chess Club and Kevin's trainer GM Babakuli Annakov for their quick progress.



KARTHIKEYAN LAKSMAN

INDIA

Going home to see Vishy

Karthikeyan, 13, started playing three years ago at home in Chennai, India. On a two-month vacation to see his father in Irvington, Texas, he played in a half-dozen Lone Star tournaments, climbing to a rating of 1834. The U.S. Class was his third event—and he won clear first in the C section with a perfect score. Now headed home, he'll take the trophy back to show at his school. "I'll probably go to some of the Anand-Carlsen match, since it's in my home town."

Write to faces@uschess.org.

2014 SCHOLAR-CHESS PLAYER AWARD QUALIFICATIONS

If you are a high school junior or senior looking for scholarship money, read on! If you are also a current USCF member and have demonstrated outstanding merit in academics, sportsmanship, and chess, you are eligible to apply for a 2014 National Scholar-Chess Player Award.

A total of five scholarships are available at \$1,500.00 each for a total of \$7,500.00 in scholarship money. **Previous recipients are not eligible.**

These annual scholarships, awarded by the U.S. Chess Trust and the USCF, are intended to recognize and encourage high school students who promote a positive image of chess. Applications are available online.

Contact Susan Houston, Scholastic Associate, at the USCF office, (931) 787-1234 x136 or e-mail shouston@uschess.org with any questions.

Applicants: To apply, e-mail ONE copy of the following documents to shouston@uschess.org or mail FIVE copies of each document to the address on the right. We prefer e-mail submission.

1. **Your application form;**
2. **Your high school transcript showing all courses and grades;**
3. **A letter of recommendation from a teacher in a current or former school you have attended;**
4. **A letter of recommendation from a chess coach;**
5. **Your essay of no more than 500 words describing the positive influence chess has had on your life;**
6. **A recent photograph of yourself—submit ONLY as a high quality .jpeg photo.**

Your application must be postmarked no

later than February 1st, 2014. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Send your completed application to:

U.S. Chess Federation
Attn: Susan Houston, SCA
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2014 Executive Board Election

The USCF will hold an election in 2014 for three at-large positions on the USCF executive board. For full details, please refer to the call for nominations published in the November 2013 issue of *Chess Life*.



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NOT FOR THE FAINT OF HEART

A workbook for budding grandmasters

By JOHN HARTMANN

Writing on the theme of “[t]he feeling for danger” in an early issue of *New in Chess*, Mark Dvoretsky mournfully noted that:

... [o]f utmost importance is to solve a series of problems on one’s own, but this is exactly where one is confronted with a basic problem. As far as I know, no chess reference book exists in which the problems are arranged according to the skills which could be developed by solving them. (85/8, p. 44)

I have always found it curious that Dvoretsky, a trainer whose methods revolve around the solving of carefully chosen positions by his pupils, did not confront this predicament in his many books. Certainly readers are faced with ‘exercises’ and ‘questions’ in most of his works, but the positions are comparatively few and they are given in the body text, making solving difficult. Dvoretsky was said to have commissioned a computer program in the mid-1990s that would feature his collection of problems, but to my knowledge, the program never gained wide release.

Now Quality Chess, the upstart publishing house founded by Jacob Aagaard and John Shaw, has stepped to fill this need with two series of books. The first, a nine-volume effort, was penned by Artur Yusupov, Dvoretsky’s pupil and collaborator. Designed for players rated 1400-2100, Yusupov’s ‘training course’ was widely praised and the just winner of the 2009 Boleslavsky Award for chess literature. The second, Jacob Aagaard’s *Grandmaster Preparation* series, is in the midst of its publication run, and its second volume, *Positional Play*, is the subject of this review.

The *Grandmaster Preparation* series is, as its title suggests, designed for would-be grandmasters and their ambitious friends. Of the six projected volumes—*Calculation*, *Positional Play*, *Strategic Play*, and *Attack and Defence* have been released thus far, with *Endgame Play* and *Thinking Inside the Box* (on chess philosophy and improvement) still to come—Aagaard rates *Positional Play* as least taxing, suitable for players roughly 1800 and above. *Calculation*, *Endgame Play*, and *Attack and Defence* are progressively more complex, and *Strategic Play* is rightfully said to be fiendishly difficult. If “improvement begins at the edge of your comfort

zone,” as Aagaard (citing Rowson) has recently reminded us, then even we ambitious B players can feel justified in our study of *Calculation* or *Positional Play*.

All of the books in the *Grandmaster Preparation* series are workbooks. The chapters consist of short introductions to specific themes followed by dozens of illustrative problems to solve. *Positional Play*, Aagaard’s favorite in the series thus far, is unique in that it offers readers a training plan for improving positional

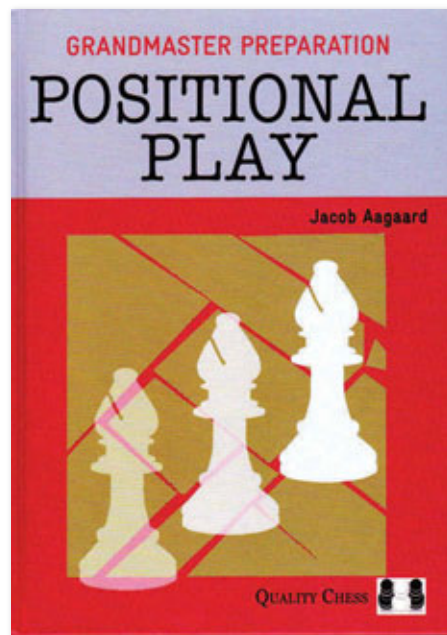
awareness based on three questions: (1) Where are the weaknesses? (2) Which is the worst-placed piece? (3) What is your opponent’s idea? The first three chapters in the book (‘Weaknesses,’ ‘Pieces,’ and ‘Prophylaxis’) take up each question in turn, beginning with illustrative analyses of the questions at work, and followed by thematic problems for solving. The book concludes with 150 mixed problems and their detailed solutions.

While Aagaard claims that players of all strengths have found these questions helpful, there remains the potential for some misunderstanding of their utility. I do not understand Aagaard to claim that these three questions are ‘all you need’ (7) during over-the-board play; rather, much as professional baseball players hit off tees to hone their swings, chess players can use these three questions during training to sharpen their positional acumen. The questions can be used during the game, but the real aim of the questions and solving is training one’s focus and intuition.

Aagaard is an excellent writer and a skilled pedagogue. His examples clearly illustrate the themes he is trying to describe, and the solutions to the exercises are clear and comprehensive. In some

cases, because what is obvious to stronger players is not always obvious to me, I had to work through small tactical nuances—why can’t she take that pawn?—glossed over in the notes. I saw this as a feature, not a bug; if the point of the book is to learn by doing, a little additional work is actually beneficial.

Positional Play, like all of the books in the *Grandmaster Preparation* series, is not a book for the faint of heart. Effort, however, will be repaid with increased understanding and perhaps even Elo points to boot. It can be warmly recommended to players over 1800 and those slightly lower if plucky and willing to work. ♣



Grandmaster Preparation: Positional Play by Jacob Aagaard. 312 pages (Quality Chess, 2012). Figurine notation (FAN). \$29.95 from uscfsales.com (catalog number B0079QT).

2013 Trivia Quiz

Yes, it's trivia time once again.

By GM ANDY SOLTIS

Once every 12 months we test readers' knowledge of the ephemeral facts that may have gotten stuck in your long-term memory. These bits of information won't boost your rating, improve your openings or make rook endgames any less confusing than they already are. Being somewhat sneaky, *Chess to Enjoy* has given some multiple-choice questions with multiple correct answers. When you're ready to give up, the answers are on page 69.

- Peter Millican is an international correspondence chess grandmaster. He made front-page news this year in a different realm. How?
 - His scientific research demonstrated a dramatic shift in global warming.
 - He swam from Cuba to Florida using the backstroke.
 - He used computers to identify "Harry Potter" authoress J.K. Rowling as the real writer of a detective novel.
 - He was elected to London's city council.
- Mikhail Tal, Leonid Stein and Yefim Geller were famous for it. Andre Lilienthal did it his entire life. Arnold Denker did it in a magazine ad when he was U.S. champion. But today Alexander Grischuk, Etienne Bacrot and Wang Yue are among the few world class players who do it. What is it?
- True or False: A player born in the 21st century became a grandmaster this year, the first time this has happened.
- And by the way, when the international grandmaster title became official in 1950, who was the world's youngest grandmaster?
 - 17-year-old Boris Spassky
 - 19-year-old Tigran Petrosian
 - 21-year-old Larry Evans
 - 26-year-old David Bronstein
- In the following position White blundered with **1. Kh2??** and was lost after **1. ... Kf2!**, which threatens **2. ... Rh4** mate.

(see diagram top of next column)

What was this game's significance?

GM Valeriy Neverov (FIDE 2515, UKR)
 IM Stanislav Bogdanovich (FIDE 2567, UKR)
 Ukrainian Championship, 06.19.2013



WHITE TO PLAY

The game ended with **2. Rh8 Rg4 3. Rh7 Rg2+ 4. Kh3 Rg3+ 5. Kh2 Nd4!** and White resigned in view of **6. ... Nf3+**.

- What was the significance of the game?
- It overturned book theory of the king+rook+knight-versus-king+rook endgame.
 - It was Black's 39th consecutive victory, a world record.
 - By winning it, Black became the world's 1,000th grandmaster.
 - It was the longest decisive game played at a normal time control.
- Which of these is the title of a published book?
 - Disney's Chess Guide* by Anatoly Karpov
 - Putin Must Go!* by Garry Kasparov
 - Vegetarian Chess* by Viswanathan Anand
 - Meditation and Chess* by Vassily Ivanchuk
 - And which of these books was published in 2013?
 - Chess Devotionals*, which explores the links between chess and religion.
 - A biography subtitled *The Doctor Zhivago of Soviet Chess*.
 - My Best Games* by Magnus Carlsen
 - Wilhelm Steinitz is buried in Brook-

lyn's Evergreen Cemetery. What is unusual about his gravestone:

- His birth date is wrong.
 - The inscriptions are in German.
 - It calls him "William" Steinitz.
 - There's a chessboard on top depicting his most famous game.
- What is distinctive about the final moves of this game:

Distinctive?

Roesch
 Willi Schlage, Hamburg 1910



WHITE TO PLAY

14. Qxa6 Bxg2 15. Re1 Qf3! 16. Bxf3 Nxf3 mate.

- They were used in the 2013 film *Computer Chess*.
 - They were played by HAL and astronaut Frank Poole in *2001: A Space Odyssey*.
 - They were played by Garry Kasparov and Deep Blue in the drama *The Machine* which was performed in London and New York this year.
 - They were used in the chess scene of the final episode of *Breaking Bad*.
- Lothar Schmid, the grandmaster and famed international arbiter who died this year, came from a family whose business was based on:
 - Publishing novels about cowboys and the American West
 - Currency speculation in post-World War I Germany

Nezhmetdinov Centenary

Rashid Nezhmetdinov, born 100 years ago this month, won no great tournament and never became a grandmaster. But his dazzling, original games show he was one of the greatest players of the 20th century. (He was also a great checker player.) The Russian's combinations provide us with this month's quiz. In each of the following six positions 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. But since this is Nezhmetdinov, keep an eye out for checkmates. For solutions, see page 69.

Problem I

Rashid Nezhmetdinov
Yuri Kotkov



WHITE TO PLAY

Problem II

Evgeni Vasiukov
Rashid Nezhmetdinov



BLACK TO PLAY

Problem III

Rashid Nezhmetdinov
Genrikh Kasparian



WHITE TO PLAY

Problem IV

Lev Polugaevsky
Rashid Nezhmetdinov



BLACK TO PLAY

Problem V

Rashid Nezhmetdinov
Alexey Suetin



WHITE TO PLAY

Problem VI

Andre Lilienthal
Rashid Nezhmetdinov



BLACK TO PLAY

- (c) Creating the first European TV network
 - (d) Uranium mining in Czechoslovakia
11. He popularized terms like theoretical continuation, blunder, hole, initiative, book position and transposition of moves. He was:
- (a) Aron Nimzowitsch, in *My System*
 - (b) Wilhelm Steinitz, in the tournament book of New York 1889
 - (c) Alexander Alekhine in *My Best Games*
 - (d) Paul Morphy in his newspaper articles
12. Which event happened in 2013?
- (a) An "Art of Chess" corner, packed with Bobby Fischer memorabilia, was opened at the Reykjavik, Iceland hotel that Fischer occupied during his 1972 world championship match.
 - (b) Magnus Carlsen signed a three-year deal to be sponsored by Nordic Semiconductor.
 - (c) A "Fischer Memorial" tournament was held in Sousse, Tunisia, where Fischer stormed out of an Interzonal in 1967 in a scheduling dispute.
 - (d) The World Junior Championship was moved from one Turkish city to another to shift it away from the Syrian civil war.
13. Who won a master tournament held in New York with a perfect 13-0 score?
- (a) Bobby Fischer
 - (b) Jose Capablanca
 - (c) Emanuel Lasker
 - (d) Walter Browne
14. Before the first game of a world championship match, the champion's supporters charged that the challenger's "patrons" had "agreed with one of the big computing centers" to transmit "every move of the match as it is made" and analyze the best continuations for the challenger. This happened in:
- (a) 1972
 - (b) 1978
 - (c) 1993
 - (d) 2006
 - (e) 2008
15. During World War II Reuben Fine:
- (a) Finally won the U.S. Championship.
 - (b) Used his psychology training to predict where enemy submarines would strike.
 - (c) Wrote *Basic Chess Endings* and four other books.
 - (d) Worked in Washington as a government translator.
16. This position was notable because of a sacrifice, a blunder and a record:
- An !, a ?, and a !!**
 GM Miguel Cuellar Gacharna
 GM Jan Hein Donner
 Skopje ol (Men) prel (2), 1972



White played 111. Qxd4! exd4 112. d7 and should have won after 112. ... Qa3+ 113. Kd5!. But he played 113. Kc6?? instead and Black drew after 113. ... Qa8+ 114. Kc7 d3! 115. Be3 d2!.

What was the record?

- (a) It was the 37th time these two grandmasters had played one another.
- (b) By drawing, Black earned a board prize for the ninth time.
- (c) White was in time trouble a record-setting six times.
- (d) It was the longest drawn game played in an Olympiad team tournament. ♠

GM Soltis had too many good questions for us this year and we couldn't print them all. To see some bonus questions, go to Chess Life Online at uschess.org.

The Gathering Storm

Before he was world champion, before the world was at war, Capablanca shows that he was already a potent force.

By **BRUCE PANDOLFINI**

IT WAS 1913. THERE WERE NO OFFICIAL grandmasters yet. Emanuel Lasker was chess champion. And the world was about to change for good (for bad?) and forever. To be sure, Lasker was the game's top player, but with the gathering storm of world war on the horizon, another chess player, as bright as any star in the heavens, was on the verge of seizing Lasker's mantle. That luminous force was José Raúl Capablanca, who in 1921 would finally dethrone the great Lasker. But it's still 1913, it's Berlin, and Capablanca's opponent is the wily Jacques Mieses (Black). No matter, clever or not, Mieses was no match for the Cuban wunderkind, as the following game illustrates. It began:

King's Indian Defense, Classical Variation (E91)

José Raúl Capablanca
Jacques Mieses
Berlin, 1913

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 c5 3. d5 d6 4. c4 g6 5. Nc3 Bg7 6. e4 0-0



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. ******

7. **Be2** **Par Score 5**

White prepares to castle.

7. ... **e6**

8. **0-0** **Par Score 5**

Accept only *4 points part credit* for 8. dxe6. Capablanca prefers to keep his cramping pawn on d5.

8. ... **exd5**

9. **exd5** **Par Score 4**

Receive *full credit* for 9. cxd5, making it a full-fledged Benoni, with unbalanced pawn majorities for both sides. This is what Mieses was figuring on. Capablanca keeps the pawn structure balanced: four to four on the queenside, three to three on the kingside, but with a spatial advantage for White.

9. ... **Ne8**

As the game goes, Mieses has no luck with this knight. Probably best is 9. ... Re8, and then 10. ... Ne4, trading for White's queen's knight. ******

10. **Re1** **Par Score 5**

There's only one open file, so that's where "Capa" puts his rook.

10. ... **Bg4**

In his somewhat cramped position, Mieses sees no future for his queen's bishop, so he sets about trading it off for White's king's knight. ******

11. **Ng5** **Par Score 6**

White crosses up Mieses. White has no objection to exchanging the light-square bishops, but he wants to keep his knight. It could then post up at e4.

11. ... **Bxc3**

Black makes this exchange to bring his knight to g7. But this is shortsighted. First, he can't exploit the doubled c-pawns and, second, he leaves himself with dark-square weaknesses on the kingside. ******

12. **bxc3** **Par Score 4**

Deduct 2 points for 12. Bxc4? Bxe1.

12. ... **Bxe2**

The plan was to trade this bishop for a minor piece, and so that's what he does. ******

13. **Qxe2** **Par Score 4**

White commands the e-file.

13. ... **Ng7**

If 13. ... f6?, chasing White's knight, Black runs into 14. Ne6, winning the Exchange (*1 bonus point*). ******

14. **Ne4** **Par Score 5**

White pressures d6 (if 14. ... Nd7, then 15. Nxd6—*1 bonus point*), but he mainly clears g5 for his bishop.

14. ... **f6**

Black stops Bg5. If 14. ... Re8, then 15. Bg5, followed by Nf6+, gains at least the Exchange (*1 bonus point*). ******

15. **Bf4** **Par Score 5**

The bishop develops with tempo on the d6-pawn.

15. ... **Ne8**

Black retreats to e8 to guard d6. After 15. ... Re8, White unpins with 16. Qf3, and Black is unable to save his d-pawn. Meanwhile, 16. ... Nf5 encounters 17. Nxf6+ (*1 bonus point*). ******

16. **Bh6** **Par Score 5**

And now the bishop comes to h6, with tempo on the rook. That's why 15. Bf4 was better than 15. Bh6. Add *1 bonus point* if you realized this ahead of time.

16. ... **Ng7**

So it's back again to g7. But 16. ... Rf7?

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 69.

December Exercise: Once again you're thinking of a new opening for white, or perhaps a new defense for black. So you get out the opening manuals and check out various offerings on the Internet. After spending some time learning the fresh ideas, you're ready to complete the picture. Simply turn the board around and reconsider the same lines, this time from the point of view of your future opponents. From the new perspective, don't be shocked if you get a whole new take on the opening arsenal you're preparing. You may even, possibly for the first time, get to see who you really are.

Problem I

Fork



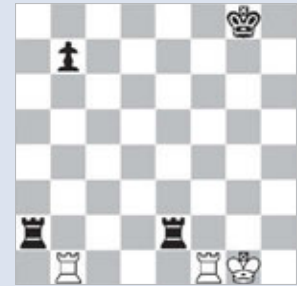
Problem II

Consecutive Captures



Problem III

Mating net



Problem IV

Mating net



Problem V

Mating net



Problem VI

Mating net



drops material to 17. Ng5! fxg5 18. Qxe8+ (1 bonus point).**

17. Rad1 Par Score 5

White plays this with the idea of bringing the rook into play by lifting it to the third rank.

17. ... Na6

Black has to connect his rooks, and 17. ... Nd7 is ruled out by 18. Nxd6. Failure to connect the rooks carries its own set of problems. For example, if 17. ... Re8, then 18. Nxf6+ Qxf6 19. Qxe8+ Nxe8 20. Rxe8+ Kf7 21. Rf8+ Ke7 22. Re1+ Qe5 23. Rxe5+ dxe5 (2 bonus points), and it's hard for Black to untangle his queenside.**

18. Rd3 Par Score 6

Add 1 bonus point if you had this in mind when playing your previous move.

18. ... f5

Black chases the knight from e4. On 18. ... Qd7 White triples major pieces with 19. Re3 and Black cannot compete for the e-file: 19. ... Rae8? 20. Nxf6+ Rxf6 21. Rxe8+ Nxe8 22. Qxe8+ Qxe8 23. Rxe8+ and so on (2 bonus points).**

19. Ng5 Par Score 5

No credit for 19. Bg5, when Black has 19. ... fxe4! 20. Bxd8 exd3.

19. ... Nc7

Black brings the knight into play, where it guards e8 and e6. If 19. ... Re8, then 20. Re3.**

20. Qe7 Par Score 5

The invasion begins; there's a mate threat at g7.

20. ... Qxe7

Or if 20. ... Nce8, then 21. Rh3.**

21. Rxe7 Par Score 4

White's command of the king-file is paying off. The rook replaces the queen with threats to c7 and g7.

21. ... Nce8

This is the only knight move, since 21. ... Nge8 drops the Exchange.**

22. Rh3 Par Score 6

Receive only 3 points part credit for 22. Rxb7, which means White is getting sidetracked. The attack is on the kingside.

22. ... f4

Black makes f5 available to his knight, but it doesn't matter anymore.**

23. Bxg7 Par Score 5

True, 23. Nxh7 Kxh7 24. Bxg7+ is cute (3 points part credit), but not convincing because of 23. ... Rf7.

23. ... Nxg7

24. Rxh7 Par Score 5

Once again, there's a mate threat at g7.

24. ... Nf5

The knight is tired of e8, so it moves to

the square made available by Black's 22nd move.**

25. Re6 Par Score 6

Accept only 3 points part credit for 25. Rxb7. Let's repeat: the attack is on the kingside.

25. ... Rfe8

The text vacates f8 for the black king and sets up a mate, if White's rook leaves the e-file. But neither point alleviates Black's problems.**

26. Rxg6+ Par Score 5

If 26. ... Kf8, then 28. Rf7 mate (1 bonus point); or 26. ... Ng7, then 27. Rhxg7+, and it's mate next move (1 bonus point).

26. ... Black resigned. ♠

TOTAL YOUR SCORE TO DETERMINE YOUR APPROXIMATE RATING BELOW:

Total Score	Approx. Rating
95+	2400+
81-94	2200-2399
66-80	2000-2199
51-65	1800-1999
36-50	1600-1799
21-35	1400-1599
06-20	1200-1399
0-05	under 1200



SINQUEFIELD

The Chess Club of Saint Louis takes the logical next step:
the strongest-ever tournament on American soil.

BY FM MIKE KLEIN | Game annotations by GM BEN FINEGOLD

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“If you build it, they will come.” Substitute a posh chess club for an Iowan cornfield, a philanthropic investor for an impoverished farmer, and go a little farther down the Mississippi, and you have an apt description for what happened in St. Louis from September 9-15.

Like in that pastoral ballfield, chess fans came out in droves. But it was not ghosts of a distant past they were there to see.

Instead, the top two players in the world and the top two U.S. players would play an intimate and historic double round robin.

The inaugural Sinquefield Cup, which tournament and club patron Rex Sinquefield sponsored and reluctantly lent his name to, one-upped even the best of the various national championships that the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis had ever hosted.

The number of superlatives was itself a superlative. Consider:



A chessic "Murderer's Row" (l-r): World number one GM Magnus Carlsen, world number two GM Levon Aronian, world number four GM Hikaru Nakamura, U.S. number two GM Gata Kamsky.

OF DREAMS

Highest average rating of any American tournament (2793); first time the highest-rated player ever, GM Magnus Carlsen (FIDE 2862), played in the U.S.; seven grandmaster commentators on-site; a \$170,000 total purse for only 12 games of chess. That is \$14,167 per game, or \$305 per move! Every time a player touched a piece, he earned more than most high-end chess sets cost.

Joining Carlsen was world number two, GM Levon Aronian, top American GM Hikaru Nakamura, and reigning U.S. Champion GM Gata Kamsky. The players came to play. Half of the games were decisive, all but one extended past the first time control, and Carlsen's insistence on principles instead of sewing up first place (more on that later), all made for a rewarding week of chess.

Chess fans took the bait. At a rare autograph session, around 200 fans paid just to get their pictures taken and posters signed. Several fans drove hundreds of miles and lined up three hours early in the rain to secure their spot. The line rivaled the opening of a new Apple product, extending out the door for an entire block down Maryland Avenue. The sidewalk became so congested that the police ordered the queue to stay single-file.

"I've never done this before," Kamsky said while the fans streamed by, one by one. "It's pretty cool actually." Which square

did he prefer to sign? "I am Gata. I like to sign on the 'g.'" Aronian entertained several contingents of Armenian families, all adorned with their country's flag.

Unofficially, the tournament probably sold more tickets to a chess tournament than any time in American history. Eager enthusiasts plopped down \$15 per day to see the action, or as much as \$120 for the entire event, which included other perks. They got food and the players provided fireworks.

In the opening round, Sinquefield made the ceremonial first move 1. d4 in Carlsen-Kamsky. The top seed immediately returned the pawn to d2. Rex's wife Jeanne Sinquefield opened Nakamura-Aronian with 1. e4. "You can take that move back," Chief Arbiter Chris Bird instructed. "No, I'll keep this one," Nakamura said. In a little more than three hours, it would be Aronian who needed the takeback option.

In a completely equal position, Aronian inexplicably played 30. ... Qb5??., allowing an elementary tactic. "When he played it, I didn't realize it was a blunder," Nakamura said of his initial thoughts. "If he played ... Qc6 I was going to offer a draw. I think he thought it was way too simple. It was unfortunate for him but I'll definitely take it."

"I'll take it."

GM Hikaru Nakamura (2857)

GM Levon Aronian (2913)

Sinquefield Cup 2013 (1), St. Louis, Missouri,
09.09.2013

30. ... Qb5??

I think both players were thinking it was drawn, but Levon relaxed a little too early, and missed a simple tactic. 30. ... Qc6 draws comfortably.

31. Qxb5 axb5 32. Nd7!

Oops! Now the normal 32. ... Rfe8 just loses to 33. Nf6+ forking the king and rook, so White is just an Exchange ahead.

32. ... Rxd7 33. Rxd7 Ra8 34. Kf2 Ra6 35. g4
Nh4 36. f4 Rc6 37. Re8+ Kg7 38. Ree7 Rf6 39.
Kg3 g5 40. f5

Good technique by Hikaru, making the Nh4 totally ineffective and offside.

40. ... h5 41. Re6, Black resigned.

A possible continuation is 41. ... hxg4 42. Rxf6 Kxf6 43. Kxg4 Nxf5 44. Rxf7+ Kxf7 45. Kxf5 is an easy win for White.

A disappointed Aronian remained sanguine and philosophical after the loss. "It's the typical mistake," he said. "You just look at one line, and then you proceed. That's one of those things they teach little kids. It is ridiculous.

"There is something nice about the game of chess." Aronian paused, then finished his explanation. "It is humbling." He said that even in a short tournament, an opening round loss could be overcome. "I've lost many games and still won tournaments. Actually, I don't remember a tournament I won without losing a game." His prognostication proved true—going into the last round, he still had a chance to win the tournament.

Meanwhile, Carlsen-Kamsky was the biggest rating difference on paper, and Carlsen had white. Curiously, Kamsky was the only player in the Sinquefield Cup (and probably one of the few in the world) against whom Carlsen had a lifetime minus score (that would all change in a week's time). Except for drifting for a few moves in the middlegame, the style was vintage Carlsen, but represented a foun-

tain of youth for Kamsky.

One of the subtexts at the Sinquefield Cup was the declining chances for Kamsky to be invited to such elite events, and he wanted to make his time count in St. Louis. He made scouting easier by openly vowing to play interesting positions, saying he did not care about the result.

"I thought I could take some risks in this tournament—there is not much at stake," Kamsky said. "This is an event where you can just play chess and there are no consequences. I'm starting to be the older participant in the tournaments I'm playing in. Cut me some slack guys!"

After a static pawn structure was reached out of the opening, Kamsky lashed out with 14. ... h5. Even the grandmaster commentators were at a loss to describe either the reasoning or bravado. After the game, Kamsky said, the activity was based on his opponent's reputation—"[Carlsen] is famous for squeezing out small advantages." Ten moves later, all of Kamsky's kingside pawns had advanced against White's king. He ended up pushing too far on move 29.

"29. ... g4 was just horrible," Kamsky said. "I started playing for a win somewhere, but it was not based on reality." The move allowed the strong rejoinder 30. f3! which gave White's bishop life again. Kamsky admitted he missed Carlsen's reply.

Carlsen criticized his wandering rooks, but said his aimlessness may have been a hidden blessing. "I lost of couple of tempi but it allowed him to attack," Carlsen said. "I'm not particularly worried about getting mated."

Slav Defense (D15)

GM Magnus Carlsen (2970)

GM Gata Kamsky (2824)

Sinquefield Cup 2013 (1), St. Louis, Missouri,
09.09.20131. Nf3 Nf6 2. c4 c6 3. d4 d5 4. Nc3 a6 5. e3
Bf5 6. Bd3 Bxd3 7. Qxd3 e6 8. O-O Bb4 9. Bd2
Bxc3

This is an odd move, but I suppose it is fine. Black normally would wait for White to force events with a3.

10. Bxc3 O-O 11. a4 Nbd7 12. a5 Ne4 13. Bb4
Re8 14. Rac1 h5

During the live commentary, Ian Rogers went for a break about three minutes before Gata played this move. I was in complete shock! When Ian came back, I asked what he thought, and he had the same reaction as I. Later that day I spoke to all the commentators, and they all felt the same way. Gata was certainly in an aggressive mood this event! This seems quite weakening, but Magnus' slow and unsure play makes this move look great!

15. Ne5 Qc7 16. Nxd7 Qxd7 17. Qe2

The beginning of Magnus' ineffective play.

17. ... Nf6 18. Rfd1 Qc7 19. h3 Rad8 20. b3
Rd7 21. Rc2 Qd8 22. Rcc1?!

What? Magnus isn't doing anything, and now Black is completely equal.

22. ... h4 23. Be1 Ne4 24. Qg4 g5

I think 24. ... f5 is more accurate, but Black should still be fine here.

25. cxd5 f5! 26. Qf3 cxd5?!

This is playable, but Black is at least equal after 26. ... Rxd5! and the "c" file is sealed off.

27. Rc2 Rg7 28. Rdc1 Nf6?



Retreating the knight to a worse square! Now Magnus is clearly on top. Black was totally fine after 28. ... g4!

29. Qd1!

Magnus' play was nothing special the first 28 moves. Now, however, he plays like a super machine on a good day! I have nothing but the highest praise for the way White plays the remainder of the game. The Qf3 retreats to d1 to prepare the later f2-f3!

29. ... g4 30. f3! gxh3

Now we see why 29. Qd1 and not 29. Qe2? The g2-pawn is defended by the Rc2.

31. Bxh4 Kf7 32. Qe1!

Very impressive. Defending a5, and now the white queen has access to either flank.

32. ... hxg2 33. Rc7+ Re7 34. Bxf6! Kxf6 35. Rc8 Qd6 36. Qh4+ Kf7 37. Qh5+ Rg6 38. f4! Qa3



Magnus thought Black would resign, but said he missed 38. ... Qa3. Now White can't swing his c8-rook to g8 or h8 since the c1-rook hangs. Still, Magnus finds the win.

39. Qh8 Rg7 40. Qh5+ Rg6 41. Qh8 Rg7 42. Qf8+ Kg6 43. Kxg2!

Now the Rc1 has g1 and h1 to surround the black king.

43. ... Rgf7 44. Qd8 Rh7 45. Rg1 Qa2+ 46. Kf3+!



46. Kf1+? Kf6 is just a draw!

46. ... Kf6 47. Qg8 Rh3+ 48. Rg3 Rxf3+ 49. Qxf3, Black resigned.

Just incredible accuracy from Magnus once he was winning.

Kamsky had the bad fortune of getting black twice in a row to open the event, while Nakamura was white again. The two played for the first time in St. Louis since their dramatic 2012 U.S. Championship game, when Nakamura won late in the tournament to leapfrog Kamsky and eventually win the title.

A confident Nakamura played the first dozen moves in negative time, thanks to the 30-second increment. His teeth came



“I am Gata. I like to sign on the ‘g.’ ”

KAMSKY



“I just have to be Bobby Fischer, plain and simple.”

NAKAMURA

out early, with the typical knight sacrifice on d5 and the less common early queen sortie to h5 (though not as atypical as his youthful experiences with 2. Qh5). Both players labored in the complicated middlegame. Nakamura had two minutes to play nine not-obvious moves to make the time control at move 40. One of the best blitz players in the world, he found the right path.

Nakamura’s on-the-spot analysis was that Kamsky’s activity again got him in trouble. He said that 27. ... e5 and 28. ... Qd6 is where Kamsky “probably went wrong.” He added that, like Carlsen in game one, he understood the desire to get activity, since White’s passed h-pawn will eventually become a nuisance. A few moves later, Nakamura said he became fully confident after the piece redirection 32. Be2.

Sicilian Defense, Kan Variation (B43)

GM Hikaru Nakamura (2857)

GM Gata Kamsky (2824)

Sinquefield Cup 2013 (2), St. Louis, Missouri, 09.10.2013

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 a6 5. Nc3 b5 6. Bd3 Bb7 7. O-O Nc6 8. Nxc6 Bxc6 9. Re1 Qb8

This is rare with 9. ... Bc5 being the main line. Who was the best player to play 9. ... Qb8 previously? Nakamura!

10. a4 b4 11. Nd5



11. ... Bd6 12. Qh5 Ne7

Both players got to this position playing very rapidly. Now they start to slow down. White has to be better, with his more active pieces.

13. Nxe7 Bxe7 14. b3 a5

Ian and I did not like this move during our live commentary. This is slow, and gives White time to start a nice attack.

15. Bb2 Bf6 16. Bxf6 gxf6 17. e5

Black is in a lot of trouble.

17. ... Rg8 18. g3 Rg5

(see diagram top of next column)



“I wasn't expecting so many people to come to watch chess.”

ARONIAN



19. Qh6!

This is much better than taking on h7. I thought Kamsky would lose quickly, but he is incredibly resourceful!

19. ... Rxe5 20. Qxf6 Rh5 21. Be4

Probably not the best. Simply bringing the a1-rook to the center with Rad1 gives White a clear advantage.

21. ... Qd8 22. Qf3 Rc5 23. Qe3?

23. Bxc6 Rxc6 24. Re4 gives White a nice edge. Now it's about equal.

23. ... Qe7?

The following line is equal 23. ... Re5! 24. Qd4 Rxe4 25. Rxe4 Bxe4 26. Qxe4 h6 according to the engines, but, for some reason, both players liked White here.

24. Bxh7 f5 25. Bg6+ Kd8



Also possible was 25. ... Kf8. Both sides are playing for a win!

26. Rac1 Kc7 27. Bh5 e5?

Time trouble was approaching, and even though Hikaru had less time, he was able to keep a cool head. Better was 27. ... Qd6.

28. f4?!

How about playing 28. c3! The point of Rac1!

28. ... Qd6 29. Rf1 exf4 30. Qxf4 Be4

30. ... Qxf4 31. Rxf4 Be4 32. Bf3 d5 should be a draw but Kamsky wants to win!

31. Qf2 Rc3 32. Be2

(see diagram top of next column)



32. ... Kb7?

Played after long thought, but not a good move. Instead 32. ... Bb7 or 32. ... Qh6 should maintain a dynamic equality.

33. Rcd1! Qe6 34. Bc4! d5 35. Qc5!

Hikaru plays perfectly with little time on his clock!

35. ... Rd8?

Also winning for White is 35. ... Qc6 36. Qxd5!! Rxc2 37. Qf7+ Kb6 38. Rf2.

36. Qxa5!

(see diagram top of next page)

36. ... Rxc2 37. Rf2! Rxf2 38. Qxd8 Rg2+ 39. Kf1 Rb2 40. Bxd5+ Bxd5 41. Qxd5+ Qxd5 42. Rxd5, Black resigned.



Hikaru played amazingly well in time trouble, and now has a winning endgame. Gata has seen enough.

Meanwhile, fans had to bounce their attention back and forth like a tennis match to the other game, Aronian-Carlsen. The sands of their hourglass fell just as quickly, with Aronian needing to make seven moves with 90 seconds remaining on his clock. In the end, he saved what he called an “unpleasant position.”

Both players tried to surprise each other out of the opening. Carlsen played the Dutch, something he employs less than one percent of the time in response to 1. d4. Aronian attempted a line with 5. Bf4, which historically has not troubled Black. Nor did it this game, as a few moves later, the bishop dropped back to h2 and struggled for daylight all game. Carlsen owned the only open file but chose not to take any chances and the game petered out into a draw.

“The position that I received because of my brilliant variation wasn’t very good,” Aronian said, sarcastic of his choice of variations.

“I used to play the Dutch a bit 10 years ago,” Carlsen said. “There was an IM [international master] on ICC [Internet Chess Club] who played Bf4 all the time, but I never could understand it.”

To remain coy before his world championship match, Carlsen was expected to keep his secrets opaque and vary his repertoire. His choice of the Dutch was also based on nationalism.

“I thought Aronian’s games with the Dutch haven’t been clearly impressive,” Carlsen said. “And also my friend Jon Ludvig Hammer, he got beat by Kamsky with the Dutch in the World Cup. I thought, ‘Why not give it a try?’”

After only two rounds, the players were already on unique scores. Nakamura and Carlsen, arguably the most anticipated matchup, led with 2/2 and 1½/2, respectively, and would play in round three. Nowadays, when the two play, the subplot is always when will Nakamura break through against Carlsen? Going into the Sinquefield Cup, he was winless against seven losses and 13 draws lifetime. Aronian had a lone draw and Kamsky would try to

get on the board with his first white.

Both Americans managed their time better in round three. Nakamura decided to wear sunglasses, in an homage to this magazine’s long-tenured columnist GM Pal Benko, who needed an edge when facing GM Mikhail Tal in 1959. Nakamura admitted that the day had special significance beyond his esteemed opponent. It was the 12th anniversary of the September 11 attacks on his home town, New York City, and also the 62nd birthday of his stepfather, FM Sunil Weeramantry (for more on the importance that he places on family, see the sidebar).

Though playing black, Nakamura took the initiative early and was the aggressor. GM Nigel Short, calling in to the live show, assessed him as a “phenomenally good tactician, whereas Magnus’ strength is a Karpovian strength ... Hikaru has not been able to land those tactical blows that he is able to against weaker opponents.” Once again, this proved true, as Carlsen found a fortress-like defense.

King’s Indian Defense, Fianchetto Variation (E62)

GM Magnus Carlsen (2970)

GM Hikaru Nakamura (2857)

Sinquefield Cup 2013 (3), St. Louis, Missouri, 09.11.2013

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nf3 Bg7 4. g3 0-0 5. Bg2 d6 6. Nc3 Nc6 7. 0-0 Rb8

Nakamura is never timid, and plays a sharp King’s Indian against Magnus. At this point, Hikaru was 2-0 in the event!

8. Bf4 a6 9. Rc1 h6 10. b3 g5!?



Super sharp play from Hikaru. Magnus is up to the challenge.

11. d5

11. Bd2 leaves d4 weak, and 11. Be3 Ng4 looks good for Black, so Magnus more or less needs to play 11. d5.

11. ... gxf4 12. dxc6 fxg3 13. hxg3 b5!?

Again, Hikaru plays the most challenging move. The engines like White, but as Shabalov would say ‘Black’s dynamic potential is through the roof!’

14. cxb5

Engines prefer 14. Qd3! trying to keep Black bottled up.

14. ... axb5 15. b4 d5 16. Qd3 Qd6



And *Chess Life* just asked me to review the book *Pawn Structure Chess ...* sigh. ... [See January 2014 issue for this review. ~ed.]

17. Nd4 Qxb4 18. a4!

Many times during the event, the engines would suggest “computer” moves that humans would never consider ... then ... Magnus would play those moves!

18. ... Ne4 19. Ndxh5 Nxc3 20. Nxc3 Bxc3!

Is GM Eddie Gufeld turning in his grave at this voluntary relinquishing of the King’s Indian bishop! But, again, the dynamism of the position demands calculation and the capture of many pawns!

21. Rxc3! Bf5



22. Qxd5 Qxc3 23. Qxf5

Hikaru thought Magnus’ decision to sacrifice the Exchange instead of trading queens with 21. Qxc3 was absolutely correct.

23. ... Rfd8 24. Bf3

Black has a very difficult task winning with his extra material. White is super solid and has a strong c6-pawn.

24. ... Ra8 25. Qe4 Qf6 26. Qb4 Ra7 27. Kg2 Rda8 28. Qg4+ Kf8 29. Qd7 e6 30. Rd1 Qe5 31. Rh1 Kg7

Better chances were offered by 31... Rxa4. Hikaru later said this was his last chance to play for a win. 31. ... Rxa4 32.



“[Aronian is] playing so badly against [the Dutch], I think he's going to single-handedly revive it.”

CARLSEN

Rxh6?! Rd4! 33. Rh5 Rxd7 34. Rxe5 Rd4 with some winning chances.

32. Rb1 Rxa4 33. Rb7 R4a7 34. Qe7 Rxb7 35. cxb7 Rb8 36. Qd7 c5 37. Qc6 Kf6 38. Kh2 Ke7 39. Kg2 f5 40. Qc8 Qd6 41. e3 Kf6 42. Kh2



Yasser Seirawan was quite perturbed with Hikaru's draw offer here. He thought Black had good winning chances. Yasser and I looked at it the next day outside the chess club, and I eventually agreed that Black has chances. Black has a lot of ideas of running around with his king and trying to advance the c5-pawn. But Hikaru, like the chess engines, thought it was just equal ... so ...

42. ... h5, Draw agreed.

Nakamura could take solace in having the better position for most of the battle. For the first time all tournament, Carlsen was visibly uncomfortable after 21. ... Bf5. Not so for Nakamura, who spent much of the game either nodding or turned away from the board (though his gaze remained mysterious, thanks to the Ray-Bans). Both are typical for him when he believes in his position. Had he been able to score his first win against the world number one on such a significant day, Nakamura said, "That would have been really sweet."

"I definitely suffered," Carlsen said. "At some point I was burning a lot of time, but still there was some kind of inherent solidity when I gave up the Exchange." Carlsen said the decision tree after 18. ... Ne4 was exceptionally difficult. "There were just so many possibilities, I couldn't calculate them all."

He added that playing an opponent in shades was a first. "I didn't think too much about it, his antics. People take themselves too seriously, especially chess players. You're never really disrespecting your opponent by what kind of clothes you wear."

On the other board, a gun-shy Kamsky changed strategy from the first two games. After 1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 d5, he played the timid 3. c3, looked over at the crowd of spectators, and gave a sheepish smile. "The last two games I realized I'm not really in good form," Kamsky said. "I needed to save my energy for the rest day.

I decided no more active chess. Draw, and go home." He managed just that, despite admitting that "I screwed up and Black was even better."

During the rest day, all four players and their small entourages went to the St. Louis Cardinals baseball game. It was not really a "Field of Dreams" moment, since Carlsen had never been to a baseball game before. But how many first-time fans are on field before the game, recognized by the public address announcer, get their picture on the Jumbotron, and sit in a private luxury suite? Though the home team lost, he got his sporting wish.

You don't have to be a baseball fan to know a "home run." With two outs and two strikes in the bottom of the ninth, the 260-pound and decidedly un-chess player like Matt Adams crushed a pitch into the Cardinal bullpen in right-center field. Despite the excitement, Carlsen said he liked football better (the players were also guests of honor at the St. Louis Rams' opener, where they beat the other Cardinals, of Arizona, on a late field goal).

For the two players in the bottom half, the rest day energized Aronian, but did little for Kamsky. The next round also threw the leaderboard into disarray.

Aronian took white against Nakamura. Lately, when the two go head-to-head, it is more like baseball—ties are not possible. Counting their first-round game, the two had played six consecutive decisive games in classical time controls.

Neither man had shaved since the tournament began, and the game could have produced some gray hairs for the leader. Aronian played faster out of the opening, choosing a quieter system than Carlsen did against Nakamura's King's Indian. White punched holes in Black's king's shelter, prompting the second player to sacrifice a piece to liquidate the center in hopes of distracting White. "I'm just much worse, maybe a computer could hold it," Nakamura said of his position.

He succeeded in razing the queenside of all pawns for the coming endgame, and Aronian made life much more difficult by exchanging queens. Still, Aronian converted with fine technique to earn his first win and deal Nakamura his first loss of the event. "I took too many risks," was the American's assessment.

Too many risks

GM Levon Aronian (2913)
GM Hikaru Nakamura (2857)
Sinquefield Cup 2013 (4), St. Louis, Missouri,
09.13.2013

(see diagram top of next column)

44. ... gxf4 45. g3

Most things should win for White.



Personally I don't like this method, but, I'm not Aronian!

45. ... fxg3 46. f4 Bxh5 47. Kg2 Kf6 48. Kxg3

This "should" be winning for White, although, during the live commentary, Ian and I could not see anything clear. Both players thought this was not difficult, but, I wonder ...

48. ... Be8 49. Kh4 Bb5 50. Ne5 Be8 51. Bc2 Ke7 52. Bd1 Kf6 53. Bf3 Ba4 54. Bc6!

I like getting the black bishop away from e8.

54. ... Bd1 55. Bd7 Be2 56. Ba4

Black has run out of bishop moves due to Levon's nice maneuvers. Now 56. ... Ba6, for example, allows the white king to penetrate via Kh5.

56. ... Ke7 57. Bb3 Kd6 58. Kg3 Bh5 59. Kf2

Levon tries to penetrate with his king in the center.

59. ... Bg4?

Stronger resistance is provided by 59. ... Be8!

60. Ke3

White either avoided or missed 60. Nxg4! fxg4 61. Kg3 h5 62. Bc2! with the idea of Bg6 winning easily.

60. ... h5



61. Nf7+!, Black resigned.

61. ... Ke7 62. Ng5 wins e6. Nice technique, although Hikaru made things a bit easier with 59. ... Bg4?.

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Nakamura, On the Record

Recorded 9/15/13 after the Sinquefeld Cup ended; spurred by a desire to recognize the effort and contributions that his teammate, GM Gata Kamsky, has given to American chess, GM Hikaru Nakamura sat down to discuss this and other issues about his career.



“I feel like Gata’s given a lot to American chess over the years and I’m not sure he’s received the due gratitude that he deserves. I think he’s given a lot. At the end of the day, I hope his accomplishments, everything he’s achieved, is respected and appreciated.” ~ **NAKAMURA**

On the 2012 Olympiad:

I view the last Olympiad as being our last opportunity to win a gold medal. It’s one of the few achievements that has eluded me thus far in my career outside of the individual world championship title. It was a great run (in 2012). In many ways I feel like I gave it everything that I had, especially in the match against Russia. Out of all the Olympiads, probably out of all the tournaments I’ve played, I’ve never felt greater joy from winning an individual game. It was truly an achievement when we won that match. I remember the team camaraderie after we won that match against Russia—Gata pulling through (against GM Alexander Grischuk) and myself winning that very long endgame against Vlad (Kramnik). It’s probably one of the top two or three highlights of my career thus far.

On the last round game:

You know, it’s strange, there have only been two moments probably ever in my life where ... well let me rephrase. There are moments in time where you feel like you just don’t have it. I very vividly recall a moment in 2006 in Turino where prior to our match against Israel, I remember [IM] John (Donaldson) coming to me and saying, ‘Gata is not feeling well. He doesn’t have a good feeling about playing against [GM] Boris Gelfand on board one.’ And I will always remember this, but both Sunil [Weeramantry], my stepfather, and I, we went to Gata

and we said, ‘Relax, just play well. Play solid. Everything will be fine.’ Of course, Gata went on to lose the game. My win against [GM] Emil Sutovsky was very pivotal. I think we lost the match but it was still only 2½-1½ because of my victory. Eventually we recovered to win a few future matches and we got the bronze medal. But I just vaguely recall that because prior to my game against [GM Radoslaw] Wojtaszek in the last round I had this very unpleasant feeling. I have to say the only other time I felt that way was ironically when I played against [GM Anton] Korobov in the recent World Cup. Obviously we all have to play and deal with it. It just reminded me of that moment back in Turino where both Sunil and I, we had to convince Gata to play. I actually considered sitting (in the final round) to get the gold (individual) medal, but at the same time I felt like it was probably the last chance for [GM] Varuzhan Akobian to play in the Olympiad for the U.S. Team, being as how he would not qualify for the future teams. So it was a very difficult situation, but at the end of the day, I am still the number-one player and I had to do my duty. Unfortunately I lost my game, but based on that loss, Gata found a way to win on board two and he got a silver medal. I honestly felt, prior to that Olympiad, it was probably our last opportunity to win a gold medal. Having been given that second chance and opportunity to try and compete again—I am really, really looking forward to Tromsø and I am going to give it 110 percent.

On preparation for Tromsø:

It’s difficult to say, but I think Gata is kind of realizing he’s reaching the end of his career and I think ultimately the team aspect, the team perspective is more important. Certainly I hope we can work together prior to the tournament. Before the last Olympiad I was playing a tournament so it didn’t quite work out. For me at least, I think this is a golden opportunity. To not take advantage of the chance we’ve been given would be reminiscent.

On teammates he would prefer in addition to Kamsky:

I don’t think it’s about a “dream team.” When it comes to a team event, I’m just going to put everything on the line, win or lose. I’m just going to give it my all because there are many different teams—Russian, China, Armenia and so forth—where, as you go down the boards, they become stronger, and we become weaker. I feel both Gata and I, we are world-class players, and we can beat anyone on a good day. I’m just going to focus on my game and try to win. I feel like our strengths are on boards one and two. Both Gata and I are strong players. We’ve been around so long now. If Gata plays a good game and I play a good game, we really are unstoppable. As long as someone can find

a draw on boards three and four, then we will be unstoppable. I don't mean it in a negative way, because both [GM] Alex Onischuk and [GM] Timur Gareev are very strong players, but I do feel Gata and I are in a different class. One of us will be able to carry the team.

On the Sinquefield Cup:

I'm actually very disappointed not to have won the tournament. In many ways I felt like I owed it to give it my all here. More so than perhaps in prior tournaments. It's like going to the store, going to the supermarket on the rest day, or going before the round to buy some energy drink, having the everyday person come up to me and wish me luck, it meant a great deal. It gave me a lot of extra motivation to try and do my best because chess perhaps doesn't get the appreciation or media coverage that it deserves. Having the average, everyday person in St. Louis come up to me and wish me good luck means a lot more than having some sponsor or someone who is in the loop on chess wish me good luck. It's a bit unfortunate that I couldn't pull through for the local people, but there will always be more opportunities.

On being an ambassador for chess in the U.S.:

There's no greater feeling in the world than having people rooting for you. Certainly coming into the club and having people say good luck and hoping you do well, it means a lot. Especially in America. You look at [GM] Levon Aronian in Armenia or [GM] Magnus Carlsen in Norway, they have the support of their countries. Here in America it's not the same. I'm certainly not a household name. I don't have the same support; I'm not as well known. I have to say, that having people walk up to me when I entered the club, saying, 'Good luck' or, 'All the best,' meant the world to me. Certainly in Europe I don't have that same reception. Just knowing that there are people that understand what I am doing for American chess and trying to compete against the best players in the world, it means a lot knowing that there are players following me. In the past there have been a lot of people who aren't following me were saying negative things.

On having a manager:

At the moment there is not. Recently I was reading this book, as a tennis fan, called *The Outsider* by Jimmy Connors, of St. Louis. One of the things that I very strongly recall about reading his memoir was about his mother managing his affairs, keeping it in the family and keeping it loyal. In many ways you can't buy that loyalty—people who will support you at any cost. I feel very strongly that I consult my family.

My great mother, she is off in Tanzania climbing Kilimanjaro at the moment. Hopefully everything goes well as she approaches the summit in a few days. Without my mother and my stepfather Sunil, none of this would have been possible. I consult them on everything, and with my fiancée as well. I try to keep everything in house. Their loyalty, their support, is invaluable moving forward. I trust that when I keep it that way, everything will work out.

On having a chess player as a significant other:

I don't know if there are any advantages but certainly I'd have to say that being engaged to someone who can understand chess, it means a lot. Whether you win, lose, or draw, you have someone who can understand it. In many ways I think it is similar to picking up a language. If someone doesn't understand the language, they just do not understand it, plain and simple. I feel like I have someone who can understand the game and understand the ups and downs of winning and losing. I'm very lucky to have someone like that.

On the possibility of Rex Sinquefield bringing a Candidates tournament to the U.S.:

Rex has done a lot for American chess, I have to say that. As far as the wildcard or any of this, I'm just going to focus on my next tournament, play well and so forth. If I play well, I should probably solidify my spot as a potential wildcard. But it's FIDE, there's so much bureaucracy involved, it's quite difficult to figure it all out. If I play good chess I believe that everything will work out. Hopefully I will have a chance to play for the world championship.

On Kamsky:

Much of my rise and becoming a strong player has been during his absence. Gata returned to chess in 2003 or 2004. I think back in many ways to this story—I think it's well known. I think back to the time I played in the New York Masters, I think it was 2003. He was really wishing me good luck. He's like, 'You're playing in this tournament, you're a very strong player, all the best.' At the time I wasn't a very strong player, certainly not where I'm at now. I did not perhaps view him as a rival so much as someone who could give me advice. Having someone encouraging you, hoping you succeed, meant a lot. Knowing his time is perhaps coming to an end, he's been great for American chess. He's a very strong player and it would be a real pity to see him quit, but times go on. Hopefully I can use the encouragement and all the advice he's given me over the years to my benefit.

Going back, going way, way, way back in time, back in New York, I don't know where it is anymore. Back in 1993, this is actually before I even started playing chess, my brother was already playing, and my mom has a signed chess board somewhere. Two of the signatures are from [GM] Gata Kamsky and [GM] Yasser Seirawan. I think Gata's signature, it's already kind of erased. I feel like Gata's given a lot to American chess over the years and I'm not sure he's received the due gratitude that he deserves. I think he's given a lot. At the end of the day, I hope his accomplishments, everything he's achieved, is respected and appreciated.

I don't mean this in a bad way, but surely I'm in the league he was in against [GM Anatoly] Karpov when he played 17 or 18 years ago. I hope that he is successful going forward.

On world championship versus Olympiad goals:

Assuming nothing goes wrong in my personal life, I feel like I have another good 15 years to compete for the world championship. I feel like I have one final opportunity for the world team championship and for the Olympiad to go for gold. At the moment my main focus is winning the gold in the Olympiad.

On beating Carlsen in a match:

I just have to be Bobby Fischer, plain and simple. He did not beat [GM Boris] Spassky prior to their match and I view myself in very much the same way. I just have to focus on improving, and when I have a chance in a match against Carlsen, I just have to prove that I can play with him. If I can play well like I did here, I'm just going to keep the pressure on and eventually he will crack. I had two positions where I was a little bit better. I don't see any reason why I can't win.

On personal relationship with Carlsen:

To put it in the words of John McEnroe, 'We don't have dinner very often.' He's OK as a person, but he's my competitor and I want to beat him. At the end of the day, chess is a competitive sport. If I stay true to who I am and my style of play, I will beat him.

On whether he is stronger psychologically than Carlsen:

That's a very difficult question. About three or four months ago, I would have said no. Now I would certainly say that I am. I'm very proven, maybe not in matches, but in tournaments. I'm used to everything; I've seen it all now. I'm looking forward to playing better in the future.

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The top of the tables then changed completely as Carlsen created complications despite Kamsky's choice of the Exchange Ruy Lopez. Though he missed a relatively facile simplification for a super-grandmaster, Carlsen duly converted to push himself to 3/4, while Nakamura sat on 2½/4.

"Today in the fourth hour of play I was playing so badly," Carlsen said. "The same against Levon the other day (round two)—hesitating and burning huge amounts of time."

It was Carlsen's first-ever win as black against Kamsky, who was experiencing his first period of extended hardship in St. Louis. In five previous tournaments there, all for the U.S. Championship, he had lost a grand total of once in 50 games. He had now lost three times in only four contests. Though he was the most buoyant of the quartet pre-tournament, Kamsky's mood had shifted. "I'm still not over this game," he said.

Although Nakamura surrendered his lead, he still controlled his own destiny with two rounds to go. Taking white against Carlsen in round five, he sought the elusive breakthrough against his toughest rival.

The game took place on a Saturday and the growing crowd was expected to be at its peak. With intermittent issues plaguing the live broadcast, the chess club was taking no chances. Thanks to a partnership with Fox Sports Midwest, they called in a satellite truck overnight, the last in the fleet (they are in high demand during college football season). The five-man production team now sounded like a NASA mission control center as they communicated with Fox's uplink in Houston.

"Do we have Houston on the line?"

"We are go for Houston. Power-up and hold for confirmation."

The broadcast went smoothly, but for many, they preferred to attend in person. The fans turned out in droves and players had a hard time getting through the bodies just to reach their tables. The press corps tripped over each other while taking their pictures. "I wasn't expecting so many people to come to watch chess," Aronian said (he had played in the U.S. once before, at the 1999 FIDE World Championship in Las Vegas).

The sports bar next door was completely rented out—every one of the roughly two dozen televisions showed the day's chess action (selling the game to unaware football fans that walked up was too much—most turned around to find a pigskin-friendly establishment).

Nakamura again arrived bespectacled, though this time it was less of a spectacle. He said the only pity about the shades was that technology now exists to make "smart"

sunglasses. "Of course, they're just regular Ray-Bans," he joked.

The day produced no winners, the only one of the six rounds to end in two draws. Nakamura surprisingly said, "I didn't even prepare for this game. After yesterday, I didn't want to play anything too crazy. I decided to play a quiet line in the Berlin." He had a few chances, but Carlsen was never in serious danger. Nakamura said he missed the final subtle queen maneuver that caused a repetition. "I was starting to think I was better at this point."

"I was hoping that he would over press and he would play for a loss," Carlsen said. "But obviously he is much too good of a player for that."

Meanwhile Kamsky played his best game of the tournament, as Aronian again got nothing in the 5. Bf4 line against the Dutch. The American pressed down the h-file, but it was not quite enough to earn his first win. Aronian's curious second usage of the sideline caused Carlsen to flippantly comment, "He's playing so badly against [the Dutch], I think he's going to single-handedly revive it." Aronian reminded everyone that he had won many games in his career against the Dutch.

With one round to play, three of the four players still retained chances to win, but only Carlsen controlled his fate. If Aronian could beat the leader with black, and Nakamura drew with Kamsky, there would be an improbable three-way tiebreak!

That possibility nearly came into play. Kamsky took a perpetual against an uncastled Nakamura. Although the game was the only one of the entire tournament not to reach the time control, the play was sharp throughout, as Nakamura chose to play uncompromising, risky chess. "If I had won the game, I would have been number three or four in the world," Nakamura said. "I have to take a shot."

"It looked really good, but that's why Hikaru is Hikaru," Kamsky said of his position. The tournament having concluded for him, Kamsky reflected on his play. "I felt this tournament is for the fans. We don't have to worry about the result. Sometimes the aggression doesn't pay off."

Having hinted in the past that his career may be coming to a close, Kamsky also pointed out that Carlsen will be 22 when he faces Viswanathan Anand in Chennai, just like he was in Elista in 1996. Back then, Kamsky challenged but ultimately lost to Anatoly Karpov for the world championship. Despite several more tantalizing chances, Kamsky never got that close to chess' highest honor again.

So, like a golfer who has posted his round, Nakamura waited to see how the other scores would come in. "I would have liked to have paid some attention to [Carlsen-Aronian], but considering how quickly my game got out of control, I didn't

really have a chance," he said.

Could Aronian transition his ineffective extra pawn and control of the d-file into a win? Would Carlsen lose as white in the last round, when only a draw was needed to clinch (exactly as happened at the Candidates tournament earlier in 2013)? The tension reached its zenith when Carlsen, two moves before time control, was down to eight seconds. He picked up his h-pawn and fumbled it, quickly righted the piece and hit his clock.

Closed Ruy Lopez, Anti-Marshall System (C88)

GM Magnus Carlsen (2970)

GM Levon Aronian (2913)

Sinquefeld Cup 2013 (6), St. Louis, Missouri,
09.15.2013

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5.
O-O Be7 6. Re1 b5 7. Bb3 O-O 8. a4 b4 9. d4 d6
10. dxe5 dxe5



Levon played 10. ... Nxe5 against Hikaru in round one. Now he tries another method, which he has also played before. I think this way is the best.

11. Qxd8 Rxd8 12. Nbd2 h6 13. a5 Bc5 14. Bc4 Ng4 15. Re2 Be6 16. Bxe6 fxe6 17. h3 Nf6

Black has no difficulties at all. Unfortunately, he needs to win to hope for a tie for first! Magnus just wants a draw, and he wins the tournament.

18. Re1 Rab8 19. Nc4 Rb5 20. b3 Bd4

White is stuck defending a5 and Black has possibilities to improve his position, and White has to just wait.

21. Bb2 Rc5 22. Ra2 Bxb2 23. Rxb2 Ne8 24. Ra2 Nd6 25. Nfd2 Nb7?

This move is OK, but the plan Levon starts is not. Best was 25. ... Nb5 and try to infiltrate on c3 and d4. The idea of winning the a5-pawn is bad, since Black gets completely tied down.

26. Nf3 Kf7 27. Kf1 Kf6 28. Ra4 Nbx5? 29. Ne3!

(see diagram top of next page)

Now Black has trouble moving his



After the last-round fireworks, Arbiter Chris Bird stands in front of just one of the large crowds that attended throughout the week.



knight.

29. ... h5 30. Rea1 Rd4 31. Ne1!

Magnus always finds these computer moves! Now White has no trouble at all, and the game should be a draw. But Levon needs to win, and as a result, goes too far!

31. ... Ke7

31. ... Rxe4 32. Nd3 Rb5 33. c4!! is the tactical justification of 31. Ne1!!

32. f3 Rd2

Gata came to analyze with us after his draw with Hikaru, and he opined here that he preferred White!

33. Rd1 Rd6 34. Rda1 Kd7 35. Nd1 Rd2 36. Nf2 Kc8 37. Nfd3 Rb5 38. h4 Kb7 39. R1a2

Ka7 40. Kg1 Kb6 41. Kf1 g6 42. Kg1 Kb7 43. Kf1 Kc8 44. Nf2 Rd8? 45. Ned3

White was content with a draw, and we could see from the last few moves, but after this voluntary rook retreat, Magnus started to play for a win!

45. ... Kb7 46. Ke2 Kb6 47. Ke3 Kb7 48. Nd1 Kc8 49. N1b2 Rd6 50. Ra1



50. ... Kd8?? 51. Nc4

50. ... Kd8?? trapped the rook on d6, and now Levon needs to go through contortions to avoid big material loss. Levon offered a draw (and clear first to Magnus) somewhere between moves 43-47, but Magnus wanted to win!

51. ... Nxc4+ 52. bxc4 Rb8 53. c5 Rd7 54. Rxa6

Black cannot avoid losing lots of pawns and/or a piece.

54. ... b3

No better is 54. ... Nd4 55. Ra8! Nxc2+ (55. ... Rxa8 56. Rxa8+ Ke7 57. Nxe5 Nxc2+ 58. Ke2 and the Rd7 has nowhere safe to go!) 56. Kd2 Rxa8 57. Rxa8+ Ke7 58. Kxc2.

55. Rxc6 bxc2 56. Ne1 Ke7 57. Nxc2



Levon plays the rest out of frustration, but the result is no longer in doubt.

57. ... Rb3+ 58. Ke2 Rb2 59. Rc1 Ra2 60. Ke3 Kf7 61. f4 Kf6 62. fxe5+ Kxe5 63. Ne1 Ra3+ 64. Kf2 Rd2+ 65. Kf1 Rd7 66. Nf3+ Kf4 67. Rxe6 g5 68. hxg5 Kg3 69. Rf6 Ra2 70. Ne5, Black resigned.

Though a draw was good enough, and the \$70,000 first place was within reach, Carlsen rejected Aronian's offer on move 48. "I had the better position and I wanted to use it. It was a little bit of a gamble, but I thought, 'Winning the last game would be so sweet.'" Declining the draw made his father, Henrik Carlsen, proud. It was also consistent with Magnus' previous comments about his general dislike of draws.

"I had a big advantage and then I played like an idiot," a somber Aronian said. "I played all the wrong ideas. I felt like I had to win immediately. Losing that position is embarrassing."

"He completely outplayed me in the middlegame," Carlsen said. "All White can do is wait. Fortunately my position has some inherent solidity." His plus-three score of 4½/6 put him a full point ahead of second-place Nakamura. "The final margin of victory is flattering."

The push to win created one last superlative. Before the event, the USCF assigned him an estimated rating of 2970.

2013 SINQUEFIELD CUP, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, SEPTEMBER 9-15, 2013

	Rating	1	2	3	4	Total			
GM Magnus Carlsen	2862	x	x	½	½	1	1	1	4½
GM Hikaru Nakamura	2772	½	½	x	x	1	0	1	3½
GM Levon Aronian	2813	½	0	0	1	x	x	½	2½
GM Gata Kamsky	2741	0	0	0	½	½	½	x	1½

For more information, see uschesschamps.com/sinquefield-cup and uschess.org, Chess Life Online, September archives.



That was too conservative. Carlsen's first six USCF games produced a typo-like provisional rating of 3004.

The tournament served as Carlsen's final tune-up before his match with Anand. He said he was not worried about his openings, and he felt generally prepared. "Most of the games were decided in the middlegame and endgame, not in opening preparation," he said. One of his main goals for the rest of September and October was rest.

As for the future of the tournament, all signs point to an impressive 2014 edition. The club announced its intentions to host again next year. The tournament may include more players—this first edition was mostly arranged to ensure Carlsen's participation. "I want Linares, Wijk aan Zee, all the other cities around the world that you think of about chess—I want St. Louis to be the same way," Club Executive Director Tony Rich said.

Carlsen hinted that he would like to return, schedule permitting. "I liked everything, except for the end of my game with Gata. They were playing music across the street. That was really annoying. If you could have a banner next time that says, 'No Music Within a Mile,' that would be great." Club officials actually interceded during that game, pulling the plug on the street performance.

Nakamura relished the chance to play in front of his fellow Americans. Previously, he had stated that playing in your home city created distractions. This time around, he saw the support from fans and changed his tune. "I felt more comfortable here than in Europe generally," he said. "There are lots of fans who were rooting for me, and that was really nice."

Sinquefield's Kevin Costner moment came five years ago, when he took a city not known for chess, erected the finest structure in the country, and waited to see what would happen.

For chess fans, you could ask, "Is this heaven?"

No, it's St. Louis. ♣



Rex Sinquefield (above left) lent his name and financial support to the Sinquefield Cup (trophy, above). Plans are already underway for an even grander event next year.

THE GAME



What event or events could lead one to play a single chess game for nearly three years?

A chess game which had the potential to save a life.

A chess game, which unbeknownst to one player would open up to him a soul-wrenching trek through the dark underbelly of humanity.

BY PAUL KARRER

teach elementary kids in a desperate, poverty stricken hole-in-the-wall town just outside of Monterey, California. I've taught in many other places too: Samoa, Korea, Connecticut, and England. And in each of them I've played and taught the game. In this little town in California I've taught fifth-grade for well over 15 years and every time it rains I pull out a chess set, put it on the overhead projector and I let the kids watch me play the one or two sharp kids who already play the game. Usually by the end of the week the kids are begging to play chess and are doing a series of rain dances so they can stay in at recess time instead of going outside.

Year after year though I have to straighten out a few false assumptions on the kids' part.

- A. The game is not, nor will ever be referred to as CHEST!
- B. Except for knights there is no *jumping*.
- C. Those little twerps in the front lines are not PONDS.

Then I excite their little impressionable minds with juicy facts. Like the fact that the term "checkmate" is originally from the Persian term "shah mat"—the king (the Shah) is dead some say "trapped". I tell them about the nearly eight-hundred-year-old Lewis (Uig chessmen) walrus ivory chess set found near Lewis Bay on the Outer Hebrides Islands in Scotland. And found by some kids no less. 78 lovely intricately carved pieces from the twelfth century. Usually by the end of that week the kids are telling me about Bobby Fischer, Deep Blue, etc. I've won them over to the game and they are researching the ins and outs of chess on their own.

One such little cherub was a kiddo I'll call Rojelio Garcia. It's not his real name for reasons which will become apparent. Rojelio was in and out of the hospital as a kid; asthma and stress were just a few of his issues. His mom had a heart of gold but really bad habits like: heroin, glue-sniffing, theft, an inclination towards aggression, poor choices in mates, and enough arrests to paper two cafeteria walls. Rojelio however was a bright, happy, charismatic, optimistic, always grinning little critter. My wife ran the latchkey program (kids who had no one home for whatever reason and they came to school early and stayed late) and Rojelio was in my wife's class and she said of him, "When that boy enters a room he brings a smile and joy."

A smile and joy ... Yes indeed. Well, he took to chess and it took to him. More than once I'd be on my way out the classroom door after school and he'd be sitting on the ground right outside my door with a trap laid for me. A STUDENTS' FOOLS MATE. He was a tiny 10-year-old. He'd set up a chess game, turned the game sideways so neither the black nor the white pieces presented themselves to

me. He sat squarely on the ground, held up a hidden piece in each clenched fist. He smiled up at me and it melted my heart. Didn't matter that I had a thousand things to do. The kid wanted to play chess.

"You're gonna pick black ya' know."

He always said that. And sometimes he was right. At any rate, I'd sit and we'd play a few games. Rojelio still claims he won a few but I don't recall that. Anyway, the year passed. Rojelio passed on to sixth grade and I got a new crop of fifth-graders. But my Rojelio would still show up now and again and he always brought his smile. We'd play a game for old-times sake. And one year he even gave me a chess set. Then he'd show up less and less, but I started to hear about him more and more. He'd been initiated into one of the local insidious, evil, gangs.

At age 13 my Rojelio Garcia was arrested for nine attempted murders, numerous assault charges, attempted felony flight for a grand tally of 23 felony charges. The laws in California were tightening up for juvenile crime and Rojelio was on the short list with the first few offenders to be charged as adults. He received a life sentence, which in California at that time translated to his being released someday on his 26th birthday.

Three years later, I walked into the school's teachers' lounge, stuck my hand in my mailbox and pulled out a letter and suppressed a desire to cry. The return address choked me up:

*Rojelio Garcia / Inmate # Y70486
California State Prison 107
D.V.I.
Tracy, CA 95378*

Best kid I ever had. Smart, kind, quick to laugh. Male teachers aren't supposed to feel like crying, particularly this early in the morning.

Letter in hand, I rushed to my classroom. The bell would ring in about eight minutes. For better or worse, I would read the letter first.

Mr. Karrer,

Hey, how you been? How's the family and the kid doing? I hope everyone is in the best of health and spirits.

Well, Mr. Karrer I'm in prison! Sorry to be writing to you from here. Yeah, maybe you heard I was in, but I want to tell you the whole story. There is no excuse for what I did but I want you at least to know the real thing and I got a proposal for you. (You used to say that to us kids. I got a proposal for you. Usually it meant you'd give us some homework. And Mr. Karrer I **DO** have some homework for you) But, hey you always come to mind especially when I defeat my opponents in chess! Are you still playing? I wanted to play you the last time I was in the hood but to tell you the truth I was caught up with stuff and cops!

OK, so here's the story. When we were in your class and you wanted information out of us you told us to say or write "I know someone who ..." That way we wouldn't get in trouble. You got that?

OK, so I know someone one night who was minding his own business and this car came by in front of his house. This guy I know REAL, REAL well has a younger brother and mom in the house. When the car goes by they shoot at the guy. Like the

whole car unloaded their guns on him. BUT see, they missed. But Mr. Karrer, that isn't right. I mean it breaks the street code. You don't shoot nobody in front of their family. So this guy I know real, real well got furious. And he knew who the shooters were. So he and another guy burned their house down. And their [sic] were nine people in it (But none of them got injured swear to God Mr. Karrer). Anyway this guy I know got an attempted murder felony charge for each person in the house. That's the nine count Mr. Karrer, that's why he got life. I swear on that chess game I gave you.

So, now I'm in S.H.U. [Special Housing Unit ~ed.] (hole) You call it isolation. I don't want to say what I'm in the hole for and scare you off or anything. But I feel that I can keep it real with you. I been wanting to write but I was embarrassed to let you know I'm in prison.

You ready? Here's the proposal. (Your homework) You probably figured it out long ago on a count of the chess set in this letter. I sent you a prison made chessboard with pieces. 'Cause me and you are going to have a game. Just read the instructions in back of the chessboard I made you with pieces! As you know we can't get chessboards in isolation 'cause we can melt down the chess pieces and make knives or we could melt the pieces into liquid and make tattoo ink! Yeah, crazy huh! So since me and you are going to be writing each other we can play chess and write our moves every time we write each other. Usually in here we play chess with our "cellies" (cellmates), or in the vent (it's above our bed area). We can play with our neighbors or upstairs, sometimes we play through yelling out the doors.

Anyways just look at the back of the chessboard and there should be another piece of paper with the chess pieces. Go ahead and cut them out. You can make another chessboard and pieces. But it has to be the same format and style. And no cheating!

Back to my story. So I messed everything up. These days I can't even go back to school or trade school because I'm in the hole 23/1, seven days a week. Sometimes I don't even get my hour in the yard. Just once a week the rest is in my cell. Don't have a cellie. I'm doing the rest of my time in S.H.U.

I mostly read, read, and write.

Your friend, student ~ Rojelio

The Rules—Inmates' Chess ...

Rojelio was transferred from Tracy, to Corcoran Prison. Because of his age, small size, and violent tendencies he was put in isolation. We played chess whenever we could. And as his rules stated one letter was a move. To make things easier I photocopied each game and sent it in my letter to him. My letters to him took between three to seven days. Rojelio's letters to me took two to three weeks. The prison censors had to read his letters looking for gang code, secret messages, information, or ghost writing. Rojelio later informed me about ghost writing.

"Inmates write a letter on paper using citrus juice, lemon or lime is the best, but lots of other liquids work. Then write a regular ink or pencil letter over it. The person who gets the letter holds the letter near a lamp and the dried juice heats at a faster rate than the rest of the paper and it shows up brownish like a ghost just wrote it."

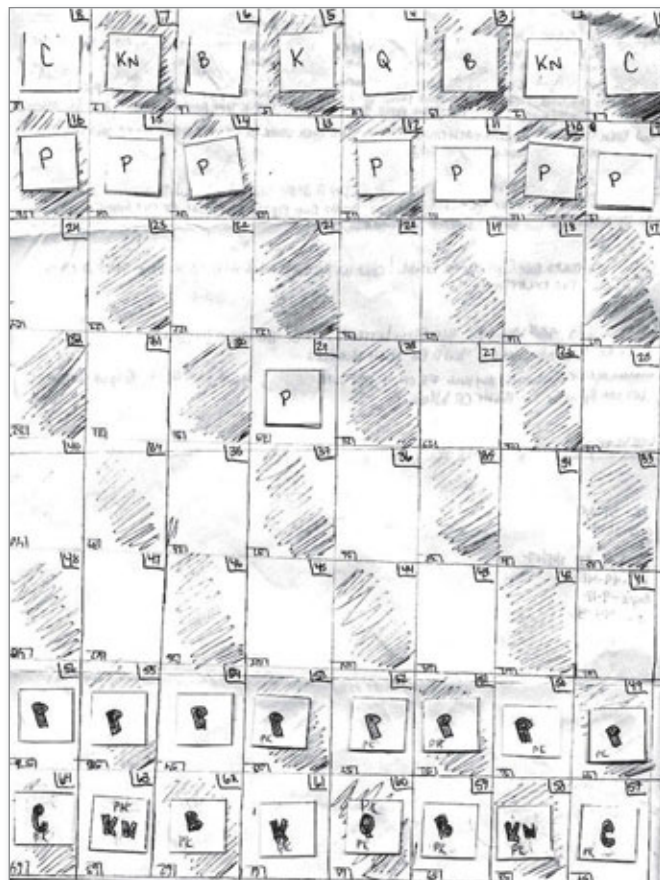
Our game started fairly normally and cautious—we each inched the kings' pawn out two spaces. Rojelio figured he was white since he initiated the whole idea. Unknown to Rojelio I set up a chess set on a regular three-dimensional set at home. My wife said I was cheating and had an advantage, but I countered, "He's in total isolation. He has nothing else to ponder all day and he can get assistance from the inmates on the other side of his walls."

Sometimes the prison guards messed with Rojelio because he had taken up an oppositional/defiant stance to them. Something which never endears those in power to those they often hold in contempt or are afraid of. This played itself out more than once when his letters showed up as empty envelopes. Or the envelopes contained letters addressed to someone else. The guards were saying, "Hi," and letting him know they held sway over him and unfortunately our game.

One day I received a thick letter; inside it a newspaper had been folded many times. It was a *Christian Science Monitor*. Four completed Sudoku puzzles were folded inside the paper.

Rojelio's accompanying note was brief.

"Mr. Karrer you might want to keep this paper and the puzzles



Rojelio's hand-made board.

until you visit me. They are transferring me again—Salinas Valley State Prison. Check out the articles real good.”

The paper had two articles which had been circled. I read them a few times and got no connection—nothing. Then I saw who the subscriber was and I felt sick. The address label on the top right corner of the paper made the hair on my neck stand up. Inmate # B33920, Corcoran Prison, Charles Manson. First of all I was stunned that I held in my hands the newspaper of Charles Manson. How does one even start to process that? That this once-upon-a-time sweet kid crossed paths with Charlie was not in any way a good thing. And the second part, visit him! Sure ... why not?

Letters passed slowly and the game progressed. I applied for a security clearance and was finally approved to visit inmate Y70486 aka Rojelio Garcia. But the problem was he was in level-four maximum security, isolation. And he would only be allowed a 45-minute non-contact visit.

I had to check-in in the parking lot, check-in again in the visitor's center, present myself to a guard, spread my arms out, empty my pockets, take off my shoes, take off socks. Have my inner wrist stamped with an invisible ultraviolet ink (to be checked on the way out to make sure I was a visitor not an escaping inmate) then I got three shots at passing through the mother of all metal detectors, failure a third time meant no visit. And a body cavity search could be requested, denial meant no visit.

I passed all requirements and passed through two sally ports (four-sided fenced enclosures with a sliding gate).

Once inside the prison, I walked by myself and noticed the lovely Gavilan mountain range loom in the distance. Finally in the prison in the visitor's section I waited against a wall and absorbed everything. *My God, these are inmates walking freely near me.* I counted 12 of them. *They're all wearing denim shirts and pants with black and white tennis shoes.* I couldn't help but notice the two correction officers behind a podium—Tape on the floor in front of their podium read: DO NOT ENTER CORRECTION OFFICER AREA.

An officer pointed at me and then a window. He mouthed the word, “YOU.”

The window had a phone near it and a metal seat attached to the floor. On the other side of the window a similar phone awaited. Behind the window a purely muscled Latino gangster stood and stared at me. He had no hair, Chinese tattoos from his ears to his collar bones. He was chained at the ankles, and at the waist with a connecting chain from his waist to his ankles. A thick Fu Manchu moustache hid any expression. *Wrong guy, Jesus H!* The inmate backed into the door he had just come through watching me the whole time. He placed his hands behind himself and in a slot in the door. A guard must have unlocked his wrist chains. I turned to call a guard and a tapping on the window redirected me. The inmate smiled. It was a smile I recognized a once-upon-a-time-a fifth-grade Rojelio smile. *My God it was HIM! Of course he'd changed. He was a young man! Not 10 any more.*

We both picked up a phone.

“Hey, Jefe (boss) you made it. Lot's of people say they will come but only you showed up. Thanks, Mr. Karrer.”

Eventually we got around to chess. “You got my last letter and move?” Rojelio asked.

“Yes, sorry about your queen.”

“Yeah, right. My bad.”

“I have a question for you.” I asked, “What's the story on the paper you sent? And the Sudoku puzzles?”

“A present. You used to always bring cool stuff in to school. Thought you might like it.”

“Like it! Holy cow it scared me.”

“You keep it?”

“Of course.”

“Well ole Charlie Manson was on my tier. So we played a game.”

“Get out! You played chess with Charles Manson?”

“Swear on the Bible Mr. Karrer.”

“Jesus H. How you do?”

“To be honest my ... associates told me I couldn't play with him. So we only played half a game.”

“Associates?”

“My crew.”

“Wow!” *His gang refused him the right to play with Manson. “Why?”*

“He's too evil. Hey, you know them word puzzles I sent?”

“Have them at home.”

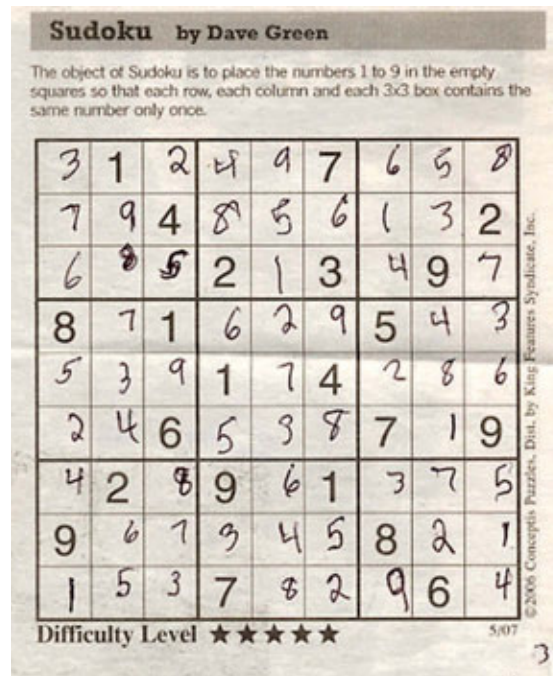
“That dude and Charlie used to play a lot. The dude begged me to use my paper cuz he loves puzzles and stuff. I told him OK as long as I got the whole paper back. Him and Charley got separated on account of Charley cheating at chess. I played chess with him too. Ever heard of Sirhan Sirhan?”

“Rojelio ... Oh my God.”

“Sirhan, him I played a lot. He kicked my butt all the time. I didn't have a chance.”

I learned over the years to believe what Rojelio told me. “He had prefaced it succinctly once. “Mr. Karrer. I won't BS you ever. Not you. But there's some things I AIN'T gonna tell you.”

So I believed him 100%.



Sirhan Sirhan's Sudoku puzzle given to Rojelio by the assassin.

And so it went over the years. I visited as often as I could. We developed a routine on my visits, I'd tell him a joke, he'd tell me of outrageous incidents inside the prison, I'd tell him about his hood, he'd request some books and we'd end it with confirming the latest status of our game.

On a Friday in October I received a phone call.

“Mr. Karrer, it's Rojelio. You aren't gonna' believe this. I'm out! No chains on me. The sky is looking down on me. Want to meet? We got to finish our game?”

Rojelio had been early released. I met him and gave him a hug and pulled out our game. Our game was a month short of three years. We played, but to be honest it wasn't a fair game. He was wired, filled with joy just to be out. Energy and life pulsed in him and the borrowed cell phone he had rang time and time again. He was distracted and I massacred him. But teachers get to do that.

As of this writing Rojelio at age 29 is free.

But the odds are very much against him. 🍀

You may hear an interview with Rojelio Garcia and his teacher, Paul Karrer, on The Story, With Dick Gordon, Checkmate, April 6th, 2012. APM (American Public Media) www.thestory.org/stories/april-06-2012-show Paul Karrer still teaches 5th-grade and chess in Castroville, California.

Masterful

Mamedov Wins the Masters

By GM JOSH FRIEDEL



GM Rauf Mamedov in an archival photo.

The 2013 U.S. Masters was up for grabs until the very last moment, but in the end GM Rauf Mamedov of Azerbaijan emerged victorious. The event took place for the second year in a row in Greensboro, North Carolina. Walter High goes through great pains to organize a high-caliber event, and this year was no exception. The largely international field consisted of 21 grandmasters (GMs), several international masters (IMs) and FIDE masters, top female players (including current U.S. Women's Champion Irina Krush), and many of the nation's top juniors. Not only does this make for a strong and eclectic field, but it presents norm opportunities for those pursuing their titles. These opportunities certainly weren't squandered, as there were a total of seven norms achieved! Justin Sarkar scored his second grandmaster norm.

Damir Studen, Bradley Denton, Tatev Abrahamyan, and Denys Shmelov all scored IM norms. Sabrina Chevannes clinched her woman international master (WIM) title and scored a woman grandmaster norm, while Sarah Chiang captured a WIM norm. It should also be noted that Alex Ostrovskiy added a fourth IM norm to his collection just in case three don't do the trick. There were several other strong performances as well, and with just a few changes in the wind I can imagine of even more norms being achieved.

The strength of the field, while impressive, isn't the only aspect of the tourney that made it appealing. The playing halls were quite nice, with sets and clocks provided on all boards. While in Europe this is standard practice, it is a rare bird in American events, and it always increases my respect for the organizers. Players were well provided for off the board as well, with a VIP room with snacks and refreshments available for player analysis. This also gives the participants a good opportunity to socialize, and often people would hang around chatting long after the game analysis had dissipated. Another plus was that the hotel was quite upscale. All the rooms were large suites, and a complimentary breakfast was provided each morning. If I had a knock on the location, it would be the food situation. If you had a car there was no issue, but there was nothing within walking distance from the hotel, so an atypical percentage of the chess population tended to stick to the hotel restaurant. Despite this, I don't think anyone had issues with starvation, and otherwise there was little to complain about.

I noticed that the organizers also paid attention to the minor details well. For instance, last year one of the playing rooms was a bit overheated to say the least. I debated with my roommate that year, Eugene Perelshteyn, about the effects playing in a sauna has on the brain. He felt that it fried the brain, whereas I was

Caro-Kann Defense, Two Knights Variation (B11)

GM Rauf Mamedov (2726)

GM Bartłomiej Macieja (2556)

U.S. Masters Championship (9), Greensboro,
North Carolina, 09.02.2013

Rather than take a quick draw in the last round and grab a beer, Mamedov goes for clear first and manages to get there after a long, grinding win. While Macieja had his chances to hold, it is never easy to stand up to continuous pressure, and Mamedov applied it expertly.

1. e4 c6 2. Nf3 d5 3. Nc3 Bg4 4. h3 Bh5 5. d4 e6 6. exd5 cxd5 7. g4 Bg6 8. h4 Bb4 9. Ne5 f6 10. Nxg6 hxg6 11. Bd3 Ne7 12. Bd2 Nbc6 13. Ne2 Bxd2+ 14. Qxd2 Qd6 15. O-O-O O-O-O 16. f4 Nb4 17. Kb1 Nxd3 18. Qxd3 Rh6 19. Rh3 Kb8 20. Qe3 Nc6 21. Nc3 Rhh8 22. Qf2 Rhe8 23. Rg3 Re7 24. Re3 Na5 25. b3 Nc6 26. Qg3 a6 27. Na4 e5 28. dxe5 fxe5 29. fxe5 Rxe5 30. Rde1 Rxe3 31. Qxd6+ Rxd6 32. Rxe3 Kc7 33. Nc5 Rf6 34. Re8 b6 35. Nd3 a5 36. a3 Kd6 37. Kb2 Rf1 38. Rg8 Rf7 39. Kc3 Kc7 40. b4 axb4+ 41. axb4 b5 42. Rh8 Kd6 43. h5 gxh5 44. gxh5



White has been pressing, but it looks like the game should be heading towards a draw at this point. However, as often happens, one misstep can let it slip.

44. ... Rc7?!

White doesn't have much of anything after 44. ... Re7.

45. h6!

... and now Black has a slight piece coordination problem. Note how there are no good discoveries with the knight.

45. ... gxh6 46. Rxh6+ Ke7 47. Nc5

Now Black is in for a difficult defense.

47. ... Na7

I prefer waiting with 47. ... Rc8 rather than letting White's rook in.

48. Kd3 Nc6 49. Kc3 Na7 50. Re6+ Kd8

The alternative 50. ... Kf7 51. Rb6 is annoying, but perhaps it was still the

lesser evil.

51. Rd6+ Kc8 52. Rxd5

White is now a pawn to the good, and his pieces are still better.

52. ... Rh7 53. Ne6 Kb7 54. Nd4?!



More accurate was 54. Kb3.

54. ... Kb6?!

54. ... Rh3+ 55. Kb2 Nc6! and Black has solved most of his problems. The point is that 56. Rxb5+ is impossible because of Ka6, and after 56. Ne6 Kb6 Black's coordination has improved significantly.

55. Rd6+ Kc7 56. Rg6 Kb7 57. Kd3 Rh3+ 58. Ke4 Rh4+ 59. Kd5?

This completely natural looking move gives Black a great chance. Errors like this are hard to avoid late in the game with little time on the clock, especially in the last round of a long event.

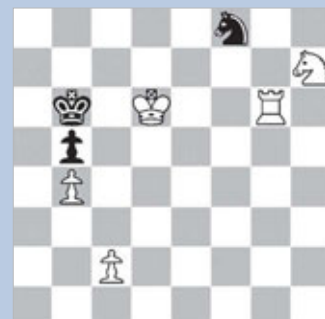
59. ... Rh7?

Stronger is 59. ... Nc8! and the threat of ... Nb6+ is actually really annoying. Now, for instance, if 60. Rg7+ (60. Kc5?? Rh5+ would be rather embarrassing!) 60. ... Ka6 61. c3 Nb6+ 62. Kd6 Rh6+ 63. Ne6 Nc4+ 64. Ke7 Rh3 and Black has great drawing chances.

60. Nb3 Rd7+ 61. Rd6 Rh7 62. Nc5+ Kc7 63. Ne6+ Kb7 64. Kc5

Now White is in full control.

64. ... Nc8 65. Rd5 Nb6 66. Rg5 Ka6 67. Rg6 Nd7+ 68. Kd6 Kb6 69. Ng5 Nf8 70. Nxb7



adamant that mine was being poached. In any case, this year they made sure the temperature of the rooms was much improved, and it is always refreshing when details like this are attended to. Both literally and figuratively.

The tournament itself had a somewhat unusual start to it. While the number of decisive upsets was low, there were a high number of draws, and among them involved three of the top four seeds! German GM Georg Meier drew against Bradley Denton, GM Bartłomiej Macieja of Poland drew against the veteran WGM Camilla Baginskaite, and eventual tournament winner Mamedov drew a marathon game with rising junior Adithya Balasubramanian. In fact, Mamedov was worse for a large portion of the game and only barely managed to escape unscathed. Now, for one round this isn't that shocking, even given that most outrated their opponents by over 300 points. However, not only did they give up draws in round one, but in round two as well! It isn't often you see 2500+ players floating around in the middle of the pairings after two rounds, and it speaks to the strength of the event as well as how many dangerous players are out there in these Swisses. The days of coasting for the first few rounds are over, and a player has to remain vigilant from the first game to the last. Towards the end of the tournament, however, the top players were able to show their class by finishing at the top of the table.

The top seeded Azeri GM may have had a slow start, but Rauf Mamedov concluded his tournament with a flourish, defeating strong GMs Alex Lenderman and Macieja on the final day. This enabled him to take clear first rather than having to share the spoils, no small feat in a field that includes so many strong players. Going into the last round, he was half a point back from Macieja, and thus he was forced to win in order to leapfrog the strong Polish GM.

White calculates accurately that the b-pawn can't be saved.

70. ... Nxcg6 71. Nf6 Nh4 72. Nd5+ Kb7 73. Kc5 Nf3 74. c3, Black resigned.

The final touch.

GM Georg Meier of Germany, who is now a member of the powerful Webster University chess team, finished in the four-way tie for second. True to his style, he showed solid chess throughout, but somehow he wasn't quite able to get enough wins to reach first place. He had some nice wins to his credit, however, and showed his strength with a savage beating of GM John Fedorowicz in round six with the black pieces. While Fed may not have the strength he once did, I can tell you from experience that beating the resourceful GM is never a simple task.

Symmetrical English (A37)

GM John Fedorowicz (2490)

GM Georg Meier (2702)

U.S. Masters Championship (6), Greensboro, North Carolina, 09.01.2013

1. c4 c5 2. Nc3 g6 3. g3 Bg7 4. Bg2 Nc6 5. Nf3 d6 6. O-O Bf5 7. d3 Qd7 8. Nd5 Nf6 9. Nh4?!

I really don't care for this idea, as the knight becomes a source of mild embarrassment.

9. ... Bg4 10. f3 Be6 11. Nf4 d5!



I really like this move. While normally it is ill-advised to open the position against the two bishops, in this case it is the best way to take advantage of White's awkward pieces.

12. Nxe6 Qxe6 13. f4 dxc4 14. f5 Qe5 15. dxc4 O-O 16. fxc6 hxc6

White has the two bishops in an open position, but due to White's awkward pieces and weak pawns it is Black who is better.

17. e3?

This creates another weakness. 17.

Bxc6 It looks a bit crazy to give up the g2-bishop, but Black's pieces are simply too good, so I believe this was White's best bet. A likely continuation would be 17. ... bxc6 18. Nf3 Qe4 19. Qd3 Rfd8 20. Qxe4 Nxe4 21. Rb1 and while Black is definitely better, there are some drawing chances.

17. ... Bh6 18. Kh1 Rad8 19. Qb3 Rd7



Despite not being down anything, White is totally lost here. There are simply too many weaknesses, and the c1-bishop isn't coming out anytime soon.

20. Bf3 Qe6 21. Bg2 Rfd8 22. Qc2 Nb4 23. Qe2 Nd3, White resigned.

Fed understandably decided to end the suffering.

GM Bartlomiej Macieja, who earlier this year became the coach of the University of Texas at Brownsville chess team, was leading the tournament going into the last round. Had he not lost to Mamedov, clear first would have been his. As it was, he had to settle for shared second. This maybe wasn't what he had hoped for, but still not too shabby. His round eight victory against GM Alojzije Jankovic was particularly nice.

Sicilian Defense (B53)

GM Bartlomiej Macieja (2556)

GM Alojzije Jankovic (2624)

U.S. Masters Championship (8), Greensboro, North Carolina, 09.02.2013

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Qxd4 Nf6 5. Bb5+ Bd7 6. c4 g6 7. Nc3 Bg7 8. O-O O-O 9. Qd3 a6 10. Bxd7 Nxd7 11. Qe2 Rc8 12. Bd2 e6 13. Rad1 Ng4 14. Rc1 Re8 15. h3 Ngf6 16. Rfd1 Nh5 17. b3 Ne5 18. g4 Nf6 19. Nxe5 dxe5 20. Na4 Qd4 21. Nc3 Qb6 22. Be3 Qc6 23. f3 Bf8 24. Rd3 Nd7 25. Rcd1 Nb8 26. Na4 Be7 27. Bb6

(see diagram top of next column)

After the overly passive 25. ... Nb8, Black is against the ropes. In this position his sense of danger eludes him.

27. ... Kg7?



Something like 27. ... f6 or a similar move was necessary, trying to glue the position together. White is still the one calling the shots, but at least finding a breakthrough should be difficult.

28. Qb2 f6 29. Kg7?!

More to the point was 29. g5!

29. ... Rf8?!

Black should almost certainly take this opportunity to lock down the kingside with 29. ... g5.

30. g5!



There we go!

30. ... Rf7

This move is probably inaccurate, but defending this position is nearly impossible. If it were me, I'd be tempted to step off the long diagonal with 30. ... Kg8.

31. gxf6+ Bxf6 32. Rd6 Qe8 33. Nc5 Re7

Only a bit better is 33. ... Rc6, but after 34. Nxe6+ Kg8 35. Bd8! Black is still lost.

34. Rd8 Rxd8 35. Bxd8 Rf7 36. Rd6!



Black is busted.

36. ... Nc6 37. Bxf6+ Rxf6 38. Nd7 Rf7 39. Nxe5

White may have been able to finish Black off a bit quicker, but with technique the important thing is having it all under control, and from here on in the result was never in doubt.

39. ... Nxe5 40. Qxe5+ Rf6 41. Qd4 e5 42. Rd8 Qe6 43. Qd7+ Kh6 44. Qxe6 Rxe6 45. Rd7 b6 46. h4 Rc6 47. Kg3 b5 48. cxb5 axb5 49. Rd5 b4 50. Rxe5 Rb6 51. Re7 Rb5 52. Kg4 Rb6 53. Ra7 Rb5 54. f4 Rb8 55. e5, Black resigned.

Gata Kamsky had to win an Armageddon game to stop the Costa Rican-born GM from becoming the U.S. champion. Since then, the Dallas-based Alejandro Ramirez has been racking up one strong performance after another, tying for first at the National and World Opens, as well as nearly knocking out Super-GM Evgeny Tomashevsky at the World Cup (who also was taken to an Armageddon). While his result here certainly can't compare to all of that, he turned in a solid 6½/9 performance with no losses, including a long, grinding win against fellow second place finisher IM Justin Sarkar.

New York's GM Alex Lenderman had a great event in his own right. He was leading for most of the tournament, as it seems he's been doing a lot of lately, but just fell short of first due to his loss to Mamedov in round eight. Despite this, he bounced back and won his last round to finish with a solid six points. Alex has been knocking on the door of several big events lately, and he takes his chess as seriously as anyone I know, so I'd imagine it is only a matter of time until he finally breaks that door down with heavy explosives. His win from round three against IM-elect Aleksandr Ostrovskiy was a particularly brutal Caro-Kann (yes, I see the irony) that ended with a nice queen sacrifice.

Classical Caro-Kann Defense (B19)

IM Aleksandr Ostrovskiy (2503)

GM Aleksandr Lenderman (2642)

U.S. Masters Championship (3), Greensboro, North Carolina (3), 08.30.2013

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Bf5 5. Ng3 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. Nf3 Nd7 8. h5 Bh7 9. Bd3 Bxd3 10. Qxd3 e6 11. Bd2 Ngf6 12. O-O-O Be7 13. Kb1 Qc7 14. Ne4 Rd8 15. Nxf6+ Nxf6 16. Qe2 c5 17. dxc5 Qxc5 18. Ne5 O-O 19. g4 Rd4 20. Nd3 Qb5 21. f3 Rc8

22. Nc1 or 22. Nf4 is a must here, but

White doesn't quite sense the danger yet.

22. Rhe1 Nd5



White is already in trouble, but here he blunders.

23. Nf4

23. Nc1 is probably the best try, but after 23. ... Rdc4 White has a miserable position.

23. ... Qc6 24. Nxd5



24. ... Qxc2+! 25. Ka1 Rxd5 26. Rc1

I'm guessing Ostrovskiy counted on this move, but it turns out that Black can comfortably sacrifice the queen.

26. ... Bf6 27. Rxc2 Rxc2, White resigned.

White's position is quite hopeless after 28. Bc1 Rxe2 29. Rxe2 Rd1 30. Kb1 Bg5.

Cuban GM Yuniesky Quesada Perez, who joined GM Julio Becerra Rivero this year on a rather frightening Miami Sharks squad in the U.S. Chess League, didn't quite have the result he was hoping for as the second seed. However, he did show some nice chess, and having such a strong player participating raises the bar.

GM Alonso Zapata, the top player from Colombia, had an amazing first half of the tournament. With 5/6 it looked like he was going to have a good shot at first, but a couple of losses against Macieja and Ramirez halted his progress. Despite this, his form for much of the tournament definitely impressed. His tactical win against Quesada in round four showed he meant business.

Sicilian Defense, Scheveningen Variation (B82)

GM Yuniesky Quesada Perez (2743)

GM Alonso Zapata (2565)

U.S. Masters Championship (4), Greensboro, North Carolina, 08.31.2013

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nc6 5. Nc3 Qc7 6. Be3 Nf6 7. f4 d6 8. Qf3 a6 9. O-O-O Be7 10. Bd3 O-O 11. Rhe1 Nxd4 12. Bxd4 e5 13. Nd5 Nxd5 14. exd5 exd4 15. Qe4 g6 16. Qxe7 Qa5 17. Kb1 Bg4 18. Rc1 Qxd5 19. Be4 Qc5 20. h3 Be6 21. g4 Rfe8

White has been under slight pressure, and here he just blunders.

22. Qh4??



Necessary was 22. Qg5, though I still prefer Black slightly after 22. ... Rab8.

22. ... Bxa2+!

Zapata doesn't miss his tactical opportunity.

23. Kxa2 Rxe4 24. Kb1 Rxf4



White is lost.

25. Re7 d3 26. cxd3 Qd5 27. Re3 Ra4 28. Rc7 Qa5 29. Rc4 Ra1+ 30. Kc2 d5 31. Qg5

... and White resigned, trusting Black to realize that the pin on the d-pawn is a sarcastic one.

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Most of the upsets from the early rounds were pulled off by the same group of players. Bradley Denton drew GMs Meier and Mamedov, Damir Studen drew Meier and GM Alexander Fishbein, and Baginskaite also drew against two GMs. Denton and Studen ended up scoring norms, though unfortunately Camilla ended up falling off pace later in the event. The most notable round one upset was probably Jonathan Chiang's win over GM Mikheil Kekelidze. Alex Ostrovskiy showed early on that he was not to be taken lightly by crushing GM Jankovic in round two. Dominique Myers, rated 2037, had an amazing start. He beat IM Nazi Paikidze rated 2378 in round one, and then drew GM Maciejka in round two! Unfortunately, he was unable to continue his run, and managed only another point in the next seven rounds. Nevertheless, he is most certainly a player to watch for in future events. Wisconsin's Awonder Liang, while not scoring any norms, had a very strong performance and gained 37 points. This puts this country's youngest-ever master at well over 2300, and I'd advise everyone to be extremely wary of this young man. If I neglected any strong performances, my apologies, but there were so many that mentioning all of them would probably get me in hot water with the editor!

As was already mentioned, a whopping seven players earned title norms. While some I know rather well and others I've never met, here is my effort to introduce all of them:

Justin Sarkar

Justin has been a constant presence atop major Swisses in the U.S. for a long time now. He's always worked hard on his chess, yet somehow the GM title has eluded him thus far. Happily, he made another major step towards it at the U.S. Masters. Justin showed good form and maintained it throughout, even scoring the necessary win as black in the last round. This enabled him to tie for second and score his second GM norm. His last round win against Denys Shmelov was a wild affair.

Tatev Abrahamyan

Tatev has been one of the top female players in the U.S. for awhile now, and in recent years has shown to be the biggest threat to the Krush/Zatonskih stranglehold on the U.S. Women's Championship. She's been on a bit of a tear of late, turning in strong results in both the U.S. Women's Championship (clear third with 6½/9) and the USA-China match (3½/5 in the classical games with a 2600+ FIDE performance). This tournament continued the trend, as she managed to clinch her IM norm with one round to spare. At this rate, the title itself won't be far behind it.

Denys Shmelov

Denys, who hails originally from Ukraine, has been largely absent from major tournament chess in recent years in pursuit of a career in the actuarial field. Nevertheless, when he does find time to play, he seems to have a knack for finding his form. In 2011 he had a breakthrough performance at the Berkeley International, scoring a GM norm in the process. While his result here wasn't quite as strong, he still managed to snag an IM norm rather comfortably. Not to imply that it was easy, as he had to defeat reigning U.S. Women's Champion Irina Krush on the way. She's been playing strong and solid chess as of late, and in fact it was the only loss of the tournament for her.

Damir Studen

The young master from Georgia won the state championship in 2009, and since then has been on the rise. He had a breakthrough tournament at the Masters, earning an IM norm and gaining over 40 points in the process.

Bradley Denton

Birmingham's Bradley Denton, who coincidentally won the 2009 Alabama State Championship, also had a killer event. He showed some very solid chess, turning in an IM norm and crossing 2300 FIDE in one go. His solid draw as black against the 2600+ GM Meier in round one was a strong start to his tournament.

Sabrina Chevannes

The always upbeat Sabrina, who is based in London and has her own chess academy there, has played in several tournaments in the states over the last couple of years. While her results and tournament experiences here have been mixed, this one will almost certainly have her coming back. She gained almost 50 FIDE points (and well over 100 USCF!) and scored her first woman grandmaster (WGM) norm, thus completing her woman international master (WIM) title with a bang.

Sarah Chiang

At age 15, Sarah has already had quite a lot of experience playing on the big stage. Lately she's had some rough first-time experiences, playing in both the U.S. Women's and U.S. Junior Championships, and as the lowest-rated competitor in both. While she can't be happy with how either of those tournaments went, I'm sure she gained a lot of wisdom, and she was able to use some of that here as she scored a WIM norm. This was very nice to see, as Sarah is one of the kindest young players you'll ever meet, and she has an excellent attitude regardless of how her tournament is going.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank organizers Walter High and Gary Newsom, the tournament directors, and the other people who made the event possible. Your efforts didn't go unappreciated. The great tournament experience is an elusive creature. Sleeping poorly, lack of time to eat or relax, and having poor playing conditions are only a few of the roadblocks. Even if none of those issues arise, there is nothing worse than playing poorly, and a chessplayer who is not in form is rarely in a good mood. Nevertheless, when the setting is pleasant and the tournament is a quality one, the opportunities for a great experience are there for the taking. I'll almost certainly be going there next year to see if I can do it. ♣

At A Glance

2013 U.S. Masters

Date: August 29-September 2, 2013 | **Location:** Embassy Suites Airport, Greensboro, North Carolina | **79 players.** | **Top Finishers:** 1st, 7: Rauf Mamedov; 2nd-5th, 6½: Georg Meier, Bartłomiej Maciejka, Alejandro Ramirez, Justin Sarkar; 6th-11th, 6: Yuniesky Quesada Perez, Alojzije Jankovic, Aleksandr Lenderman, Mikheil Kekelidze, Andre Diamant, Raja Panjwani; 12th-21st, 5½: Ioan-Cristian Chirila, Denes Boros, Alonso Zapata, Michael A. Rohde, Denis Shmelov, Aleksandr A. Ostrovskiy, Michael H. Bodek, Adithya Balasubramanian, Damir Studen, Daniel Gurevich; 22nd-35th, 5: Alexander Fishbein, Irina Krush, Ayram Abreu Delgado, Gildardo Garcia, John J. Cox, Farai Mandiza, Vitaly Neimer, Larry C. Kaufman, Tatev Abrahamyan, Bradley J. Denton, Konstantine Kavutskiy, Joshua Colas, Sabrina Chevannes, Awonder Liang; **Under 2450**, Raja Panjwani; **Under 2350**, Adithya Balasubramanian; **Under 2300**, Damir Studen, Daniel Gurevich. | **Chief Tournament Director:** L. Thad Rogers.

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Strong Beliefs and Self-Confidence

How much is too much?

By GM LEV ALBURT

OBJECTIVITY IS THE KING—BUT IF YOU have to err, err on the side of over-confidence and over-optimism. The winner of this month's award, Jonathan Ritter, did so with gusto. He banked everything and gave away everything on a chance to give a certain check. He gambled, and he won. Writes Mr. Ritter (*my further comments in italics*):

I played this game at the Marshall Chess Club in New York City. It was round four of a FIDE event that the club was hosting every Monday night. I am rated 1585, although I only have played 12 over-the-board official tournament games. I do believe my playing strength is much higher than what my rating would reflect and wanted to see how I would fare against the high-level players that the Marshall Chess Club attracts.

Giuoco Piano (C50)

Jonathan Ritter (1585)

Edward Kopiecki (1981)

FIDEMON (4)—Marshall Chess Club, New York City, August 12, 2013

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Bc5 4. Nc3 Nf6 5. d3 d6



6. a3

This gives me breathing room for my bishop. If I do not play this move then after he plays ... a6 he can play ... Na5 winning bishop for knight.

ECO doesn't mention this move, concentrating mostly on 6. Be3 and 6. Bg5. "Winning bishop for knight" isn't a real threat here: for example, 6. Na4 Bb6 led to full equality in Pal Benko-Andrzej Pytlakowski, 1951. Note that the natural 6. 0-0 allows 6. ... Bg4!, ready to meet 7. h3 with 7. ... h5.

6. ... Bg4

Did Black, playing 6. ... Bg4, plan to play 7. ... Be6 after 7. h3—or did he plan to do something else (7. ... Bh5, 7. ... Bxf3) and change his mind later?

7. h3 Bb6

In this position, if 8. Bxe6 fxe6 and my opponent has a better centralized pawn structure.

8. Nd5

I played Nd5 because I thought that my opponent wanted to play ... N(c6)e7-g6 with a very good game.

8. ... Ne7 9. Nxf6+ gxf6



10. Be3

This puts my opponent in the same situation I am in. If he takes on e3 then I take back on e3 with a superior pawn structure.

10. ... Bb6

My opponent wanted to avoid Bxc5 however I believe this is a wasted move because Bxc5 would not be in my favor as it leaves my opponent with a nice bind on the d4-square.

This branch of the Giuoco Piano (*The Quiet Game*), as shown on our first diagram, indeed looks very quiet—unless the feisty cousin 4. c3 shows up. This quiet (or lull), could however be very misleading, as the imbalances, difficult to assess, can occur at any moment. Just in the last three moves we saw several important changes, and opportunities to make such changes, in the pawn structure—by capturing the opponent's pieces or allowing capture of your own pieces. On his last move Black could, for instance, double-isolate White's e-pawns: 10. ... Bxe3 11. fxe3 Bxc4—but would it really favor Black?

11. Qe2 Rg8 12. 0-0-0

Ignoring his threats and lining up my rook with his queen. I plan to bust open the center with d3-d4.

Some players would prefer 12. g4 here—but why even consider such a move when you are so convinced that 12. ... Rvg2 deserves a question mark?

12. ... Rvg2?



13. d4

13. Nh4 and later Rdg1—using the g-file, with Qh5 at some moment—may offer White even better compensation.

13. ... Qd7

He realizes that he needs to castle quickly but it is too little too late.

Black holds with 13. ... exd4!

14. d5

Forcing him to take the pawn on h3.

14. ... Bxh3 15. Bxb6 axb6

This gives him an open a-file, however I had a specific idea.

16. Qe3!

Setting up a tactical minefield. Bf1 is the threat so he has to move his rook away, which allows me to win back a pawn with Nxe5.

16. ... Rg8



17. Nxe5

While the pre-planned 17. Nxe5 looks nice, much stronger was 17. Ne1, with a big advantage for White, as the black bishop is doomed.

17.... fxe5 18. Rxh3 Ng6

I decided that his knight on f4 looks much stronger than it really is as it is not near my king and doesn't really have many targets on the kingside to attack.

I like the black knight on f4, and I'd prefer Black's position. White's "dream" here should be to exchange his not-so-good bishop for this great knight—and this is, alas, only a dream.

19. Rxh7 Nf4 20. Qb3 Ke7

He saw that I had plans to attack on the queenside so he decides to keep his king in the center and use the open a-file to attack. The only problem is that it is very easy to swing my queen back to the other side of the board and attack his king.

I think that both 20. ... Ke7 and the more solid 20. ... 0-0-0 favor Black.

21. Rdh1 Qa4 22. Qc3 Qa5



I played Qc3 with the idea of playing 23.

Bb5, sacrificing the bishop and after 23. ... Qxb5 I come crashing down on the c7-pawn with my queen and the game is soon over. However he correctly played Qa5 keeping up the pressure and again offering to trade.

A very nice trap. Both players should be commended for seeing through it.

23. Qf3

I have plans on sliding my rook over and placing my queen on h1 where it can later come to h4.

23. ... b5 24. Bb3 b4 25. axb4 Qxb4 26. Kb1 Ra5 27. c4

Creating an escape square for my king as well as taking away the b5-square.

27. ... Qd2

The sharp 27. ... b5 was even stronger.

28. Rd1 Qe2 29. Qh1



29. ... Qxf2 30. Rf1 Qg3

Houdini, guided by Roman Dzindzichashvili, suggests: 30. ... Qe3, and on 31. Qh4+, the calm 31. ... Ke8, with White's king being checkmated in a few moves.

31. Bd1 Rga8

My bishop now eyes the kingside and can soon join in on the attack. Both of our plans now come into fruition and it is time to see whose plan will prevail.

32. Rf3 Ra1+ 33. Kc2 Qg6



34. Qh4+ Kd7?? 35. Rxf4!

This Exchange sacrifice simultaneously defends the e4-pawn so the queen cannot interpose with check. This also allows my bishop to come into the game.

35. ... exf4 36. Bg4+ Qxg4 37. Qxg4+ Ke7 38. Qg5+ Ke8 39. Qg8+ Kd7 40. Rxf7 mate.

Kopiecki immediately started analyzing the game and felt that after 34. ... Qf6 he was winning.

(Black was much better, but the winning wasn't easy—L.A.)

I think that this is an instructive game because it illustrates how important it is to formulate your own opinion about a certain position and trusting that opinion, especially when you are playing against a higher rated player. Sometimes you have to play defensively. Sometimes the best defense is a good offense. However, sometimes the best defense is to simply let your opponent go along with his plan as long as you calculate correctly and see that it is not dangerous and allow him to accomplish his plan. This game also illustrates how important it is to keep your concentration when you are in the "heat of the battle". 34. ... Kd7?? allowed me to win the game immediately with a tactical shot.

Jonathan made an excellent summary—except that he still doesn't fully appreciate the powers of the f4-knight. In this game, his overconfidence in his position, well combined with tactical alertness, paid off. The strength of your beliefs and their usual companion, self-(over)confidence, are good things, as long as they are not going too far, as well as being checked by reality (Houdini? Dzindzi?) after each game. ♣

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The Secrets of Study Composing

After 45 years, GM Pal Benko has decided this is his last “Endgame Lab” column. We hope that his well-earned retirement is long and fulfilling.

By **GM PAL BENKO**

I AM OCCASIONALLY ASKED WHERE I get my ideas for studies. For my last column, I thought it would be instructive to give my thoughts on this subject. Mainly, the ideas come from my own ideas, from games, and from other studies that contain ideas ripe for development or enrichment. However, lately original ideas are harder to come by. The computer has taken us in new directions and helps composers, but to a certain extent we lose human creativity—especially with miniatures.

My first serious study

GM Pal Benko

GM Aleksandar Matanovic
Belgrade, 1964



This position, where I had sealed my move, led to my first serious study. The main threat is 57. ... Bg3 (but not 57. ... Rxf2+? since after 58. Kxf2 Bg3+ 59. Kxf3! Bxe1 60. Kg2 and the position is drawn. I knew that without the h3-h4 pair of pawns it would be drawn. I acted accordingly to that, but too early.

57. Rxe5+?!

A hasty sacrifice. Objectively 57. Bxh4 Bd4 58. Rd1 is stronger resistance. Because the white bishop can never get back to the vital a7-g1 diagonal, computers show this is winning after 40 more moves.

57. ... Kxe5 58. Bxh4 Kf4 59. Bf6 Rd2!

In case of 59. ... f2?, White can draw with 60. Kg2! Ke3 61. Bh4 Rb2 62. Bg3 f1=Q+ 63. Kxf1 Kf3 64. Be1 Rb1 65. h4.

60. Bc3 Rd5?

The shortest win here was 60. ... Re2.

61. Kf2!

The only drawing chance.

61. ... Ke4 62. Bb4! Rb5 63. Bd6 Rh5 64. Bc7 Rh6 65. Bb8! Ra6 66. Bc7, Draw agreed.

While analyzing the adjourned position, I began thinking about what would happen if Black succeeds in advancing his pawn to f2. I found a problem-like save.

Magyar Sakkvilag, 1964, first prize

Pal Benko



WHITE TO PLAY AND DRAW

1. Bd6! Kh3

If 1. ... Kg4 2. Kg2, or 1. ... Ra6 2. Bc7! Rf6 (2. ... Ra7 3. Bb6!) 3. Bd8! draws. Black wins only if his rook gets behind his pawn.

2. Bc7!

Mutual *Zugzwang* (ZZ).

2. ... Rb2 3. Bd6! Rc2

If 3. ... Rb6, 4. Bc5 and this repeated motif assures the draw.

4. Be5! Rd2 5. Bf4! Re2?! 6. Bb8!!

Holding on to the opportunity of always being able to move to an adequate square. 6. ... Ra2 can be answered by 7. Bc7! (not 7. Bc7? since 6. ... Ra2 would then win).

6. ... Re8 7. Bg3!!

But not 6. Ba7?, which loses after 7. ... Kg3! 8. Bxf2+ Kf3.

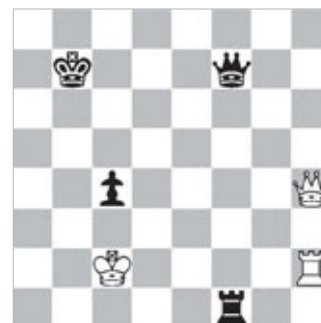
7. ... Kxg3, Stalemate.

The profundity and special logic of this endgame started me on the path of composing studies and problems.

Naturally, published studies provide ideas. This usually takes the form of a correction or improvement. Here is the story of how one study developed from one I saw in André Cheron's textbook.

After King and Horowitz

Henri Rinck, 1926



WHITE TO PLAY AND WIN

1. Qe4+ Ka6 2. Rh6+ Rf6 3. Qf5! wins.

But Cheron claimed it is a draw after 3. ... Rxh6 4. Qxf7 Rc6 5. Kc3 Kb6 6. Qe8 Kb7 7. Kb4? c3. Later, computers showed that after 6. ... Kb7 7. Qe4! mates in 34 moves. The computer version (giving the estimated best moves only) starts with 7. Qe4 Kb6 8. Qd5 Rc5 9. Qd6+ Rc6 10. Qb4+ Ka6 11. Qb8 Ka5 12. Qb7 etc. Therefore Rinck's study is correct.

With pieces on the board like this, it is hard to discover the full truth. Therefore I improved the study by eliminating the pawn and thus the doubt.

White to play and win

Pal Benko, 1999

(see diagram top of next column)

1. Qa1+ Kb5 2. Qb1+ Ka5

In the case of 2. ... Kc6, 3. Rh6+ Rf6 4. Qe4+ Kb6 5. Qf5 wins while after 2. ... Ka6, 3. Rh6+ Rf6 4. Qf1+! wins.

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 69.

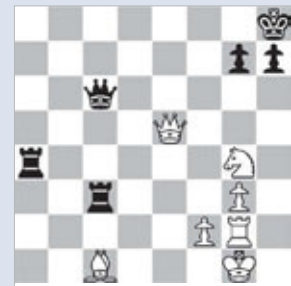
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Problem I: Henk Nieland (Nederland)

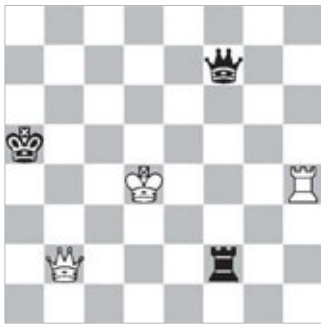


BLACK TO PLAY AND DRAW

Problem II: Hank Nieland—Pal Benko



WHITE TO PLAY AND WIN

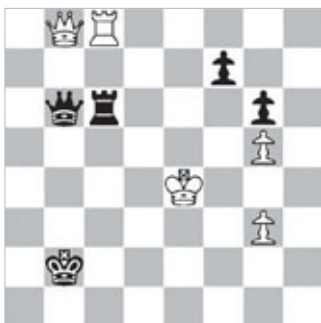


3. Qe1+ Kb6 4. Rh6+ Rf6 5. Qf2! Qd7+ 6. Kc3+ wins.

If we use the same motif multiple times during the course of a study it becomes thematic. A critic's comment that this is a computer study stung me—at the time, I had no computer, and in any event the six-man endgame database did not yet exist.

Chess Clinic 1st Internet Tourney, 2000 First prize

Pal Benko



WHITE TO PLAY AND WIN

Seeing that there are only a few studies with this material, I began dealing with this theme.

1. Qe5+ Kc1!

This move parries the motif presented in the previous example by which 1. ... Kc2 2. Qd6! wins.

2. Rb8!

Now after 2. Qd6? Qb1+! 3. Ke3 Qb3+ 4. Ke2 Rxc8 would come.

2. ... Rc4+ 3. Kd3 Rd4+ 4. Kc3

Of course not 4. Qxd4? Qxb8 5. Qa1+ Qb1+ 6. Qxb1+ Kxb1 7. Ke4 Kc2 8. Ke5 Kd3 9. Kf6 Ke4 creating ZZ is equal.

4. ... Qd6

Otherwise 4. ... Re4 5. Qxe4 Qc7+ 6. Qc4 wins for White.

5. Qe3+

The obvious 5. Qxd4? Qxg3+ 6. Qd3 Qe5+ only draws.

5. ... Rd2 6. Rb4!

Black arrives at a crossroads.

6. ... f5

Now 6. ... Qd5 7. Qg1+ Rd1 8. Rb1+! Kxb1 9. Qb6+ mates. Another alternative is 6. ... f6 but 7. Ra4 Qe5+ 8. Qxe5 Rc2+ 9. Kd3 fxe5 10. Ra1+ Kb2 11. Ra2+ Kxa2 12. Kxc2 wins.

7. Ra4 Qc6+ 8. Rc4 Qd5 9. Rc8 ZZ 9. ... Qd7 10. Rc5! Qd6 11. Kb3+ Kd1 12. Rc1+! Kxc1 13. Qe1+ Rd1 14. Qc3+ Kb1 15. Qb2 mate.

This is a sharp dual with unexpected repositionings and quiet moves. The well-known IM V. Afek wrote that mine is "one of the best studies of all times"!

Magyar Sakkelet 1–2 Prize, 2000

Pal Benko

(see diagram top of next column)

1. Rg5+ Kf8

A pretty win follows 1. ... Kh8? 2. Qh1+ Rh7 3. Qa1! Rg7 (since after any Black checks would be answered by a winning discovered check.) 4. Rh5+ Kg8 5. Qa8+ Kf7 6. Rf5+ wins.

2. Qb4+

But not 2. Qf2+? Rf7 3. Qc5+ Re7+ 4. Kf6 Qh7 and Black escapes.

2. ... Re7+ 3. Kf6 Qe4

The best defense. In case of 3. ... Qh7?,



WHITE TO PLAY AND WIN

4. Rg8+! Kxg8 5. Qb8+ mates.

4. Rh5! Qf3+ 5. Rf5 Qe4!

So that the rook gets pinned after Kg6+ is played. After 5. ... Qe3 6. Qb8+ Re8 7. Qc7 Re7 8. Kg6+ Kg8 9. Rf8+ Kxf8 10. Qd8+ Re8 11. Qf6+ mating motif we have already seen.

6. Qb8+ Re8 7. Qc7 Re7

If 7. ... Qe7+, then 8. Kg6+ Kg8 9. Re5!! wins.

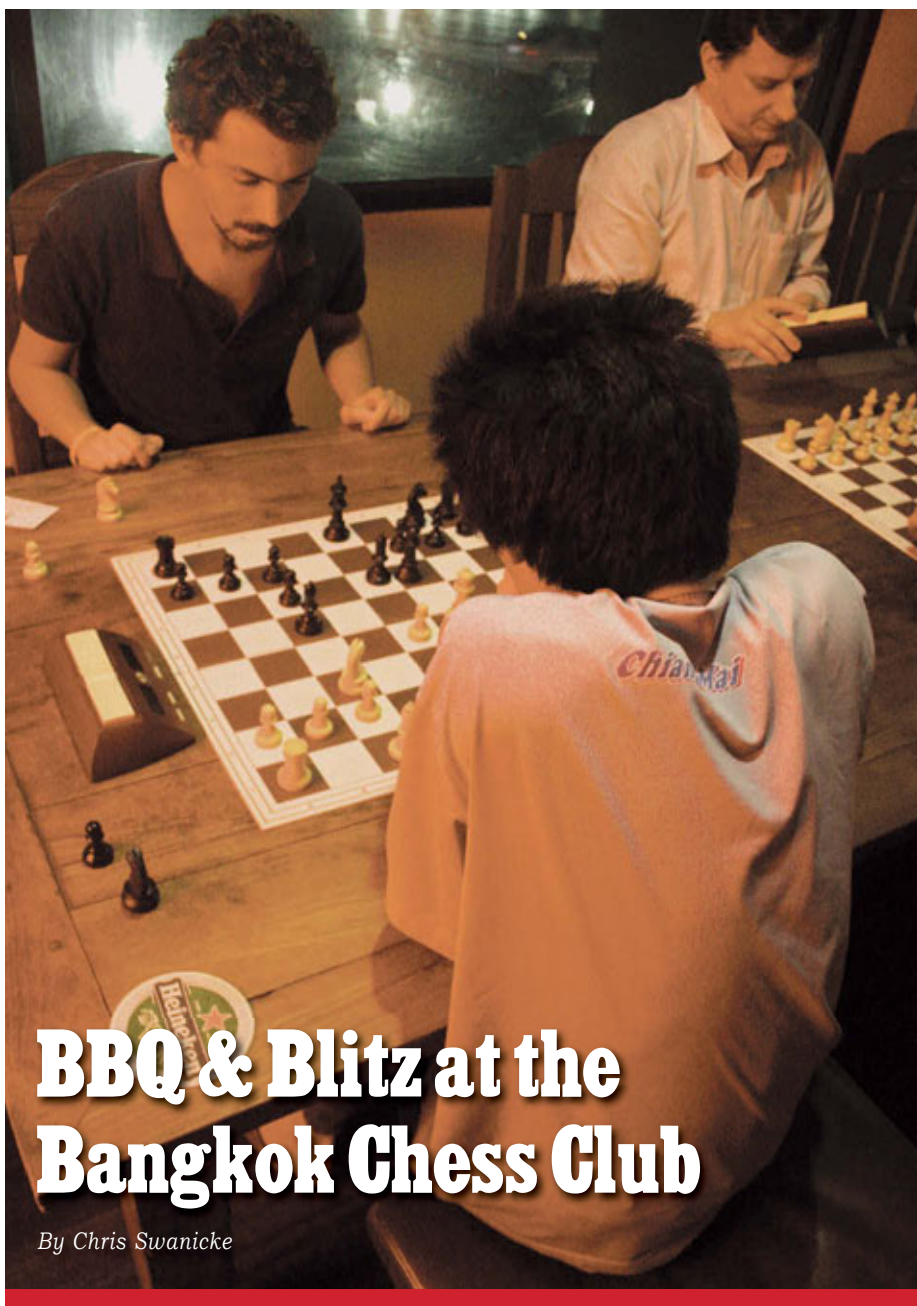
8. Qc8+! Re8 9. Kg6+ Kg8 10. Qc7 Re7 11. Qd8+ Re8 12. Qh4! Qe7 13. Rf8+!!

And mate or the queen is lost (and mate comes shortly thereafter). A grand finale with a thematic triple-rook sacrifice.

GM István Bilek published my study in his column. It's title was, "The most beautiful endgame of the century." The FIDE album is issued every three years with selected compositions judged by four international arbiters. Composition titles can be achieved by points scored this way. This one was listed first, topping more than 600 others.

Always Room For Improvement

In the "Bafflers" you can see a study and improvement that was sent in by my friend FM Tibor Weinberger. It has been a pleasure for me to improve upon older works as well as support new authors over the years. Each composition (like each book, from a Latin saying) has its own story. ♣



BBQ & Blitz at the Bangkok Chess Club

By Chris Swanicke

“IT’S LOOKING VERY BAD FOR YOU,” PROCLAIMS PATRICK, A CLUB REGULAR, to Poom, his Thai opponent, as he hovers over the board eagerly awaiting checkmate. A few moves later, Poom is beaten, and the two share a laugh over a table at Roadhouse Barbecue restaurant in Bangkok, where tables are prepared with chess mats and signs let patrons know this area is reserved for the Bangkok Chess Club.

The group had begun filtering in around 7 p.m., a mix of regulars and visitors, foreigners and Thais.

The atmosphere is laid back as players wait for more to arrive for the tournament. Patrick, a pianist who has played with the Thailand Philharmonic Orchestra, uses the last of his iPhone battery to show everyone some piano humor from the piano comedy duo Igudesman & Joo. Reviews at the table are mixed and before long players have moved over to a long table for blitz.

The mood is light before the matches begin, but once the tournament starts up the room quiets down. Players focus intently on their matches and a serious blitz session is underway.

Eric, a professor from Vancouver, watches over his son, Max, as he makes his way through the tournament. The duo is in town for a few days and decided to stop in to

find a few matches. Eric found the club online and in his second visit, Max is kept busy with a constant stream of matches.

Kai Tuorila, a Finnish expatriate and entrepreneur, founded the club in 1999 after having trouble finding matches in town. His mission was to create a regular meetup where regulars and travelers could stop by twice a week for a friendly game.

The club also hosts an annual tournament, the Bangkok Chess Club (BCC) Open, in April. “For us,” Kai explains, “it’s a combined vacation and chess.” The event is held in Bangkok every other year, and a new location otherwise, to give players a new experience in Thailand. This year’s tournament is in the beach town of Pattaya at the five-star Dusit Thani resort. The event boasts over 200 registered participants including some of the top players in the world.

Nearer to the BCC Open, some big names tend to stop by the weekly meetups. Nigel Short, last year’s champion, has been known to walk in unannounced to warm up in the days leading up to the event.

As the tournament has grown through word of mouth, Tuorila searches for bigger and bigger names. He talks wistfully as he remembers how close he came to attracting Magnus Carlsen and Garry Kasparov, who were looking for a place to train. They seemed headed for Thailand, and maybe a few appearances at the tournament, until a last minute schedule change sent the two to Hawaii.

The club, like chess, is a hobby for Tuorila. He’s built connections with players around the world and the club continues to grow through word of mouth.

Visitors to Bangkok of all skill levels are welcome to join the club every Tuesday at Roadhouse BBQ or Friday at Queen Victoria Pub. ♣

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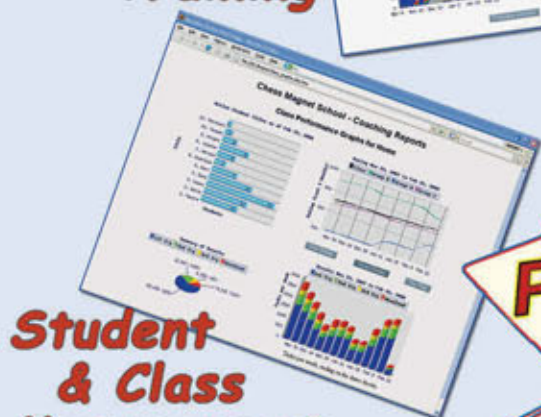
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2013 TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX STANDINGS

The following point totals reflect all rated event information as of November 7 for the 2013 Grand Prix. All Grand Prix updates are unofficial and subject to change during the year or until year-end tabulation is complete.

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Though he only finished in a tie for 6th-11th at the U.S. Masters (see page 34), **GM ALEKSANDR LENDERMAN** still managed to put more distance between himself and his nearest competitor in this year's Trophies Plus Grand Prix race.

OVERALL STANDINGS

	NAME	STATE	PTS.
1	GM Aleksandr Lenderman	NY	388.93
2	GM Mikheil Kekelidze	NY	307.56
3	GM Alexander Ivanov	MA	213.65
4	GM Sergey Kudrin	CT	197.01
5	GM Tamaz Gelashvili	NY	154.71
6	GM Melikset Khachiyan	CA	154.53
7	GM Zviad Izoria	NY	152.99
8	GM Alexander Shabalov	PA	142.06
9	GM Conrad Holt	KS	138.02
10	IM Justin Sarkar	NY	136.90
11	IM Ricardo De Guzman	CA	132.53
12	GM Mackenzie Molner	AZ	131.61
13	GM Varuzhan Akobian	KS	125.06
14	GM Enrico Sevillano	CA	121.41
15	GM Alejandro Ramirez	TX	112.63

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Name	State	Pts.	Name	State	Pts.
PETERSON, GIA	CA-S	12766	GUO, ARTHUR	GA	5882
HOFFMAN, EVAN	CA-S	8755	SODEM, VISHAL	CA-N	5848
GORTI, AKSHITA	VA	7544	KOBLA, VISHAL	VA	5688
SINHA, SAHIL	MD	7438	SONG, NOLAN XUHUI	OH	5670
DASIKA, ARCHIT	CA-N	7418	ZENG, SHEENA	KS	5657
ULRICH, ANNE E	WI	7350	MULLER, RAYMOND WIJAYA, II	CA-N	5647
DASARI, SRIHITHA	GA	7348	KULKARNI, SOUMYA	MI	5620
LIANG, AWONDER	WI	7290	POTULA, KAPISH	GA	5579
PATEL, ADVAIT	WV	7251	DOMMALAPATI, ABHINAV	VA	5550
WU, OLIVER	CA-N	7072	NIETO, GUILLERMO LUIGUI UBALDO		5549
PRASAD, ARVIND SAI	OH	6807	MUSTAFA, SIRAAAT	NY	5441
KOTHAPALLE, TANISH	TN	6743	WANG, MICHAEL	CA-N	5435
ABAYANATHAN, SHIRAJA	GA	6500	KUMAR, ARAVIND	NJ	5363
ULRICH, RACHEL J	WI	6249	MARKIN, ARDEN QUINLAN	AL	5358
PARKER, JACKSON BOGDAN	MA	6244	CAO, YUTONG	OH	5331
YE, GRANT	CA-N	6226	TRIFALE, SHARVIL	PA	5325
DAVYDOV, ALEXANDER	MD	6128	HO, BRANDON C	CA-N	5271
PALUSA, MAURYA	CA-N	6086	INDUSEKAR, AKSHAY	IL	5260
AVIRNENI, SAITHANUSRI	GA	6012	GEORGE, ADITH JOSHUA	OH	5250
NIETO, MANUEL VALERIO WALDO		5883	UGRINOVSKIY, GARY	MI	5218

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ENTRY FEE: \$25.

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

ENTRY FEE: \$7.

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ENTRY FEE: \$7.

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\$800 FIRST PRIZE

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USCF National Events

Note: Tournament memberships not valid for National events

SEE TLA IN THIS ISSUE FOR DETAILS

- 2013 K-12 Grade Championship** December 13-15 • Lake Buena Vista, Florida
- 2013 Pan American Intercollegiate Championship** December 27-30 • Lubbock, Texas
- 2014 World Amateur Team & U.S. Team East - 44th Annual** February 15-17 • Parsippany, New Jersey
- 2014 (31st Annual) U.S. Amateur Team Championship West** February 15-17 or 16-17 • Santa Clara, California
- 2014 U.S. Amateur Team Championship North** February 21-23 or 22-23 • Schaumburg, Illinois
- 2014 U.S. Junior Chess Congress** February 28-March 2 • Irvine, California
- 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
- 2014 U.S. Game/10 Championship (QC)** June 12 • Las Vegas, Nevada
- 2014 U.S. Women's Open** June 12-13 • Las Vegas, Nevada
- 2014 National Open** June 13-15 or 14-15 • Las Vegas, Nevada

FUTURE EVENTS *(Watch for details)*

- 2014 All-Girls Championship** April 11-13 • Northbrook, Illinois
- 2014 U.S. Amateur Championship South** June 7-8 • Memphis, Tennessee
- 115th annual (2014) U.S. Open** July 26-August 3 • St. Louis, Missouri
- 2014 U.S. Class Championship** October 31-November 2 • Irvine, California
- 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
- 2015 National Open**—TBA
- 2015 U.S. Game/10 Championship**—TBA
- 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
- 2017 K-12 Grade Championship** December 8-10 • Lake Buena Vista, Florida
- 2018 National Elementary (K-6) Championship** May 11-13 • Nashville, Tennessee
- 2018 K-12 Grade Championship** December 14-16 • Orlando, Florida

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

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:

2013 U.S. Game/15 Championship

DEADLINE JULY 1, 2013:

- 2014 U.S. Amateur Team (South)**
- 2014 U.S. Amateur (East, North, West)**
- 2014 U.S. Cadet**
- 2014 U.S. Game/15 Championship**
- 2014 U.S. Game/30 Championship**
- 2014 U.S. Game/60 Championship**
- 2014 U.S. Junior Closed**
- 2014 U.S. Masters Championship**

DEADLINE NOVEMBER 1, 2013:

- 2014 U.S. Junior Open**
- 2014 U.S. Senior Open**

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Effective with TLAs submitted after November 10, 2010, the following additional rules apply to Grand Prix tournaments: 1) The guaranteed first prize must be at least \$150. 2) No more than one prize under \$100 may count towards the Grand Prix point total. 3) Prizes below the maximum entry fee do not count towards the Grand Prix point total. Also include full time control noting increment or time delay even if delay is zero (d0).

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix: A Junior Grand Prix event must have four or more rounds with a time control greater than 65 min. Please see: www.uschess.org/data/page/JPG-Rules.php for complete Rules.

SUBMISSIONS: E-mail your tla to: tla@uschess.org (Joan DuBois). For tla deadline schedule, formatting help and Grand Prix information see January 2013 *CL* 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!

DEC. 13-15, FLORIDA

2013 National K-12 Championships

7SS, G/90 d5. Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, 1000 W. Buena Vista Dr., Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830; \$133 single/double/triple/quad. Guest rooms can be booked online at: www.disneyurl.com/NationalK12GradeChessChampionship2013. 13 Sections. Play only in your grade section. December rating supplement will be used. 1/2-point bye available (limit one) any round (except Round 7) if requested in advance of Rd. 1. Team score = total of top three (minimum two) finishers from each school per grade. First place individual and team, including ties, will be the National Champion for their grade. **Schedule:** Opening ceremony Fri. 12:30 pm. Rds.: Fri. 1 pm-6 pm, Sat. 10 am-2 pm-6 pm, Sun. 9 am-1 pm. Awards Ceremony Sun., approx. 5 pm. Special round times for K-1 sections: Fri. 1:30 pm-5:30 pm, Sat. 9:30 am-1:30 pm-5:30 pm, Sun. 9:30 am-1:30 pm. K-1 Awards Ceremony Sun. approx. 4:30 pm. **EF:** \$50/participant postmarked or online by 11/10, \$70 postmarked or online by 12/1, \$85 by 12/12, \$90 at site; \$5.00 extra for all phone registrations; \$20 fee for roster or section changes after 12/8 or any onsite changes. Onsite registration Thurs. 9 AM - 9 PM & Fri. 8 AM - 10 AM. Players who register or change sections after 10 am on Friday will receive a 1/2-point bye for Rd. 1. **Awards:** Trophies to top individuals & top teams in each grade. Every player receives a commemorative item! Full list of trophies on tournament Info Page [below]. **Side Events:** Bughouse: Thurs. 11 am, Reg. onsite only Thurs. 9-10 am, \$25/team. Blitz Sections: K-6 and K-12, Thurs. 5 pm, Reg. onsite until 4 pm. Blitz EF: \$15 by 12/1, \$20 after or at site. Blitz Awards: Trophies in K-6 and K-12 sections. Full list of trophies on tournament Info Page [below]. Bughouse Awards: Top 5 Teams. Team Rooms are limited. Contact Ashley Knight at 931.787.1234 ext 138 or by email: aknight@uschess.org. Questions: Ashley Knight at 931.787.1234 ext 138. **Entries:** U.S. Chess Federation, Attn.: 2013 K-12 Championship, P.O. Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557 or online at www.uschess.org/tournaments/2013/k12/. See web site for additional information about the event, advance entries, awards, meetings, updates, corrections, and registration forms.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

DEC. 27-30, TEXAS

2013 Pan American Intercollegiate Chess Championship

Texas Tech University, 6SS, G/90 + 30 sec. increment. Overton Hotel, Lubbock, TX. FIDE rated (unless FIDE rules change). Intercollegiate Tournament Format: 4-Player Teams, up to 2 alternates. Open to university, college, community college, and technical college teams from North and South America and the Caribbean. Teams must supply letter from their universities stating that the players meet eligibility requirements—for more details go online to: www.depts.ttu.edu/ttuchess. **EF:** \$200/team by 12/5, \$240 thereafter and at site. **Prizes:** trophies or plaques to top 6 teams, 1st-place in Divisions II (2000-2199), Division III (1800-1999), Division IV (1600-1799), and Division V (U1600) Team, Top international team, Top Women's team, Top alternate, Top boards 1-4, Top community college, Top four-year small college (under-5,000 enrollment), 1st each top Texas-neighboring states, top Big-12 university, biggest team-upset, biggest individual upset. **Reg.:** Deadline 4 pm. **Rds.:** Rd. 1: 12/27 6 pm, Rd. 2: 12/28 10 am, Rd. 3: 5 pm, Rd. 4: 12/29 10 am, Rd. 5: 5 pm, and Rd. 6: 12/30 9 am. Opening reception: 12/27 4 pm. Closing ceremony: 12/30 3 pm. **ENT:** Texas Tech Chess, C/O Texas Tech Chess Program, Box 45080, Lubbock, TX 79409-5080. **INFO:** al.lawrence@ttu.edu, Phone 806-742-7742. **HR:** \$89-89-89 + tax (up to 4 in a room). **FREE:** airport-hotel-airport shuttle, parking, wifi, reflag in every room. Reserve by 12/11 for chess rate. (806) 776-7000 Overton Hotel & Conference Center, 2322 Mac Davis Ln., Lubbock, TX 79401. www.overtonhotel.com. **Boards and pieces provided. Bring clocks, digital only.** NS. NC. W.

A Heritage Event!

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

FEB. 15-17, NEW JERSEY

World Amateur Team & U.S. Team East - 44th Annual CELEBRATE COUNTRY MUSIC & USCF 75th! 6SS, 40/2, SD/1 d5. Parsippany Hilton, 1 Hilton Ct., Parsippany, NJ 07054. **Chess Rate valid until 1/16. Reserve early 973-267-7373 or 1-800-HILTONS.** Morris/Essex train to Morris Plains 1.5 miles. Open to 4-player teams with one optional alternate. Team average (4 highest ratings—2014 January Rating list) must be under 2200. **EF:** \$160 postmarked by 2/5/14. ALL-\$200 after or at door.—all teams, any changes at site \$25 charge. **FREE ENTRY TEAMS from West Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina.** Check out official website www.njschf.org. **Prizes:** 1-5th Place teams, plaque and 4 digital clocks; Top Team (**Denis Barry Award**) U2100, 2000, 1900,

1800, 1700, 1600, 1500, 1400, 1300, 1200, 1000 each plaque and 4 Digital Clocks; Top college team (same school) 4 Digital Clocks & plaque; Top HS team (grades 9-12 same school), Top Middle School (grades 5-9 same school), Top Elementary School (grades K-6 same school), Top 2 Scholastic Teams (mixed schools okay) (**Collins Award**), Mixed Doubles (2 males, 2 females-no alternates), Seniors (all players over age 50), Military, each plaque & 4 Digital Clocks to top team; Company Team (same employer), Family (4 family members), State teams—CT, DE, MD, MA, NJ, NY (**Benjamin Award**), PA, VA, NC, RI each plaque top team; Special Plaque to Top College (NJ, NY, Pennsylvania) Special Plaque Top High School NJ, NY, PA, Plaque Top Coaches (four chess teachers), Top Blind team, Top Future team, (all players under age 10), Top Military College, Top New England team (mixed players CT, MA, ME, VT, NH, RI), Top Parent/Child (2 pairs, one parent, one child), Top Historic Club (four members on team from Boylston, Franklin Mercantile, Marshall). **Best Player 1-4 and top alternate.** All 6-0 scores each Digital clock. Biggest Individual upset each round Engraved Cross pen; Entry fee refunded to team with Best "Chess related" name, Sunday night—Best "Chess Related costumes or gimmick"—1st-gourmet dinner for four. 2nd—Gourmet dinner for 4. **Reg. 9-12. Sat 2/15: Rds. 1-7:30, 11-6, 9-3:30. Special Events! Surprises and special giveaways each round.** Sunday night—Bughouse \$20 per team. Cash prizes. **HR:** Parsippany Hilton NEWLY RENOVATED!, chess rates expire 1/16/2014. Rates \$119 (up to 4 in room) 2nd hotel attached to Hilton also up to 4 in room \$126 per night—Hampton Inn—includes breakfast for 4 each day. **Valentines Blitz** 2/14-7 pm. \$20 entry fee 2 person team—prizes per entries. **FREE!** Cake and Coffee for USCF 75th Diamond Anniversary. For help forming teams and more information contact: noreen@deanofchess.com. Chks payable to NJSCF, mail by 2/05 to: **E. Steven Doyle, 17 Stonehenge Rd., Morristown, NJ 07960.** (Include Team name, Captain, players full names, USCF Expiration, ID numbers and ratings in board order). No team can include more than two GM's. Include SASE for confirmation if wanted, No registered or certified mail accepted. NS. NC. W. FIDE.

A Heritage Event!

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

FEB. 15-17 OR 16-17, CALIFORNIA, NORTHERN

31st Annual (2014) U.S. Amateur Team Championship West

NOTE: Scholastic on Feb. 15 only, Blitz on Feb. 17 only. Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Pkwy. Free Parking! **Hotel: \$79** (single/double) or **\$89** (Triple/Quad). Biltmore Hotel & Suites, 2151 Laurelwood Rd., Santa Clara, CA 95054. Call 408.988.8411 or 800.255.9925 (booking id 29049). Reserve by Jan. 31 or rates may increase. **Teams:** Four-player teams plus optional alternate, average rating of four highest must be under 2200, difference between ratings of board 3 & 4 must be less than 1000. January 2014 Supplement, CCA min, & TD discretion used to place players accurately. **Main Event Prizes:** Special 4 commemorative clocks (trophy for the reserve) and team trophy to the team for top 3 overall teams, top team u2000, u1800, u1600, u1400, and u1200. Trophies to all players of the top "industry" team (currently at the same company), top "female" team, top "college" team (students/alumni of a college), top "high school" team (students/alumni of a 7-12 school), top "elementary school" team (students/alumni of a K-6 school), top "club" team, and top "family" team (related by blood or marriage within 3 generations). Clocks to top scorer on each board (1-4), trophy to top reserve as well as second and third scorers on each board (1-4). Gift certificates for best 3 team names. **Main Event EF:** \$220/team or \$55/player by 2/10. 2/11-13: \$10 extra per player or team. Onsite or after 2/13: \$20 extra per player (\$80 extra per team). **3-day Sched:** Onsite Registration at Sat 9:30-10:30a, Round Times at Sat & Sun 11:30a-5:30p, Mon 10a-3:30p. Time Control: 40/120 SD/30 d5. **2-day Sched:** Onsite Registration at Sun 8:30-9a, Round Times at Sun 10a 12:30p-2:50p 5:30p, Mon 10a 3:30p. Time Control: G/61 d5 in Rounds 1-3, 40/120 SD/30 d5 in Rounds 4-6 (merge in Round 4 with 3-day schedule). **Info/flyer:** www.BayAreaChess.com/usatw. **Scholastic Event Prizes:** Trophies to each player in Top 3 teams overall, Top u800 team, u600 team, u400 team, and u200 team. Trophies to top "female" team, top "academic" team, and top "club" team. Trophies to top 2 scorers on each board (1-4). Commemorative medals to all participants. **Scholastic Event EF:** \$148/team or \$37/player by 2/10. 2/11-13: \$10 extra per player or team. Onsite or after 2/13: \$20 extra per player (\$80 extra per team). **Discount:** \$10/player (\$40/team) if registering for 2-day schedule and scholastic event. **Sched:** Onsite Registration: Sat 8:30-9a | Games at Sat 10a 11:30a 1p 2:30p 4:15p. **Info/flyer:** www.BayAreaChess.com/usatw. **Blitz Event:** Registration Mon 7-8pm, Rounds 8:30-10:30pm. **EF:** \$14, \$16 onsite. 75% of entry fees returned as prizes. **Contact:** Organized by Salman Azhar and Aamir Azhar. Directed by Tom Langland, John McCumiskey, Jordan Langland, and others. Sponsored by Bay Area Chess. Online entry at www.BayAreaChess.com/my/usatw or mail to Bay Area Chess, 1639A South Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. For questions or help in forming teams email ask@BayAreaChess.com. NS. NC. W.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

FEB. 21-23 OR 22-23, ILLINOIS

2014 U.S. Amateur Team North

Open: 5SS, G/90+30/increment, 2-day: rd.1-2 G/60 d5. Hyatt Regency Schaumburg, 1800 E. Golf Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60173. 847-605-1234 \$89.00 chess rate single-double-triple-quad until 2/7/13, Free WiFi included with Room! Please reserve early. Open to 4 player teams with one optional alternate. **Team average (4 highest ratings - January Rating List) must be under 2200.** **EF:** 3-day \$160, per team if received USPS or on-line 6 PM by February 7th, \$180 if received USPS or on-line 6 PM by Feb. 15th, \$200 on-line until Feb. 20th 6 PM and at door. Individuals wishing to play, send \$40 and request to be put on a team by USPS and on-line by 2/15 6 PM, \$50 thereafter. Team changes on site or after 2/20 6 PM \$20. **Check out official website** www.chessweekend.com for more info and complete prize list. **Prizes:** Awards to top two teams, top teams with average rating u1900, u1600, and u1300. Winning team qualifies for national play-offs. Awards for Best Team Name, best team composed of juniors (high school and younger), Top College team, Top HS team, Top Senior team (50 and over), Best Coach and Students team, Best costume. Prizes to top score on each board. Prizes are players choice of a selected clock or equivalent book store credit. **Rounds: 3-day:** on-site registration/check-in 5:30-6:30pm, rds.: 7pm, 10:00am & 4:00pm, 10:00am & 3:30pm. **2-day:** on-site registration/check-in from 8:00-9:30am, rds. 10:00am & 1:00pm then merge with 3-day. **Illinois Blitz Championship on Saturday night,** \$25 by 2/20 USPS or on-line, \$30 at site. First round 8 PM, 2 games with each opponent, 5 rounds, see www.chessweekend.com for details. **All:** Checks made payable to and sent to: ChessWeekend, 21694 Doud Ct., Frankfort, IL 60423. Please include Team's name and roster (plus ID#), captain's email and phone number, and desired schedule. **Info:** www.chessweekend.com, 815-955-4793 before 8 PM. ChessIQ will provide Sets-Boards-Clocks.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

FEB. 28-MAR. 2, CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN

2014 U.S. Junior Chess Congress

5-SS, G/90 d5 (6-SS G/45 d5 for 6 & under, 8 & under - 2 games each round for a total of 10 games: not JGP). Orange County Great Park, 6990 Marine Way, Irvine, CA 92612 and Irvine Spectrum Doubletree Hotel, 90 Pacifica, Irvine, CA 92618, 949-471-8888, \$95/night. (*When booking, please mention "Chess Congress"*). **7 SECTIONS (by age):** 6 & under, 8 & under, 10 & under, 12 & under, 14 & under, 16 & under, 20 & under. **TROPHIES:** Top 10 individuals and Top 5 clubs in each section. **EF:** \$55 by 1/20, \$65 by 2/20, \$75 after. **RDS:** Sat: 10-2-6, Sun: 9-1. **ENT:** www.hanleychessacademy.com (flyer available for download). **SIDE EVENTS:** 1. Top 100 USCF List Scholastic Invitational, 2/27-28, (This event at Hanley Chess Academy; all other side events at Orange County Great Park). 2. Chess Camp 2/28 9-noon (Under 1000 and 1000 & Above); Chief instructor - NM Joe Hanley. \$30 by 2/20, \$40 after. 3. Bughouse (12 & under, 20 & under) 2/28 noon, trophies to top 3 teams each section. \$20/team by 2/20, \$25 after. 4. Blitz (12 & under, 20 & under) 2/28 5-9pm, trophies to top 4 in each section. \$10 by 2/21, \$15 after. **INFO:** Joe Hanley, 714-925-3195 or hanleychessacademy@gmail.com or Dewain Barber, 714-998-5508 or amchesseq@aol.com. Orange County John Wayne Airport (SNA) 15 minutes from site. Free shuttle to and from Irvine Spectrum Doubletree Hotel. Advanced Entries, Pairings, Standings and all information at www.hanleychessacademy.com. NS. NC. W.

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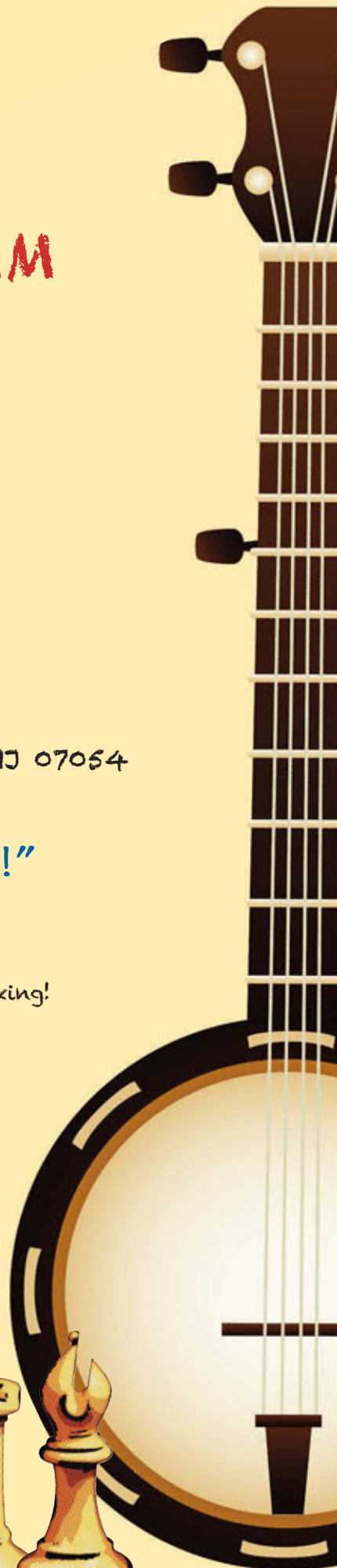
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Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

APR. 4-6, CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN
2014 National High School (K-12) Championship
(Apr. 3 - Bughouse & Blitz) 7SS, G/120 d5. Town and Country Resort, 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108, 619.291.7131 or 800.772.8527. Chess Rate \$125 until 12 March 2014. **5 Sections: K-12 Championship, K-12 Under 1600, K-12 Under 1200, K-12 Under 800, K-12 Unrated.** **March 2014 Rating Supplement will be used.** Unrated players may play in the Championship or Unrated section only. One half-point bye for any round, except Rd. 7, if requested before Round One. **EF:** \$50 if by March 2, \$70 if by March 23, \$85 if by 9 PM CDT on April 2 or \$90 at site. Mailed entries must be p/m by March 30. \$5 extra for all phone registrations, \$20 change fee for roster or section changes after March 23. **Onsite registration:** Thurs. 9 AM - 10 PM & Fri. 8 AM - 10 AM. Players registering after 10 AM will get half-point for Round 1. **Awards:** Please see the Information Page on the web site for a complete list of all the trophies. All participants will receive a commemorative medal at the completion of the final round. **Teams:** A team must have at least two players, although no maximum number of players. The top four scores in any section will count for the team score. **All on team must attend the same school.** **Opening Ceremony:** 12:30 PM Friday. **Main Event rounds:** Friday 1 PM, 7 PM; Saturday 9 AM, 2 PM, 7 PM; Sunday 9 AM, 2 PM. **Awards Ceremony:** Approx. 7 PM Sunday. **Special Events: National High School Bughouse Championship:** Thursday 11 AM; **EF:** (Onsite only) \$25 per team. Bughouse registration ends at 10 AM Thurs. **National High School Blitz Championship:** Thursday 5 PM; **EF:** \$15 per player, \$20 after Mar. 23 or on site. **Scholastic Meeting:** 3 PM Saturday. **Parents and Friends Tournament:** 4SS, G/30 d5, Saturday 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 2:30 PM, 4:30 PM. [Onsite registration only - by Sat. 10 AM]. Rated and Unrated sections. Trophies for Parents/Friends - participant and student combined results. Please see the Tournament Information Page on the web site to see when Team Rooms become available and for Team Room contact information. **ALL:** Please bring clocks. Sets and score sheets provided. USCF membership required. **Questions:** Ashley Knight aknight@uscf.org or at 931.787.1234 ext. 138. **Mail entries to:** U.S. Chess Federation, Attn: 2014 Elementary, P.O. Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557. **Additional details, updates, corrections and on-line registration:** www.uscf.org/tournaments/2014/hs.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

APR. 25-27, GEORGIA
2014 National Junior High (K-9) Championship
(Apr. 24 - Bughouse & Blitz) 7SS, G/120 d5. Hyatt Regency Atlanta, 265 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30303, 404.557.1234 or 800.233.1234. Chess Rate \$125 until 3 April 2014. **6 Sections: K-9 Championship, K-9 Under 1250, K-9 Unrated, K-8 Championship, K-8 Under 1000, K-8 U750.** **April Rating Supplement will be used.** Unrated players may play in the Championship or Unrated sections only. One half-point bye for any round, except Rd. 7, if requested before Round One. **EF:** \$50 if by 23 March, \$70 if by 13 April, \$85 if by 6 PM CDT on 24 April or \$90 at site. Mailed entries must be p/m by 20 April. \$5 extra for all phone registrations, \$20 change fee for roster or section changes after 13 April. **Onsite registration:** Thurs. 9 AM - 10 PM & Fri. 8 AM - 10 AM. Players registering after 10 AM will get half-point for Round One. **Awards:** Please see the Information Page on the web site for a complete list of trophies. All participants will receive a commemorative medal at the completion of the final round. **Teams:** A team must have at least two players, although no maximum number of players. The top four scores in any section will count for the team score. **All on team must attend the same school.** **Opening Ceremony:** 12:30 PM Friday. **Main Event rounds:** Friday 1 PM, 7 PM; Saturday 9 AM, 2 PM, 7 PM; Sunday 9 AM, 2 PM. **Awards Ceremony:** Approx. 7 PM Sunday. **Special Events: National Junior High Bughouse Championship:** Thursday 11 AM; **EF:** (Onsite only) \$25 per team. Bughouse registration ends at 10 AM Thurs. **National Junior High Blitz Championship:** Thursday 5 PM; **EF:** \$15 per player, \$20 after 13 April or onsite. **Scholastic Meeting:** 3 PM Saturday. **Parents and Friends Tournament:** 4SS, G/30 d5, Saturday 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 2:30 PM, 4:30 PM. [Onsite registration only - by Sat. 10 AM]. Rated and Unrated sections. Trophies for Parent/Friends - participant and student combined results. Please see the Tournament Information Page on the web site to see when Team Rooms become available and for Team Room contact information. **ALL:** Please bring clocks. Sets and score sheets provided. USCF membership required. **Questions:** Ashley Knight aknight@uscf.org or at 931.787.1234 ext. 138. **Mail entries to:** U.S. Chess Federation, Attn: 2014 Junior High, P.O. Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557. **Additional details, updates, corrections and on-line registration:** www.uscf.org/tournaments/2014/jhs.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

MAY 9-11, TEXAS
2014 National Elementary (K-6) Championship
(May 8 - Bughouse & Blitz) 7SS, G/120 d5, K-1 G/90 d5. Hilton Anatole Dallas, 2201 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX 75207. 214.748.1200 or 888.370.0980. Chess Rate \$120 until 16 April 2014. **9 Sections: K-6 Championship, K-6 Under 1000, K-6 Unrated, K-5 Championship, K-5 Under 900, K-3 Championship, K-3 U800, K-3 Unrated, K-1 Championship.** **April Rating Supplement will be used.** Unrated players may play in the Championship or Unrated sections only. One half-point bye for any round, except Rd. 7, if requested before Round One. **EF:** \$50 if by April 6, \$70 if by April 27, \$85 by 7 PM CDT on May 8 or \$90 at site. Mailed entries must be p/m by May 4. \$5 extra for all phone registrations, \$20 change fee for roster or section changes after 27 April. **Onsite registration:** Thurs. 9 AM-10 PM & Fri. 8 AM-10 AM. Players registering after 10 AM will get half-point for Round One. **Awards:** Please see the Information Page on the web site for a complete list of trophies. **K-1 Championship:** All players in this section receive a trophy. All participants will receive a commemorative medal at the completion of the final round. **Teams:** A team must have at least two players, although no maximum number of players. The top four scores in any section will count for the team score. **All on team must attend the same school.** **Opening Ceremony:** 12:30 PM Friday. **Main Event rounds:** Friday 1 PM, 7 PM; Saturday 9 AM, 2 PM, 7 PM; Sunday 9 AM, 2 PM. **Schedule for K-1:** Friday 1:30 PM, 6:30 PM; Saturday 9:30 AM, 1:30 PM, 6:30 PM; Sunday 9:30 AM, 1:30 PM. **Awards**

Ceremony: Approx. 7 PM Sunday. **Awards Ceremony for K-1:** Approx. 5:30 PM Sunday. **Special Events: National Elementary Bughouse Championship:** Thursday 11 AM; **EF:** (Onsite only) \$25 per team. Bughouse registration ends at 10 AM Thurs. **National Elementary Blitz Championship:** Two sections: K-6 and K-3. Thursday 5 PM; **EF:** \$15 per player, \$20 after April 27 or onsite. **Scholastic Meeting:** 3 PM Saturday. **Parents and Friends Tournament:** 4SS, G/30 d5, [Onsite registration only - by Sat. 10 AM] Rounds Saturday: 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 2:30 PM, 4:30 PM. Rated and Unrated sections. Trophies for Parents/Friends - participant and student combined results. Please see the Tournament Information Page on the web site to see when Team Rooms become available and for Team Room contact information. **ALL:** Please bring clocks. Sets and score sheets provided. USCF membership required. **Questions:** Ashley Knight aknight@uscf.org or at 931.787.1234 ext. 138. **Mail entries to:** U.S. Chess Federation, Attn: 2014 Elementary, P.O. Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557. **See the Information Page for additional details, updates, corrections and on-line registration:** www.uscf.org/tournaments/2014/elem.

JUNE 12, NEVADA

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 80 (ENHANCED)
2014 U.S. Game/10 Championship (QC)
 8SS, G/10 d2. Riviera Hotel and Casino, 2901 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas 89109. **\$600,000 Guaranteed Prize Fund.** \$1700-\$50-500, U2300 \$500, U2100 \$500, U1900 \$450, U1600 \$400, U1500 \$350, U1300 \$300, U1000 \$250, unrated \$200. Must be 3 players eligible for each prize awarded. **EF:** \$69 by 5/22, \$79 by 6/9, \$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. Please bring digital chess clocks. 1/2 point bye available in any round (limit 2). **HR:** \$65 single or double (\$89 Friday and Saturday nights). (800) 634-6753 or (702) 794-9412 - 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 (702) 933-9112. NS. NC. W. FIDE.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JUNE 12-13, NEVADA
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 30 (ENHANCED)
2014 U.S. Women's Open
 5SS, G/90, inc 30. Riviera Hotel and Casino, 2901 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas 89109. **\$2,000 Guaranteed Prize Fund.** \$500-300-200, U2000 \$200, U1800 \$200, U1600 \$200, U1400 \$200, U1200 \$200. **EF:** \$50. **REG.:** 8-9 a.m. **Rds.:** 10-2:30-7, 9-1:30. 1/2 point bye available in any round (limit 1). **HR:** \$65 single or double (\$89 Friday and Saturday nights). (800) 634-6753 or (702) 794-9412 - 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 (702) 933-9112. NS. NC. W.

An American Classic!

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Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
JUNE 13-15 OR 14-15, NEVADA
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 200 (ENHANCED)
2014 National Open
 6-SS, 40/90, SD/30, inc 30 (2 day option rounds 1-3 G/45 d5). Riviera Hotel and Casino, 2901 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas 89109. **\$80,000 Guaranteed Prize Fund** will not be reduced. **Championship:** \$6500-3300-1600-800-500-350-350-350-350-250-250-250-250-250, 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:** \$3500-1800-900-500-400-250-250-250-250-250-250-200-200-200. **Under 2000:** \$3500-1800-900-500-400-250-250-250-250-250-200-200-200. **Under 1800:** \$3500-1800-900-500-400-250-250-250-250-250-200-200-200. **Under 1600:** \$3000-1500-800-500-400-250-250-250-250-250. **Under 1400:** \$2000-1000-500-350-250-200-200-200-200. **Under 1200:** \$1200-600-400-300-200-200. **Unrated:** \$500-300-200. **Plus Score Bonus** (\$14,000 guaranteed) 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 and \$350 in cash prizes (donated by Fred Gruber). Top 2 sections FIDE rated: USCF rules will be used. **EF:** \$179 by 1/22, \$199 by 5/22, \$229 by 6/9, \$250 later. \$40 less for seniors 65 and over. Add \$125 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 and 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 digital chess clocks!

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on line at www.VegasChessFestival.com or by fax at (702) 933-9112. **Info:** (702) 560-0955 and leave a message. NS. W. FIDE.

Grand Prix

DEC. 10, NEW YORK

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 30 (ENHANCED)
Robert Byrne Memorial Blitz Tournament (BLZ)
 USCF and FIDE rated. 9-SS, G/3; +2sec. increment. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **\$\$\$** 2,000: \$600-400-200-100, top U2400/unr, U2200, U2000, U1800: \$100 each, Best Senior born in or before 1953: \$100-50, Best Junior born in or after 1999: \$100-50. **EF:** \$30, members \$20. Highest of USCF Blitz/quick/regular/Fide ratings used for pairings & prizes. **Reg.** ends 6:45 pm. **Rds.:** 7:30-7:50-8:10-8:40-9-9:20-9:40-10-10:20 pm. Three byes available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org. **This tournament has been made possible through the generosity of Mrs. Maria Byrne.**

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

DEC. 13-15 OR 14-15, CALIFORNIA, NORTHERN
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 30 (ENHANCED)
Winter Championship
 6SS (2000+ G/90 +30, u2000 G/90 d5) 2day rds. 1-2 G/55 d5. 1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035 - Park free. **Prize \$5,000/b/97 guar 60%.** 3 sections: **2000+ (FIDE rated)** \$1,000 400 200 u2300 200 100. **1600-1999** \$700 300 100 u1800: 300 100 100, **u1600** \$700 300 100 u1400: 100 100, u1200: 100 100. Unr max \$100 exc Open. Dec 13 Supp, CCA min & TD disc. **EF:** 79 by 12/10, 12/11-onsite +20. **Playup +20.** Econ: EF-20 w/60% pr. GM, IM, FM, NM \$0 by 10/30: prize-**EF:** F 6-6:45p & Sa 9-9:15a. **Rounds:** 2000+ - F 7p, Sa 9:30 2 6:30, Su 9:30 2p. **u2000:** F 7p, Sa 9:30 2:30, Su 9:30 1p (2-day Sa 9:30 11:45 & merge). **Info:** info@BayAreaChess.com or <http://BayAreaChess.com/champs>. E: ask@BayAreaChess.com. NS. NC.

DEC. 14, VIRGINIA

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 6
Arlington Chess Club's Saturday Action-Plus
 5SS, G/45 d5. \$440 Guaranteed for Open Prizes. Other prizes b/entries. 3 Sections. **OPEN:** \$240-120-90; **U1700:** \$150-75-50; **U1300:** \$100-50-40. Arlington Forest United Methodist Church, 4701 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, VA 22202. **Reg.:** 9:00-9:45. **Rds.:** 10-12-2-4-6. **EF:** \$40; or \$30 advance entry on-line, by mail or at ACC. On-line: www.arlingtonchessclub.com/PayPal2.html. By mail: (MUST be post-marked by Dec 9) mail check payable to "Arlington Chess Club" to: Adam Chrisney, P.O. Box 151122, Alexandria, VA 22315. **Info only:** chrisney2@gmail.com. W. NS.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

DEC. 14-15, CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 6
2013 Bronstein Memorial
 6SS, G/61 d5. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA 90025, 2nd fl. **2 sections:** Open/U1800 **EF:** \$70 at the door (\$65 if notified by 12/13); \$60 LACC members (\$55 if notified by 12/13); Siblings 1/2, \$30 new LACC members, Free new LACC Life members! **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:** \$5 1,500 (b/45, 50% Guaranteed). 1st-3rd \$400-200-100 u2000: \$125. U1800: \$200-100; U1600: \$100-50-\$25; U1400: \$100-50; U1200/unrated: \$50. **Ent:** LACC, Box 251774, LA, CA 90025. **Info:** Mick Bighamian: (310) 795-5710; Mick@LACchessClub.com or www.LACchessClub.com. **Parking:** Free in basement.

A Heritage Event!

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
DEC. 15, MASSACHUSETTS
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10 (ENHANCED)
Harry Nelson Pillsbury Memorial
 4SS, G/65 d5. 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. **\$1,400** b/55 paid entries (\$20 off entries count half), 75% G. 4 sects. **Open:** \$300-150, Top U2100 \$150. **U1900:** \$200-100, Top U1750 \$100. **U1600:** \$150-75, Top U1450 \$75. **U1300:** \$100, trophies to top 3, top U1100, U900, U700, unrated. **Unrated prize limits:** \$50 in U1300, \$75 in U1600, \$100 in U1900. **EF:** \$39 if mailed by 12/9 or online by 12/13, \$45 at site. GMs and IMs free. \$20 discount to players in U1300 sect. **Reg.:** 8:30-9:30 a.m. **Rds.:** 10-1-3-30-6. **Bye:** O.K. all, limit 1, must commit before round 2. **Ent:** payable to MACA and mail to Robert Messenger, 4 Hamlett Dr., Apt. 12, Nashua, NH 03062 or enter online at www.MassChess.org. **Info:** send email to info@masschess.org or phone 603-891-2484. NS. NC. W.

DEC. 17, NEW YORK

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 15 (ENHANCED)
Marshall Masters!
 4-SS, G/25 d5. 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. **\$\$\$**250-150-100. Prizes to U2400, U2300 and biggest upset. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45 pm. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available (Rd. 1 or 4 only), request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org. NOW ALSO FIDE RAPID RATED!

DEC. 20, NEW YORK

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10 (ENHANCED)
Marshall \$500 FIDE Blitz! (BLZ)
 9-SS, G/5 d0. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **\$\$\$**20: \$50 each. **EF:** \$30, members \$20. **FIDE-rated**, but the higher of regular, quick or blitz 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.

DEC. 21, RHODE ISLAND

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 2
Newport Blitz (BLZ)

4 Rd. DBLSS, GAME/5 + 2 sec. increment. Newport Marriott, 25 America's Cup Ave., Newport, RI 02840. **EF:** \$20 for players in any Newport Open section, \$25 otherwise. **\$SGTD:** \$200-100. U2000 \$100, U1600 \$100. **Reg.:** 8:00-8:45 PM. **Rds.:** Round 1 9 PM then ASAP. **ENT:** Alex Relyea, 49 Technology Dr. #89, Bedford, NH 03110. **INFO:** Alex Relyea relyea@operamail.com. www.relyeatechess.com. NS. W.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!**DEC. 21-22, RHODE ISLAND**

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 30 (ENHANCED)

Newport Open

Newport Marriott, 25 America's Cup Ave., Newport, RI 02840. HR \$99 by 2 December. (401) 849-1000, ask for Relyea Chess rate. Public parking available next door. In 3 Sections. **Open:** 4SS, 40/90, SD/30 + 30 sec. increment, analog clocks play 40/90, SD/60, Chronos use setting CH-P6, FIDE rated. **\$SGTD:** \$500-250-100. U2300 \$150, U2100 \$150. **U1900:** 4SS, 40/90, SD/30 + 30 sec. increment, analog clocks play 40/90, SD/60, Chronos use setting CH-P6, Open to 1899 & under. **\$SGTD:** \$400-200. U1750 \$100. **U1600:** 4SS, 40/90, SD/30 + 30 sec. increment, analog clocks play 40/90, SD/60, Chronos use setting CH-P6, Open to 1599 & under. **\$SGTD:** \$300-150. U1300 \$100. **ALL:** **EF:** \$50 Postmarked by 14 December, \$55 at site. **Reg.:** 9:00-9:45. **Rds.:** 10-4, 10-4. One half point bye rounds 1-3. **ENT:** Alex Relyea, 49 Technology Dr. #89, Bedford, NH 03110. **INFO:** Alex Relyea relyea@operamail.com. www.relyeatechess.com. NS. W.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!**DEC. 21-22, TEXAS**

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 20 (ENHANCED)

2013 DCC Fide Open XI

5SS, G/90 inc/30. Dallas Chess Club, 200 S. Cottonwood Dr. #C, Richardson, TX 75080. **Two sections:** Open and Reserve. **Open:** \$5875G. FIDE and USCF rated but uses FIDE rules. Will use USCF ratings and rules for awarding prizes. Default late forfeiture time is one hour. TD may extend this time at TD's discretion. \$\$ \$500-\$250-\$125. **EF:** \$80, Senior/Hcap/Additional Family Member \$55. Small appearance fee to the First three GM/IM's who apply. GM/IM must play all rounds to get appearance fee. Reserve section: Open to players rated below 1800 USCF. This section is not Fide Rated but is USCF rated and uses USCF rules. **Reserve:** Open to USCF U1800. **EF:** \$35. The Reserve give back 10% in prizes and if at least 8 paid entries and if there is a clear winner, then that winner receives free entry to next DCC Fide Open. **Both:** Reg. 12/21 from 9:45 - 10:15. **Rds.:** Sat 10:45am/3:10 pm/7:16pm, Sun 10:45 am/3:10pm. One half point Bye allowed if requested before end of round rd. 2 and before getting full point bye. Withdrawals and zero point last round byes are not eligible for prizes. **Ent:** Dallas Chess Club, see address above. **Info:** 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com. NS. NC.

A Heritage Event!**Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!****DEC. 26-29 OR 27-29, MARYLAND**

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 100 (ENHANCED)

40th Annual Eastern Open in 6 Sections**Over \$17,500 prize fund! 50 prizes! Class prizes for 150-point intervals within each section! Convenient NE Location: Doubletree Hotel, 8120 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD (2 mi. from I-495).**

Open \$SGTD: \$2,000-1,000-500-250; U2300 \$500-250. FIDE Rated. **Under 2200:** \$1,000-600-400-200; U2050 \$400-200. **Under 1900:** \$1,000-600-400-200; U1750 \$400-200. **Under 1700:** \$1,000-600-300; U1550: \$400. **Under 1500:** \$800-500-250; U1350: \$400. **Under 1300:** \$1,000-600-300; U1150: \$300; U1000: \$250; U/R max: \$150. **Special Prizes!** Best Fighting Spirit/Best Played Game: \$200-100-50. Brilliance: \$100-50. Opening Innovation: \$100-50. Selected winning games, positions, and openings must be annotated and will be submitted for publication in Chess Life. Upset: For U1700 & U1300, Rds. 1-6, \$25-\$20 book prizes; max 2 prizes per player. **Open section prizes guaranteed,** remaining prizes based on 220 paid entries. **Open, U2200, U1900, & U1500: 7-Rd SS, 4-day Schedule 12/26-12/29:** Rd. 1: Thurs 12/26 7 pm; Rds. 2-3, 4-5, 6-7: Fri 12/27 - Sun 12/29: 10 am & 5 pm. **TC:** 40/120, SD/30 d10. On-Site Reg: Thurs 12/26: 5-6:30 pm. **3-day Schedule 12/27-12/29:** Rds. 1-3: Fri 12/27 at 2, 4:30, 7:30 pm. **TC:** G/60 d10. Players join 4-day schedule in rd 4. On-Site Reg: Friday 12/27: 12-1:30 pm. Byes: 1/2-pt byes available for any round, but rds. 5-7 must commit before rd. 4. Limit 2 byes for class prizes. **U1700 & U1300 Sections **NEW FORMAT** 7-Rd. SS Weekend Schedule 12/27-12/29:** Rd. 1: Fri 12/27 7 pm; Rds. 2-4 & 5-7: Sat 12/28 - Sun 12/29 at 9:30 am, 1:30 pm, 5:30 pm. **TC:** G/90 d10. On-Site Reg: On Friday 12/27: 5-6:30 pm. Byes: 1/2-pt byes available for any round, but rds. 5-7 must commit before rd. 4. Limit 2 byes for class prizes. **Free Lecture on 12/26: 5-6:30 pm. Party-On Open & Blitz Championship:** Sat 12/28 see TLA this issue. **Site:** Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Bethesda, MD. **HR:** Only \$79!! To reserve, go to easternopenchess.com or call 1-866-460-7456 by 12/22. **Pkg:** Hotel valet is free if guest or \$8/day! Free pkg in garage on weekend! **Entries:** If postmarked by Dec 20: **Open:** \$125; U2200: \$120; U1900, U1700, & U1500: \$110; U1300/UR \$100. **Entries \$25 more at site!** Reentry \$100 and limited to rounds 1-4. **GMs:** free entry, but \$125 deducted from prize; **IMs:** \$65 advance entry, but \$60 deducted. **FMs:** \$90 advance entry, but \$35 deducted; \$10 service charge for refunds. Check web site for credit card entry. **Please make checks or money orders payable to** Eastern Open. Mail entries to Tom Beckman, 3731 Kanawha St. NW, Washington, DC 20015-1809. For entry forms and info, www.easternopenchess.com or tombeckman@rcn.com.

Open Section, Dec 26-30: 9SS, 40/2, SD/30 d10. GM & IM norms possible. EF \$100 more to US players in Open Section if not USCF or FIDE rated 2200/over. **Other sections, Dec 26-29 or 27-29:** 7SS, 40/2, SD/30 d10 (3-day option, rds 1-2 G/75 d5). **Bally's Casino Resort,** 3645 Las Vegas Blvd. S, Las Vegas, NV 89103. **Prizes \$120,000** based on 600 paid entries (seniors, re-entries, GMs, IMs, WGMs & U1250 Section count as half entries), else in proportion; \$90,000 minimum (75% each prize) guaranteed. In 7 sections. **Open:** \$10000-5000-2500-1200-1000-800-700-600-500-500, clear winner or 1st on tiebreak bonus \$300, top FIDE Under 2500/Unr \$2500-1200. **FIDE. Under 2300:** \$7000-4000-2000-1200-900-700-600-500-400-400. **FIDE. Under 2100:** \$7000-4000-2000-1200-900-700-600-500-400-400, no unrated may win over \$2500. **Under 1900:** \$7000-4000-2000-1200-900-700-600-500-400-400, no unrated may win over \$1800. **Under 1700:** \$6000-3000-1500-1000-800-700-600-500-400-400, no unrated may win over \$1300. **Under 1500:** \$6000-3000-1500-1000-800-700-600-500-400-400, no unrated may win over \$900. **Under 1250:** \$3000-1500-1000-800-600-500-400-400-300-300, top Under 1000 (no unr) \$1000-500, no unrated may win over \$500. No separate U1000 section; players under 1000 in U1250 play for both U1250 and U1000 prizes; receive larger if winning both. **Prize limits:** 1) Players with under 26 games played as of 12/13 list may not win over \$1500 U250, \$3000 U1500 or U1700. Games rated too late for 12/13 list not counted. 2) If post-event rating posted 12/20/12-12/20/13 was more than 30 points over section maximum, prize limit \$2000. 3) Balance of any limited prize goes to next player(s) in line. **Top 6 sections EF:** \$245 online at chessaction.com by 10/15, \$275 online at chessaction.com by 12/20, \$280 phoned by 12/20 (406-896-2038, entry only, no questions), 5-day \$250, 4-day \$249, 3-day \$248 mailed by 10/15, 5-day \$280, 4-day \$279, 3-day \$278 mailed by 12/15, \$300 online until two hours before round 1 or at site. No phone entry after 12/20. **Open Section EF:** \$100 more to US players if not USCF or FIDE rated 2200/over. **Under 1250 Section EF:** All \$120 less than above. **Seniors 65/over in U1500/over:** All \$120 less than above. **Re-entry \$120;** not available in Open Section. **GMs free;** \$150 from prize. **IMs & WGMs \$150;** \$100 from prize. **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.** **5-day reg.** ends 12/26 10 am, rds. 12/26-28 12 noon & 6:15 pm, 12/29 10 am & 4 pm, 12/30 10 am. **4-day reg.** ends 12/26 5 pm, rds. 12/26 6:15 pm, 12/27-28 12 & 6:15, 12/29 10 & 4. **3-day reg.** ends 12/27 10 am, rds. 12/27 11 am, 2:30 pm & 6:15 pm, 12/28 12 & 6:15, 12/29 10 & 4. **Bye:** all, limit 4, limit 2 in last 4 rounds; Open must commit before rd. 2, others before rd. 4. **HR (NOTE CHANGE):** Dec 22-26 \$55-55, Dec 27-30 \$97-97, use link at chessstour.com/nao13.htm or call 800-833-3308 or 702-739-4111, ask for Continental Chess Association rate or code SBCCA3, must reserve by 11/22. Free parking (garage at adjacent Paris Las Vegas Hotel is most convenient). **Car rental:** for special Avis rate reserve car through chessstour.com or call 800-331-1600, use AWD #657633. **Rating:** FIDE used in Open, Dec 2013 official USCF in others. For foreign

An American Classic!

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!**DEC. 26-30, 26-29 OR 27-29, NEVADA**

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 200 (ENHANCED)

23rd annual North American Open

23rd annual NORTH AMERICAN OPEN

Dec 26-30, 26-29 or 27-29, Bally's Las Vegas - GM/IM norms possible
\$120,000 projected prizes, \$90,000 minimum guaranteed!

Open Section: 9 rounds, Dec 26-30, 40/2, SD/30, d10. **Other sections:** 7 rds, 40/2, SD/30, d10 (3-day option, rds 1-2 G/75, d5), Bally's Casino Resort, 3645 Las Vegas Blvd South, Las Vegas NV 89103. Free parking.

7 sections. Prizes \$120,000 based on 600 entries (seniors, re-entries, GMs, IMs, WGMs & U1250 count half), else proportional; minimum \$90,000 (75% each prize) guaranteed. FIDE ratings used in Open, Dec. official USCF in other sections. Junior GP pts available.

Open: \$10000-5000-2500-1200-1000-800-700-600-500-500, clear or tie-break win \$300, top FIDE U2500/Unr \$2500-1200. FIDE rated, 200 GPP..

U2300: \$7000-4000-2000-1200-900-700-600-500-400-400. FIDE rated.

U2100: \$7000-4000-2000-1200-900-700-600-500-400-400. Unr limit \$2500.

U1900: \$7000-4000-2000-1200-900-700-600-500-400-400. Unr limit \$1800.

U1700: \$6000-3000-1500-1000-800-700-600-500-400-400. Unr limit \$1300.

U1500: \$6000-3000-1500-1000-800-700-600-500-400-400. Unr limit \$900.

U1250: \$3000-1500-1000-800-600-500-400-400-300-300, top Under 1000 (no unr) \$1000-500, Unrated limit \$500.

Players with under 26 games rated as of 12/13 official list may not win over \$1500 in U1250, \$3000 U1500 or U1700.

If any post-event rating posted 12/20/12-12/20/13 was more than 30 pts over section maximum, prize limit \$2000.

Online entry fee: \$245 at chess action.com by 10/15, \$275 by 12/20, \$300 until 2 hours before game. Note higher Open Section fee if FIDE U2200.

Mailed entry fee: 5-day \$250, 4-day \$249, 3-day \$248 if check mailed by 10/15; 5-day \$280, 4-day \$279, 3-day \$278 if check mailed by 12/15.

Phoned entry fee: \$280 by 12/20 (406-896-2038, no questions). No phone entry after 12/20.

Entry fee at site: \$300.

Under 1250 Section entry fee: all \$120 less than above.

Open Section entry fee: \$100 more to US players not FIDE rated 2200 or over. IMs/WGMs \$150; \$100 from prize.

Special entry fee: Senior 65/over in U1500 or over, all \$120 less. Re-entry \$120; not available in Open Section.

No checks at site; credit cards OK.

Special USCF dues if paid with entry; see chessstour.com or Tournament Life. USCF membership required.

5-day late reg. ends 12/26 11 am, rds 12/26-28 12 noon & 6:15 pm, 12/29 10 am & 4 pm, 12/30 10 am.

4-day late reg. ends 12/26 5 pm, Rds. 12/26 6:15 pm, 12/27-28 12 noon & 6:15 pm, 12/29 10 am & 4 pm.

3-day late reg. ends 12/27 10 am, Rds. 12/27 11 am, 2:30 pm & 6:15 pm, 12/28 12 & 6:15, 12/29 10 & 4.

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

Bring set, board, clock if possible-none supplied.

Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated.

Special room rate at Bally's \$97 single or twin. Reserve now at 800-833-3308 or 702-739-4111. Rooms may sell out about Nov 7.

Car rental: Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD #657633.

Blitz tournament 12/29 10:45 pm.

Entry: chessaction.com or Continental Chess, Box 249, Salisbury Mills NY 12577. \$15 service charge for refunds. Advance entries posted at chessaction.com (online entries posted instantly).

in U2300 & below, see www.chesstour.com/foreignratings.htm. Highest of multiple ratings usually used. Players who fail to disclose foreign or FIDE ratings may be expelled. **Special rules:** In round 3 or after, players with scores of 80% or more and their opponents may not use headphones, earphones, or cellphones or go to a different floor of the hotel without Director permission, and must submit to a search for electronic devices if requested by Director. **Blitz (NOTE CORRECTION)** 12/29 9:45 pm not 10:45 pm. **Ent:** Continental Chess, Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577 (DirectorAtChess.us, www.chesstour.com, 347-201-2269). \$15 service fee for refunds. Advance entries posted at chessaction.com (online entries posted instantly).

A Heritage Event!

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

DEC. 27-29 OR 28-29, NEW YORK

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 80 (ENHANCED)

32nd Annual Empire City Open

6SS, 40/110, SD/30 d10 (2-day option, rds. 1-3 G/40 d10). New Yorker Hotel, 481 Eighth Ave at 34th St., across from Penn Station, New York 10001. **\$12,000 guaranteed prize fund.** In 5 sections. **Open:** \$1200-600-300-200, clear or tiebreak win \$50 bonus, top Under 2300/Unr \$500-250. **FIDE. Under 2200:** \$1000-500-250-150, top U2000/Unr \$500-250. **Under 1900:** \$1000-500-250-150, top U1700 (no unr) \$400-200. **Under 1600:** \$800-400-200-100, top U1400 (no unr) \$300-150. **Under 1300:** \$300-200-100, trophies to first 5, top U1000, U800, Unr. **Unrated** may not win over \$150 in U1300, \$300 U1600, or \$500 U1900. **Mixed doubles bonus prizes:** best male/female 2-player "team" combined score among all sections: \$600-400-200. 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. **Top 4 sections EF:** \$105 online at www.chessaction.com by 12/24, \$115 phoned by 12/18 (406-896-2038, no questions), 3-day \$113, 2-day \$112 if check mailed by 12/18, all \$120 at site, or online until 2 hours before rd 1. G.Ms free; \$90 from prize. **Under 1300 Section EF:** All \$50 less than rd 4 sections EF. **All:** Advance or online EF \$5 less to NYSCA members. Re-entry \$50, 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 10 am. Rds. Fri 11 & 5, Sat 11 & 5, Sun 10 & 3:30. **2-Day Schedule:** Reg. ends Sat 9 am. Rds. Sat 10, 12:15, 2:30 & 5, Sun 10 & 3:30. **Half point byes** available all rounds, limit 2 byes, Open must commit before rd. 2, others before rd. 4. **HR:** \$279-279-309, 1-800-764-4680, 212-971-0101, reserve by 12/4 or rate may increase, ask for Continental Chess Association rate. **Ent:** chessaction.com or Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. **Questions:** chesstour.com, DirectorAtChess.US, 347-201-2269. \$15 service charge for refunds. Advance entries posted at www.chessaction.com (online entries posted instantly).

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

DEC. 27-29, LOUISIANA

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 30 (ENHANCED)

New Orleans Open

5SS, (Open Sect: G/90, I30; Other Sects.: G/120 d5) FIDE rated using FIDE rules. Free entry for G.Ms and I.Ms (deducted from winnings). **SIDE EVENTS Fri, 12/27:** New Orleans Open Scholastic Chess Championships, 4SS, G/30 d5; Simul by IM Danny Fernandez, Bughouse Tourn. & Blitz (Simul, Bug & Blitz open to all). Hilton New Orleans Airport, 901 Airline Dr., Kenner, LA 70062 (504-469-5000). **Main Event: Sat. & Sun., Dec. 28-29:** 3 Sects. with Class **PRIZES:** \$6,000 b/140 full-pd. ent. **OPEN:** \$1000+plaque-800-500; top U2000: \$400-200; **U1800:** \$600+plaque-400-250; top U1600: \$200-100; **U1400/Unr*:** \$600+plaque-400-250; top U1200: \$200-100; *Unrated players may only win 50% of the prize fund unless playing in the U1800 or Open Sect. where they must pay full EF and are eligible for full prize fund. Plaque winners determined by USCF recommended computer tiebreaks. **Byes:** Avail. all Rds., must commit before Rd. 3. Reg. Fri. 12 noon-10pm and Sat. 8-8:30am. **Rds.:** Sat. 9-2-7; Sun. 10-3. **EF:** \$69 by 12/20; **Unr.** (in U1400) and **Jrs.** (in U1400): \$45 by 12/20. All EFs for main event \$10 more after 12/20. **Re-Entry Fee:** \$20, avail. up to Rd. 3 in all sects. 3 Re-entries or 2 Jr. entries count as one additional entry for prize fund. **CAJUN BOUNTY:** Defeat the top ranked player in the Open Sect. and win free entry to our next tournament! **FREE GIFT** to player who travels farthest to Main Event! **NEW ORLEANS OPEN SCHOLASTIC CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12/27:** Open to all K-12 individual players (no teams); 4SS, G/30 d5. Sects: **OPEN, U900, U500.** Reg. 8-8:40am; Rd. 1 at 9am - other rds. will immed. follow. **Prizes:** Trophies to top 5 individuals in each section. All non-trophy winners receive a souvenir chess medal. USCF recommended computer tiebreaks will decide trophy and medal placements for winners of all schol. sections. **EF for Schol. Tourn:** \$20 by 12/20; \$25 thereafter and at site. **BUGHOUSE TOURN:** 2pm, Open to All. 5SS, Reg. Fri. until 1:30pm. **Prizes:** Trophies to top 3 teams. **Bug EF:** \$20 per team. **SIMUL presented by IM Danny Fernandez:** 4pm, Open to All. Reg. Fri. until 3:30pm, **Simul EF:** \$20. **BLITZ TOURN:** 7pm, Open to All. 9SS, G/5 d0 (unr); sections determined by number of players. Reg. Fri. until 6:30pm. **Prizes:** 70% of EFs returned as cash prizes. **Blitz EF:** \$20. **Hotel Rate:** \$89 (sing-dbl-trip-quad), Hilton New Orleans Airport, 504-469-5000, mention Cajun Chess tourn. and reserve by Dec. 10th to assure group rate. Free Airport Shuttle & Free Hotel Parking! **ENT:** On-line registration and printable entry form at www.cajunchess.com click on "Tournaments," or mail entry form to Cajun Chess, 7230 Chadbourne Dr., New Orleans, LA 70126. Info or Phone Ent: 504-208-9596 or 504-905-2971. Email: cajunchess@yahoo.com. Major credit cards accepted (no checks at site). NS. NC. W. FIDE.

A Heritage Event!

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

DEC. 27-29 OR 28-29, GEORGIA

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 15

43rd Annual Atlanta Open

5-SS, North DeKalb Mall, 2050 Lawrenceville Highway, near Ross for Less, Decatur, GA 30033. **\$8,000 b/145.** \$4,000 Guaranteed. In 7 sections:

Championship: FIDE and USCF rated. Must be 1900 and above to enter! \$925-500-250, u2200- \$600-300-150. **Under 2000:** \$600-300-150, u1900- \$100. **Under 1800:** \$600-300-150, u1700- \$100. **Under 1600:** \$600-300-150, u1500- \$100. **Under 1400:** \$500-250-125, u1300- \$100. **Under 1200:** \$500-250-100. **Unrated:** (not part of base) Trophies to top 7. **Time Controls:** Championship: G/100 w/30 sec. increment, 2-day: G/90 d5. Other sections: G/120 d5. 2-day: G/90 d5. **Entry Fees:** \$69, 2-day \$68 if received by 12/24; \$75 at site. G.Ms and I.Ms free, \$50 deducted from prize. Juniors: \$59 if received by 12/24; \$65 at site. **Unrateds:** \$30. Reentry except in Championship section \$40. **Bye:** all rounds (limit 2), must commit before 1st round. **3-day schedule:** Registration: ends 6:15 p.m. Rounds: 7:00, 2:15-7:00; 10:3-1:15. **2-day schedule:** Registration: ends 10 a.m. Rounds: 1st at 10:30, then merges with 3-day. **Info:** info@american-chesspromotions.com or (478)-973-9389. Chief T.D.: Thad Rogers, NTD. IA. Assistant TD: Joe Covillion. **Hotels:** See Info. **Enter:** American Chess Promotions, 3055 General Lee Rd., Macon, GA 31204 or info@american-chesspromotions.com at PayPal. W. NS. NC. FIDE.

DEC. 28, MARYLAND

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 6

Eastern Open Blitz Championship (BLZ)

5-Rd Double Swiss. TC: G/7 d0. In One Section: **\$800 in prizes** based on 40 paid entries. Open \$5 GTD: \$250-150, U2200 \$150; U1900 \$150; U1600 \$100. **EF:** \$35 if postmarked by 12/20. \$45 at site cash only. **On-Site Reg:** Sat 12/28 9-9:45 am. **Rds:** begin promptly at 9:30 pm and successive rds. posted as soon as ready. For late entry, one bye allowed for two 1/2-point. Higher of USCF and Quick used for pairings and prizes. See Eastern Open TLA this issue or www.easternopenchess.com for details.

DEC. 28, MARYLAND

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 6

Partay-On-Open

4-Rd-SS. TC: G/60 d5. **\$2,000 in Prizes** based on 60 paid entries. **2 Sections - Open Section:** \$400-200-100, U2200 \$200, U2000: \$200. **Under 1800 Section:** \$400-200-100, U1500 \$200, U/R max \$100. **On-Site Reg:** Sat 12/28 9-9:45 am. **Rds:** 10am, 12:30pm, 3pm, 6:30pm. **EF:** \$50 if postmarked by 12/20. Entries \$65 at site. \$10 service charge for refunds. See Eastern Open TLA this issue or www.easternopenchess.com for details.

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DEC. 28, OHIO

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 6

3 Days Later Pawn Storm XX

4SS tmt, G/60 d10, at Dayton Chess Club, 18 W. 5th St., Dayton, OH. **EF:** \$28 until 21 Dec. then \$38. EF refunded to players 2200 or higher who complete their schedule. **GTD Prizes:** Open \$250-151, U1900 \$150, U1600 \$149. Reg: 10-10:45. **Rds:** 11-1:45-4:30-7. DCC mbrs \$3 discount. **Info:** DCC.18W5@sbcbglobal.net, 937-461-6283.

DEC. 29, NEW JERSEY

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 20 (ENHANCED)

Chessmas Open - in two sections

CPNJ Event. Somerset Holiday Inn, 195 Davidson Ave., Somerset (exit 10 off I-287). 4-SS. G/60 d5. **GSS:** \$300-200-150-100. **Minimum** \$75 to top Expert, Class A, U1800, b/16 No pooling /duplicate prizes. **EF:** \$48 at entryfeesrus.com. **EF:** \$55 cash at site. **1499 Chessmas Open** (U1500) 4-SS, G/60 d5, \$200-100-50. b/16 **Minimum** \$50 top Class U1400, U1300, U1100. b/16 No pooling /duplicate prizes. **EF:** \$33 at entryfeesrus.com or \$40 cash at site. **Both Sections.** Reg.: 9-10am, 12/29. **Starts:** 10am then ASAP with lunch break. Special CPNJ \$5 refunds to members. See entryfeesrus.com. **Info:** Ken, acn@goes.com, 908-619-862L. NC. W. Web.

DEC. 29, NEVADA

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 30 (ENHANCED)

North American Open Blitz (BLZ)

5SS, G/5 d0, double round, 10 games. Bally's Casino Resort (see North American Open). **\$2500 guaranteed prizes.** In 2 sections. **Open:** \$400-200-150, U2300/Unr \$240-120, U2100/Unr \$220-110. **Under 1900:** \$300-150-100, U1700 \$180-100, U1500 \$150, U1300 \$80. **EF:** \$40, at site only, no checks. **Reg.** ends 9:15 pm. **rds:** 9:45, 10:30, 11:15, 11:45, 12:15. **Bye:** 1. Blitz rated, but higher of regular or blitz used for pairings & prizes.

DEC. 30, NEW YORK

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 6

69th Nassau Action

4-SS, G/25 d5 or G/30 d0. 1st Presbyterian Church, 1st & Main Sts., Mineola. **EF:** \$28 by 12/23, \$35 at site, non-memb + \$5. **SS** (600 b/25, top 2 G) 200-100, U2100, 1850, 1600, 1350/UR each 75. 2 byes 1-4. **Rds.:** 7:15-8:20-9:25-10:30. **Ent:** Harold Stenzel, 80 Amy Dr., Sayville, NY 11782. Jan ratings used. captihal@optonline.net

JAN. 1, NEW YORK

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10 (ENHANCED)

New Year Action Grand Prix

5-SS, G/25 d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$45, members \$25. **(\$480/24):** (\$250-125 Top 2 GTD.), U2000 \$80, U1700 \$70, U1400 \$60. **Reg.:** 12:15-12:45. **Rds.:** 1-2:15-3:30-5:15. Two byes available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JAN. 1, CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 20

11th Year Anniversary on NYD

(Sponsor: Ugo Felizzola; CEO Laissez Faire Investment). 4SS, G/61 d5. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA 90025, 2nd fl. **2 sections:** Open & U1800; **EF:** \$75 (\$70 if notified by 12/31); \$65 LACC members (\$60 if notified by 12/31). Siblings 1/2; Free for new/renewing LACC members and new Life members (best deal of the year!). **Reg.:** 10-11 am. **Rds.:** 11, 1, 3, 5 pm. **Byes:** Up to two 1/2 pt. byes available. **Prizes:** \$2,000 Guaranteed! 1st-4th: \$500-250-150-100 U2000: \$100. U1800: \$150-100-50; U1600: \$150-100-50; U1400: \$100-50-25. Free gifts to all players & 3 raffle prizes. **Ent:** LACC, Box 251774, LA, 90025. **Info:** Mick Bighamian: Cell (310) 795-5710; Mick@LACChessClub.com or www.LACChessClub.com. **Parking:** Free street & BoA Parking or building basement.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JAN. 2-8, CALIFORNIA, NORTHERN

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 150 (ENHANCED)

Bay Area International

9SSx40/90 SD/30 +30. Hilton, 4949 Great America Pkwy., Santa Clara, CA 95054. 408-330-0001. HR: \$79. **GM & IM norms possible!** Min 2000 FIDE or 2200 USCF reqd. **Prizes \$8,000 (\$7,500 Guar):** \$33000-15000-1000, u2500 \$11000, u2300 \$11000. Mixed Doubles \$100 x number of teams entered. **EF:** by 9/15: G.Ms, foreign I.Ms, 2500+ : Free; 2450-2499: \$75; 2400-2450 \$125; 2350-2399: \$175; 2300-2350 \$225; 2250-2299: \$275; 2200-2250 \$325; 2100-2199: \$375; 2000-2099 \$425; u2000: \$500; Unr: \$700; \$75 disc to all non-US Fed players. Add \$50 after 9/15, Add \$100 after 11/1. FIDE ratings used for EF/pairings/prizes. **Sched:** Rds. 1/2-8: 5p; 1/3, 1/5: 10a. Orgs: Arun Sharma & Salman Azhar. **Info:** <http://sfinternationalchess.org>. E: asharma@math.berkeley.edu. NS. NC. W.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JAN. 3-5 OR 4-5, TEXAS

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 20

4th Annual Austin Chess Club Championship

32nd annual EMPIRE CITY OPEN

Dec 27-29 or 28-29 at New Yorker Hotel

6 rounds, \$12,000 GUARANTEED PRIZE FUND!

8th Ave & 34th St, across from Penn Station, NYC. Choice of 3-day or 2-day schedule. In 5 sections:

Open Section: Prizes \$1200-600-300-200, clear/tiebreak win \$50 bonus, top U2300/Unr \$500-250. FIDE rated, 60 GPP (enhanced).

Under 2200 Section: \$1000-500-250-150, top U2000/Unr \$500-250.

Under 1900 Section: \$1000-500-250-150, top U1700 \$400-200.

Under 1600 Section: \$800-400-200-100, top U1400 \$300-150.

Under 1300 Section: \$300-200-100, trophies to top 5, others.

Unrated limit \$150 in U1300, \$300 in U1600, or \$500 in U1900.

MIXED DOUBLES BONUS PRIZES: \$600-400-200.

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

100% GUARANTEED Prize Fund! Bridge Center of Austin, 6700 Middle Fiskville Rd., Austin, TX 78752. Total entries limited to first 140 registrants! In 3 Sections. **Championship:** 5SS, G/90; +60, Open to players 1800 and above. **EF:** \$50 received or online by 12/15, \$60 thereafter/site. **\$\$:** \$600-400-200. **U2200** - \$250 \$100, **U2000** - \$250 \$100 (All prizes Guaranteed). **Reserve:** 5SS, G/90; +60, Open to 1799 and Under to Ratings 1400-1799. **EF:** \$45 received or online by 12/15, \$55 thereafter/site. **\$\$:** \$400-200. **U1600** - \$200 \$100 (All prizes Guaranteed). **Novice:** 5SS, G/90; +60, Open to 1399 and Under. Open to Ratings under 1400. **EF:** \$40 received or online by 12/15, \$50 thereafter/site. **\$\$:** \$250-150. **U1200** - \$100 \$50, **U1000** - \$50 (All prizes Guaranteed). **ALL:** Online Registration preferred. Unrateds may only win place prizes. May play up one section. Unrateds placed at TD's discretion. One 1/2 pt. bye if requested before end of Rd. 2. **ENT:** AustinChessTournaments.com, P.O. Box 1386, Round Rock, TX 78680, 512-417-9008, www.AustinChessTournaments.com. **INFO:** Lori Balkum, Lori.Balkum@AustinChessTournaments.com, www.AustinChessClub.com. Entries are limited to the first 140 participants. NS. NC. W.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JAN. 3-5 OR 4-5, NEW YORK

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10 (ENHANCED)

NEW! Marshall January Extra Super GP!

6-SS, 40/90, SD/30 + 30 sec. increment. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$60, members \$40. **\$\$820 gtd:** \$300-150-100, **U2100** \$145, **U1800** \$125. Reg ends 15 min before Rd. 2. **Schedules: 3 day:** 12:30-5:30 p.m. daily. **2 day:** 1/4 10-11:15am, then merge with 3day (Rd. 1-2 G/25 d5). Limit 2 byes, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JAN. 3-5 OR 4-5, ARIZONA

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 50

2014 Desert Showdown

5-SS, G/90 + 30s increment. ASU Memorial Union, 301 E. Orange Mall, Tempe, AZ. **Prizes:** \$12,000 (b/160) minimum 58% Guaranteed(\$7000). 4 Sections. **3 day G/90/+30s increment. 2 day Rds. 1-2 G/55 d5. Championship (1900+):** \$2000-1000-700-500-300 **U2100** \$800-400-300, **EF:** \$120 by 12/16. **GM/IM/WGM/VIM** free, entry deducted from prizes. **Reserve (1600-1899):** \$1350-700-500-300-150, **EF** \$120 by 12/16. **Challenger (1300-1599):** \$750-500-350-250-150, **EF** \$120 by 12/16. **Booster (U1300):** \$550-300-150, **EF** \$60 by 12/16. **Online entries** at <http://tinyurl.com/DesertShowdown>. Limit 1 half point bye, must commit before rd. 2. **3 day schedule:** Reg. closes 1/3 at 4pm. **Fri 5:30pm** Sat 8:30am, 2pm Sun 8:30am, 2pm. **2 day schedule:** Reg. closes 1/3 at 9pm Sat 8:30am, 11am, 2pm Sun 8:30am, 2pm. **Info:** Contact Michael at azchessopen@gmail.com or call 623-810-6652.

A Heritage Event!

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JAN. 4-5, ILLINOIS

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10

Tim Just's Winter Open/Reserve XXXI

Chicagoland's longest continuously run chess tournament organized by the same organizer! 5SS, G/90 inc 30. **NEW SITE:** Embassy Suites Chicago North Shore/Deerfield, 1445 Lake Cook Rd., Deerfield, IL 60015, (847) 945-4500. \$84 Single/Double room rate (all rooms include **FREE** cocktail to order breakfast with Omelet station + Evening hors d'oeuvre & cocktail/beverage Reception) for a limited time. \$\$ (\$4,175 b/125 pd players, Guaranteed \$\$\$ increased to maximum as attendance increases). **2 Sections Only: Open Section:** open to all, FIDE rated (USCF ratings & rules used) thanks to ChessIQ, **Open Prizes:** \$\$ 700-300-200; **U2200**, 300-150; **U2000** \$300-125; **Unr.** can win top three only. **Reserve Section:** open to U1800. **Reserve Prizes:** \$700-300-200; **U1600**, \$225-150; **U1400**, \$200-100; **U1200**, 150-75, **Unr.** can win top three only. Both: **EF:**

Discounted \$64 (add \$10 if playing up from Reserve into Open section) USPS with name, id, e-mail/phone, to current/renewing USCF if rec'd by 12/30/13 (or 1-3-14 on-line); Both \$80 at site 8-8:30 AM; \$85 at site 8:30-8:45 AM; \$10 to play up from Reserve to Open section. **Rds.:** 1-1:30-6; 10-2:30. Re-Entry \$40 with 1/2 pt Bye round 1, Byes Rnds. 9-14, untractable rnd. 5 at Registration, Ent: Tim Just, 37165 Willow, Gurnee, IL 60031. Info only 847-773-7706 before 6 PM. e-mail for info only (sorry, e-mail & phone entries not available): timjust@chessforlife.com, Checks payable to Chess For Life, LLC, info and **PayPal discounted entries until 6 PM 1-3-14:** <http://chessforlife.com>. ChessIQ will supply clocks-sets-boards! An Illinois Chess Association ICA TOUR tournament. Scholastic side event 1-4-14, G/25 d0. NS. NC. W.

JAN. 6&13, NEW YORK

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 6

70th Nassau Action

6-SS, G/25 d5 or G/30 d0. 1st Presbyterian Church, 1st & Main Sts., Mineola, **EF:** \$32 by 1/4, \$39 at site, non-memb + \$7. **\$\$** (700 b/25, top 2 G) 200-100, **U2050**, 1850, 1650, 1450, 1250/UR each 80. 3 byes 1-6. **Rds.:** 7:15-8:25-9:35 each night. **Ent:** Harold Stenzel, 80 Amy Dr., Sayville, NY 11782. captihal@optonline.net.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JAN. 10-12 OR 11-12, MASSACHUSETTS

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 50 (ENHANCED)

2nd annual Boston Chess Congress

5SS, 40/110, SD/30 d10 (2-day option, (NOTE CHANGE) rds. 1-2 G/60 d10). Hyatt Harborside at Logan Airport, 101 Harborside Dr., Boston, MA 02128. Free parking. **Prizes \$12,000** based on 220 paid entries (U1300 & re-entries count 60%), minimum \$8,000 (2/3 each prize) guaranteed. In 6 sections. **Premier:** Open to 2000/over or players with USCF life titles of First Category or over. \$1000-500-300-200, clear or tiebreak 1st \$100 bonus, top U2300 \$600-300. **FIDE. Under 2100:** \$800-400-300-200. **Under 1900:** \$800-400-300-200. **Under 1700:** \$800-400-300-200. **Under 1500:** \$700-400-300-200. **Under 1300:** \$400-250-150-100. **Unrated** may not win over \$200 in U1300, \$400 U1500 or \$600 U1700. **Top 5 sections EF:** \$87 online at chessaction.com by 1/8, \$95 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 1/8, 3-day \$93, 2-day \$92 if check mailed by 12/31, \$100 at site or online until 2 hours before round 1. **GMs free:** \$80 from prize. **Under 1300 Section EF:** All \$40 less than above. **Mixed doubles bonus prizes:** best male/female 2-player "team" combined score among all sections: \$800-400-200. 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. **All:** Online EF \$5 less to MACA members; may join/renew at masschess.org. Re-entry \$50, not available in Premier. 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 chessstour.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 11 & 5, Sun 10 & 3:30. 2-Day Schedule:** Reg. ends Sat 10 am. **Rds. Sat 11, 2 & 5, Sun 10 & 3:30. Half point byes** available all rounds, limit 2 byes, Premier must commit before rd. 2, others before rd 3. **HR:** \$79-79, 617-568-1234, request chess rate, reserve by 1/3 or rate may increase. Car rental: Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD #657633. **Ent:** chessaction.com or Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. \$15 service charge for refunds. Questions: chessstour.com, DirectorAtChess.US, 347-201-2269. Advance entries posted at chessaction.com (Online entries posted instantly).

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
JAN. 10-12 OR 11-12, MARYLAND
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 30 Chesapeake Open

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 d5 (2-day option, rds. 1-2 G/60 d5) Rockville Hilton, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. **\$\$B** based on score. 7 sections: Championship (min. rating of 2000) FIDE rated: 5.0 = \$1600, 4.5 = \$800, 4.0 = \$450, 3.5 = \$175 [min \$1500 payout, top score group raised if less than \$1500]. **U2200:** 5.0 = \$1500, 4.5 = \$700, 4.0 = \$350, 3.5 = \$150. **U2000:** 5.0 = \$1200, 4.5 = \$650, 4.0 = \$350, 3.5 = \$125. **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 prizes to clear 1st place, if no 5.0 in section (added to score prize) - Championship:** \$300; **U2200** \$200, **U2000** \$150, **U1800 & U1600:** \$100; **U1400 & U1100:** \$50. Unrated may not win over \$100 in U1100, \$200 U1400, or \$400 in U1600. **Sets and boards provided. Clocks provided in the Championship & U2200 sections. Optionally, pairings can be texted to your phone. Free Sunday morning continental breakfast for players.** Free parking for day guests. **EF:** \$95 by 12/27, \$100 by 1/7, and \$105 online only by 1/9, \$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: \$79, (\$5 EF discount if staying at hotel). Rooms may not be available after 12/27. 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 7pm, 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 at <http://thechessapeakeopen.com>.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JAN. 11, OHIO

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 6

Winter Watch PAWN STORM XXI

4SS tmt, G/60 d10, at Dayton Chess Club, 18 W. 5th St., Dayton, OH. **EF:** \$28 until 4 Jan. then \$38. **EF** refunded for players 2200 or higher who complete their schedule. **GD Prizes:** Open \$250-151, U1900 \$150, U1600 \$149. **Reg.:** 10-1045. **Rds.:** 11-1:45-4:30. **DCC** mbrs \$3 discount. **Info:** DCC.18W5@sbcbglobal.net, 937-461-6283.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

A State Championship Event!

JAN. 11-12, MICHIGAN

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10

2014 Michigan Master/Expert & Class Championships

5-SS, Radisson Hotel Lansing, 111 N. Grand Ave., (517) 482-0188. **HR:** \$102.95 + tax by 1/3/14, after if space available. www.radisson.com/lansingmi - Code: CHES14. **8 Sections:** M/X, A, B, C, D, E (U1200), & Novice (Sat)/Fun Swiss (Sun): U1000/Unr - 1 Day Each. Most recent USCF rating supplement used for ratings. Players must play in class of their rating. Unrated players must play in Novice sect. Players may request to play up in class (or unrated players may request being seeded into a class) if their recent tournament history shows achievement into that class. TD must approve all requests and will assign a rating to the player within the rating window of that class. **EF:** M/X: \$45 (U18 \$5 off), A, B, C, D, E: \$42 (U18 \$5 off); Novice/Fun Swiss: \$25 each (\$40 for both). Free entry to GM, IM, FM, & 2200+, advanced entry fee deducted from prize. **Advance entries** must be paid by 1/9/13. **All paid after 1/9 are \$10 more.** Register and Play Online at <https://onlineregistration.cc/>. Make checks payable to MCA. MCA memb req'd for Michigan residents, other states OK. **Reg.:** Sat 8-9am, Fun Swiss: Sun 8:30-9:30am. **Class Sect Rds.:** Sat 10am-2:30pm-7pm, Sun 10am-2:30pm; **Novice/Fun Swiss Rds.:** 10am-11:30am-1:30pm-3pm-4:30pm. **TL:** Class Sect: G/120 d5, Novice/Fun Swiss: G/30 d5. **\$\$Gtd:** \$2850; M/X: \$300-200, X: \$230 **U2100:** \$120; Class A, B, C, D, E: \$180-120; **U1900/U1700/U1500/U1300/U1100:** \$100; **Novice/Fun Swiss:** Trophies to Top 5 Overall, Top U800, Top U700, Top U600, Top **Unr. State Champions** (Top Michigan Resident): Master/Expert, Expert, and Each Class plus Novice. Trophies for all place-winners. **Ent & Info:** Jeff Aldrich, 7453 Whippoorwill Ln., Davison, MI 48423; jeffchess@charter.net; (810) 955-7271.

A Heritage Event!

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JAN. 11-12, WISCONSIN

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 6

49th Northeastern Open

SECTIONS: Three: OPEN, RESERVE (U/1500) and NOVICE (U/1000). All are USCF-rated. **FORMAT:** OPEN and RESERVE: 5SS, T/C: 35/90, SD/60 d5. **Rds. at:** 10-2:30-7:30 and 10-3. One 1/2-point Bye any Rd. Full-pt Bye to 2100+ in Rd. 1 if requested. **NOVICE:** 6SS, G/60 d5. **Rds. at:** 10:10-1:00-3:30-6:30 and 10:10, 1:10. Two half-point Byes allowed! **PLAYING SITE:** Holiday Inn—Neeah, 123 E. Wisconsin Ave., Neeah, WI 54956. **PH:** 920-725-8441. **ROOM RATES:** \$79 for 1-bed King or 2-bed double. Must mention chess. **REGISTRATION:** 8:45 — 9:30 on 1/11/14. **ENTRY FEES:** OPEN = \$40, RESERVE = \$25, NOVICE = \$15 if mailed by 1/6/14. All EFs are \$7 more if e-mailed, phoned-in, or paid at site. Comp entry to 2200+ (WCA System) if pre-registered. Checks payable to: Mike Selig — TD. **PRIZE FUND:** OPEN: (b/60) \$300, \$200 \$150, best 1900 \$180, 1800 \$170, 1700 \$160, 1600 \$150, U/1600 \$120. **RESERVE:** (b/30) \$120, \$100, \$80, 1100/Under - \$80. **NOVICE:** Trophies to ... 1st Place, 2nd, 700/Under, 500/Under. Five \$20 Usset Awards for Juniors only: 2 in Open, 2 in Reserve, 1 in Novice. **ADVANCE ENTRIES:** 49th Northeastern Open, Mike Selig — Director, 2895 W. Fourth St., Condo 'B', Appleton, WI 54914-4330. TD e-mail: mseelig@tds.net. **PH:** 920-739-7550.

JAN. 12, NEW JERSEY

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10

1st Annual Steve Ferrero Memorial Grand Prix

4SS, G/60 d5. Dean of Chess Academy, 3150 Route 22 West, Branchburg, NJ 08876. (908) 595-0066. **GDTS Open:** \$250-\$175-\$125-\$100, U1700: \$50 gift card U1300: \$40 gift card U1000: \$30 gift card. **Pre-Entry:** \$45 (\$35 members). Entries postmarked by 1/7/14 to Dean of Chess Academy, 3150 Route 22 West, Branchburg, NJ 08876 or enter online at www.deanofchess.com. **Onsite:** \$55 (\$45 members). IMs and GMs free, early entry fee deducted from prize. One 1/2 point bye if requested before start

46th annual LIBERTY BELL OPEN

7 rounds, Jan 17-20, 18-20 or 19-20, Philadelphia

\$20,000 projected prize fund, \$14,000 minimum

This traditional Martin Luther King weekend event has paid MORE than its \$20,000 projected prize fund every year since 2006! In 7 sections:

Open Section (no 2-day): \$1700-1000-500-400-300, clear/tiebreak win \$100 bonus, top Under 2300/Unr \$800-400. FIDE rated, 80 GPP (enhanced).

Under 2100 Section: \$1000-600-400-300-200.

Under 1900 Section: \$1000-600-400-300-200.

Under 1700 Section: \$1000-600-400-300-200. Unrated limit \$900.

Under 1500 Section: \$900-500-400-300-200. Unrated limit \$700.

Under 1300 Section: \$800-500-400-300-200. Unrated limit \$500.

Under 1000 Section: \$300-200-120-100-80, trophies. Unrated limit \$200.

MIXED DOUBLES BONUS PRIZES: \$1000-600-400.

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

of round 2. **Registration:** 9:00-9:45am. **Rounds:** 10:00am & ASAP. All profits will be donated to Steve's favorite charity, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JAN. 17-19 OR 18-19, FLORIDA

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 20

Central Florida Class Championships

55S, G/120 d5 (2-day: Rd.1 G/60 d5). International Palms Resort, 6515 International Dr., Orlando, FL 32819 (across from Wet&Wild). **\$57,000/b130, 70% Guaranteed.** 6 Sections: (**Top section FIDE rated.**) **Mast/Exp:** \$1000-400-200, U2200 \$250. **Class A:** \$600-300, U1900 \$150. **Class B:** \$600-300, U1700 \$150. **Class C:** \$600-300, U1500 \$150. **Class D:** \$600-300, U1300 \$150. **U1200:** \$500-300, U1000 \$100, U800 \$50. Rated players may play up one class only. Unrateds limited to \$70 unless Place prize in Mast/Exp. **Event part of CFCC GP with \$600 additional prizes.** Trophies to top in each section (& Class X), also Class F, G, H, I, J & Unr in U1200 having more than one entry. Trophies and titles limited to Florida residents. **Special OCA Awards TBD.** **EF:** 3-day \$75, 2-day \$74 by Jan 7, both \$80 later; plus \$5 if paid on-site. \$15 less to students in grades K-8 in U1200 section. **CFCC memb discount:** \$10 (\$5 for Jr/Sr memb). Re-entry \$40. **Reg.:** ends 1/2 hr before 1st rd. **Rd.1:** 7pm Fri (2-day: 10am Sat at G/60 d5). **Rds.:** 2-5: Sat 1 & 6, Sun 9 & 2. 1/2 pt. byes if req'd before rd. 2 (max 2). **HR:** \$80 (407) 351-3500; (Mention "Chess"); or at <http://tincyurl.com/Jan2014Hotel>. Resort Fee removed at Checkin. 48-hr Cancellation penalty. **Reserve by Dec 27.** Free Shuttle, Parking, WiFi, and PM Beverage break. **Ent:** CFCC, c/o Harvey Lerman, 921 N. Thistle Ln., Maitland, FL 32751; or online: <https://online.registration.cc> (Scroll down to correct event), by Jan 16. Info: 407-629-6946 or www.centraflchess.org.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JAN. 17-20 OR 18-20 OR 19-20, CALIFORNIA, NORTHERN

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 15 (ENHANCED)

5th Annual Golden State Open

7SS. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Dr., Concord, CA 94520 (free BART shuttle). 40/110, SD/30 d10 (3-day option, rds. 1-2 G/70 d10, 2-day option except in Open Section, rds. 1-4 G/30 d10). **\$25,000 prize fund unconditionally guaranteed.** In 6 sections. **Open,** open to all. \$3000-1500-1000-600-400, clear or tiebreak winner \$100, top U2350/Unr \$1000-500. **FIDE. Under 2200:** \$1600-800-500-400-300, top U2050/Unr \$600-300. **Under 1900:** \$1600-800-500-400-300, top U1750 (no unr) \$500-250. **Under 1600:** \$1200-600-400-300-200, top U1450 (no unr) \$400-200. **Under 1300:** \$1000-600-400-300-200, top U1150 (no unr) \$300-150. **Under 1000:** \$400-200-120-80, trophies to first 3, top U800, U600, Unr. **Unrated** (0-3 lifetime games rated) may enter any section, with maximum prize U1000 \$150, U1300 \$400, U1600 \$600, U1900 \$800. **Mixed doubles bonus prizes:** best male/female 2-player "team" combined score among all sections: \$600-300. 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. **EF:** \$133 online at chessaction.com by 1/15, \$140 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 1/15 (entry only, no questions), 4-day \$139, 3-day \$138, 2-day \$137 mailed by 1/7, all \$150 at site, or online until 2 hours before rd 1. GMs free, \$120 deducted from prize. **U1000 Section EF:** \$53 online at chessaction.com by 1/15 or mailed by 1/7, \$70 at site or online until 2 hours before rd 1. **All:** Special 1 yr 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 (except Open) \$60. Online or mailed EF \$5 less to CalChess members. **4-day schedule:** Late reg. ends Fri 6 pm, rds. Fri 7 pm, Sat 12 & 6, Sun 12 & 6, Mon 10 & 3:30. **3-day schedule:** Late reg. ends Sat 10 am, rds. Sat 11, 2:30 & 6, Sun 12 & 6, Mon 10 & 3:30. **2-day schedule:** Late reg. ends Sun 9 am, rds. Sun 10 am, 12 noon, 2 pm, 3:45 pm & 6 pm, Mon 10 am & 3:30 pm. **Byes:** OK all, limit 2; Open must commit before rd. 2, others before rd. 4. **Unofficial uschess.org ratings** usually used if otherwise unrated. **Foreign player ratings:** See chessaction.com/foreignratings.htm. **HR:** \$92-92, 877-276-4600, 925-825-7700, reserve by 1/3 or rate may increase. **Car rental:** Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD #D657633. **Ent:** Continental Chess, Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. Questions: chesstour.com, DirectorAtChess.US, 347-201-2269. \$15 service charge for refunds. Advance entries posted at chessaction.com. Bring set, board, clock if possible; none supplied.

A Heritage Event!

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JAN. 17-20, 18-20 OR 19-20, PENNSYLVANIA

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 80 (ENHANCED)

46th annual Liberty Bell Open

7SS, 40/110, SD/30 d10 (3 day option, rds. 1-2 G/60 d10, 2-day option in U2100 to U1000, rds. 1-4 G/30 d5). **Sonesta Hotel,** 1800 Market St., Philadelphia 19103. **\$220,000 b/320** paid entries (re-entries, GMs & U1000 section count 50%), else in proportion, except minimum 70% of each prize guaranteed. In 2006 to 2013, the tournament had over 320 paid entries each year and the \$20,000 projected prize fund was increased in proportion. In 7 sections. **Open:** \$1700-1000-500-400-300, 1st clear or on tiebreak \$100 bonus, top Under 2300/Unr \$800-400. **FIDE. Under 2100:** \$1000-600-400-300-200. **Under 1900:** \$1000-600-400-300-200. **Under 1700:** \$1000-600-400-300-200. **Under 1500:** \$900-500-400-300-200. **Under 1300:** \$800-500-400-300-200. **Under 1000:** \$300-200-120-100-80, trophies to first 3, top U800, U600, Unr. **Unrated** may enter any section, but may not win over \$200 in U1000, \$500 U1300, \$700 U1500, or \$900 U1700. **Mixed doubles bonus prizes:** best male/female 2-player "team" combined score among all sections: \$1000-600-400. 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. **Top 6 sections EF:** \$108 online at chessaction.com 10/19-1/15, \$120 phoned by 1/8 (406-896-2038, entry only, no questions), 4-day \$114, 3-day \$113, 2-day \$112 if check mailed by 1/8, \$130 (no checks, credit cards OK) at site, or online until 2 hours before rd. 1. GMs free, \$100 deducted from prize. **U1000 Section EF:** All

\$50 less than top 6 sections EF. **All:** Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. **Special 1 yr 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. **PSCF members:** online entry \$3 less. **Re-entry** (no Open to Open) \$80. **4-day schedule:** Reg. ends Fri 6 pm, rds. Fri 7 pm, Sat 11 & 5, Sun 11 & 5, Mon 10 & 3:30. **3-day schedule:** Reg. ends Sat 9 am, rds. Sat 10, 1:30 & 5, Sun 11 & 5, Mon 10 & 3:30. **2-day schedule (no Open Section):** Reg. ends Sun. 9 am, rds. Sun 10-12-1:30-3:5, Mon 10-3:30. **Bye:** all, limit 3, Open must commit before rd. 2, others before rd. 4. **HR:** \$98-98-98-98, 1-800-SONESTA, 617-806-4653, request Continental Chess rate, reserve by Jan 3 or rate may increase. **Parking:** Chess rate at Sonesta approx. \$20/day (half of normal rate). Gateway Parking at 1540 Vine, near Sheraton Hotel and 7 blocks from Sonesta, is approx. \$5/day Saturday & Sunday, \$18/day other days. **Car rental:** Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD #D657633 or reserve through chesstour.com. **Ent:** chessaction.com or Continental Chess, Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. Questions: DirectorAtChess.US, www.chesstour.com, 347-201-2269. \$15 service charge for refunds. Advance entries will be posted at chessaction.com (online entries posted instantly).

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JAN. 18-19, VIRGINIA

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 15 (ENHANCED)

4th Annual Sterling Chess January!

Embassy Suites Dulles-North; 44610 Waxpool Rd., Ashburn, VA 20147. **Six sections plus Quads. FIDE-Rated section, Jan 18-19** (open to all FIDE-rated players and USCF 1600 and higher): 4SS, G/115 d5. **\$550 Gtd., \$250/\$150/\$100;** top U2000 \$50. **Rds.:** Sat. 11:15, 3:45; Sun. 11:15, 3:45. **U1900 section, Jan. 18:** 4SS, G/61 d5. \$100/\$60/\$40; top U1700 \$35. **Rds.:** Sat. 11:15, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00. **U1600, Jan. 18:** 4SS, G/50 d5, \$50/\$30; top U1400 \$25. **Rds.:** Sat. 11:15, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15. **U1300 Jan. 18:** 4SS, G/40 d5, trophy for first, medals for second, top U1100. **Rds.:** Sat. 11:15, 1:15, 3:00, 4:45. **U1000 Jan. 18:** 4SS, G/25 d5. Trophy for first, medals for second, top U800. **Rds.:** Sat. 11:15, 12:45, 2:00, 3:15. **U700 Jan. 18:** 4SS, G/25 d5. Trophy for first, medals for second, top U500. **Rds.:** Sat. 11:15, 12:45, 2:00, 3:15. **Sunday Quads, Jan. 19:** Four-player sections based on rating. 3RR, G/75 d5. \$25 for first each quad. **Rds.:** Sun. 11:15, 2:30, 5:45. **Byes:** Half-point in swiss, any round; must commit before end of second round. Players with more than one bye are not eligible for prizes. No byes in quads. **EF:** FIDE-Rated \$50; U1900 \$35; U1600 \$30; U1300, U1000, U700, and Quads, \$25. All, early bird rate \$5 less till noon Wednesday 1/15, \$5 more on site. Unrateds free. Doors open 10 am. Register online at www.meetup.com/sterling-chess-tournaments. Pay on website. Info: paulserrano13@gmail.com. **Top two swiss sections are Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JAN. 18-19, MAINE

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 20 (ENHANCED)

Saco Open

FOXWOODS OPEN returns after 5 years!

Jan 22-26, 23-26 or 24-26 at fabulous Foxwoods Resort Casino
\$80,000 projected prizes, \$40,000 minimum, GM & IM norms possible!

Open Section: 9 rounds, Jan 22-26, 40/2, SD/30, d10. **Other sections:** 7 rds, 40/2, SD/30, d10 (3-day option, rds 1-4 G/50, d10), Foxwoods Resort Casino, in the woods of Southeastern Connecticut. Free parking.

6 sections. Prizes \$80,000 based on 520 entries (seniors, re-entries, GMs, IMs, WGMs & foreign FIDE count half), else proportional; minimum \$40,000 (half each prize) guaranteed. FIDE ratings used in Open, Jan. official USCF in other sections. Junior GP pts available.

Open: \$7000-4000-2000-1000-800-700-600-500-400-300, top FIDE U2400/Unr \$3000-1500. FIDE, 200 GPP. **U2200:** \$5000-2500-1300-1000-700-600-500-400-300-300.

U2000: \$5000-2500-1300-1000-700-600-500-400-300-300. Unr limit \$2000.

U1800: \$5000-2500-1300-1000-700-600-500-400-300-300. Unr limit \$1600.

U1600: \$4000-2000-1200-800-600-500-400-300-300-300. Unr limit \$1200.

U1400: \$3000-1500-900-700-600-500-400-300-300-300, top Under 1200 (no unr) \$1000-500. Unr limit \$800.

Players with under 26 games rated as of 1/14 official list may not win over \$1500 in U1400, \$2500 U1600 or U1800.

If any post-event rating posted 1/21/13-1/21/14 was more than 30 pts over section maximum, prize limit \$1500.

Online entry fee: \$225 at chessaction.com by 1/20, \$250 until 2 hours before game. Note higher Open fees for US players not rated 2200 or over.

Mailed entry fee: 5-day \$235, 4-day \$234, 3-day \$233 if mailed by 1/13.

Phoned entry fee: \$235 by 1/20 (406-896-2038, no questions). No phone entry after 1/20.

Entry at site: \$250.

Open Section entry fee: \$100 more to US players not USCF or FIDE rated 2200 or over.

IMs/WGMs: \$25 at chessaction.com by 1/20, \$50 at site; \$150 from prize.

Foreign FIDE rated players in Open: \$115 at chesstour.com by 1/20, \$140 at site or online at chessaction.com by 5 pm 1/22; \$100 deducted from prize.

Special entry fee: Senior 65/over, all \$100 less. Online EF \$4 less to CSCA members. Re-entry \$100; not available in Open Section.

No checks at site; credit cards OK. **Special USCF dues** if paid with entry- see chesstour.com or Tournament Life. USCF membership required.

5-day late reg. ends 1/22 6:15 pm, rds Wed 7:15 pm, Thu 1 & 7:15, Fri 12 & 6:15, Sat 12 & 6:15, Sun 10 & 4.

4-day late reg. ends 1/23 6:15 pm, Rds. Thu 7:15 pm, Fri 12 & 6:15, Sat 12 & 6:15, Sun 10 & 4.

3-day late reg. ends 1/24 7:30 pm, Rds. Fri 8:30 pm, Sat 10, 12:45, 3:30 & 6:15, Sun 10 & 4.

NOTE! Saturday 6:15 pm, not 5:15. **Half-point byes:** OK all, limit 4 (limit 2 in last 4 rds). Open must commit before rd 2, others before rd 4.

Bring set, board, clock if possible- none supplied.

Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated.

Special room rates: MGM Grand, Great Cedar Hotel or Two Trees Inn, \$129-129. Grand Pequot Tower (closest to tournament): \$159-159. No resort fee. 1-800-FOXWOOD, must reserve by 1/8.

Car rental: Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD #657633.

Blitz tournament 12/29 9:15 pm.

Entry: chessaction.com or Continental Chess, Box 249, Salisbury Mills NY 12577. \$15 charge for refunds. Advance entries posted at chessaction.com (online entries posted instantly).

A Maine Chessplayer of the year event! Hampton Inn Saco/Biddeford, 48 Industrial Park Rd., Saco, ME 04072. Accelerated pairings may be used. In 2 Sections, **Open:** 4SS, 40/90, SD/30 + 30 Sec. Increment, Analog clocks play 40/90, SD/60, FIDE rated. **\$\$GTD:** \$500-250. U2250 \$150, U2000 \$150. **U1750:** 4SS, 40/90, SD/30 + 30 Sec. Increment, Analog clocks play 40/90, SD/60, Open to 1749 & under. **\$\$GTD:** \$400-200. U1500 \$100, U1250 \$100. **ALL:** EF: \$50 in advance, \$55 at site. **Rds.:** 9:00-9:45. Advance entries must be postmarked by 1/11/2014. **Rgs.:** 10-4, 10-4. One half point by available rounds 1-3. Must be requested before round 1. **HR:** \$89 by 12/19/2013 (207) 282-7222. **ENT:** Alex Relyea, 49 Technology Dr. #89, Bedford, NH 03110. **INFO:** Alex Relyea relyea@opera-mail.com. www.relyeachess.com. NS. W.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
JAN. 18-19, TENNESSEE

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10
Tennessee Winter Open
5SS, G/120 d5. Henry Horton State Park, Chapel Hill, TN. **\$\$Gtd.** \$2000 Prize fund. **Sections: Kings** (Open) \$325-225-125, 1st 2000-2199 \$125, Top U2000 \$100, **Queens** (U1800) \$225-125-75, T1500-1599 \$100, Top U1500 \$75, **Boys** (U1400) \$150-100-75, T1000-1199 \$75, Top U1000 \$50, Top UNR \$50. **Pawns** (U1000) Trophies top 5 Top 600-799, Top U600. Adult UNR must play in Rooks* or Open section. **EF:** \$50 by 01/07 (\$60 at site), UNR \$25 (\$35) *UNR eligible for UNR prize in Rooks only), Pawns \$15 (\$25), Youth and school members for trophy only \$25 (\$35) IM and GM Free entry (\$50 taken from prize of 150 or more). On site reg. Sat 8:00-9:15 CST, USCF and TCA Dues reg. OSA. **Rds.:** Sat. 10:00, 2:30, 7:00, Sun. 9:00, 1:30 **Hotel:** Henry Horton State Resort Lodge \$75 rate. **Info:** Enter on-line at **TNCHESSE.ORG** or mail to: Chris Prosser, 733 Long Hunter Ct., Nashville, TN 37217 or RegionIII@aol.com, 615-399-8432, NS. NC. W.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
JAN. 18-20, TEXAS

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 60 (ENHANCED)
Texas Masters
5SS, G/90 inc/30. Dallas Chess Club, 200 S. Cottonwood Dr. #C, Richardson, TX 75080. FIDE and USCF rated but uses FIDE rules. Will use USCF ratings and rules for awarding prizes. Default late forfeiture time is one hour. TD may extend this time at TD's discretion. **EF:** USCF + 2400 \$80, USCF 2200-2400 (or if you ever been rated 2200 USCF) \$95, Fide rated 2000 and above is \$130, U2200USCF/U2000Fide \$200. USCF Membership Required. **\$\$b/25:** 75% Guaranteed. Sat 11:00-800-400-200. U2400 \$500. **Reg.:** 1/18: 10:00-10:55 am. **Rds.:** 1:1-2:0am, 5 pm; Sun 11:20am, 5 pm; Mon 10 am. One bye if requested before end of round 2 and before given a full point bye or forfeit win. Players who withdraw or take a last round zero point bye are ineligible for prizes. **ENT:** Dallas Chess Club, see address above. 214.632.9000. **INFO:** Barb Swafford, info@dallaschess.com, www.swchess.com. NS. NC.

JAN. 21, NEW YORK

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

4-SS, G/25 d5. 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. NOW ALSO FIDE RAPID RATED!

An American Classic!
Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
JAN. 22-26, 23-26 OR 24-26, CONNECTICUT
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 200 (ENHANCED)
12th annual Foxwoods Open

Open Section, Jan 22-26: 9SS, 40/2, SD/30 d10. FIDE rated, GM & IM norms possible. EF \$100 more to US players in Open Section if not USCF or FIDE rated 2200/over. **Other Sections, Jan 23-26:** 7SS, 40/2, SD/30 d10 (3-day option), Rts. 1-4 G/50 d10). **Foxwoods Resort Casino & Hotel, Rt. 2, Mashantucket, CT 06339** (I-95 to Exit 92 to Rt. 2 West, or I-395 to Exit 85 to Rt. 164 to Rt. 2 East). Free parking. 45 miles from T.F. Green Airport (Providence, RI), 14 miles from Groton/New London Airport; for shuttle from New London Airport station call 1-800-USA-RAIL. Bus transportation: 1-888-BUS2FOX. Free shuttle to Mashantucket Pequot Museum, largest Native American museum in USA. **Prizes \$80,000** based on 520 paid entries (Seniors, re-entries, GMs, IMs, WGMs & foreign FIDE count as half entries), else proportional, minimum \$4,000 (50% of each prize) guaranteed. In 6 sections: **Open:** \$7000-4000-2000-1000-800-700-600-500-400-300, FIDE U2400/Unr \$3000-1500. Clear or tiebreak winner gets free room at 2015 Foxwoods Open, if held (if not held, prize replaced by free room at Continental Class). **Under 2200, Under 2000, Under 1800:** each \$5000-2500-1300-1000-700-600-500-400-300-300. **Under 1600:** \$4000-2000-1200-800-600-500-400-300-300-300. **Under 1400:** \$3000-1500-900-700-600-500-400-300-300-300, top Under 1200 (no unrated) \$1000-500. No separate U1200 Section; players under 1200 play for both U1400 and U1200 prizes; receive larger if winning both. **Prize limits:** 1) Players with under 26 lifetime games rated as of 1/14 official rating may not win over \$1500 in U1400, \$2500 in U1600 or U1800. Games rated too late for 1/14 list not counted. 2) If any post-event rating posted 1/21/13-1/21/14 was more than 30 points over section maximum, prize limit \$1500. 3) Unrated (0-3 lifetime games rated) cannot win over \$800 U1400, \$1200 U1600, \$1600 U1800, or \$2000 U2000. 4) Balance of limited prize goes to next player(s) in line. **EF:** \$225 online at chessaction.com by 1/20, \$235 phoned by 1/20 (406-896-2038, entry only, no questions), 5-day \$235, 4-day \$234, 3-day \$233 if mailed by 1/13, all \$250 at site. **Open Section \$100 more** to US players if not USCF or FIDE rated 2200/over. **GMs free in Open;** \$150 deducted from prize. **IMs & WGMs in Open:** \$25 at chessaction.com by 1/20, \$50 at site or online by 5 pm 1/22; \$150 deducted from prize. **Foreign FIDE rated players in Open:** \$115 at chessaction.com by 1/20, \$140 at site or online by 5 pm 1/22; \$100 deducted from prize. **Seniors age 65/over:** EF \$100 less, except for GMs, IMs, WGMs & FIDE foreign. **Online EF** \$4 less to CSCA members. **No checks** at site; credit cards OK. **Unofficial uschess.org ratings** 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:** \$100, no re-entry from Open Section to Open Section. **5-day Open Section schedule:** Reg. ends Wed 6:15 pm, rds. Wed. 7:15 pm, Thu 1 & 7:15, Fri 12 & 6:15, Sat 12 & 6:15 (note change), Sun 10 & 4. **4-day Lower Sections schedule:** Reg. ends Thu 6:15 pm, rds. Thu 7:15 pm, Fri 12 & 6:15, Sat 12 & 6:15 (note change), Sun 10 & 4. **3-day Lower Sections schedule:** Reg. ends Fri 7:30 pm, rds. Fri 8:30 pm, Sat 10, 12:45, 3:30 & 6:15, Sun 10 & 4. **4-day & 3-day merge** & compete for same prizes. **Byes:** all; limit 4 (limit 2 in last 4 rds). Open must commit before rd. 2, and before rd. 4. **Bring sets, boards, clocks** if possible- none supplied. **HR:** MGM Grand, Great Cedar Hotel or Two Trees Inn, \$129-129, no resort fee. 1-800-FOXWOOD, must reserve by 1/8. **Car rentals:** Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD #D657633 or reserve car online at chessour.com. **Ratings:** FIDE used in Open, Jan. 2014 official USCF in others. For foreign in U2200 & below, see www.chesstour.com/foreignratings.htm. Highest of multiple ratings usually used. Players who fail to disclose foreign or FIDE ratings may be expelled. **Special rules:** Players must submit to a search for electronic devices if requested by Director. In round 4 or after, players with scores of over 80% and their opponents may not use headphones, earphones or cellphones or go to a different floor of the hotel without Director permission. **Ent:** Continental Chess, Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. Questions: 347-201-2269, www.chesstour.com. \$15 service charge for refunds. Advance entries will be posted at chessaction.com.

A Heritage Event!
Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
JAN. 24-26 OR 25-26, OHIO

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 80 (ENHANCED)
37th Cardinal Open, Columbus
5-SS, 40/120, SD/60 d5 (2-day rds. 1&2 G/75 d5). Sets provided, bring clocks. 1 bye any round. **\$10,000** in 5 sections, **1st 4 prizes guaranteed**, others b/200 paid entries (re-entries = 1/3), **prizes added if more!** OCA Grand Prix. **Open** (FIDE) \$1200-800-500-400, \$100 bonus to 1st (clear or tiebreak), all gtd; U2300 \$480-320; **U2100** \$900-450-200-100; **U1800** \$900-450-200-100; **U1500** \$700-350-175-100; **U1200** \$700-350-175-100; upset \$50/section. Unrateds limited to 3rd prize except in Open. **EF** \$90 if recd by 1/17, then \$100; re-entry \$30; no checks onsite. Free to IM/GM, \$90 deducted from winnings (waived if 200 paid entries). OH residents OCA membership reqd. **3-day:** Reg. Fri 5-6:30pm, Rds. 7pm; Sat 10:45-5:45; Sun 9:30-4:30. **2-day:** Reg. Sat 9-10:15, Rds. 10:45-2 then merge w/3-day. **Blitz tourney** Sat eve. **Enter** FOTK Chess Club, 2720 Airport Dr., Columbus, OH 43219. **Site:** Embassy Suites Hotel, 2886 Airport Dr., Columbus, OH 43219, 614-536-0209, \$109/night chess rate thru Jan 17, 4/room, incl full bkfst & mgr reception. **Full details/entry form:** www.neilley.com/chess, online entry available, info grant@neilley.com, 614-314-1102, leave message. NS. W.

A Heritage Event!
Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
JAN. 24-26, NORTH CAROLINA

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 100 (ENHANCED)
Land of the Sky XXVII
5SS, 40/120, SD/30 d5 (U12 is G/90 d5). Crowne Plaza Resort Asheville, One Resort Dr., Asheville, NC 28806. Weekend before Super Bowl. \$20,000 b/320 \$11,000 gtd. **Open** (FIDE-rated, 2/3 gtd): \$2400-1200-600-500-400. U2300 \$600-300. **Asheville** (Under 2200): \$1600-800-400. 1999-1900, 1899-1800, U1800 \$600-300 each; Unrated: \$75. **Buncombe** (Under 1700): \$1600-800-400. 1599-1500, 1499-1400, 1399-1300, Under 1300 \$600-300 each; Unrated: \$75. **U12** (Under 1200): \$800-400-200. U1000: \$300-150 Unrated: \$75. Biggest upset in Tmnt: \$25. **EF** (Open, Asheville, Buncombe): \$84 by 1/17. GMs/IMs free (\$94 deducted from prize). **EF:** (U12): \$42 by 1/17. **"No-prize" EF for under age 18 in Asheville, Buncombe, U12:** \$21 (no discounts). **Unrated EF in Asheville, Buncombe, U12:** \$21 (no discounts, eligible for unrated prize only). **ALL:** On-site entries \$10 more. Discounts (pre-reg or on-site, one per player): \$10 off for players new to Land of the Sky, 2nd family member, or Under 18. Add \$21 to play in a section more than 200 points above your rating. **Rds.:** 1st rd. either Fri 7pm or Sat 9am (6/90 d5), then Sat 1pm - 7pm, Sun 9am - 3pm. One 1/2 pt bye avail rds. 1-4, declare by rd. 2. **BLITZ:** 10RR, G/5 d0. Sat 10 am EF: \$20. 100% of entry fees paid in prizes. Top section USCF- and FIDE-rated. **ENT:** VVV, PO Box 1123, Weaverville, NC 28787, 828-645-4215, fax: 828-645-4216. **HR:** \$89 for up to four occupants. Reserve early at 828-254-3211 or 800-733-3211 and mention tournament. **INFO:** Wilder Wadford, wwadford48@gmail.com www.ncchess.org.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
JAN. 25, ILLINOIS

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 6
Bradley Winter Open
4SS, G/80 d5. Robert Michel Student Center, 915 N. Elmwood, Peoria, IL 61625. **2 Sections: Open & Reserve (U1400).** **EF:** \$20 by 1/23, \$25 at site, \$2 disc't ICA member, \$2 disc't GPFC memb, free to Masters. **\$\$Gtd:** \$1,000. **Open:** 1st \$200, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50, Expert \$50 & \$25, Classes A, B & C \$50 & \$25 each, Upset \$50. **Reserve (1400):** 1st \$75, 2nd \$50, Classes D & E \$50 & \$25 each, Upset \$25. **Reg.:** 8-8:45. **Rds.:** 9:12, 2:45, 5:30. **Bye:** 1-4, www.gpfc.net. **Ent:** Murrel Rhodes, 1116 N. Parkside Dr., Peoria, IL 61606, 309-682-0675 day, murrel@gmail.com.

JAN. 26, CONNECTICUT

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10 (ENHANCED)
Foxwoods Open Blitz (BLZ)
5SS, G/5 d0, double round, 10 games. Foxwoods Resort Casino (see Foxwoods Open). Prizes \$1500 based on 48 entries, else in proportion: \$300-200-100, U2200/Unr \$180-90, U2000/Unr \$160-80, U1800 \$140-70, U1600 \$120-60. **EF:** \$40, at site only, no checks. Reg. ends 9 pm, rds. 9:15, 10, 10:40, 11:20, 12. **Bye:** 1. Blitz rated, but higher of regular or blitz used for pairings & prizes. **JAN. 31, NEW YORK**

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10 (ENHANCED)
Marshall \$500 FIDE Blitz! (BLZ)

9-SS, G/5 d0. **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 \$30. **Blitz-rated**, but the higher of regular, quick or blitz 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!
FEB. 1-2 OR 2, NEW YORK

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10 (ENHANCED)
Marshall February Open FIDE GP
4-SS, 40/120, SD/30 d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$50, members \$30. **\$\$G25 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/25 d5). Limit 2 byes, request at entry. **FIDE rated!** NO REENTRY. www.marshallchessclub.org.

FEB. 7-8, MINNESOTA

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10
2014 Rochester Grand Winter Open
Please see our website for more schedules. Harwick Cafeteria, 201 3rd Ave. SW, Rochester, MN 55906. In 4 Sections, **Premier:** 5SS, G/60 d5, Free entry for masters - \$40 deducted from prizes for masters. Free entry only applies to first entry. **\$\$GTD:** \$300-200-100. U2000 \$80; U1800 \$80. \$40 rec'd by Feb 4; \$50 at site. **Rds.:** Friday 7:30 PM.; Saturday 10:00, 1:00, 3:30, and 6:00. **Amateur:** 5SS, G/60 d5, Open to 1600 & under. **\$\$GTD:** \$210-140-70. U1400 \$60; U1200 \$60. \$30 rec'd by Feb 4; \$40 at site. **Rds.:** Friday 7:30 PM.; Saturday 10:00, 1:00, 3:30, and 6:00. **Reserve:** 5SS, G/30 d5, Open to 1200 & under. **Prizes:** 1st-7th trophies. \$15 rec'd by Feb 4; \$20 at site. **Rds.:** 10:00, 11:15, 1:00, and 2:30. **Bantam:** 4SS, G/30 d5, Open to 800 & under. **Prizes:** 1st-7th trophies. \$15 rec'd by Feb 4; \$20 at site. **Rds.:** 10:00, 11:15, 1:00, and 2:30. **ALL:** Reg.: https://onlineregistration.cc/. **ENT:** Jack Fulsom H:507.206.3712, C:507.319.2565, https://onlineregistration.cc/. **INFO:** Jack Fulsom jfulsom@charter.net. http://rochesterchess.com/ai1ec_event/2014-roch-ester-grand-winter-open/. NS. NC. W.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
FEB. 9, CALIFORNIA, NORTHERN

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10 (ENHANCED)
Freemont Grand Prix SuperSwiss (4SS, G/61 d5)
Court yard Marriott, Fremont, CA 94538. **Prize:** \$1,500 b/50. 70% guar. **1800+:** \$300-200-100, u2000 150-50. **u1800:** \$200-100-50, u1600 150-50, u1400 100 u200 50. 1/4 Free Supp & TD disc. **Sched:** Reg. 8-9. Rds. 9:30 12-2:30-5. **EF:** \$45, Econ \$35 2/3 prz. after 2/6 + 15, playup \$15, Rated 2200 + \$0 by 1/30. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/grandprix. NS. NC. W.

FEB. 13, NEW YORK

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10 (ENHANCED)
Marshall Thursday Game 30 Grand Prix!
4-SS, G/25 d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$40,

CONTINENTAL CHESS SCHEDULE

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- 12/26-30: **North American Open, Las Vegas NV***
- 12/29: **North American Blitz, Las Vegas NV**
- 1/10-12: **Boston Chess Congress, Boston MA***
- 1/17-20: **Golden State Open, Concord CA***
- 1/17-20: **Liberty Bell Open, Philadelphia PA***
- 1/22-26: **Foxwoods Open, Mashantucket CT***
- 3/1-2: **NY State Scholastics, Saratoga Springs NY***
- 3/7-9: **Western Class Championships, Agoura Hills CA***
- 3/14-16: **Eastern Class Championships, Sturbridge MA***
- 3/14-16: **Mid-America Open, Saint Louis MO***
- 3/28-30 **Southern Class, Orlando FL (new date)***
- 3/28-30: **Long Island Open, Holtsville NY***
- 4/16-20: **Philadelphia Open, Philadelphia PA***
- 5/2-4: **Pittsburgh Open, Greensburg PA (new date)**
- 5/22-26: **Chicago Open, Wheeling IL***
- 6/26-30: **DC International, Arlington VA**
- 6/28-29: **World Open Under 13, Arlington VA**
- 7/2-6: **World Open, Arlington VA***
- 7/18-20: **Pacific Coast Open, Agoura Hills CA**
- 7/18-20: **Chicago Class, Wheeling IL**
- 8/1-3: **Southern Open, Orlando FL**
- 8/8-10: **Continental Open, Sturbridge MA**
- 8/22-24: **Atlantic Open, Washington DC**
- 8/22-24: **Indianapolis Open, Indianapolis IN**
- 10/8-13: **Continental Class, Arlington VA**
- 10/11-13: **Midwest Class, Wheeling IL**

For later events, see chesstour.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.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

FEB. 15-17 OR 16-17, CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 150 (ENHANCED)

3rd Annual Recession Buster Open

6-SS, 40/90, SD/60 d10 (2-day schedule rds. 1 thru 3 are G/60 d5). Marriott San Diego Airport/Liberty Station, 2592 Lanning Rd., San Diego, CA 92106. **\$\$\$20,000 Guaranteed prize fund. In 6 Sections: Open, U2200, U2000, U1800, U1600, U1400. Prizes: Open Sec:** 1st \$2,400-1,600-1,200-900-600-500-400, BU2300 \$1,000-600, **U2200, U2000, U1800, U1600 Sections,** all \$1,000-600-400-200 **U1400 Section:** \$600-400-200-100, BU1200 \$300-150, Best Unr \$100. Plus Best Game Prizes: \$75-50-25, one reserved for non-open sections. **Reg.:** 3-day: 8-9:30 AM, Feb official rating list is used. **2-day:** 8-8:30 AM Sunday. **Rds.:** 3-day: 10 AM & 4 PM all 3 days. **2-day:** 9:00 AM, 11:15, 1:30 PM & 4 PM (merged) on Sunday, then 10 AM & 4 PM on Monday. **EF:** \$90 if received by 1/15/14 (Early Bird Special), or \$100 between 1/16/14 and 2/10/14, \$120 after 2/10 and \$140 late registration at door on 2/15. No credit cards at door, checks or cash only. Special rate of only \$75 if U1400 or unrated, \$90 after 2/10 or \$100 at door. Special rate for GMs and IMs: \$20 if registered by 2/10, or \$60 late entry at door. Re-entry from 3-day to 2-day: \$75, for players rated U2300 only. Open section will be FIDE rated except for the 3 fast games in the 2 day. Unrated prize limits: U1600 \$100, U1800 \$200, U2200/2000 \$300, place prizes only in the Open Section. Players who forfeit any round are also ineligible for prizes. SCCF membership req'd (\$18 Adult, \$13 Jr, or \$3 for Jr w/o mag) for all So Cal residents. Two byes allowed, but must be requested at least one hour before round, and round 5 & 6 byes must be requested before rd 2 and are irrevocable. Ent: SDCC, PO Box 120162, San Diego, CA 92112 or enter online at www.schess.com. For more info call Bruce Baker at (619) 239-7166, or email Chuck Ensey at chucnglo@aol.com. **Hotel Rates:** Special rate of only \$119 (with free parking) if booked by 1/15/14, book early as rates may go up and rooms will definitely sell out, this is a small hotel, only 200 rooms, so it is critical to book this great hotel EARLY. It's just a few miles from the airport has lots of fast food within walking distance, plus many fine dining restaurants. Also separate one day **Scholastic event** on 2/15/14, \$15 EF, 5 rounds G/30 d5, starts at 10 AM, register 9 AM to 9:50.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

MAR. 1, CALIFORNIA, NORTHERN

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10 (ENHANCED)

Bay Area Chess Grand Prix SuperSwiss (4SS, G/61 d5)

1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Prize:** \$1,500 b/50. 70% guar.

1800+: \$300-200-100, u2000 150-50. **u1800:** \$200-100-50, u1600 150-50, u1400 100 u1200 50. Mar 14 Supp & TD disc. **Sched:** Reg. 8-9. Rds. 9:30-12-2:30-5. **EF:** \$45, Econ \$35 2/3 prz. after 2/26 +15, playup \$15, Rated 2200+ \$0 by 2/19. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/grandprix. NS. NC.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

MAR. 7-9 OR 8-9, CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 100 (ENHANCED)

21st annual Western Class Championships

5SS, 40/100, SD/30 d10 (2-day option, rds. 1-2 G/60 d10). 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. **\$\$\$20,000** based on 230 paid entries (re-entries, Class E count as half entries), minimum \$16,000 (80% each prize) guaranteed. In 7 sections. **Master** (over 2199): \$1800-900-600-400, clear or tiebreak winner \$100 bonus, top U2300 \$800-400. FIDE rated but uses USCF rules. **Expert** (2000-2199): \$1400-700-400-200. **Class A** (1800-1999/unr.): \$1400-700-400-200. **Class B** (1600-1799/unr.): \$1400-700-400-200. **Class C** (1400-1599/unr.): \$1200-600-300-200. **Class D** (1200-1399/unr.): \$1100-600-300-200. **Class E** (Under 1200/Unr.): \$600-300-200-100, plaques to top U1000, U800, U600, Unr. **Rated players** may play up one section. **Prize limits:** Unrated may not win over \$200 in E, \$300 D, \$450 C, \$600 B, or \$800 A. **Mixed doubles bonus prizes:** best male/female 2-player "team" combined score among all sections: \$600-400-200. 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. **Top 6 sections EF:** \$115 online at chessaction.com by 3/5, \$120 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 3/5, 3-day \$118, 2-day \$117 mailed by 2/26, \$130 online until 2 hours before game or at site. **Class E EF:** all \$50 less than above. **No checks** at site; credit cards OK. **SCCF memb.** (\$18, under 18 \$13 with magazine, \$3 without) required for rated Southern CA residents. **Alt:** Special 1 yr 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. Re-entry (except Master) \$60. **3-day schedule:** Reg. Fri to 6 pm, rds. Fri 7, Sat 11:15 & 5, Sun 11:15 & 4:15. **2-day schedule:** Reg. Sat to 10:15 am, rds. Sat 11:15, 2 & 5, Sun 11:15 & 4:15. **Byes:** OK all rds., limit 2; Master must commit before rd. 2, others before rd. 3. **HR:** \$97-97, 818-707-1220, reserve by 2/21 or rate may increase. **Car rental:** Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD #D657633. **Questions:** chesstour.com, 347-201-2269, DirectorAtChess.US. **Ent:** chessaction.com or Continental Chess, PO Box 8482, Pelham, NY 10803. \$15 service charge for refunds. Advance entries posted at chessaction.com (online entries posted instantly).

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

MAR. 14-16 OR 15-16, MASSACHUSETTS

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 100 (ENHANCED)

23rd annual Eastern Class Championships

5SS, 40/110, SD/30 d10 (2-day option, rds. 1-2 G/60 d10). Host Hotel at Cedar Lake, 366 Main St., Sturbridge, MA 01566 (I-84 Exit 3, near I-90). Free parking. **\$\$\$20,000** based on 240 paid entries (re-entries & Class E count half), minimum \$16,000 (80% each prize) guaranteed. In 7 sections: **Master** (2200/up): \$2000-1000-500-300, clear winner or 1st on tiebreak \$100 bonus, top U2300 \$800-400. FIDE (USCF rules used). **Expert** (2000-2199): \$1400-700-400-200. **Class A** (1800-1999/Unr.): \$1400-700-400-200. **Class B** (1600-1799/Unr.): \$1400-700-400-200. **Class C** (1400-1599/Unr.): \$1300-700-300-200. **Class D** (1200-1399/Unr.): \$1200-600-300-200. **Class E** (Under 1200/Unr.): \$500-250-150-100, trophies to first 3, top U1000, U800, U600, Unrated. **Rated players** may play up one section. **Prize limits:** Unrated may not win over \$200 in E, \$400 D, \$600 C or \$800 B. **Mixed doubles bonus prizes:** best male/female 2-player "team" combined score among all sections: \$500-300-200. 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. **Top 5 sections EF:** \$109 online at chessaction.com by 3/12, \$115 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 3/10 (entry only, no questions), 3-day \$113, 2-day \$112 mailed by 3/5, \$120 at site, or online until 2 hours before game. GMs free, \$90 deducted from prize. **Class E EF:** all \$50 less than above. **No checks** at site, credit cards OK. **Advance EF** \$5 less to MACA members; may join/renew at masschess.org. **Unofficial uschess.org ratings** usually used if otherwise unrated. **Special 1 yr 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. **Re-entry \$60;** not available in Master Section. **3-day schedule:** Reg. ends Fri 6 pm, rds. Fri 7 pm, Sat 11 & 5, Sun 10 & 3:30. **2-day schedule:** Reg. ends Sat 10 am, rds. Sat 11, 2 & 5, Sun 10 & 3:30. **Byes:** OK all, limit 2; Master must commit before rd. 2, others before rd. 3. **HR:** \$94-94, 800-582-3232, 508-347-7393, request chess rate, reserve by 2/28 or rate may increase. **Car rental:** Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD #D657633, or reserve car online through chessour.com. **Ent:** chessaction.com or Continental Chess, Box 8482, Pelham, NY 10803. **Questions:** DirectorAtChess.us, chessour.com, chessour.info, 347-201-2269. \$15 service charge for refunds. Entries posted at chessaction.com (online entries posted instantly).

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

MAR. 14-16 OR 15-16, MISSOURI

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 100 (ENHANCED)

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www.spartachessclub.org

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18th annual Mid-America Open

55S, 40/110, SD/30 d10 (2-day option, rds. 1-2 G/60 d10). **Crowne Plaza Hotel** St. Louis-Clayton, 7750 Carondelet Ave., St. Louis, MO 63105 (I-64 W/US 40-W Exit 32B, 1.2 miles north on Hanley Rd.). **\$\$ 20,000** based on 250 paid entries (re-entries & U1000 Section count half), minimum \$16,000 (80% of each prize) guaranteed. In 7 sections: **Open:** \$2000-1000-500-300, clear winner or 1st on tiebreak \$100 bonus, top U2300/Unr \$800-400. **FIDE** (USCF rules used). **Under 2100:** \$1400-700-400-200. **Under 1900:** \$1400-700-400-200. **Under 1700:** \$1300-700-400-200. **Under 1500:** \$1200-600-300-200. **Under 1300:** \$1000-500-300-200. **Under 1000:** \$400-300-200-100, plaques to first 3, top U800, U600, Unrated. **Prize limits:** Unrated may not win over \$200 in U1200, \$400 U1400, \$600 U1600, or \$800 U1800. **Mixed doubles bonus prizes:** best male/female 2-player "team" combined score among all sections: \$700-400-300-200. 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. **Top 6 sections EF:** \$109 online at chessaction.com by 3/12, \$115 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 3/10 (entry only, no questions), 3-day \$113.50, 2-day \$112.50 mailed by 3/5, \$130 online until 2 hours before game or at site. GMs free; \$90 deducted from prize. **U1000 Section EF:** all \$60 less than above. **Online EF \$3 less** to MCA members. **No checks at site**, credit cards OK. **Unofficial uschess.org ratings** usually used if otherwise unrated. **Special 1 yr 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. **Re-entry \$60;** not available in Open Section. **3-day schedule:** Reg. ends Fri 6 pm, rds. Fri 7 pm, Sat 11 & 5, Sun 10 & 3:30. **2-day schedule:** Reg. ends Sat 10 am, rds. Sat 11, 2 & 5, Sun 10 & 3:30. **Byes:** OK all, limit 2; Open must commit before rd. 2, others before rd. 3. **HR:** \$93-96, includes free full hot buffet breakfast and free parking, 888-303-1746, 314-726-5400, request chess rate, reserve by 3/7 or rate may increase. **Car rental:** Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD #D657633, or reserve car online through chessour.com. **Ent:** chessaction.com or Continental Chess, Box 8482, Pelham, NY 10803. Questions: DirectorAtChess.US, chessour.com, chessour.info, 347-201-2269. \$15 service charge for refunds. Advance entries posted at chessaction.com (online entries posted instantly).

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!**MAR. 28-30 OR 29-30, FLORIDA****TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 40 (ENHANCED)****12th annual Southern Class Championships**

55S, 40/110, SD/30 d10 (2-day option, rds. 1-2 G/60 d10), at renovated Wyndham Orlando Resort, 8001 International Dr., Orlando 32819. Free parking. **Prizes \$12,500** based on 185 paid entries (re-entries & Class E Section count half), \$10,000 (80% each prize) minimum guaranteed. In 7 sections. **Master** (2200/upp): \$1000-500-300-200, clear or tiebreak winner \$100 bonus. **FIDE** (USCF rules used). **Expert** (2000-2199): \$1000-500-300-200. **Class A** (1800-1999): \$1000-500-300-200. **Class B** (1600-1799): \$1000-500-300-200. **Class C** (1400-1599): \$800-400-250-150. **Class D** (1200-1399): \$700-400-250-150. **Class E** (Under 1200): \$400-200-100, trophies to first 3, top U1000, U800, U600, Unr. **Rated players** may play up one section. **Unrated** may enter A through E, but may not win over \$200 in E, \$350 in D, \$500 in C or \$650 in B. **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. **Top 6 sections EF:** \$98 online at chessaction.com by 3/26, \$105 phoned to 406-896-2038 (entry only, no questions) by 3/24, 3-day \$103, 2-day \$102 mailed by 3/19, \$120 (no checks, credit cards OK) at site. GMs free; \$90 deducted from prize. **Class E EF:** all \$50 less than above. **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. **Re-entry \$60;** not available in Master Section. **3-day schedule:** Reg ends Fri 6 pm, rds. Fri 7 pm, Sat 11 & 5, Sun 10 & 3:30. **2-day schedule:** Reg ends Sat 10 am, rds. Sat 11, 2 & 5, Sun 10 & 3:30. **All:** Half point by OK all, limit 2, Open must commit before rd. 2, others before rd. 3. **HR:** \$99-99-99-99, 1-800-421-8001, 407-351-2420; reserve by 3/14 or rate may increase. **Car rental:** Avis, 800-331-1600, AWD D657633, or reserve car online through chessour.com. **Ent:** chessaction.com or Continental Chess, Box 8482, Pelham, NY 10803. \$15 service charge for refunds. Questions: DirectorAtChess.US, chessour.com, chessour.info, 347-201-2269. Entries posted at chessaction.com (online entries posted instantly).

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!**MAR. 28-30 OR 29-30, NEW YORK****TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 100 (ENHANCED)****8th annual Long Island Open**

55S, 40/110, SD/30 d10 (2-day option, rds. 1-2 G/60 d10). Ramada Plaza Long Island MacArthur Airport Hotel, 1730 N. Ocean Ave., Holtsville, NY 11742. Free parking, free shuttle from LIRR Ronkonkoma Station or MacArthur Airport. **Prizes \$12,000 guaranteed & trophies.** In 5 sections. **Open:** \$1400-800-500-300, clear or tiebreak winner \$100 bonus, top U2300/Unr \$600-300. **Under 2100:** \$1000-500-300-200, top U1900/Unr \$550-250. **Under 1700:** \$900-450-250-150, top U1500 (no Unr) \$400-200. **Under 1300:** \$800-400-200-100, top U1100 (no Unr) \$300, trophy to top 3. **Under 900:** \$100-50, trophy to first 5, top Under 700, Under 500, Under 300, Unrated. **Unrated** may not win over \$300 in U1300 or \$600 in U1700. **Mixed doubles bonus prizes:** best male/female 2-player "team" combined score among all sections: \$400-300-200. 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. **Top 4 sections EF:** \$108 online at chessaction.com by 3/26, \$115 phoned by 3/24 to 406-896-2038, 3-day \$113, 2-day \$112 mailed by 3/19, \$120 at site, or online until 2 hours before game. GMs free; \$100 deducted from prize. **U900 Section EF:** \$28 online at chessaction.com by 3/26, 3-day \$33, 2-day \$32 mailed by 3/19, \$40 at site. **NYSCA members:** advance or online EF \$5 less; dues \$12/yr with 2 issues Empire Chess or \$20/yr with 4 issues, may join with online entry. **Special 1 year USCF dues** with Chess Life 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 11 & 5, Sun 10 & 3:30. **2-day schedule:** Reg. ends Sat 10 am, rds. Sat 11, 2 & 5, 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, 631-758-2900, reserve by 3/14 or rate may increase. **Car rental:** Avis, 800-331-1600, AWD D657633, or reserve car online through chessour.com. **Ent:** Continental Chess, Box 8482, Pelham, NY 10803. \$15 service charge for refunds. Questions: chessour.com, chessour.info, Director AtChess.US, 347-201-2269. Advance entries posted at chessaction.com (online entries posted instantly).

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!**APR. 16-20, 17-20, 18-20 OR 19-20, PENNSYLVANIA****TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 200 (ENHANCED)****8th annual Philadelphia Open**

OPEN SECTION, APR 16-20: 9SS, 40/2, SD/30 d10. GM & IM norms possible, FIDE rated. **OTHER SECTIONS, APR 17-20, 18-20 OR 19-20:** 7SS, 40/2, SD/30 d10 (3-day option, rds. 1-2 G/70 d10); 2-day option, rds. 1-4 G/30 d10). At the luxurious **Philadelphia Marriott Downtown**, 1201 Market St., Philadelphia, PA 19107, directly across the street from the world famous Reading Terminal Market with over 100 food vendors. **Prizes \$80,000** based on 500 paid entries (seniors, re-entries, GMs, IMs, WGMs count as half entries, U1300 Section & Unrated/Provisional Section as 50% entries, U1000 Section as 30% entries), else proportional, minimum \$60,000 (75% of each prize) guaranteed. In 8 sections: **Open:** \$7000-4000-2000-1000-800-700-600-500-400-400, clear or tiebreak first \$200 bonus, FIDE: Under 2400/Unr \$2000-1000. **Under 2200, Under 2000, Under 1800:** each \$5000-2500-1200-800-600-500-400-300-300-300. **Under 1600:** \$4000-2000-1000-700-500-400-300-300-300-300. **Under 1300:** \$2000-1000-700-500-400-300-200-200-200. **Under 1000/Unr:** \$800-400-300-200-100, trophies to first 5, top U800, U600, U400, Unrated. **Unrated/Provisional Section:** Open to unrated or under 1500 with less than 26 lifetime games rated. \$2000-1000-600-400-300. **Unrated allowed only** in Under 1000/Unr or Unrated/Provisional sections. **Mixed Doubles Bonus Prizes:** best male/female combined 2-player "team" score: \$1000-500-300-200. Open Section points count 80% to compensate for Open having more rounds than other sections. Team average must be under 2200; teammates may play in different sections; teams must register (no extra fee) before both players begin round 2; teammate pairings avoided but possible. **Unofficial uschess.org ratings** usually used if otherwise unrated. **Prize limits:** 1) If post-event rating posted 4/16/13-4/16/14 is more than 30 points over section maximum, prize limit \$1500. 2) Players with under 10 lifetime games as of 4/14 official list cannot win over \$800 in U1300, \$1600 U1600, or \$2400 U1800. 3) Unrated cannot win over \$300 in U1000/Unr Section. 4) Balance of any limited prize goes to next player(s) in line. **Open EF:** Free to GMs, IMs, WGMs; \$150 deducted from prize. **US players FIDE or USCF rated 2200/over:** \$225 online at chessaction.com by 4/14, \$231 mailed by 4/7, \$250 at site. **Foreign FIDE rated players:** \$155 online at chessaction.com by 4/7, \$161 mailed by 4/7, \$180 at site. **Others:** \$375 online at chessaction.com by 4/14, \$381 mailed by 4/7, \$400 at site. **U2200 through U1600 Sections EF:** \$225 online at chessaction.com by 4/14, 4-day \$229, 3-day \$228, 2-day \$227 mailed by 4/7, \$250 at site. **U1300 Section, Unrated/Provisional Section EF:** \$125 online at chessaction.com by 4/14, 4-day \$129, 3-day \$128, 2-day \$127 mailed by 4/7, \$150 at site. **U1000/Unr Section EF:** \$65 online at chessaction.com by 4/14, 4-day \$69, 3-day \$68, 2-day \$67 mailed by 4/7, \$80 at site. **Phoned EF:** All \$5 more than online EF, 406-896-2038 (entry only, no questions), available only through 4/7. **Online late entry after 4/14:** available until 2 hours before your first game, same price as entry at site. **EF \$100 less** to rated seniors 65+/over in Open through U1600. **Special 1 year USCF membership** 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. **No checks at site**, credit cards OK. **Re-entry:** \$100, no re-entry from Open Section to Open Section. **5-day schedule** (Open only): Reg. ends Wed 6 pm, rds. Wed 7 pm, Thu 12:45 & 7, Fri 11:45 & 6, Sat 11:45 & 6, Sun 10 & 3:45. **4-day schedule** (except Open): Reg. ends Thu 6 pm, rds. Thu 7 pm, Fri 11:45 & 6, Sat 11:45 & 6, Sun 10 & 3:45. **3-day schedule** (except Open): Reg. ends Fri 10 am, rds. Fri 11, 2:30 & 6, Sat 11:45 & 6, Sun 10 & 3:45. **2-day schedule** (except Open): Reg. ends Sat 9 am, rds. Sat 10, 12, 2, 3:45 & 6, Sun 10 & 3:45. **4-day, 3-day, & 2-day** merge & compete for same prizes. **Byes:** Half point byes OK all rounds, limit 3 byes, limit 2 in last 4 rounds, Open Section must commit before rd. 2, other sections before rd. 4. **Bring sets, boards, clocks** if possible: none supplied. **HR:** \$100-100-120, 215-625-2900, reserve by 4/4 or rate may increase. **Parking:** Marriott valet parking, about \$29/day (60% off regular rate) for first 100 spaces sold. Gateway Garage, 1540 Spring St. (1 block from Sheraton Hotel, about 3/5 mile walk) is about \$5/day Sat & Sun, \$18/day other days. **Car rentals:** Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD #D657633 or reserve car online at chessour.com. **Ratings:** FIDE April used for Open, USCF April for U2200 & below; note that ratings after the April list (see above) may result in a \$1500 prize limit. **Foreign player ratings:** see www.chessour.com/foreignratings.htm. **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, cell phones, or go to a different floor of the hotel without Director permission. **Ent:** chessaction.com or Continental Chess, Box 8482, Pelham, NY 10803. \$15 service charge for refunds. Questions: DirectorAtChess.us, 347-201-2269, chessour.com. Advance entries posted at chessaction.com (online entries posted instantly).

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!**MAY 22-26, 23-26, 24-26 OR 25-26, ILLINOIS****TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 200 (ENHANCED)****23rd annual Chicago Open**

Open Section, May 22-26: 9SS, 40/2, SD/30 d10, GM & IM norms possible, FIDE rated. **Other Sections, May 23-26, 24-26 or 25-26:** 7SS, 40/2, SD/30 d10 (3-day option, rds. 1-2 G/60 d10); 2-day option, rds. 1-

4 G/30 d10). **Westin Chicago North Shore Hotel**, 601 North Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, IL 60090 (from Chicago, I-294 north to US-45 north; from Milwaukee, I-94 east to Lake Cook Rd. to US-45 south.) Free parking. **Free lectures and analysis of your games** by GM John Fedorowicz. **\$100,000 guaranteed prize fund.** In 9 sections. **Open:** \$10000-5000-2500-1200-900-700-600-500-400-400, clear or tiebreak winner bonus \$200, top FIDE Under 2500/Unr \$2000-1000. FIDE rated, GM and IM norms possible. **Under 2300/Unr:** \$5000-2500-1200-800-600-500-400-400-300-300. **Under 2100:** \$5000-2500-1200-800-600-500-400-400-300-300. **Under 1900:** \$5000-2500-1200-800-600-500-400-400-300-300. **Under 1700:** \$4000-2000-1000-800-600-500-400-300-300-300. **Under 1500:** \$3000-1500-1000-700-500-400-300-300-300. **Under 1300:** \$3000-1500-1000-700-500-400-300-300-300. **Under 1000/Unr:** \$1000-700-500-400-300-200-200, unrated may not win over \$500; trophies to first 10, top U800, U600, U400. **Unrated/Provisional Section:** Open to unrated or under 1600 with less than 26 lifetime games rated. \$1000-700-500-400-300-200-200. **Unrated allowed only** in Open, Under 2300/Unr, Under 1000/Unr or Unrated/Provisional section. **Prize limits:** 1) If any post-event rating posted 5/22/13-5/22/14 was more than 30 points over section maximum, prize limit \$1500. 2) Players with under 10 lifetime games rated as of 5/14 official list cannot win over \$500 in U1000, \$1000 U1300, \$1500 U1500, \$2000 U1700, or \$2500 U1900. 3) Balance of any limited prize goes to next player(s) in line. **Mixed Doubles Bonus Prizes:** best male/female combined 2-player "team" score: \$2000-1000-500-400-300-200. Open Section points count 80% to compensate for Open having more rounds than other sections. Team average must be under 2200; teammates may play in different sections; teams must register (no extra fee) before both players begin round 2; teammate pairings avoided but possible. **Open EF: US players rated 2200/over by USCF or FIDE & all foreign FIDE rated players:** \$227 online at chessaction.com by 5/20, \$235 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 5/19, \$235 mailed by 5/13. **US players not rated 2200/over by USCF or FIDE:** \$100 more. **GMs, foreign IMs, foreign WGMs:** Free, \$200 deducted from prize. **IMs, WGMs, foreign FMs:** minimum prize \$200 if completing all 9 games, with no byes in rounds 6-9. **Foreign FIDE rated players below FM:** minimum prize \$100 if completing all 9 games, with no byes in rounds 6-9. **U2300 to U1300 Sections EF:** \$227 online at chessaction.com by 5/20, \$235 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 5/19 (entry only, no questions), 4-day \$234, 3-day \$233, 2-day \$232 mailed by 5/13; all \$250 online until 2 hours before game or at site until 1 hour before game. No checks at site, credit cards OK. **EF \$80 less** to seniors age 65+/over, except in U1000/Unr and Unrated/Provisional sections. **Under 1000 Section EF, Unrated/Provisional Section EF:** \$77 online at chessaction.com by 5/20, \$85 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 5/19 (entry only, no questions), 4-day \$84, 3-day \$83, 2-day \$82 mailed by 5/13, all \$100 online until 2 hours before game or at site until 1 hour before game. No checks at site, credit cards OK. **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 chessaction.com, Adult \$30, Young Adult \$20, Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or paid at site, Adult \$40, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$15. **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 12:30 & 7, Sat 11:30 & 6, Mon 11:30 & 6, Mon 10 & 3:45. **4-day schedule** (no Open): Reg. ends Fri 6 pm, rds. Fri 7 pm, Sat 11:30 & 6, Mon 11:30 & 6, Mon 10 & 3:45. **3-day schedule** (no Open): Reg. ends Sat 10:30 am, rds. Sat 11:30 & 2:45 & 6, Sun 11:30 & 6, Mon 10 & 3:45. **2-day schedule** (no Open): Reg. ends Sun 9 am, rds. Sun 10, 12, 2, 3:45 & 6, Mon 10 & 3:45. **4-day, 3-day & 2-day** schedules merge & compete for same prizes. **Byes:** OK all, limit 4 (limit 2 in last 4 rds.), Open must commit before rd. 2, others before rd. 4. **Hotel rates:** \$107-107-107-107, 800-937-8461, 847-777-6500, reserve by 5/8 or rate may increase. **Car rental:** Avis, 800-331-1600, AWD #D657633, or reserve car online through chessour.com. **Foreign player ratings:** See www.chessour.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:** 1) Players must submit to a search for electronic devices if requested by Director. In round 3 or after, players with scores of 80% or over and their opponents may not use headphones, earphones, cell phones, or go to a different floor of the hotel without Director permission. **Ent:** Continental Chess, Box 8482, Pelham, NY 10803. Questions: chessour.com, chessour.info, DirectorAtChess.US, 347-201-2269. \$15 service charge for refunds. Advance entries posted at chessaction.com (online entries posted instantly). Bring sets, boards, clocks if possible: none supplied.

JUNE 12, NEVADA**TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 80 (ENHANCED)****2014 U.S. Game/10 Championship (QC)**

See Nationals.

JUNE 12-13, NEVADA**TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 30 (ENHANCED)****2014 U.S. Women's Open**

See Nationals.

JUNE 13-15 OR 14-15, NEVADA**TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 200 (ENHANCED)****2014 National Open**

See Nationals.

An American Classic!**A Heritage Event!****Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!****JULY 2-6, 3-6, 4-6 OR JUNE 30-JULY 6, VIRGINIA****TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 300 (ENHANCED)****42nd Annual World Open**

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 \$7-15/day nearby if hotel garage is full. In 10 sections. **\$250,000 projected prizes** based on 1180 paid entries, \$200,000 (80% of each prize) minimum guaranteed. GMs, IMs, re-entries count as 50% entries, Under 1200, Seniors in U1400/over as 60% entries, U900,

Unrated/Provisional Section as 25% 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 2-6 or June 30-July 6:** 40/2, SD/30 d10. **Under 2400 to Under 1600 Sections, July 2-6, 3-6, 4-6 or June 30-July 6:** 40/2, SD/30 d10 (4-day option, rds. 1-2 G/60 d10; 3-day option, rds. 1-5 G/35 d10). **Under 1400 to Under 900 and Unrated/Provisional Sections, July 2-6, 3-6 or 4-6:** 40/2, SD/30 d10 (4-day option, rds. 1-2 G/60 d10; 3-day option, rds. 1-5 G/35 d10). **Open:** \$2000-10000-5000-2500-1300-1000-800-700-600-500, clear winner bonus \$300, top FIDE U2500 \$2000-1000. If tie for first, top 2 on tiebreak play speed game 11:30 pm 7/6 for title & bonus prize. GM & IM norms possible. FIDE rated. **Under 2400/Unr:** \$12000-6000-3000-1500-1000-900-800-700-600-500, top U2300/Unr \$2000-1000. FIDE rated. **Under 2200:** \$12000-6000-3000-1500-1000-900-800-700-600-500, top U2100 \$2000-1000. **Under 2000:** \$12000-6000-3000-1500-1000-900-800-700-600-500, top U1900 \$2000-1000. **Under 1800:** \$12000-6000-3000-1500-1000-900-800-700-600-500, top U1700 \$2000-1000. **Under 1600:** \$12000-6000-3000-1500-1000-900-800-700-600-500, top U1500 \$2000-1000. **Under 1400:** \$8000-5000-3000-1500-1000-900-800-700-600-500, top U1300 \$1600-800. **Under 1200:** \$5000-2500-1200-1000-800-700-600-500-400-400, top U1000 \$1200-600. **Under 900/Unr:** \$1200-800-600-400-300-200-200, trophies to first 10, top U700, U500, U300, Unrated. No unrated may win over \$400. **Unrated/Provisional Section:** Open to unrated or under 1500 with less than 26 games rated as of the 7/14 official list. \$1200-800-600-400-300-200-200. **Prize limits:** 1) If any post-event rating posted 6/27/13-6/27/14 was more than 30 points over section maximum, prize limit \$2000. 2) Players with under 10 lifetime games rated as of 7/14 official list cannot win over \$1000 in U1200, \$1500 U1400, \$2000 U1600, \$2500 U1800, or \$3000 U2000. Games rated too late for 7/14 official list not counted toward 10 game total. 3) Balance of any limited prize goes to next player(s) in line. **Mixed Doubles Bonus Prizes:** best male/female combined 2-player "team" score: \$3000-1500-1000-600-400-300-200. Team average must be under 2200; teammates may play in different sections; teams must register (no extra fee) before both players begin round 2; teammate pairings avoided but possible. **Entry fee:** for U2400 through U1400 sections, and Open Section if foreign or USCF or FIDE 2200/over: **Online at chessaction.com:** \$318 by 5/15, \$328 by 6/29, \$350 until 2 hours before first game. **Phoned to 406-896-2038:** \$335 by 6/25. **Mailed by 6/17:** 5-day \$335, 4-day \$334, 3-day \$333, 7-day \$337. Do not mail entry after 6/17. **At site until 1 hour before first game:** all \$350; no checks, credit cards OK. **GMs & foreign IMs in Open:** free; \$200 deducted from prize. **IMs, WGMs & foreign FMs in Open:** EF \$100 less, \$100 deducted from prize. **Open Section EF \$100 more** for US players not rated 2200 or over by USCF or FIDE. **Under 1200 Section EF:** all \$100 less than above. **Under 900 Section or Unrated/Provisional Section EF:** \$78 online at chessaction.com by 6/29, 5-day \$85, 4-day \$84, 3-day \$83 mailed by 6/17, \$100 at site until 1 hour before game or online until 2 hours before game. **Seniors 65/Up:** all EF \$100 less in U1400 or above sections. **No checks at site;** credit cards OK. **Re-entry: \$160,** no re-entry from Open to Open. **\$20 fee for switching section** after 7/1. **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. **5-day schedule:** Wed 7 pm, Thu 11 am & 5:30 pm, Fri 11 am & 5:30 pm, Sat 11 am & 5:30 pm, Sun 10 am & 4:15 pm. **4-day schedule:** Thu 11, 2:15 & 5:30, Fri 11 & 5:30, Sat 11 & 5:30, Sun 10 & 4:15. **3-day schedule:** Fri 11, 1:15, 3:15 & 5:30 & 8, Sat 11 & 5:30, Sun 10 & 4:15. **7-day schedule:** Mon-Wed 7 pm, Thu-Fri 5:30 pm, Sat 11 & 5:30, Sun 10 & 4:15. **All schedules** merge & compete for same prizes. **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. **Bring sets, boards, clocks** if possible- none supplied. **HR:** \$95-95-105-115, 703-418-1234, ask for chess rate, may sell out about May 31, two night minimum July 4-5. **Special car rental rates:** Avis, 800-331-1600, AWD #D657633, or reserve car online through chessour.com. **Foreign player ratings:** See www.chessour.com/foreignratings.htm. **US player ratings:** Official July ratings used; June FIDE ratings used for Open Section. Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. **Special rules:** 1) Players must submit to a search for electronic devices if requested by Director. In round 3 or after, players with scores of 80% or over and their opponents may not use headphones, earphones, cellphones or go to a different floor of the hotel without Director permission. **Ent:** Continental Chess, Box 8482, Pelham, NY 10803. **Questions:** chessour.com, chessour.info, DirectorAtChess.US. \$15 service charge for refunds. Advance entries will be posted at chessaction.com (online entries posted instantly). Bring set, board, clock if possible- none supplied.

Regional

Alabama

A State Championship Event!

DEC. 7, Alabama Dual-Rated State Chess Championship
4SS, Rd.1 G/30 d5, Rd. 2 G/40 d5, Rd. 3 G/50 d5, Rd. 4 G/60 d5. Round times: 9:30, 11:00, 1:30, 3:45. Two sections: **OPEN** (b/20, 60%GTD): 1st \$200, 2nd \$100, Class A/B \$80, U1600/unrated \$60. **RESERVE** (U1500) b/20, 60%GTD): 1st \$160, 2nd \$100, Class D/E \$80, U1000/unrated \$60. Trophies and Alabama titles to top Alabamian finishers. USCF and ACF required, OSA. Location: Evangel Church, 3975 Vaughn Rd., Montgomery, AL. EF (both sections): \$25 by November 29, \$30 thereafter or onsite (onsite registration 8-9AM). Registration: Send name, USCF ID, section and entry fee (payable to "Evangel Church") to Doug Strout, 6000 Camelot Ct., Montgomery, AL 36117 (dststrout@bellsouth.net).

DEC. 27-29 OR 28-29, 43rd Annual Atlanta Open (GA)

See Grand Prix.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

DEC. 28, Magic City Classic - 6th Annual
4SS, TC: G/70 d5. **Asbury UMC** 6690 Cahaba Valley Rd., Birmingham, AL 35242. **Open** (PF: \$\$\$/15): \$225-150-X-125-A-100-B-100; **Reserve** (PF: \$\$\$/15): \$175-125-U1300-100-U1100-100. **Rds.:** 9, 11:30, 2:30, 5. **EF:** \$40; if mailed by **DEC 21st:** \$55 at site. **Scholastics:** 5SS, TC: G/30 d5. **EF:** \$20. **Trophy:** Top 3. **Rds.:** 9:15-10:30-12-1:15-2:30. **Late REG:** DEC 28th at 8am. Make checks payable to: **Caesar Chess. ENT:** Caesar Chess LLC, 5184 Caldwell Mill Rd., Suite 204 - 202, Birmingham, AL 35244. **Info:** CaesarChess@yahoo.com; www.CaesarChess.com or www.AlabamaChess.com.

MAR. 28-30 OR 29-30, 12th annual Southern Class Championships (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.

DEC. 26-30, 26-29 OR 27-29, 23rd annual North American Open (NV)
See Grand Prix.

JAN. 3-5 OR 4-5, 2014 Desert Showdown
See Grand Prix.

JAN. 17-20 OR 18-20 OR 19-20, 5th annual Golden State Open (CA-N)
See Grand Prix.

FEB. 27-28, Top 100 USCF List Scholastic Invitational (CA-S)
See California, Southern.

FEB. 28-MAR. 2, 2014 U.S. Junior Chess Congress (CA-S)
See Nationals.

Arkansas

MAR. 14-16 OR 15-16, 18th annual Mid-America Open (MO)
See Grand Prix.

California, Northern

DEC. 13-15 OR 14-15, Winter Championship
See Grand Prix.

DEC. 15, Bay Area Blitz Championship (BLZ) G/4 +1
1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. Reg. 5-5:45p, Games 6-8. 2 Sects: **Prizes:** Regular: 75% of EFs; Kids: trophies for plus score. **EF** \$10, after 12/12 \$15. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/blitz. NS. NC.

DEC. 15, Bay Area Chess Cupertino Kids Quads (PK-12)
3xG/30 d5. Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** Players w + score. **Sched:** Check-in by 2:30p. **Games:** 3-5p. **EF:** 25 by 12/12, 40 onsite. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/cupertino. NS. NC. W.

DEC. 15, Bay Area Chess Cupertino Kids Swiss (PK-12)
4SSxG/30 d5. Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** teams & players w + score. **Sched:** Reg. 9-10a. **Games:** 10:15a-2p. **EF:** 33 by 12/12, 48 onsite. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/cupertino. NS. NC. W.

DEC. 21, Bay Area Chess4Less Kids Quads (PK-12)
3xG/30 d5. 1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Trophies:** Players w + score. **Sched:** Check-in by 2:30p. **Games:** 3-5p. **EF:** 19 by 12/18, 34 onsite. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/chess4less. NS. NC.

DEC. 21, Bay Area Chess4Less Kids Swiss (PK-12)
4SS, G/30 d5. 1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Trophies:** teams & players w + score. **Sched:** Reg. 9-10a. **Games:** 10:15a-2p. **Special EF:** 19 by 12/18, 34 onsite. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/chess4less. NS. NC.

DEC. 21, Bay Area Elite Kids Swiss (PK-12) 4SS x G/45
4SSxG/45 d5. 1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Trophies:** for teams & players w + score. **Sched:** Reg. 8:45-9a. **Games:** 9:15a-2p. **EF:** 25 by 12/18, 40 onsite. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/eliteswiss. NS. NC.

DEC. 26-30, 26-29 OR 27-29, 23rd annual North American Open (NV)
See Grand Prix.

JAN. 2-8, Bay Area International
See Grand Prix.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JAN. 3-5 OR 4-5, Bay Area New Year Amateur
6SS, 40/90 sd30 + 30. Hilton, 4949 Grt America Pkwy., Santa Clara, CA 95054. Hotel 79. **Prizes:** \$12,000 b/173 2/3 guar. **XA** (1800-2199, FIDE <2000): \$2000-1000-500-200. **B:** \$1500-700-300-200. **C:** \$1000-700-300-200. **DE:** \$1000-500-200, u1200: \$700-300-100. **EF:** 109, after 12/31 + 25. **Ecn** 86 (2/3 prz). **Playup 23.** **Rfnd** 20. **REG:** F 9-9:30, Sa 8-8:30. **Rds:** F/Su 10 4, Sa 10 5; 2day G/65 d5, Rds. 1-3: Sa 9 11:40 2:20 & merge. **Jan 14 Supp,** & TD disc used. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/ny. NS. NC. W.

JAN. 4, Bay Area New Year Youth (PK-12)
5SS, G/30 d5. Hilton, 4949 Grt America Pkwy., Santa Clara, CA 95054. **Prizes:** Top 10 w/plus score in ea sec & Top 10 teams combined. **5 Secs:** 800-999, 600-799, 400-599, 200-399, u200. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:15.

Games 9:30-11:12:30-1:50-3:20. **EF:** 37, after 12/31 +15, **Playup** +10. **Jan 14 Supp.** Rfnd fee 20. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/nykids. NS. NC. W.

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

JAN. 11-12 (NOT DEC. 7-8), CalChess State Grade Level Championship

NOTE: Date changes from Nov. Cl issue. SFO Airport Hyatt Reg. 1333 Bayshore Hwy., Burlingame, CA 94010. Hotel \$119. **Trophies:** Top 30 players w + score (all in K) & top 10 teams in ea section K-12. Medals to others. 13 sec based on grade (K-12). **Reg.** Sa/Su 8-8:30a. K-3: 5SS, G/30 d5, Su 9 10:30a 12 1:30 3p. 4-12 (JGP): 6SS, G/65 d5 Sa/Su 9 11:45 2:30. **Blitz:** 8xG/5 d0 Su 5:30-7p, 3 sects (K-3 4-6 7-12). **EF:** by 1/4, K-3 \$39, 4-12 \$50, 1/5-8 +\$20, 1/9-10 +\$40. **Blitz \$12.** USCF & CalChess Mem reqd. Dec 13 Supp. **Info:** http://CalChessScholastics.org. NS. NC. W.

JAN. 17-20 OR 18-20 OR 19-20, 5th annual Golden State Open
See Grand Prix.

JAN. 18, Bay Area Chess4Less Kids Quads (PK-12, 3xG/30 d5)
1639A South Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Check-in by 2:30p. **Games:** 3-5p. **EF:** 19 by 1/15, 34 onsite. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/chess4less. NS. NC.

JAN. 18, Bay Area Chess4Less Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
1639A South Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Trophies:** to all teams & players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:45a. **Games:** 10a-2p. **Disc EF:** 19 by 1/15, 34 onsite. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/chess4less. NS. NC.

JAN. 19, Bay Area San Ramon Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, San Ramon, CA 94583. **Trophies:** all teams & players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:45a. **Games:** 10a-2p. **EF:** 33 by 1/16, 48 onsite. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/sanramon. NS. NC. W.

JAN. 19, Bay Area San Ramon Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, San Ramon, CA 94583. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Check-in by 2:30p. **Games:** 3-5p. **EF:** 25 by 1/16, 40 onsite. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/sanramon. NS. NC. W.

JAN. 20, Golden State Open Blitz (BLZ)
4SS, G/5 d0, double round, 8 games. Crowne Plaza Hotel, Concord (see Golden State Open). **Prizes** \$300 based on 20 entries, else in proportion: \$100-50, U2100 \$60, U1800 \$50, U1500/Unr \$40. **EF:** \$20, at site only, no checks. **Reg.** ends 8:15 pm, rds. 8:30, 9, 9:30, 10. **Bye:** 1. **Blitz** rated, but higher of regular or blitz used for pairings & prizes.

JAN. 25, Bay Area Blitz Championship (BLZ) G/4 +1
Santa Clara Convention Center, CA 95054. **Reg.** 6-6:45p, Games 7-9. 2 Sects: **Prizes:** Regular: 75% of EFs; Kids: trophies for plus score. **EF** \$10, after 1/22 \$15. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/blitz. NS. NC. W.

JAN. 25, Santa Clara County Championship (PK-12)
Santa Clara Convention Center, CA 95054. **Trophies:** Top 10 players w/plus score & Top 5 teams in 6 sects b/grade. **Sched:** Reg. 8-9. **K-1 2 3** rounds (SSS, G/30 d5): 9:30-11:12:30-2:30. **4 5 6-12** rounds (4SS, G/45 d5): 9:30-11:20-1:10-3. **EF:** \$39 by 1/21, 1/22-23 +10, after 2/23 +20. Open to all USCF mems. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/santaclara. NS. NC. W.

JAN. 25, Santa Clara County Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)
Santa Clara Convention Center, CA 95054. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Check-in by 4:45p. **Games:** 5-7p. **EF:** 25 by 1/22, 40 onsite. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/santaclara. NS. NC. W.

JAN. 26, Bay Area Cupertino Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Check-in by 2:30p. **Games:** 3-5p. **EF:** 25 by 1/23, 40 onsite. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/cupertino. NS. NC. W.

JAN. 26, Bay Area Cupertino Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** all teams & players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:45a. **Games:** 10a-2p. **EF:** 33 by 1/23, 48 onsite. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/cupertino. NS. NC. W.

JAN. 26, Bay Area Foster City Quads (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Foster City, CA 94404. **Trophies:** all teams & players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:45a. **Games:** 10a-2p. **EF:** 33 by 1/23, 48 onsite. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/fostercity. NS. NC. W.

JAN. 26, Bay Area Foster City Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Foster City, CA 94404. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Check-in by 2:30p. **Games:** 3-5p. **EF:** 25 by 1/23, 40 onsite. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/fostercity. NS. NC. W.

FEB. 2, Bay Area Fremont Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Fremont, CA 94538. **Trophies:** all teams & players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:45a. **Games:** 10a-2p. **EF:** 33 by 1/30, 48 onsite. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/fremont. NS. NC. W.

FEB. 2, Bay Area Fremont Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Fremont, CA 94538. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Check-in by 2:30p. **Games:** 3-5p. **EF:** 25 by 1/30, 40 onsite. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/fremont. NS. NC. W.

FEB. 8, Bay Area Cupertino Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Check-in by 2:30p. **Games:** 3-5p. **EF:** 25 by 2/5, 40 onsite. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/cupertino. NS. NC. W.

FEB. 8, Bay Area Cupertino Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** all teams & players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:45a. **Games:** 10a-2p. **EF:** 33 by 2/5, 48 onsite. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/cupertino. NS. NC. W.

FEB. 8, Bay Area Sacramento Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. **Trophies:** all teams & players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:45a. **Games:** 10a-2p. **EF:** 33 by 2/5, 48 onsite. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/sacramento. NS. NC. W.

FEB. 8, Bay Area Sacramento Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Check-in by 2:30p. **Games:** 3-5p. **EF:** 25 by 2/5, 40 onsite. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/sacramento>. NS. NC. W.

FEB. 9, 7th Annual CalNorth Youth Chess Age Level

Newark Pavilion, 6439 Thornton Ave., Newark, CA. **Info & Entry Form at:** www.calnorthisouthchess.org/AgeLevel2014. Open to all scholastic players 13 and under who are USCF members. Age levels are 4-5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13. 1st Place through 15th Place trophies, plus those who tie for 15th. Three extra trophies in each section for unrated players. Special 4-9 Open age group for players over 1000 USCF rating, with a special unique trophy for the 1st Place winner. Except for the Open 4-9 group, you must play in your own age group. Age determination is based as of February 1. 5 Rounds, G/30 d5 for those 9 and under. Ages 10 to 13 is 4 Rounds, G/60 d5, as well as the 4-9 Open section. Three academic school team trophies in each age level except 4-5 and 4-9 Open. Chess medals to all who do not win a trophy. **Info:** Carl Moy, CalNorthYouthChess@gmail.com.

FEB. 9, Fremont Grand Prix SuperSwiss (4SS, G/61 d5)

See Grand Prix.

FEB. 15-17 OR 16-17, 31st Annual (2014) U.S. Amateur Team Championship West

See Nationals.

FEB. 22, Bay Area Chess4Less Kids Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)

1639A South Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Check-in by 2:30p. **Games:** 3-5p. **EF:** 19 by 2/19, 34 onsite. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/chess4less>. NS. NC.

FEB. 22, Bay Area Chess4Less Kids Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)

1639A South Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Trophies:** to all teams & players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:45a. **Games:** 10a-2p. **Disc EF:** 19 by 2/19, 34 onsite. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/chess4less>. NS. NC.

FEB. 27-28, Top 100 USCF List Scholastic Invitational (CA-S)

See California, Southern.

FEB. 28-MAR. 2, 2014 U.S. Junior Chess Congress (CA-S)

See Nationals.

MAR. 1, Bay Area Chess Grand Prix SuperSwiss (4SS, G/61 d5)

See Grand Prix.

MAR. 7-9 OR 8-9, 21st annual Western Class Championships (CA-S)

See Grand Prix.

MAR. 8, Bay Area Sacramento Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Check-in by 2:30p. **Games:** 3-5p. **EF:** 25 by 3/5, 40 onsite. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/sacramento>. NS. NC. W.

MAR. 8, Bay Area Sacramento Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. **Trophies:** all teams & players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:45a. **Games:** 10a-2p. **EF:** 33 by 3/5, 48 onsite. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/sacramento>. NS. NC. W.

MAR. 9, Bay Area Cupertino Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Check-in by 2:30p. **Games:** 3-5p. **EF:** 25 by 3/6, 40 onsite. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/cupertino>. NS. NC. W.

MAR. 9, Bay Area Cupertino Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** all teams & players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:45a. **Games:** 10a-2p. **EF:** 33 by 3/6, 48 onsite. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/cupertino>. NS. NC. W.

California, Southern

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DEC. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, LACC - Sunday G/61

3SS, G/61 d5. 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, BoA, or basement. **Info:** (310) 795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com.

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DEC. 7&8, 21&22, 28&29, LACC - Sat & Sun G/61
6SS, G/61 d5. 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.

DEC. 7, 14, 21, 28, LACC - Sat Nite Blitz (G/5) (BLZ)

5DSS, G/5 d0 (10 Games). 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA, 90025, 2nd fl. 4 blks West of 405. **EF:** \$10. Blitz-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.LAChessClub.com.

DEC. 7, 14, 21, 28, LACC - Saturday G/61

3SS, G/61 d5. 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.

DEC. 14, Bronstein Memorial Blitz (G/5) (BLZ)

7DSS, G/5 d0 (14 Games). 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA, 90025, 2nd fl. 4 blks W of 405. **EF:** \$20 (\$15 LACC memb). Blitz-rated. **Reg.:** 6-6:30 pm. **Rds.:** 6:30, 6:55, 7:20, 7:45, 8:10, 8:35, 9 pm. **Prizes:** \$250 Guaranteed! 1st:\$100; 2nd:\$50; 3rd:\$25; 4th:\$15; U1800: \$30; U1600 \$30. **Parking:** Free on streets, BoA or basement. **Info:** 310/795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com.

DEC. 14-15, 2013 Bronstein Memorial

See Grand Prix.

DEC. 22, LACC - December Girls Scholastic Championship

3 Sections: >900, <900, <500. 5SS, G/30 d5. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd & Butler, LA, 90025, 2nd fl. 4 blocks West of 405. **EF:** \$35 (\$25 LACC memb, siblings 1/2, Free new LACC memb). **Reg.:** 12-1 pm. **Rds.:** 1pm & asap. **Prizes:** Trophies (top 3 each section) & medals; each player receives a prize! **Parking:** Free on streets & basement. Free Pizzas & Juices. **Info:** (310) 795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com or [Mick@LAChessClub.com](mailto: Mick@LAChessClub.com).

DEC. 26-30, 26-29 OR 27-29, 23rd annual North American Open (NV)

See Grand Prix.

JAN. 1, 11th Year Anniversary on NYD

See Grand Prix.

JAN. 17-20 OR 18-20 OR 19-20, 5th annual Golden State Open (CA-N)

See Grand Prix.

FEB. 9, Palm Springs Chess Festival: Adults (18+)

5SS, G/30 d5. Palm Springs Pavilion, CA 92262. Sects of 16 players each based on age/rating. Choice of **cash** or **trophy** prize sections. **Cash Prize** b/16 player sect (**EF** \$40); \$200-100-60. **Trophy Prize** (**EF** \$35): Players

5th annual GOLDEN STATE OPEN

Jan 17-20, 18-20 or 19-20, Martin Luther King weekend, Concord, CA

\$25,000 guaranteed prizes, mixed doubles, early finish times!

7 rounds, 40/110, SD/30, d10 (3-day option, rds 1-2 G/70, d10; 2-day option except Open Section, rds 1-4 G/30, d10). Blitz tournament 1/20 8:30 pm.

At **Crowne Plaza Hotel**, 45 John Glenn Dr, Concord CA 94520. Free parking, free BART shuttle.

In 6 sections.

Open: \$3000-1500-1000-600-400, clear/tiebreak win \$100, top U2350/Unr \$1000-500. FIDE rated, 150 GPP.

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Under 1300: \$1000-600-400-300-200, top U1150 \$300-150.

Under 1000: \$400-200-120-80, trophy to first 3, top U800, U600, Unrated.

Unrated prize limits: U1000 \$150, U1300 \$400, U1600 \$600, U1900 \$800.

Mixed doubles: \$600-300. See TLA or chesstour.com for details.

Entry fee: \$133 online at chessaction.com by 1/15, \$140 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 1/15 (entry only, no questions), 4-day \$139, 3-day \$138, 2-day \$137 mailed by 1/7, all \$150 at site, or online until 2 hours before round 1.

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No checks at site; credit cards OK. Re-entry \$60 (except Open). Special USCF dues: see TLA or chesstour.com. USCF mem required.

Choice of schedules: All merge & compete for same prizes:

4-day reg ends Fri 6 pm, rds. Fri 7 pm, Sat 12 noon & 6 pm, Sun 12 noon & 6 pm, Mon 10 am & 3:30 pm

3-day reg ends Sat 10 am, rds Sat 11 am, 2:30 pm & 6 pm, Sun 12 noon & 6 pm, Mon 10 am & 3:30 pm.

2-day reg ends Sun 9 am, rds Sun 10, 12, 2, 3:45 & 6, Mon 10 & 3:30.

Byes: OK all, limit 2, Open must commit before rd 2, other before rd 4.

January official USCF ratings used; unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated.

Bring set, board, clock if possible- none supplied.

Hotel rates: \$92-92, 877-276-4600, 925-825-7700, reserve by 1/3.

Entry: chessaction.com or Continental Chess, Box 249, Salisbury Mills NY 12577. \$15 charge for refunds. Advance entries posted at chessaction.com (online entries posted instantly).

w/plus score. **Sched:** Reg.: 9-9:45. Rds.: 10-11:20-1:20-3:40. **EF** after 1/31 +10, after 2/7 +20. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/palms. NS. NC. W.

FEB. 9, Palm Springs Chess Festival: Youth (under 18)
5SS, G/30 d5. Palm Springs Pavilion, CA 92262. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score, medals to others. 5 sects b/age: 4-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 14-18. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:45. Rds.: 10-11:20-1:20-3:40. **EF:** \$25, after 1/31 +10, after 2/7 +20. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/palms. NS. NC. W.

FEB. 15-17 OR 16-17, 3rd Annual Recession Buster Open
See Grand Prix.

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FEB. 27-28, Top 100 USCF List Scholastic Invitational (Limited to first 60 Players) 5-RR, G/75 d5 (top 2 sections 3-RR, G/120 d5) Hanley Chess Academy, 2091 Business Center Dr. Suite 120, Irvine, CA. 92612. Open to players on a USCF Top 100 list (February 2014). Players will be divided into sections by rating – top 2 sections are 4 players quads and the rest are 6 players hexes. **RDS:** Hexes Thurs: 10-1:30-4:30, Fri: 10-1, Quads Thurs: 10am-5pm Fri: 10am. **EF:** \$45 by 2/26, \$25 less if also playing in the National Chess Congress. **PRIZES:** Chess merchandise valued at \$100 1st, \$75 2nd in each Hex or Quad from vendor at Congress. **ENT:** www.hanleychessacademy.com. **INFO:** Joe Hanley, 714-925-3195 or hanleychessacademy@gmail.com.

FEB. 28-MAR. 2, 2014 U.S. Junior Chess Congress

See Nationals.

MAR. 7-9 OR 8-9, 21st annual Western Class Championships
See Grand Prix.

APR. 4-6, 2014 National High School (K-12) Championship
See Nationals.

Colorado

DEC. 26-30, 26-29 OR 27-29, 23rd annual North American Open (NV)
See Grand Prix.

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MAR. 8-9, Manitou Springs: Colorado Springs Open
5-SS, Rds. 1-2 G/90 d5; Rds. 3-5 G/90, 30 sec increment. Manitou Springs City Hall, 606 Manitou Ave. One open section. **EF:** \$35 if rec'd by March 6, \$40 at site. \$9 EF discount for juniors, seniors, unrated. Additional \$5 discount for Supporting Members of Colorado Springs Chess Club. CSCA required, (\$15, jrs & srs 10), OSA. Cash prizes per entries. **Registration:** 8:30 - 9:30 AM. **Rds.:** 10, 2:30, 7:00; 9:00 AM, 3:00. **Note:** Daylight Savings Time starts Sunday morning. Entries to Richard Buchanan, 1 Sutherland Rd., Manitou Springs, CO 80829. Phone (719) 685-1984 or e-mail buckpeace@pcisys.net. COLORADO TOUR EVENT.

Connecticut

DEC. 27-29 OR 28-29, 32nd annual Empire City Open (NY)
See Grand Prix.

JAN. 10-12 OR 11-12, 2nd annual Boston Chess Congress (MA)
See Grand Prix.

JAN. 12, Kasparov Chess Foundation presents the 34th Annual Greater NY Primary Championship! (NY)
See New York.

JAN. 12, Kasparov Chess Foundation presents the 48th Annual Greater NY Elementary Championship - USCF's Longest-Running Scholastic! (NY)
See New York.

JAN. 12, Kasparov Chess Foundation presents the 48th Annual Greater NY High School Championship - USCF's Longest-Running Scholastic! (NY)
See New York.

JAN. 12, Kasparov Chess Foundation presents the 48th Annual Greater NY Junior High Championship - USCF's Longest-Running Scholastic! (NY)
See New York.

JAN. 17-20, 18-20 OR 19-20, 46th annual Liberty Bell Open (PA)
See Grand Prix.

JAN. 22-26, 23-26 OR 24-26, 12th annual Foxwoods Open
See Grand Prix.

JAN. 26, Foxwoods Open Blitz (BLZ)
See Grand Prix.

MAR. 1-2, 47th annual New York State Scholastic Championships (NY)
See New York.

MAR. 14-16 OR 15-16, 23rd annual Eastern Class Championships (MA)
See Grand Prix.

MAR. 28-30 OR 29-30, 8th annual Long Island Open (NY)
See Grand Prix.

APR. 16-20, 17-20, 18-20 OR 19-20, 8th annual Philadelphia Open (PA)
See Grand Prix.

JULY 2-6, 3-6, 4-6 OR JUNE 30-JULY 6, 42nd Annual World Open (VA)
See Grand Prix.

Delaware

APR. 16-20, 17-20, 18-20 OR 19-20, 8th annual Philadelphia Open (PA)
See Grand Prix.

Florida

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

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DEC. 13-15, 2013 National K-12 Championships

See Nationals.

DEC. 27-29 OR 28-29, 43rd Annual Atlanta Open (GA)

See Grand Prix.

JAN. 10-12, South Florida Regional Scholastic Championships

Organized by the FSCL and sanctioned by the FCA. *Top 5 Teams and Top 10 Individuals in Open divisions qualify for the Florida Scholastic State Championships, Mar. 14-16 in Orlando.* **6SS, Rds. 1-4 G/45 d5 and Rds. 5-6 G/60 d5. DoubleTree by Hilton Miami Airport & Convention Center, 7111 NW 72nd Ave., Miami, FL 33126. Phone: 305-261-3800 or 800-353-1995. Chess rate \$119. Sections:** Open divisions K-1, K-3, K-5, K-8, K-12; Rated divisions K-3 Under 500, K-5 Under 800, K-8 Under 900, K-12 Under 1000; Unrated divisions K-3, K-5, K-8. **Entry Fees:** \$40 per player by Jan. 3rd, thereafter \$50. **Schedule:** Jan. 10th Blitz registration 5:30-7pm; Blitz tournament G/5 d0 7:30pm; On-site registration 6-9pm. **Jan. 11th** Opening ceremony 9am; **11th** **Round 1 G/45 d5** 9:30am; **Round 2 G/45 d5** 11:30am; **Round 3 G/45 d5** 2:15pm; **Round 4 G/45 d5** 4:30pm; Bughouse registration 5-7pm; Bughouse tournament G/5 d0 7:30pm. **Jan. 12th** **Round 5 G/60 d5** 9:30am; **Round 6 G/60 d5** 12:30pm; **Awards ceremony** 3:30pm. **Prizes** Open divisions: Trophies to Top 5 Teams and Top 10 Individuals. Rated divisions: Trophies to Top 5 Teams and Top 10 Individuals. Unrated divisions: Trophies to Top 3 Teams and Top 5 Individuals. Medals for all participants. **Online registration:** http://onlineregistration.cc search for "South Florida Regional." **Mail entries** to Elizabeth Tejada, P.O. Box 22629, Hialeah, FL 33002. Checks payable to FSCL. **Questions:** tejada@fscchess.org or 786-444-2467. **Advance entries posted** at: www.fscchess.org.

JAN. 17-19 OR 18-19, Central Florida Class Championships

See Grand Prix.

FEB. 7-9, North Florida Regional Scholastic Championships

Organized by the FSCL and sanctioned by the FCA. *Top 5 Teams and Top 10 Individuals in each Section qualify for the Florida Scholastic State Championships, Mar. 14-16 in Orlando.* **6SS, Rds. 1-2 G/45 d5 and Rds. 3-6 G/60 d5. Tampa Airport Westshore Hilton, 2225 N. Lois Ave., Tampa, FL 33607. Phone: 813-877-6688 or 800-445-8667. Chess rate \$111. Sections:** K-1, K-3, K-5, K-8, K-12. **Entry Fees:** \$40 per player by Jan. 31st, thereafter \$50. **Schedule:** Feb. 7th Blitz registration 6-7:15pm; Blitz tournament G/5 d0 7:30pm; On-site registration 6-9pm. **Feb. 8th** On-site registration 8-9:30am; Opening remarks 9:45am; **Round 1 G/45 d5** 10am; **Round 2 G/45 d5** 12pm; **Round 3 G/60 d5** 2:00pm; **Round 4 G/60 d5** 4:30pm; Bughouse registration 5-6:45pm; Bughouse tournament G/5 d0 7pm. **Feb. 9th** **Round 5 G/60 d5** 9am; **Round 6 G/60 d5** 11:30am; **Awards ceremony** 2pm. **Prizes:** Trophies to Top 5 Teams and Top 10 Individuals in all Sections. Medals for all participants. **Online registration:** http://onlineregistration.cc search for "North Florida Regional." **Mail entries** to FSCL, P.O. Box 12197, Gainesville, FL 32604. Checks payable to FSCL. **Questions:** bryerson@fscchess.org or 352-284-8273. **Advance entries posted** at: www.fscchess.org.

MAR. 28-30 OR 29-30, 12th annual Southern Class Championships

See Grand Prix.

JULY 2-6, 3-6, 4-6 OR JUNE 30-JULY 6, 42nd Annual World Open (VA)
See Grand Prix.

Georgia

DEC. 27-29 OR 28-29, 43rd Annual Atlanta Open

See Grand Prix.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

DEC. 30, 11th Annual Time Control Open

4-SS, Rd. 1 G/30 d5, Rd. 2 G/45 d5, Rd. 3 G/60 d5, Rd. 4 G/75 d5. North Dekalb Mall, 2050 Lawrenceville Highway, near Ross for Less, Decatur, GA 30033. In 3 sections: **Open:** \$30 if received by 12/24, \$35 at site. **\$1,000 b/45, 60% Guaranteed.:** \$250-150; u2000, u1800, u1600, u1400 each \$150. Accelerated Pairings may be used. **Under 1200:** (not part of base) **Entry Fee:** \$25 if received by 12/24; \$28 at site. Trophies to top 3, 2 under 1000. **Under 800:** Same as Under 1200 except trophies to top 5. **Registration:** ends at 10:30 a.m. **Rounds:** 11-12:30: 2:30-5. info@americanchesspromotions.com or (478)-973-9389. **Enter:** American Chess Promotions, 3055 General Lee Rd., Macon, GA 31204 or info@americanchesspromotions.com at PayPal.

DEC. 31, Georgia Chess Festival Scholastic

4-SS, G/30 d5. North Dekalb Mall, 2050 Lawrenceville Highway, near Ross for Less, Decatur, GA 30033. In 4 sections: **High School:** 9-12, **Middle School:** K-8, **Elementary:** K-6, and **Primary:** K-3. **Entry Fee:** \$23 if received by 12/24; \$28 at site. Trophies to top 5, top girl, top unrated each section based on 15. More per entries. Medals to every participant who

doesn't get a trophy. **Registration:** 9 to 10:15 sharp!! May come later and take a 1/2 point bye. **Rounds:** 1st at 10:30 a.m., then as soon as possible. Awards right after last round is completed. Should be over at 6:00 p.m. at latest. **SPECIAL:** A master or expert will be on hand for FREE game analysis. **Info:** (478)-973-9389 or info@americanchesspromotions.com. **Enter:** American Chess Promotions, 3055 General Lee Rd., Macon, GA 31204 or info@americanchesspromotions.com at PayPal.

MAR. 28-30 OR 29-30, 12th annual Southern Class Championships (FL)
See Grand Prix.

APR. 25-27, 2014 National Junior High (K-9) Championship
See Nationals.

JULY 2-6, 3-6, 4-6 OR JUNE 30-JULY 6, 42nd Annual World Open (VA)
See Grand Prix.

Idaho

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

DEC. 14-15, 2013 Western Idaho Open

5SS, **Time Control:** G/120 d5. Northwest Chess Grand Prix. **2 Sections:** Open and Reserve (U1400). Site: Boise State University, Student Union Bldg., 1910 University Dr., Boise, ID. USCF mem req., ICA Mem req. (OSA). **EF** by 12/9 \$30 (U18 & 60+ \$25), Special family rate \$60. \$5 more for all if after 12/9. BSU Chess Club Students enter for free even if not pre-registered. Email entries OK to lock in lower rate. **Register & check in:** 8-8:45am 12/14. **Rd times:** Sat 9am, 1:30pm, 6pm; Sun 9am, 1:30pm. 1/2 pt bye avail: Max 1, any round. Must commit before Rd. 2 pairing. Players arriving for round 2 may take a retroactive Rd.1 1/2 pt bye. **Prize \$\$** (Based on 30 non-BSU entries) **Open:** \$200-100-75. **Reserve:** \$100-75-50. **ENT/INFO:** ICA, Contact: George Lundy, 9533 Caraway Dr., Boise, ID 83704, email: tdmlyndy@juno.com, www.idahochessassociation.org. NC. NS. W.

DEC. 26-30, 26-29 OR 27-29, 23rd annual North American Open (NV)
See Grand Prix.

Illinois

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DEC. 14, JJC Chess Club Tournament

3 round Quad, G/70 d5. Joliet Jr. College, Bldg. J, Room 0006, 1215 Houblot Ave., Joliet, IL 60431, exit 127 from I-80. **EF:** \$25 by 12/12 \$35 at day of event (**Please Note:** due to the longer time control, no scholastic players 12 or younger are allowed entry unless they are USCF rated 1,000 or higher, no exceptions please). **Cash Prizes:** \$50 for 1st, \$25 for 2nd per quad (based on 4 per quad). **Reg.:** 8:00-9:45am; pairings are made at 10:00am sharp, please do not be late day of event unless you give notice before day of tournament. **RDS:** 10:00am, 1:15 and 3:45. **Info:** Checks payable by 12/12 to Dennis R. Doyle, 536 Springwood Dr., Joliet, IL 60431, no phone or credit card entries, cash only payment day of event, must be a USCF member to play: e-mail questions to Dennis Doyle at: ddoyle@jjc.edu.

JAN. 4, Winter Open Individual Scholastic Tournament

NEW SITE: Embassy Suites Chicago North Shore/Deerfield, 1445 Lake Cook Rd., Deerfield, IL 60015, (847) 945-4500. Discounted early EF \$25, \$30 at door by 11:30 am, \$35 after that, Rnds: 12 (noon)-1-2-3-4, G/25 d0, Open to under 18 years of age, 2 sections: U1200, U700, 10 individual trophies per section (team trophies not available), Participation award to each player. **Bring sets-boards-clocks, none provided.** January Regular ratings may be used for pairings/prizes; however, tournament is Quick Rated only. All rules, regulations, and procedures may be superseded by announcements/postings at the site. Ent: Tim Just, 37165 Willow, Gurnee, IL 60031. Info only 847-773-7706 before 6 PM. e-mail for info only (sorry, e-mail & phone entries not available): timjust@chessforlife.com, Checks payable to Chess For Life, LLC, info and **Discounted PayPal early entries until 6 PM 1-3-14:** http://chessforlife.com. NS. NC. W.

JAN. 4-5, Tim Just's Winter Open/Reserve XXXI

See Grand Prix.

JAN. 25, Bradley Winter Open

See Grand Prix.

FEB. 21-23 OR 22-23, 2014 U.S. Amateur Team North

See Nationals.

MAR. 14-16 OR 15-16, 18th annual Mid-America Open (MO)

See Grand Prix.

MAY 22-26, 23-26, 24-26 OR 25-26, 23rd annual Chicago Open
See Grand Prix.

JULY 2-6, 3-6, 4-6 OR JUNE 30-JULY 6, 42nd Annual World Open (VA)
See Grand Prix.

Indiana

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

The Second Saturday of the Month

4SS, G/61 d5. Donatos Pizza, 825 W. 10th St., Indianapolis. Reg.: 11-11:30AM, Rd. 1, 11:40AM. \$5: 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.req'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 akakarпов@att.net. 3 entries in a class req'd for that class prize to be awarded.

MAR. 14-16 OR 15-16, 18th annual Mid-America Open (MO)
See Grand Prix.

MAY 22-26, 23-26, 24-26 OR 25-26, 23rd annual Chicago Open (IL)
See Grand Prix.

Iowa

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
JAN. 11, Winter Open (IASCA Mini-Qualifier)

4-SS, G/70, +5 sec. Kirkwood Room, 515 Kirkwood Ave., Iowa City, IA 52240. **Reg.:** On Site: 8:15-9:15 am. **Rds.:** 10:00 am-1:15 pm-4 pm-6:45 pm. **EF:** \$27 if rec'd by 1/8. \$37 on site. **Prizes (\$325 b/25):** 1st Place = \$110, 2nd Place = \$65, U1900, U1500, U1200 \$50 each. USCF membership required. On-Site Available. IASCA membership required, \$15, \$10 Jr. or Sr. On-Site Available. **Send EF to:** Hawkeye Chess Club, c/o Mark Capron, 3123 Juniper Dr., Iowa City, IA 52245. Online registration available at <https://www.onlineregistration.cc>. Additional Info: mcapron243@mchsi.com; 319-321-5435.

MAR. 14-16 OR 15-16, 18th annual Mid-America Open (MO)
See Grand Prix.

MAY 22-26, 23-26, 24-26 OR 25-26, 23rd annual Chicago Open (IL)
See Grand Prix.

Kansas

MAR. 14-16 OR 15-16, 18th annual Mid-America Open (MO)
See Grand Prix.

MAY 22-26, 23-26, 24-26 OR 25-26, 23rd annual Chicago Open (IL)
See Grand Prix.

Kentucky

A Heritage Event!

JAN. 4, 30th Pink Floyd Open

Music will be playing during the rounds. 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 time to get something to eat). **EF:** \$20. **Contact:** Matthew Gurley (859)-537-1060; mattgurley@gmail.com.

JAN. 18, The Louis Braille Chess Memorial Open

"Out of the Darkness" Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, KY (see www.mapquest.com for a map and directions). **Entry Fee:** 20 dollars on-site, 15 dollars pre-registration fee **Sections:** under 2000, under 1600, under 1200, under 800, G/30 d5 and 3 rounds; Open section, G/45 d5, 3 rounds. Only the top 2 winners in each section earn a cash prize. The tournament director reserves the right to change sections and other conditions based on entries received. The tour-

namment takes place in The Dining Hall located in the Honeycutt Center. **Registration** time is 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The first round starts at 11 a.m. Blind and visually impaired students are particularly welcome to compete! See www.pottershousechess.com for additional details. Contact urbanlouisvillechess@yahoo.com for a pre-registration form.

MAR. 14-16 OR 15-16, 18th annual Mid-America Open (MO)
See Grand Prix.

MAY 22-26, 23-26, 24-26 OR 25-26, 23rd annual Chicago Open (IL)
See Grand Prix.

JULY 2-6, 3-6, 4-6 OR JUNE 30-JULY 6, 42nd Annual World Open (VA)
See Grand Prix.

Louisiana

DEC. 27-29, New Orleans Open
See Grand Prix.

Maine

JAN. 10-12 OR 11-12, 2nd annual Boston Chess Congress (MA)
See Grand Prix.

JAN. 18-19, Saco Open
See Grand Prix.

MAR. 14-16 OR 15-16, 23rd annual Eastern Class Championships (MA)
See Grand Prix.

Maryland

Maryland Chess Association

Open & scholastic tournaments in Maryland listed at www.mdchess.com.

DEC. 26-29 OR 27-29, 40th Annual Eastern Open in 6 Sections
See Grand Prix.

DEC. 28, Eastern Open Blitz Championship (BLZ)
See Grand Prix.

DEC. 28, Partay-On Open
See Grand Prix.

JAN. 10-12 OR 11-12, Chesapeake Open
See Grand Prix.

JAN. 17-20, 18-20 OR 19-20, 46th annual Liberty Bell Open (PA)
See Grand Prix.

FEB. 1, Kasparov Chess Foundation Presents 6th Annual Greater Mid-Atlantic Scholastic Chess Championships

Baltimore Polytechnic Institute & Western High School, 1400 W. Cold Spring Ln., Baltimore, MD 21209. Open to K-12 players. **7 Sections.** 4 sections are 5SS, G/40 d5: **Varsity: K-12** (rated 600+, grades K-12, trophies to top 10 players & 4 teams), **Varsity: K-8** (rated 600+, grades K-8, trophies to top 10 players & 5 teams), **Varsity: K-5** (rated 600+, grades K-5, trophies to top 10 players & 6 teams), **Varsity: K-3** (rated 600+, grades K-3, trophies to top 8 players & 4 teams). 3 sections are 5SS, G/30 d5: **U1000 K-12** (rated under 1000 or unrated, grades K-12, trophies to top 10 players & 4 teams), **U700 K-8** (rated under 700 or unrated, grades K-8, trophies to top 27 players & 13 teams), **U400 K-3** (rated under 400 or unrated, grades K-3, trophies to top 14 players & 6 teams). **Rds.:**

Rd. 1 for all sections: 9:30 AM; subsequent rounds ASAP # of rds, time control, & # of trophies might change, based on number of players. **EF:** \$30, by 1/19 (online or received mail); \$35, by 1/28 (online or received mail); \$40, by 7 PM, 1/30 (online); \$50, 8:30 - 9 AM, 2/1 (half-point bye likely in Round 1). **Entry:** Online registration at www.mdchess.com/tourneyreg. **Mail** registration: include player's name, USCF ID #, USCF exp. date, section, grade, school, phone #, email address, & check (made payable to Maryland Chess Association). Mail to: MCA, 1827 Thornton Ridge Rd., Towson, MD 21204-1841. Sets, boards, & scoresheets provided; bring chess clock & pencil. Food available for purchase. **Info:** www.mdchess.com, tournaments@mdchess.com, & 240-426-5477 (M).

MAR. 1-2, 47th annual New York State Scholastic Championships (NY)
See New York.

APR. 16-20, 17-20, 18-20 OR 19-20, 8th annual Philadelphia Open (PA)
See Grand Prix.

JULY 2-6, 3-6, 4-6 OR JUNE 30-JULY 6, 42nd Annual World Open (VA)
See Grand Prix.

Massachusetts

DEC. 15, Harry Nelson Pillsbury Memorial
See Grand Prix.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JAN. 8, 15, 22, 29, FEB. 5, Reggie Boone Memorial (1926-2008) 5SS, G/100 d5, Wachusett CC, McKay Campus School, Room C159, Fitchburg State University, 67 Rindge Rd., Fitchburg, MA 01420. **EF:** \$20 annual club dues or \$1 per game. **Reg.:** 6-7:10 p.m. **Rds.:** 7:15 p.m. each Wed. **Byes:** 1-4, limit two. **Prizes:** books. **Info:** George Mirijanian, 176 Oak Hill Rd., Fitchburg, MA 01420, miriling2@aol.com, 978-345-5011. **Website:** www.wachusettchess.org. Online ratings as of 1/8 used. W.

JAN. 10-12 OR 11-12, 2nd annual Boston Chess Congress
See Grand Prix.

JAN. 12, Boston Chess Congress Blitz (BLZ)

4SS, G/5 d0, double round, 8 games. Hyatt Harborside Hotel (see Boston Chess Congress). Prizes \$300 based on 20 entries, else in proportion: \$100-50, U2100 \$60, U1800 \$50, U1500/Unr \$40. **EF:** \$20, at site only, no checks. **Reg. ends:** 8:15 pm, rds. 8:30, 9, 9:30, 10. **Bye:** 1. **Blitz rated,** but higher of regular or blitz used for pairings & prizes.

JAN. 22-26, 23-26 OR 24-26, 12th annual Foxwoods Open (CT)
See Grand Prix.

JAN. 26, Foxwoods Open Blitz (BLZ) (CT)
See Grand Prix.

MAR. 1-2, 47th annual New York State Scholastic Championships (NY)
See New York.

MAR. 14-16 OR 15-16, 23rd annual Eastern Class Championships
See Grand Prix.

JULY 2-6, 3-6, 4-6 OR JUNE 30-JULY 6, 42nd Annual World Open (VA)
See Grand Prix.

Michigan

JAN. 11-12, 2014 Michigan Master/Expert & Class Championships
See Grand Prix.

MAY 22-26, 23-26, 24-26 OR 25-26, 23rd annual Chicago Open (IL)
See Grand Prix.

JULY 2-6, 3-6, 4-6 OR JUNE 30-JULY 6, 42nd Annual World Open (VA)
See Grand Prix.

Minnesota

FEB. 7-8, 2014 Rochester Grand Winter Open
See Grand Prix.

MAY 22-26, 23-26, 24-26 OR 25-26, 23rd annual Chicago Open (IL)
See Grand Prix.

Mississippi

DEC. 7, 2013 MS Quick and Blitz Open

at the International Checker Hall Of Fame, 220 Lynn Ray Rd., Petal, MS 39465. Two events! USCF and MCA memberships req'd OSA. **BSS, G/12 d3 Open.** Prizes for Open & U1400 based on 80% of entry fees! **Advanced entry Fee:** Adults \$20 and Scholastic 12th grade or lower \$10 if received by 11/30. **Onsite Entry Fee:** Adults \$30 and Scholastic 12th grade or lower \$20 **Reg.:** Sat 8-9am. **Rds.:** 9:15-9:45-10:15-10:45-11:15, Lunch, 1:00-1:30-2:00. **G/5 d0 Blitz Event:** Double Elimination, no delay and an illegal move is a loss. Winner takes all. Prize based on 80% of entry fees! **EF:** \$5. **Reg.:** Sat 8-9am and 2:30-3pm. **Rds.** start at 3pm goes until we have a winner. **Send** advanced entry check with name & USCF# made out to: the Mississippi Chess Association, to Ralph McNaughton, 407 Boehle St., Pearl, MS 39208. **Information:** Call Ralph at 601-278-9670 or email ralphmncn@comcast.net. For more info: www.mscchess.org.

Missouri

MAR. 14-16 OR 15-16, 18th annual Mid-America Open
See Grand Prix.

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Under 1900/Unr: \$800-400-300-200.

Under 1700/Unr: \$800-400-300-200. Unrated limit \$600.

Under 1500/Unr: \$700-400-300-200. Unrated limit \$400.

Under 1300/Unr: \$400-250-150-100. Unrated limit \$200.

MIXED DOUBLES BONUS PRIZES: best male/female 2-player "team" combined score among all sections: \$800-400-200. Team average must be under 2200; teammates may play in different sections.

BLITZ TOURNAMENT Sunday 8:30 pm.

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

MAY 22-26, 23-26, 24-26 OR 25-26, 23rd annual Chicago Open (IL)
See Grand Prix.

Nebraska

MAR. 14-16 OR 15-16, 18th annual Mid-America Open (MO)
See Grand Prix.

MAY 22-26, 23-26, 24-26 OR 25-26, 23rd annual Chicago Open (IL)
See Grand Prix.

Nevada

DEC. 26-30, 26-29 OR 27-29, 23rd annual North American Open
See Grand Prix.

DEC. 29, North American Open Blitz (BLZ)
See Grand Prix.

JAN. 17-20 OR 18-20 OR 19-20, 5th annual Golden State Open (CA-N)
See Grand Prix.

FEB. 27-28, Top 100 USCF List Scholastic Invitational (CA-S)
See California, Southern.

FEB. 28-MAR. 2, 2014 U.S. Junior Chess Congress (CA-S)
See Nationals.

MAR. 7-9 OR 8-9, 21st annual Western Class Championships (CA-S)
See Grand Prix.

JUNE 12, 2014 U.S. Game/10 Championship (OC)
See Nationals.

JUNE 12-13, 2014 U.S. Women's Open
See Nationals.

JUNE 13-15 OR 14-15, 2014 National Open
See Nationals.

New Hampshire

JAN. 10-12 OR 11-12, 2nd annual Boston Chess Congress (MA)
See Grand Prix.

MAR. 14-16 OR 15-16, 23rd annual Eastern Class Championships (MA)
See Grand Prix.

New Jersey

The NJ Players Club Monday League

Mondays - Sept. 23 to Dec. 30, 2013! Community Center, 293 Main St., Hackettstown, NJ. Play one game per Monday at 7:30pm. Just show up from Sept. 23 to Dec. 30. and play a rated game. Ok to skip a round. EF: \$.50 to enter playing hall. Multiple TC's: G/85 d5, or G/60 d5 or G/30 d5. Players choose TC by agreement. TD assigns pairings. K-8 players welcome. Info: Ken at Chess@goes.com or 908-619-8621. Web.

DEC. 14, Central Jersey Chess Tournament

4SS. All Saints Church, 16 All Saints Rd., Princeton. **Open, U1200 G/40 d5, U900, U600 G/25 d5, Novice(unnr), K-1(unnr).** Trophies: 1st-3rd, top school/club team/section. \$30 at njchess.com by 12/12, \$40 on-site. Reg. ends 1:30.

DEC. 14, Dr. Luzviminda Machan Open

4-SS, G/40 d5. **EF:** \$40, members \$30, U1600 less \$5. **Prize Fund:** \$490 b/\$700 in **EF.** **Prizes:** \$150-100-70, U2200 \$50, U1900 \$50, U1600 \$50, Biggest Upset \$20. **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 3. Re-entry \$20, before round 2 or 3 only. 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. **Info:** chessmates@chessmatesnj.com, 732-499-0118.

DEC. 14, Fair Lawn Saturday Quads

ICA, 9-10 Saddle River Rd., Fair Lawn, NJ 07410. 3 RR, G/60 d0. **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.**

DEC. 15, Chess Mates Sunday Morning Quads

3-RR, G/25 d5. 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. **Prizes:** \$75 to first in each section. **EF:** \$30, \$25 members. **Reg.:** 10:00-10:25 a.m. **Rds.:** 10:30, 11:35 a.m., 12:40 p.m. **Info:** chessmates@chessmatesnj.com, 732-499-0118.

DEC. 15, 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:** www.westfieldchessclub.com, John Moldovan: westfieldchessclub@gmail.com, Bill Cohen: 732-548-8432 or 848-219-1358.

DEC. 21, Chess Mates Saturday Swiss

3-SS, G/55 d5. 2 Sections: Open, U1800. **EF:** \$30, members \$25. **Prize Fund:** 70% of **EF.** **Prizes:** 1st, 2nd & Class Prizes (based on the # of participants). **Reg.:** 12:35-1:00 p.m. **Rds.:** 1:05-3:20-5:35 p.m. **Byes:** 1 bye available, must commit prior to game 2. No re-entry. 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. **Info:** chessmates@chessmatesnj.com, 732-499-0118.

DEC. 21, Fair Lawn Saturday Quads

ICA, 9-10 Saddle River Rd., Fair Lawn, NJ 07410. 3 RR, G/60 d0. **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.**

DEC. 22, Chess Mates Sunday Morning Quads

3-RR, G/25 d5. 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. **Prizes:** \$75 to first in each section. **EF:** \$30, \$25 members. **Reg.:** 10:00-10:25 a.m. **Rds.:** 10:30, 11:35 a.m., 12:40 p.m. **Info:** chessmates@chessmatesnj.com, 732-499-0118.

DEC. 27-29 OR 28-29, 32nd annual Empire City Open (NY)

See Grand Prix.

DEC. 28, Chess Mates Holiday Quads

3-RR, G/40 d5. 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. **Prizes:** \$75 to first in each section. **EF:** \$30, \$25 Members. **Reg.:** 12:35-1:25 p.m. **Rds.:** 1:30-3:15-5:00 p.m. **Info:** chessmates@chessmatesnj.com, 732-499-0118.

DEC. 28, Fair Lawn Saturday Quads

ICA, 9-10 Saddle River Rd., Fair Lawn, NJ 07410. 3 RR, G/60 d0. **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.**

DEC. 28, Hamilton CC Saturday Quad

3RR, 40/80 15/30 15/30 d0. Full K. **New Location:** McManimon Hall, 320 Scully Ave., Hamilton Twp., NJ 08610. Quads open to all. **EF:** \$10. **Prizes:** \$25 per Quad. **Reg.:** 9-10:30am. **Rds.:** 10:30am-1:30pm-4:30pm. NJ State Chess Federation, no dues magazine Subscription per year, OSA. **Contact email:** hamiltonchessclub.com. NS. NC. W.

DEC. 29, Chessmas Open - in two sections

See Grand Prix.

DEC. 29, Chess Mates Holiday Scholastic

K-12. 3 Sections: Open, U1250, U750. **Open:** 3-SS. G/40 d5 Rds.: 1:30, 3:15, 5:00 p.m. **U1250:** 4-SS. G/25 d5. Rds.: 1:30, 2:40, 3:50, 5:00 p.m. **U750:** 4-SS. G/25 d5. Rds.: 1:30, 2:40, 3:50, 5:00 p.m. **Prizes:** Trophies to Top 5 in each section. Tiebreaks used. **EF:** Advance \$25, \$20 our members/students. At site \$30, \$25 our members/students. Send advance entries to Chess Mates, 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065 by December 27. Make checks payable to Chess Mates Corporation. **Reg.:** 12:30-1:15 p.m. **Info:** chessmates@chessmatesnj.com, www.chessmatesnj.com, chessmatesnj.blogspot.com.

DEC. 29, Empire City Open Blitz (BLZ) (NY)

See New York.

JAN. 4, Chess Mates Saturday Quads

3-RR, G/40 d5. 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. **Prizes:** \$75 to first in each section. **EF:** \$30, \$25 Members. **Reg.:** 12:35-1:25 p.m. **Rds.:** 1:30-3:15-5:00 p.m. **Info:** chessmates@chessmatesnj.com, 732-499-0118.

JAN. 5, Chess Mates Sunday Morning Quads

3-RR, G/25 d5. 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. **Prizes:** \$75 to first in each section. **EF:** \$30, \$25 members. **Reg.:** 10:00-10:25 a.m. **Rds.:** 10:30, 11:35 a.m., 12:40 p.m. **Info:** chessmates@chessmatesnj.com, 732-499-0118.

JAN. 5, Westfield Quads

3-RR, G/40 d5. Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, NJ 07090. Note prize & price increase. **Prizes:** \$60 to first in each section. **EF:** \$25, \$20 Members. **Reg.:** 1:30-2:00 p.m. **Rds.:** 2:15-4:05-5:55 p.m. **Info:** www.westfieldchessclub.com, John Moldovan: westfieldchessclub@gmail.com, Bill Cohen: 732-548-8432 or 848-219-1358.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JAN. 8, 15, 22, 29, 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. Late-joins accepted until the start of round 3. **EF:** \$30, \$25 members. **Reg.:** 6:45-7:10 p.m. **Rds.:** 7:15 p.m. on January 8, 15, 22, 29. 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. **Info:** chessmates@chessmatesnj.com, 732-499-0118.

JAN. 10-12 OR 11-12, 2nd annual Boston Chess Congress (MA)

See Grand Prix.

JAN. 10-12 OR 11-12, Chesapeake Open (MD)

See Grand Prix.

JAN. 11, Dr. Luzviminda Machan Open

4-SS, G/40 d5. **EF:** \$40, members \$30, U1600 less \$5. **Prize Fund:** \$490 b/\$700 in **EF.** **Prizes:** \$150-100-70, U2200 \$50, U1900 \$50, U1600 \$50, Biggest Upset \$20. **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 3. Re-entry \$20, before round 2 or 3 only. 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. **Info:** chessmates@chessmatesnj.com, 732-499-0118.

JAN. 11, Ewing CC - Quad #16

3RR, G/90 d5. Ewing Community Center, 999 Lower Ferry Rd., Ewing, NJ 08628. **EF:** \$14. **Prizes:** \$35. each Quad. **REG.:** 8:45-10AM. **Rds.:** 10:15, 1:30, 5PM. Train/Bus Access. **Contact:** Mike zyxcol@earthlink.net, 609-468-4792. NS. NC. W.

JAN. 11, Princeton Day School

650 The Great Road. Plaques to top 3 school teams and top 8 in each section. Medals to all players. Sections for OVER 1000 rated players begin at 10:15 and must preregister: 3 rds. G/55 d5: **OVER 1600, OVER 1400 NEAR MASTERS, FUTURE MASTERS** (Players K-12 1200-1400), **CLOSED** (K-12 1000-1200) **ALL AFTERNOON SECTIONS.** G/25 d5 4 rds. Beginning at 12:00 noon. (round times will be accelerated if possible): **OPEN** (Players K-12 U1000), **RESERVE** (K-12 U800), **NOVICE II** (K-8 U600), **NOVICE I** (unrated K-6), **K-1** (unrated) **NO SCORE K-1** (unrated). **PARENTS OF PLAYERS** rated G/25 d5 3rds. Parents play free. Pre-registration online, \$35 pay at the door. **Info and register online:** www.pds.org/chess. On-site 11-12 noon \$45. Inquiries to Bonnie Waitkin Chessteach@gmail.com.

JAN. 12, 1st Annual Steve Ferrero Memorial Grand Prix

See Grand Prix.

JAN. 12, Chess Mates Sunday Morning Quads

3-RR, G/25 d5. 1531 Irving St., Rahway, NJ 07065. **Prizes:** \$75 to first

in each section. **EF:** \$30, \$25 members. **Reg.:** 10:00-10:25 a.m. **Rds.:** 10:30, 11:35 a.m., 12:40 p.m. **Info:** chessmates@chessmatesnj.com, 732-499-0118.

JAN. 12, Kasparov Chess Foundation presents the 34th Annual Greater NY Primary Championship! (NY)
See New York.

JAN. 12, Kasparov Chess Foundation presents the 48th Annual Greater NY Elementary Championship - USCF's Longest-Running Scholastic! (NY)
See New York.

JAN. 12, Kasparov Chess Foundation presents the 48th Annual Greater NY High School Championship - USCF's Longest-Running Scholastic! (NY)
See New York.

JAN. 12, Kasparov Chess Foundation presents the 48th Annual Greater NY Junior High Championship - USCF's Longest-Running Scholastic! (NY)
See New York.

JAN. 12, Westfield Quads

3-RR, G/40 d5. Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, NJ 07090. Note prize & price increase. **Prizes:** \$60 to first in each section. **EF:** \$25, \$20 Members. **Reg.:** 1:30-2:00 p.m. **Rds.:** 2:15-4:05-5:55 p.m. **Info:** www.westfieldchessclub.com, John Moldovan: westfieldchessclub@gmail.com, Bill Cohen: 732-548-8432 or 848-219-1358.

JAN. 17-20, 18-20 OR 19-20, 46th annual Liberty Bell Open (PA)

See Grand Prix.

JAN. 19, Westfield Winter Scholastic

Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, NJ 07090. K-12. 3 Sections: Open, U1250, U750. **Open:** 3-SS. G/40 d5. Rds.: 2:30, 4:15, 6:00 p.m. **U1250:** 4-SS. G/25 d5. Rds.: 2:30, 3:45, 5:00, 6:15 p.m. **U750:** 4-SS. G/25 d5. Rds.: 2:30, 3:45, 5:00, 6:15 p.m. **Prizes:** Trophies to Top 5 in each section. Tiebreaks used. **EF:** Advance \$20, \$15 members. At site \$30, \$25 members. Send advance entries to John Moldovan, 510 4th Ave., Garwood, NJ 07027 by Jan. 16. Make checks payable to Westfield Chess Club. **Reg.:** 1:30-2:15 p.m. **Info:** www.westfieldchessclub.com, John Moldovan: westfieldchessclub@gmail.com, Bill Cohen: 732-548-8432 or 848-219-1358.

JAN. 20, Liberty Bell Open Blitz (BLZ) (PA)
See Pennsylvania.

JAN. 22-26, 23-26 OR 24-26, 12th annual Foxwoods Open (CT)
See Grand Prix.

JAN. 26, Westfield Quads

3-RR, G/40 d5. Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, NJ 07090. Note prize & price increase. **Prizes:** \$60 to first in each section. **EF:** \$25, \$20 Members. **Reg.:** 1:30-2:00 p.m. **Rds.:** 2:15-4:05-5:55 p.m. **Info:** www.westfieldchessclub.com, John Moldovan: westfieldchessclub@gmail.com, Bill Cohen: 732-548-8432 or 848-219-1358.

FEB. 2, Westfield Quick Swiss (QC)

4-SS, G/15 d5. Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, NJ 07090. **Prize Fund:** \$225 b/16 entries. **Prizes:** \$60-40-30. U2100 \$25, U1900 \$25, U1700 \$25, U1500 \$20. **EF:** \$20, \$15 members. **Reg.:** 1:00-1:25 p.m. **Rds.:** 1:30, 2:15, 3:00, 3:45 p.m. **Info:** www.westfieldchessclub.com, John Moldovan: westfieldchessclub@gmail.com, Bill Cohen: 732-548-8432 or 848-219-1358.

FEB. 9, Westfield Quads

3-RR, G/40 d5. Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, NJ 07090. Note prize & price increase. **Prizes:** \$60 to first in each section. **EF:** \$25, \$20 Members. **Reg.:** 1:30-2:00 p.m. **Rds.:** 2:15-4:05-5:55 p.m. **Info:** www.westfieldchessclub.com, John Moldovan: westfieldchessclub@gmail.com, Bill Cohen: 732-548-8432 or 848-219-1358.

FEB. 9, Westfield Quads

3-RR, G/40 d5. Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, NJ 07090. Note prize & price increase. **Prizes:** \$60 to first in each section. **EF:** \$25, \$20 Members. **Reg.:** 1:30-2:00 p.m. **Rds.:** 2:15-4:05-5:55 p.m. **Info:** www.westfieldchessclub.com, John Moldovan: westfieldchessclub@gmail.com, Bill Cohen: 732-548-8432 or 848-219-1358.

FEB. 15-17, World Amateur Team & U.S. Team East - 44th Annual
See Nationals.

A State Championship Event!

FEB. 23, New Jersey State Elementary Championships

SSS, G/30 d5. Brookdale College, 765 Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft, NJ 07738. Student Life Center, use Parking Lot #7 or #6; 5 minutes from Garden State Parkway exit 109. 2 Sections: Elementary (K-6) & Primary (K-3). **All:** Trophies to top 15 individuals, top 5 teams. Elementary & Primary: Top 5 in each grade. **Rds.:** 10am then ASAP Top 4 scores constitute the team score for Elementary; top 3 for Primary. **EF:** \$30 before 2/16, \$45 at site. USCF memb. req'd. **Reg.:** 8-9:00am After 9:00am 1/2 point bye for round 1. **Info:** 732-259-3881, **Ent:** Hal Sprechman, P.O. Box 1511, Jackson, NJ 08527 or online by Feb 23 at www.characterkings.org . Entries must include name, grade, school, date of birth, USCF ID and expiration date, mailing address, email address, phone number and entry fee. Checks made out to NJSCF.

A State Championship Event!

FEB. 23, New Jersey Junior High School Championships

SSS, G/30 d5. Brookdale College, 765 Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft, NJ 07738. Student Life Center, use Parking Lot #7 or #6; 5 minutes from Garden State Parkway exit 109. **Section:** JHS (K-9). **All:** Trophies to top 15 individuals, top 5 teams. **Rds.:** 10am then ASAP Top 4 scores constitute team score. **EF:** \$30 before 2/16, \$45 at site. USCF memb. req'd. **Reg.:** 8-9:00 am. After 9:00 am, half-point bye for round one. **Info:** 732-259-3881, hsprechman@characterkings.org. **Ent:** Hal Sprechman, P.O. Box 1511, Jackson, NJ 08527 or online by Feb 22 at www.characterkings.org. Entries must include name, grade, school, date of birth, USCF ID #, & expiration date, mailing address, phone number & entry fee. Checks made out to NJSCF.

MAR. 1-2, 47th annual New York State Scholastic Championships (NY)
See New York.

MAR. 14-16 OR 15-16, 23rd annual Eastern Class Championships (MA)
See Grand Prix.

MAR. 28-30 OR 29-30, 8th annual Long Island Open (NY)

See Grand Prix.

APR. 16-20, 17-20, 18-20 OR 19-20, 8th annual Philadelphia Open (PA)

See Grand Prix.

JULY 2-6, 3-6, 4-6 OR JUNE 30-JULY 6, 42nd Annual World Open (VA)

See Grand Prix.

New Mexico**DEC. 26-30, 26-29 OR 27-29, 23rd annual North American Open (NV)**

See Grand Prix.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!**JAN. 11-12, New Mexico Richard Sherman Memorial Senior Championship Open**

Open to all ages. 4/SS, G/120 (except for U1000, G/60) d5. Rio Rancho Meadowlark Sr. Center, 4330 Meadowlark Ln. SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124. Co-sponsored by the Meadowlark Chess Group and the New Mexico Chess Organization. Sections: **Open:** EF \$35. \$5b/25 1st \$175 Gtd., 2nd \$125, U2000 \$100. **Reserve:** U1800 EF \$30, \$5b/20 1st \$125, 2nd \$75, U1600 \$50. **Booster:** U1400 EF \$25 \$5b/15 1st \$75 U1200 \$25. **Morphy:** U1000 EF \$20, \$5b/10 1st \$60, 2nd \$35 Unrated only eligible for 50% of prize in Reserve, Booster & Morphy. **Rds. For Open, Reserve & Booster:** 9, 2, 9, 2. **Rds. for Morphy (U1000):** 9, 11:15, 2, 4:15 all on Saturday, Jan. 11. **Reg.** Sat 8:00-8:30. **No 1/2 pt. Byes.** 0 pt. bye avail. each rd. \$10 late fee if entry not rec'd by noon Jan 10. \$5 family discount after 1 full price entry. **ENT:** checks payable to NMCO, mailed to NMCO, P O Box 4215, Albuquerque, NM 87196. **Paypal accepted.** See www.nmchess.org. Entry form at above website. USCF memberships and renewals are available on site. To qualify for prizes, players must submit an entry form with valid USCF ID and complete, accurate contact information. **W.**

MAR. 7-9 OR 8-9, 21st annual Western Class Championships (CA-S)

See Grand Prix.

New York**DEC. 10, Robert Byrne Memorial Blitz Tournament (BLZ)**

See Grand Prix.

DEC. 17, Marshall Masters!

See Grand Prix.

DEC. 19, Marshall 4 Rated Games Tonight!

4-SS, G/25 d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$40, members \$25, GMs free. **Prizes:** (\$8530 based on 32 paid entries: \$200-100-50, U2200 \$95, U2000 \$85. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45 pm. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available, request at entry. NOW ALSO FIDE RAPID RATED!

DEC. 20, Marshall \$500 FIDE Blitz! (BLZ)

See Grand Prix.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

DEC. 23, 30, JAN. 6, 13, 20, Marshall Monday U1600
5-SS, G/85 d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. (\$450/20): \$240-120, U1300 \$90. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45. **Rds.:** 7 pm each Mon. Two byes available, request by Round 3. www.marshallchessclub.org.

DEC. 26, Marshall 4 Rated Games Tonight!

4-SS, G/25 d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$40, members \$25, GMs free. **Prizes:** (\$8530 based on 32 paid entries: \$200-100-50, U2200 \$95, U2000 \$85. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45 pm. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available, request at entry. NOW ALSO FIDE RAPID RATED!

DEC. 27-29 OR 28-29, 32nd annual Empire City Open

See Grand Prix.

DEC. 28, Marshall Saturday G/60!

4-SS, G/55 d5. 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.marshallchessclub.org.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!**DEC. 29, 52nd Binghamton Monthly Tournament**

4SS, G/65 d5. **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** 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.

DEC. 29, Chessmas Open - in two sections (NJ)

See Grand Prix.

DEC. 29, Empire City Open Blitz (BLZ)

4SS, G/5 d0, double round, 8 games. New Yorker Hotel (see Empire City Open). Prizes \$300 based on 20 entries, else in proportion: \$100-50, U2100 \$60, U1800 \$50, U1500/Unr \$40. **EF:** \$20, at site only, no checks. **Reg.** ends 8:15 pm, rds. 8:30, 9, 9:30, 10. **Bye:** 1. Blitz rated, but higher of regular or blitz used for pairings & prizes.

DEC. 29, Marshall Sunday G/45!

4-SS, G/40 d5. 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): \$120-60, U2100 \$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.

DEC. 30, 69th Nassau Action

See Grand Prix.

JAN. 1, New Year Action Grand Prix

See Grand Prix.

JAN. 2, Marshall 4 Rated Games Tonight!

4-SS, G/25 d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$40, members \$25, GMs free. **Prizes:** (\$8530 based on 32 paid entries: \$200-100-50, U2200 \$95, U2000 \$85. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45 pm. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available, request at entry. NOW ALSO FIDE RAPID RATED!

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!**JAN. 2, 9, 16, 23, 6th Long Island CC Winter Open**

4SS, G/90 d5. United Methodist Church, 470 East Meadow Ave., East Meadow, NY 11554. **Open to all.** **(\$b/20):** \$85-60. Top U-2000, U-1500/unr. \$45 ea. **EF:** \$30. Non-LICC members +\$10. **Reg.:** 6:40-7:10 PM, no adv. ent., **Rds.:** 7:15 PM SHARP ea. Thursday. 2 byes 1-4. **Info:** www.licchessclub.com. NS. Skittles rm.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!**JAN. 3-5 OR 4-5, Marshall GM Norm Invitational Qualifier!**

6-SS, 40/90, SD/30 +30 sec. increment. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **Minimum Rating: 2100 FIDE, no GMs. EF:** \$150, members \$100. **Prizes:** Top two finishers will receive invitation and free entry to April 4-6, 12-13 Marshall GM Norm RR Invitational. **Reg.:** 10:15-10:45 am 1/3. **Rds.:** 11 am/5 pm daily Two byes available, request at entry. FIDE & USCF rated. FIDE ratings used for pairings.

JAN. 3-5 OR 4-5, NEW! Marshall January Extra Super GP!

See Grand Prix.

JAN. 6&13, 70th Nassau Action

See Grand Prix.

JAN. 7, Marshall Tuesday FIDE Action!

4-SS, G/25 d5. 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. NOW ALSO FIDE RAPID RATED!

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!**JAN. 8, 15, 22, 29, FEB. 5, Marshall Wednesday U1400!**

5-SS, G/85 d5. 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.marshallchessclub.org.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!**JAN. 8, 15, 22, 29, FEB. 5, Marshall Wednesday U2000!**

5-SS, G/85 d5, SD/1 d5. 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.marshallchessclub.org.

JAN. 9, Marshall 4 Rated Games Tonight!

4-SS, G/25 d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$40, members \$25, GMs free. **Prizes:** (\$8530 based on 32 paid entries: \$200-100-50, U2200 \$95, U2000 \$85. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45 pm. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available, request at entry. NOW ALSO FIDE RAPID RATED!

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!**JAN. 9, 16, 23, 30, FEB. 6, Marshall FIDE Thursdays**

5-SS, G/120 d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$50, Members \$30. **(\$500 b/28):** \$175-125-100, U2000 \$100. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45. **Rds.:** 7PM each Thursday. FIDE rated. Limit 2 byes, request by rd. 3. www.marshallchessclub.org.

JAN. 10-12 OR 11-12, 2nd annual Boston Chess Congress (MA)

See Grand Prix.

JAN. 10-12 OR 11-12, Chesapeake Open (MD)

See Grand Prix.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!**JAN. 10-12, 11-12 OR 12, NEW! Marshall January Super FIDE U2300!**

5-SS, 40/2 d5 SD/30 d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$60, members \$40. **\$820 gtd:** \$300-150-100, U2000 \$145, U1700 \$125. **Reg.** ends 15 min before Rd. **3 schedules:** **3 day:** 1/10 6pm, 1/11, 12 12:30-5:30. **2 day:** 1/11, 12 11am, then merge with 3day (Rd. 1 G/25 d5). **1 day:** 1/12 9-10-10-11-20, then merge with 2&3 day (Rd. 1-3 G/25 d5) Limit 2 byes, request at entry. USCF & FIDE rated. www.marshallchessclub.org.

JAN. 11, 3rd annual Blizzard Challenge "Scholastic Team Tournament"

(Sponsored by Sonwil Distribution) 4SS, G/45 d0. Global Concepts Ch. Sch. 1001 Ridge Rd., Lackawanna, NY 14218. **4 Rated Sections:** K-6, K-6 U1000, K-12, K-12 U1000. **EF:** Free. **Rds.:** 10:00am to 5pm. **Trophies:** Top 3 Individuals in each section, Top team in each section. **Medals:** 2 and 3rd place teams in each section. All players must have a valid USCF Membership. Jan. 2014 USCF rating supplement used. **Reg.:** send Name, Team Name, Section, USCF # to circilloav@yahoo.com. More info at www.queensknightchess.blogspot.com/.

JAN. 11, Marshall Saturday U1600!

4-SS, G/40 d5. 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.marshallchessclub.org.

A Heritage Event!**JAN. 12, Kasparov Chess Foundation presents the 34th Annual Greater NY Primary Championship!**

5-SS, G/25 + td/5 or G/30 + td/0, open to all born after 1/12/04 and also in grades 3/below. **Much larger and beautiful new hotel site: New York Marriott at Brooklyn Bridge**, 333 Adams Street (about 5 minutes from the Brooklyn Bridge; near Tillary St. & Borough Hall: <http://goo.gl/maps/Mx1cM>), Brooklyn, NY. **Nearby subway stations: Jay Street Metrotech** (A, C, F & R trains), **Hoyt Street** (2 & 3 trains), **Borough Hall** (4 & 5 trains), **Court Street** (R train). **3 sections: Varsity**, open to all. **EF:** \$53.60 postmarked by 12/20/13. Trophies to top 12, top rated U900, top 3 unrated, top 6 school teams. Free entry to specified Marshall Chess Club tmts. except quads thru 8/1/14 to 1st, thru 7/1 to 2nd, thru 6/1 to 3rd. **Novice:** open to Under 700 or unrated. **EF:** \$53.50 postmarked by 12/20/13. Trophies to top 12, top 3 unrated. Free entry to specified Marshall Chess Club tmts. except quads thru 7/1/14 to 1st, thru 6/1 to 2nd, thru 5/1 to 3rd. **K-1**, open to grade 1/below. **EF:** \$53.40 postmarked by 12/20/13. Trophies to top 12, top rated U500, top 3 unrated, top 6 schools. Free entry to specified Marshall Chess Club tmts. except quads thru 7/1/14 to 1st, thru 6/1 to 2nd, thru 5/1 to 3rd. **All:** EF's \$7 extra per player postmarked 12/21-27, all \$75 at site. **Mail entries \$5 less per player if 4 or more from same school in SAME ENVELOPE!** All substitutions from advance entry list charged late fee. \$15 extra to switch sections, \$15 charge for each player refund. Jan. 2014 ratings used, but unofficial ratings at www.uschess.org will usually be used for players who would otherwise be unrated. All players scoring 4 or more who don't win a trophy will receive a medal! 8 weeks free entry, except

47th annual NEW YORK STATE SCHOLASTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 1-2, 2014 - Saratoga Springs, NY

6 rounds, G/60, d10, open to grades K-12 in any state (top NY player & team each section are NY champs). Team prizes based on top 4 scores from same school. 228 trophies to be awarded, plus free entries for NY players! Reserve hotel room by Feb 14 (earlier is better as it is likely to sell out).

In 9 sections: **High School** (K-12), **High School Reserve** (K-12 under 1200/unr), **Junior High** (K-9), **Middle School Reserve** (K-8 under 1000/unr), **Elementary** (K-6), **Elementary Reserve** (K-5 under 800/unr), **Primary** (K-3), **NEW Primary Reserve** (K-3 under 600/unr), **K-1** (2 days this year).

See TLA under "New York" for full details.

quads, to 1st team each section, 4 weeks free, except quads, to 2nd team (top 4 scores from same school = team score). Free entry prizes courtesy of Marshall Chess Club. Speed playoff for 5-0. Limit 2 byes (commit before rd. 3). **Mail entries:** list name, rating, ID# (proof of current USCF membership required, enclose dues if necessary), school, grade, birth-date, address (specify section). Checks to: **Chess Center of NY, PO Box 4615, New Windsor, NY 12553.** To confirm receipt, enclose SASE. No mail postmarked after 12/27/13. **Phone entries:** \$65 by credit card thru 1/6: 406-896-2191 (24 hours: entries only, no questions), no phone entries after 1/6. **Online entries at** www.gnyscc.com: \$50 thru 12/27/13, \$57 12/28-1/6, \$70 1/7-1/10. **On-site entry fee:** \$75. On-site reg. ends 9:00 am. Rds. 10-12-2-3:30-5:15. Help with NYC parking: Icon Parking Systems Brooklyn parking: Parking Panda **Questions, team rooms:** chesscentr@gmail.com, littlehouseofchess@gmail.com or **347-201-2269** (Jan 12 only: **718-246-7000**). Bring clocks!

A Heritage Event!

JAN. 12, Kasparov Chess Foundation presents the 48th Annual Greater NY Elementary Championship - USCF's Longest-Running Scholastic!

5-SS, G/25 + td/5 or G/30 + td/0, open to all born after 1/12/01 and also not yet in 7th grade. **Much larger and beautiful new hotel site: New York Marriott At Brooklyn Bridge**, 333 Adams Street (about 5 minutes from the Brooklyn Bridge; near Tillary St. & Borough Hall: <http://goo.gl/maps/Mx1cM>), Brooklyn, NY. **Nearby subway stations: Jay Street Metrotech** (A, C, F & R trains), **Hoyt Street** (2 & 3 trains), **Borough Hall** (4 & 5 trains), **Court Street** (R train). **3 sections: Varsity**, open to all. **EF:** \$53.30 postmarked by 12/20/13. Trophies to top 12, top U1200, top 3 unrated, top 6 school teams. Free entry to specified Marshall Chess Club tmts. except quads thru 8/1/14 to 1st, thru 7/1 to 2nd, thru 6/1 to 3rd. **Junior-Varsity:** open to Under 1000 or unrated. **EF:** \$53.20 postmarked by 12/20/13. Trophies to top 12, top 3 unrated, top 6 schools. Free entry to specified Marshall Chess Club tmts. except quads thru 7/1/14 to 1st, thru 6/1 to 2nd, thru 5/1 to 3rd. **Novice**, open to Under 700 or unrated. **EF:** \$53.10 postmarked by 12/20/13. Trophies to top 12, top 3 unrated, top 6 schools. Free entry to specified Marshall Chess Club tmts. except quads thru 6/1/14 to 1st, thru 5/1 to 2nd, thru 4/1 to 3rd. **All:** EF's \$7 extra per player postmarked 12/21-27, all \$75 at site. **Mail entries \$5 less per player if 4 or more from same school in SAME ENVELOPE!** All substitutions from advance entry list charged late fee. \$15 extra to switch sections, \$15 charge for each player refund. Jan. 2014 ratings used, but unofficial ratings at www.uschess.org will usually be used for players who would **otherwise** be unrated. All players scoring 4 or more who don't win a trophy will receive a medal! 8 weeks free entry, except quads, to 1st team each section, 4 weeks free, except quads, to 2nd team (top 4 scores from same school = team score). Free entry prizes courtesy of Marshall Chess Club. Speed playoff for 5-0. Limit 2 byes (commit before rd. 3). **Mail entries:** list name, rating, ID# (proof of current USCF membership required, enclose dues if necessary), school,

grade, birthdate, address (specify section). Checks to: **Chess Center of NY, PO Box 4615, New Windsor, NY 12553.** To confirm receipt, enclose SASE. No mail postmarked after 12/27/13. **Phone entries:** \$65 by credit card thru 1/6: 406-896-2191 (24 hours: entries only, no questions), no phone entries after 1/6. **Online entries at** www.gnyscc.com: \$50 thru 12/27/13, \$57 12/28-1/6, \$70 1/7-1/10. **On-site entry fee:** \$75. On-site reg. ends 9:00 am. Rds. 10-12-2-3:30-5:15. Help with NYC parking: Icon Parking Systems Brooklyn parking: Parking Panda **Questions, team rooms:** chesscentr@gmail.com, littlehouseofchess@gmail.com or **347-201-2269** (Jan 12 only: **718-246-7000**). Bring clocks!

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name, rating, ID# (proof of current USCF membership required, enclose dues if necessary), school, grade, birth-date, address (specify section). Checks to: **Chess Center of NY, PO Box 4615, New Windsor, NY 12553.** To confirm receipt, enclose SASE. No mail postmarked after 12/27/13. **Phone entries:** \$65 by credit card thru 1/6: 406-896-2191 (24 hours: entries only, no questions), no phone entries after 1/6. **Online entries at** www.gnyscc.com: \$50 thru 12/27/13, \$57 12/28-1/6, \$70 1/7-1/10. **On-site entry fee:** \$75. On-site reg. ends 9:00 am. Rds. 10-12-2-3:30-5:15. Help with NYC parking: Icon Parking Systems Brooklyn parking: Parking Panda **Questions, team rooms:** chesscentr@gmail.com, littlehouseofchess@gmail.com or **347-201-2269** (Jan 12 only: **718-246-7000**). Bring clocks!

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RUN AN ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT THIS SPRING! Each affiliate is entitled to one TLA per month of up to 8 lines and up to 2 issues of *Chess Life*, for any tournament between April and June 2014, if no TLA for such an event appeared in 2013, and the TLA is e-mailed by the appropriate deadline. The 8 free lines cannot be applied to longer TLAs.

SPECIAL CATEGORIES QUALIFY FOR FREE TLAs! Each affiliate is entitled to one TLA per month of up to 8 lines for events in the following categories, if submitted by e-mail. The free lines cannot be applied to longer TLAs:

SENIOR. For age 50 or above, or a higher minimum age.

UNRATEDS FREE. Any tournament that offers free entry to unrated players. If your prizes are based on entries, say "paid entries."

USCF BOOSTER TOURNAMENT. A tournament that offers at least two USCF membership renewal prizes, or a quad that offers at least one per section.

CHESS CLUB SPECIAL. A tournament playing only on one or more weekday evenings.

RBO. Open to Under 1200/Unr or Under 1000/Unr. Tournament name must include "Rated Beginners Open" or "RBO."

BLITZ. Time control of Game/5. TLAs such as "USCF-rated Blitz every Friday 7 pm" are accepted.

COLLEGIATE. A tournament limited to college students.

JUNIOR. For age 20/below (age 20 must be eligible).

NON-SCHOLASTIC WITH SCHOLASTIC. A tournament for all ages held concurrent (same location) with a scholastic tournament that in its previous year drew at least 50 players. We encourage organizers of scholastics to hold open or collegiate events on the side.

SPECIAL RATES FOR CLUB ADS. Up to 5 lines \$180 per year, \$100 for 6 months for unchanged club ads in the TLA section. Announce meeting dates & times, activities, contact info, etc.

USCF DISCUSSION GROUPS. See www.uschess.org/forums for four groups: Tournament Organization, Chess Club Organization, Tournament Direction, USCF Issues.

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The membership category once called "Youth" has been renamed "Young Adult," and eligibility has changed from under 21 to under 25. **Annual dues for this category are only \$33 with paper *Chess Life* or \$26 with the online version!**

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Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JAN. 13, 20, 27, FEB. 3, 10, 17, Marshall FIDE Mondays
4-SS, G/120 d5. 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 \$95, U2000 \$85. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45. **Rds.:** 7PM each Monday. FIDE rated. FIDE ratings used for pairings and prizes. Players w/o FIDE rating: USCF rating used for prizes. Limit 2 byes, request by rd. 4. www.marshallchessclub.org.

JAN. 16, Marshall 4 Rated Games Tonight!

4-SS, G/25 d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$40, **members** \$25, **GMS free**. **Prizes:** (\$8530 based on 32 paid entries: \$200-100-50, U2200 \$95, U2000 \$85. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45 pm. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available, request at entry. NOW ALSO FIDE RAPID RATED!

JAN. 17, Marshall Friday U2000 Action!

4-SS, G/25 d5. 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.

JAN. 17-20, 18-20 OR 19-20, 46th annual Liberty Bell Open (PA)
See Grand Prix.

JAN. 18, Marshall Saturday G/60!

4-SS, G/55 d5. 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.marshallchessclub.org.

JAN. 19, Marshall Sunday G/45!

4-SS, G/40 d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **Two sections - A. Open (\$360/26):** \$160-80, U2100 65, U1800 55. **B. U1800 (\$240/18):** \$120-65, U1500 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.

JAN. 21, Marshall Masters!

See Grand Prix.

JAN. 22-26, 23-26 OR 24-26, 12th annual Foxwoods Open (CT)
See Grand Prix.

JAN. 23, Marshall 4 Rated Games Tonight!

4-SS, G/25 d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$40, **members** \$25, **GMS free**. **Prizes:** (\$8530 based on 32 paid entries: \$200-100-50, U2200 \$95, U2000 \$85. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45 pm. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available, request at entry. NOW ALSO FIDE RAPID RATED!

JAN. 25, Marshall Saturday G/60!

4-SS, G/55 d5. 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.marshallchessclub.org.

JAN. 26, Foxwoods Open Blitz (BLZ) (CT)

See Grand Prix.

JAN. 26, Marshall Sunday G/45!

4-SS, G/40 d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **Two sections - A. Open (\$360/26):** \$160-80, U2100 65, U1800 55. **B. U1800 (\$240/18):** \$120-65, U1500 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!

JAN. 27, FEB. 3, 10, 17, 24, Marshall Monday U1600
5-SS, G/85 d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. **(\$450/20):** \$240-120, U1300 \$90. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45. **Rds.:** 7 pm each Mon. Two byes available, request by Round 3. www.marshallchessclub.org.

JAN. 30, Marshall 4 Rated Games Tonight!

4-SS, G/25 d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$40, **members** \$25, **GMS free**. **Prizes:** (\$8530 based on 32 paid entries: \$200-100-50, U2200 \$95, U2000 \$85. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45 pm. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available, request at entry. NOW ALSO FIDE RAPID RATED!

JAN. 31, Marshall \$500 FIDE Blitz! (BLZ)

See Grand Prix.

FEB. 1-2 OR 2, Marshall February Open FIDE GP

See Grand Prix.

FEB. 2, PS 77 Lower Lab Chess Tournament - All proceeds go to school

1700 3rd Avenue, New York, NY. **Starter (unrated):** 4-SS, G/25 d5 open to unrated in K-1. Trophies to all. **Learner (unrated):** 4-SS, G/25 d5 open to unrated in K-5. Trophies to top quarter, medals to others. **Achiever:** 4-SS, G/25 d5 open to U400 in K-3. Trophies to top quarter, medals to others. **Expander:** 4-SS, G/25 d5 open to U800 in K-5. Trophies to top quarter, medals to others. **Sharper:** 4-SS, G/40 d5 open to U1200 in K-8. Trophies to top quarter, medals to others. **Leader:** 4-SS, G/55 d5 open to 1000 to 1399 in K-12. Trophies to top quarter, medals to others. **Advancer:** 3-SS, G/70 d5 open to 1300 to 1699 in K-12. Trophies to top quarter, medals to others. **Master:** 3-SS, G/70 d5 open to 1600+ in K-12. \$\$ prizes. **All:** Round 1 at 10:00am, then ASAP **Entry Fee:** Online \$35 by 9PM by Wednesday before, \$45 by 6PM on day before, \$55 at site. Free entry to 1800+ . Team plaque for each section except Starter and Master. Blitz playoff for perfect scores. Team rooms for 3 schools with most players. More info Email: ps88cjess@gmail.com. Register at <https://lowrelabpta.wufoo.com/forms/z7k2m9/>.

FEB. 4, Marshall Tuesday FIDE Action!

4-SS, G/25 d5. 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. NOW ALSO FIDE RAPID RATED!

FEB. 6, Marshall 4 Rated Games Tonight!

4-SS, G/25 d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$40, **members** \$25, **GMS free**. **Prizes:** (\$8530 based on 32 paid entries: \$200-100-50, U2200 \$95, U2000 \$85. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45 pm. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available, request at entry. NOW ALSO FIDE RAPID RATED!

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

FEB. 7-9, 8-9 OR 9, NEW! Marshall February Super FIDE U2300!
5-SS, 40/2 d5 SD/30 d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$60, **members** \$40. **\$820 gtd:** \$300-150-100, U2000 \$145, U1700 \$125. **Reg. ends 15 min before Rd. 3 schedules: 3 day 8/9 6pm, 8/10-11 12:30-5:30. 2 day 8/10 11am, then merge with 3day (rd. 1 G/25 d5). 1 day 8/11 9:10-11:20, then merge with 2&3 day (Rd. 1-3 G/25 d5)** Limit 2 byes, request at entry. USCF & FIDE rated. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

FEB. 12, 19, 26, MAR. 5, 12, Marshall Wednesday U1400!
5-SS, G/85 d5. 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.marshallchessclub.org.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

FEB. 12, 19, 26, MAR. 5, 12, Marshall Wednesday U2000!
5-SS, G/120 d5. 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.marshallchessclub.org.

FEB. 13, Marshall Thursday Game 30 Grand Prix!

See Grand Prix.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

FEB. 13, 20, 27, MAR. 6, 13, Marshall FIDE Thursdays!
5-SS, G/120 d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **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.marshallchessclub.org.

A Heritage Event!

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

A State Championship Event!

MAR. 1-2, 47th annual New York State Scholastic Championships
6SS, G/60 d10, open to grades K-12 in any state (top NYS player & team in each section are NY champions). Saratoga Hilton, 534 Broadway (I-87 Exit 13-N, 4 miles north on US 9), Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Team prizes based on top 4 scores from same school; no combined school teams allowed even if one school "feeds" another. Teams of 2 or 3 players allowed, but are at a disadvantage. In 9 sections. **Online entry fee** at chessaction.com, all sections: \$43 12/1-2/8, \$53 2/9-2/25, \$60 2/26 to 9 am 3/1. **Entry fee at site**, all sections: \$60. **High School**, open to all in grades K-12. **EF** \$46.20 mailed by 2/8. Top NYS grade 9-12 qualifies for Denker Tournament of HS Champions, top NYS grade K-12 girl qualifies for National Girls Invitational. **High School Reserve**, open to K-12 under 1200 or unrated. **EF** \$46 mailed by 2/8. **Junior High**, open to all in grades K-9. **EF** \$45.90 mailed by 2/8. Top NYS grade K-8 qualifies for Barber tournament of K-8 Champions. **Middle School Reserve**, open to K-8 under 1000 or unrated. **EF** \$45.80 mailed by 2/8. **Elementary Reserve**, open to all in grades K-6. **EF** \$45.60 mailed by 2/8. **Elementary Reserve**, open to grades K-5 under 800 or unrated. **EF** \$45.50 mailed by 2/8. **Primary**, open to grades K-3. **EF** \$45.30 mailed by 2/8. **Primary Reserve**, open to grades K-3 under 600 or unrated. **EF** \$45.20 mailed by 2/8. **K-1**, open to grades K-1. **EF** \$45.10 mailed by 2/8. **Postmarked 2/9-19:** All EF \$10 more. Do not mail entry after 2/19. **Entry at site:** all \$60. **Special 1 year USCF dues** with magazine if paid with entry. Online at chessaction.com, Young Adult \$20, Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or paid at site, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20. **Trophies** to top 15 players and top 7 teams each section, top 3 unrated in Primary, K-1, and each reserve section, and top U1500, U1300 (HS), U900, U700 (HS Reserve), U1200, U1000 (JHS), U700, U500 (MS Reserve), U1000, U800 (Elem), U500, U300 (Elem Reserve), U500 (Primary), U200 (Primary Reserve, K-1). Speed playoff if perfect score tie. **Free entry** to NY State Championship, Labor Day weekend 2014 (Albany), to top player each section. **Schedule:** Late reg. ends Sat 10 am, rds. Sat 11, 2, 5, Sun 9, 12, 3, awards 5:30 pm. **Half point byes** OK all, limit 2, must commit before rd. 2. **HR:** \$129-129, 888-999-4711, 518-584-4000, reserve by 2/14 or rate may increase. Free parking for overnight guests. 48 hours notice required for room cancellation. Backup hotel: Courtyard by Marriott, 2 blocks away, 518-226-0538. **Special car rentals:** Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD #657633. **Online entry:** www.chessaction.com, beginning 12/1. **Mail entry:** Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. Include name, rating, USCF ID, USCF expiration (non-members enclose dues), section, school, grade, birth date, address of each player. Checks payable to Continental Chess. **\$15 per player** service charge for refunds. **\$10 extra to switch** sections, all substitutions from advance list charged \$60. **Questions:** Director@Chess.Us (At = @!), 347-201-2269. **Bring set, board, clock** if possible- none supplied.

MAR. 14-16 OR 15-16, 23rd annual Eastern Class Championships (MA)

See Grand Prix.

MAR. 16-20 OR 29-30, 8th annual Long Island Open

See Grand Prix.

APR. 16-20, 17-20, 18-20 OR 19-20, 8th annual Philadelphia Open (PA)

See Grand Prix.

JULY 2-6, 3-6, 4-6 OR JUNE 30-JULY 6, 42nd Annual World Open (VA)

See Grand Prix.

North Carolina

DEC. 27-29 OR 28-29, 43rd Annual Atlanta Open (GA)

See Grand Prix.

DEC. 28, Charlotte Winter Open

3-SS, G/75 d5. Dowd YMCA, 400 E. Morehead St., Charlotte, NC 28202. In 10 player Sections, \$100-50 per. **EF:** \$20 at site! (No other fees!). **Reg.:** 9:30am. **Rds.:** 10-1-3:30. **INFO:** terrapinadd@yahoo.com. Website: www.charlottechess.com.

A Heritage Event!

JAN. 4, Pawndemonium XXV

Asheville, NC. G/40 d5 or G/20 d3. **5 sections:** K-12 Championship, K-8 Under 1000, K-5 Under 900, K-3 Under 800, Rated Adult. \$5 trophies and 100 t-shirts! Details at www.main.nc.us/kiwanisca/bccs/.

JAN. 24-26, Land of the Sky XXVII

See Grand Prix.

JULY 2-6, 3-6, 4-6 OR JUNE 30-JULY 6, 42nd Annual World Open (VA)

See Grand Prix.

Ohio

DEC. 13, DCC Friday Nite Quick 2013 (CC)

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@sbcbglobal.net, 937-461-6283.

DEC. 20, DCC Friday Nite Quick 2013 (CC)

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@sbcbglobal.net, 937-461-6283.

DEC. 21, Cincy Tornado: 4 Days Til Christmas NEW TOURNAMENT LOCATION*WE MOVED TO BIGGER BETTER SITE.**

4 SS tmt., G/60 d5 - Monthly Cincinnati Chess Tournament. **New Site:** First Baptist Church, 11195 Winton Rd., Cinti, OH 45218 (on corner of Sharon Rd. and Winton Rd.). **EF:** \$25 if paid online or \$30 at site. Visa-MC-AMEX accepted at site. Based on 35 entries. Open: \$200-\$100; 1st in Class A,B,C,D/under..each \$100. **Reg.:** 9-9:45. **Rds.:** 10am-1:00-3:30-6:00; one bye available. Register and Pay online at www.chessearth.com all credit cards accepted or Mail Entry Fee to Robert Chenault: 793 Clinton Springs Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45229. robert@chessearth.com. 513-884-7027.

DEC. 27, DCC Friday Nite Quick 2013 (CC)

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@sbcbglobal.net, 937-461-6283.

DEC. 28, 3 Days Later Pawn Storm XX

See Grand Prix.

JAN. 3, DCC Friday Nite Quick 2014 (CC)

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@sbcbglobal.net, 937-461-6283.

JAN. 10, DCC Friday Nite Quick 2014 (CC)

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@sbcbglobal.net, 937-461-6283.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

JAN. 11, Toledo January Swiss
Open, 4SS, Rnd. 1 G/75 d5, Rnds. 2-4 G/85 d5. 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 1/9, \$25 at site. **Reg.:** 9-10 a.m. **Rds.:** 10, 1, 4, & 7. **Prizes:** \$360 b/20, \$100-50, 1st A,B,C,D/Under \$40, 1st U1600 \$50. **Ent:** James Jagodzinski, 7031 Willoway Rd., Maumee, OH 43537. 419-367-9450.

JAN. 11, Winter Watch PAWN STORM XXI

See Grand Prix.

JAN. 19, Cincy Tornado: Discovered Check

4 SS tmt., G/60 d5 - Monthly Cincinnati Chess Tournament. **New Site:** First Baptist Church, 11195 Winton Rd., Cinti, OH 45218 (on corner of Sharon Rd. and Winton Rd.). **EF:** \$25 if paid online or \$30 at site. Visa-MC-AMEX accepted at site. Based on 35 entries. Open: \$200-\$100; 1st in Class A,B,C,D/under..each \$100. **Reg.:** 9-9:45. **Rds.:** 10am-1:00-3:30-6:00; one bye available. Register and Pay online at www.chessearth.com all credit cards accepted or Mail Entry Fee to Robert Chenault: 793 Clinton Springs Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45229. robert@chessearth.com. 513-884-7027.

JAN. 24-26 OR 25-26, 37th Cardinal Open, Columbus

See Grand Prix.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

FEB. 8, Toledo February Swiss
Open, 4SS, Rnd. 1 G/75 d5, Rnds. 2-4 G/85 d5. 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 2/6, \$25 at site. **Reg.:** 9-10 a.m. **Rds.:** 10, 1, 4, & 7. **Prizes:** \$360 b/20, \$100-50, 1st A,B,C,D/Under \$40, 1st U1600 \$50. **Ent:** James Jagodzinski, 7031 Willoway Rd., Maumee, OH 43537. 419-367-9450.

MAR. 14-16 OR 15-16, 18th annual Mid-America Open (MO)

See Grand Prix.

MAR. 22, 13th Annual Queen City Classic Chess Tournament

5SS, G/30 d5. Paul Brown Stadium, Club West, Downtown Cincinnati, OH. 14 School Sections, includes rated and non-rated. Grade K Non-Rated, 1 Non-Rated, 2 Non-Rated, 3 Non-Rated, K-3 Open, 4 Non-Rated, 5 Non-

Rated, 6 Non-Rated, 4-6 below 800, 4-6 Open, 7-9 Non-Rated, 7-9 Open, 10-12 Non-Rated, K-12 Open. USCF membership is not required for the non-rated and K-3 rated sections. **Prizes:** Trophies to all who score 3.5 points or higher, top three team trophies awarded and medals to all others. **EF:** \$35 early bird fee and \$50 EF after February 21st. EF includes lunch, t-shirt, program/score book, medal. Registration closes Wednesday, March 14, 2014. NO ON-SITE REGISTRATIONS. **Schedule:** Friday, March 21, check in from 5-6 pm. SIMUL at 6:30 p.m. EF: \$5 for tournament participants, \$20 for Non-participants. SIMUL features International Grandmasters Maurice Ashley, Gregory Kaidanov, and Irina Krush. March 22nd Check in 7-8:15 am. matches begin at 9:00 am. Grandmasters will be available for questions and instructions all day. Entry/Info: **1-866-PS-CHESS (772-4377)** or www.queencityclassic.org.

MAY 22-26, 23-26, 24-26 OR 25-26, 23rd annual Chicago Open (IL)
See Grand Prix.

JULY 2-6, 3-6, 4-6 OR JUNE 30-JULY 6, 42nd Annual World Open (VA)
See Grand Prix.

Oklahoma

DEC. 28, Saturday- OCF 23rd Holiday Open
4-SS, G/50 +15. (dual rated) Quality Inn 2515 W 6th Ave. (Hwy-51) Stillwater, OK 1-405-372-0800. HR: \$68-68. Free Parking \$5100-1st; other \$ per entries. Reg.: 9-9:45am. RDS.: 10-12:30-3:5:30. EF: \$20. OCF req \$10. One (1) half pt bye any round CMV, LS, W. Jim Berry, Box 351, Stillwater, OK 74076, 405-762-1649. jaberrycg@aol.com. **OCFChess.org**.

Oregon

DEC. 26-30, 26-29 OR 27-29, 23rd annual North American Open (NV)
See Grand Prix.

JAN. 17-20 OR 18-20 OR 19-20, 5th annual Golden State Open (CA-N)
See Grand Prix.

FEB. 27-28, Top 100 USCF List Scholastic Invitational (CA-S)
See California, Southern.

FEB. 28-MAR. 2, 2014 U.S. Junior Chess Congress (CA-S)
See Nationals.

Pennsylvania

Every Friday - LVCA 7 & 9 pm Blitz Events Open/U1200 (BLZ)
NOTE: Closed 3/7 & 5/18. 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.

Every Saturday - LVCA QUADS/RBO U1200 Quads + G/7 d3
G/40 d5 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 (BLZ) 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.

North Penn Chess Club
Main & Richardson, Lansdale, PA. See www.northpennchessclub.org for schedules & info or 215-699-8418.

Maryland Chess Association (MD)
See Maryland.

DEC. 27-29 OR 28-29, 32nd annual Empire City Open (NY)
See Grand Prix.

DEC. 29, Chessmas Open - in two sections (NJ)
See Grand Prix.

JAN. 4, LVCA \$1000 in Scholarships K-12 Championships
5-SS, G/30 d5. EF: \$30, \$40 CASH ONLY after 1/1/14 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, 484-866-3045, **Email:** bdavis@lehighvalleychessclub.org. **SNOW DATE & Info:** www.lehighvalleychessclub.org/.

JAN. 10-12 OR 11-12, Chesapeake Open (MD)
See Grand Prix.

JAN. 11, MasterMinds CC Swiss/Quads
Blair Christian Academy, 220 W. Upsal St., Philadelphia, PA. **Quads:** 3RR, 40/75 SD/30 d5. **EF:** \$20 cash; \$40, \$50 for 3-0. Reg. ends 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. **Mail Ent:** payable to MasterMinds CC, 36 E. Horlter St., Philadelphia, PA 19119. **Info:** mastermindschess.org or brad@mastermindschess.org.

JAN. 17-20, 18-20 OR 19-20, 46th annual Liberty Bell Open
See Grand Prix.

JAN. 20, Liberty Bell Open Blitz (BLZ)
4SS, G/5 d0, double round, 8 games. Sonesta Hotel (see Liberty Bell Open). Prizes \$300 based on 20 entries, else in proportion: \$100-50, U2100 \$60, U1800 \$50, U1500/Unr \$40. EF: \$20, at site only, no checks. Reg. ends 8:15 pm, rds. 8:30, 9, 9:30, 10. Bye: 1. Blitz rated, but higher of regular or blitz used for pairings & prizes.

JAN. 22-26, 23-26 OR 24-26, 12th annual Foxwoods Open (CT)
See Grand Prix.

FEB. 1, Kasparov Chess Foundation Presents 6th Annual Greater Mid-Atlantic Scholastic Chess Championships (MD)
See Maryland.

MAR. 1-2, 47th annual New York State Scholastic Championships (NY)
See New York.

MAR. 14-16 OR 15-16, 23rd annual Eastern Class Championships (MA)
See Grand Prix.

APR. 16-20, 17-20, 18-20 OR 19-20, 8th annual Philadelphia Open
See Grand Prix.

JULY 2-6, 3-6, 4-6 OR JUNE 30-JULY 6, 42nd Annual World Open (VA)
See Grand Prix.

Rhode Island

DEC. 21, Newport Blitz (BLZ)
See Grand Prix.

DEC. 21-22, Newport Open
See Grand Prix.

JAN. 10-12 OR 11-12, 2nd annual Boston Chess Congress (MA)
See Grand Prix.

JAN. 26, Foxwoods Open Blitz (BLZ) (CT)
See Grand Prix.

MAR. 14-16 OR 15-16, 23rd annual Eastern Class Championships (MA)
See Grand Prix.

South Carolina

DEC. 27-29 OR 28-29, 43rd Annual Atlanta Open (GA)
See Grand Prix.

JULY 2-6, 3-6, 4-6 OR JUNE 30-JULY 6, 42nd Annual World Open (VA)
See Grand Prix.

Tennessee

DEC. 27-29 OR 28-29, 43rd Annual Atlanta Open (GA)
See Grand Prix.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
JAN. 4-5, Memphis Candidates 2014
5SS, G/120 d5. **Site:** TBA on website: www.memphischess.com. **EF:** is \$10 plus MCC membership is required (\$30, 20 under 19, \$50 family). **Rds.:** 9-2-7; 9-2. **Reg.:** 1/4: 8-8:45am; Top 7 finishers join Graham Horobetz for City Championship. gpylant@gmail.com.

JAN. 18-19, Tennessee Winter Open
See Grand Prix.

MAR. 14-16 OR 15-16, 18th annual Mid-America Open (MO)
See Grand Prix.

JULY 2-6, 3-6, 4-6 OR JUNE 30-JULY 6, 42nd Annual World Open (VA)
See Grand Prix.

Texas

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
DEC. 21, Houston Chess Club - December
Prizes: 50% Returned. \$120 (Top 1 Prizes Guaranteed.) Format: 5 Round SS, Sat schedule 3 rounds G/90 d5; Sun 2 rounds G/120 d5. EF: \$50 + \$10 club maintenance contribution; \$50 HCC member. Maint Contrib waived for those traveling more than 75 miles one way. Free entry for Masters and above. Entries To: HCC, 9000 Southwest Freeway, Ste.120, Houston, TX 77074. Telephone: 713-773-2437. Online entries to www.houstonchessclub2000.com/. E-mail: TheLeonRuiz@yahoo.com. Directions to site: Going South along US 59 (Southwest Freeway) feeder, between S. Gessner and Bissonet. Turn right at 1st intersection (in front of the Olive Garden Restaurant). We are on the right in the center of the building facing the Olive Garden. Side Events: Puzzle contest.

DEC. 21-22, 2013 DCC Fide Open XI
See Grand Prix.

DEC. 27-30, 2013 Pan American Intercollegiate Chess Championship
See Nationals.

JAN. 3-5 OR 4-5, 4th Annual Austin Chess Club Championship
See Grand Prix.

JAN. 11, Region III Scholastic Championships/Steven Grubbs Memorial
5SS, G/30 d5. Student Union Galaxy Rooms at The University of Texas at Dallas, 800 West Campbell Rd., Richardson, TX 75080. Use University Drive entrance. Six rated sections Opened all Pre-K-12 players, but only players who live in TCA Region 3 or who go to school in TCA Region 3 can win the titles. **High School** (grades 9-12), **Middle School** (grades 6-8/9), **Elementary** (grades K-5/6), **Elementary U800** (grades K-5/6 rated under 800), **Primary** (grades pre-K-3), and **K-1** (grades pre-K-1). **\$\$\$**Trophies for rated sections: HS section: Top 10 ind., top 3 teams; MS Top 10 ind.,

TOURNAMENT LIFE ABBREVIATIONS & TERMS

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

BLZ:	Blitz rated.	CC:	Chess club.	Memb. req'd:	Membership required; cost follows. Usually refers to state affiliate.	Reg:	Registration at site.
QC:	Quick Chess events.	dx:	Time delay, x = number of seconds.	Open:	A section open to all. Often has very strong players, but some eligible for lower sections can play for the learning experience.	RR:	Round robin (preceded by number of rounds).
\$\$\$Gtd:	Guaranteed prizes.	EF:	Entry fee.	Quad:	4-player round robin sections; similar strength players.	SD/:	Sudden-death time control (time for rest of game follows). For example, 30/90, SD/1 means each player must make 30 moves in 90 minutes, then complete the rest of the game in an hour.
\$\$b/x:	Based-on prizes, x = number of entries needed to pay full prize fund. At least 50% of the advertised prize fund of \$501 or more must be awarded.	Ent:	Where to mail entries.	RBO:	Rated Beginner's Open.	SS:	Swiss-System pairings (preceded by number of rounds).
Bye:	Indicates which rounds players who find it inconvenient to play may take 1/2-point byes instead. For example, Bye 1-3 means 1/2-point byes are available in Rounds 1 through 3.	FIDE:	Results submitted to FIDE for possible rating.	Rds:	Rounds; scheduled game times follow. For example, 11-5, 9-3 means games begin 11 a.m. & 5 p.m. on the first day, 9 a.m. & 3 p.m. on the second day.	Unr:	Unrated.
		G/:	Game in. For instance, G/75 means each side has 75 minutes for the entire game.			W:	Site is accessible to wheelchairs.
		GPP:	Grand Prix Points available.			WEB:	Tournaments that will use a player's online rating.
		HR:	Hotel rates. For example, 60-65-70-75 means \$60 single, \$65 twin, \$70/3 in room, \$75/4 in room.				
		JGP:	Junior Grand Prix.				

top 3 team. Elem: Top 10 ind., top 5 teams; Elem U800: Top 10 ind., top 5 teams; Primary: Top 10 ind., top 5 teams; K-1 Top 7 ind., top team. **EF for Rated Section:** \$25 if postmarked by 1/6; \$39 thereafter and on site. Add \$5 for phone entries. On site registration may result in 1/2 point first round bye. US Chess Federation Membership required. Sections may be combined if there are not enough players in a section or if too many players belong to one school. Team flag may be turned off if one school has too many players in the section. **One Not rated section:** K-6 not rated Open. This section is opened to all players in Grades K-6. \$3 Trophies for K-6 not rated sections: Top 10 ind, Top 5 teams. EF for not rated section is \$15 if postmarked by 1/6, \$25 thereafter and on site. Registration Form On site registration may result in 1/2 point 1st round bye. **ALL: Reg.:** 7:45-8:30am, Rd. 1 posted at 9:15 am, all others ASAP with 35-minute lunch break. One 1/2 pt. bye if requested before end of Rd 2. Medals to all the participants. Tournament is not elimination, play all 5 rounds. Pre-Registration requires prepayment with complete information. All changes after 1/9/14 to be made on site only, \$10 for changes made after 1/9/14. No credit cards accepted onsite. Special TCA rules on which section a player can play in Rated Sections. See www.swchess.com/see/tourney/tsc2006/tsc06.htm for some guidelines. Make Checks payable to Dallas Chess Club. US Chess Federation Membership is required for all Rated sections. Not Rated sections do not require US Chess Federation membership. **Enter:** Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. Ph: 214.632.9000. **E-mail:** info@dallaschess.com. Note that seating is limited and is on a first come first serve basis. **Parking info:** www.utdallas.edu/parking/visitor-information.html Note that visitor center is usually closed on weekends so either park in a green spot or park in a white spot. All white spots are metered parking. So you must pay for parking with a credit card if using white parking.

JAN. 18-20, Texas Masters
See Grand Prix.

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

FEB. 8-9, 2014 Texas Scholastic Chess Championships
75S. Hilton Americas, 1600 Lamar St., Houston, TX 77010. **HR:** \$124-\$124-\$124-\$124, 713-739-8000, Mention Texas Scholastic Chess to get Hotel Chess Rate. Reserve by 1/16/14 or rate may go up. One night deposit may be required by Hotel. **Four championships in one great location:** TX Primary Scholastic Championships; TX Elementary Scholastic Championships; TX Middle School Scholastic Championships; TX High School Scholastic Championships. **EF:** \$41 by 1/27; \$69 after 1/27 or on site. **On Site Registration:** Friday, 7-9pm, Saturday, 7-7:45am. Saturday registrants may receive a 1st Rd. 1/2-pt. bye. One 1/2-pt. bye (for any round) allowed if requested by the end of Rd. 2. **Sections:** K-1 Championship, Primary (K-3) Championship, Primary JV (K-3 w/Ratings Under 700), Elementary (K-5/6) Championship, Elementary JV (K-5/6 Under 800), Elementary Novice (K-5/6 Under 500), Middle School (6-8/9) Championship, MS JV (6-8/9 Under 900), MS Novice (6-8/9 Under 600), High School (9-12) Championship, HS JV (9-12 Under 1000). See Article IX, Section 1E, TCA Bylaws for each section's eligibility requirement, www.texaschess.org/2007/03/bylaws.html. Also www.swchess.com also has eligibility rules. Trophies for top 20 individuals and top 15 teams in each section plus participation medals for all, and plus Score Awards for players scoring 4 or more points that do not win an individual trophy. **Schedule:** Round times vary depending on section. **Time Controls:** High School and Middle School: Rds. 1-4 G/60 d5; Rds. 5-7 G/75 d5. Elementary/Primary/K-1: Rds. 1-4 G/45 d5; rds. 5-7 G/60 d5. **For round times see:** www.dallaschess.com. **Side Events:** See website for side event. Side event registration on site only. **All registrations (except Side Events) available on line:** see www.dallaschess.com where one can also download flyers and entry forms. Checks payable to Texas Chess Association. Mail entries to Texas Chess Association, c/o Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. For tournament info, visit our website or contact Barbara Swafford, info@dallaschess.com or 214-632-9000. Refunds will be given only up to 2/4 with a \$10 surcharge for withdrawing, after 2/4 there will be no refunds. There will be no substitution of team members. There will be a \$10 change fee for changes after 2/4. There will be a \$5 surcharge per player for phone registrations USCF membership is required. Proof of membership is required or player must join/renew their memberships. No registration/changes/or withdrawals after 2/4/14. After that date you must make changes at site (Hilton Americas). NS. NC. W.

FEB. 27-28, Top 100 USCF List Scholastic Invitational (CA-S)
See California, Southern.

FEB. 28-MAR. 2, 2014 U.S. Junior Chess Congress (CA-S)
See Nationals.

MAY 9-11, 2014 National Elementary (K-6) Championship
See Nationals.

Utah

DEC. 26-30, 26-29 OR 27-29, 23rd annual North American Open (NV)
See Grand Prix.

JAN. 9 & 23, Riverton Dual Rated
3-SS, G/25 d5. Johnson Garage, 1836 W. 12050 S., Riverton, UT 84065. 1st = Book. **EF:** \$5. **Reg.:** 6:45 **Rds.:** 7pm-8pm-9pm. RivertonKnight@comcast.net. Allan Johnson 801-446-4231 also Feb. 6, Feb. 20.

MAR. 7-9 OR 8-9, 21st annual Western Class Championships (CA-S)
See Grand Prix.

Vermont

MAR. 1-2, 47th annual New York State Scholastic Championships (NY)
See New York.

MAR. 14-16 OR 15-16, 23rd annual Eastern Class Championships (MA)
See Grand Prix.

Virginia

Arlington Chess Club's Friday Action
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JAN. 10-12 OR 11-12, Chesapeake Open (MD)

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JAN. 17-20, 18-20 OR 19-20, 46th annual Liberty Bell Open (PA)

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JAN. 18-19, 4th Annual Sterling Chess January!

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FEB. 1, Kasparov Chess Foundation Presents 6th Annual Greater Mid-Atlantic Scholastic Chess Championships (MD)
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Washington

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FEB. 27-28, Top 100 USCF List Scholastic Invitational (CA-S)
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1. c. 2. Smoke cigarettes. 3. False: Wei Yi, born June 2, 1999, got the title in March. He is the youngest current grandmaster. **4. d. 5. d.** White resigned on move 210. The only longer tournament game was a 237-move rapid game. **6. a. 7. a and b** (b about Fyodor Bohatyrychuk). **8. Only d is false.** There are no pieces on the board. **9. b. 10. a. 11. b. 12. All are true. 13. b and c.** Fischer's score in the 1963-64 U.S. Championship was 11-0. **14. a.** In a July 5 report in the Russian news service Tass, Americans were accused of trying to help Fischer with computers. **15. All but a are true.** He served in the Anti-Submarine Warfare Operations Research Group. **16. c.** At controls that ended at moves 40, 56, 72, 88, 104 and 120.

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Problem I. *Krasnodar 1957:* 25. Re8+! Qxe8 26. Qxf6 mate. **Problem II.** *Kharkov 1956:* 38. ... Qg3! 39. Qxg3+ Nxg3+ 40. Kh2 Nf1+ and queens. **Problem III.** *Riga 1955:* 41. Qxg6+! Kxg6 42. R1f6+ Kg5 43. Rf5+ Kg6 44. R7f6+ mates, e.g. 44. ... Kg7 45. Rg5+ Kh7 46. Bf5. **Problem IV.** *Sochi 1958:* Nezhmetdinov's most famous game ended with 30. ... d5+! 31. exd5 cxd5+ 32. Kb5 Rb8+ 33. Ka5 Nc6+ and mates. **Problem V.** *Kuibyshev 1947:* 21. Rd7! Bxd7 22. Nxd7+ Ke8 23. Nf6+ and 23. ... Kf8 24. Rg1!, threatening Rg8+, or 23. ... Kd8 24. Ke2!, threatening Rd1+, wins. **Problem VI.** *Kiev 1954:* 33. ... Rg8+ 34. Kxh3 Bc8+ 35. Qxc8 Rxc8 is tempting. But 33. ... Rc8! is faster because 34. Qb6, 34. Qe7, etc. allow 34. ... Rg8+ 35. Kxh3 Bc8+ and mates.

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Problem I. Fork: Black wins the Exchange by 1. ... Ne3. **Problem II.** Consecutive Captures: Black comes out ahead after 1. ... fxe4, when 2. Bxd8 exd3 3. Qxd3 Rcxd8 is strong. **Problem III.** Mating net: Black wins with 1. ... Rg2+ 2. Kh1 Rh2+ Kg1 Rag2 mate. **Problem IV.** Mating net: Black mates by 1. ... Rh3+ 2. Kg1 Rh1 mate. **Problem V.** Mating

net: Black scores with 1. ... Bxg2+ 2. Kg1 Rh1 mate. **Problem VI.** Mating net: Black mates with 1. ... Nf3+. If 2. Kh1, then 2. ... Rh2 mate; if instead 2. Kf1, then 2. ... Rf2 mate.

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Problem I. 1. ... Rxb3 2. cxb3 Rc1+ 3. Kh2 Rh1+! 4. Kxh1 Qc1+ 5. Kh2 Qh6+! 6. Kg1 (6. Nxb6 stalemate) 6. ... Qc1+, Draw by perpetual check or stalemate. **Problem II.** 1. Bb2 Rc1+ (No better is 1. ... Ra1+ 2. Kh2! [2. Bxa1? Rc1+ 3. Kh2 Qh6+! 4. Nxb6 Rh1+! 5. Kxh1 stalemate] 2. ... Rh1+ 3. Kxh1 Rc1+ 4. Bxc1 wins) 2. Kh2! (2. Bxc1 Qxc1+ 3. Kh2 Qh6+! 4. Nxb6 Rh4+ 5. Kg1 Rh1+! 6. Kxh1 stalemate) 2. ... Qh6+!? 3. Nxb6 Rh1+ (White escapes the "stalemate" rook with 3. ... Rh4+ 4. gxh4 Rh1+ 5. Kg3 Rh3+ 6. Kf4! Rf3+ 7. Kg5 Rg3+ 8. Ng4 wins) 4. Kxh1 Rh4+ 5. Rh2! Rxh2+ 6. Kg1! Rg2+ 7. Kf1 Rxf2+ 8. Ke1 Re2+ 9. Kd1! Rd2+ (Of course not 9. ... Rxe5? since 10. Nf7+ would win.) 10. Kc1 Rc2+ 11. Kb1 Rxb2+ 12. Kc1! Rc2+ 13. Kd1 Rd2+ 14. Ke1 wins since after 14. ... Re2+ 15. Qxe2 may come and there is no stalemate without the bishop. After 14. ... Rd1+ the white king escapes and the perpetual check theme ends.

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MY BEST MOVE

GM MAURICE ASHLEY

CAISSA'S COLOR COMMENTATOR

A few years ago, I was reviewing the best games from my career, and I noticed something odd: Most of my favorite games were from the period before I became a grandmaster. I tried to understand why that was and I soon came to realize that when I was young and brash, I played in a much more aggressive, go-for-the-kill style. This also led me, during the same time period, to have some of the worst games of my career. As a more mature, seasoned grandmaster, I know that the same risks I took when I was young and dumb didn't work against better players. The average quality of my games rose, but the wild and spectacular finishes quickly transformed into technical and difficult endgames. I write all of this with a twinge of regret, but it is a reality that must be embraced if one is to ever become a true professional in the world of chess.

As can be well-imagined, choosing a best move from one's entire career is next to impossible. However, one of my most memorable moves came from a game in my early period. It was played on the beautiful island of Saint Martin, and it was against one of America's future legends, GM Alex Shabalov. Shaba, as he's affectionately known, is one of the country's greatest attacking players, having been bred in the Latvian school of chess, which produced such luminaries as the late world champion Mikhail Tal and Alex Shirov. Alex is not one to back down from a fight and I managed to defeat him in a couple of our early games before he realized that, coming from Brooklyn, I was just as crazy as he was and he had to be careful not to overreach.

In the following diagram, coming from a hedgehog set-up, Alex committed the cardinal sin of opening up the game too quickly.

A cardinal sin

GM Alex Shabalov

IM Maurice Ashley

It (open), Saint Martin (France & Netherlands) (5), 1993

(see diagram next column)

White has more space, but he can't make use of it because Black has all the entry points covered. White's last move is



GM Maurice Ashley (left) interviewing GM Gata Kamsky for the live webcast of the Sinquefeld Cup. See more about the event starting on page 16.

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“ ... the same risks I took when I was young and dumb didn't work against better players. ”



POSITION AFTER 20. BG2-C6

meant to somehow sneak a knight into e4, but, unfortunately for him, his king is left alone to be ripped to shreds.

20. ... Nxc3!!

It's funny to imagine the black pieces huddled on the first two ranks are well-prepared to carry out the vicious assault initiated by this sacrifice. Such is the nature of the hedgehog.

21. Qf2

No better is 21. Kxg3 Nxe5 22. Bxb7 (The other tries are great for Black also: 22. Qxe5 Bd6; 22. Bxe8 Ng4+ 23. Kxg4 h5+

24. Kg5 Be7+ 25. Kh6 Qf4 mate) 22. ... Nd3+ 23. Kf3 (23. Kh4 Be7+ 24. Kg4 Qf4 mate) 23. ... Qf4+ 24. Kg2 Qxd4 25. Na4 Nf4+ 26. Kf1 Nxe2 27. Bxd4 Nxd4.

21. ... Nxe5! 22. Rxe5

Black has more material and fabulous pieces after 22. Qxg3 Bd6! 23. Kg1 (23. Ne4 Ng4+ 24. hxg4 Bxg3+ 25. Nxc3 Qf4) 23. ... Nxc6.

22. ... Qxe5 23. Qxg3

Also miserable is 23. Kg1 Bc5.

23. ... Qxd4 24. Rd1

The f8-bishop strikes again: 24. Bxe8 Bd6.

24. ... Bd6! 25. Qxd6

Black has a winning endgame after 25. Rxd4 Bxg3+ 26. Kxg3 Bxc6.

25. ... Qf2+ 26. Kh1 Qxb2

The final point. The bishop on c6 suffers the final indignity of being pinned on c6.

27. Ne4 Bxc6 28. Qxc6 Raa8 29. Rf1 f5 30. Nd6 Qe2 31. Rg1 Qe3 32. Kh2 Red8 33. Nxf5 exf5, White resigned. ♠



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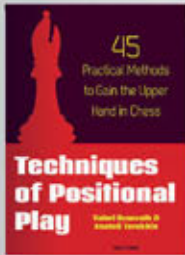
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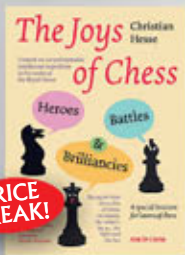
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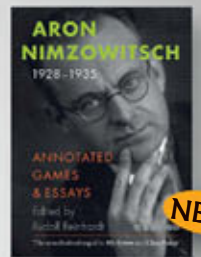
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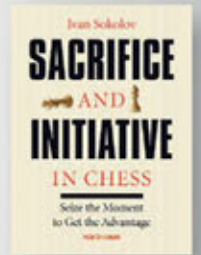
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