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September

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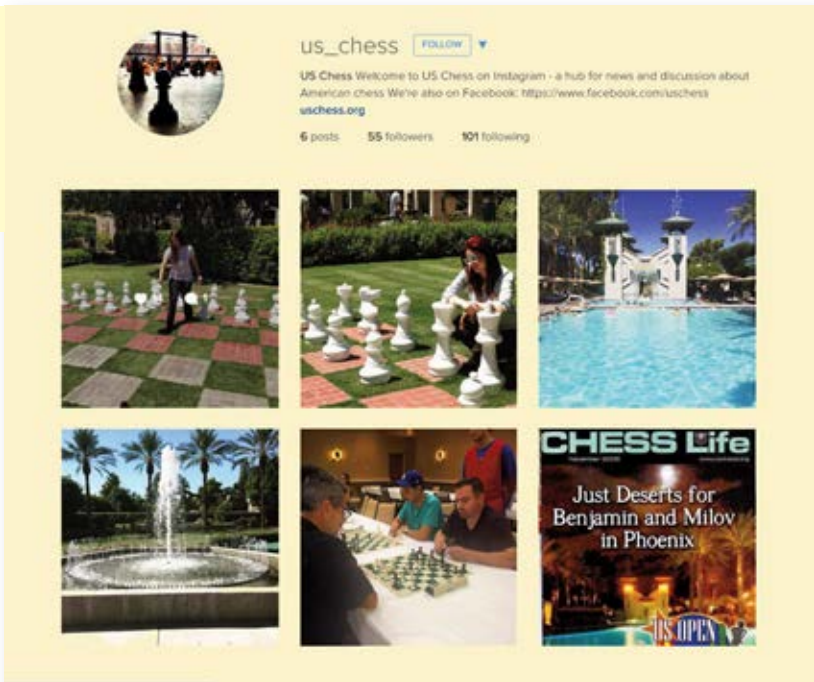
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Grandmaster and composer Pal Benko knows how to celebrate a birthday. See select problems from his collection to celebrate prominent birthdays, including Saint Louis Chess Club Founder Rex Sinquefield.

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Be sure to look for GM Ian Rogers' wrap-up report on the second leg of the Grand Chess Tour, the Sinquefield Cup, which concludes on September 3 in St. Louis.

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FISCHER-NAJDORF AND RELATED SOZIN LINES

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REMEMBERING BILL KORST



I read with interest the letter submitted by Darrel Mayers in last year's June issue regarding his father's passing. My own father, William Korst, passed away late last year. He was 92 and a lifetime

member of US Chess.

Bill was key in the founding and organizing of several clubs and tournaments, during the '60s and '70s, in the southern California area. He also successfully lobbied U.S. customs to reduce their import duty on chess clocks, which combine two clocks, to the tax of one clock.

His 15 minutes of chess fame came in 1964 when he defeated the then-on-tour Bobby Fischer in a simultaneous exhibition match at the Club Del Mar in Santa Monica. For more information, see *korstusfischer.info*.

David Korst
via e-mail

Classical Sicilian, Sozin Variation (B57)

Bobby Fischer

William Korst

Simultaneous Exhibition Match, Santa Monica, California, 1964

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 d6 6. Bc4 Bd7 7. Bb3 g6 8. f3 Nxd4 9. Qxd4 Bg7 10. Be3 O-O 11. Qd2 b5 12. h4 b4 13. Nd5 Nxd5 14. Bxd5 Bxb2 15. Kf2 Bc3 16. Qe2 Rc8 17. h5 e6 18. Bb3 Bxa1 19. Rxa1 Qh4+ 20. Kg1 Qxh5 21. Rd1 Bb5 22. Qf2 Bc4 23. Rxd6 Bxb3 24. axb3 Qe5 25. Rd7 Rfd8 26. Bd4 Qf4 27. Be3 Qe5 28. Bd4 Qf4 29. Be3 Qf6 30. Rxa7 Rd1+ 31. Kh2 Qc3 32. Bf4 Qxc2 33. Qxc2 Rxc2 34. Bh6 Rc8 35. Rb7 Rdd8 36. Kg3 Rb8 37. Ra7 Rd3 38. Kf4 Rxb3 39. Ke5 Ra3 40. Rd7 b3, White resigned.

STAYING THE COURSE

I read with interest Brian DeSousa's letter in the July 2015 *Chess Life*, as I had GM Jim Tarjan's article in January ("Reconnecting with Caissa") and FM Alisa Melekhina's article in April ("Career Crossroads"). Most professionals achieve a very high level of skill before college and work. They can more easily maintain their involvement or return later in life. Those of us who don't achieve that level of skill early on will usually, as did Mr. DeSousa, reluctantly leave the game as other things compete for our limited time.

But not all of us. Some continue to play or, after departing for many years, return to chess. I had a 14-year hiatus (with a few rare exceptions) myself before coming back recently. Mr. DeSousa is completely right about the drawbacks and obstacles. The experience of tournament chess has changed dramatically from what we knew before. So have we.

I suspect it's much like someone who played football or basketball in high school or even a small college, were never good enough for the NFL or the NBA, but continue to play pick-up games after college for the love of the sport and competition. It will never be the same but it can still be enjoyable in a different way. I often find it frustrating and even embarrassing, but ultimately something that enriches my life.

There may not be a lot of us, and our stories aren't interesting, but we're still out there in the arena.

Bob Probasco
via e-mail

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Join us on the US Chess Facebook group for #FischerFriday and #ThrowbackThursday!

THE PRACTICAL ENDGAME

In his solution to the second problem of his column "Problems: Find the Resource!" (*Chess Life*, July, 2015, "The Practical Endgame"), GM Naroditsky appears to overlook the most logical continuation for White's 52nd move. After **51. ... c3!**:



Naroditsky gives **52. Bxc3**, after which what looked like a sure draw for White soon crumbles. But the obvious move for White here is not 52. Bxc3 but 52. Bc1!, and Black cannot make sufficient progress for the win. Am I missing something here?

David Abrams
via e-mail

GM Naroditsky responds (reader Chuck Bass of North Highlands, California also asked this question): "A very good question. White is definitely not obliged to capture on c3, and 52. Bc1 is indeed more resilient. But after 52. ... Be4 53. gxh4 (forced) 53. ... gxh4 White is totally paralyzed, and Black has all the time in the world to maneuver his king to b1."

POST MORTEM

In the July 2015 cover story "A New Golden Age for American Chess," we most unfortunately misspelled GM John Fedorowicz's name multiple times.

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Left-right: GM Hikaru Nakamura, GM Ray Robson, GM Gata Kamsky, GM Sam Shankland. All were Samford fellows; all are on the world's top 100 list.

THE FRANK P. SAMFORD, JR. CHESS FELLOWSHIP IS PLEASED to announce its 30th consecutive annual award. The Fellowship was created by the late Frank P. Samford of Birmingham, Alabama to advance the game he loved by identifying and assisting the most promising young chess masters in the United States.

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Completed applications for the 2016 Fellowship must be received no later than January 15, 2016. The committee expects to announce the winner in April 2016. All decisions by the committee will be final.

A new fellow will be selected every year if qualified applicants can be found. It is expected that the Samford Fellowship will continue to produce very strong American chessplayers, some of whom will join the elite group of super grandmasters.

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Marcel Dzama: 'Mischief Makes a Move'

One month left to see the latest provocative exhibit at the World Chess Hall of Fame



Marcel Dzama
Robot Chess (still), 2015
Video on monitor
Courtesy David Zwirner, New York/London

With a wink to his artistic heroes and a nod toward the captivating game of chess, internationally-acclaimed artist Marcel Dzama returns to the World Chess Hall of Fame to present his most recent works in "Marcel Dzama: Mischief Makes a Move."

The exhibition centers on Dzama's 35-minute silent film titled *Une danse des bouffons (A Jester's Dance)*, which is inspired by the failed romantic affair between Marcel Duchamp and Brazilian sculptor Maria Martins. In this Dadaist love story, Martins (played alternately by Sonic Youth's Kim Gordon and Belgian model/actress Hannelore Knuts) must rescue her love from his obsession with chess. Members of Arcade Fire created the film's musical score.

Dzama is represented by David Zwirner.

"Marcel's film explores fascinating themes and art history references. He has created a world that is playful, intriguing, funny, frightening, and surreal ... all at once," said Shannon Bailey, chief curator at the World Chess Hall of Fame.

The artist's dioramas, sculpture, prints, and drawings will fill the gallery surrounding the video. Art and film lovers will delight in seeing how allusions to works by Francisco Goya, Joseph Beuys, Francis Picabia, David Cronenberg and others are woven into Dzama's visual landscape.

"Mischief Makes a Move" runs through October 18, 2015. Admission to the first floor gallery is free with a \$5 per person recommended donation. Visit worldchesshof.org for details. Other current exhibits include "Encore! Ivory Chess Treasures from the Jon Crumiller Collection," running through October 18, 2015, and "Battle on the Board: Chess during World War II," running through January 17, 2016.

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"My chess goals are for my kids."

Lieutenant Colonel Schweiss graduated from West Point and went on to a distinguished, 20-year Army career. She earned a master's in international affairs from Columbia University and served as a professor at West Point. You probably recognize the woman to her right in the photograph as former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. "Chess is founded on military principles," Schweiss says. And after spending a tour in Baghdad planning counter-terrorism activities, over-the-board combat must seem sedate.

"My 16-year-old son Duncan Guthrie has played since he was seven or eight. He is the reason I got into chess. Most scholastic tournament directors are in the 'business' because they followed their kids around to tournaments." She didn't play a rated event until after her retirement. Although not a great player, she has great results as a teacher at the Hampton Roads Scholastic Chess Club and the club at Grace Academy Homeschool Cooperative. After her patented six-week course based on *Chesskid.com*, students bring home the trophies. "Knowing what the kids need when they need it and being able to organize a system that delivers that training can trump having a high rating."



XIN LI

WAPPINGERS FALLS,
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Super-hero chess

Xin Li came to the U.S. from China when she was adopted last year. "My new sister Lydia and I played lots of games as we were getting to know each other. She taught me to play chess and my dad taught me too." Xin Li, homeschooled and going into the eighth grade, also has other interests: "Sports! Computer games! Spiderman!" In fact, she just celebrated a super-hero-themed 13th birthday party. She also likes history and reading.

What does she like most about chess? "All the thinking and learning in order to get better. I go to Craig Fisher's Chess Nuts Chess Club once a week after school. I also go to Barnes & Noble every week to play with Al Musumeci." Xin Li's chess goal: "One day I hope to beat Dr. Fisher and Mr. Musumeci."

Write to faces@uschess.org.

Bauer, Belakovskaia Elected to US Chess Executive Board

The result of the ballot count are as follows. A total of 1,252 ballots were returned and validated.

Randy Bauer: 1,087 Anjelina Belakovskaia: 642 Boyd Reed (write in): 468

A total of 95 other write-in votes were cast for various individuals. These results were presented to the delegates Saturday, August 8, for certification. The election committee expresses great thanks to Mr. Harry Sabine and his team of tellers for counting the ballots for this year's election and having the results ready so promptly. ~Ken Ballou, US Chess Elections Chair

See page 2 for the new board positions. The two newly-elected board members posted the following on the uschess.org Issues Forum after the election results were announced (edited here for Chess Life style):

Randy Bauer

I'd like to thank all the volunteers who assisted with the election process; I've always had complete faith and confidence in Ken Ballou, Harry Sabine, and everyone else associated with this process.

I'd like to thank all of those who supported my candidacy: I appreciate your support and will work to the fullest of my abilities for the continued (and greater) success of US Chess.

I'd also like to thank those who took the time to vote, regardless of who you supported. Your participation is valued and appreciated.

I'd also like to thank Boyd Reed for his participation in the electoral process. He provided good ideas and insight during the campaign and demonstrated that contested campaigns are generally preferable for the organization on several levels. I hope that he will consider running again—as soon as next year. I for one would gladly (once again) support Boyd's candidacy.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Anjelina on her election. I look forward to working with her over the next three years. As one who has been involved in literally dozens of elections—as both candidate and operative—I like to think that I understand the role of those contests: they select those who will govern, but they are not a substitute or proxy for the actual governance process.

The election is over, and the electorate has made its choices. It is now my responsibility—as well as all six other members of the executive board—to collectively work to advance US Chess' charitable mission.



Anjelina Belakovskaia

Dear US Chess members and chess friends,

I'd like to thank you for participating in the 2015 US Chess executive board elections, asking questions, expressing suggestions and providing feedback.

I look forward to serving the US Chess community in this new role—as a member of the US Chess executive board, as well as continue playing, teaching, organizing chess events and promoting chess around the country.

Thank you to all who have supported me in my very first election! I will do my best to live up to your expectations.

Also, I would like to thank US Chess, Mr. Harry Sabine and the team of volunteers who made the election process run smoothly.

Congratulations to Randy Bauer for getting re-elected and to Boyd Reed for running an impressive write-in campaign and providing tough competition. I look forward to working with the US Chess executive board and all chess enthusiasts on moving forward and achieving new milestones.

As always, please feel free to come and talk to me during the upcoming 2015 events:

Millionaire Chess Qualifier in Tucson—www.events4chess.com/events/?event_ID=612, Millionaire Chess in Las Vegas—millionairechess.com/ and Chess and Science Festival in Tucson—chessandsciencefestival.com/.





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A Look Into Gelfand's Thought Process

A candidate for book of the year that serious students should not miss out on.

By JOHN HARTMANN

Positional Decision Making in Chess is Boris Gelfand's second book, the first being his 2005 *My Most Memorable Games*. Were it simply another batch of his annotated games, it would well be worth our attention. Very few of the world's elite put pen to paper (fingers to keys?) while they are still active players.

Most of Kasparov's many books emerged only after his retirement. Books by both Viswanathan Anand and Vladimir Kramnik predate their world championship reigns, while the bulk of Alexei Shirov's output now comes in DVD form. Recent works by Anish Giri and Judit Polgar are excellent, but Giri's best years are ahead of him while Polgar has retired from tournament play.

So when a player like Boris Gelfand—a six-time candidate, the 2012 challenger for the World Championship and the 13th ranked active player in the world—writes¹ a book about his games, we chess bibliophiles tend to take notice. And all the more in this case, for Gelfand has given us a superlative book.

My Most Memorable Games is, on the whole, a traditional 'best games' collection. It is evident from even the first pages of *Positional Decision Making in Chess* that Gelfand has something else in mind with his new book. As he writes in the Preface, ... the intention of this book is not to focus on the accuracy of the moves I made at the board ... but on the thought process that led me to finding them in the first place. ... [T]hroughout we have focused on the reasons for the decisions and plans I made, and also the limitations of my thinking during the game. (8)

While (sometimes copious) analysis of Gelfand's games is provided, the real focus of the book is how Gelfand takes decisions over the board, with positional decisions front and center. The games of Akiba Rubinstein—Gelfand's favorite player—are enlisted in this effort, and special emphasis is placed on Rubinstein's influence on

Gelfand along with his relevance for contemporary chess theory.

There is much to like here. It's good to see Rubinstein get his due as player and theoretician, especially as there are very few legitimate books about him in print. Gelfand's annotations are clear, and his descriptions of his opponents are both

(Look at Twitter or the Internet Chess Club (ICC) chat during the next big tournament if you doubt this.)

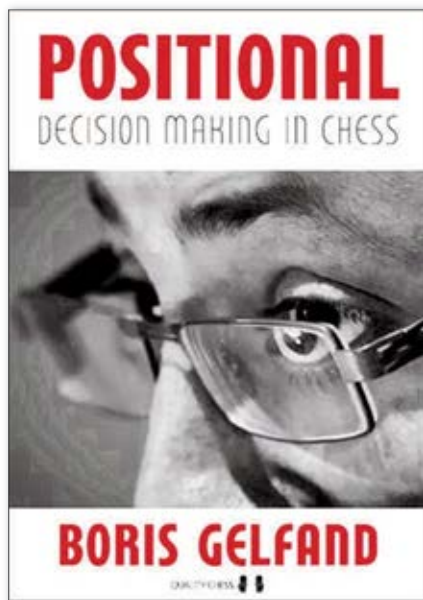
What is most interesting to me about *Positional Decision Making in Chess* is seeing how Gelfand, classically trained in the Soviet school and a member of the last generation to come of age before the rise of the machines, thinks about engines and their limitations. Gelfand trusts his intuition—this word appears repeatedly in the text—and prefers to view engines as tools for understanding rather than infallible oracles. For example:

... I am a strong believer in the value of a chess education built on thorough knowledge of the classics [like Rubinstein—JH]. Any attempt to emulate the engines and their 2,000,000 moves a second is doomed to fail. We need to supplement calculation with all other weapons available. And one of these is intuition, which is strongly rooted in pattern recognition. (58)

Extremely often the computer will suggest moves that no human would consider. And when we do not feel it delivers us a clear understanding of why this move is good, I cannot see that it makes sense to follow its recommendations. (199)

If only those kibitzers on ICC would heed Gelfand's warning!

By providing us a window into his decision making, and by showing us—warts and all—both the limits and triumphs of his thought, Boris Gelfand does much more than merely offer us edifying games to study. The author of *Positional Decision Making in Chess* is an exemplar for all of us who struggle to learn from the computer without succumbing to its siren call. This might well be the book of the year, and serious students of modern chess practice should not miss out on its lessons. ♣



Gelfand, Boris, and Aagaard, Jacob. *Positional Decision Making in Chess*. Glasgow: Quality Chess: 2015. ISBN: 978-1-78483-006-9. 288 pages. Hardcover. (Available from uscfsales.com, catalog number B0110QT, \$34.95)

respectful and revealing. The book's surprisingly personal feel is amplified by the photographs strewn throughout its pages.

For me, however, the central theme of the book only appears between the lines of the text: Gelfand's relationship to the computer. No one can dispute the changes wrought on chess and its play by our silicon friends. Nor, if we are honest, can we overlook the way in which most players trust engine evaluations blindly, almost outsourcing their thinking to the computer.

¹I would be remiss if I did not mention the role of Gelfand's 'helper,' Jacob Aagaard, in the construction of this book. Aagaard, himself a very well regarded author and pedagogue, recorded extensive discussions with Gelfand and used them as the basis for the written text. It appears that most of the conceptual content should be attributed to Gelfand, while the style, structure, and some of the pedagogy are Aagaard's.

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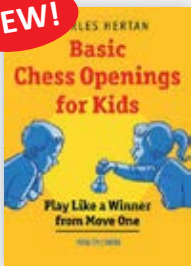


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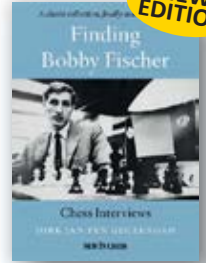
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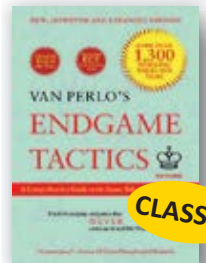
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CLASSIC



Defeated

How to deal with that agony called defeat.

By **GM ANDY SOLTIS**

DURING AN APPEARANCE IN SILICON Valley early last year World Champion Magnus Carlsen drew an unexpected laugh when he explained why he doesn't like to play practice games against a computer.

"I find playing computers depressing," he said. "I don't like losing."

Hikaru Nakamura put it more strongly a few weeks later when he answered questions on *Reddit.com*: "I do not play against computers anymore because it is severely depressing to lose every game without even having a chance!"

And that says something. Here we have two of the winningest players in chess history. And yet even they have a problem with getting over losses.

We all have that problem, no matter how often we win. As every experienced player knows, the agony of defeat is always greater than ... well, that so-called thrill of victory.

"When I win I'm rather satisfied but not happy. I don't know why," is the way the great Svetozar Gligoric put it. "When I win I feel normal," his grandmaster colleague Florin Gheorghiu said in *How to Get Better at Chess*.

Losing, on the other hand, is misery, particularly if you felt you were winning. Nakamura said he had nightmares for four days after blowing a won (but very difficult) middlegame against Carlsen last year.

So how can we deal with a loss? Masters have come up with a variety of methods, even including primal therapy. After a particularly bitter loss at a tournament in Linares, Spain, GM Vassily Ivanchuk went to a nearby park at midnight and was heard "howling like a wolf," according to the book *Linares! Linares!*

The great players of the past had more orthodox ways of handling a loss.

DENIAL: Aron Nimzowitsch considered himself a worthy challenger to World Champion Alexander Alekhine around 1930. Yet within a span of 20 months he was crushed three times by Alekhine. In the first two games he lasted 49 moves—total. Round three wasn't much better:

Caro-Kann Defense, Panov-Botvinnik Attack (B13)

Aron Nimzowitsch
Alexander Alekhine
Bled, 1931

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 cxd5 4. c4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Nc6 6. Nf3 Bg4 7. cxd5 Nxd5 8. Bb5

After this game the strength of 8. Qb3! (and 8. ... Nb6 9. d5!) was realized.

8. ... Qa5! 9. Qb3 Bxf3 10. gxf3 Nxc3 11. Bxc6+? bxc6 12. Qb7?

This seems to win at least a pawn (12. ... Rd8 13. Qxc6+).

12. ... Nd5+! 13. Bd2 Qb6 14. Qxa8+ Kd7



This is what White failed to appreciate. His queen is trapped and facing ... Nc7. White played 15. 0-0 Nc7 16. Ba5 Nxa8 17. Bxb6 Nxb6 but Black's two minor pieces soon overwhelmed his extra rook.

Nimzowitsch got over it by convincing himself that all three of his losses to Alekhine were just accidents. They were so one-sided that they couldn't indicate one player was better than the other, he felt.

"Had Alekhine wanted to prove his superiority, he would have to defeat me in a difficult fighting game," he wrote. "An intelligent critic," he added, would know that losing due to "surprise attacks" is no evidence that one player is inferior to another.

RATIONALIZATION: The hardest thing in chess, David Bronstein said, is congratulating an opponent after you lost "and

saying he played excellently." It's a lot easier on the ego to imagine that your opponent had an unfair advantage.

Bronstein used this device after suffering what was perhaps his prettiest loss, to Boris Spassky in the 1960 Soviet Championship. When he resigned on move 23 Bronstein extended his hand and immediately began rationalizing away his loss:

Spassky had only an even score, with three rounds to play, and no chance for a top prize. So he was able to take risks that Bronstein couldn't. "Well, of course, your situation in the standings wasn't good," Bronstein told him as they began to post-mortem. "It's understandable that this allowed you to play this way."

Here's another way to rationalize:

Slav Defense (D15)

GM Vassily Ivanchuk
GM Alexei Shirov
Tilburg, 1993

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 a6 5. a4 e6 6. g3 Nbd7 7. Bg2 Bb4 8. 0-0 0-0 9. Bf4 dxc4 10. Qc2 c5? 11. Na2!

The way to test White's gambit was 10. ... Nd5. Now Black is worse.

11. ... a5 12. Nxb4 cxb4 13. Qxc4 b6 14. Rfc1 Ba6 15. Qc2 Rc8 16. Qd1 Bb7 17. Rxc8 Qxc8 18. Rc1 Qa8 19. Ne1 Bxg2 20. Nxc2 Rc8 21. f3! h6 22. e4

A strong center will still matter in an endgame.

22. ... Rxc1 23. Qxc1 Qa6 24. Qc2 b3?! 25. Qxb3 Qe2 26. h4 Nh5 27. Bd6 e5 28. dxe5 Nxc3 29. e6! Qf1+ 30. Kh2 Ne2 31. exf7+ Kh7 32. Qe3 Qd1

(see diagram next page)

Faster was 31. exd7! or, now, 33. e5!. But White may have wanted to enjoy the rare chance to under-promote.

33. f8=N+ Nxf8 34. Bxf8 Nd4 35. Kg3 Qxa4 36. Bd6 Qd1 37. Be5 Ne2+ 38. Kh2 Qf1 39. h5!

2015 U.S. Women's Championship

This month the U.S. Women's Championship gets its due in our monthly quiz. The 2015 version, a 12-player invitational, was held once again at the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis. It gave Irina Krush her seventh national championship title and a \$20,000 first prize. In each of the six positions shown in the diagrams 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 watch out for checkmates as well. For solutions, see page 71.

Problem I

IM Rusudan Goletiani
WGM Anna Sharevich



BLACK TO PLAY

Problem II

WCM Apurva Virkud
GM Irina Krush



BLACK TO PLAY

Problem III

WFM Jennifer Yu
WGM Katerina Nemcova



BLACK TO PLAY

Problem IV

IM Nazi Paikidze
FM Alisa Melekhina



WHITE TO PLAY

Problem V

WGM Katerina Nemcova
WIM Annie Wang



WHITE TO PLAY

Problem VI

WGM Katerina Nemcova
IM Nazi Paikidze



BLACK TO PLAY



39. ... a4 40. Qxb6, Black resigned.

Black was furious after resigning. He convinced himself that the result had nothing to do with skill. "At least I didn't lose with chess, but only with this nonsense," he said.

What was "this nonsense"? This game was the first in which he had to use a device with a time increment—the Fischer clock. That meant it didn't qualify as a true chess game, in Black's view.

THINK POSITIVE: Speaking of Fischer, when Bobby was writing a column in *Boy's Life* he set down four rules for improvement: Concentrate. Think ahead. Study. And "learn from losing."

You can put a positive spin on a loss by telling yourself that your losses are more educational than your victories. Vladimir Kramnik said he learned more about his faults and gained valuable experience

when he was upset by Alexei Shirov in a match in 1998. He used this knowledge two years later when he won the world championship from Garry Kasparov, he said.

"If I hadn't lost to Shirov in 1998 I am sure I wouldn't have beaten Kasparov in 2000," Kramnik said.

"It's nonsense," said GM Nigel Short. He was recalling the London, 1980 tournament when, at age 15, he agreed to play in a strong international tournament against 13 much stronger players. He managed only four draws. "You can be injured, you can be seriously damaged," he said.

Grandmasters of an older generation used to say that the best way to deal with a defeat is to draw your next game. That was supposed to push the loss to the back of your memory.

Even playing a casual game can have a therapeutic effect. Magnus Carlsen says that after a loss he plays games online. "I do it to blow off steam," he said.

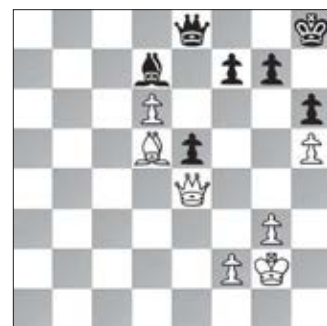
But there is only one sure antidote for a loss—winning your next game.

Perhaps the worst part of Carlsen's horrible ½-3½ start, during the first four days of the Stavanger, 2015 tournament last June, was that the fifth day was a free day. No games were scheduled. He had to wait an extra 24 hours for a chance to bounce back.

He used that chance:

Seizing his chance

GM Magnus Carlsen (FIDE 2876, NOR)
GM Alexander Grischuk (FIDE 2781, RUS)
Norway Chess 2015, Stavanger, Norway,
06.21.2015



WHITE TO MOVE

The cautious 40. g4 is the way most grandmasters would begin to press White's endgame advantage. But Carlsen tried 40. f4!?. It might not have been enough to win after 40. ... Qb8 (41. Qxe5 Qb4 with counter-play) or even 40. ... f5 41. Qxe5 Qxh5.

But this was the final move of the time control. With seconds left, Black blundered, 40. ... exf4?!, and after 41. Qxe8+ Bxe8 42. Bxf7! he was lost.

Carlsen was able to play the remaining rounds knowing that he could still win a chess game. "Winning isn't everything," as Edmar Mednis said. "But losing is nothing." ♣

How to Punish A Bad Novelty

The method of comparison often helps.

By GM LEV ALBURT

HOW SHOULD YOU REACT TO AN OPENING move which you know “isn’t theory” and which looks weak rather than threatening? If playing Black, should you assume that you are, most likely, already better? Of course, there is no one fixed set of answers to these often-asked questions.

Writes the winner of this month’s award, Cory Silva (*my further notes are in italics*):

This is a game where White made an opening mistake which gave Black a lot of positional advantages. Due to not developing and not castling, Black in turn gave White kingside play which resulted in heavy tactical play throughout moves 14-26.

Semi-Slav Defense (D43) by transposition to Queen’s Gambit Declined, Cambridge Springs Variation (D52)

Cory Silva (1597)

Robert Wagner (1744)

39th Annual World Open, Under 1800 (4), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2011

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Nf3 e6



5. a4?

Usually White will wait for Black to play ... dxc4 before a2-a4. White leaves a huge hole on b4 because of this opening blunder.

I think Cory refers to the line 4. ... dxc4 (instead of 4. ... e6) 5. a4.

5. ... Nbd7

Black can play ... Be7 or ... Bb4 right away, exploiting White’s mistake and pinning the c3-knight.

How to explore (or punish) White’s fifth move? (Normal lines are 5. Bg5, which could lead, after 5. ... dxc4, to very sharp play, and 5. e3, which Black usually meets with 5. ... Nbd7 6. Bd3 dxc4 7. Bxc4 b5, the Meran Variation, also very sharp, albeit more quiet central play with 5. ... Nbd7, 6. ... Bd6 and after ... dxc4, eventually ... e6-e5, is also playable.) I see some ways for Black to get a good game after the game move: 5. ... Bb4, 5. ... c5 (trying to steer the game into channels where White’s extra move, a2-a4, is a net minus), but none, in my view, offers Black an edge. Thus, I’d probably prefer the same flexible 5. ... Nbd7 that Mr. Wagner played, giving White more chances to go wrong.

6. Bg5



Rybka wants White to play 6. cxd5 to relieve pressure in the center.

After 6. cxd5 exd5 we’ll reach a position where it would be difficult for White to play b2-b4 and thus the archetypical minority attack, (b2)-b4-b5. Not a big deal, but perhaps a small plus for Black, and his attack on White’s king (Black’s normal plan in these positions). After 6. e3 Bd6 7. Bd3 0-0, Black will start the central breakthrough, ... e6-e5, one move earlier than in the main lines, for example 8. 0-0 dxc4 9. Bxc4 e5 or 9. ... Qe7, with a further ... e6-e5 and at least a comfortable equality.

6. ... h6

Stronger is 6. ... Bb4, and if 7. e3, 7. ... Qa5 with a big advantage; if 7. Bd2, 7. ... dxc4 wins a pawn

7. Bh4

After 7. Bxf6 Black’s advantage, if any, is miniscule.

7. ... Bb4 8. e3 Qa5 9. Qc2



9. ... g5

9. ... Ne4! for Black puts as much pressure as possible on the pinned knight on c3. If 10. Rc1 Nb6! and Black’s pressure is becoming unbearable.

Yes, the main outcome of 9. ... g5 is to weaken Black’s own position.

10. Bg3 Ne4 11. Rc1 Nb6 12. Bd3

White should consider 12. cxd5 relieving central pressure or 12. Nd2.

After 12. Nd2! White is better!

12. ... Nxg3



13. fxc3

And not 13. hxc3 following principles to capture toward the center? White's plan is to develop and use the f-file against Black's under-developed position and uncastled king.

The right and bold choice—an exception to a usually iron-clad rule.

13. ... dxc4 14. Be2



14. ... Nd5?

An opportunity missed for Black. Rybka likes 14. ... Qxa4 taking full advantage of the still pinned Nc3.

Still, after 15. Qd2, Black has to play very accurately, despite his current material edge. All three outcomes remain likely.

15. Kd2 (?!—L.A.)

White has the right idea but 15. e4 gives Black plenty to think about—or the defensive 15. Kf2, two moves Rybka agrees with.

Yes, 15. e4! favors White.

15. ... b5

Many players would play here the prudent 15. ... Bd6!, returning the extra pawn but preventing 16. Ne5—with a clear edge for Black.

16. Ne5 Bb7

A move Rybka likes for White—already Black is being put on defense.

After 16. ... c5 Black is still better. A true roller coaster!

17. Rhf1

White starts to fully exploit Black's backward f-pawn and uncastled king.

17 ... Rf8



Black's best is probably to give up the Exchange after 17. ... f5 18. Bh5+.

18. Bh5

White has the right idea. Pressure is always a 1

good thing. However, White misses the tactical shot 18. Nxf7! Rxf7 19. Qg6! (pinning) 19. ... 0-0-0 20. Rxf7 Qxa4 and White is up the Exchange. Rybka has White +.93.

18. ... 0-0-0 19. Rxf7

Slightly more accurate is 19. Bxf7.

19. ... c5 20. Ke2



White is trying to avoid future checks.

20. ... Nxe3

Even better for Black is 20. ... cxd4 21. exd4 Bxc3!!.

Is it so obvious?

21. Qg6!

White's best, if 21. Kxe3?? Black responds with 21. ... cxd4+ and White's position starts crumbling.

21. ... Qb6??



Black's first serious mistake of the game. Rybka likes 21. ... cxd4 22. Qxe6+ Kb8 23. Rxb7+ Kxb7 24. Qc6+ Kb8 and Black is up the Exchange.

Only for a moment. After 25. Bf3 Black must give that Exchange back, with very sharp, unclear play.

22. d5??

White misses the huge tactical shot 22. Nd7!, forking the queen and rook forcing Black to concede. 22. ... Rxd7 (forced) 23. Rxf8+ Rd8 24. Rxd8 Qxd8 25. Qxe6+ Kb8 26. Qe5+ Ka8 27. Qxe3 (27. Kxe3 may be

even better—L.A.) 27. ... cxd4 28. Rd1!.

22. ... Bxc3 23. Rxc3

Much better was 23. bxc3, and the struggle continues, while 23. Rxc3 gave Black a crucial tempo.

23. ... Nxd5 24. Rcf3

A bit better for White is 24. Rxf8 Nxc3+ 25. bxc3 Rxf8.

24. ... Rxf7 25. Qxf7

25. Nxf7 is a bit more accurate.

25. ... Qd6 26. Qg7 Nb4

After 26. ... Nc3+ it's mate in five.

27. Rf7 Qd1+ 28. Ke3 Qd2 mate.

Cory exacerbates his opening inaccuracy (not a blunder!), 5. a4, with the following over-ambitious move 6. Bg5. Not surprisingly, in an unknown complex position, both players made errors (6. ... h6, allowing 7. Bxf6—which White didn't play; the weakening 9. ... g5; missing 12. Nd2). Cory bravely played the unconventional 13. fxc3!?, leading indeed to "heavy tactical moves 14-26." Indeed, on moves 14-23, the game hung in sharply-changing balance, producing positions even the strongest grandmasters are likely to misplay. Only 23. Rxc3? fixed the game, giving Black a decisive tempo to build a winning attack over the d-file.

Mr. Wagner won, deservedly. Mr. Silva, too, deserves a lot of credit for his play, his analysis (with quite skilled use of Rybka—letting Rybka help in right moments, but not dominate his thought process), and, finally, for a rare and commendable decision to share his lost game! ♣

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A Chess Fairy Tale

(or, The National Open Turns 50)

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ONCE UPON A TIME, THE INTERSTATE CAUGHT ON FIRE. This part of the story is true. It was fate, maybe. Maybe not. Maybe in the desert, in arid climates, such things happen.

Black clouds billowed off of I-40 in northern Arizona, patrol cars blocked off the passage east and news vans formed wagon circles to each side of the interstate while groups of reporters gesticulated broadly in the direction of the darkness which covered the horizon.

We had no choice but to make a U-turn in the company Ford Expedition, cross four lanes of not-yet-ablaze highway and pull into a makeshift gravel and dust turnabout where an entrepreneurial-minded local had set up an ice cream shack to catch all the diverted traffic.

Larry Van Ryn Sr. put down his window, swung his arm out, rested his hand on the door panel and rolled up to see a black-uniformed highway patrolman with white ice cream splotches on his shirt and a rapidly melting cone in his hand who stood out of the heat under the concessions truck's metal awning and rested his elbow on the counter.

"Welp," the cop said between licks, "it's on fire."

Larry Sr. turned to us and grimaced beneath his large chopper shades. Larry Jr. pulled out the map.

It was 2003. We were on our way back from the 38th National Open—the second consecutive Las Vegas Chess Festival we had attended together as a group. The Van Ryns, like myself, hated flying. And so once upon a time when I was not even quite yet 20 years old, Larry Jr. had this crazy idea, "Let's drive to Vegas." And like all fairy tales the journey involved majesty: the peaks of the Rockies. The vast desolation of the Utah salt washes. The carved red descent through a corner of Arizona. The emptiness of the



GM Alexey Dreev won the Edmondson Cup on tiebreaks over three other players.



Axel Bachmann was part of the quartet tied for first, as was...

desert mesas. And like every good fairy tale the story also involved awe: the bright lights of sleepless Sin City. The old-world allure of Sinatra's town. The broad marquees. The armed, sunglassed guards near the casino cash bins. The midnight fountains and eruptions. The song and dance. The show.

And the tournament itself was an attraction: upwards of 20 grandmasters in 2002 (I had never previously seen more than a handful in the same room), a plus-score prize for every section, redeemable in the tournament chess shop, World Blitz Chess Association-rated side events, lectures, game analysis, simultaneous exhibitions, and so on. Things I can't even today recall. Everything held in the still-swank Riviera, a charming mob-era hotel with plush floors and deep red duvet covers, a casino built at the height of Las Vegas—1955, the Golden Age.

And wide-eyed, Larry Jr. and I took it all in.

We were hooked. Larry Sr., too, who didn't even play chess, but enjoyed watching the top games relayed on the large wooden demonstration boards and thinking up new chess inventions like a chess clock with a radio signal that would alert you when it was your turn if you needed to go to the bathroom, browse other boards or, in some cases, purchase another beer (Hey, it was Vegas. It may be a shock, I know, but not everyone was thoroughly focused on the art of chess.) "I think it'd be easy," he said, "you could put the technology right into your watch and it would just light up when your timer was pressed."

This was, of course, before the explosion in the strength of chess computers. Before cheating scandals and smart phones. When such an invention would be a handy tool and not a mechanism for deceit. And it was right up Larry Sr.'s alley—he owned a company that calibrated highly sophisticated computers and looked for new ways to employ old technologies and, Larry Jr. and I liked to dream, had secret government contracts for developing space-age super-machines.

The next year, 2003, Larry Sr. lined up a pickup of some special tile he needed for something-or-other to coincide perfectly on the calendar with the National Open tournament dates. And so we could take the company truck, call it a semi-business trip, and write another chapter of the fairy tale. This time, surely, even better, as Jr. and I were of the legal age.

But on the way back, with a Ford Expedition full of heavy tile, we had chosen the low road, I-40, to avoid the mountains of Colorado and the heavy climbs and descents. To keep ourselves and our packed and laden vehicle as much as possible

on flat land.

And now we sat on the edge of a burning interstate looking at a map in the pre-smart phone-era determining our only option was to take US 89 past Gray Mountain onto Highway 160 through the Four Corners and up, up into the highlands of southern Colorado, up into Mesa Verde and the San Juan forest. Up and up, on two-lane highways, heavy with tile, into the southern Rockies.

"Well, damn." Larry Sr. said, and spun the wheel back towards Flagstaff.



... GM Gata Kamsky and ...

The End of a(n) (Rivi)Era

13 years later, I'm sitting in a second floor office at the Westgate Resort off Paradise Boulevard. Below, down the carpeted stairs and through a glass double door, the pre-cursors to the 2015 National Open—a simultaneous exhibition with GM Walter Browne and the U.S. Game/10 Championships—are already underway.

It's not the same. Everything down there is too bright. Too new? Something. It feels like just another tournament in Chicago, my home state, where I usually play. Minus the casino, of course. Or the lots of casinos a few blocks to the west. But something isn't right. Something is out of place. Since 2002, the Riviera was the National Open home for me. The end of the fairy tale, until next year. And every June it was like greeting an old friend. It just had this ... something. A charm. An old way of doing things that it never outgrew. In many ways, I guess, now that I think about it, the Riviera never left 1955. And I liked it.

So here I am, trying to explain this to Agnes Smith. She's the sales manager at the Westgate, where the Las Vegas International Chess Festival (LVICF), now run by Al Losoff, has moved. She's also the reason for the move to the Westgate, and the smooth transition. "We had a relationship," Janelle Losoff, Al's wife and co-organizer told me, "so it was easy." I fumble around trying to tell Agnes about playing in the National Open 13 years ago, and several times in between, about the Riviera and how I sort of miss it. How I liked walking out the front door and being on the strip, seeing the bright lights of the Circus Circus, feeling the desert heat, and turning left to walk up Las Vegas Boulevard and see what there was to see.

I've chosen her to try to explain this to because she worked

at the “Riv,” as she fondly calls it, for 26 years, starting as a receptionist in 1989 and moving all the way up to head of sales, and now moving right across the street (along with the tournament itself) to the same position at the Westgate. When I first sit down, I don’t know what I’m going to say or how to make it make sense to her, but very quickly I can tell I won’t have to work too hard.

“It was very difficult for me,” she says. “You know, it was like my home.” She tells me about the Riviera’s history, how it was “Old Vegas,” about all the stars they used to have. Then about Fred Gruenberg in the mid-’90s and this Las Vegas International Chess Festival thing and how when she moved offices she made sure to grab the manila folder called “Chess.”

In February of 2015, the Las Vegas Convention and Visitor’s Authority voted to acquire the Riviera for \$182.5 million and smash it to bits to make room to expand the Las Vegas Global Business District. The massive hotel now sits fenced off and locked to the public, awaiting its August demolition.

“I took a picture of the facade” I tell her, “boarded up, with the orange cones in front of the doors. And then another of the marquee, with the ‘thanks’ message.”

“Thank you for 60 wonderful years Las Vegas,” it read, specifically. But I didn’t need to tell her that. She sees it every day on her way to work.

Agnes sits back in her swivel chair and looks at the floor. She folds her hands.

“It was the last of the true hotels,” she says.

The Man, The Legend

I leave Agnes. Feeling nostalgic, I decide to at least make my way over to Walter Browne’s simultaneous exhibition. Browne is a legend, a remnant of the Fischer era of U.S. chess, and a Nevada native. He’s been at every National Open I ever attended and most likely, for all I know, every National Open ever. He’s as much a symbol of the LVICF as the Riviera was and, I hope, maybe can bring me back to my fairy tale.

Browne tied for top honors with 5½ out of 6 in the 2002 National Open, my personal first visit to Vegas. I remember hearing about him early on in the tournament—his was a name you could not avoid at the National Open—and thinking as a then-1800, “Yeah, OK. I’ll follow this guy on those big wooden display thingies.” You know, at a big tournament, when you’re a class player, you’ve got to follow someone. Since I had no outside rooting interest, Browne it would be.

That year, to achieve first, he had to defeat fellow GM Vladimir

Georgiev (now a good friend of mine) and GM Ildar Ibragimov. I remember the Ibragimov game—Browne had the black side of a Hübner Nimzo. As an 1800, it was the first time I had really ever thought about pawn structure. Usually, then, I just tried to mate the guy. But here was Browne, giving me a free lesson via the surrogate demo board operator. I tried to replicate his play later on. I’m pretty sure I failed.

Now, 2015, Browne is giving his simul in Ballroom F at the Westgate, a short walk from the double glass doors of Agnes’ office center. I go in to watch. As in 2002, he still gives each game his full attention and time. He tries to win. He tries to win *well*. I see Allen Becker, a friend from the Midwest, at a simultaneous exhibition table at the back of the room and nod to him. He smiles and nods back, but then returns his focus to the board. Allen’s invested. Playing 25 games at once, using up all his energy, Browne is intense to watch, and Allen needs to stay sharp.

I walk around. I really want to talk to Walter. Not just for *Chess Life*, but also as a fan. He was part of what originally “made” the event for me. I want to ask him about the National Open and his experience and see if ours are even remotely commensurate. I want to ask him maybe if he recalls the Ibragimov game. What he thinks about the end of the Riviera. And I have a story for him, too, this time.

But there is no opportunity: he’s entrenched in seven or eight remaining battles and I still need to get over to the Game/10 championship.

The Las Vegas International Chess Festival publishes a daily tournament bulletin (also available to view on the LVICF website) which I always thought was a great touch, something too few tournaments still do. Friday morning, after the Game/10 and the simultaneous exhibition, I see that Becker drew. Browne, of course, did not lose a single game.

Unfortunately, I’m playing in the Open. There is so much I want to do, so many people I want to talk to, especially Walter, but I have to try to keep focused on my own game. As it happens, I play poorly. After two lengthy, tiring draws in rounds three and four, both against fellow national masters, I check my e-mail on my phone Saturday night to see Al Losoff has responded to my inquiry about an interview with Browne informing me to hurry up and find him, as Walter is not playing Sunday. I do a quick about-face and head back towards the playing area and there’s Walter, leaving already. As he passes, I say “Excuse me, Mr. Browne,” and he stops and faces me. He looks tired, carrying some sort of bag and moving slowly. I’m tired, too. It’s late, I’m not sure how late exactly but it feels late enough. I can’t imagine the energy he has expounded. I decide to skip the interview. I sort of want to tell him my story, but I don’t want to keep him, either. “I just wanted to say, I enjoyed watching your ‘simul.’” He grins and opens his mouth as if to say something, but then nods politely and moves on.

A Fairy Tale

We picked up US-89 just outside of Flagstaff and headed north. It was a new sort of majesty, a majesty of nothingness. Hillsides of sand that stretched into plateaus. A pinkness or an aura of pink. We felt separate from life, separate from civilization. And there was no water anywhere. Instead of rivers or creeks we passed green and white signs demarking “runs.” Dry Bear Run. East Wash Run. Empty beds that may have once held water, may occasionally turn to mud when it does manage to rain. All the while up and up, steadily up, with the tile weighing down the back end of the SUV.



... Illia Nyzhnyk.

The first sign of humanity was Tuba City and we stopped for lunch at a Hardees and pulled the map out again. Larry Jr. and I slurped our Cokes and pretended to help plot out a route, but really we were both still in Las Vegas, the city we just left behind, we were both still examining the chapter just written, replaying the plot in our minds.

In the 2003 blitz event, the last year of the World Blitz Chess Association, I played two games with Emory Tate. After the second, he wiped his brow and said “Whew!” then showed me how I had a mating attack I missed, grinned and headed off towards the casino.

2003, the first year I played with a “2” to start my rating. 2003, the first year I strayed off the red carpet and into the vastness of slot paradise, leather card tables, and roulette wheels. 2003, I thought while looking out the window into Tuba City, the last town on the map for miles and miles, until maybe Durango even, 2003, the year I knew I’d be back at the National Open many years to come.

I glanced over at Larry Jr. while the elder Van Ryn moved the map around. He wore a half-grin. I knew he was thinking the same.

Some Sort of Ever After

And I did go back. Multiple times.

2015. Saturday night after round four, I watch Grandmaster Walter Browne walk down the concourse, past the Westgate Benihana, and out of view. I texted my mom, who was kind enough to watch my dog back at home while I am away at chess and fairy tales and etc. “draw.” She texts back a picture of the dog under blankets on the couch and the line, “all the games are going to be tough.”

Yup, I think. I close my phone and walk into the skittles area to have a look at the standings, trying to get a rough idea of my round five opponent. Alexey Dreev. Rauf Mamedov. Gata Kamsky. Aleksandr Lenderman. Nick de Firmian, who I’ve already faced. Browne. I run out of room in my head for all the titled players before I’m even remotely close to my score group. The tournament is huge. And strong. And apart from a round one debacle where a discussion group in the adjacent ballroom turned into a live music festival revival type thing, everyone seems to be having a good time. Maybe the fairy tale hasn’t changed so much, after all.

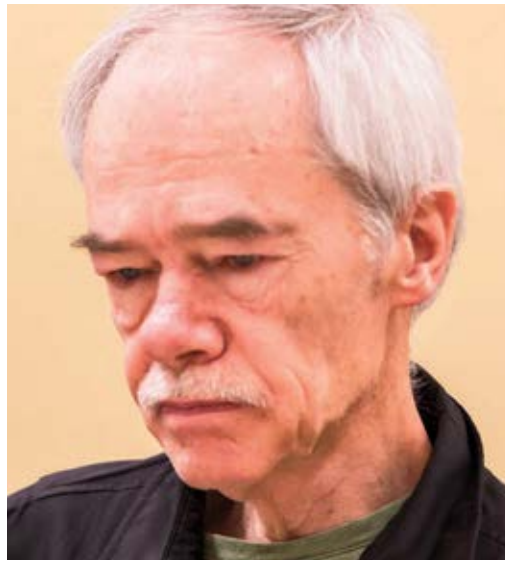
I look at the clean, crisp white tablecloths. The well-lit ballroom. The Internet Chess Club booth outside, with computer displays and laminated chess presses. At the Westgate-provided food table to the left of that, with four-dollar bananas and six-dollar coffees.

Maybe it has.

One thing I learned in the mid-2000s at maybe my third or fourth National Open was to separate the Las Vegas from the chess. Come a few days early. Walk the strip. Watch the fountain. Watch the pirates. Watch the volcano. Go look at the tigers. Get used to the heat.

This year, I arrived on a Tuesday. Wednesday night, I went to the poker room at the Venetian per a recommendation from my friend and fellow chess master, Mike Zaloznyy. I like to try new places, to see new things. Slowly, year by year, I’m working my way around the strip.

After awhile, the table loosened up and it got late and everyone



Walter Browne 1949-2015

Shortly before he planned to leave Las Vegas, on June 24, GM Walter Browne, a six-time U.S. champion, died in his sleep at his friend Ron Gross’ home. Browne had taught the morning chess camp and then held a marathon 25-board simultaneous exhibition. *Chess Life* will have a memorial article in the October issue.

wanted to talk and relax. It’s Vegas. It’s vacation. It isn’t yet chess time. So I talked, too. I let it out that I was a chess player, here for the National Open.

Immediately a player two positions to my right asked, “Hey, do you know Walter Browne?” The guy, who I found out was a local, said he talked to Walter several times, asked me my rating, told me his, asked me if I ever faced Walter.

“No,” I said. “Unfortunately, no.”

“That’s too bad.”

A short while later, he picked up his chips and moved on. As soon as he was out of sight, a tall, bearded former Wisconsinite to my left leaned over and said, “I know that guy, Walter Browne.”

“Oh yeah?”

“Yeah. One time sat at a poker table with him. He said he made more money playing poker than he ever did at chess.”

“Really?”

“Yeah, sure did.” He leaned back and spit some chewing tobacco into an empty water bottle. “Also said he’d mate me in five minutes flat.”

Epilogue

And that’s what I thought of Saturday night, leaving the standings chart and Ballroom F and the overpriced hotel concessions behind, walking the same path through the casino and to the North Tower that Walter had passed along a few minutes prior. *I should have told him*, I kicked myself. Two random players at a random poker table in Sin City hear the word “chess” and immediately ask about Walter Browne.

“Do you know you’re a legend?”

It sounds corny. How do you introduce something like that?

No good way, I think. I hit the shiny gold elevator button and zoom up 27 floors to my room.

Inside, I throw my chess bag on the bed and look out the window towards Las Vegas Boulevard. Westgate entrance. Westgate marquee. Paradise Boulevard. An am/pm gas station. And then the block of the darkened, dormant Riviera. The “Thanks for 60 years” sign is not even lit. I see the blue-tarped fence extend all the way from the back entrance past the old white parking deck and up the side of the convention center and hotel to the front of the Riv which faces the strip. This is the last time I’ll see the building, I know. By next year’s National Open, it will be gone. A history. A part of the past. A memory. This much I know.

I did not know, then, that Walter would be gone, too.

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Sicilian Defense, Najdorf Variation (B94)

CM Giovanni Carreto (2343)

GM Mackenzie Molner (2590)

National Open Championship (4), Las Vegas, Nevada, 06.20.2015

To advance chess skills, it is recommended to work on tactical vision improvement, but also to analyze games and comprehend standard ideas, plans, and positional rules. This game has some good examples.

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bg5

It is great to see White with such fighting attitude even when he faces a grandmaster. That is the right approach!

6. ... Nbd7 7. f4 Qc7 8. Qf3 h6



9. Bxf6

Currently the safer option for White. Alternative to choose here is: 9. Bh4 g5! Black focuses on disharmony of the white pieces. 10. fxg5 hxg5 11. Bxg5 Qc5 and Black is doing incredibly well in all games, no matter what move White decides to play here. 12. Be3 (12. Nf5 e6 13. Bxf6 Nxf6 14. Nxd6+ Bxd6 15. Qxf6 Bg3+ 16. Kd2 Be5 17. Qf3 b5 where Black will develop his bishop on b7 and with queenside castling he will control the d-file when Black will have good compensation for the pawn.) 12. ... Ne5 13. Qe2 Neg4 14. Bg1 Bh6 15. a3 Qb6 with good play for Black.

9. ... Nxf6 10. f5

White has to be careful here as well. After 10. 0-0-0?? Black can win an

Exchange with 10. ... Bg4 11. Nd5, the last resource which unfortunately also fails to save White. 11. ... Nxd5 12. Qxg4 Ne3 and White is in trouble.

10. ... Qc5 11. 0-0-0 g5!



Black's idea is to secure good play via black squares for his f8-bishop. White is unable to capture *en passant* for the very same threat as from a couple of moves ago—the Bg4 pin.

12. g3

Complications occur after 12. fxg6 *e.p.* Bg4 13. gxh7+ Kxf7 14. Qd3 Bxd1 15. Nxd1 and the position is unclear; the move 12. e5 is the most popular now and it was already played in one of Molner's games. It provided good chances for White. 12. ... dxe5 13. Ndb5 e4 14. Nxe4 Nxe4 15. Qxe4 Bg7 16. Rd5 Qb6 17. f6 Bxf6 18. Rd6 Qc5 19. Rxf6 axb5 20. b4 Ra4 and after many more moves Black was able to win: Naroditsky, D-Molner, M, ICC INT, 2011.

12. ... Bg7 13. Qe2 Bd7



14. Qc4?

A very surprising move! Unfortunately it is at the cost of some weaknesses in order to develop quickly and create some space for attack. After the queen exchange, all these pluses won't matter and the weaknesses will decide the

game. The Sicilian has an unwritten rule: exchanges favor Black.

14. ... Rc8

Black has no reason to help develop White's bishop.

15. Qxc5 Rxc5 16. Bg2



16. ... Ng4!

Black is creating threats and taking control of the black squares.

17. Nb3 Rc8 18. Rhe1

White could not move his knight from c3 to prevent a pawn loss because he had to prevent Black's ... Nf2 attack that would come at a higher cost.

18. ... Bxc3 19. bxc3 Rxc3

Black is not only a healthy pawn up, but also he has the more favorable pawn structure.

20. Kb2 Rc7 21. c4?



This move is completely surprising. White is unnecessarily giving up another free pawn. After this move the game is completely decided.

21. ... Rxc4 22. Rc1 Rxc1 23. Rxc1 Bc6!

Black prevented any counterplay via the c-file and his position is completely winning.

24. Na5 Kd7 25. Nc4 Ne5 26. Nb6+ Kc7

27. Nd5+ Kd8 28. Bf1 Bxd5 29. exd5 Kd7 30. Be2 Rc8 31. Rxc8 Kxc8 32. g4 Kc7 33. Kb3 Kb6 34. Kb4 a5+ 35. Ka4 Nd7 36. h3 Kc5 37. Kxa5 Nb6 38. Bf3 Nc4+ 39. Ka4 b5+ 40. Kb3 Nd2+, White resigned.

Queen's Indian Defense (E12)

GM Aleksey Dreev (2756)

IM Kesav Viswanadha (2392)

National Open Championship (2), Las Vegas, Nevada, 06.19.2015

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 b6 4. Bf4!?

This move is a rarely-chosen reaction to the Queen's Indian Defense. White most commonly plays 4. g3 and finishes kingside development while the bishop waits on its original square or is placed on d2 to block the Bb4 check. Although the text move is certainly playable, the bishop might find itself poorly placed.

4. ... Bb7 5. e3 Bb4+ 6. Nfd2



This move looks strange at first, but it actually carries an interesting idea. After actively developing the bishop to f4, White prevents Black from attacking it with ... Nh5. The second idea is to chase away the b4-bishop with a2-a3, without allowing the doubling of the c-pawns which usually happens when White places a knight on c3.

6. ... 0-0 7. a3 Be7 8. Nc3

At the end, this Bf4 sideline does not look bad at all!

8. ... c5?!

(see diagram top of next column)

This is both the first active and dubious pawn move. Black invites White to close the center and transfer the position into a Benoni-style structure while both his



bishops are passively placed. The bishop on e7 would enjoy more its more typical placement on the g7-square. Surprisingly there were other strong players that chose the text move so there might be something good in disguise. I feel it is better to grab the d-pawn and actively play 8. ... d5 9. cxd5 exd5 10. Bd3 c5, leading into interesting play.

9. d5 d6

Recapturing is not recommended. White has a strong resource: 9. ... exd5 10. cxd5 Nxd5 11. Qf3!, pinning the bishop and causing some trouble for the corner rook. Black can try: 11. ... Nxf4 12. Qxb7 Nc6 13. exf4 and although it looks risky for White, it is not possible to trap the queen. White will consolidate soon and keep a material advantage.

10. e4 exd5?!

This does not look like a good move either. Black jumps to a bad Benoni where his pieces are passive and where White will be able to get powerful play in the center. One possibility can be 10. ... Na6 with the plan of ... Nc7 and ... b6-b5 to push for space and active play. 11. Bd3 Nc7 12. 0-0 b5 13. b3 Nd7 and Black has reasonable chances of obtaining counterplay.

11. cxd5 Re8 12. Be2 Ba6

Fully understandable. Black's bishop has no business on b7 and is better off exchanged.

13. 0-0 Bxe2 14. Qxe2 Bf8 15. Bg5

(see diagram top of next column)

This pin looks quite annoying plus White clears the f4-square for his pawn. White's position is clearly more comfortable here.



15. ... Nbd7 16. f4!

Massive control of the center is established. Next on the list is e4-e5.

16. ... Qb8 17. a4 g6

This move proves that the whole Benoni plan was not good when Black spends extra time aiming to get the bishop to the g7-square. Unfortunately, it is a little late to realize that the bishop belongs there. White already has a lot of time to control important squares.

18. Rae1

The computer prefers the immediate 18. Qf3 Bg7 19. Nc4 to attack the king with f4-f5 and the later open f-file. Hard to argue with this plan.

18. ... Bg7 19. Qa6?!



Mysterious! I am not exactly sure what idea is behind this move. It prevents the ... a7-a6 and ... b6-b5 break, but it is unclear if this idea is a real threat. Instead of decentralizing the queen, White should be aiming for either e4-e5 or f4-f5. White's position is still better as he can bring his queen back to e2 at any point. Recommended would be 19. Qf3, which threatens the thematic e4-e5 or f4-f5. The game could continue with 19. ... a6 20. e5! dxe5 21. f5! where White has a clear edge.

19. ... Ng4 20. Nd1

The alternative is 20. Kh1 Bd4 21. Re2 and White is probably a little better here. It seems to be good to have the knight placed on c3 instead of d1.

20. ... Bd4+!

Finally getting the chance to be active! Black is no longer worse here.

21. Kh1 Bf6?

Why go back? With his king weak, it was not wise to exchange the king's defender. Although Black does not have a very active plan, he should play ... Qc7 and try to improve its position. 21. ... Qc7 was better, even though Black still has a difficult position: 22. Qe2 Ngf6 23. Qd3 Nh5 and there is a lot of play ahead.

22. Qe2

Returning to an active position and forcing Black to weaken the kingside with ... h7-h5.

22. ... h5

After 22. ... Bxg5 23. Qxg4!, Black loses a piece.

23. Bxf6 Ngxf6 24. Nc3



24. ... Qd8?

Truth be told, it is very difficult to find a good move for Black here. However, the queen on b8 was protecting the d6-pawn and preventing the white pawn's march in the center. It should have stayed there. A better option was 24. ... a6, but White is still better after the well-known plan of 25. e5 dxe5 and 26. f5.

25. Nc4 Nf8 26. Qd3

The last preparatory move.

26. ... a6 27. e5!

(see diagram top of next column)



All the white pieces are on excellent posts and the massive center is dreamlike. White is completely winning here.

27. ... dxe5 28. fxe5 Ng4 29. h3 Nh6 30. Ne4 Nd7 31. e6 f5 32. Ned6, Black resigned.

English Opening (A21)

GM Alexey Dreev (2756)

GM Timur Gareyev (2669)

National Open Championship (4), Las Vegas, Nevada, 06.20.2015

1. d4 d6 2. c4 e5

Timur chooses an interesting line to fight the English opening. It is not an uncommon try as there are many grandmasters that play this now.

3. Nc3

An alternative is to play 3. e3 or other moves; however, White does not mind recapturing with the queen since it secures some space advantage. The text move is currently the most popular reply.

3. ... exd4 4. Qxd4 Nc6 5. Qd2 Nf6 6. b3

White anticipates ... g7-g6 and ... Bf8-Bg7 and chooses to contest control of the a1-h8 diagonal. If White delays the b2-b3 move, it will be later met by strong tactical tricks concerning ... Nf6-e4. For example: 6. Nf3 g6 7. g3 Bg7 8. Bg2 0-0 9. b3? Ne4! And White is in trouble.

6. ... Be6

Black threatens the idea ... d6-d5.

7. e4!

(see diagram top of next column)

Restraining all of Black's pawn breaks.

7. ... a5



This move aims to destroy the queenside pawn structure as the white knight is tied toward the e4-pawn and is unable to capture the pawn after ... a5-a4.

8. Bd3

And again, White stops Black's plan by protecting the e4-pawn with the bishop and freeing the knight to cover the queenside issue.

8. ... Nb4

Fortunately, Black still could try his ... a4-a5 plan. 8. ... a4 9. Nxa4 d5!! and there is even one more shocking follow-up! This line is quite incredible. 10. exd5 Rxa4!! (Also possible is 10. ... Nxd5 11. cxd5 Rxa4 12. Qe3 Rd4 13. dxe6 Rxd3 14. exf7+ Kxf7 15. Qf4+ with very complicated play.) 11. Kf1 (Now it's clear that White cannot recapture the rook with 11. bxa4 because of 11. ... Bb4!) 11. ... Ra6 12. dxc6 Rxc6 And Black enjoys compensation for the pawn.

9. Bb2 g6 10. Rd1

White is finally intending to pull back his bishop to b1. Most likely, on every subsequent move, Black should have taken the bishop on d3 and White should have pulled it back to b1.

10. ... Ng4?!



Creative idea! Black intends to develop his bishop to h6 with a tempo and speed

up his development. However, the problem is visible after the plan execution when both the bishop on h6 and the knight on g4 is oddly placed and causes disharmony. Most likely it would be better to place the bishop on g7, countering his opponent on b2. The knight on f6 will have the option of moving to d7 and later to c5.

11. Nf3

As mentioned before, I would recommend saving the bishop by playing 11. Bb1.

11. ... Bh6 12. Qe2 O-O 13. O-O Re8 14. Bb1 Nf6 15. Nd4

This was a very natural move. White moves his knight into the center and frees the f3-square for a pawn so it can better defend e4. Given that GM Dreev is a great positional player, he chooses this type of slow-motion play. For aggressive players, it would be perhaps interesting to focus on attacking choices, especially the exploitation of the pin on the d-file: 15. c5!? d5 is met with 16. a3! Na6 17. exd5 Nxd5 18. Rfe1 Nxc3 19. Bxc3 Qe7 20. b4 And White's position looks active and slightly more comfortable.

15. ... Bd7 16. f3 Bg7

Black finally got his misplaced pieces back to their normal squares.

17. Qf2 c6?!

This move turned out to be not a good

one. Although it takes control of the d5-square, it also weakens its buddy on d6 that will eventually fall. An alternative could be a somewhat waiting move ... Nf6-h5 or more ambitious 17. ... a4!? 18. bxa4 b6 where Black would have destroyed the white pawn structure and created good outposts for his pieces. This should provide him with a playable position.

18. Nde2 Qe7 19. Rfe1 Nh5 20. g4

Slowly but surely gaining space and focusing on the d6-pawn. Black's pieces are not active enough to exploit White's weakened king.

20. ... Nf6 21. Ng3 h6 22. Qd2



22. ... Nh7

In desperate situations, there are often crazy lines that provide chances for counterplay. 22. ... Nxg4!? is definitely one of those types. Although it should not be enough for a legit counterplay, it creates complications that White has to correctly solve. Maybe this was a good

time to try its chances. 23. fxg4 Bxg4 24. Nce2 (Not so good is the greedy 24. Qxd6 Qh4 25. Qf4 Be5 where Black's pieces find good cooperation to endanger White's king. 26. Qf2 Bxd1 27. Nxd1 Rad8 This is a very dangerous position for White.) 24. ... Bxb2 25. Qxb2 h5 and White has a lot of work ahead to transform his material advantage into a full point.

23. Qxd6 Qxd6 24. Rxd6 Be6 25. e5

And the rest of the game is very simple for a player like Dreev. White is an extra pawn up and in a slow, improving manner, White gives Black no chances.

25. ... Bf8 26. Rdd1 Be7 27. Kg2 Bh4 28. Nce4 b5 29. Nc5 Nf8 30. Bc1 Kg7 31. Kh3

This is a nice move. White wants to know what Black's plans are for the bishop. If he won't exchange it, White is freeing the pinned knight.

31. ... Be7 32. Nxe6+ Nxe6 33. f4!

Soon the board will be absolutely dominated by white pieces. Black has little to no chances to survive here.

33. ... Nc5 34. cxb5 cxb5 35. f5! Bg5 36. Bb2 gxf5 37. Nxf5+ Kf8 38. Nd6 Re7 39. Rf1 Ne6 40. Kg3 Nc6 and Black resigned.

White has resources such as h4, the light squared-bishop moving to e4 to pin the knight, and pressure on f7. The game is simply over. ♣

At A Glance

2015 National Open

Date: June 19-21, 2015 | **Location:** Westgate Resort & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada | **561 players** | **Top Finishers:** *Open*, 1st-4th, 5: Alexey Dreev, Gata Kamsky, Illia Nyzhnyk, Axel Bachmann; 5th-8th, 4½: Aleksandr Lenderman, Rauf Mamedov, Elshan Moradiabadi, Ehsan Ghaem Maghami; *Under 2500-Under 2400*, 4½: John Bryant, Keaton Kiewra, Kesav Viswanadha, Vignesh Panchanatham; *Under 2200*, 1st-4th, 5: Luke Calhoun, Leo C. Creger V, Jeffery Gallegos, Erich Siebenhaar; 5th-7th, 4½: Dana Mackenzie, Xiexin Wang, Wan Kim; *Under 2000*, 1st-2nd, 5½: Jonathan Allen, Russell Bik; 3rd-6th, 5: Michael Anderson, Joshua Samuel, Arthur Galstian, Gabriel Eidelman; *Under 1800*, 1st, 6: Reneray Valdez; 2nd, 5½: Eddy Schuck; 3rd-6th, 5: Ethan Pau, Jamie Olsen-Mills, Ari Chaney, Turner Christian Gough; *Under 1600*, 1st, 5½: Adoor V. Balasubramanian; 2nd-4th, 5Bradley Ryan Walker, Ezra Paul Chambers, Matthew Halbasch; 5th-10th, 4½: Bill Ningyuan Qian, Gabriel Mee, David Day, Ishan Saran, Romallis T. St. Cyr, Evan Wright; *Under 1400*, 1st, 5½: Nicholas Gross; 2nd-3rd, 5: Conrad Burgert, Anatoliy Zharkikh; 4th, 4½: Bondarenko Mikhail; *Under 1200*, 1st, 5½: George Charlier; 2nd-3rd, 5: Asher Thakur, Clifford Richardson; 4th-6th, 4½: Eamon Thakur, Brandon Hitchcock, Ria Neelkanth Deshpande; *Unrated*, 1st, 5: Abdur Rafay; 2nd-4th, 4: Steve John Bredy, Johannes Brust, Michael Sanfilippo. | **Chief Tournament Director:** Christopher Bird.

Fischer Goes Hollywood

In the first A-list treatment of Fischer and his run to the championship, the filmmakers say, “It’s not the truth—it’s the truth as you choose to describe it.”

By **BRIAN JERAULD**

The silver screen has no easy task illustrating the inside of a mind, let alone that of Robert James Fischer.

Impossible, as already understood by chess players worldwide, tapping the mental journeys of the game’s most inexplicably profound legend has been a challenge not yet attempted by Hollywood. While HBO’s *Bobby Fischer Against the World* may stand as the most comprehensive offering to date, the documentary offers a straightforward presentation of facts with little attempt at explaining the intermediaries. And while *Searching For Bobby Fischer* may rank as chess’ most-iconic arrival on the red carpet, any storyline borrowed from Fischer began and ended with real-life accusations that decried the unauthorized use of his name—a mere footnote in the true story of his dizzying mental endgame collapse.

Releasing this month, *Pawn Sacrifice* stars Tobey Maguire as Fischer during his monumental rise to the top of the chess world, in front of an infatuated nation gripped by Cold War. Produced by Maguire’s own Material Pictures and directed by Ed Zwick, *Sacrifice* sets out to describe an interface between Fischer’s genius and madness, beginning with the origins of his talent discovery and climaxing with his legendary performance at the 1972 World Chess Championship in Reykjavik, Iceland. Opposing is Liev Schreiber as Boris Spassky, and backed by Peter Sarsgaard as William Lombardy, *Sacrifice* presents a departure from traditional capture by the silver screen.

“I’ve often written about relationships within a larger context, whether that context is of great drama or war,” said Zwick, whose directions include *The Last Samurai* and *Legends of the Fall*.

“I have talked about people who were in a position of leadership, roles of authority. But in this case, it’s about a single-minded dedication, a craft to a genius. It served him, but he served it; his life was faded by his gift from the very beginning. That is

something I have never tried to address before.”

Sacrifice serves to flush out the background between Fischer’s moments of notoriety, a challenge presented by its very subject matter: Delivering compassion for a character bound by a legacy of isolation.

“In this case, the story is very much subjectively told. The attempt was to try and experience some measure of his life as he experienced it, and that’s different for me,” Zwick said. “(Fischer) was so defiant of presuming to do what the movie aspires to do. Tobey and I sat there and looked through every picture from every interview he ever did, read everything he ever said, but in the end you finally have to trust a certain amount of your own instinct. It’s not the truth—it’s the truth as you choose to describe it. Inevitably there is some sort of bias, whether it is writer’s bias or actors bias or dramatized bias, and it helps you shape certain things to serve a story.”

Despite its direct license for dramatic creativity, *Sacrifice* stays anchored in historical events to deliver the movie as a “docu-drama” of sorts, as described by the movie’s historical consultant, Joseph Ponterotto. A 1972 Bronx teenager and admitted casualty to Fischer’s chess-playing spell on the nation, Ponterotto is today a professor of counseling psychology at Fordham University who has written over 100 books and peer-reviewed articles in the profession.

After Fischer’s death in 2008, Ponterotto took a psychologist’s lens to the question of if Fischer suffered from mental illness or simple eccentricity, taking a first stab in answering the questions of “How?” and “Why?” in an article for *Pacific Standard* magazine. The discussion received nearly 20,000 hits in its first month of publishing, eventually finding its way to the *Sacrifice* team through a program that connects Hollywood with academic research in an effort to boost production quality with historical accuracy.



Tobey Maguire stars as Bobby Fischer in Edward Zwick's Pawn Sacrifice, a Bleecker Street release.

The article grew into a series, and ultimately turned into a four-year project that produced *A Psychobiography of Bobby Fischer: Understanding the Genius, Mystery, and Psychological Decline of a World Chess Champion in 2012*. The book, presented as a posthumous psychoanalysis, offers the inner workings of Fischer's bizarre behavior as developed by personal, family and political factors. Ponterotto goes on an in-depth exploration of his relationship between Joan and Regina Fischer, charging them as critical to understanding the development of his eccentric behavior.

"Bobby had a lot of stress, he was vulnerable to mental health challenges," Ponterotto said. "Chess became a sort of solid, reliable companion. His mom was out working often, leaving his sister Joan to take care of him a lot, but she had her own life to live. Chess was his friend, he could play by himself. It never said no or abandoned him, and it became his anchor to self-esteem and confidence—but yet it further isolated him."

Sacrifice's original screenplay was written by Steven Knight around the time of Ponterotto's first article, and chapters of his impending book began to be sent in between the movie's developing script. Ponterotto helped develop psychological personalities of young and older Bobby, as well as Joan and Regina.

"My role was as a guide to understanding the psychology of Bobby Fischer, particularly," Ponterotto said. "The struggle he must have had to contain sanity and focus to play chess the way he did, and to stave off the pressures of psychological demons of paranoia and mistrust."

Spoiled by the reality of Fischer's ultimate demise, *Sacrifice* in no way presents itself as a feel-good movie. According to Ponterotto, the film accurately captures Fischer's increasing mistrust of others, a developing fear of those who would take advantage that lead to his progressive isolation in L.A. and severing of all friendships. A theme of paranoia stays pronounced throughout, introduced in the movie's opening scene—dark man in a shadowed car, taking pictures of young Bobby—setting the groundwork for the broken relationship with his mother, who's 900-page FBI report was explored by Ponterotto's book.

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knew everything we wanted people to see in this movie, if you knew everything about the story, you knew just how bad it got. To somehow not own up to that would be a disservice to the permanent record and to those who really knew the story."

To understand this true story, Maguire also took his own due diligence to find his way inside the mind of Bobby Fischer. The actor immersed himself in Frank Brady biographies and Harry Benson photography, also meeting with several exclusive members of Fischer's inner circle, including IM Anthony Saidy who harbored the recluse Fischer just before the 1972 Championship. Maguire found the nuances and quirks of Fischer's inner and emotional life, digging as far as his horrific,

make money on him."

Beyond figuring out Fischer's inner motivations, Maguire found equal challenge acting out the chess hero's outwardly style. Entering with limited experience in the game, Maguire took to master-level chess lessons and figured out its secret, immediately: One does not become a great player in a short period of time.

"If you've played a lot of chess, you have a certain relationship with the object you're interacting with. The way you're thinking about and seeing things, and also understanding the elements involved in terms of memorization and theory. Being deeply engaged in a strategic game, just understanding what kind of focus that requires, is something Bobby and many chess players just naturally had.

"It's also a relationship to the object: When you've moved a piece or taken a piece over and over again, you just handle them differently. So on a really basic level, I just moved the pieces a lot and watched people move the pieces around. You can just watch hands and tell how much time a person has spent moving pieces around, and everyone has a different relationship with that."

Fischer become a dual role for Maguire, taking on a character filled with secrets along with a game that harbored even more. He admits considerable time devoted to capturing Fischer's comfort over the chessboard, describing his adeptness at moving pieces around during matches along with a certain sloppiness during quick-minded demonstrations. At one point in *Sacrifice*, Maguire hammers out a 16-move combination during a casual conversation with Lombardy, tasking the actor with two scripts: One for the movie, another for chess.

"(Maguire) wanted tricks about mental memorization, how he could reproduce a position at the same time as he has to learn his text—and also put pieces on the table," said Richard Berube, *Sacrifice's* on-set chess consultant who said nearly 40 hours were spent on the actor's chess transformation. "He had to learn two different things—remembering his text and remembering where the pieces are. He was good at acting, but at chess ... it was not so easy. Fischer had big hands, and it became so important (to Maguire) to develop this concerned way of moving the pieces."

Another casualty to the 1970s Fischer boom, FIDE Master Berube taught Maguire



Director Edward Zwick

later-in-life radio rants.

"A lot of people had a lot of different things to say about Bobby," Maguire said. "Even though it was hard to be close to him, some of them had real affection and liked a certain side of Bobby. He could be really self-interested and only did what he wanted to do. Volatile, but also odd and funny, all kinds of things. It was interesting to talk directly to all the folks about him, before he obviously descended into what seemed like an ever-increasing state of paranoia and mental unhealth."

"He was unique, all the way around, from his talent to his ability to his work ethic, as well as his descent into madness. I'm certain, if he were alive now, he would be out there condemning us for trying to



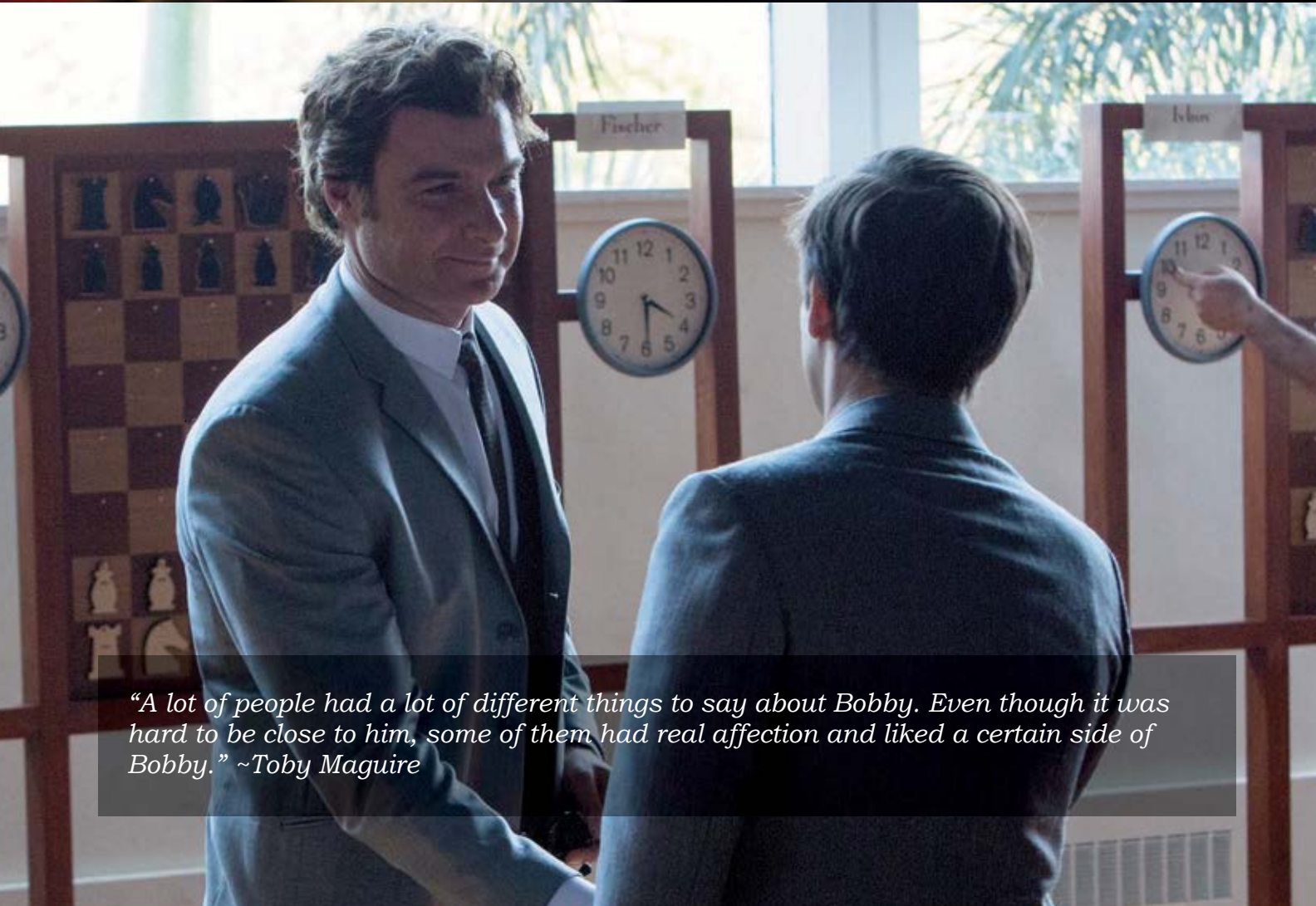
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as much depth about chess as the Sämisch Variation, helping explain the difference between the King's Indian and the Grünfeld, and bringing the actor to an understanding of chess intricacy hidden within a 10-second scene.

"Actors are quick at understanding things, they catch on really quickly—they don't have much time," Berube said. "I taught (Maguire) some tricks about memorization for games, and I think he managed really well with that. He took a good understanding to things like how chess is structured: The opening, the middlegame, the endgame, things like attack and defense. All of those elements, he did quite well. That is saying something for someone who didn't know how to play the game."

Berube is the business manager and director general of the Quebec Chess Federation (QCF). Aside from a fraction of the movie's beach scenes in Santa Monica, California, the majority of *Pawn Sacrifice* was shot in Montreal where the QCF could assist with an endless amount of resources. Many departments of the film were filled by the Federation, from moviemakers to propmasters to actual Quebec chess players representing players in bit parts. Montreal also served an appropriate setting, offering more than 20 different locales that lent Brooklyn-like suburbs, as well as an auditorium perfect for the final showdown in Reykjavik.

"I think they saw we were well-organized, that Montreal was appropriate for producing and shooting movies. We had a lot of human resources for casting possibilities, and good organization to do that," Berube said.

Berube and the QCF was also called on to add a periodical element to the film's setting, providing chess sets and tables that were appropriate for the 1970s—there were no DGT clocks on the set. With obsessive attention to detail, an actual board and table used in the 1972 Championship was sent from Iceland for use in the Reykjavik scenes.

"It was eight hours a day, though there were some times where I was only called on to answer a question about chess or reset a clock or something like that," Berube said. "If they wanted to have a position from Reuben Fine-Fischer, they needed somebody to set up that position quickly. I have got a good memory for this—and I had my iPhone."

Having a chess player on set kept the film cognizant of standard chess-novice maladies, such as queens on the wrong color or incorrect board orientations. Zwick said Berube became an asset to the film, not just to have someone who knew the nuances of the chess, but also the inner workings of the game.

"There's a moment in the movie where Bobby is first talking to Lombardy, and he's trying to describe to him what he did

wrong in the prior game," Zwick said. "It was done with extraordinary gusto and utter knowledge, and all that came from watching Richard, who would come in and say 'no no, the situation was like this.' To see his hands moving on that board, it was so beautiful. I suddenly realized that was something I needed to feel from someone who really knows the game of chess."

Berube admitted Zwick found his liberties within dramatic reenactment, though the director kept importance on as much accuracy as possible, as long as it didn't come at the expense of the movie. Many of Fischer's most-famous interviews find their way into *Pawn Sacrifice*, most transcribed verbatim to the real words and delivery that he originally provided. The movie even pulled Dick Cavett, 40 years later, into the cutting room to help polish a couple extra syllables from his sit-down

PAWN SACRIFICE FACTS

Release date: September 16, 2015

Director: Edward Zwick

Bobby Fischer: Toby Maguire

Boris Spassky: Liev Schreiber

Bill Lombardy: Peter Sarsgaard

Storyline: *Pawn Sacrifice* chronicles Fischer's terrifying struggles with genius and madness, and the rise and fall of a kid from Brooklyn who captured the imagination of the world.

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with Fischer on the *Dick Cavett Show*.

"I made suggestions, sometimes. I'm only a consultant but sometimes you want to have your ideas considered," Berube said. "Spassky was an intellectual, so I suggested some things he liked to read that would present him as a kind of intellectual.

"But we know Bobby Fischer was clearly not an intellectual, more of a rogue guy. Many people knew that Bobby preferred to read comics, like Marvel. I suggested that they had him reading *Spiderman*, which would have been ironic. They said it was interesting, though they were concerned it would come across as a gag." (*Toby Maguire famously starred in the Spiderman movie mega-franchise. ~ed.*)

Though not all suggestions made the final cut, *Sacrifice* is speckled with minute details that enrich the movie's placement in both history and chess. Factoids such as Fischer's choice of 1. c4 in game six of

the 1972 World Championship and the flies found in the light bulbs of Reykjavik make appearances, and despite its subjective nature, Ponterotto says the movie stays true to Fischer's relationships with Lombardy and Paul Marshall (Michael Stuhlbarg).

"(*Sacrifice*) did a really good job presenting how (Lombardy and Marshall) handled Bobby tenderly, acquiescing when they could," Ponterotto said. "But there were two scenes where Lombardy and Marshall confront him and are assertive with Bobby. They were constantly walking a tightrope on when to acquiesce and do what Bobby wanted, and when they had to finally put their foot down. That really happened, I have talked directly to Father Lombardy on that."

Hardcore chess fanatics, however, will find some of the movie's inaccuracies. Fischer never played in Bulgaria and, despite *Pawn Sacrifice* showing Fischer's first meeting with World Champion Spassky in Santa Monica in 1966, Spassky was not yet world champion at the time—it was Tigran Petrosian.

"We know that [29. ...] Bxh2 (in the first game of the 1972 World Championship) was a blunder, but in the movie Spassky plays his move g3 and Fischer resigns," Berube said. "But that's not what actually happens: The game was adjourned. But most people would not understand that ... 'How can you put a move in an envelope?' They had to simplify things; they decided after that move, Fischer resigns. They did that on purpose."

"I think you have to see the movie, not as a chess player, but as someone who knows nothing about chess. If you have this spirit in mind, it will be better. But if you see all the details, you will probably criticize and will not be happy. You need an open mind and to not see this movie as a professional chess player; you have to see it as Mr. Everybody."

Zwick agrees, aiming *Pawn Sacrifice* for a target beyond a chess-playing audience—yet still hoping to bring the game to another iconic moment on the silver screen.

"When I've watched chess, it exists in those silences," Zwick said. "That concentration of Liev and Tobey in those games is pretty remarkable, a lesser actor would not feel the presence of the competition.

"One thing that Bobby always talked about is the domination of one man's will by another. To me, that is like a heavyweight prize fight—they are just slugging it out in silence. That challenge as a director is to show this movie not to (chess players), but to somebody who doesn't know anything about chess. That was the real challenge for me: To make those scenes understandable by the struggle and the drama between those two men." ♣



NORWAY
CHESS 2015



GM Veselin Topalov

Topalov Tops, Carlsen Flops in Norway Chess

There is a tide in the affairs of men. Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; Omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and in miseries. ~ Shakespeare—“Julius Caesar”

By **GM IAN ROGERS, PHOTOS BY CATHY ROGERS**

The first tournament of the Grand Chess Tour—the third edition of Norway Chess in Stavanger—started with the biggest bang possible, an almost unbelievable loss by World Champion Magnus Carlsen to Veselin Topalov. The tournament ended with Carlsen losing to the event’s lowest-rated player, while in-between Topalov went on a winning run which gave him his first super-tournament victory since Linares 2010.

Just behind Topalov came U.S. Champion Hikaru Nakamura and Indian veteran Viswanathan Anand, while Fabiano Caruana, playing his final tournament as an Italian, disappointed. (Caruana didn’t have to wait long before his fortunes recovered—immediately after his change of federation to the U.S. he won the Sparkassen Chess Meeting in Dortmund.)

The fjordland of Stavanger has not been a happy hunting ground for Carlsen in the past; the Norwegian 24-year-old finished second behind Sergey Karjakin in the first two editions of the Norway Chess super-tournament. However Carlsen was the favorite for the 2015 edition, having won every tournament he had entered this year. (Betting agencies listed Carlsen as a better prospect for first place than the other nine grandmasters together!)

Carlsen did everything right in his first-round game against Topalov, until disaster struck at the very moment that Carlsen had worked out how to checkmate his

opponent or win bulk material.

The seeds of Carlsen’s shock loss were planted at the start of the round, when guest of honor Garry Kasparov was forced to wait before he could make the ceremonial first move because Carlsen was a minute late. Because of his tardiness, Carlsen missed a short announcement by the arbiter explaining the slightly unusual time control.

Fast forward to move 60.

Kasparov has just finished explaining exactly how Carlsen could finish the game in his favor when Carlsen, expecting that an extra 15 minutes would be added, calmly exceeded the time limit.

Norwegian television audiences watching on TV2—the station which had paid large sums for exclusive rights to the Norway Chess tournament—had some inkling that Carlsen might not be *au fait* with the time limit when his manager Espen Agdestein was asked a few minutes before the disaster why his charge was running so short of time and Agdestein had to be corrected when he suggested that Carlsen should not be worried because he was about to receive a time bonus.

Carlsen took the setback with remarkable equanimity, analyzing the position for a short time with Topalov while laughing at his own stupidity. There followed a long round of media interviews, where Carlsen took full responsibility for his awful error and made some dark jokes at his own expense.

Things happen.

GM Magnus Carlsen (FIDE 2876, NOR)
GM Veselin Topalov (FIDE 2798, BUL)
Norway Chess 2015 (1), Stavanger, Norway,
06.16.2015



58. ... f4

Carlsen had steadily outplayed Topalov in an endgame that seemed drawish and now, since 58. ... Qg4+ 59. Qxg4+ hxg4+ 60. Bxg4! fxg4+ 61. Kxg4 leads to an easy win for White, Topalov goes for his last chance.

59. Qxh5! Qxf2!

59. ... fxg3 60. fxg3 would be a slow but sure win for White, as would 59. ... Qd7+ 60. Qg4+ Qxg4+ 61. Kxg4 fxg3 (61. ... Kf6 might seem a better try, since the opposite-colored bishop endgame with just a b- and f-pawn is drawn. However two f-pawns will help win the game for White as one can be used as a decoy to

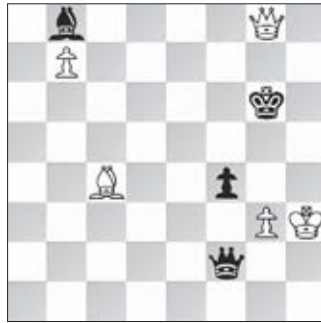
enable the white king to advance to d7.) 62. fxf3 with a technical win.

60. Qg5+ Kf7! and Black won on time.

Carlsen, with one minute and 11 seconds on the clock, was confident that he had seen a forced win, but with the time control at move 60 already reached, he decided not to rush and possibly throw away the victory. (Topalov had not seen the mate and was convinced that after hours of long and difficult defense he had finally earned himself a draw.) Carlsen calmly allowed his time to run down to zero, expecting that an extra 15 minutes would then be added to his account, as usually occurs after a time control at move 60 has been reached. To Carlsen's dismay, the arbiter, Sava Stojsavljevic, informed him that he had just lost the game (the time control being used in the Grand Chess Tour did not offer a bonus at move 60 and Carlsen had exceeded the time limit). Topalov himself admitted that a few moves earlier he had gone up to the arbiter to double-check the time control, not quite sure that he had heard correctly when Stojsavljevic announced the slightly unusual time limit (40 moves in 2 hours followed by one hour to finish, with a 30 second increment added from move 41)— at the start of the game. Carlsen, however, had not heard Stojsavljevic's announcement (he arrived a minute late for the game). As Carlsen showed the TV2 audience shortly after he had recovered from the immediate shock of the loss, White does indeed have a forced win, as follows: 61. Bc4+ Ke8 62. Bb5+ Kf7 63. Qf5+! Kg7 64. Qd7+ Kf6 (64. ... Kg6 loses more quickly to 65. Qe6+ Kg7 66. Qe7+ Kg6 67. Bd3+ Kh6 68. Qf6+ Kh5 69. Qg6 mate) 65. Qd8+ Kg6 66. Bd3+ Kf7 67. Bc4+ Kg6 68. Qg8+!

(see diagram top of next column)

68. ... Kf6 (68. ... Kf5 walks into 69. g4+ Ke4 70. Qd5+ Ke3 71. Qd3 epaulette



mate!; 68. ... Kh6 69. Qf8+ Kg5 70. Qg7+ Kf5 71. g4+ Ke4 72. Qg6+! also mates or wins the queen.) 69. Qf7+ Ke5 70. Qe6+ Kd4 71. Qb6+ and the black queen is lost.

The next day Carlsen's defeat was clearly still in the back of his mind and the local hero played poorly, losing without a fight against the world-number-two Fabiano Caruana.

Notably after game two Carlsen started shifting blame slightly onto the tournament organizers, saying that they had not done enough to inform the players about the new time limit which was being applied at Norway Chess, 2015. (He soon received an apology from the organizers, which seemed rather unnecessary.)

Two days later, after missing a win against Anish Giri, Carlsen lost to Viswanathan Anand as well and his tournament was effectively over.

Carlsen has a record of recovering from losses, most notably in Shamkir, 2014 but here the psychological damage from the first loss appears to have been too severe.

In contrast, after his fortunate first-round success, Topalov made almost every post a winner, thanks to both strong play and more lucky breaks.

Topalov's most outrageous stroke of luck, apart from the Carlsen game, came in round five against Jon-Ludwig Hammer who threw away a draw with a once-in-a-career fingerfehler.

Fingerfehler

GM Jon Ludvig Hammer (FIDE 2677, NOR)
GM Veselin Topalov (FIDE 2798, BUL)
Norway Chess 2015 (5), Stavanger, Norway,
06.21.2015



After Hammer's early piece sacrifice had slowly been rebuffed, the Norwegian found himself fighting hard for a draw. White should be able to hold because the black bishop cannot leave the long diagonal without allowing f4-f5 and Rf6+, eliminating Black's last pawn. Though no doubt Topalov would play on in a rook plus bishop versus rook endgame, Hammer was confident that he could hold without great difficulty.

65. Rd6! Bc3 66. Rc6 Bh8 67. Ka3 Bd4 68. Ka4 Rf8

"At first I thought that 68. ... Rb6 was winning," said Topalov, "with the idea 69. a7 (69. Rxb6 Bxb6 and he is not in time compared to the game.) 69. ... Rb1! However after 70. Rd6! he makes the draw" (because of 70. ... Bxa7 71. Rf6+! Kg7 72. f5).

69. Kb5 Kg7 70. Rc7+ Rf7 71. Rxf7+ Kxf7 72. Kc4! Ba7 73. Kd5 Ke7

(see diagram top of next page)

74. Kc6??

"A fingerfehler," said Topalov. "Obviously he thought I had just played 73. ... Bb8,

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	Rating	Fed	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
GM Veselin Topalov	2798	BUL	x	½	½	0	½	1	1	1	1	1	6½
GM Viswanathan Anand	2804	IND	½	x	½	½	½	1	½	1	½	1	6
GM Hikaru Nakamura	2802	USA	½	½	x	½	1	½	½	½	1	1	6
GM Anish Giri	2773	NED	1	½	½	x	½	½	1	½	½	½	5½
GM Fabiano Caruana	2805	ITA	½	½	0	½	x	½	½	1	0	½	4
GM Maxime Vachier-Lagrave	2723	FRA	0	0	½	½	½	x	½	½	1	½	4
GM Alexander Grischuk	2781	RUS	0	½	½	0	½	½	x	0	½	1	3½
GM Magnus Carlsen	2876	NOR	0	0	½	½	0	½	1	x	1	0	3½
GM Levon Aronian	2780	ARM	0	½	0	½	1	0	½	0	x	½	3
GM Jon Ludvig Hammer	2677	NOR	0	0	0	½	½	½	0	1	½	x	3

For more games, see the official website: <http://2015.norwaychess.com/supertournament-2015/pgn/>.



because 74. f5 gxf5 75. Ke5 or even 74. Ke5 is an easy draw.”

74. ... Ke6, White resigned.

Now Hammer stared at his handiwork, unable to believe what he had done and after a few minutes of embarrassed thought, resigned. Nakamura admitted he was stunned, saying, “I had the game open (on my computer) but I saw it was going to be a draw and was reading news. Then I go away and come back a minute later and see 74. Kc6 Ke6 and I am like, this must be a joke!”

Baffled by his own good fortune—“It’s not my fault!” he pleaded after one win—the Bulgarian raced to 5½/6 before slowing down. A penultimate round loss to Giri meant that theoretically Topalov could have been caught by Anand, but their final round game, with Topalov white, was a very quick draw.

Topalov attributed his success to the fact that chess was no longer a life and death matter for him; “My only advantage is that honestly I don’t really care about the result,” he said. “I’m really relaxed and maybe that helps me. I’m really not very ambitious now.”

Topalov explained that he was not even sure that he would take up a place in the World Championship Candidates tournament next March, because the 2014 Candidates event “[cost] me a lot of effort and it was a complete disaster.”

In the end, Topalov finished a half point clear of Anand and Nakamura. Anand, who regained the world-number-two position, played two of the best games of the tournament and his revival, after an extended slump, has led some to believe that the chess world may be headed for world title match Carlsen versus Anand III.

Nakamura was his usual solid self. Unlike the more volatile Caruana, the U.S. champion has developed great consistency and, with his trusted second Kris Littlejohn present in Stavanger, Nakamura has clearly become one of the hardest players in the world to beat. Nakamura’s score would have been enough to win both previous editions of Norway Chess but up against Topalov’s combination of class and luck, 6/9 was not enough.

Carlsen—Human After All



Is severe pressure Carlsen’s Achilles’ heel?

Despite Magnus Carlsen’s extraordinary run of success—a five year run never placing lower than second in a tournament—a number of pundits have expressed doubt about the World Champion’s ability to handle severe pressure.

Exhibit one was the 2014 Candidates tournament where Carlsen lost two of the last three rounds and only qualified to challenge Viswanathan Anand because rival Vladimir Kramnik also faltered in the final round.

In addition, critics point to Carlsen’s two world title matches where he cruised early but started to play shakily when the world title was in sight. (In both matches, Anand failed to take his chances in the crucial games.)

Carlsen’s awful failure at Norway Chess was a new piece of evidence. After 28 tournaments never placing lower than second, Carlsen was overdue a sub-optimum performance but his Stavanger result was something else.

Carlsen’s round one display of stupidity would shake the confidence of any player,

but most expected Carlsen to recover quickly. Instead Carlsen allowed this defeat to define his tournament and, with subsequent losses against Fabiano Caruana, Anand and Jon Ludvig Hammer, Carlsen finished near the tail of the field. Some called the first round loss a supreme test of Carlsen’s mental toughness. If so, Carlsen failed.

Of course Carlsen could not have reached a record rating and won almost every top tournament with a glass jaw. However Carlsen showed unprecedented vulnerability in Stavanger and his rivals will start believing that if they can destabilize the Norwegian psychologically his play will suffer.

Of course, going from there to taking Carlsen’s world title is a big step. Before their 1972 world title match, Boris Spassky believed that he could overcome Bobby Fischer’s (acknowledged) superior strength by exploiting the American’s emotional instability. The plan was excellent but Spassky was crushed, good moves beating good psychology.



GM Hikaru Nakamura had a strong outing with his tie for second, only a half-point behind. "What's not to be happy about? I get to play chess for a living. Most people aren't that fortunate!"



GM Viswanathan Anand, with a young fan, tied with GM Hikaru Nakamura for second.



New U.S. player GM Fabiano Caruana finished in the middle of the pack.

ADDITIONAL GAMES

Ruy Lopez, Berlin Defense (C67)

GM Fabiano Caruana (FIDE 2805, ITA)
GM Magnus Carlsen (FIDE 2876, NOR)
Norway Chess 2015 (2), Stavanger, Norway,
06.17.2015

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 Nf6

"The Berlin Defense was what I was expecting," said Caruana. "It is still the most solid opening for Black and I had a feeling that he wanted to play a solid game after yesterday."

4. 0-0 Nxe4 5. d4 Nd6 6. Bxc6 dxc6 7. dxe5 Nf5 8. Qxd8+ Kxd8 9. h3 h6

Black's choices in these lines are more a matter of taste than of strength, with Carlsen preferring 9. ... Bd7 in his world title match against Anand but trying 9. ... h6 twice against Caruana.

10. Rd1+ Ke8 11. Nc3



11. ... Ne7

Using the move he had used to draw with Caruana in Baden Baden earlier this year. In Shamkir, 2014 Carlsen had lost trying the less common 11. ... Bd7.

12. b3

"A testing move. I played 12. Bf4 against Magnus in Baden Baden and against [Leinier] Dominguez Perez in the Grand Prix and didn't have much success in

either game," admitted Caruana.

12. ... Bf5!?

"Magnus was let down by his preparation. He probably thought that 12. ... Bf5 would come as a surprise but I knew about it and he didn't know the position as well as I did." "I played the opening less than perfectly, to put it mildly," agreed Carlsen.

13. Nd4 Bh7 14. Bb2 Rd8 15. Nce2!

Improving on Judit Polgar's 15. e6 which led only to a draw against Howell in 2013 after 15. ... Nc8!.

15. ... Nd5

"Here Black has many options—15. ... a6 with the idea 16. ... c5; or 15. ... Ng6, but Magnus played the most critical line," explained Caruana.

16. c4 Nb4 17. Nf4

(see diagram top of next page)

**17. ... Rg8?!**

“Played after 14 minutes thought but ‘just a mistake,’” said Caruana. “17. ... Be7 would be very useful because the bishop can sometimes go to g5.”

18. g4!

The first time Caruana had spent clock time in the game but “I knew the main ideas so it wasn’t difficult to find the right moves at the board,” said Caruana. The continuation 18. e6 Bd6 19. Nh5?! Nd3! shows the point behind Carlsen’s 17th move—the g-pawn is protected.

18. ... Na6!?

“18. ... Nc2 19. Nxc2 Rxd1+ 20. Rxd1 Bxc2 21. Rd2 Bh7 might be playable but it looks pretty unpleasant,” Caruana opined.

19. Nf5

“After 19. e6 Bd6 20. Nh5 I don’t have a clear threat and he can just play 20. ... Bg6,” said Caruana.

19. ... Nc5 20. Rxd8+ Kxd8 21. Rd1+ Kc8

“21. ... Ke8 22. Nh5! threatening 23. Nxf6! is just a disaster for Black,” said Caruana.

22. Ba3**22. ... Ne6?**

“I thought I had gained an acceptable position and relieved some of the pressure but then I blundered away the game in one move,” bemoaned Carlsen. “After 22. ... b6 I just play 23. Kg2,” said Caruana, “with the neat trick 23. ... Ne6 24. Nxe6 fxe6 25. Be7! This time I don’t mate but

after 25. ... exf5 26. Rd8+ Kb7 27. Bxf8 I just promote my e-pawn because his rook is completely cut off.”

23. Nxe6 Bxa3

“I just missed the 23. ... fxe6 24. Be7!! trick,” admitted Carlsen. “That was more than a little bit embarrassing.”

24. Nexg7 Bf8

“After 24. ... h5! I have 25. f3 with the same ideas as in the game,” said Caruana.

25. e6! Bxf5 26. Nxf5 fxe6 27. Ng3

“Here it is just very unpleasant for Black,” explained Caruana. “His king is cut off, my knight has many squares and I have a [working] pawn majority.”

27. ... Be7 28. Kg2 Rf8 29. Rd3

“My moves are very simple,” said Caruana. “I will eventually get in f2-f4 and Kg2-f3.”

29. ... Rf7 30. Nh5 Bd6 31. Rf3 Rh7

“Without rooks I can win without thinking,” said Caruana.

32. Re3**32. ... Re7**

“If 32. ... e5, 33. f4! winning is a nice trick,” said Caruana.

33. f4 Ba3 34. Kf3 Bb2 35. Re2 Bc3 36. g5 Kd7 37. Kg4 Re8 38. Ng3 Rh8 39. h4

“I wondered if 39. Ne4 might be even faster,” said Caruana, “but in the game I just put my pawns on h5 and g6 and there is nothing he can do.”

39. ... b6 40. h5 c5 41. g6 Re8 42. f5 exf5+ 43. Kf4 Rh8 44. Nxf5 Bf6 45. Rg2, Black resigned.

“After 45. ... Bg5+ 46. Rxc5 hxc5+ 47. Kxc5 White might be able to win even without the knight!,” joked Caruana. “I just played a very bad game,” admitted Carlsen.”

Finding the way

GM Hikaru Nakamura (FIDE 2802, USA)
GM Jon Ludvig Hammer (FIDE 2677, NOR)
Norway Chess 2015 (1), Stavanger, Norway,
06.16.2015



WHITE TO PLAY

Nakamura’s e6-pawn is a huge asset but dislodging the blockading bishop on e7 seems like a huge task. Nakamura finds a way ...

41. Be3! axb4 42. Bc5!

On 42. axb4 Rc8 43. Bc5 Rc7 hangs on.

42. ... Rd2 43. Rfe1!

The final point, leaving Black with too many hanging pieces. 43. Rf2? would allow Black to turn the tables with 43. ... Bxc5 44. Rxc5 Rd1+ 45. Rf1 Rxf1+ 46. Kxf1 b3! because 47. e7 loses the bishop on f7 with check.

43. ... Bxc5+ 44. Rxc5 Rg2+ 45. Kf1 b3 46. Rxe4 b2 47. Re1 Rxb2 48. Rce5 Rh1+ 49. Kg2 b1=Q

Hammer plays on to the bitter end, most likely to keep the television audience happy.

50. Rxb1 Rxb1 51. e7 Ra8 52. e8=R+ Rxe8 53. Rxe8 mate. ♠**WHAT IS THE GRAND CHESS TOUR?**

The Grand Chess Tour was created with one goal in mind: a circuit of international events, each demonstrating the highest level of organization for the world’s best players. The 2015 Tour was created in partnership between the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis (Sinquefeld Cup), Tower AS (Norway Chess 2015) and Chess Promotions, Ltd. (London Chess Classic). Garry Kasparov inspired the Grand Chess Tour and helped solidify the partnership between the organizers. (Text from grandchesstour.com)

The Marshall Chess Club Turns 100

A Century of American Chess History

By DR. FRANK BRADY

The genesis of the Marshall Chess Club can be traced back to the summer of 1915, when Grandmaster Frank J. Marshall, who had been the U.S. Chess champion since 1907 (a record-holding title he would keep until he relinquished it in 1936) opened a small store in the arcade at Captain Young's Old Pier, jutting out from the boardwalk at Atlantic City, New Jersey. He called it Marshall's Chess Divan, set up boards and sets, charged a nominal fee for players, gave individual chess instruction, performed simultaneous exhibitions (simuls), and also played games for money. He rarely lost.

Atlantic City was at its height, with throngs of tourists and beachgoers at that point, and from early June to late August, Marshall, who had just turned chess professional, could earn enough money every summer to support himself, his wife Caroline, and his little son, Frankie, while giving them a sea-breezed vacation at the shore. But for the rest of the year, in order to provide for his family, Marshall was almost always on tour giving lectures and simuls, and for the most part being separated from his wife.

It was she who urged him to establish a club in New York City, one that could develop into paying him an adequate salary through membership dues, private lessons and other sources of income, and keep

him more grounded at home. As early as 1900, upon his return from the Paris International where he placed 3rd-4th behind Emanuel Lasker and Harry Nelson Pillsbury, Marshall implied that he was becoming tired of traveling: "There is no place like home and I have been away long enough." (*Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, July 9, 1900).

Thus, that September, one hundred years ago, Marshall opened a club at Keen's Chop House, one of the most famous restaurants in Manhattan, made infamous when sued by actress Lily Langtry, the mistress to the Prince of Wales—later King Edward VII—who insisted that she had the right to dine there despite Keen's policy of barring women. She won in the courts and therefore many restaurants in New York, including Keen's, opened their doors to women.

Keen's catered to the rich and famous: Theodore Roosevelt and his successor in the White House, William Howard Taft, dined there, as well as Babe Ruth, Will Rogers, George M. Cohan, and other Thespians of the Broadway stage. Decidedly British in cuisine and appearance, the restaurant would occasionally have a "Beefeater" garbed in the traditional bright red uniform and tunic, on duty for special events.

The chess club was set up in a back room, next to the Green Room reserved for actors. Although the room was small, the

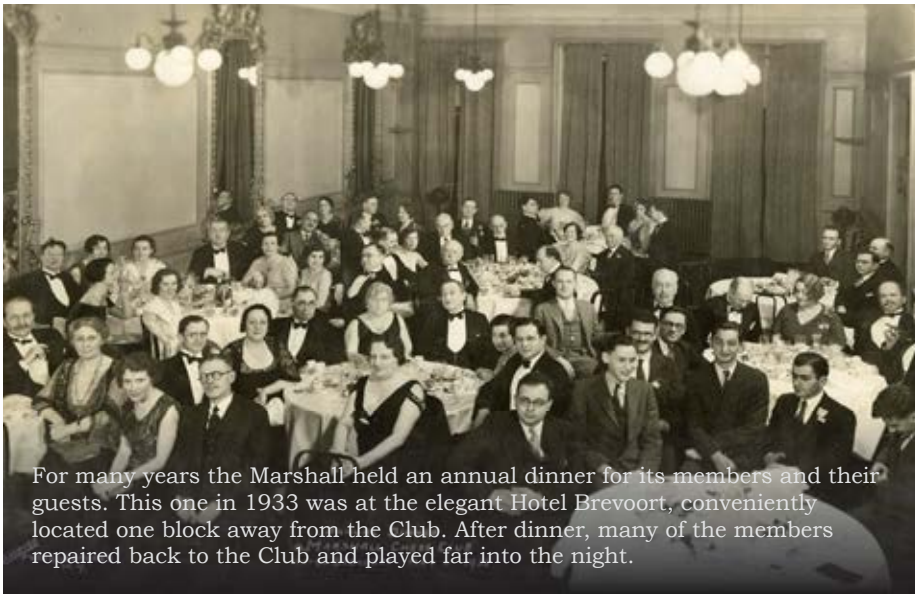
quality of players and celebrities among its early members was high, such as: Albert B. Hodges, a former U.S. champion and one of the strongest masters in the country, who was not only a member of the Marshall but one of its financial backers. He was also one of the players (as was Pillsbury) hidden inside "Ajeeb," the chess automaton, that would be destroyed by fire in 1929 at Coney Island. Marcel Duchamp, the painter who just two years before Marshall opened the club had astounded and confused the art world with the showing of his cubist painting, "Nude Descending a Staircase," became a member and remained so for the rest of his life. Others joined, including Mischa Elman, the famed Russian violinist; David Janowski, the champion of France; H. Snowden Marshall, the U.S. attorney for New York; William E. Napier, a great player, who won more brilliancy prizes than he did first place trophies in international tournaments; philanthropist George Emlen Roosevelt, a cousin of the former president; and Christy Mathewson of the New York Giants, the first college graduate in baseball, who became one of the greatest pitchers in the history of the game as well as a strong chessplayer.

Soon after the Club opened, "Dean of American Chess" Herman Helms, former New York State champion and chess columnist for the *Brooklyn Eagle* (and eventually the *New York World-Telegram* and



ALL PHOTOS COURTESY OF MARSHALL CHESS CLUB

A classic portrait photograph of Frank J. Marshall, which he used as the frontispiece of his Christmas card, signing the cards personally for all of the Club's members.



For many years the Marshall held an annual dinner for its members and their guests. This one in 1933 was at the elegant Hotel Brevoort, conveniently located one block away from the Club. After dinner, many of the members repaired back to the Club and played far into the night.

The New York Times), joined the Club and played in its tournaments and on its team.

During the evenings at the Club, there was always a white-coated waiter in attendance ready to bring food (mutton chops were the specialty of the house) and drinks to the players. Diners in the restaurant would often stray into the Club after dinner to watch the games. Some became members. Tournaments were held, as were team matches, Marshall gave simuls and lectures, often about the intricacies of the Petrov Defense, or the Scotch Gambit, or an analysis of a game by his idol Paul Morphy. In time his Club became a fixture in New York's chess scene, comparable to—although much smaller in size and not as strong as its uptown rival—the Manhattan Chess Club (which was founded in 1877, ironically the year of Marshall's birth). However, over the years the Marshall Chess Club, as it has become known, developed into one of the most active, vibrant and revered chess clubs in the world.

Aside from the chess cognoscenti who were members, Marshall was the star attraction of the Club. Beginning his international chess career in London in 1899, he beat Levitsky in a game in Breslau in 1912 that was so spectacular his board was showered, perhaps apocryphally, with gold pieces. Marshall was proclaimed a grandmaster by Czar Nicholas II in 1914, and competed against many of the greatest players of his time, such as Emanuel Lasker, José Raúl Capablanca, Alexander Alekhine, and Pillsbury. Playing in more than 80 major tournaments and dozens of individual and team matches, he was one of the most respected and feared masters during the first quarter of the 20th century. His chess was not always consistent, however: he played one match for the world championship against Emanuel Lasker, but was

defeated, and then essayed another non-championship match against Capablanca in which he also lost.

It wasn't just Marshall's chess reputation that attracted players to the Club, however; it was his personality. He loved the game, was willing to analyze with anyone—patzer or champion—at just about any time, and was deservedly popular as he held court at the Club day in and day out, always with a smile, always self-effacing. Tall, slightly stooped—perhaps from bending over the board for so many thousands of games—he had red, wispy hair, blue eyes, a fair—sometimes rosy—complexion, and spoke in a high-pitched and friendly tone. His trademark dress was a black lavalierie frock tie, the kind worn by actors and sometimes by artists of that day, giving testimony to Marcel Duchamp's often-quoted observation that "All chessplayers are artists." The tie, his aquiline nose, similar to John Barrymore's,

and his bearing made Marshall look something like a Shakespearean actor. The yarn that he was never seen without holding or puffing away at a long cigar was probably true.

As the Club grew in numbers, the room at Keen's was just too small to accommodate the players and their activities, and over the next number of years, the Marshall moved to various parts of the city always seeking perfect or at least suitable quarters. For a time it met at The Chelsea, a hotel that favored artists and writers: Mark Twain and O. Henry (who was a chessplayer), among hundreds of others, stayed there.

Despite the popularity of the Club, however, Marshall was experiencing a difficult time making a living, and in 1931—the worst year of the Depression—a group of wealthy patrons, including George Emlen Roosevelt, Alrick H. Man and Gustavus A. Pfeiffer got together and purchased a townhouse for Marshall on one of the prettiest streets in Greenwich Village. The Marshalls were given a spacious apartment on the second floor, rent-free for life, and the two lower floors of the building were set aside for the Club, which also had a private study for Marshall that contained a fireplace, a bay window and a spiral staircase to a secret exit leading to his apartment.

Built in 1832, during the presidency of Andrew Jackson, the building was located in what was then farm country, and still remains as the home of the Marshall Chess Club, the "Wimbledon of chess" as it has sometimes been called for its elegant appearance and reputation as being wholly dedicated to the art of chess. From World Champions Emanuel Lasker to Magnus Carlsen and many in between, such as Alekhine, Capablanca, Mikhail Botvinnik, Vasily Smyslov, Robert Fischer, Anatoly Karpov, and Garry Kasparov, great and aspiring players of all strengths from all



Here in 1915 was the burgeoning Marshall Chess Club, then located at the back of Keen's Chop House. At right foreground, Marshall can be seen facing an unidentified player. At left foreground, Dr. Edward Lasker has started his game against José Capablanca, the future world champion.



Here on December 27, 1933, Alexander Alekhine is giving a simultaneous exhibition in the Great Hall of the Marshall Chess Club. Peering out from his right shoulder is Marshall, who served as arbiter for the event. The player with glasses on the right foreground is Anthony E. Santasiere, the Club's first junior member.

over the globe have traveled to the iconic destination that the Marshall has become, as painters journeyed to Paris in the 1920s to meet other artists and to hone their art. Together with the Manhattan Chess Club and other extremely strong clubs—now long-forgotten—such as the Isaac L. Rice Progressive Chess Club and the Brooklyn Chess Club—New York and the Marshall became the center of chess in the United States. The great players David Janowski and Carlos Torre (Mexico's first grandmaster) became fixtures at the Club in the 1920s, the latter winning almost all of the Marshall's weekly speed tournaments.

By the early 1930s, the Marshall was the strongest chess club in New York, winning the prestigious Metropolitan Chess League tournament for three years in a row. Eventually, the now-defunct Manhattan Chess Club would eclipse the Marshall in team play and ultimately win more titles in most years with powerful players such as Samuel Reshevsky, Arnold Denker, I.A. Horowitz, Abraham Kupchik and Isaac Kashdan on their roster, against such Marshall masters as Edward Lasker, Arthur Dake, Herman Steiner, Reuben Fine, Fred Reinfeld, Anthony Santasiere and, of course, Frank J. Marshall himself. The rivalry between the Clubs was bitter, and each attempted to recruit the best players they could by offering free memberships just so that they could play that year in the "Met" League. All the New York newspapers carried

the results of the Marshall-Manhattan annual team match.

The Marshall had the look and ambience of a private men's club and still does. Three fireplaces warmed the wood-paneled playing rooms, paintings and photographs of famous players adorned the walls, a waiter was available to serve tea or coffee, an *étagère* of rare chess sets, together with busts of Philidor and of Marshall, gave one the feeling of entering not just an extremely active chess club but a chess museum as

informally to play casual chess, solve a problem, analyze a game, or just to talk chess and discuss the issues of the day. Mondays were set aside principally for social occasions; Tuesdays were devoted to a rapid transit tournament to be played at a sudden death time limit of 10 seconds a move. Because of its somewhat Victorian, or Edwardian look, the Club has often been used as a background set for documentaries and feature films.

The presidents of the Marshall comprise

During the evenings at the Club, there was always a white-coated waiter in attendance ready to bring food (mutton chops were the specialty of the house) and drinks to the players.

well, steeped in the echoes of legendary games, epic battles, brilliant wins and aching losses. Windows were draped with plush velvet curtains, the oak tables were fitted with brass lamps, the garden out back was available for playing games or just relaxing; Members were given keys to the front door and had the right to enter the Club at any time giving them the feeling of proprietorship. Often in the afternoon or early evening, members would gather

a roster of dedicated players and lovers of the game who have given hours and days of their lives, unpaid, and often unheralded. Too numerous to name all of them—the list stretches out for 100 years—a few stand out for greatly helping the Club to grow: Alrick H. Man, an attorney and real estate magnate, was the first president. He organized how the structure of the Club was to operate, and he held the post until 1934, the year of



In June 2015, World Champion Magnus Carlsen, a frequent visitor to the Marshall Chess Club, gave a simultaneous exhibition for 12 players. Here he is analyzing his game against one of his opponents. (Photo by Gary Forman).

his death. George Emlen Roosevelt, a railroad executive, then filled the post and gave support and financial assistance to not only the Club but to the Marshall family as well. Walter Goldwater, a bibliophile, chess book seller and chess benefactor, served for several years and sponsored an annual tournament. Milton Hanauer, a chess master, author and high school principal was extremely active as a player and president of the Club, as was Saul

Chagrin, a retired business executive, is a philanthropist and active tournament player who has helped maintain the financial condition of the Club while organizing and promoting many activities such as the New York International, and the Marshall Championship, the Club's stellar annual tournaments.

Atypical of many chess clubs at the time, women players were encouraged to join as members and were charged a

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Rubin, an attorney and outspoken proponent of both the Marshall and US Chess, who often did pro bono legal work for Club members. Dr. Edward Lasker was perhaps one of the most distinguished presidents in the Club's history: always with a wry smile he cordially agreed to play all challengers no matter what their strengths. More recently, Douglas Bellizzi, a strong master, was president for six years and was responsible for many improvements in the building. The current president, Stuart

reduced membership fee. In 1934, Marjorie Luce won the Marshall Chess Club Women's Championship with a score of 11-0.

The first junior member, in 1919, was 16-year old Anthony E. Santasiere, an irrepressible young man, who was a lover and adept of the King's Gambit. He became a poet, painter, and school teacher and went on to win the prestigious Marshall Chess Club Championship six times, the New York State Championship three times and the U.S. Open Championship once.

An opening often played by him, Santasiere's Folly (1. Nf3, 2. b4) supposedly came about when he accidentally touched the b-pawn rather than the c. The Club formed a Junior Chess Association at that time, open to any player who was a high school student between the ages of 14 and 17. Santasiere became the president of the fledgling group and for years after that the Club conducted a junior championship tournament. In 1947, Larry Evans at 15, became the youngest player to win the Marshall Chess Club Championship. His record stood for more than 50 years until it was eclipsed in 1999 by Dmitry Schneider who won the tournament at 14. Schneider, now an international master, is currently a member of the Marshall Chess Club's board of governors.

Carrie Marshall, the Club's secretary and Frank's tiny wife, attempted to keep junior members on their best behavior. She believed that the youngsters should dress and behave like little gentlemen. All through the years, the teenagers Bobby Fischer, Bernard Zuckerman and many others incurred—and ignored—the wrath of Mrs. Marshall who demanded that their comportment and their attire be appropriate to the formality of the Club. No such dress code at the Club exists today.

In the 1950s, Archie Waters was the first black player who became a member of the Marshall. He was a journalist, checkers champion, class A chess player, and a life-long friend and ping-pong companion of Bobby Fischer's. The first black master in the United States, Walter Harris, who achieved the title in 1964, was a member, as was the player who became the nation's first black grandmaster, Maurice Ashley, who went on to win the Marshall Chess Club Championship.

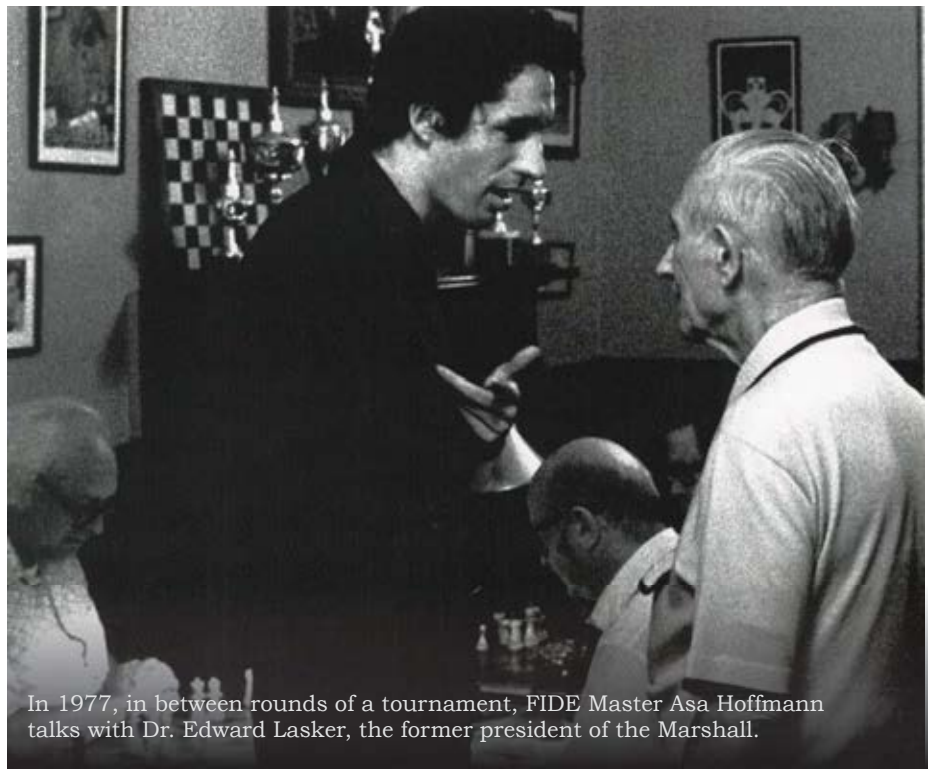
Many of America's grandmasters sharpened their skills in their youth as Marshall juniors and gained experience spending countless hours playing and analyzing at the Club. Some became grandmasters, among the strongest in the country, if not the world: Reuben Fine, Evans, William Lombardy, Andrew Soltis (winner of the Marshall Chess Club Championship nine times, a record that will probably never be broken), Hikaru Nakamura and Fabiano Caruana.

Currently, in any given week the Marshall will see a dozen or more grandmasters, international masters and strong untitled players, teaching, analyzing and lecturing. The Club, the first in the nation to become an affiliate of US Chess, conducts more than 300 tournaments and events a year. Some of the other strongest players in the Club are often present to play, analyze, teach or just talk several nights during the week, such as International Master Renato Naranja, who drew with Fischer, Lajos Portisch and Smyslov in the famed Palma de Mallorca Interzonal; FIDE Master Asa

Hoffmann, one of the top speed players in the country, who was also known to have beaten Fischer on occasion; International Master Jay Bonin, “the iron man of chess” who has played more tournament games than just about anyone in the nation, and has wins against such lights as Samuel Reshevsky, Robert Byrne, and Gata Kamsky; and International Master Justin Sarkar, a young master who just earned his third grandmaster norm in 2015, a player capable of beating anyone.

Of the millions of moves made and thousands of tournaments played during the Marshall’s 100-year span, the defining historical moment might arguably have been on October 17, 1956, when 13-year-old Bobby Fischer, competing in his first adult all-master tournament, The Lessing J. Rosenwald Invitational, faced International Master Donald Byrne, the former U.S. Open champion who had just defeated Grandmaster Reshevsky in the previous round. The game took place in the Great Hall of the Marshall, and spectators simply could not believe that a child could play as Fischer did that evening. The tension and excitement of the spectators was almost palpable. Playing black, Fischer’s effort was so brilliant in the depth of his sacrifice that it became—and remains—one of the most memorable games in the history of chess during the game’s more than 15 centuries. Hans Kmoch, the arbiter of the event, dubbed it “The Game of the Century” and that appellation has remained until this day.

It would be difficult to name any other chess club in the world that has had and continues to have such a varied menu of tournaments and events during its 100-year span: Game in 30 moves virtually



In 1977, in between rounds of a tournament, FIDE Master Asa Hoffmann talks with Dr. Edward Lasker, the former president of the Marshall.

event) first conducted by Greg Shahade and John Fernandez; and team and individual player matches. Social activities often abound: couples have chosen the Marshall as the site for their chess-themed wedding receptions; birthday parties have been held; Member Jeremy Graham had his bar mitzvah ceremony and reception at the Marshall; barbecue parties for members and their guests are held in the garden several times a year.

thereafter until the present day the Club has been run by the board, the club president, various committees and the executive director, currently Bryan Quick.

In the last number of years, children—some not much older than toddlers—engage in summer and after-school chess camps, enter tournaments, and take individual instruction from top players. It is amazing to witness their progress, not only from year-to-year but sometimes from week-to-week. Budding champions, the juniors of the Marshall are the fastest growing category of members. In 2008, the Club formed the Marshall Chess Foundation primarily to promote through funding and other means a series of educational programs for children in enhancing their intellectual acumen, developing their social skills, and increasing their proficiency over the board.

The Club is open approximately 360 days a year, and only shuts down for occasional holidays. Some members come to play at the Marshall virtually every day. It is a place where visitors drop in from foreign countries and from out-of-state to engage in a tournament, see where some of the major chess events in American history have occurred and continue to occur, and perhaps to have a first-hand glimpse of some of the finest players and games of the day. ♣

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Atypical of many chess clubs at the time, women players were encouraged to join as members.

every week; memorial tournaments for renowned players; class tournaments; blitz or speed tournaments constantly; the so-called “Grandmaster Challenge,” conducted in the mid-2000s, a beloved series sponsored by Master Yevgeniy Margulis, who catered a Russian lunch (complete with blinis and caviar, sweets and soft drinks, and occasional Russian songs in between rounds); simultaneous exhibitions; blind-fold displays (recently, Grandmaster Robert Hungaski played six players simultaneously blindfolded and won all of his games); debates; classical music concerts; book signings; lectures; seminars; chess films; the weekly Marshall Masters tournament (which has now become a monthly

Periodically, the Club undergoes physical improvements to modernize the interior while retaining the feeling of the 183-year-old townhouse, but memories of former players, games and tournaments of the past, either personally experienced or found in chess literature, still permeate the very fabric of the Club: the intoxication of victories, the inevitability of defeats, a century of chess at its finest.

Over the years, the Club has kept up the spirit and activities that have formed it into a premier chess club, even after Frank Marshall’s death in 1944. With the help of an active board of governors and a tournament committee, Carrie Marshall took over running the Club until her death in 1971;

Sleight of Mind

Making Maroczy bleed in Bled.

By **BRUCE PANDOLFINI**

THE INCOMPARABLE ALEXANDER Alekhine is inextricably linked to various aspects of chess theory. His best games are among the most significant games of chess ever played. Many of his ideas have become stock weapons in today's grandmasters arsenal. On occasion, Alekhine's attacks were so surprising they seemed to "pres-tidigitize" out of a magician's hat. Such an attack is illustrated by the following game played against Geza Maroczy at Bled in 1931. A 14-player, double round event, it was won handily by Alekhine, who distanced the field by five and a half points! The contest began as a Queen's Gambit, and the opening moves were:

Queen's Gambit Declined, Classical Variation (D63)

Alexander Alekhine
Geza Maroczy
Bled, 1931

1. d4 d5 2. c3 e6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bg5 Be7 5. e3
Nbd7 6. Nf3 0-0 7. Rc1 h6 8. Bh4 c6 9. Bd3 a6



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 awarded for second-best moves, and there may be bonus points—or deductions—for other

moves and variations. Note that ** means that White's move is on the next line.**

10. 0-0 **Par Score 5**

A standard line. White has the usual edge, slight, nothing to write home about. He has a little more space, is somewhat better developed, and Black has to find something for his queen-bishop to do.

10. ... **dx c4**

Black makes the king-bishop move again (big deal), but thereby surrenders his influence on e4. Black does get the opportunity, however, to mobilize his queenside pawns (... b7-b5 and a subsequent ... c6-c5).**

11. Bxc4 **Par Score 5**

The battle lines have been drawn. Black expects to get play on the queenside, and White's center pawns produce chances in the middle.

11. ... **c5****

12. a4 **Par Score 5**

White plays to restrain ... b7-b5. Receive *full credit* for 12. Qe2 or 12. Bd3. Alekhine liked the text because it gave the game a sharper character.

12. ... **Qa5****

13. Qe2 **Par Score 5**

White connects the rooks and clears the d-file for a rook, just in case such a placement becomes desirable.

13. ... **cx d4****

14. ex d4 **Par Score 5**

White accepts an isolated d-pawn. Give yourself *1 bonus point* if you rejected 14. Nxd4 in displeasure with the line 14. ... Ne5 15. Bb3 Ng6 16. Bg3 e5, when Black is moving along nicely.

14. ... **Nb6**

Black assails a4 and c4, while also posi-

tioning his knight to occupy d5, blockading the isolated d-pawn. Black appears to have a solid position, especially for Maroczy, a positional maven.**

15. Bd3 **Par Score 5**

A big decision. Alekhine opts for attack, instead of playing more defensively (15. Bb3). This choice means the a-pawn will remain vulnerable.

15. ... **Bd7**

A more dangerous option would have been 15. ... Nxa4, leading to 16. Ne4, with considerable pressure against Black's kingside. Note that in this line, after 15. ... Nxa4, the pin 16. Ra1? would fail to the simple 16. ... Nxc3, when both queens are hanging, to Black's advantage.**

16. Ne5 **Par Score 5**

White occupies his strong point, a typical advantage with an isolated d-pawn. On the other hand, the d-pawn itself is a target, so it often tends to be a trade-off, with the better plan ultimately gaining the edge.

16. ... **Rfd8****

17. f4 **Par Score 5**

Advancing the f-pawn is a typical idea for White with an isolated d-pawn, aiming to trade off Black's e-pawn and converting the isolated d-pawn into a passed pawn. White gets considerable attacking possibilities, but he does incur weaknesses in the bargain. For that reason, Alekhine wound up preferring 17. Qf3 (*full credit*).

17. ... **Be8****

18. Ng4 **Par Score 6**

Alekhine remains consistent: he pursues attack at the expense of possible material loss (the d-pawn). Is he justified? The average computer would take the pawn.

18. ... **Rxd4**

ABCs of Chess

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

September Exercise: Students learn from teachers, and teachers learn from students. Indeed, a good way to understand a subject is to teach it to others. So let's pretend you're a teacher. Make a list of potential problems a student might have. Spend some time doing this. Then, for each listed problem, suggest a remedy, or at least a way to alleviate the problem. In doing this, you may be astonished to find that you've created a dossier of your own ailments. And that's not all you might discover. You may find what you do to help others helps you even more.

Problem I

Mating Net



Problem II

Discovery



Problem III

Interference



Problem IV

Mating Net



Problem V

Removing the guard



Problem VI

Mating Net



What else is Black to do? He can't really blunt White's attack too much, so he might as well dine and hope to defend. His chances at holding the position seem decent. Or, as an old-time Marshall-ite used to say, "A pawn is a pawn in any country in the world."**

19. **Bxf6** **Par Score 5**

White chooses to bust up the black kingside. Obviously, taking back with the g-pawn hangs the h-pawn.

19. ... **Bxf6**

Black temporarily delays the break-up of his kingside structure and also avoids losing the h-pawn.**

20. **Nxf6+** **Par Score 5**

White must pursue this plan to the fullest. After all, he is down a pawn.

20. ... **gxf6****

21. **Ne4** **Par Score 5**

White immediately assails the vulnerable f6 point. Black must proceed with great caution yet active defense. As a rule, it wouldn't have been wise to stand pat against the possible hocus pocus of Alekhine.

21. ... **Rad8**

Maroczy chooses counterattack instead of saving his f-pawn, which was possible with 21. ... f6-f5. The threat is now to capture on d3.**

22. **Nxf6+** **Par Score 5**

Alekhine captures the pawn with check and thereby fuels his attack. Now it's up to Black. Where's the king going to go?

22. ... **Kf8**

Life continues, I guess, speedily and inevitably.**

23. **Nh7+** **Par Score 6**

Another decision for Black: Does the king flee to e7 or go back to g8?

23. ... **Ke7**

That answers the question, but what would White have done on 23. ... Kg8? Award yourself **2 bonus points** for seeing Alekhine's intended continuation, 24. Qg4+ Kh8 25. Qh4 Rxd3 26. Qxh6 and wins.**

24. **f5** **Par Score 5**

White pushes ahead. Now if 24. ... Rxd3, then 25. f6+ gains the d3-rook. Award yourself **1 bonus point** for realizing that.

24. ... **R8d6****

25. **b4** **Par Score 7**

A tricky move indeed. Now on 25. ... Rxb4, White has the strong counter 26. Qh5, threatening 27. f6+, uncovering an attack on Black's queen (**1 bonus point**). Moreover, with b4 blocked by the rook, Black doesn't have the counter move feared by Alekhine, ... Qa5-d2.

25. ... **Qxb4**

26. **Qe5** **Par Score 6**

Suddenly, White's attack is menacing. To be sure, there are serious threats, thanks to White's centralized queen.

26. ... **Nd7**

This stops a big one. Award yourself **2 bonus points** if you saw 26. ... Rxd3 27. Qf6+ Kd7 28. Nf8 mate.**

27. **Qh8** **Par Score 6**

A powerful intrusion, and once again, White has big threats. But there's a possible defense.

27. ... **Rxd3**

This, however, is a losing move. It's so hard to defend when facing such an awesome force as Alekhine, who suggested that 27. ... Qb6 was better, but still failed to 28. a5!; if 28. ... Qxa5, then 29. Rc8 (**1 bonus point**, if you analyzed it); or if 28. ... Qa7, then 29. f6+, soon winning (**1 bonus point**, again if you so analyzed). But missed by Alekhine and Maroczy was the simple 27. ... Rc6!, closing the c-file, and the game is no longer so clear. And now it's time for the usual Alekhine magic.**

28. **f6+** **Par Score 5**

It's mate, however Black replies. If 28. ... Nxf6, then 29. Qxf6+ Kd7 30. Nf8 mate (**1 bonus point**); or if 28. ... Kd8, then 29. Qxe8+! Kxe8 30. Rc8 mate (**1 bonus point**).

28. ... **Black resigned. ♣**

See scoring box on Solutions, page 71.

Remembering GM Walter Browne

Taking a look at the endgame virtuosity of our recently deceased former U.S. champion

By GM DANIEL NARODITSKY

ON JUNE 24, 2015, GM WALTER BROWNE passed away in his sleep at age 66. A six-time U.S. champion and winner of several elite international events, Walter's illustrious chess career spanned more than 30 years. This column will shed some light on a particularly noteworthy aspect of Browne's prowess: his endgame skill.

A tactical melee

GM Walter Browne (2560)
GM Ljubomir Ftacnik (2535)
It (cat. 12), Gjovik, 1983



BLACK TO MOVE

A rather unexceptional Gruenfeld has evolved into a mind-boggling tactical melee. With his last move (23. Bc4-e6), Browne intensifies the pressure and exploits a lovely tactical nuance: the rook is untouchable on account of 24. Bd4+, mating. Evidently stunned by this audacious sally, Ftacnik loses the thread.

23. ... h6?

Black creates much-needed luft for his king, but enables White to reach a favorable opposite-colored bishop ending. As Browne correctly points out in *The Stress of Chess*, "Black missed the brilliant retort 23. ... Rac8!," forcing White's bishop away from e6. After 24. Bxc8 Bxe7 is now possible, and the complications peter out to a draw:

A) 25. Bxf5? gxf5 26. Bd4+ Kg8 27. dxe7

Rxd4+ 28. Ke3 Rd3+ 29. Ke2 Kf7 with a clear edge for Black (Browne).



B) 25. Bd4+ Kg8 26. Bxb7 Bxd6 27. Ke3 is definitely the best try, but after 27. ... Bxf4+ 28. Kxf4 Rxd4 29. Bxa6 Kf7 a peaceful outcome is in the cards.



Needless to say, finding a brilliant tactical resource in a high-pressure situation is a tall order, even for a strong grandmaster.

24. Rf7!

A sobering blow.

24. ... Bxe6

Black must bite the bullet, since the alternatives were even less appealing. Browne notes that 24. ... b6 25. Bxf5 gxf5 26. Rxf6 bxc5 27. Ke3 Kg7 28. Rxf5 Rxd6 29. Rxc5 is rather unappetizing, and I will only add that Black's prospects after 24. ... Rf8 25. Bxf5 Rxf7 26. Bxg6 Rd7 27.

Rd1! (preventing ... Rxd6+ followed by Rd8) are similarly grim.

25. Rxf6 Bxa2 26. Rxc6



The smoke has finally cleared, and it is time to evaluate the situation anew. Generally speaking, the presence of opposite-colored bishops considerably increases a position's drawing tendencies, but concrete circumstances always transcend generic principles. In his usual incisive style, Browne indicates four positional factors that reveal the extent of Black's troubles:

- 1) "Black's pawns on h6 and e4 are very weak."
- 2) "White [will have] three passed pawns, one of which is already on the sixth rank."
- 3) "The white king is more centralized and may soon assist in a mating attack."
- 4) "White has two immediate threats: 27. Bd4+ and 27. Rxh6+."

Such a lucid and concise train of thought requires no elaboration. But as we all know, good positions do not win games!

26. ... Kh7 27. f5!

Retreat is for the weak! White not only advances his pawn and grabs space, but also opens up the possibility of Be3, zeroing in on the vulnerable h-pawn.

27. ... Bf7 28. Rf6 Bd5

A sad necessity since 28. ... Kg7 29.

Browne's endgame tactics

Each month GM Naroditsky will present two problems taken from actual games that illustrate the theme of this month's column. Your task is to find the best line of play. Problem I should be solveable by a player at roughly a 1500 rating and Problem II by a player roughly at a 2000 rating.

See the solutions on page 71.

Problem I: 1500 Level

GM Walter Browne (FIDE 2500)
IM Kick Langeweg (FIDE 2425)
Amsterdam, 1972



WHITE TO MOVE

Problem II: 2000 Level

GM Walter Browne (FIDE 2560)
IM Mark Dvoretzky (FIDE 2470)
Philadelphia, 1990



WHITE TO MOVE

Bd4 would merely exacerbate the problem; without a dark-squared bishop, Black is entirely helpless against the oncoming kingside avalanche. For instance, 29. ... Rac8 30. Ke3 Rc4 (creating the rather transparent threat of ... Rxd4, but White obviously strikes first) 31. Rg6+ Kf8 (31. ... Kh7 32. Rg7+ wins a piece) 32. Rxh6 and Black is torn to shreds.

29. Be3 h5 30. Rc1!

Browne mobilizes his last reserve, stretching Black's defenses to the limit. Material is even, but it appears that White's firepower is limitless—the hallmark of a legendary endgame player. Indeed, we could observe a similar paradox during the famous Germany-Brazil match in the 2014 FIFA World Cup: both teams had 11 men on the floor, and yet ...

30. ... Bc6

The most resilient defense. The alternative 30. ... Rac8 would go down in flames after 31. Rc7+! Rxc7 32. dxc7 Rc8 33. Bf4, with Rd6-d8 to follow.

31. Rc5!



Black's pieces are simply too passive to deal with the barrage of threats. While the f6-rook pins the monarch down, its friendly colleague will deliver the knockout blow.

31. ... Rd7

Ftacnik tries to minimize the damage by securing the seventh rank. It is worth

mentioning that 31. ... Re8 (to prevent Re5) offered little relief after 32. Rh6+ Kg8 33. Bd4, and I'm sure that Dexter Morgan (yep, that is a reference to the TV show Dexter. Yes, I highly recommend it. No, not instead of reading this column) would love to handle the white pieces here. A particularly gruesome finish would be 33. ... e3+ 34. Ke2 Rad8 35. Rh8+ Kf7 36. Rh7+ Kf8 (36. ... Kg8 37. Rg7+ Kf8 38. f6 forcing 39. Rxh5 and 40. Rh8 mate or heavy material loss) 37. Rxc6! bxc6 38. d7 Re4 39. Bb6, picking up the rook.

32. Rh6+?!

Browne has played an impeccable game to this point, but no one is impervious to the effects of time pressure and fatigue. With this move, he initiates an unnecessary campaign to swap a pair of rooks, and gives Black significant drawing chances in the process. The straightforward 32. Re5! was crushing: Black is entirely defenseless against the multitude of threats. Perhaps Walter was a bit concerned about 32. ... Rg7, but after 33. Rh6+ Kg8 34. Bd4 Rf8 35. Re7! White crashes through.

32. ... Kg7 33. Re5 Rf8 34. Re7+ Rf7?



Ftacnik returns the favor, allowing a fantastic tactical sequence that culminates in checkmate. Understandably enough, both players failed to recognize that the eminently counterintuitive 34. ... Rxe7!! 35. dxe7 Rg8 gave Black serious drawing chances. White's outwardly intimidating

connected passers are safely restrained, and there is no clear way to make inroads. After thorough analysis, I'm convinced that White is still objectively winning, but he must tread with the utmost precision: 36. g3 Kf7 37. Bc5 Bd7 38. Rxh5 Kf6 39. Bd4+! Kxe7 40. f6+ Ke6 41. Rh7 Re8 42. Ke3 and Black's position slowly begins to fall apart.

Such oversights are never pleasing to the eye, but they are always very instructive. In severe time pressure, Ftacnik undoubtedly rejected 34. ... Rxe7 because of its unflattering appearance, but cold-hard calculation should always trump intuition.

35. Rg6+ Kh7 36. Rh6+

Draw? In your dreams! Browne is merely repeating moves to bring the game closer to move 40.

36. ... Kg8 37. Re8+ Kg7

A sad necessity, since 37. ... Rf8 38. Rg6+ Kf7 39. Ree6 Bd5 40. Rh6! would be rather depressing. Black is utterly tied up, and White has all the time in the world to round off the attack. For instance, 40. ... Rg8 41. Bd4 Kf8 42. Rhf6+ Rf7 43. d7 and White promotes.

38. Rg6+ Kh7 39. Bd4

The final blow. Black can defend against the immediate mate threat, but not against the ensuing onslaught.

39. ... Rxf5 40. Rg3 Kh6 41. Rh8+, Black resigned.

A fitting end to a magnificent game. 41. ... Rh7 42. Bg7 is checkmate.

Such outstanding displays of near-perfect technique featured prominently in Walter Browne's chess career. Let us raise our glasses to this veritable titan of American chess. Rest in peace, Walter. ♣

Chess Life will recap Browne's career in the October issue.

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US Chess National Events

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SEE TLA IN THIS ISSUE FOR DETAILS

- 2015 U.S. Game/60 Championship** September 26 • Santa Clara, California
- 2015 U.S. Game/30 Championship** September 27 • Santa Clara, California
- 2015 (56th Annual) U.S. Armed Forces Open Chess Championship** October 10-12 • Ft. Belvoir, Virginia
- 2015 U.S. Blind Chess Championship** October 23-24 • Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 2015 U.S. Class Championships** November 13-15 or 14-15 • Houston, Texas

FUTURE EVENTS *(Watch for details)*

- 2015 U.S. Amateur North Championships** November 27-29 or 28-29 • Schaumburg, Illinois
- 2015 K-12 Grade Championships** December 4-6 • Lake Buena Vista, Florida
- 2016 U.S. Amateur Team Championship - West** February 13-15 • Santa Clara, California
- 2016 National High School (K-12) Championship** April 1-3 • Atlanta, Georgia
- 2016 National Junior High (K-9) Championships** April 15-17 • Indianapolis, Indiana
- 2016 All-Girls National Championships** April 22-24 • Chicago, Illinois
- 2016 National Elementary (K-6) Championships** May 6-8 • Nashville, Tennessee
- 2016 U.S. Girls Junior Championship (Closed)** June 23-27 • Manchester, New Hampshire - contact: Alex Relyea relyea@operamail.com
- 2016 National Open** June 24-26 • Las Vegas, Nevada
- 117th annual (2016) U.S. Open** July 30-August 7 • Indianapolis, Indiana
- 2016 K-12 Grade Championships** December 16-18 • Nashville, Tennessee
- 2017 SuperNationals VI** May 12-14 • Nashville, Tennessee
- 2017 K-12 Grade Championships** December 8-10 • Lake Buena Vista, Florida
- 2018 National Elementary (K-6) Championships** May 11-13 • Nashville, Tennessee
- 2018 K-12 Grade Championships** December 14-16 • Orlando, Florida
- 2019 National Elementary (K-6) Championships** May 10-12 • Nashville, Tennessee
- 2019 K-12 Grade Championships** December 13-15 • Lake Buena Vista, Florida
- 2020 National Elementary (K-6) Championships** May 8-10 • Nashville, Tennessee
- 2020 K-12 Grade Championships** December 11-13 • Orlando, Florida
- 2021 SuperNationals VII** May 7-9 • Nashville, Tennessee

PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS HEALTH AND BENEFITS FUND

Many Grand Prix tournament organizers will contribute \$1 per player to the Professional Health & Benefits Fund. All Grand Prix tournaments which participate in this program are entitled to be promoted to the next higher Grand Prix category—for example, a six-point tournament would become a 10-point (Enhanced) tournament. Points in the top category are promoted 50%.

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Bids

Note: Organizers previously awarded options for US Chess 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 US Chess recommends that bids be submitted according to the following schedule. However, bids may be considered prior to these dates. US Chess reserves the right to decline all bids and organize the event itself.

For our expanded list of national events available for bid, see:

www.uschess.org/content/view/12116/705/.

RATING SUPPLEMENTS

Rating supplements will be updated EACH MONTH on the US Chess website, and each monthly rating supplement will be used for all tournaments beginning in that month, unless otherwise announced in Chess Life. The US Chess 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.

NOTE

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

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

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

US Chess 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/JGP-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 pg. 69 and 70 of the March 2014 issue or check www.uschess.org/go/tlainfo. Payment can be done online through the TD/Affiliate area or sent to: US Chess, TLA Dept., PO Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557.

Nationals

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

SEPT. 26, CALIFORNIA, NORTHERN

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 40 (ENHANCED)

2015 U.S. Game/60 Championship

4SS, G/60 d6 - \$12,000 b/269 fully paid entries - 60% guaranteed. Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Pkwy., Santa Clara, CA 95054. Park free. **Hotel: \$119** at Hilton (408-330-0001) or **\$99** at Biltmore (408-988-8411). In 6 sections: **Open Section (2000+):** \$1,500 700 300 100 100 Top u2200 \$200, 100. **1800-1999 Section:** \$1,000 400 200 100 100. **1600-1799 Section:** \$1,000 400 200 100 100. **1400-1599 Section:** \$1,000 400 200 100 100. **1200-1399 Section:** \$1,000 400 200 100 100. **Under 1200 Section:** \$1,000 400 200 100 100. Unr capped at 300 exc in Open. **EF:** \$79, after 9/19 \$99. Play-up: \$25. GM free, IM free before 9/16 (EF subtr from prize for all free entries). **DISCOUNT:** \$129 if registering for both US G/30 (9/27) and U.S. G/60 (9/26). **Byes:** One 1/2 pt bye allowed must commit by start of Rd. 2. Reenter with 1/2pt bye in Rd. 1 for \$33. Sept 2015 Supp, CCA min, TD disc used to place players accurately. **SIDE KIDS EVENT** for K-12 students rated under 1000: 4SSXG/60 d5 in 5 sections based on rating: 800-999, 600-799, 400-599, 200-399, u200. **Prizes:** Trophies to Top 15 players in each section and Top 10 Clubs & Top 10 Schools in each section. Min 2 players per team, Top 4 players count for team score. **EF:** \$49, after 9/19 \$59. **DISCOUNT:** \$89 if registering for both U.S. G/30 (9/27) and U.S. G/60 (9/26). Play-up: \$25. **Schedule for all sections:** On-site Reg: 8-8:30am. Rounds: 9a, 12p, 2:30p, 5p. **Blitz Event:** Reg: Sun, 9/27, 4:30-5pm, Rounds 5:15-7p, total 8-10 rounds. **EF:** \$14, \$16 onsite. 75% of EFs returned as prizes. **Reg. online:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/my/usg60g30> or mail payments to BayAreaChess, 1639 A.S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. Rfnd fee: \$20. **Organizers:** Dr. Judit Szatary **TDs:** NTD Tom Langland, NTD John McCumiskey, and others. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/usg60g30>. Email: ask@BayAreaChess.com. T: 408-409-6596.W.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

SEPT. 27, CALIFORNIA, NORTHERN

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 40 (ENHANCED)

2015 U.S. Game/30 Championship

5SS, G/30 d5 - \$8,000 b/199 fully paid entries - 60% guaranteed. Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Pkwy., Santa Clara, CA 95054. Park free. **Hotel: \$119** at Hilton (408-330-0001) or **\$99** at Biltmore (408-988-8411). In 4 sections: **Open Section (1900+):** \$1,500, 700, 300, 100, Top u2100 \$200 100. **1600-1899 Section:** \$1,000, 400, 200, 100. **1300-1599 Section:** \$1,000, 400, 200, 100. **Under 1300 Section:** \$1,000, 400, 200, 100. Unr capped at 200 exc in Open. **EF:** \$79, after 9/20 \$89. Play-up: \$25. GM free, IM free before 9/17 (EF subtr from prize for all free entries). **DISCOUNT:** \$129 if registering for both U.S. G/30 (9/27) and U.S. G/60 (9/26). **Byes:** One 1/2 pt bye allowed must commit by start of Rd. 2. Reenter with 1/2pt bye in Rd. 1 for \$33. Sept 2015 Supp, CCA min, TD disc used to place players accurately. **SIDE KIDS EVENT** for K-12 students rated under 1000: 5SSXG/30 d5 in 4 sections based on rating: 800-999, 600-799, 400-599, 200-399, u200. **Prizes:** Trophies to Top 15 players in each section and Top 10 Clubs & Top 10 Schools combined. Min 2 players per team, Top 4 players count for team score. **EF:** \$49, after 9/20 \$59. **DISCOUNT:** \$89 if registering for both U.S. G/30 (9/27) and U.S. G/60 (9/26). Play-up: \$15. **Schedule for all sections:** On-site Reg: 8-8:30am. Rounds: 9a, 10:30a, 12:30p, 2p, 3:30p. **Blitz Event:** Reg: Sun, 9/27, 4:30-5pm, Rounds 5:15-7p, total 8-10 rounds. **EF:** \$14, \$16 onsite. 75% of EFs returned as prizes. **Reg. online:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/my/usg60g30> or mail payments to BayAreaChess, 1639 A.S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. Rfnd fee: \$20. **Organizers:** Dr. Judit Szatary **TDs:** NTD Tom Langland, NTD John McCumiskey, and others. **Additional Information:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/usg60g30>. ask@BayAreaChess.com. T: 408-409-6596.W.

A Heritage Event!

OCT. 10-12, VIRGINIA

2015 (56th Annual) U.S. Armed Forces Open Chess Championship 5-SS, 40/2, SD/30 d5. USO Warrior and Family Center at Fort Belvoir, 5940 9th Street (Corner of 9th and Belvoir), Fort Belvoir, VA 22060. Open to all U.S. Active Duty, Reservists, Military Retirees, Cadets, Midshipmen, and ROTC who have a US Chess membership. **EF:** Free! **Prizes:** Trophies/Plaques to Top 3 overall players, Top player of each DoD service on Active Duty, Top Reservist, Top Retiree, Top three Cadets/Midshipmen/ROTC, Top two each class A-D and below, Highest Upset, and USAFA Champion (top USAFA player), and other Trophies/Plaques and lots of special prizes. **Reg.:** 0800-0845 Sat. Rds.: 0930-1500; 0900-1500; 0900. Military ID not required for access to Fort Belvoir, but all participants must have a Military ID Card as it is required at check in

for the tournament. One 1/2 point bye available, must declare 30 min before Round 2. The 12th Armed Forces Cadet/Midshipmen Championship will be conducted in conjunction with the Armed Forces Open. Awards ceremony to be held immediately after Rd. 5. The annual Armed Forces Chess committee meeting will be held on Sat, 10/10 at 2000 along with the 6th U.S. Armed Forces Bughouse Championship. The G/5 d0 Armed Forces Open Blitz Championship will be held Sunday 10/11 at 2000 (US Chess Rules). We ask Armed Forces participants to bring their uniform and wear it for Round 5 and the Awards Ceremony, proper Business attire if retired. If from out of town and flying to the tournament, please give yourself enough time to get to the airport for your return flight after the completion of the tournament, or take a 1/2 by the last round. The USO Warrior and Family Center at Fort Belvoir is the largest USO center ever constructed opening its doors in February 2013 servicing the Military and Military families. **Billeting:** TBA, please see www.vachess.org for further details. Registering prior to the tournament is preferable than entry the day of, so we can get a better picture of the possible turnout. **Entries:** Online at www.vachess.org, or by email to mhoff.pair@aol.com. For email entries, please include your Rank, Name, US Chess ID #, and branch of service or military academy when you register. **Additional details** for the tournament can be found on www.vachess.org. 100% entry fee refunded in case of power outage. Bring clocks! **FIDE**. W.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

OCT. 23-24 (FRI & SAT), PENNSYLVANIA

2015 U.S. Blind Chess Championship

US Chess & U.S. Braille Chess Association (USBCA) are sponsoring this US ChessNational event. 4 SS or 4 RR (depends on # of players), G/135 d0. Holiday Inn Express Hotel (newly renovated), 5311 Campbells Run Road (near airport), Pittsburgh, PA 15277, (412) 788-8400. Free shuttle to/from airport. **EF:** Free. **Reg.:** Onsite - Thurs. Oct. 22: 6-8pm, Fri. Oct. 23: 9-9:30am. **Rds.:** Fri. Oct. 23: 10-4, Sat. Oct. 24: 9-3. **Prize Fund:** \$1,400 GTD: 1st: \$400, 2nd: \$300, 3rd: \$200, 4th: \$100, \$100-Best player U140, \$100- Class E (1000-1199), \$100- Class F (800-999), \$100- Upset Prize. **NOTE:** All players must be classified as Legally Blind and bring proof. You must also be a current member of the US Chess for \$18 a year. You can join the US Chess at the event! **HR:** \$119 nite; code: USB. **Contact:** Rick Varchetto, richards21@suddenlink.net. Phone: (h) 304-636-4034, (c) 304-614-4034 or Joan DuBois, tla@uschess.org, (c) 931-200-3412.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

NOV. 13-15 OR 14-15, TEXAS

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 40

2015 U.S. Class Championships

5SS, G/90 i30. \$16,000 Prize Fund b/250 full-paid entries, 50% guaranteed. 2-day or 3-day Schedules avail. Free entry for GMs and WGMs. No entry fee for IMs and WIMs but EF will be deducted from winnings. DoubleTree Houston North, 15747 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Houston 77032, Ph: 281-848-4000, \$85 chess rate! Free Parking! Free airport shuttle service! Free wireless internet in all guestrooms! Discounted Hotel Breakfast Coupon! 8 Sects. (Rated players may play up one class only - Master & Expert Sects. are FIDE rated and Re-Entry is not allowed in those two sects only). **Master** (2200/np): \$1500-900-700-500; U2400: \$600-400; **Expert** (2000-2199): \$1000-700-500-350; **Class A** (1800-1999): \$1000-700-500-350; **Class B** (1600-1799): \$800-600-400-200; **Class C** (1400-1599): \$800-600-400-200; **Class D** (1200-1399): \$400-300-200-100; **Class E** (Under 1200): \$400-300-200-100; **Unr:** \$200-100. National Class Champion title to each class winner(s) and plaque to class winner on tiebreaks (MSCO), if necessary. All players must have a US Chess membership to play; provisional ratings will be used based on at least a minimum of 4 games. Ratings used will be from Nov. 2015 supplement. **NOTE:** To protect the integrity of our Tournament and our Players' Games, Tournament Halls will be closed to spectators. **EF:** \$99 for Classes M,X,A,B,C by 11/6; \$109 at site. \$59 for Classes D,E,Unr. by 11/6; \$69 at site. **Re-Entry Fee:** \$35 (avail. up to Rd. 4; 3 re-entries or 2 reduced entries count as one additional entry for prize fund). Free chess gift to oldest player and to player who travels farthest in main event. **3-day Sched:** Reg. Fri. 5:30-7pm, Rds. Fri. 8pm; Sat. 2-7, Sun. 10-3. **2-day Sched:** Reg. Sat. 7:45-8:30am, Rds. Sat. 9-2-7, Sun. 10-3. Both schedules merge at Rd. 2. **Byes:** Two 1/2pt. byes allowed - avail. for any round (must commit to Byes before Rd. 3). **CAJUN BOUNTY:** Defeat the top ranked player in the main event and win free entry to our next tournament. **SIDE EVENTS:** 7SS, G/5 d0, US Chess-Blitz rated "BAYOU BLITZ" (Open to All - Sat. night after Rd. 3 - uses US Chess-Blitz ratings for pairings & prizes - \$10 EF - Cash Prizes - sign up on site). **Schol. Team & Ind.,** 4SS, G/30 d5, 1-day only, Sat. Nov. 14; Separate room for schol. players - A trophy or medal will be awarded to each schol. player. Schol. Sects. (Team & Individual): **K-2, K-5, K-8, K-12.** Minimum of 3 players from the same school or home school district to make a team; the top 4 scores will count toward final team score. **Prizes:** Trophies

to top 10 individuals in each section and to top 3 teams in each section. Every non-trophy winner receives a souvenir chess medal. Scholastic players may play in both adult and scholastic tournaments by registering for the 3-day schedule in the main event, taking a 1/2-pt. bye for Rd. 2, and registering for the scholastic tournament. US Chess-recommended computer tiebreaks will decide trophy and medal placements for winners of all schol. sections. **Schol. EF:** \$20 by 11/6; \$30 at site. **Schol. Sched:** (All 4 rds G/30 d5 - one day only, Sat., Nov. 14). Reg. Sat. 8:30am-9:30am, Rds. at 10am-12noon-1:15pm-2:30pm. Byes: One 1/2-pt. bye allowed for any round (must notify TD prior to Rd. 1). **HR:** \$85 + tax for single or double (281-848-4000), reserve by Oct. 25 and mention Cajun Chess tournament to assure group rate. **ENT:** On-line registration, printable entry form, and more detailed info at www.cajunchess.com, or mail entry form to Cajun Chess, 12405 Hillary Step Dr., Olive Branch, MS 38654. Info or Phone Ent: 504-208-9596 or 504-905-2971. Major credit cards accepted (no checks at site). FIDE.

Grand Prix

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

SEPT. 12-13, MARYLAND

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 15

UMBC Championship

5SS, G/90, +30inc. University of Maryland, Baltimore County, 1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore (in Commons, 3rd floor). **Open:** (All) \$31260: \$400-300-200 Gtd., Class prizes \$120 ea. to top U2300, U2100, U1900. Top UMBC student awarded trophy & title of 2015-2016 UMBC Chess Champion. Certificates & UMBC Class titles to top UMBC students U2200, U2000, U1800, U1600, U1400, U1200, & Unr. All prospective members of any UMBC Chess Team for academic year 2015-2016 must play in this section. Free ent. to GMs, \$50 deducted from any prizes. **U1800:** (U1800/Unr.) \$51080 b/40: \$350-250-150, Class prizes \$110 ea. to top U1600, U1400. No Unr. player may win more than \$250 in this section. See separate TLA for rated beginners tournament held 9/12. **All:** \$50 if postmarked by 9/1, \$60 later, \$10 less if under age 20. **Reg.:** 8:30-9:30am Sat., **Rds.:** 10-3:30pm Sat., 10:30-3:30pm Sun. **Byes:** Up to three 1/2-pt. byes avail. in Rds. 1-5 if req'd at least 1 hr. before Rd. (before Rd. 2 for any Rd. 4-5 bye), but only at most one 1/2-point bye in Rds. 4-5. **HR:** La Quinta Inn and Suites, 1734 West Nursery Road, Linthicum, MD 21090, 410-859-2333, www.lq.com. (From I-95, take Exit 47A onto I-195 towards BWI Airport. Take Exit 2A onto 295 north towards Baltimore; take first exit, bearing right onto West Nursery Road.) **Directions to UMBC:** Take Exit 47B off I-95 & follow signs to UMBC. Park in Commons Drive garage. Ent: NEWJ! Register online at <http://mdchess.com> (email questions to dewyerj@umbc.edu), or mail to Dr. Alan T. Sherman, Dept. of CSEE, UMBC, Attn: Championship, 1000 Hilltop Cir., Baltimore, MD 21250. Make out check to UMBC. **Info:** Chess-Club@umbc.edu, www.umbc.edu/chess.W.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

SEPT. 18-20 OR 19-20, MICHIGAN

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 20 (ENHANCED)

2015 Harold Steen Memorial Cup

with Co-Sponsorship from Michigan Chess Festival, LLC. **Annual Memorial Swiss in honor of the LATE HAROLD STEEN for his outstanding contribution to young chess players in the Detroit area. Each year, the First Place Open and Reserve Winners' names are added to the Harold Steen Memorial Cup. Site: The beautiful Royal-Dearborn Hotel and Convention Center, 600 Town Center Dr., Dearborn, MI 48126 (Lodg/Dir below). **Special Guest Appearance Saturday morning by MRS. HAROLD STEEN!** If you haven't yet met or heard this interesting woman, or even if have, you should hear what she has to say this time! You'll be glad you did! **IM Lecture: IM SAFAL BORA, Saturday, 6:30-7:30pm (\$10), 6-SS, 4-SS in Notice Section. 3 Sections: Open, Reserve (U1700), Novice (U1000, Sat. only). 2- & 3-Day Schedules. Top Section FIDE-Rated. Prize Fund: \$3,150. 80% Guar.** US Chess and MCA memberships required - can be purchased on site. **Online Registration available at www.onlineregistration.cc** EF by Tues, Sept. 15th, add \$10 after (For "Novice, see below): IM's/GM's FREE! (\$60 EF deducted from prize). **3-Day Open:** \$63. **2-Day Open:** \$62. **3-Day Reserve (u1700):** \$53. **2-Day Reserve (u1700):** \$52. Up to TWO 1/2-point byes available - must be requested prior to start of Rd. 3. **3-Day Schedules: TL:** Rd. 1, G/90 d5. Rds. 2-6, G/120 d5. Rd. Times: Fri, 7 PM, Sat, 10-3:30 Sun, 10-3. **REG:** Fri, 5:00-6:15pm. **2-Day Schedules: TL:** Rds. 1-2, G/60 d5. Rds. 3-6, G/120 d5. Rd. Times: Sat, 10:15-12:30-3:30. Sun, 10-3. Schedules merge after Rd. 2. **SS: \$3,150.** Each section 80% guar. (b/40 per section; b/min. 6 per prize section). **Open: \$1,800:****

1st \$600, 2nd \$350, 3rd \$250; Top X, A, U1800/Unr: \$200 each. **Reserve: \$1,350.** 1st \$400, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200, TOP C, D, U1200/UNR: \$150 each. UNR eligible only for UNR and Overall prizes. Bring boards, pieces, clocks! None supplied except for U1000 section. Book Vendor on site will have supplies, sets, clocks, books, software, accessories for sale. ***Novice (U1000) Section: Sat, 9/19. 4-SS. G/30 d0. EF** by Tues, 9/15: \$25; add \$10 after. **RDS:** 11-1-2:30-4. **REG:** 8:30-10am. **\$\$: Trophies** for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Top U800, U600, U400. **Lodg, Dir: Royal-Dearborn Hotel and Convention Center,** 600 Town Center Dr., Dearborn, MI 48126. Located N. of Michigan Ave., S. of Hubbard St, E. of Evergreen Rd., W. of Southfield Rd. **For maps,** go online to: www.mapquest.com or www.yahoo.com and click on Maps. Room Rate: \$92 by 9/4; after only if rooms still available. **Reserve online at www.adobeadearborn.com or call (313) 592-3622.** Ask for the **Harold Steen Chess Rate.** **Entries & Info:** Dr. Ed Mandell, All The King's Men, (248) 635-2375 (Cell) or (586) 558-4790. Email: allthekingsmench@aol.com. Cell phone/Headphone use Rules posted on site.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

SEPT. 18-20 OR 19-20, CALIFORNIA, NORTHERN

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 40 (ENHANCED)

Bay Area Chess IM W. John Donaldson Championship

1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. 5SS, G/90+30, 2-day rds. 1-2 G/50 d5. Park free. **Prizes:** 5,000 b/94 (70% guar). 3 sects: **2000+ (FIDE)** \$1,000-500-200, u2300: 250-125-100. **1600-1999:** \$700-300-100, u1800: 200-100, **u1600:** \$700-300-100 u1400: 125-100, u1200: 100. Unr max \$100 exc Open. Sep 15 Supp & TD disc. **Reg:** F 6-6:45p & Sa 8:30-8:45a. **Rds:** F 7p, Sa 9 1:20, Su 10 2:30. (2-day Sa 9 11:10 & merge). **EF:** 89, Econ EF: 69 w 60% prz, after 9/14 +20. Playup +20. Rated 2250+ \$0 by 9/14 (prize - EF). **Info:** <http://www.BayAreaChess.com/champs>.

A State Championship Event!

SEPT. 19, PENNSYLVANIA

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 6

2015 PA State Game/60 Championship

4SS, G/60 d5. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pitt., 5th & Bigelow, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. 3 Sections, \$\$ (695G): **Champ:** EF: \$30 by 9/11, \$40 later. \$200-100, U2000 \$75, U1800 \$50. **Premier:** U1600. EF: \$25 by 9/11, \$35 later. \$90-60, U1400 \$50, U1200 \$40, U1000 \$30. Trophies to Top 2, Top 2 U1400, Top 2 U1200, Top 2 U1000. **Scholastic:** Grades K-12 U900. EF: \$15 by 9/11, \$25 later. Trophies to Top 7, Top 3 U600. **All:** Trophies: Top 2 Schools, Top 2 Clubs. PSCF \$5, OSA. Reg ends 10am. **Rds.:** 10:30-1:31:5-5:45. Ent/Info: PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 25 Freeport St., Pittsburgh, PA 15223, 412-908-0286, martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

SEPT. 19-20, TEXAS

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 20 (ENHANCED)

2015 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 US Chess rated but uses FIDE rules. Will use US Chess ratings and rules for pairings and for awarding prizes. Default late forfeiture time is one hour. TD may extend this time at TD's discretion. Note that Foreign players must disclose their FIDE ID number before 1st round in order to play. Note that USA Players with no FIDE ID must disclose their email address. \$\$ \$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 (appearance fee might be deducted from prize). **Reserve:** Open to players rated below 2000 US Chess. This section is not Fide Rated but is US Chess rated and uses US Chess rules. **EF:** \$40. 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. In the reserve section, Tournament reserves the right to use Fide rules on electronic devices and on starting White's clock at start of a round and to use FIDE pairing rules. **Both: Reg:** 9/19 from 9:45-10:15am. **Rds:** Sat 10:45am-3:10pm-7:16pm, Sun 9:45 am-2:10pm. One half point by 10:45am if requested before end of round rd. 2 and before getting full point by. Withdrawals and zero point last round byes are not eligible for prizes. Note that house players (if required) must pay \$2 per round and be US Chess members. ENT: Make/mail Checks payable to Dallas Chess Club, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036-4719. **Info:** 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com. FIDE.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

SEPT. 19-20, CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 6

2015 Botvinnik Memorial

(A sponsored event) 6SS, G/61 d5. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA 90025, 2nd fl. **1 Open section: EF:** \$70; \$50 LACC members; No prizes 1/2, spouses/siblings 1/2, new members 1/2, Free new LACC Life members, \$5 off if notified by 9/18. **Reg:** Sat 10-11:30 am. **Rds:** 12, 2, 4 pm each day. **Byes:** Up to three 1/2-point byes available. **1-Day option I:** Play 1 day- no 1/2 pt byes- 1/2 EF. **1-Day option II:** Play 1 day & receive three 1/2 pt byes- Full EF. **Prizes:** \$1,500 (b/45) \$750 Gtd. 1st-3rd \$400-200-100 U2000: \$100. U1800: \$200-100-\$50; U1600: \$100-\$50; U1400: \$100-\$50; U1200/unrated: \$50. **Info:** Mick Bighamian: (310) 795-5710; Email: Mick@LACchessClub.com or www.LACchessClub.com. **Parking:** Free on streets, BOA, or basement.

SEPT. 25, NEW YORK

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 20

Robert Byrne Memorial Blitz (BLZ)

9-SS, G/3 +2. Highest of US Chess Regular/Quick ratings used for pairings & prizes. FIDE Blitz rated. **\$2,000 Gtd:** \$600-400-200-100, top U2400/unr, U2200, U2000, U1800: \$100 each, Best Senior born in or before 1955: \$100-50, Best Junior born in or after 2000: \$100-50. **EF:** \$30, MCC Mbrs \$20. **Reg:** ends 6:45 pm. **Rds.:** 7:30-7:50-8:10-8:40-9:20-9:40-10-10:20pm. Three byes available, request at entry. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. www.marshallchessclub.org. This tournament is made possible through the generosity of Mrs. Maria Byrne.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

SEPT. 25-27 OR 26-27, CONNECTICUT

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 40 (ENHANCED)

6th Annual Hartford Open

5SS, 40/110, SD/30 d10 (2-day option, rds. 1-2 G/60 d10). Sheraton Hartford Hotel, 1 Bradley Airport (visible at airport entrance), Windsor Locks, CT 06096 (I-91 Exit 40 to Rt. 20). Free parking. **\$5000 guaranteed prize fund.** In 4 sections. **Open:** \$800-400-300, U2210/Unr \$300-150. **Under 2010:** \$500-250-150, top U1810/Unr \$300-150. **Under 1610:** \$400-230-120, top U1410/Unr \$200-100. **Under 1210:** \$200-100-50, trophies to first 3, top U1000, U800, U600, Unrated. **Unrated** may not win over \$120 in U1210 or \$250 in U1610. **Mixed doubles:** \$200-100 bonus to best male/female combined score among all sections. Team average must be under 2200; may play in different sections; teams must register by 2 pm 9/26; teammate pairings avoided but possible. **Top 3 sections EF:** \$68 online at chessaction.com by 9/23, \$75 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 9/22, 3-day \$73, 2-day \$72 if check mailed by 9/16, \$80 at site, or online until 2 hours before game. No mailed credit card entries. **U1210 Section EF:** all \$20 less than above. **No checks** at site, credit cards OK. **GMs, IMs & WGMs** free, \$60 deducted from prize. Online EF \$3 less to CSCA or WMCA members. Re-entry \$40; not available in Open Section. Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. **Special 1 year US Chess dues** with paper magazine if paid with entry. Online at chessaction.com, Adult \$30, Young Adult \$20,

Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or paid at site, Adult \$40, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20. **3-day schedule:** Reg ends Fri 6 pm, rds. 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. **Bye:** all, limit 2; must commit before rd. 2. **HR:** \$102-102, 860-627-5311; reserve by 9/11 or rate may increase. **Ent:** chessaction.com or Continental Chess, Box 8482, Pelham, NY 10803. \$15 service charge for refunds. Questions: www.chesstour.com, DirectorAtChess.US, 347-201-2269. Advance entries posted at chessaction.com (online entries posted instantly).

A Heritage Event!

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

SEPT. 25-27 OR 26-27, NORTH CAROLINA

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 30

42nd Annual Lipkin/Pfefferkorn Open

5-SS. Holiday Inn Greensboro Airport, 6426 Burnt Poplar Rd., Greensboro, NC 27409. A very nice hotel! \$14,500 b/209; 55% Guaranteed. **In 5 sections. Championship:** G/100 w/30 inc. FIDE rated. Must be over 1999. \$1400-700-500-400; under 2200- \$1000-600-400. Lower 4 sections: G/120, d5. **All:** 2-day option: G/90 d5. **Under 2000:** \$1000-600-400, under 1900- \$300. **Under 1800:** \$1000-600-400, under 1700- \$300. **Under 1600:** \$1000-600-400, under 1500- \$300. **Under 1400:** \$1000-600-400, under 1250- \$300, under 1100- \$300. **Entry Fee:** \$91 2-day, \$92 3-day if received by September 22nd, \$99 at site. GMs and IMs Free, \$70 deducted from any prize. Juniors: \$7 less. Unrateds must play in Under 2000 or Under 1800 and can win only 50% of any prize. Re-entry: \$60, not Championship. **Byes:** are available in any round, limit 2, must commit before 1st round. **3-day schedule:** Registration: ends 7 p.m. Rounds: 7:30, 2-7:30, 10-3:30. **2-day schedule:** Registration: ends 9:45 a.m. Rounds: 10:15 a.m., then merges with 3-day. Hotel: \$89 single or double. Mention L.P.O. Chess. 1-336-668-0421. Make reservations by 9/15 to be guaranteed a room and the rate. **Info:** Thad Rogers: info@americanchess.com or 478-973-9389. **Enter:** American Chess Promotions, 3055 General Lee Rd., Macon, GA 31204 or www.americanchesspromotions.com. W.

SEPT. 26, CALIFORNIA, NORTHERN

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 40 (ENHANCED)

2015 U.S. Game/60 Championship

See Nationals.

SEPT. 26, NEW JERSEY

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 6

Cherry Hill September Open

4 Round Swiss System, Game 45 d5. Sections and Prizes \$2,600 (60% guaranteed) - prizes will be increased! **Open:** \$500-250; **Under 2100:** \$500-250; **Under 1800:** \$400-150; **Under 1500:** \$400-150. **EF:** \$40 by 9/24 online, <https://septemberopen2015.eventbrite.com> or \$50 at the door. **Schedule:** Registration ends 9:45. **Rounds:** 10am; 11:45am; 1:30pm; 3:15pm. **Contact:** dgorman@sarsemail.com, (703) 989-6887. **Location:** Cherry Hill Public Library, 1100 Kigms Hwy. N., Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.

SEPT. 26, NEW JERSEY

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 6

Chess Mates Open

4-SS, G/55 d9. Chess Mates, 75 East Cherry St., Suite 10A, Rahway, NJ 07065. **EF:** \$60, members \$50. IMs \$40. GMS \$25. Re-entry \$25. **Prize Fund:** \$800. 70% Guaranteed. **Prizes:** \$250-175, U2300 \$170, U2150 \$150, Biggest upset \$55. **Reg:** 10:15-11:05 a.m. **Rds.:** 11:15 a.m., 1:30, 3:45, 6:00 p.m. 2 byes allowed, must commit prior to game 3. **Information:** chessmates@chessmatesnj.com, 732-499-0118, 760-583-8429.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

A State Championship Event!

SEPT. 26-27, MISSOURI

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 20

Missouri State Chess Championship

\$3000 Guaranteed Prize Fund. 5SS, G/115 d5. 3100 I-70 Dr. SE, Columbia, MO 65201. 2-sections: **OPEN:** Overall Prizes: \$500-1st \$300-2nd, \$250-3rd. Class Prizes: \$150-1st in each: Master (2200-2399), X, A, B. **RESERVE Section (U1600):** Overall Prizes: \$300-1st, \$200-2nd, \$150-3rd. Class Prizes: \$125-1st in each C, D, E, U1000, Unrated. Upset Prizes: \$50 for highest upset in each section. **Entry Fee:** \$50 pre-registered, \$60 on site. Free to GM/IM's, EF from prizes. **Special Discounts:** \$5 off entry fee for: Seniors (50+), Kids (K-12), or New/Unrated players. **Registration:** Sat-9-9:45am. Rounds: Sat-10/2:30/7, Sun-10:30/3. Max one 1/2-pt bye if declared by Rd. 2. **MISSOURI BLITZ CHAMPIONSHIP:** 5SS, G/5 d0 (BR). **Prizes:** \$75-1st, \$50-2nd, \$25-3rd. **EF:** \$10. **Reg.:** 8-8:30am Sunday. Rounds paired ASAP. State Championship plaques to highest finishing Missouri resident in each event. MCA membership req'd, available on site from \$5, OSA. **Entries/Info:** Bob Howe, 210 N. Olive, Pacific, MO 63069. Bdhowe@yahoo.com, 636-234-7928.

SEPT. 27, CALIFORNIA, NORTHERN

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 40 (ENHANCED)

2015 U.S. Game/30 Championship

See Nationals.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

SEPT. 27, NEW JERSEY

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 15 (ENHANCED)

Dr. David Ostfeld Memorial ICA Open Championship

Bergen Academy, 200 Hackensack Ave., Hackensack, NJ 07601. Open to All Ages With Rating above 1400. 4SS, G/61 d5. Prize Fund 1st - 3rd \$300, \$250, \$200, U2200, U2000, U1800, U1600 each \$100 Best Under 13 Years Old \$75. Best Over 55 Years Old \$75. Reg Ends at 9AM Only one 1/2-point bye allowed, if requested before the start of round two. **EF:** Adv (pmk. By Sept 23rd) \$40, At Site \$45. GMS Free Entry. **INFO:** 201 827 0250 or chessdirector@icaj.net. **\$\$b/40:** Prize Fund Will Not Be Reduced Below 70%. **Rds.:** 9:30 AM, 11:45 AM, 2:15 PM, 4:30 PM. **ENT:** Make EF payable to: International Chess Academy. Mail To: Diana Tulman, 28 Canterbury Ln., New Milford, NJ 07646. **INFO:** www.icaj.net. W.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

OCT. 2-4 OR 3-4, OHIO

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 120 (ENHANCED)

6th annual HARTFORD OPEN

Sept 25-27 or 26-27, Windsor Locks, CT

\$5000 GUARANTEED PRIZE FUND

5 rounds, 40/110, SD/30, d10 (2-day option, rds 1-2 G/60, d10), \$102 room rates, free parking, free airport shuttle. In 4 sections:

Open Section: Prizes \$800-400-300, top U2210/Unr \$300-150. GPP: 40 (enhanced).

Under 2010 Section: \$500-250-130, top U1810/Unr \$300-150.

Under 1610 Section: \$400-230-120, top U1410/Unr \$200-100.

Under 1210 Section: \$200-100-50, trophy to first 3, top U1000, U800, U600, Unrated.

Unrated prize limit: \$120 in U1210, \$250 in U1610.

MIXED DOUBLES BONUS PRIZES: \$200-100.

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

3rd Annual Wright Brothers Open

5-SS, 30/90, SD/60 d5 (2-day schedule, rd. 1 G/90 d5). Location: Dayton Chess Club, 18 West 5th St., Dayton, OH. **Wonderful Playing Site** – “The finest chess club in the USA,” GM Alex Goldin. **\$10,300 PRIZES, GUARANTEED, 3 Sections: Open, U1800, U1400. OPEN:** \$2000-1400-1000-600 & U2000 600-400; **U1800:** \$800-400-300-200 & U1600 300-200; **U1400:** \$700-400-300-200 & U1200 300-200. **Entry Fees:** \$108 if mailed or registered online by Sep 19, 2014, thereafter \$128. Free to 2400 & above \$100 deducted from winnings), DCC mbrs \$5 discount. **Ohio Grand Prix** event, OCA members deduct \$3 from EF. **3-day schedule:** Reg. Fri. 5-6:30pm, Rds: Fri 7pm; Sat. 2pm & 7:30pm; Sun 9:30am, 3pm. **2-day schedule:** Reg. Sat. 8:30-9:30am. Rd.1 at 10am, then merges with 3-day. Re-entry: \$35. Any player who loses Fri night may re-enter for \$35 and loss will not count in tournament standings. One 1/2pt bye available in Rds.1-4 (request prior to R1). Unrated players may play in any section with prizes limited to 1/3 except in OPEN with balance to next player(s). \$25 upset prize each section. **HOTEL – TBD ENTRIES:** Mail to Dayton Chess Club, 18 West 5th St., Dayton, OH 45402 or **Register online** at website: www.DaytonChess-Club.com. No checks at site.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!**OCT. 3, NEW YORK**

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 26

20th Annual Arkport Open

4SS, Rds. 1 & 2 G/60 d5, Rds. 3 & 4 G/90 d5. Arkport Village Hall, 6 Park Ave., Arkport, NY 14807. **\$GTD:** \$200 - 100, **\$B/25:** U1800 and U1600 each \$100 - 50. **EF:** \$30 cash at site. **Reg.:** 9-9:45 a.m., 10/3/15., **Rds.:** 10, 12, 2:15, 5:30. **Director:** Ronald Lohrman. **Info:** 607 661 4295. **Ent:** F. K. Harris, 1 Northridge Dr., Arkport, NY 14807.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!**OCT. 3-4, TEXAS**

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 20 (ENHANCED)

2015 DCC Fide Open XII

5SS, G/90 inc/30. Dallas Chess Club, 200 S. Cottonwood Dr. #C, Richardson, TX 75080. **Two sections:** Open and Reserve. **Open:** \$875G. FIDE and US Chess rated but uses FIDE rules. Will use US Chess ratings and rules for pairings and for awarding prizes. Default late forfeiture time is one hour. TD may extend this time at TD's discretion. Note that Foreign players must disclose their FIDE ID number before 1st round in order to play. Note that USA Players with no FIDE ID must disclose their email address. \$5 \$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 (appearance fee might be deducted from prize). **Reserve:** Open to players rated below 2000 US Chess. This section is not Fide Rated but is US Chess rated and uses US Chess rules. **EF:** \$40. 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. In the reserve section, Tournament reserves the right to use Fide rules on electronic devices and on starting White's clock at start of a round and to use

FIDE pairing rules. **Both: Reg.:** 10/3 from 9:45-10:15am. **Rds.:** Sat 10:45am-3:10pm-7:16pm, Sun 9:45 am-2:10pm. 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. Note that house players (if required) must pay \$2 per round and be US Chess members. **ENT:** Make/mail Checks payable to Dallas Chess Club, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036-4719. **Info:** 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com. FIDE.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!**OCT. 7-12, 9-12 OR 10-12, VIRGINIA**

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 150 (ENHANCED)

2nd annual Washington Chess Congress

Premier Section, 9SS, Oct 7-12, 40/2, SD/30 d10; GM & IM norms possible, FIDE rated. **Other Sections,** 7SS, Oct 9-12 or 10-12, 40/2, SD/30 d10 (3-day option, rounds 1-2 G/75 d10). **Hyatt Regency Crystal City,** 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202. Free shuttle to/from Reagan International Airport and Crystal City Metro station (contact hotel for schedule). **\$25,000 guaranteed prizes.** In 4 sections: **Premier:** Open to 1900/over US Chess or FIDE and all foreign FIDE rated players. \$3000-1500-700-500-300, clear or tiebreak first bonus \$100, top FIDE Under 2300/Unr \$1400-700. **Minimum prize \$500** to first 5 foreign GMs FIDE rated 2500/over to enter who play all 7 rounds with no byes. **Under 2100:** \$2000-1000-500-300-200, top Under 1900 (no Unr) \$1300-700. **Under 1700:** \$2000-1000-500-300-200, top Under 1500 (no Unr) \$1100-600. **Under 1300:** \$1000-600-400-300-200, top Under 1100 (no Unr) \$400-200. **Prize limits:** Unrated (0-3 lifetime games rated) cannot win over \$300 in U1300, \$600 in U1700, or \$1000 in U2100. **Mixed doubles bonus prizes:** best male/female 2-player “team” combined score among all sections: \$1000-600-400. Only first 7 rounds of Premier counted. Team average must be under 2200; teammates may play in different sections; teams must register (no extra fee) before both players begin round 2. **Ratings:** FIDE ratings used in Premier, US Chess October official in other sections. **Top 3 sections EF:** \$145 online at chessaction.com by 10/6, \$155 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 10/5, 6-day \$156, 4-day \$154, 3-day \$153 if check mailed by 9/28, all \$160 at site until 1 hour before game, or online at chessaction.com until 2 hours before game. **U1300 Section:** all \$60 less. **Premier Section GMs, IMs, WGMs, foreign FMs:** free, \$140 deducted from prize. **Premier Section FIDE rated foreign players:** EF \$50 less. **Special 1 yr US Chess 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. **No checks** at site, credit cards OK. **Re-entry:** \$80, no re-entry from Premier to Premier. **6-day schedule (Premier only):** Reg. ends Wed 6 pm, rds. Wed 7 pm, Thu 12 noon & 7 pm, Fri 7 pm, Sat 11 am & 6 pm, Sun 11 am & 6 pm, Mon 10 am. **4-day schedule:** Reg. ends Fri 6 pm, rds. Fri 7 pm. Sat 11 & 6, Sun 11 & 6, Mon 10 & 4. **3-day schedule:** Reg. ends Sat 10 am, rds. Sat 11, 2:30 & 6, Sun 11 & 6, Mon 10 & 4. **Byes:** OK all; limit 3 (limit 2 in last 4 rds.), must commit before rd. 3. **Bring sets, boards, clocks** if possible- none supplied.

HR: \$99-99-109, 703-418-1234, reserve by 9/22 or rate may increase. **Special chess rate valet parking** \$6/day, with or without guest room. **Car rentals:** Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD #D657633 or reserve car online at chesstour.com. **Ent:** Continental Chess, Box 8482, Pelham, NY 10803. Questions: DirectorAtChess.US, 347-201-2269, www.chesstour.com. \$15 service charge for refunds. Advance entries posted at chessaction.com (online entries posted instantly). **Blitz tournament** Sun 10 pm, enter by 9:45 pm.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!**OCT. 9, 16, 23, 30, NOV. 6, 13, 20, NEW YORK**

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 15 (ENHANCED)

2015 Queens Chess Club Championship

7-SS, G/120 (G/115 d5). All Saints Lutheran Church, 164-02 Goethals Ave., Jamaica, NY 11432. **EF** \$55 advance, \$60 at site, \$900 gtd: **\$300-** \$180-\$120, U2100 \$108, U1800 \$90, U1500 \$72, **upset \$30.** Prizes increased proportionally if over 24 paid entries (**increased by 1/3 in 2013 and 2014 (32 players each time)**). QCC membership required (\$25 for 6 mos, \$20 U19/65+ /female). Up to three 1/2 pt byes permitted (request prior to Rd. 4). Mail advance entries by 10/3/15 to Ed Frumkin, 445 E. 14th St., #10D, New York, NY 10009. Rounds at 7:45 each Friday.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!**OCT. 9-11 OR 10-11, FLORIDA**

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 20

Orlando Autumn Open & National Chess Day Scholastic

5SS, G/120 d5 (2-day; Rd.1 G/60 d5). DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando at SeaWorld, 10100 International Dr., 32821. **\$\$\$7,000/b130** (Scholastic = 1/2-entry), 60% Guaranteed. **5 Sections: Premier** \$1000-400-300, U2200 \$300-100. **Under 2000** \$600-300-200, U1800 \$300-100. **Under 1700** \$600-300-200, U1500 \$300-100. **Under 1400** \$500-300-200, U1300 \$200-100. **Scholastic Under 1200** \$250-150, U1000 \$100, U800 \$100. Trophies in Scholastic to top U1200, U1000, and U800. **Special OCA Awards** TBD. Rated players may play up one section only. Unrateds limited to \$100 unless Place prize in Premier. **EF:** \$80 (Scholastic U1200 \$40) by October 1; \$90 later (Scholastic \$50); **plus \$5 if paid on-site.** FCFC memb discount: \$10 (\$5 for Jr/Sr memb). Re-entry \$40. **Event part of CFCC \$600 GP. Reg.:** ends 1/2 hr before 1st rd. Rd.1: 7pm Fri (2-day and Scholastic: 10am Sat at G/60/d5). **Rds.:** 2-5: Sat 1 & 6, Sun 9 & 2. **Byes:** 1/2 pt. byes if committed before rd. 2 paired (max 2). **HR:** \$105 (No Resort Fee) (407) 352-1100; (Mention “Chess” or CFCC); or online <http://tinyurl.com/october2015hotel>; (72-hr Cancellation fee); **RESERVE BY SEP 28.** Free Parking, local shuttle and WiFi with sleeping rooms; other Self-parking at \$5/day/exit. **Ent:** FCFC, c/o Harvey Lerman, 921 N. Thistle Ln., Maitland, FL 32751; or online: <http://onlineregistration.cc> by Oct 8. **Info:** Call 407-629-6946 or www.centralflchess.org. After 4pm Oct 9 call Hotel Chess Office or (407-670-9304 for onsite cell.)

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!**OCT. 9-11 OR 10-11 (BLITZ ON OCT. 9), GEORGIA**

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 20

2nd annual WASHINGTON CHESS CONGRESS

Oct 7-12, 9-12 or 10-12 - Columbus Day weekend - Hyatt Regency Crystal City, near DC

\$25,000 GUARANTEED PRIZES - GM & IM NORMS POSSIBLE

Premier, 10/7-12: 9SS, 40/2, SD/30, d10. **Other sections, 10/9-12 or 10-12:** 7SS, 40/2, SD/30, d10 (3-day option, rds 1-2 G/75, d10).

Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington VA 22202. Free shuttle to Airport & Metro (contact hotel for schedule). Valet parking \$6/day, guest room not required. Room rates \$99-99-109, 703-418-1234, reserve by 9/22 or rate may increase.

In 4 sections.

Premier: for 1900/over USCF or FIDE and all foreign FIDE rated players. Prizes \$3000-1500-700-500-300, clear/tiebreak 1st \$100 bonus, FIDE U2300/Unr \$1400-700. Minimum prize \$500 to 1st 5 FIDE 2500/over foreign GMs who play all 9 games (no byes). 150 GPP (enhanced).

Under 2100: \$2000-1000-500-300-200, top Under 1900 (no unr) \$1300-700.

Under 1700: \$2000-1000-500-300-200, top Under 1500 (no unr) \$1100-600.

Under 1300: \$1000-600-400-300-200, top Under 1100 (no unr) \$400-200.

Unrated prize limits: U1300 \$300, U1700 \$600, U2100 \$1000.

Mixed doubles bonus prizes: best male/female 2-player “team” combined scores all sections: \$1000-600-400. Only first 7 rounds of Premier counted. Team amst average under 2200; teammates may play in different sections; teams must register (no extra fee) before both players begin round 2.

Entry fee: \$145 online at chessaction.com by 10/6, \$155 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 10/5, 6-day \$156, 4-day \$154, 3-day \$153 if check mailed by 9/28, all \$160 at site until 1 hour before game, or online at chessaction.com until 2 hours before game.

Premier Section GMs, IMs, WGMs, foreign FMs free; \$140 deducted from prize. **Premier Section FIDE rated foreign players:** all \$50 less than above.

Under 1300 Section: All entry fees \$60 less than above.

Re-entry (except Premier) \$80.

6-day reg. (Premier only) ends Wed 6 pm, rds. Wed 7, Thu 12 & 7, Fri 7, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 11 & 6, Mon 10 & 4.

4-day reg. ends Fri 6 pm, rds. Fri 7, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 11 & 6, Mon 10 & 4.

3-day reg. ends Sat 10 am, rds Sat 11, 2:30 & 6, Sun 11 & 6, Mon 10 & 4.

Byes: OK all, limit 3 (limit 2 in last 4 rounds), must commit before round 3.

All: FIDE ratings used for Premier Section, October official USCF for others. Unofficial web ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. Bring set, board, clock if possible- none supplied. No checks at site, credit cards OK.

Entry: chessaction.com or Continental Chess, Box 8482, Pelham NY 10803. \$15 service charge for refunds. Special USCF dues: see Chess Life TLA or chesstour.com.

Entries are posted at chessaction.com (online entries posted instantly).

Blitz tournament Sunday night 10 pm, enter by 9:45 pm.

2015 Georgia Open - National Chess Day Event & Blitz (BLZ)
 \$4485, b/100 entries, 65% Guaranteed. 6SS. One section with Overall and Class prizes. **Prizes:** \$700-300-\$250-150-135-100-100; **Class A:** \$250-\$150-75; **Class B:** \$250-150-75; **Class C:** \$250-150-75; **Class D:** \$250-150-75; **Under 1200:** \$250-150-75; **Unrated:** \$200-100-75. Only GA residents are qualified for the plaques for winning their section/class. **Rounds: 3 day:** Friday - 7:00 p.m. Saturday - 10:00 a.m., 2:30p.m., 7:00 p.m. Sunday - 10:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m. **2-day:** Saturday: 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. then merges at 2:30 p.m. with 3-day. **Time control:** 3 day - G/90 d5; 2 day - first two rounds G/45 d5, then merges with 3 day at G/90 d5. **Entry Fee:** \$69 online registration for all Open players. \$75 on-site. GM/IM/WGM/WIM are free. Must be US Chess-registered. Georgia Players must also register as members of the Georgia Chess Association. Register online at www.georgiachess.org. **Lodging and Tournament Hall:** Hotel Wyndham Atlanta Galleria, 6345 Powers Ferry Rd. NW, Atlanta, GA 30339. (770) 955-1700. **Georgia Blitz Open - National Chess Day Event**, \$390 b/30 paid entries 65% Guaranteed, 5 Double-SS. **PRIZES:** \$150-100-50, U1800 \$45, U1400 \$45. **Start Time:** 7:30 p.m., October 9. **Time control:** G/5 d0. Five Rounds, 2 games of both colors for each opponent. **Entry Fee:** \$20 on-site. Registration starts at 6:30 p.m. up to 10 minutes before Tourney. More entries, more prizes. **Venue:** Hotel Wyndham, 6345 Powers Ferry Rd. NW, Atlanta, GA 30339.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix
OCT. 9-11 OR 10-11, ILLINOIS
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 100 (ENHANCED)
24th annual Midwest Class Championships
 5SS, 40/110, SD/30 d10 (2-day option, rds. 1-2 G/60 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 to Lake Cook Rd. to US-45 south). Free parking. **Prizes \$20,000** based on 250 paid entries (re-entries & Under 1100 Section count as half entries), else in proportion except \$16,000 (80% of each prize) minimum guaranteed. In 7 sections; no unrated allowed in Premier. **Premier** (1900/up): \$2000-1000-500-300, clear win or 1st on tiebreak \$100, top U2300 \$800-400. **1700-2099:** \$1400-700-400-200. **1500-1899:** \$1400-700-400-200. **1300-1699:** \$1300-700-400-200. **1100-1499:** \$1200-600-400-200. **Under 1300:** \$1000-500-300-200. **Under 1100:** \$500-300-200-100, plaques to top 3, top U900, U700, U500, Unrated. **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 (no extra fee) by 2 pm 10/10; teammate pairings avoided but possible. **Unrated prize limits:** \$200 U1100, \$350 U1300, \$500 U1100-1499, \$700 U1300-1699, \$900 U1500-1899. **Top 6 sections EF:** \$105 online at chessaction.com by 10/7, \$110 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 10/5 (entry only, no questions), 3-day \$113, 2-day \$112 mailed by 9/30, all \$120 at site, or online until 2 hours before first game. **Under 1100 EF:** all \$50 less than above. **All:** No checks at site, credit cards OK. Online or mailed EF \$5 less to ICA members; join/renew at il-chess.org. Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. **Special 1 year US Chess 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 \$50;** not available in Premier Section. **GMs \$90** from prize. **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. **Bye:** all, limit 2; Premier must commit before rd. 2, others before rd. 3. **HR:** \$107-107-107-107, 800-937-8461, 847-777-6500, reserve by 9/25 or rate may increase. **Car rental:** Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD #D657633. **Ent:** chessaction.com or Continental Chess, Box 8482, Pelham, NY 10803. **Questions:** chestour.com, DirectorAtChess.US, 347-201-2269. \$15 service charge for refunds. Advance entries posted at chessaction.com (online entries posted instantly). Bring set, board, clock if possible- none supplied. **Blitz tournament** Sat 9:30 pm, enter by 9:15 pm.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!
OCT. 10, MAINE
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10
National Chess Day in Saco
 Hampton Inn Saco Bideford, 48 Industrial Park Rd., Saco, ME 04072. In 2 Sections, **Open:** 4SS, GAME/65 d5, **\$\$GTD:** \$275-150-75. U2000 \$100. **U1750:** 4SS, GAME/65 d5, Open to 1749 & under. **\$\$GTD:** \$150-50. U1450 \$100, Unrated \$100. **ALL: EF:** \$28 postmarked by 3 October, \$33 at site. **Reg.:** 9:00-9:45 AM. **Rds.:** 10:00-1:00-3:30-6:00. One half point bye available rounds 1-3. **ENT:** Alex Relyea, 49 Technology Dr. #89, Bedford, NH 03110. **INFO:** Alex Relyea relyea@operamail.com. Website: www.relyeacchess.com. W.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!
OCT. 10-11, CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 6
'Ecce Hoyo Kiss Occen Razor' on National Chess Day
 (Sponsor: Harold C. Valery, Inc.) 6SS, G/61 d5. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA 90025, 2nd fl. **1 Open section. EF:** \$70; \$50 LACC members; No prizes 1/2, spouses/siblings 1/2, new members 1/2, Free new LACC Life members, \$5 off if notified by 10/9. **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:** \$51,500 Gtd. (b/45); 1st-3rd \$400-200-100 U2000: \$100. U1800: \$200-100-50; U1600: \$100-50; U1400: \$100-50; U1200/unrated: \$50. **Info:** Mick Bighamian: (310) 795-5710; Email: Mick@LACChessClub.com or Web: www.LACChessClub.com. **Parking:** Free on streets, BoA, or basement.

An American Classic!
A Heritage Event!
US Chess Junior Grand Prix!
OCT. 16-18, NEVADA
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 150 (ENHANCED)
33rd Annual Sands Regency Reno - Western States Open
 6SS, 40/2, G-1-d5. Sands Regency Hotel/Casino, 345 N. Arlington Ave., Reno, NV 89501. 1-866-386-7829 or (775) 348-2200. \$525,000 b/275.

\$515,850 Gtd. (Prizes 1-10 in Open Section Gtd. plus 1/2 of all other prizes). **5 Sections. Open** (2000 & above) EF: \$149, (1999 & below = \$200) (GMs & IMs free but must enter by 9/21) or pay late fee) = \$2,000-1,300-1000-700-500-400-200-200, (2399/below) = \$1,000, (2299/below) = \$1,000, (2199/below) = \$1200-800-500-400, (2099/below) = \$600. (If there is a tie for 1st then a playoff for \$100 out of prize fund plus trophy). **Sec."A"** (1800-1999) EF: \$148; \$51,500-700-500-300-200, **Sec."B"** (1600-1799) EF: \$147; \$51,400-700-400-300-200, **Sec."C"** (1400-1599) EF: \$146; \$51,200-600-400-300-200, **Sec."D"** (under 1399below) EF: \$145; \$51,000-500-400-300-200; 1199/below = \$300; Top Senior (65+) = \$200; Club Champ = \$600-400. **ALL:** Entries must be postmarked by 9/21 or pay late fee-\$11, do not mail after 10/9 or email after 10/13, \$22 at site. Trophies 1st - 3rd ("A" - "D" sections). Unrated players are free entry but not eligible for cash prizes- must join US Chess for 1 full year thru this tournament. 1st Unrated = trophy + 1 yr. US Chess Mem. \$10 discount to Seniors (65+ yrs.). Players may play up. Provisionally rated players may only win 1/2 of 1st place money (except Open Section 1 - 10). CCA ratings may be used. **Note:** pairings not changed for color unless 3 in a row or a plus 3 and if the unlikely situation occurs 3 colors in a row may be assigned. **SIDE EVENTS:** Wed. (10/14) 7:00pm GM Sergey Kudrin - Clock Simul with game analysis (\$30); Thurs. (10/15) 6-7:15pm Lecture by IM John Donaldson (FREE); 7:30pm- GM Nick DeFirman - Simul (\$20); 7:30pm-Blitz (G/5 d0) Tourney(\$20) 80% entries = Prize Fund. Sat. (10/17) (3-4:30pm) Free Game/Position Analysis - IM John Donaldson. **ALL REG.:** (10/15) 5-8pm, (10/16) 9-10am. **RDS.:** (Fri)12-7, (Sat)10-6, (Sun)9:30-4:30. Byes available any round if requested by Rd.1 (Open Section 2 byes max). **ENT:** make checks payable and send to: SANDS REGENCY (address listed above), post marked by 9/21. \$11 late fee if postmarked after 9/21. Do not mail after 10/9 or email after 10/13. \$22 late fee at site. **HR:** (Sun-Thurs. \$41.71) (Fri. & Sat. \$71.22) 1-866-386-7829 Reservation Code: CHESS1015 (Reserve by 10/1/15 to get Chess rate. **INFO:** Jerry Weikel 6578 Valley Wood Dr., Reno, NV 89523, (775) 747-1405, wackykl@aol.com Or check out our website at: www.renochess.org. To verify entry check website.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!
OCT. 16-18 OR 17-18, CALIFORNIA NORTHERN
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 40 (ENHANCED)
Bay Area Chess GM Samuel Shankland Championship
 1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. 5SS, G/90+30 2-day rds 1-2 G/50 d5. Park free. **Prize:** \$,000 b/94 (70% guar). 3 sects: **2000+ (FIDE)** \$1,000-500-200, u2300: 250-125-100. **1600-1999:** \$700-300-100, u1800: 200-100, u1600: \$700-300-100 u1400: 125-100, u1200: 100. Unr max \$100 exc Open. Oct 15 Supp & TD disc. **Reg.:** F 6-6:45p & Sa 8:30-8:45a. **Rds.:** F 7p, Sa 9 1:20, Su 10 2:30. (2-day Sa 9 11:10 & merge). **EF:** 89, Econ EF: 69 w 60% prz, after 10/13 +20. **Playup +20. Rated 2250+ \$0 by 10/6 (prize - EF). Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/champs>.

A State Championship Event!
OCT. 16-18, NORTH CAROLINA
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10



**NASHVILLE
OPEN**

**OCT. 30-NOV. 1
NASHVILLE, TN**

The Inn at Opryland
 2401 Music Valley Dr.
 (615) 889-0800
 HR: \$119 (reserve by 10/7)

\$10,000 PRIZE FUND (B/200, \$5,000 GTD)

Open section FIDE rated; 2-day or 3-day schedules available

Blitz tourney Sat. night; Scholastic Team & Indiv. tourney: Sat., Oct. 31

<p>OPEN: \$1400-800-500-300-200 (U2200); \$700-400</p> <p>U1800: \$800-400-200-100-50</p> <p>U1600/UNR: \$800-400-200-100-50</p> <p>U1300: \$400-300-200-100-50</p>	<p>30 GRAND PRIX POINTS</p> <p>FORMAT: 5/SS</p> <p>OPEN: G/90, i/30</p> <p>Other Sections: G/120, d/5</p> <p>EF: \$89; Unr (U1600) & Jrs (U1300 or U1600), \$59. After 10/23, \$10 add'l fee.</p>
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FOR FULL DETAILS, DISCOUNTS, SCHEDULES AND REGISTRATION INFO, VISIT WWW.CAJUNCHESS.COM.

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HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST! Wear your costume to the Scholastic event on 10/31; prizes will be awarded!

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North Carolina Senior Open

5-SS, G/120 d5. Hampton Inn & Suites Shelton Vineyards, 150 Charlestowne Dr., Dobson, NC 27017, 336-353-9400. **HR:** \$99 + 13% tax/night chess rate if booked by Oct. 9, breakfast and voucher for two for vineyard tour and wine tasting included. **Two sections:** Open and U1600. **\$\$\$Gtd:** Open Section: 400-200-100 + trophy; U1600 Section, 200-100 + trophy. Trophies will be awarded by the tie break if necessary. **Top NC resident in Open section will be recognized as the 2015 NC Senior Champion.** **EF:** \$60 if received by 10/14, \$70 on site (cash or check only). US Chess membership required. Mail checks to Bob Mahan, 610 N. Main St., Suite 215, Blacksburg, VA 24060. **SCHEDULE:** On-site registration 6:00-7:00 PM Friday, first round 7:30 PM Friday, subsequent rounds 10:00 AM & 3:00 PM Sat, 9:00 AM & 2:00 PM Sun. **Byes:** Up to two irrevocable 1/2-pt byes may be requested at registration. Players requesting a 1/2-point bye for the Friday evening round must pre-register; players who register Saturday morning cannot request a Friday 1/2-point bye. **All participants must be 50 years old by December 31, 2015.** For more info, please visit website: www.ChessForSeniors.org.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!**OCT. 17, WISCONSIN****TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10****Hales Corner Challenge XXII**

4SS, G/60 d6. **2 Sections:** Open & Reserve (under 1600). Olympia Resort Hotel, 1350 Royale Mile Rd., Oconomowoc, WI 53066; 1-800-558-9573, (mention Southwest Chess Club for \$99 room rate). **EF:** \$40-Open, \$30-Reserve, both \$5 more after October 14. Comp EF for US Chess 2200+ . **\$\$\$Gtd:** Open: 1st-\$25, 2nd-\$175, A-\$100, B & Below-\$75; Reserve: 1st-\$100, 2nd-\$75, D-\$50, E & Below-\$40. **Reg.:** 8:30-9:30. **Rds.:** 10-1-3:30-6. **Entries to:** Robin Grochowski, 3835 E. Morris Ave., Cudahy, WI 53110; rgrochowski@wi.rr.com. **Questions to TD:** Tom Fogec: 414-405-4207.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!**OCT. 17-18, NEW YORK****TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 30 (ENHANCED)****2nd annual Central New York Open**

5SS, G/90 d10. Hall of Languages, Syracuse University, S. Crouse Ave., Syracuse 13210. **\$2500 guaranteed prize fund.** In 3 sections. **Open:** \$500-300-200, top U2100/Unr \$210. **Under 1900:** \$300-150-70, top U1700 (no unr) \$160. **Under 1500:** \$200-100-50, top U1300 (no unr) \$110. **Unrated** may not win over \$150 in U1500. **Mixed doubles:** \$150 bonus to best male/female combined score among all sections. Team average must be under 2200; may play in different sections; teams must register by 2 pm 10/17. **College team prizes:** Plaques to first 3 teams based on top 3 scorers from school among all sections. **Top 2 sections EF:** \$68 online at chessaction.com by 10/14, \$75 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 10/12, \$72 if check mailed by 10/8, \$80 at site, or online until 2 hours before game. Online entry \$5 less to NYSAC members (may join with entry). **U1500 Section EF:** all \$20 less than above. **No checks at site, credit cards OK. GMs, IMs & WGMs free,** \$70 deducted from prize. Re-entry \$40; not available in Open Section. Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. **Special 1 year US Chess 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 \$20, Scholastic \$20. **Schedule:** Reg. ends Sat 9 am, rds. Sat 10, 2 & 6, Sun 10 & 2. **Bye:** all, limit 2; must commit before rd. 2. **HR:** 1120 at Crowne Plaza, 701 E. Genesee St. (1/2 mile from tournament), 800-939-4249, reserve by 9/30. **Ent:** chessaction.com or Continental Chess, Box 8482, Pelham, NY 10803. \$15 service charge for refunds. **Questions:** www.chessstour.com, DirectorAtChess.US, 347-201-2269. Advance entries posted at chessaction.com (online entries posted instantly).

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!**OCT. 17-18, OKLAHOMA****TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 6****4th Fall OCF FIDE Chess Open (2 FIDE Sections)**

5-SS, G/90 + 30 spm; \$\$\$ G1,200. Hwy Express Inn & Suites - Stillwater, 2313 W. 6th Ave (Hwy-51), Stillwater, OK 74074. www.hwyexpressinn.com 1-405-372-2425; HR 1b\$45; 2b\$60; Suite: \$75; Wi-Fi, EF: FIDE Open \$50; Reserve \$30; OCF \$10 required; Reg.: 9-9:45 Sat AM; Rds.: 10-2:30-7; 9-1:15 // **Two Sections: Open-FIDE** 5G 1st \$300 U-2100 \$150-100; U-1900 \$150-100; **Reserve U-1700** also FIDE: First \$200 U-1400 \$100 U-1100 + UNR \$100; more \$\$ if entrees permit; 1 half pt by rds. 1-5. Frank Berry, 402 S. Willis St., Stwtr, OK 74074. Please send organizer E-mail if you plan to attend. Fkimberry@AOL.com / OCF Chess.org

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!**A State Championship Event!****OCT. 17-18, PENNSYLVANIA****TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10****2015 Ira Lee Riddle Memorial PA State Championship**

5SS, G/120 d5. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pitt., 5th & Bigelow, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. **\$\$\$ (2025 b/72, 2/3 gtd.) 2 Sections: Open:** \$500-250, U2000 \$125. **U1800:** \$300-150, U1600 \$125. **U1400:** \$300-150, U1200 \$125. Trophies to Top PA & Top PA Junior in each section. **Teams of 4 to 7 players from all sections:** Trophies to top 3 schools & top 3 clubs. **EF:** \$40 by 10/9, \$50 later. PSCF req'd, OSA. **Reg.:** ends Sat. 9:30am. **Rds.:** Sat. 10-2:30-7, Sun. 10-2:30 **Info:** martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com, 412-908-0286. **Ent:** PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 25 Freemont St., Pittsburgh, PA 15223.

A Heritage Event!**OCT. 18, MASSACHUSETTS****TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 15 (ENHANCED)****82nd Greater Boston Open**

4SS, G/60 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. **\$\$\$ 2,500 b/100 paid entries** (U1200 counts 75%), \$2,000 minimum (80% of each prize). 5 sects. **Open Section:** \$400-200, top U2300 \$200, top U2100 \$200. **Under 1900 Section:** \$300-150. **Under 1700 Section:** \$300-150. **Under 1500 Section:** \$250-125. **Under**

1200 Section: \$150-75, trophies to top 3, top Under 1000, Under 800, Under 600, Unrated. **All:** Unrated can play in any sect. but can't win more than \$75 in U1200, \$125 in U1500, \$150 in U1700, \$200 in U1900. Unpublished uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. **EF:** \$39 if mailed by 10/13 or online by 10/16, \$45 at site. GMs and IMs free. \$10 discount for U1200 sect. **MACA memb. req'd** for Mass. residents (\$12 adult, \$6 junior U18, add \$8 for Chess Horizons sub.). **Reg.:** 8:30 to 9:30 am. **Rds.:** 10 am, 1 pm, 3:30 pm, 6 pm. **Bye:** all, limit 1; must commit before round 2. No half point byes for players receiving full point byes. **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:** email to info@masschess.org or phone 603-891-2484. Day of the tournament phone 603-557-1732. Please bring chess set and clock. **W.**

OCT. 20, NEW YORK**TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10****Marshall Masters - New Prizes, FIDE Rapid Rated!**

4-SS, G/25 d5. Open to 2000+ players. **FIDE Rapid rated. \$750 GTD:** 250-150-100. Top U2400 125, Top U2300 100, Biggest upset \$25. **EF:** \$40, Mbr \$30. GMS Free. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45pm. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45pm. Max one bye, for round 1 or 4 only. Request at entry. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. www.marshallchessclub.org.

OCT. 23, NEW YORK**TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 6****Marshall \$500 FIDE Blitz (BLZ)**

9-SS, G/3 d2. **FIDE Blitz rated. \$500:** \$200-100, top U2400/unr, U2200, U2000, U1800 \$50. Highest rating (regular, quick or blitz) used for pairings & prizes. **EF:** \$30, MCC Mbrs \$20, GMS \$20. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45. **Rds.:** 7-7:30-7:50-8:10-8:40-9:20-9:40-10pm. Max three byes. Request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!**A State Championship Event!****OCT. 24-25, VERMONT****TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 6****2015 Vermont Open**

Courtyard Marriott, 309 Court St (Route 7), Middlebury, VT 05753; 802-388-7600. One 2-day section, two one-day sections. **Open,** 4SS, 40/90, SD/30 d5. **EF:** \$40 if rec'd by 10/22. **\$\$\$ b/16** (top 2 gtd): 200-120, U2050 120, U1900 120-80. Top Vermonter becomes State Champion. **Rds.:** 10-3:30 both days. **Saturday Under 1800,** 4SS, G/60 d5. **EF:** \$30 if rec'd by 10/22. **\$\$\$ b/16:** \$500 prize fund; cash to 1st, 2nd, U1600, U1400, U1200. No unrated player may win over \$80. **Rds.:** Sat. 10-12:45-3:30-6. Saturday players rated 1500-1799 may join Open on Sunday, without byes, for \$20. **Sunday Under 1500,** 4SS, G/60 d5. **EF:** \$25 if rec'd by 10/22. **\$\$\$ b/12:** \$300 prize fund; cash to 1st, 2nd, U1300, U1100, U900. No unrated player may win over \$50. **Rds.:** Sun. 10-12:45-3:30-6. **All,** EF \$5 more if rec'd after 10/22. **Reg.:** 8:45-9:35 am. Half-point bye okay for any one round (except rd. 4 in Open) if requested before start of rd. 2. **Ent:** Vermont Chess Association, c/o Parker Montgomery, PO Box 831, Middlebury, VT 05753-0831; greenmonty@earthlink.net, mobile 802-349-7739.

OCT. 25, CALIFORNIA, NORTHERN**TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10 (ENHANCED)****Cupertino Grand Prix DuperSwiss75 (SS, G/75 d5)**

Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Prizes:** \$1,500 b/55. 60% guar. **1900+:** \$300-100-100, u2000 50-50. **1500-1899:** \$200-100-50, u1600 50-50. **U1500:** \$200-100-50, u1200 50-50. Oct 15 Supp & TD disc. **Reg.:** 8-8:45. **Rds.:** 9-11:45-2:40. **EF:** 47, Econ 32 w/1/2 pr. after 10/22 + 15, playup + 15, Rtd 2200 + \$0 by 10/15. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/grandprix. W.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!**OCT. 30-NOV. 1 OR OCT. 31-NOV. 1, NEW JERSEY****TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 120 (ENHANCED)****6th annual Boardwalk Open**

5SS, 40/110, SD/30 d10 (2-day option, rds. 1-2 G/60 d10). Stockton Seaview Hotel & Golf Club, 401 South New York Rd., Galloway, NJ 08205. Luxury golf and spa resort 8 miles from Atlantic City; 670 beautiful acres, two championship golf courses, indoor pool, fitness center, art gallery, free parking. **\$15,000 guaranteed prizes.** In 4 sections. **Open:** \$2000-1000-500-300, clear or tiebreak winner \$100 bonus, top Under 2300/Unr \$800-400. **Under 2100:** \$1500-800-400-200, top U1900/Unr \$600-300. **Under 1700:** \$1200-600-300-200, top U1500 (no unr) \$500-250. **Under 1300:** \$800-400-200-150, top U1100 (no unr) \$200-100. **Unrated** may not win over \$200 in U1300 or \$500 in U1700. **Mixed doubles bonus prizes:** best male/female 2-player "team" combined score among all sections: \$600-400-200. Team average rating must be under 2200; teammates may play in different sections; teams must register (no extra fee) by 2 pm 10/31; teammate pairings avoided but possible. **Top 3 sections EF:** \$105 online at chessaction.com by 10/28, \$115 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 10/26 (entry only, no questions), 3-day \$113, 2-day \$112 mailed by 10/21, \$120 at site, or online until 2 hours before game. GMS free; \$100 deducted from prize. **Under 1300 Section EF:** All EF \$40 less than above. **Special 1 year US Chess 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:** \$105-105 + \$3 ball charge, 732-741-3897, reserve by 10/16 or rate may increase. Car rental: Avis, 800-331-1600, AWD D657633, or reserve car online through chessstour.com. **Ent:** chessaction.com or Continental Chess, Box 8482, Pelham, NY 10803. \$15 service charge for refunds. **Questions:** www.chessstour.com, DirectorAtChess.US, 347-201-2269. Advance entries posted at chessaction.com (online entries posted instantly). November ratings used. **Blitz tournament** Sat 9:30 pm, enter by 9:15 pm. November ratings used.

A Heritage Event!**US Chess Junior Grand Prix!****A State Championship Event!****OCT. 30-NOV. 1 OR OCT. 31-NOV. 1, SOUTH CAROLINA****TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 6****76th S.C. Championships**

5SS, Hilton Garden Inn, 434 Columbiana Dr., Columbia, SC 29212 (803) 407-6640. US Chess membership req'd/SCCA mbr. req. for SC players. **Adult Championships Section:** (Must be 14 or older; Under 19 must have a min. rating of 1600 US Chess). **EF:** \$60 if rec'd by 10/28; \$70 at site (Special "Trophy Only" entry-\$30; not eligible for cash prizes). **\$2,100 b/50 (\$1,050 GTD):** In 3 sections (trophy to 1st & 2nd S.C. player in each section); **Championship:** \$500-300 u2200-\$100 u2000-\$100; **Amateur(U1800):** \$300-150 u1600-\$100; **Booster(U1400):** \$300-150 u200-\$100. Trophy to Top Senior (58+above) in each section plus \$50 cash prize. **Time control:** G/120 d5 (2 day sch. Rd. 1 G/90 d5). **Junior Championships Section:** (Under 19) Time control: G/90 d5, EF: \$30 (Trophies to 1st-3rd; u1800, u1600, u1400, u1200, u1000). Rds. (all sections): **3 day sch. - Fri:** 7:30pm, Sat. 2:00pm, 7:30pm, Sun. 9:00am, 2:30pm. **2 day sch. - Sat:** 10:00am, then merge with 3 day schedule. **Reg.:** Friday 6-7:00pm, Sat. 8:9:00am. **HR:** \$89 (reserve by 10/09; mention chess) 803-407-6640. **Other info:** "Info" entries do not count toward "based on" entries. Free entry to players rated 2200 and above or FIDE master title. Unrated's only eligible for place prizes in sections they play. **Info/Reg/Pmt:** Mail to "SC Chess Assn., c/o David V. Causey, Treasurer, 741 Dragon Dr., Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464 (chessbassn@att.net) (Please indicate whether playing in 2 or 3 day schedule and any byes requested when pre-registering. Be sure to include payment to receive early entry fee.)

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!**OCT. 30-NOV. 1 OR OCT. 31-NOV. 1, TENNESSEE****TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 30****Nashville Open**

5SS, (Open Section is G/90 i30, and FIDE rated; All other Sections are G/120 d5). Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs and WIMs (EF deducted from winnings). **VENUE:** The Inn at Opryland, 2401 Music Valley Dr., Nashville, TN 37214; 615-889-0800. Free Parking! Free airport shuttle service! Free wireless internet in all guestrooms! **PRIZES:** \$10,000 b/200 full-paid entries. 5 Sections: **OPEN:** \$1400-800-500-300-200; U2200: \$700-400; U2000: \$800-400-200-100-50; U1800: \$800-400-200-100-50; U1600/Unr: \$800-400-200-100-50; U1300: \$400-300-200-100-50. *Unrated players may only win 50% of the prize fund except in the Open Sect. where they must pay full EF and are eligible for full prize fund. **BYES:** Two 1/2-pt. byes avail. for any round (must commit prior to the start of Rd. 3). NOTE: To protect the integrity of our Tournament and our Players' Games, Tournament Halls will be closed to spectators. **EF:** \$89 by 10/23; \$99 thereafter and at site; **Unr.** (U1600) and **Jrs.** (Under 19 yrs of age and playing in U1300 or U1600 Sections) \$59 by 10/23; \$69 thereafter and at site. Re-Entry Fee: \$30 (avail. up to Rd. 4; no Re-Entry in OPEN sect.). 3 re-entries or 2 jr. entries count as one additional full-paid entry. **3-day Sched:** Reg. Fri. 5:30-7pm, Rds. Fri. 8pm; Sat. 2-7, Sun. 10-3. **2-day Sched:** Reg. Sat. 7:45-8:30am, Rds. Sat. 9-2-7, Sun. 10-3. Both schedules merge at Rd. 2. Chess gift to oldest player and to player who travels farthest to main event. **CAJUN BOUNTY:** Defeat the top ranked player in the main event and win free entry to our next tournament! **SIDE EVENTS:** 5-min. Blitz G/5 d0, "CAJUN KNOCK-OUT" (Sat. night after Rd. 3). **Scholastic Team & Individual Tournament with Halloween Costume Contest,** 4SS, G/30 d5, (1-day only, Sat. Oct. 31st). Separate room for schol. Players. A trophy or medal will be awarded to each schol. player. 4 Sections: **K-2, K-5, K-8, K-12. Prizes:** Trophies to top 5 individuals & top 3 teams in each section (more ind. trophies depending on pre-entries). Every non-trophy winner receives a souvenir chess medal. Teams may have as many players as they wish from the same school in the same section but must have a minimum of 3 players to be considered a team; the top 4 scores will count for final team score. Scholastic Players may play in both Scholastic and main Tournaments if desired by registering for the Scholastic Tournament AND with a 1/2-point Bye in the 2nd Round of the 3-Day Schedule. US Chess-recommended computer tiebreaks (MSCO) will decide trophy and medal placements for winners of all schol. sections. **Schol. EF:** \$20 by 10/23; \$25 thereafter and at site; **Schol. Sched:** All 4 rds. G/30 d5. Reg. Sat. 9:30am-10:30am, Rd. one at 11am; Other Rds. will immediately follow. **Byes:** One 1/2-pt. bye avail. for any round (must commit prior to start of Rd. 2). **HR:** \$119 (615-889-0800), reserve by Oct. 7 and mention Cajun Chess tournament to assure group rate. **Ent:** On-line registration, printable entry form, and more detailed info at www.cajunchess.com, or mail entry form to Cajun Chess, 12405 Hillary Step Dr., Olive Branch, MS 38654. Info or Phone Ent: 504-208-9596 or 504-905-2971. Major credit cards accepted (no checks at site). FIDE.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!**OCT. 30-NOV. 1, NEW YORK****TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 15****Marshall Halloweenkendi - NEW!**

7-SS, G/75 d10. **\$1,150 GTD:** \$450-250, U2300: \$150, U2000: \$150, U1700: \$150. **EF:** \$90, MCC Mbrs \$60. GMS Free, Mbr EF reduced from prizes. **Reg.:** Ends 15 min before round start. **Rds.:** Fri. 6pm, Sat. & Sun. 12:30-3:45-7:00pm. Two byes available, request at entry. Website: www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!**OCT. 30-NOV. 1 OR OCT. 31-NOV. 1, MICHIGAN****TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 50 (ENHANCED)****Fifth Annual Fall Festival**

Five Round Swiss, in 2 sections (Open, and Reserve). Organized by Michigan Chess Festival LLC. TD: Ed Mandell. Royal Dearborn Hotel & Convention Center 600 Town Center Dr., Dearborn, MI 48126. Rates: \$109 (Group Code: 3887) Call: 313-592-3622. **Time Control:** G/90 d3. Round Times, **3 Day Schedule:** Friday 7 p.m. / Saturday, 1 p.m., 5 p.m. / Sunday 9 a.m., 2:30 p.m. **2 Day Schedule:** Saturday 9 a.m., merge with 3 day schedule. Onsite registration for the 3 day schedule begins at the Hotel at 5:30 p.m., and ends at 6:30 p.m. on Friday. Onsite registration for the two day schedule begins at the Hotel at 7:45 a.m. and ends at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. **Registrar Fees:** OPEN Section: \$70.00 until September 30, 2015 \$80.00 until end of October 29, 2015 2015 \$95.00

thereafter. RESERVE Section: \$55 until September 30, 2015 \$65.00 until end of October 29, 2015 \$80.00 thereafter. **Prizes: OPEN Section:** \$950, \$550, \$350, \$200. **U2200:** \$300, \$150. **U2000:** \$300, \$150. **U1800:** \$150, \$50. If more than two unrateds play in the OPEN section, the prize for best unrated will be \$100. **RESERVE Section (must be rated under 1800):** \$500, \$300, \$200, \$100. **U1600:** \$250, \$150, **U1400:** \$250, \$150, **U1200:** \$250, \$150. If more than two unrateds play in the RESERVE section, the prize for best unrated will be \$75. Byes possible each round. All prizes guaranteed. **See website for online registration:** www.weplaychess.webs.com/ Byes possible each round. **Tourney Website:** www.michiganchessfestival.com **NOTE:** GM Alex Lenderman will compete in the OPEN Section of the Fifth Fall Festival. **Questions:** Please contact Alan Kaufman at info@michiganchessfestival.com

A State Championship Event!

OCT. 31-NOV. 1, ILLINOIS

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10

2015 Illinois Senior Open

5SS: G/120 d5. **Location:** Hyatt Regency Schaumburg Chicago, (888) 421-1442, \$89 room rate, mention "Illinois Senior Championship group" when registering. Tournament open to all born before November 1, 1965. **Playing in one section. FIDE Rated. Prizes \$1,500 b/50 paid entries, \$1,000 guaranteed with prizes increased proportionally to paid entries exceeding 50 players:** \$500-\$250-\$150 **U1900** \$125-\$75 **U1700** \$125-\$75 **U1500** \$125-\$75 **EF:** \$50, plus \$15 after Oct. 23rd. \$5 discount for ICA members. ICA membership (\$15 adult) can be purchased at http://il-chess.org/index.php/membership-x-42. **Free entry** to GMs, WGMs, IMs, WIMs, FMs, WFMs listing Illinois as their state of residence with the US Chess. These FIDE-titled players each count as 1/3rd of a paid entry. Contact Carl Dolson (president@il-chess.org) to register. **Registration:** On-site 8:30-9:30 am; Online registration at http://shop.il-chess.org (ends 9:00 pm, Oct 30th); Or mail check, name, US Chess #, e-mail address, and phone # to: Senior Open, Illinois Chess Association, P.O. Box 180177, Chicago, IL 60618 (must arrive by Oct. 24th). **Round Times:** Saturday 10:00 am, 2:15 pm, 6:30 pm, Sunday 10:00 am, 2:15 pm. One half-point by ok any round, must commit by end of round 2. **Contact:** Questions to Carl Dolson at president@il-chess.org, or by calling 309-258-2861. **Other: Clocks, boards and sets provided by ChessIQ.** All special rules, details, and tournament conditions are subject to change without notice and will be posted ASAP at the site or on-line.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

NOV. 6-8 OR 7-8, CONNECTICUT

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 50 (ENHANCED)

19th Annual Eastern Chess Congress

5SS, 40/110, SD/30 d10 (2-day option, rds. 1-2 G/60 d10). Sheraton Hotel, 700 Main St., Stamford, CT 06901. Free parking. **\$8000 guaranteed prize fund.** In 4 sections. **Premier:** Open to 1900/above. \$1000-500-300, top U2300 \$400-200. **Under 2100:** \$800-400-200, top U1900/Unr \$400-200. **Under 1700:** \$700-400-200, top U1500 (no Unr) \$300-150. **Under 1300:** \$500-300-200, top U1100 (no Unr) \$170-80. **Unrated** may

not win over \$200 in U1300 or \$400 in U1700. **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 (no extra fee) by 2 pm 11/7; teammate pairings avoided but possible. **Top 3 sections EF:** \$87 online at chessaction.com by 11/4, \$95 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 11/2 (entry only, no questions), 3-day \$93, 2-day \$92 if check mailed by 10/28, \$100 at site, or online until 2 hours before game. **U1300 Section EF:** all \$20 less than above. **No checks at site,** credit cards OK. GMs free, \$80 deducted from prize. Online EF \$3 less to CSCA members. Re-entry \$50; not available in Premier Section. Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. **Special 1 year US Chess dues** with paper magazine if paid with entry. Online at chessaction.com, Adult \$30, Young Adult \$20, Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or paid at site, Adult \$40, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20. **3-day schedule:** Reg. ends Fri 6 pm, rds. 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. **Bye:** all, limit 2; must commit before rd. 2. **HR:** \$97-97, 800-408-7640, 203-358-8400; reserve by 10/23 or rate may increase. **Ent:** chessaction.com or Continental Chess, Box 8482, Pelham, NY 10803. \$15 service charge for refunds. **Questions:** DirectorAtChess.us, www.chesstour.com, 347-201-2269. Advance entries posted at chessaction.com (online entries posted instantly). **Blitz tournament** Sat 9:30 pm, enter by 9:15 pm.

A Heritage Event!

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

A State Championship Event!

NOV. 6-8 OR 7-8, INDIANA

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10

74th Annual Indiana State Chess Championship

5/SS, G/120 d/10 (3day), 2day Rd.1 G/60 d10. Clarion Hotel, 2930 Waterfront Pkwy., West Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46214. Ph: 317-299-8400. **HR: \$82 (book by 10/6),** 2 sections **Open, Reserve (U1800),** \$5 2025 based on 50 full entries. **Open:** 1st,\$400 (\$300 gtd) +plaque (IN.res.only), 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200, U2000 \$200; **Reserve:** 1st,\$275 +plaque (IN.res.only), 2nd \$200, U1700, U1500, U1300 \$150 each. **REG.: 3day-Fri. 5-6:30PM, 2day-Sat.8-9AM, Rds.:** (3day) Rd.1, Fri. 7PM, Sat.12:30, 6:00, Sun. 9:30, 4:00, (2day) Rd.1, Sat. 9:30 then merge. **EF:**\$50 by 11/4, \$65 at site, player 13 yrs and younger \$25 by 11/4, \$35 at site, count as half entry, **ISCA memb. Req'd, OSA, 1 bye** if before Rd.2, NO LAST Rd RQUSTD BYES. **ENTRIES:** On-Line, Indianachess.org OR Mail to: Craig Hines, 613 North Park Dr., Evansville, IN 47710, 812-423-2996, cell 812-618-8700. **MEMBERSHIP MTG. SUNDAY AT 2:30. NO CREDIT CARDS AT SITE.**

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

NOV. 6-8 OR 7-8, NEW MEXICO

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 6

2015 Southwest Autumn Open

Hotel Cascada, 2500 Carlisle NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110. **HR:** \$69/night if reserved by 10/16 (mention Charlie's CC). In 4 sections, **Open:** EF \$45 **\$5b/30** 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 1st U1900 \$100. **U1800:** EF \$40 **\$5b/30**

1st \$400, 2nd \$200, 1st U1500 \$100. **U1400:** EF \$35 **\$5b/30** 1st \$300, 2nd \$150, 1st U1200 \$75. **U1100:** EF \$25 **\$5b/30** 1st \$175, 2nd \$100, 1st U800 \$50. **TC:** Open, U1800 & U1400 G/90+30; U1100 G/60 d5. **Reg.:** Sat 8-8:30 am, except 3 day option, Fri. 5-5:30pm. **Rds.:** Open, U1800 & U1400, **3 day option:** Fri 6pm, Sat 10-6, Sun 9-2; **2 day option:** Sat 9-1:30-6, Sun 9-2. U1100 (one day) Sat 9-11:20-2:30-4:50. Up to two, 1/2 pt. byes can be requested prior to start of 1st rnd. Mail entries (checks payable to Andrew Flores) to Andrew Flores, P. O. Box 90764, Albuquerque, NM 87199 or via email. All entries +\$10 if received after 11/4. **Info:** charlieschessclub@gmail.com or visit www.charlieschessclub.com/

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

NOV. 13-15 OR 14-15, FLORIDA

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 20

14th Annual Turkey Bowl

5SS, Open section G/90+30 sec. incr., **All other sections but U1100** G/120 d5, **U1100 section** G/90 d5 (2-day Option all sections Rd. 1 G/60 d5). La Quinta Inn and Suites, 3701 N. University Dr., Coral Springs. **\$7,300 b/200** paid entries, 60% min. Gtd. **Open:** \$800/Trophy-500-400, **U2300** \$300, **U2200/Unr.** \$200. **FIDE. U2050:**\$700/Trophy-400-300, **U1950** \$200-100. **U1750:** \$700/Trophy-400-300, **U1650** \$200-100. **U1450:** \$600/Trophy-350-250, **U1350** \$200-100. **U1100:** Trophies for 1st to 3rd, 1st U900, 1st U700, Medals to all others. **Top Senior Prize** (among all cash prize sections, must be at least 55 on November 13): \$200. Unr. may enter Open, U1450 or U1100 only. **EF:** \$79 by November 10, \$10 more later and on-site, GMs & IMs free (\$79 deducted from prize). U1100 section \$39 by November 10, \$10 more later and on-site. Re-entry cash prize sections \$40. **Reg.:** Ends 1/2 hr before 1st rd. **Rds.:** **3-Day** 1st Rd. Fri. 7:30; **2-Day** 1st Rd. Sat 10; 2nd Rd. Sat. 1:15; 3rd Rd. **all sections but U1100** 6:30, 3rd Rd. **U1100** 5:45; 4th Rd. Sun. 9:30; 5th Rd. **all sections but U1100** 2:30, 5th Rd. **U1100** 1:45. 2 1/2 pt. byes, if req'd before rd. 2. **HR:** \$85 by Cut-off Date, Includes free breakfast & Internet, 954-753-9000, Ext. 6. **Ent:** Boca Raton Chess Club, 2385 Executive Ctr. Dr., Ste. 100, Boca Raton, FL 33431. \$10 service charge for refunds. **Online entry & add'l info:** www.bocacchess.com, 561-479-0351.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

NOV. 13-15 OR 14-15, OHIO

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 150 (ENHANCED)

24th annual Kings Island Open

5SS, 40/110, SD/30 d10 (2-day option, rds. 1-2 G/60 d10). Embassy Suites Cincinnati Northeast, 4554 Lake Forest Dr., Blue Ash, OH 45242 (I-71 to Exit 15 or I-275N to Exit 47). Free parking. **\$3,000** based on 350 paid entries (re-entries & U1000 Section count as half entries); minimum \$24,000 (80% of each prize) guaranteed. In 7 sections: **Open:** \$3000-1500-700-500-300, 1st on tiebreak \$100 bonus, top U2300/Unr \$1600-800. **FIDE. Under 2100:** \$2000-1000-500-400-300. **Under 1900:** \$2000-1000-500-400-300. **Under 1700:** \$1800-900-500-300-200. **Under 1500:** \$1500-800-400-300-200. **Under 1250:** \$1200-600-400-300-200. **Under 1000:** \$800-400-250-150-100. **Mixed doubles bonus prizes:** best male/female 2-player "team" combined score among all sections: \$1000-500-300.

2015 U.S. CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS

\$16,000 PRIZE FUND (B/250, 50% GTD)

NOV. 13-15, HOUSTON, TX

FORMAT: 5/SS All Sections: G/90, i/30
EF: \$99 (M, X, A, B, C); \$59 (D, E, Unr).
 After 11/6, \$10 add'l fee.

40 GRAND PRIX POINTS

- MASTER (2200/up): \$1500-900-700-500**
(U2400): \$600-400
- EXPERT (2000-2199): \$1000-700-500-350**
- CLASS A (1800-1999): \$1000-700-500-350**
- CLASS B (1600-1799): \$800-600-400-200**
- CLASS C (1400-1599): \$800-600-400-200**
- CLASS D (1200-1399): \$400-300-200-100**
- CLASS E (Under 1200): \$400-300-200-100**
- UNR: \$200-100**

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Team average rating must be under 2200; teammates may play in different sections; teams must register (no extra fee) by 2 pm 11/14; prize limits do not apply to mixed doubles. **Unrated** prize limits: U1000 \$200, U1250 \$400, U1500 \$600, U1700 \$800, U1900 \$1000. Balance goes to next player(s) in line. **Top 6 sections EF:** \$115 online at chessaction.com by 11/11, \$125 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 11/9 (entry only, no questions), 3-day \$118, 2-day \$117 mailed by 11/4, \$130 at site or online until 2 hours before game. GMS \$100 from prize. Online entry fee \$5 less to OCA members. **Under 1000 Section EF:** all \$50 less than above. **All:** No checks at site, credit cards OK. Re-entry \$60; not available in Open Section. Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. Special 1 year US Chess 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. **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; Open must commit by rd. 2, others by rd. 3. **HR:** Suite with king bed & queen couch/bed \$101, suite with 2 beds & queen couch/bed \$111, more than 2 in room \$10 more each additional person. Rates include free hot breakfast for all room occupants and free wifi. Up to 4 people allowed in king suite, up to 6 in larger suite. 513-733-8900, reserve by 10/30 or rate may increase. **Car rental:** Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD #D657633, or reserve car online through chesstour.com. Car rental is easiest & cheapest transportation from Cincinnati Airport. **Ent:** Continental Chess, Box 8482, Pelham, NY 10803 (chesstour.com, DirectorAtChess.US, 347-201-2269). \$15 service charge for refunds. Advance entries posted at chessaction.com (online entries posted instantly). **Blitz tournament** Sat 9:30 pm, enter by 9:15 pm.

NOV. 13-15 OR 14-15, TEXAS
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 20
2015 U.S. Class Championships
See Nationals.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

NOV. 14, NEW YORK
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 15 (ENHANCED)
Inaugural Seneca Lake Open
Geneva Events Center, 35 Lakefront Dr., Geneva, NY 14456. 4 Round Swiss, G/60 d5 first 2 rds and G/90 d5 last 2 rds. **3 Sections:** Open, U1800, U1200. **EF:** \$40 all sections, \$25 youth under 18, Add \$5 at door. \$1000 Guaranteed. **SS Open:** 250, 150, 100; **U1800:** 150, 100, 50; **U1200:** 100, 60, 40. **Rds:** 10, 12, 2:15, 5:30. Entries to Jonathan Porschet, 191 White Springs Rd., Geneva, NY 14456. Checks to Geneva Chess. Questions: jporchet@gmail.com/.

A Heritage Event!

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

NOV. 21-22, TENNESSEE
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10
56th Mid-South Open
5SS, G/120 d5. \$Guaranteed \$2000 Prize fund. **Site:** Hyatt Place Memphis

- Wolfchase Galleria - 7905 Giacosa Pl., Memphis, TN USA, 38133, The rate is \$109.00 per night King or Double, Both room types have a sofa that lets out to a sleeper. Reservations will be submitted via individual call in. Group is listed as: Memphis Chess Club. Group may call the hotel direct at 901-371-0010 or 1-888-492-8847, listen for New reservation and touch # 2, Group Code G-CHES (can be used to book on line), Cut Off date October 29, 2015. Hotel website: http://memphiswolfchasegalleria.place.hyatt.com/. **Three Sections: Open** \$325-225-125, 1st 2000-2199 \$125, Top U2000 \$100, **U1800** \$225-125-75, 1500-1599 \$100, Top U1500 \$75 **U1400** \$150-100-75, 1000-1199 \$75, Top U1000 \$50, Top UNR \$50. **EF:** \$50 by 11/17 (\$60 at site, MCC members \$50 anytime), On site registration begins Saturday, 8:00-9:15 CST. **Rounds:** Sat. 10:00, 2:30, 7:00, Sun. 9:00, 2:00. **Email contact:** gpylant@gmail.com. **Join online:** http://memphischessclub.homestead.com/midsouth56.html, Mail entries to: Memphis Chess Club Inc., P.O. Box 17864, Memphis, TN 38187-0864.

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NOV. 26-29 OR 27-29, CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 150 (ENHANCED)
51st Annual American Open

City of Orange. 8 rounds, 40/2, SD/1 d5. (3-day option, rounds 1-4, G/60 d5). **Site:** Doubletree Hotel, 100 City Dr., Orange, CA 92668. **Prizes:** \$550,000 based on 500 entries, \$25,000 guaranteed. In 6 sections: Open section: \$5000-2500-1200-800-600-300, U2450/Unr. \$1500-700-500, top U2300/Unr. \$800-400. Under 2200 section: \$3000-1500-1000-500-400-300. Under 2000 section: \$3000-1500-1000-500-400-300. Under 1800 section: \$3000-1500-1000-500-400-300. Under 1600 section: \$3000-1500-700-500-400-300. Under 1400/Unr: \$2000-1000-500-300-200-100, U1200 \$1000-500-300 (not a separate section; U1200s also eligible for U1400 prizes), Unrated: \$300-200-100 (Unrateds in this section eligible for these prizes only). Plus score bonus every player who finishes with 4-1/2 points or better who didn't place in the money prize wins a \$20 gift certificate towards chess store - redeemable only onsite. **EF:** \$200 by Nov. 26th, register register by 11/25 save \$15, \$50 more for players rated under 2000 playing in Open. All: SCCF membership required for So Cal residents (\$18 adults, \$13 youth with print mag, \$3 youth without mag). Re-entry \$100. No checks at door - cash only, credit card accepted for a \$10 fee. **Schedule: 4-day schedule** Reg. closes 11am on 11/26, (Rounds 12:30-7:30, 12:30-7:30, 10-4:30, 10-4:30). **3-day schedule:** Reg. closes 9:30am on 11/27, Rounds. 11-2:30-5-8pm (G/60 min), schedules merge in Rd 5 and compete for common prizes. **Bye:** Two half point byes OK for all round may be requested in advance. Lectures and videos. LOW room rates! Five minutes away from Disneyland Theme Park. **HR:** Mention SCC for \$105 single or double rates, may go up after. Call Doubletree (714) 634-4500. Request chess rates by mentioning "CHESS" Cutoff is Oct 31st. Parking: \$7 per day. Ratings: November US Chess Rating Supplement used. CCA minimum ratings and TD discretion are used to protect you from improperly rated players. **Info:** organizing club

- Chess Palace 714-899-3421, play@americanopen.org. **Entry:** American Open, 5246 Lamson Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92845 or www.AmericanOpen.org. W, FIDE.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

NOV. 27-29, OHIO
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 60
Cleveland Classic

5 Rounds, 30/90, SD/60 d5. At Sheraton Cleveland Airport Hotel, 5300 Riverside Drive (inside Cleveland Airport), Cleveland, OH 44135. Free parking. **All Prizes (\$6000) Guaranteed in 5 Sections. Open:** \$2000-700, top U2300/Unrated \$500. **U-2100, U1800, U1500:** \$500-\$200. **U-1200:** \$400-200 (top U1000 \$100). **EF:** \$90 by 11/23, \$100 at site. Free to GMS, IMs & WGMs, no prize deduction. **Re-entry:** \$40. Register online at www.progresswithchess.org **Schedule:** Reg. Ends Fri 10:45 am. Rds. Fri 11-5, Sat 10-4, Sun 9 am. **All:** Half point byes OK, excluding round 5, limit 1, must commit before Rd. 2. **HR:** \$74, 216-267-1500, request chess rate. **Contact:** Michael Joelson, 216-321-7000, mdjoelson@progreesswithchess.org

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

NOV. 27-29 OR 28-29, MICHIGAN
TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 60 (ENHANCED)
2015 Motor City Open

with Co-Sponsorship from Michigan Chess Festival, LLC. **6-SS, 4-SS in NOVICE (U1000) Section. 4 Sections: OPEN, U1800, U1400, NOVICE (U1000).** OK to play up. **Top Section FIDE-Rated. IM or FM LECTURE on Fri, 11/27, 5-6pm (\$10) and Sat, 11/28, 5-6pm (\$10). Prize Fund: \$10,000. 80% Guar. (b/50 per section). SITE: Regency-Dearborn Hotel and Convention Center, 600 Town Center Dr., Dearborn, MI 48126 (Dir/Lodg below). All Sections except U1000 have 2-Day & 3-Day Schedules. No Re-Entries in OPEN or NOVICE Sections. Up to three 1/2-pt. byes available (2 in NOVICE Sect.); must be requested before start of Rd. 4 (RD. 3 in NOVICE Sect.). Sections merge after RD. 3. Unrated eligible for Overall prizes ONLY in all sections; can play in any section. US Chess and a STATE memberships required; can be purchased on site. **EF by Mon, 11/16 (add \$10 after; add \$20 after Mon, 11/23):** OPEN SECTION: IM's and GM's Free (\$100 EF deducted from prize); **3-DAY:** \$113. **2-DAY:** \$112. **No Re-Entries Allowed. U1800 SECTION: 3-DAY:** \$83. **2-DAY:** \$82. **Re-Entries:** \$50. **U1400 SECTION: 3-DAY:** \$63. **2-DAY:** \$62. **Re-Entries:** \$40. **NOVICE (U1000) SECTION (1-Day Only):** \$30. **No Re-Entries Allowed. TL: OPEN, U1800, U1400 SECTIONS: 3-Day Schedule:** RDS. 1-6, 40/120 d5, SD/30. **2-Day Schedule:** RDS. 1-3, G-40 d5.RD. 4-6, 40/120 d5, SD/30. **NOVICE (U1000) SECTION: 1-Day Schedule (Sat. only):** G/45 d5. **REG: 3-Day Schedule:** Fri, 11/27, 8-10am. **2-Day Schedule:** Sat, 11/28, 8-9:30am. **1-Day Schedule:** Sat, 11/28, 8-9am. **RDS: 3-Day Schedules:** Fri, 11am, 6pm. Sat, 11am, 6pm. Sun, 10am, 3:30pm. **2-Day Schedules:** Sat, 10:30, 12:30, 2:30, 6. Sun, 10am, 3:30pm. **1-Day Schedule (4-SS):** Sat, 10, 12, 2, 4. **\$\$\$10,000 OVERALL** (80% guar. b/50 each section): **OPEN: \$4,400** 1st-2nd-3rd, \$1,500-\$800-\$500; TOP**

24th annual KINGS ISLAND OPEN

EMBASSY SUITES CINCINNATI NORTHEAST, Blue Ash, Ohio

5-round Swiss, November 13-15 or 14-15, 2015

PRIZES \$30,000 PROJECTED, \$24,000 MINIMUM GUARANTEED

5 rounds, 40/110, SD/30, d10 (2-day option, rds 1-2 G/60, d10), Embassy Suites Cincinnati Northeast, 4554 Lake Forest Drive (1 mile from I-71 Exit 15), Blue Ash, Ohio 45242. Free parking.

Prizes \$30,000 based on 350 paid entries (re-entries & U1000 count 50%), else proportional; minimum 80% each prize guaranteed.

In 7 sections- you face only those in your section. Unr will obtain ratings.

Open: \$3000-1500-700-500-300, 1st on tiebreak bonus \$100, Under 2300/Unr \$1600-800. FIDE, 150 GPP (enhanced).

U2100: \$2000-1000-500-400-300.

U1900: \$2000-1000-500-400-300.

U1700: \$1800-900-500-300-200.

U1500: \$1500-800-400-300-200.

U1250: \$1200-600-400-300-200.

U1000: \$800-400-250-150-100.

Unrated prize limits: U1000 \$200, U1250 \$400, U1500 \$600, U1700 \$800, U1900 \$1000.

Mixed Doubles bonus prizes: best male/female 2-player combined score among all sections: \$1000-500-300. Team must average under 2200; teammates may play in different sections; must register (no extra fee) by 2 pm 11/14.

Top 6 sections entry fee: \$115 online at chessaction.com by 11/11, \$125 phoned by 11/9 (406-896-2038, no questions), 3-day \$118, 2-day \$117 mailed by 11/4. \$130 at site, or online until 2 hours before first game. Re-entry \$60, not available in Open Section.

Under 1000 Section entry fee: all \$50 less than top 6 sections entry fee.

No checks at site, credit cards OK.

OCA members: Online EF \$5 less.

Special 1 year USCF dues with magazine if paid with entry: at chessaction.com, Adult \$30, Young Adult \$20, Scholastic \$15. By mail, phone or at site, Adult \$40, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20.

3-day schedule: Reg. ends Fri 6 pm, rds. Fri 7 pm, Sat 11 am & 5 pm, Sun 10 am & 3:30 pm.

2-day schedule: Reg. ends Sat. 10 am, rds. Sat 11 am, 2 pm & 5 pm, Sun 10 am & 3:30 pm.

All: Half point byes OK all, limit 2; Open must commit before rd 2, others before rd 3. Bring sets, boards, clocks if possible- none supplied.

Hotel rates: Suite \$101 with king bed & queen couch/bed, \$111 with two beds & queen couch/bed, over 2 in room \$10 each, all include free hot breakfast. 513-733-8900, reserve by 10/30.

Car rental: Avis, 800-331-1600, #D657633, or reserve at chesstour.com.

Entry: 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). **Blitz tournament** Sat 9:30 pm, enter by 9:15 pm.

U2400, U2200, U2000, U1800/UNR: \$400 each. **U1800: \$3,300:** 1st-2nd-3rd, \$1,200-\$700-\$400; 1st-2nd, TOP U1600, U1400/UNR: \$300-\$200. **U1400: \$2,300:** 1st-2nd-3rd, \$700-\$450-\$350; 1st-2nd TOP U1200, U1000/UNR, \$250-\$150. **NOVICE: Large Trophies** for TOP 5 Overall and **Trophies** for 1st, 2nd: TOP U800, U600, U500, and UNR. Medals to all non-Trophy winners in U1000 section scoring 2.5 pts or more! **Biggest Upset in Open, U1800 and U1400 sections win choice of Mechanical or Quartz Clock!** Chief Sr. TD: Dr. Ed Mandell. Bring boards, pieces, clocks! None supplied except for Novice section; sets/supplies will be available for sale by **Book Vendor** on site. **Cell phones** must be turned off or in silent mode while in tournament rooms. **INFRACTION:** deduct 1/2 the remaining time or game forfeiture if less than 10 minutes remaining on clock; automatic forfeiture for 2nd infraction. Spectators will be subjected to expulsion for the remainder of the event for any offense. **Headphones** cannot be used if opponent objects for any reason and cannot be used in the last round by players with a plus score. Player must be willing to present same to TDs for examination at any time. Failure to do so will result in removal from tournament without refund. **Rules Posted at Site.** **LODG, Dir: Regency-Deerborn Hotel and Convention Center,** 600 Town Center Dr., Deerborn, MI 48126. Located N of Michigan Ave., S of Hubbard St., E of Evergreen Rd., W of Southfield Rd. For maps, go online to: www.mapquest.com or www.yahoo.com and click on Maps. **Reservations:** Go online to www.adobadearborn.com or call (313) 592-3622. Ask for the MOTOR CITY OPEN Chess rate (\$92) by Nov. 13, 2015. **Entries & Info:** Dr. Ed Mandell, All The King's Men. (586) 558-4790. Email: allthekingsmen@aol.com.

An American Classic!

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US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

NOV. 27-29 OR 28-29, PENNSYLVANIA

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 150 (ENHANCED)

46th annual National Chess Congress

6SS, 40/110, SD/30 d10 (2-day option, rds. 1-3 G/45 d10). Trophy sections play separate 2-day schedule only, 11/28-29, G/45 d10. Loews Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market St., Philadelphia, PA 19107. \$35,000 GUARANTEED PRIZE FUND. In 10 sections. **Premier**, open to all rated 2000/above and juniors under 18 rated 1800/above. \$3000-1500-800-400-200, clear win or 1st on tiebreak \$100, U2400/Unr \$1600-800. **FIDE. Under 2200:** \$2000-1000-500-300-200. **Under 2000:** \$2000-1000-500-300-200. **Under 1800:** \$2000-1000-500-300-200. **Under 1600:** \$2000-1000-500-300-200. **Under 1400:** \$1600-800-400-300-200. **Under 1200:** \$1600-800-400-300-200. **Under 1000:** Trophies to top 10. **Under 800:** Trophies to top 10. **Scholastic Under 600:** K-12 only, trophies to top 10. **Unrated** may not win over \$300 in U1200, \$600 in U1400, \$900 in U1600, \$1200 in U1800, or \$1500 in U2000. **Mixed doubles prizes:** best male-female 2-player "team" combined score among all sections: \$2000-1000-600-400. Team average must be under 2200; teammates may play in different sections; teams must register (no extra fee) before both players begin round 2. **Student/Alumni plaques** to top 5 teams of 4 (regardless of

section) representing any U.S. college, HS or pre-HS players attend or have graduated from. **Top 7 sections entry fee:** \$120 online at chessaction.com by 11/25, \$130 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 11/23 (entry only, no questions), 3-day \$128, 2-day \$127 mailed by 11/17, \$140 at site, or online until 2 hours before game. GMs free, \$100 deducted from prize. Re-entry \$60, not available in Premier. **Under 1000, Under 800, Under 600 entry fee:** \$41 online at chessaction.com by 11/25, \$45 phoned by 11/23 (406-896-2038, no questions) or mailed by 11/17, \$50 at site. **All:** No checks at site, credit cards OK. No mailed credit card entries. **Special 1 year US CHESS dues** with paper magazine if paid with entry. Online at chessaction.com, Adult \$30, Young Adult \$20, Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or paid at site, Adult \$40, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20. **3-day schedule:** Reg. ends Fri 11 am, rds. Fri 12 & 6, Sat 12 & 6, Sun 10 & 3:30. **2-day top 7 sections schedule:** Reg. ends Sat 9 am, rds. Sat 10, 12:45, 3:30 & 6, Sun 10 & 3:30. **2-day Under 1000, Under 800, Under 600 schedule:** Reg. ends Sat 9 am, rds. Sat 10, 12:45 & 3:30 each day. **Half point byes** OK all rounds; limit 3, Premier must commit before rd. 2, others before rd. 4. **HR:** \$102-102-127, 215-627-1200, reserve by 11/12 or rate may increase. **Parking:** Hotel has valet parking only, with a special chess rate of \$30/day. Park America, 25 S. 12th St (12th & Clover), 1 block from Loews, about \$19/day each day, or \$10/12 hrs Sat & Sun. Gateway Garage, 1540 Spring St. (3/5 mile from Loews, 1 block from Sheraton Hotel), about \$5/day Sat & Sun, \$18/day other days. **Car rental:** 800-331-1600, use AWD D657633 or reserve car online through chestour.com. **Ent:** chessaction.com or Continental Chess, Box 8482, Pelham, NY 10803. \$15 service charge for refunds. Questions: chestour.com, chestour.info, 347-201-2269. Advance entries posted at chessaction.com. (online entries posted instantly). **Blitz tournament** Sat 10 pm; enter by 9:45 pm. **US Chess Junior Grand Prix for top 7 sections only.**

A Heritage Event!

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

DEC. 26-28 OR 27-28, NEW YORK

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 80 (ENHANCED)

34th annual Empire City Open

6SS, 40/110, SD/30 d10 (2-day option, rds. 1-3 G/40 d10). Hotel Pennsylvania, 401 Seventh Ave. (32nd-33rd St., across from Penn Station), New York 10001. **\$13,000 guaranteed prize fund.** In 6 sections. **Open:** \$1200-600-300-200, clear or tiebreak win \$50 bonus, top Under 2300/Unr \$500-250. **Under 2200:** \$1000-500-250-125, top U2000/Unr \$500-250. **Under 1900:** \$1000-500-250-125, top U1700 (no unr) \$400-200. **Under 1600:** \$800-400-200-100, top U1400 (no unr) \$300-150. **Under 1300:** \$500-250-125-75, top U1100 (no unr) \$200-100. **Under 1000:** \$200-100-60-40, trophies to first 5, top Under 800, Under 600, Under 400, Unrated. **Unrated** may not win over \$100 in U1000, \$200 in U1300, \$350 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 12/22 (406-896-2038, no questions), 3-day \$113, 2-day \$112 if check mailed by 12/17, all \$120 at site, or online until 2 hours before rd. 1. GMs free; \$90 from prize. **Under 1300 Section EF:** All \$30 less than top 4 sections EF. **Under 1000 Section EF:** All \$60 less than top 4 sections EF. **All:** Re-entry \$50, not available in Open. Online EF \$5 less to NYSCA members; \$12 NYSCA dues may be paid with entry fee. No checks at site, credit cards OK. Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. Special 1 year US Chess 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 Sat 10 am. Rds. Sat 11 & 5, Sun 11 & 5, Mon 10 & 3:30. **2-Day Schedule:** Reg. ends Sun 9 am. Rds. Sun 10, 12:15, 2:30 & 5, Mon 10 & 3:30. **Half point byes** available all rounds, limit 2 byes, Open must commit before rd. 2, others before rd. 4. **HR:** \$159-169-179 plus required \$15/night facility fee, 1-800-223-8585, 212-736-5000, reserve by 12/7 (earlier is better) or rate will increase, ask for Continental Chess Association rate. Facility fee includes high speed wireless in room, unlimited local & long distance calling, and unlimited use of Bally's Total Fitness located next door to the hotel. **Ent:** chessaction.com or Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. **Questions:** chestour.com, DirectorAtChess.US, 347-201-2269. \$15 service charge for refunds. Advance entries posted at www.chessaction.com (online entries posted instantly). **Blitz tournament** Sunday 9:30 pm, enter by 9:15 pm.

An American Classic!

A Heritage Event!

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

DEC. 26-30, 26-29 OR 27-29, NEVADA

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 200 (ENHANCED)

25th annual North American Open

Open Section, Dec 26-30: 9SS, 40/2, SD/30 d10. GM & IM norms possible. **Other sections, Dec 26-29 or 27-29:** 7SS, 40/2, SD/30 d10 (3-day option, rds. 1-2 G/60 d10). **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:** \$10000-5000-2500-1200-1000-800-600-500-400-400, clear winner or 1st on tiebreak bonus \$200, top FIDE Under 2400/Unr \$2400-1200. FIDE rated, GM & IM norms possible. **Under 2300:** \$7000-4000-2000-1200-800-600-500-500-400-400. **Under 2100:** \$7000-4000-2000-1200-800-600-500-500-400-400, no unrated may win over \$2500. **Under 1900:** \$7000-4000-2000-1200-800-600-500-500-400-400, no unrated may win over \$1800. **Under 1700:** \$6000-3000-1500-1000-800-600-500-500-400-400, no unrated may win over \$1300. **Under 1500:** \$5000-2500-1300-1000-700-600-500-400-300-300, 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 12/15 list may not win over

\$1500 U1250, \$3000 U1500 or U1700. Games rated too late for 12/15 list not counted. 2) If post-event rating posted 12/20/14-12/20/15 was more than 30 points over section maximum, prize limit \$2000. 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: \$2000-1000-500-300-200. Only rounds 1-7 of Open Section counted. Team average must be under 2200; teammates may play in different sections; teams must register (no extra fee) by 3 pm 12/27; prize limits do not apply to mixed doubles. **Top 6 sections EF:** Online at chessaction.com: \$245 by 9/15, \$275 by 12/23. **Phoned to 406-896-2038** (no questions, entry only): \$285 by 12/21. No phone entry after 12/21. **Mailed by 12/15:** 5-day \$280, 4-day \$279, 3-day \$278. Do not mail entry after 12/15. **Online 12/24 to 2 hours before your first game, or at site 12/26 to 1 hour before your first game:** \$300. **Open Section EF \$100 more to US players if not US Chess 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. **Open Section GMs, IMs, WGMs:** entry fee \$150 online at chessaction.com by 9/15, \$175 by 12/23, \$200 after 12/23 or at site; \$100 additional EF deducted from prize (deduction cannot reduce prize to below minimum). **Open Section minimum prizes** for players who play all 9 games (no byes): Foreign GMs \$300, US GMs, foreign IMs, foreign WGMs \$200. **All:** No checks at site, credit cards OK. Special 1 year US Chess 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 11 & 6, 12/29 10 & 4:30, 12/30 10 am. **4-day reg.** ends 12/26 5 pm, rds. 12/26-6 pm, 12/27-28 11 & 6, 12/29 10 & 4:30. **3-day reg.** ends 12/27 10 am, rds. 12/27 11, 2:30 & 6, 12/28 11 & 6, 12/29 10 & 4:30. **Bye:** all, limit 4, limit 2 in last 4 rounds; Open must commit before rd. 2, others before rd. 4. **HR:** \$92-92, 800-833-3308, 702-739-4111, rate may increase or chess block sell out above \$11/15. Free parking (garage at adjacent Paris Las Vegas Hotel is most convenient). **Car rental:** for special Avis rate reserve car through chestour.com or call 800-331-1600, use AWD #657633. **Ratings:** FIDE used in Open, Dec 2015 official US Chess in others. For foreign in U2300 & below, see www.chestour.com/foreignratings.htm; highest of multiple ratings usually used. Players who fail to disclose foreign or FIDE ratings may be expelled. **Special rules:** CCA electronic devices rules used; see www.chestour.com/devices.htm. **Blitz 12/29 10 pm.** **Ent:** chessaction.com or Continental Chess, Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577 (Director AtChess.us, www.chestour.com, 347-201-2269). \$15 service charge for refunds. Advance entries posted at chessaction.com (online entries posted instantly).

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

JAN. 8-10 OR 9-10, MASSACHUSETTS

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 50 (ENHANCED)

4th annual Boston Chess Congress

SSS, 40/110, SD/30 d10 (2-day option, rds. 1-2 G/60 d10). Hyatt Boston Harbor, 101 Harborside Dr., Boston, MA 02128. Free parking, free airport shuttle. **Prizes \$12,000** based on 220 paid entries (U1300 & re-entries count 60%), minimum \$8000 (2/3 each prize) guaranteed. In 6 sections. **Premier:** Open to 1900/over. \$1200-600-400, clear or tiebreak 1st \$100 bonus, top U2300 \$500-250. **Under 2100:** \$1000-500-300-200. **Under 1900:** \$1000-500-300. **Under 1700:** \$900-500-300. **Under 1500:** \$800-400-300. **Under 1300:** \$400-200-150. **Unrated** may not win over \$200 in U1300, \$400 U1500 or \$600 U1700. **Top 5 sections EF:** \$87 online at chessaction.com by 1/6, \$95 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 1/4, 3-day \$93, 2-day \$92 if check mailed by 12/29, \$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) by 2 pm 1/9. **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 US Chess dues with magazine if paid with entry. Online at chestour.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:** \$99-99, 617-568-1234, request chess rate, reserve by 12/25 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: chestour.com, DirectorAtChess.US, 347-201-2269. Advance entries posted at www.chestour.com (online entries posted instantly). **Blitz tournament** Sat. 9:30 pm, enter by 9:15 pm.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

JAN. 15-18, 16-18 OR 17-18, CALIFORNIA, NORTHERN

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 150 (ENHANCED)

7th annual Golden State Open

7SS, 40/110, SD/30 d10 (3-day option, rds. 1-2 G/60 d10, 2-day option except in Open Section, rds. 1-4 G/30 d10). Crown Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Dr., Concord, CA 94520 (free BART shuttle offer available). **\$25,000 prize fund unconditionally guaranteed.** In 7 sections. **Open,** open to all. \$3000-1500-800-500-300, clear or tiebreak winner \$100, top U2300/Unr \$1000-500. **FIDE. Under 2200:** \$1500-800-400-300-200. **Under 2000:** \$1500-800-400-300-200. **Under 1800:** \$1500-800-400-300-200. **Under 1600:** \$1300-700-400-300-200. **Under 1400:** \$900-500-300-200-100. **Under 1200:** \$500-250-150-100-50. **Unrated** (0-3 lifetime games rated) may enter any section, with maximum prize U1200 \$200, U1400 \$350, U1600 \$500, U1800 \$700, U2000 \$900. **Mixed doubles bonus prizes:** best male/female 2-player "team" combined score among all sections: \$1000-500-300. 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. **Top 5 sections EF:** \$133 online at chessaction.com by 1/13,

CONTINENTAL CHESS SCHEDULE

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Most tournaments have alternate schedules with less or more days than below.

Asterisk means full details in this issue-otherwise, see future issues or our website.

Events in red offer FIDE norm chances.

- 9/5-7: NY State Championship (see Aug issue)
- 9/25-27: Hartford Open, Windsor Locks CT*
- 10/7-12: Washington Chess Congress, Arlington VA*
- 10/9-11: Midwest Class, Wheeling IL*
- 10/17-18: Central New York Open, Syracuse NY*
- 10/30-11/1: Boardwalk Open, Galloway NJ*
- 11/6-8: Eastern Chess Congress, Stamford CT*
- 11/13-15: Kings Island Open, Blue Ash OH*
- 11/27-29: National Chess Congress, Philadelphia PA*
- 12/26-28: Empire City Open, New York NY
- 12/26-29: North American Open, Las Vegas NV*
- 1/8-10: Boston Chess Congress, Boston MA
- 1/15-18: Liberty Bell Open, Philadelphia PA
- 1/15-18: Golden State Open, Concord CA
- 2/12-15: Southwest Class, Fort Worth TX
- 2/26-28: George Washington Open, Herndon VA
- 3/4-6: Pittsburgh Open, Pittsburgh PA
- 3/4-6: Western Class Championships, Southern CA
- 3/12-13: New York State Scholastics, Saratoga Springs NY
- 3/18-20: Mid-America Open, Saint Louis MO
- 3/25-27: Philadelphia Open, Philadelphia PA
- 4/22-24: Eastern Class Championships, Sturbridge MA
- 5/26-30: Chicago Open, Wheeling IL
- 6/17-19: Continental Class, Arlington VA
- 6/30-7/4: World Open, Philadelphia PA
- 7/5-9: Philadelphia International, Philadelphia PA
- 7/15-17: Chicago Class, Wheeling IL

For later events, see chestour.com.

\$140 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 1/11 (entry only, no questions), 4-day \$139, 3-day \$138, 2-day \$137 mailed by 1/6, all \$150 at site, or online until 2 hours before game. GMs free; \$120 deducted from prize. **U1400 Section EF:** \$40 less than top 5 sections entry fee. **U1200 Section EF:** \$80 less than top 5 sections entry fee. **All:** Special 1 yr US Chess 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 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 11 am, rds. Sat 12, 3 & 6, Sun 12 & 6, Mon 10 & 3:30. **2-day schedule:** Late 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, others before rd. 4. **Unofficial uschess.org ratings** usually used if otherwise unrated. **Foreign player ratings:** See chesstour.com/foreignratings.htm. **HR:** \$109-109-119, 877-286-8389, 925-825-7700, reserve by 1/1 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. Bring set, board, clock if possible; none supplied. Advance entries posted at chessaction.com (online entries posted instantly). **Blitz tournament** Sun 10 pm, enter by 9:45 pm.

A Heritage Event!

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

JAN. 15-18, 16-18 OR 17-18, PENNSYLVANIA

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIZE POINTS: 100 (ENHANCED)

48th 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 U1250, rds. 1-4 G/30 d10). **Sonesta Hotel**, 1800 Market St., Philadelphia 19103. **\$20,000 b/320** paid entries (re-entries, GMs & U1250 section count 70%), else in proportion, except minimum 75% of each prize guaranteed. In 2006 to 2015, the tournament had over 320 paid entries each year and the \$20,000 projected prize fund was increased in proportion. In 6 sections. **Open:** \$2000-1000-600-400-300, 1st clear or on tiebreak \$100 bonus, top Under 2300/Unr \$800-400. **Under 2100:** \$1200-600-400-300-200. **Under 1900:** \$1200-600-400-300-200. **Under 1700:** \$1200-600-400-300-200. **Under 1500:** \$1000-600-400-300-200. **Under 1250:** \$700-500-300-200-100. **Unrated** may enter any section, but may not win over \$300 in U1250, \$600 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. **Top 5 sections EF:** \$108 online at chessaction.com by 1/13, \$120 phoned by 1/11 (406-896-2038, entry only, no questions), 4-day

\$114, 3-day \$113, 2-day \$112 if check mailed by 1/6, \$130 (no checks, credit cards OK) at site, or online until 2 hours before rd. 1. GMs free, \$100 deducted from prize. **U1250 Section EF:** All \$30 less than top 5 sections EF. **All:** Unofficial uschess.org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. **Special 1 yr US Chess 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** (no Open to Open) \$70. **4-day schedule:** Reg ends Fri 6 pm, rds. Fri 7 pm, Sat 12 & 6, Sun 12 & 6, Mon 10 & 3:30. **3-day schedule:** Reg ends Sat 10 am, rds. Sat 11, 2:30 & 6, Sun 12 & 6, Mon 10 & 3:30. **2-day schedule (no Open Section):** Reg. ends Sun. 9 am, rds. Sun 10-12-2-3:45-6, Mon 10-3:30. **Bye:** all, limit 3. Open must commit before rd. 2, others before rd. 4. **HR:** \$101-101-101-101, 1-800-SONESTA, 215-561-7500, request Continental Chess rate, reserve by Jan 1 or rate may increase. **Parking:** Chess rate at Sonesta approx. \$20/day (half of normal rate). Much lower rates Fri night & all day Sat & Sun at 1818 Market, 1815 JFK Blvd. & 1540 Spring. **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). **Blitz tournament** Sun. 10 pm, enter by 9:45 pm.

Regional

Alabama

SEPT. 25-27 OR 26-27, 42nd Annual Lipkin/Pfefferkorn Open (NC)
See Grand Prix.

OCT. 10, National Chess Day Scholastic - A Charity Event! (QC)
5SS, TG: G/15 d5. Brookwood Village. 780 Brookwood Village, Birmingham, AL 35209. **Rated:** Rook (K-12), **EF: \$20. Not Rated:** Amateur (6th-12th), Novice (K-5th); **EF: \$15**, if mailed by OCT 1st. **Trophy:** Top 3, Medals 4th - 6th. **Late REG:** OCT 10th at 8AM; **\$10 More. Rds.:** 9:15-10:10-45-12:15-1. Checks payable to: **Caesar Chess.** All Proceeds goes to Children's of Alabama. **ENT:** Caesar Chess, LLC 5184 Caldwell Mill Road, Suite 204-202, Birmingham, AL 35244. **Info:** CaesarChess@gmail.com; www.AlabamaChess.com, www.CaesarChess.com.

OCT. 30-NOV. 1 OR OCT. 31-NOV. 1, Nashville Open (TN)
See Grand Prix.

NOV. 13-15 OR 14-15, 2015 U.S. Class Championships (TX)
See Nationals.

Arizona

US Chess Junior Grand Prix! Tuesday Night Open

4 or 5 round, US Chess 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.

OCT. 9-10 & 10, Stubenrauch/Schneider Memorial Chess Tournament - National Chess Day

Join us for a free scholastic chess tournament in honor of Steve Stubenrauch and Marty Schneider, Oct. 10th on National Chess Day. Open section Oct. 9th and 10th. Sections: Under 1000: Players rated lower than approximately 1000. Saturday, Oct. 10th: This section will be divided into groups based on rating. Adults may not play in lowest section, but may play upper section if under 1000 rating. **Prizes:** Trophies to the top 3 in each section. **Format:** 5 Round Swiss, Game 30 d5. Affects both Quick and Regular rating. **Round Times:** 9:00, 10:30, 12:00, 1:30, 2:45. **Entry Fees:** Early Bird Special - register by 10/6 and registration is **FREE. Register 10/6 - 10/9** for only \$20.00 / Day of tournament and onsite registration is \$40.00 (Players registering onsite will receive a 1/2 point bye for the first round). **Open: Players rated greater than approximately 1000. Friday, Oct 9th and Saturday, Oct 10th: Prizes:** Trophies to the top 3 scholastic players in this section. 75% of adult entry fee for cash prizes to adults only in this section. **Format:** 5 Round Swiss, Game 55 d5. Affects both Quick and Regular rating. **Round Times:** Fri Oct 9th 4:00, 7:00 Sat Oct 10th 8:30, 10:45, 1:30. **Entry Fees:** Free for students at the above schedule. Adult Early Bird Special - register by 10/7 - for \$30. Register 10/7 - 10/8 for only \$40.00 / Day of and onsite registration is \$50.00 (Players registering onsite will receive a 1/2 point bye for the first round). US Chess Membership required, may be purchased on site. **Register Online at:** flagstaffchess.com **Location:** Puente de Hohz Elementary School, 3401 N. Fourth St., Flagstaff, AZ 86004. **For More Information:** Bill Cheney 928-266-2122, chessnacc@gmail.com. Website: flagstaffchess.com.

OCT. 10, National Chess Day Scholastic Chess Tournament
Yavapai College, Library Building 19, Community Room, 1100 East Sheldon

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St., Prescott, AZ 86301. **3 Sections:** Grammar School (k-5), Middle School (6-8), High School (9-12). **Schedule:** 5SS; G/40 d0. **Rds.:** 9:30, 10:45, 11:55, 1:30, 2:40. **Prizes:** 1st, 2nd trophies each section plus US Chess memberships based on entries. Please pre-register or at site 8-9 a.m. **Entries:** \$10; Prescott Chess Club, c/o Tom Green, 1533 Buttermilk Ln., Prescott, AZ 86305. **Info:** 740-803-2532 or tagreen@owu.edu.

NOV. 26-29 OR 27-29, 51st Annual American Open (CA-S)
See Grand Prix.

DEC. 26-30, 26-29 OR 27-29, 25th annual North American Open (NV)
See Grand Prix.

JAN. 15-18, 16-18 OR 17-18, 7th annual Golden State Open (CA-N)
See Grand Prix.

Arkansas

OCT. 30-NOV. 1 OR OCT. 31-NOV. 1, Nashville Open (TN)
See Grand Prix.

NOV. 13-15 OR 14-15, 2015 U.S. Class Championships (TX)
See Nationals.

California, Northern

SEPT. 12, Chess4Less Kids Quads (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
New Location: 2050 Concord Drive #42, San Jose, CA 95131. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** New Time: Required Check-in 12:30-1p. **Games:** 1-4p. **EF:** 22, 37 after 9/9. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/signature.

SEPT. 12, Sacramento Chess4Less Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reqr. Check-in 1:30-2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 22, 37 after 9/9. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

SEPT. 12, Sacramento Luper\$Swiss (3SS, G/90 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. **Prize:** \$900 b/36. **1700+:** \$200-100, u1900 100-50. **u1700:** \$200-100, u1600 100, u1400 50. Sep 15 Supp & TD disc. Reg.: 9-9:15. **Rds.:** 9:30 12:50 4:15. **EF:** 43, Econ 29

1/2 prz., after 9/9 +15, playoff +15, Rated 2200+ \$0 by 8/1. **Information:** http://BayAreaChess.com/grandprix. W.

SEPT. 13, Bay Area Fremont Quads (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Fremont, CA 94538. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Required Check-in 1:30-2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 27, 42 after 9/10. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

SEPT. 13, Bay Area Fremont Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Fremont, CA 94538. **Trophies:** to players w + score & all teams. **Sched:** Reg. 9:30-9:45a. **Games:** 10a - 1:30p. **EF:** 34, 49 after 9/10. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

SEPT. 13, Fremont DuperSwiss75 (3SS, G/75 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Prizes:** \$1,250 b/40. 60% guar. **1900+:** \$200-100-50, u2100 50-50. **1500-1899:** \$200-100, u1700 50-50. **u1500:** \$200-100, u1200 50-50. Sep 15 Supp & TD disc. Reg.: 8:30-8:45. **Rds.:** 9-11:45-2:40. **EF:** 47, Econ 32 w 1/2 prz. after 9/9 +15, playoff +15, Rtd 2200+ \$0 by 9/2. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/grandprix. W.

SEPT. 18-20 OR 19-20, Bay Area Chess IM W. John Donaldson Championship
See Grand Prix.

SEPT. 20, Bay Area Cupertino Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reqr. Check-in 1:30-2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 27, 42 after 9/17. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

SEPT. 20, Bay Area Cupertino Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** to players w + score & all teams. **Sched:** Reg. 9:30-9:45a. **Games:** 10a - 1:30p. **EF:** 34, 49 after 9/17. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

SEPT. 26, 2015 U.S. Game/60 Championship
See Nationals.

SEPT. 27, 2015 U.S. Game/30 Championship
See Nationals.

SEPT. 27, Bay Area San Ramon Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, 18090 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon, CA 94583. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reqr. Check-in 1:30-

2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 27 by 9/24, 37 onsite. **Additional Information:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

SEPT. 27, Bay Area San Ramon Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, 18090 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon, CA 94583. **Trophies:** all teams & players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reg. 9:30-9:45a. **Games:** 10a - 1:30p. **EF:** 34 by 9/24, 42 onsite. **Information:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

OCT. 4, Bay Area All Girls Tournament (4SS, G/60 d5)
1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Prizes:** \$400 b/30. 50% guar. **1000+:** \$100-50-25-15-10. **u1000:** \$100-50-25-15-10. Commemorative Trophies to Top 3 places, medals to all others. Oct 15 Supp & TD disc. Reg.: 8:30-8:45. **Rds.:** 9 11:30 2:15 4:45 **EF:** 29. after 10/1 +15, playoff +15. Organizers: Emily Zhu & BayAreaChess **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/girls.

OCT. 10, Chess4Less Kids Quads (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5) - National Chess Day Festivities
New Location: 2050 Concord Drive #42, San Jose, CA 95131. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** New Time: Required Check-in 12:30-1p. **Games:** 1-4p. **EF:** 22, 37 after 10/8 **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/signature.

OCT. 10, Foster City Luper\$Swiss (3SS, G/90 d5) - National Chess Day Festivities
Courtyard Marriott, Foster City, CA 94404. **Prizes:** \$1,250 b/40. 60% guar. **1900+:** \$200-100-50, u2100 50-50. **1500-1899:** \$200-100, u1700 50-50. **u1500:** \$200-100, u1200 50-50. Oct15 Supp & TD disc. Reg.: 9-9:15. **Rds.:** 9:30 12:50 4:15. **EF:** 43, Econ 29 w 1/2 prz. after 10/7 +15, playoff +15, Rtd 2200+ \$0 by 10/1. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/grandprix. W

OCT. 10, Sacramento Chess4Less Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5) - National Chess Day Festivities
Courtyard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reqr. Check-in 1:30-2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 22, 37 after 10/8. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!
OCT. 10, Sacramento Junior Super Swiss (4SS, G/61 d5) - National Chess Day Festivities
Courtyard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. **Prize:** \$900 b/36. **1700+:** \$200-100, u1900 100-50. **u1700:** \$200-100, u1600 100, u1400 50. Oct

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OCT. 10, Weibel Fall Scholastic Chess Quads #1 + National Chess Day Festivities

Weibel Elementary School, 45135 S. Grimmer Blvd., Fremont, CA. **Two Sections:** U900 G/30 d0; Over 900 G/45 d5. **Info & Entry Form at:** www.CalNorthYouthChess.org/Applications/FallQuads15-GP Open to all scholastic players who are US Chess members. Trophies to winners of each Quad. Chess medals to all who do not win a trophy. **Info:** Alan M. Kirshner, Ph.D., Alan@CalNorthYouthChess.org, (510) 659-0358.

OCT. 11, Bay Area Fremont Quads (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
Court yard Marriott, Fremont, CA 94538. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Required Check-in 1:30-2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 27, 42 after 10/8. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>. W.

OCT. 11, Bay Area Fremont Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
Court yard Marriott, Fremont, CA 94538. **Trophies:** to players w + score & all teams. **Sched:** Reg. 9:30-9:45a. **Games:** 10a - 1:30p. **EF:** 34, 49 after 10/9. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>. W.

OCT. 11, Fremont DuperSwiss75
Court yard Marriott, Fremont, CA 94538. **Prizes:** \$1,250 b/40. 60% guar. **1900+:** \$200-100-50, u2100 50-50. **1500-1899:** \$200-100, u1700 50-50. **u1500:** \$200-100, u1200 50-50. Sep 15 Supp & TD disc. Reg.: 8:30-8:45. Rds.: 9-11:45-2:40. **EF:** 47, Econ 32 w 1/2 prz. after 10/9 +15, playoff +15, Rtd 2200+ \$0 by 10/1. **Information:** BayAreaChess.com/grandprix. W.

OCT. 16-18 OR 17-18, Bay Area Chess GM Samuel Shankland Championship
See Grand Prix.

OCT. 18, Bay Area Cupertino Quads (PK-12; 3XG/30 d5)
Court yard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Regrd. Check-in 1:30-2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 27, 42 after 10/15. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>. W.

OCT. 18, Bay Area Cupertino Swiss
Court yard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** to players w + score & all teams. **Sched:** Reg. 9:30-9:45a. **Games:** 10a - 1:30p. **EF:** 34, 49 after 10/15. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>. W.

OCT. 24, Chess4Less Kids Quads (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
New Location: 2050 Concord Drive #42, San Jose, CA 95131. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** New Time: Required Check-in 12:30-1p. **Games:** 1-4p. **EF:** 22, 37 after 10/21. **Additional Info:** BayAreaChess.com/signature.

OCT. 25, Bay Area San Ramon Quads (PK-12; 3XG/30 d5)
Court yard Marriott, 18090 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon, CA

94583. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Required check-in 1:30-2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **Entry Fee:** 27, 37 after 10/22. **Information/website:** BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

OCT. 25, Bay Area San Ramon Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
Court yard Marriott, 18090 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon, CA 94583. **Trophies:** all teams & players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reg. 9:30-9:45a. **Games:** 10a - 1:30p. **EF:** 34, 42 after 10/22. **Information/website:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>. W.

OCT. 25, Chess4Less Kids Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
1639A South Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Trophies:** to players w + score & all teams. **Sched:** Reg 9-9:15a. **Games:** 9:30a - 1:30p. **EF:** 22, 37 after 10/22. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>.

OCT. 25, Cupertino Grand Prix DuperSwiss75 (3SS, G/75 d5)
See Grand Prix.

OCT. 31, Chess4Less Kids Quads (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5) - Halloween Special
New Location: 2050 Concord Drive #42, San Jose, CA 95131. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** New Time: Required Check-in 12:30-1p. **Games:** 1-4p. **EF:** 22, 37 after 10/28. **Additional info:** BayAreaChess.com/signature.

NOV. 1, Bay Area Chess Luper Swiss (3SS, G/90 d5)
1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Prizes:** \$1,500 b55. 60% guar. **1900+:** \$300-100-50, u2100 75-50. **1500-1899:** \$200-100-50, u1700 75-50. **u1500:** \$200-100-50, u1250 50-50. Nov 15 Supp & TD disc. Reg.: 9-9:15. Rds.: 9:30 1:40. **EF:** 43, Econ 29 w 1/2 prz. after 10/28 +15, playoff +15, Rtd 2200+ \$0 by 10/20. **Additional info:** BayAreaChess.com/grandprix.

NOV. 1, Bay Area Cupertino Quads (PK-12; 3XG/30 d5)
Court yard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Regrd. Check-in 1:30-2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 27, 42 after 10/29. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>. W.

NOV. 1, Bay Area Cupertino Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
Court yard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** to players w + score & all teams. **Sched:** Reg. 9:30-9:45a. **Games:** 10a - 1:30p. **EF:** 34, 49 after 10/29. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>. W.

NOV. 7, Weibel Fall Scholastic Chess Quads #2
Weibel Elementary School, 45135 S. Grimmer Blvd., Fremont, CA. **Two Sections:** U900 G/30 d0; Over 900 G/45 d5. **Info & Entry Form at:** www.CalNorthYouthChess.org/Applications/FallQuads15-GP Open to all scholastic players who are US Chess members. Trophies to winners of each Quad. Chess medals to all who do not win a trophy. **Info:** Alan M. Kirshner, Ph.D., Alan@CalNorthYouthChess.org, (510) 659-0358.

NOV. 8, Bay Area Fremont Quads (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
Court yard Marriott, Fremont, CA 94538. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score.

Sched: Required Check-in 1:30-2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 27, 42 after 11/6. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>. W.

NOV. 8, Bay Area Fremont Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
Court yard Marriott, Fremont, CA 94538. **Trophies:** to players w + score & all teams. **Sched:** Reg. 9:30-9:45a. **Games:** 10a - 1:30p. **EF:** 34, 49 after 11/6. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>. W.

NOV. 14, Sacramento Chess4Less Quads (PK-12; 3XG/30 d5)
Court yard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Regrd. Check-in 1:30-2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 22, 37 after 11/11. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>. W.

NOV. 14, Sacramento LuperSwiss (3SS, G/90 d5)
Court yard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. **Prize:** \$900 b/36. **1700+:** \$200-100, u1900 100-50. **u1700:** \$200-100, u1600 100, u1400 50. Nov 15 Supp & TD disc. Reg.: 9-9:15. Rds.: 9:30 12:50 4:15. **EF:** 43, Econ 29 1/2 prz., after 11/11 +15, playoff +15, Rated 2200+ \$0 by 11/4. **Information:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/grandprix>. W.

NOV. 26-29 OR 27-29, 51st Annual American Open (CA-S)
See Grand Prix.

DEC. 26-30, 26-29 OR 27-29, 25th annual North American Open (NV)
See Grand Prix.

JAN. 15-18, 16-18 OR 17-18, 7th annual Golden State Open
See Grand Prix.

California, Southern

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US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

SEPT. 5&6, 12&13, 26&27, LACC - Saturday & Sunday G/61
6SS, G/61 d5. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA 90025, 2nd fl. **EF:** \$55 (\$35 LACC memb; No prizes 1/2; second child 1/2). **Reg.:** 11-12 pm. **Rds.:** 12, 2, 4 pm each day. 1-day option: \$30/\$20. **Prizes:** 1/2 collections. **Parking:** Free at BoA & basement. **Info:** 310/795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com.

SEPT. 5, 12, 19, LACC - Every Saturday Chess 4 JRS
3 separate events- 5SS, G/30 d0. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd. & Butler

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SENIOR. For age 50 or above, or a higher minimum age.

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US CHESS BOOSTER TOURNAMENT. A tournament that offers at least two US Chess membership renewal prizes, or a quad that offers at least one per section.

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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.

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LA, 90025, 2nd fl. 4 blocks West of 405. **EF:** \$30 (\$20 LACC memb, No prize 1/2, siblings 1/2, Free new LACC members). **Reg.:** 12-1 pm. **Rds.:** 1pm & asap; done by 5pm. **Prizes:** Trophies & medals; everyone receives a prize! **Parking:** Free on streets & BoA. Free pizzas & juices. **Info:** (310) 795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com or Mick@LAChessClub.com.

SEPT. 5, 12, 19, 26, LACC - Sat Nite Blitzathon (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. No prizes \$10. **Reg.:** 6-6:30 pm. **Rds.:** 6:30, 6:55, 7:20, 7:45, 8:10, 8:35, 9 pm. **Prizes:** 1/2 collections. **Parking:** Free on streets & BoA. **Info:** 310/795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com

SEPT. 6, 13, 20, LACC - Every Sunday Chess 4 JRS
3 separate events- 5SS, G/30 d0. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd. & Butler LA, 90025, 2nd fl. 4 blocks West of 405. **EF:** \$30 (\$20 LACC memb, No prize 1/2, siblings 1/2, Free new LACC members). **Reg.:** 12-1 pm. **Rds.:** 1pm & asap; done by 5pm. **Prizes:** Trophies & medals; everyone receives a prize! **Parking:** Free on streets & BoA. Free pizzas & juices. **Info:** (310) 795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com or Mick@LAChessClub.com.

SEPT. 14, 21, 28, Monday Quads (3RR, G/1:55 d5)
Santa Monica Bay Chess Club, St. Andrew's Church, 11555 National Blvd., WLA, CA 90064, (East of Barrington Ave.) Cash prizes. **EF:** \$10 - Club members, \$25 - non-members. **Reg.:** 7-7:10 p.m. **Rds.:** 7:10-11:00 p.m., US Chess rated. Free parking behind church. Free coffee. **INFO:** 310/827-2789.

SEPT. 19-20, 2015 Botvinnik Memorial
See Grand Prix.

SEPT. 26-27, LACC - Chess Camp & Tournament
3 Sections: >1000, <1000, <500. **EF:** 2 days \$199; 1 day \$100; second child 1/2, 25% off new LACC members. \$10 off if preregistered for 2 days by 9/25; \$5 for 1 day. Tournament time control: G/30 d0. **Reg.:** Sat 9-10 am; **Schedule: Day 1 (Beginner/ Intermediate):** 12-1: Tactics I; 1-2: Tourney (Rd. 1); 2-2:30: Pizza & juice break (free); 2:30-3:30: Tourney (Rd. 2); 3:30-4:30: Tourney Rd. 3); 4:30-5:30: Analyzing games. **Schedule: Day 2 (Intermediate/Advanced):** 12-1: Tactics II; 1-2: Tourney (Rd. 4); 2-2:30: Pizza & juice break (free); 2:30-3:30: Tourney (Rd. 5); 3:30-4:30: Tourney Rd. 6); 4:30-5:30: Analyzing games. **Ent:** LACC, Box 251774, LA, CA 90025. **Prizes:** Certificate of Completion and an advance chess book! **Info:** Mick Bighamian: (310) 795-5710; Mick@LAChessClub.com or www.LAChessClub.com. **Parking:** Free in basement.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

OCT. 5, 12, 19, 26, Monday Quads (4SS, G/1:55 d5)
Santa Monica Bay Chess Club, St. Andrew's Church, 11555 National Blvd., WLA, CA 90064, (East of Barrington Ave.) Cash prizes. **EF:** \$10 - Club members, \$25 - non-members. **Reg.:** 7-7:10 p.m. **Rds.:** 7:10-11:00 p.m., US Chess rated. Free parking behind church. Free coffee. **INFO:** 310/827-2789.

OCT. 10-11, 'Ecce Hoyo Kiss Occen Razor' on National Chess Day
See Grand Prix.

NOV. 26-29 OR 27-29, 51st Annual American Open
See Grand Prix.

DEC. 26-30, 26-29 OR 27-29, 25th annual North American Open (NV)
See Grand Prix.

JAN. 15-18, 16-18 OR 17-18, 7th annual Golden State Open (CA-N)
See Grand Prix.

Colorado

NOV. 13-15 OR 14-15, 2015 U.S. Class Championships (TX)
See Nationals.

DEC. 26-30, 26-29 OR 27-29, 25th annual North American Open (NV)
See Grand Prix.

JAN. 15-18, 16-18 OR 17-18, 7th annual Golden State Open (CA-N)
See Grand Prix.

Connecticut

SEPT. 25-27 OR 26-27, 6th Annual Hartford Open
See Grand Prix.

OCT. 30-NOV. 1 OR OCT. 31-NOV. 1, 6th annual Boardwalk Open (NJ)
See Grand Prix.

NOV. 6-8 OR 7-8, 19th Annual Eastern Chess Congress
See Grand Prix.

DEC. 26-28 OR 27-28, 34th annual Empire City Open (NY)
See Grand Prix.

JAN. 8-10 OR 9-10, 4th annual Boston Chess Congress (MA)
See Grand Prix.

Delaware

JAN. 15-18, 16-18 OR 17-18, 48th annual Liberty Bell Open (PA)
See Grand Prix.

District of Columbia

OCT. 7-12, 9-12 OR 10-12, 2nd annual Washington Chess Congress (VA)
See Grand Prix.

Florida

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!
Boca Raton Chess Club

Friday nights, G/85 d5 Tournament, one game a week for 4 weeks. www.bocachess.com, 561-479-0351.

Casselberry Chess Club (Orlando) Thursday Fun Tournaments
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SEPT. 25-27 OR 26-27, 42nd Annual Lipkin/Pfefferkorn Open (NC)
See Grand Prix.

OCT. 9-11 OR 10-11, Orlando Autumn Open & National Chess Day Scholastic
See Grand Prix.

OCT. 9-11, The Stormont Kings 2nd Annual National Chess Day Weekend Festival

We will kick off this event on Friday at 7:30pm with a Bughouse or Speed Tournament with free raffles throughout the evening. Cost is \$12/\$15/\$20. Then on Saturday from 6-9pm is a Pizza Chess and Game Night. Children and families can play board games and meet new friends. Cost is \$12/\$15/\$20. On Sunday at 11am for our last event will be a rated chess tournament for children of all levels. **Time control** is Game/30 d5. Cost is \$25/\$30/\$35. Adults can play some casual games. Space is limited. The first price is if you register by 9/15, second price by 10/5, afterwards is the third price. **Located at:** The Stormont Kings Chess Program, 8353 SW 124 St., Suite 201-A, Miami, FL 33156. **Contact:** Chris at 786-303-2437, www.stormontkingschess.com. Schedule is subject to change so please confirm before attending.

OCT. 30-NOV. 1 OR OCT. 31-NOV. 1, Nashville Open (TN)
See Grand Prix.

NOV. 13-15 OR 14-15, 14th Annual Turkey Bowl
See Grand Prix.

NOV. 13-15 OR 14-15, 2015 U.S. Class Championships (TX)
See Nationals.

Georgia

SEPT. 25-27 OR 26-27, 42nd Annual Lipkin/Pfefferkorn Open (NC)
See Grand Prix.

24th annual Midwest Class Championships

October 9-11 or 10-11, 2015 - Westin Chicago North Shore Hotel

\$20,000 PROJECTED PRIZES, ODD NUMBERED CLASSES

5 rounds, 40/110, SD/30, d10 (2-day option, rds 1-2 G/60, d10).

Westin Chicago North Shore Hotel, 601 N Milwaukee Av, Wheeling IL 60090 (from Chicago, I-294 N to Milwaukee Ave N; from Milwaukee, I-94 to Lake Cook Rd to Milwaukee Ave South.) Free parking.

In 7 sections. Prizes \$20,000 based on 250 paid entries (re-entries and U1100 Section count as half entries), else in proportion except \$16,000 (80% each prize) minimum guaranteed. USCF Junior Grand Prix points available.

Premier (1900/up): \$2000-1000-500-300, clear or tiebreak win \$100, U2300 \$800-400. 100 Grand Prix Points (enhanced).

1700-2099: \$1400-700-400-200.

1500-1899: \$1400-700-400-200.

1300-1699: \$1300-700-400-200.

1100-1499: \$1200-600-400-200.

Under 1300: \$1000-500-300-200.

Under 1100: \$500-300-200-100, plaques to top 3, top Under 900, Under 700, Under 500, Unrated.

Unrated prize limits: U1100 \$200, U1300 \$350, 1100-1499 \$500, 1300-1699 \$700, 1500-1899 \$900.

Mixed doubles bonus prizes: best male/female 2-player team combined score among all sections: \$800-400-200. Team must average under 2200; teammates may play in different sections; teams must register by 2 pm 10/10.

Top 6 sections entry fee: \$105 online at chessaction.com by 10/7, \$110 phoned to 406-896-2038 (entry only, no questions) by 10/5, 3-day \$113, 2-day \$112 mailed by 9/30, all \$120 (no checks, credit cards OK) at site, or online until 2 hours before game..

Under 1100 entry fee: All \$50 less than above.

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. USCF membership required.

Advance entry fee \$5 less to ICA members; join/renew at il-chess.org.

Re-entry: \$50 (not available to go from Premier to Premier).

3-day schedule: Reg. ends Fri 6 pm, rounds Fri 7 pm, Sat 11 am & 5 pm, Sun 10 am & 3:30 pm.

2-day schedule: Reg. ends Sat 10 am, rds. Sat 11 am, 2:pm & 5 pm; Sun. 10 am & 3:30 pm

Half point byes OK all, limit 2, Premier must commit before rd 2, others before rd 3.

All: Bring board, clock, set if possible-none supplied. Unofficial web ratings usually used if otherwise unrated.

Hotel rates: \$107-107-107-107, 800-937-8461, 847-777-6500, reserve by 9/25 or rate may increase.

Entry: www.chessaction.com or Continental Chess, Box 8482, Pelham NY 10803. Refunds, \$15 service charge. Entries posted at chessaction.com (online entries posted instantly).

OCT. 7-12, 9-12 OR 10-12, 2nd annual Washington Chess Congress (VA)

See Grand Prix.

OCT. 9-11 OR 10-11 (BLITZ ON OCT. 9), 2015 Georgia Open - National Chess Day Event & Blitz (BLZ)

See Grand Prix.

OCT. 30-NOV. 1 OR OCT. 31-NOV. 1, Nashville Open (TN)

See Grand Prix.

NOV. 13-15 OR 14-15, 14th Annual Turkey Bowl (FL)

See Grand Prix.

NOV. 13-15 OR 14-15, 2015 U.S. Class Championships (TX)

See Nationals.

Hawaii

DEC. 26-30, 26-29 OR 27-29, 25th annual North American Open (NV)

See Grand Prix.

Idaho

JAN. 15-18, 16-18 OR 17-18, 7th annual Golden State Open (CA-N)

See Grand Prix.

Illinois

SEPT. 18-20 OR 19-20, 2015 Harold Steen Memorial Cup (MI)

See Grand Prix.

OCT. 9-11 OR 10-11, 24th annual Midwest Class Championships

See Grand Prix.

OCT. 10, National Chess Day Tournament

Tournament will be held at Village Hall, located at 350 Victory Drive in Park Forest, IL 60466. This is a 4/SS, G/35 d5 US Chess-rated tournament; must be a US Chess member to participate. **Register at:** Park Forest Recreation & Parks, 350 Victory Dr., Park Forest, IL 60466, (708)-748-2005, Credit Card, Cash or Check, \$10.00 Tournament Fee. **On-site registration:** (cash only) 9 am—9:30 am. **Schedule:** Players must check in by 9:45 am, Tournament time: 10 am—4 pm. Please provide your own clock and chessboard. Concessions will be sold at the event. **SPECIAL NOTE:** THERE MAY BE 2 SECTIONS IN THE TOURNAMENT US Chess RATING 700 AND OVER. THE SECOND WILL BE FOR STUDENTS UNDER 700. THIS WILL BE DECIDED THE DAY OF TOURNAMENT. REASON BEING WE DON'T WANT BEGINNERS PLAYING ADULTS IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. IT WILL BE ASSUMED THAT ANY ONE REGISTERING WITHOUT AN AGE IS AN ADULT. Advance registration if interested, **send no money**, I need US Chess id and name. Not member just send name, if under the age of 24 I need Date of Birth. There are several memberships available. There is also a 2 month membership that is only available at any tournament. I can be reached at PFCHES@VOFP.COM

OCT. 30-NOV. 1 OR OCT. 31-NOV. 1, Nashville Open (TN)

See Grand Prix.

OCT. 31-NOV. 1, 2015 Illinois Senior Open

See Grand Prix.

NOV. 13-15 OR 14-15, 24th annual Kings Island Open (OH)

See Grand Prix.

NOV. 27-29 OR 28-29, 2015 Motor City Open (MI)

See Grand Prix.

Indiana

SEPT. 18-20 OR 19-20, 2015 Harold Steen Memorial Cup (MI)

See Grand Prix.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!
OCT. 3, 2015 ISCA Team

4SS, G/60 d10. Team of 4 players, Wabash Valley Activity Center, 300 S. 5th St., Terre Haute, IN 47807. 2 Sections: **Open** and **Reserve** (no player above 1600). Scholastic teams welcome. Sections combined if needed. Prizes b/8 teams: **Open**, 1st \$350 and 4 plaques, (IN. residents) 2nd \$175, **Reserve**, \$300 and 4 plaques (IN. residents), 2nd \$150. Reg.: 8:15-9:00AM, Rds.: 9:30, 12:30, 3:00 and 6:00. EF: \$100per team in advance before 10/1, \$120 at site, ISCA mbrshp required, OSA. No last Rd byes. Entries ON Line at indianachess.org or mail to: Roger Norris, 2703 Wallace Ave., Terre Haute, IN 47802, rnorris@ma.rr.com. PH# 812-878-6517.

OCT. 9-11 OR 10-11, 24th annual Midwest Class Championships (IL)

See Grand Prix.

OCT. 30-NOV. 1 OR OCT. 31-NOV. 1, Nashville Open (TN)

See Grand Prix.

NOV. 6-8 OR 7-8, 74th Annual Indiana State Chess Championship

See Grand Prix.

NOV. 13-15 OR 14-15, 24th annual Kings Island Open (OH)

See Grand Prix.

NOV. 27-29, Cleveland Classic (OH)

See Grand Prix.

NOV. 27-29 OR 28-29, 2015 Motor City Open (MI)

See Grand Prix.

Kansas

NOV. 13-15 OR 14-15, 2015 U.S. Class Championships (TX)

See Nationals.

Kentucky

East Kentucky Chess Club - Monthly Tournament

Check out our website: <http://eastkychess.weebly.com/> or Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/eastkychess>. Learn, watch, play and teach."

OCT. 10, Lexington 2nd Saturday - National Chess Day!

Univ. of KY. 3SS, G/45 d5. **EF:** \$20. **Prizes:** based on 90% of entry fees. **Reg.:** 11:30 at Patterson Tower. **Rds.:** 12:00-2:15-4:00. Rated Speed tour begins at 6pm! **Info:** Lexchess.com, lexchess64@gmail.com.

OCT. 30-NOV. 1 OR OCT. 31-NOV. 1, Nashville Open (TN)

See Grand Prix.

NOV. 13-15 OR 14-15, 24th annual Kings Island Open (OH)

See Grand Prix.

Louisiana

OCT. 30-NOV. 1 OR OCT. 31-NOV. 1, Nashville Open (TN)

See Grand Prix.

NOV. 13-15 OR 14-15, 2015 U.S. Class Championships (TX)

See Nationals.

Maine

OCT. 10, National Chess Day

Quads, G/60 d5; U-1000 G/45 d5; Unrated k-6 4 rd SS G/45 d0. **EF:** \$15 by 10/8/2015, \$20 at the door. **Prizes:** \$20 (quads), rest, trophies top two. **Reg.:** 8am - 9am. **EF payable:** Brewer Community School. Mail to: Steve Wong, 54 Wilson St., Brewer, ME 04412. **Information:** 945-3969 or email: wongstev@aol.com.

OCT. 10, National Chess Day in Saco

See Grand Prix.

JAN. 8-10 OR 9-10, 4th annual Boston Chess Congress (MA)

See Grand Prix.

Maryland

Maryland Chess Association Tournaments

MCA runs scholastic tournaments (almost every other Saturday from mid-September to late May) & open tournaments (usually 10+ annually) throughout Maryland. Listings & online registration at www.MDChess.org. Maryland scholastic players who compete in the Varsity section (which has a floor of 1600) of a Maryland-Sweet-16 Qualifier can qualify for the \$44,000 scholarship to UMBC (University of Maryland, Baltimore County) awarded each year.

SEPT. 12, UMBC Rated Beginner's Championship (RBO)

5SS, G/25 d5. UMBC, 1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore (in Commons, 3rd floor). Open to U1200/Unr. US Chess membership required. Free US Chess memb. to anyone scoring at least 3.5 pts. Certificate to anyone completing 5 rds. Top UMBC student awarded trophy & title of 2015-2016 UMBC Amateur Chess Champ. **EF:** \$20 if postmarked by 9/1, \$25 later. **Reg.:** 8:30-9:30am. **Rds.:** 10-11:30-1:30-3-4:30 Sat. 1/2 pt. bye avail. in any rd. if req'd before rd. 1. Held concurrently w/UMBC Champ. 9/12-9/13 (see separate TLA). **Ent:** NEW! Register online at <http://mdchess.com> (email questions to dewyer@umbc.edu), or mail to Dr. Alan T. Sherman, Dept. of CSEE, UMBC, 1000 Hilltop Cir., Baltimore, MD 21250, ATTN: Beginners Champ. Cks payable to UMBC. Dir: Exit 47B off I95 & follow signs to UMBC. Park in Commons Drive garage. **More info:** ChessClub@umbc.edu, www.umbc.edu/chess. W.

SEPT. 12-13, UMBC Championship

See Grand Prix.

OCT. 7-12, 9-12 OR 10-12, 2nd annual Washington Chess Congress (VA)

See Grand Prix.

OCT. 10, Emmorton Rec. Chess Club - National Chess Day Tournament

4 round SS, G/60 d5. Liriodendron Mansion, 502 W. Gordon St., Bel Air, MD 21014. **3 sections:** Open, U1600, U1200. **Prizes:** based on 50 entries, Open \$150-\$100; U1600/1200, \$100-\$75. **EF:** \$25 in advance by Oct 8 at www.emmortonrec.com/Default.aspx?tabid=867569 or go to www.emmortonrec.com and navigate to the Chess program, and \$30 on site (cash only). *Space is limited so register early.* **Registration/check-in:** 8:00-8:45, Rd. 1, 9:00; Rd. 2, 11:15; Rd. 3, 2:15; Rd. 4, 4:30. Check back at www.emmortonrec.com often as we plan to add more features. **Contact:** rfechess@yahoo.com.

JAN. 15-18, 16-18 OR 17-18, 48th annual Liberty Bell Open (PA)

See Grand Prix.

Massachusetts

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

SEPT. 16, 23, 30, OCT. 7, 14, Rocco R. Pasquale Memorial 5SS, G/100 d5. Wachusett CC, McKay Complex, Room C159, Fitchburg State University, 67 Rindge Rd., Fitchburg, MA 01420. **EF:** \$1 per game. **Reg.:** 6-7:10 p.m. **Rds.:** 7:15 p.m. each Wed. **Byes:** 1-4, limit two. **Prizes:** books to 1st, 2nd, top U1850, U1650, U1450. **Info:** George Mirjanian, 176 Oak Hill Rd., Fitchburg, MA 01420, miriling2@aol.com, 978-345-5011. **Website:** www.wachusettchess.org. W. Free parking.

SEPT. 25-27 OR 26-27, 6th Annual Hartford Open (CT)

See Grand Prix.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

OCT. 1, 8, 15, 22, Boylston Chess Foundation Thursday Night Swiss

4SS, 40/90 SD/20 d5. **Sections:** Open & U1800. **Entry fee:** \$35, \$20 for BCF members. *Free entry to all players rated 2200+.* **Prizes:** \$300 based on 25 paid entries: Open \$125-\$75, U1800 \$60-\$40. **Registration:** 6:30pm - 7:00pm. **Rounds:** 7:15pm. **Address:** Boylston Chess Foundation, 40 Norris St., Suite B101, Cambridge, MA 02140. Phone: 617-714-3022. E-mail: boylstonchess@gmail.com.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

OCT. 10, Boylston Chess Foundation National Chess Day Open 4SS, G/60 d10. **Sections:** Open & U1950. **Entry fee:** \$35, \$20 for BCF members. **Prizes:** \$360 based on 30 paid entries: Open \$150-\$90, U1950 \$75-\$45. **Registration:** 9:15am - 9:45am. **Rounds:** 10:00am, 1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm. **Address:** Boylston Chess Foundation, 40 Norris St., Suite B101, Cambridge, MA 02140. Phone: 617-714-3022. Email address: boylstonchess@gmail.com.

OCT. 10-11, National Chess Day - NESAs

One-Day (Saturday or Sunday) or **Two-Day** options available. 4SS, G/30 d5 on both days. Rated & Unrated Sections depending on entries. 1/2-point bye available any round except Round 4 each day, but must notify TD in advance. 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes on each day per section. GOLD, SILVER, BRONZE Medals for combined Two-day 1st, 2nd, 3rd prize winners. **U.S. Chess Federation Membership: ONLY REQUIRED IN RATED SECTION.** Register for US Chess Membership online www.uschess.org or at chess tournament. **MA Chess Association Membership: ONLY REQUIRED IN RATED SECTION.** Register for MACA Membership online www.masschess.org or at chess tournament. **Door Registration: Saturday:** 12:00 - 1:15 PM. **Sunday:** 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM. **Online Registration:** www.nesacademy.com/?page=leagues&id=1. Round 1 on Saturday starts at 1:30 PM. Pre-registered should check in by 1:00 PM. Round 2 on Sunday starts at 11:00 AM. Pre-registered should check in by 10:30 AM. **Entry Fees: One-Day:** \$20 either day (\$15 for NESAs Chess Club Members - wear your T-shirt!). **Two-Day:** \$30 combined (\$25 for NESAs Chess Club Members - wear your T-shirt!). **Make check payable to NESAs. New England Sports Academy, 345 University Ave., Westwood, MA 02090.** To register, call 781-493-6345 or email nsterling@nesacademy.com.

OCT. 18, 82nd Greater Boston Open

See Grand Prix.

NOV. 6-8 OR 7-8, 19th Annual Eastern Chess Congress (CT)

See Grand Prix.

JAN. 8-10 OR 9-10, 4th annual Boston Chess Congress

See Grand Prix.

Michigan

SEPT. 18-20 OR 19-20, 2015 Harold Steen Memorial Cup

See Grand Prix.

OCT. 9-11 OR 10-11, 24th annual Midwest Class Championships (IL)

See Grand Prix.

OCT. 10, National Chess Day Tournament at the Niles District Library Niles District Library, 620 E. Main St., Niles, MI 49120. Reg. ends 10:30 AM, Rds. start as soon as possible. **Format:** 3 Round Swiss. G/40 d0. **Sections:** 1 (Open). **EF:** FREE ENTRY (all of our tournaments are free) For more information, contact TD Martin Klubeck at mklubeck@gmail.com, <https://www.facebook.com/MINilesLibraryChess>.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

OCT. 30-NOV. 1, International Renaissance Chess Classic **SITE:** ADOBA HOTEL-DEARBORN, 600 Town Center Dr., Dearborn, MI 48126 (Directions/Lodging Info below). **Reservations:** Go online to www.adobadearborn.com or call (313) 592-3622. **Group Code: 3887**. 6 Rounds. **Sections:** K3unr, K8unr, U750, U950, U1200, U1500, Open Game Times: G/90 d3. One half-point bye may be requested rounds 1-5, additional byes will be zero point byes Awards: Individual: Top 10 per section; Section Team: Top 5 per section (Top 4 players in section scores); Overall Team: Top 10 Teams in tournament (Top 10 players per team scores regardless of section) - For the Overall Team trophies we will combine all sections into "one large" section and take the top 10 players from each team to determine trophy winners. Registration Fees: \$45.00 until September 30; \$55.00 after September 30; \$80.00 day of tournament registrations. **Register online at <http://weplaychess.webs.com/rcc.htm>** Questions: Please contact Tom Nelson at weplaychess@comcast.net

OCT. 30-NOV. 1 OR OCT. 31-NOV. 1, Fifth Annual Fall Festival

See Grand Prix.

NOV. 13-15 OR 14-15, 24th annual Kings Island Open (OH)

See Grand Prix.

NOV. 27-29, Cleveland Classic (OH)

See Grand Prix.

NOV. 27-29 OR 28-29, 2015 Motor City Open

See Grand Prix.

Minnesota

OCT. 9-11 OR 10-11, 24th annual Midwest Class Championships (IL)

See Grand Prix.

Mississippi

OCT. 30-NOV. 1 OR OCT. 31-NOV. 1, Nashville Open (TN)

See Grand Prix.

NOV. 13-15 OR 14-15, 2015 U.S. Class Championships (TX)

See Nationals.

Missouri

SEPT. 12, Liberty Open

Liberty United Methodist Church, 1001 Sunset Ave., Liberty, MO 64068. Reg.: 10:30AM. **Rd. 1: 11AM.** Open & U1400. 3SS, G/60 D5. EF: \$20 by Sept. 11th online at www.Reg4chess.com. \$25 Onsite. Q: Ken Fee, 1537 Baker St., Liberty, MO 64068. 816-399-3703. Reg. Memb: US Chess & KC Chess Assoc. Sold onsite. **Free Entry For ALL Unrated Players!** Reg. online at: www.kansascitychessclub.com.

SEPT. 26-27, Missouri State Chess Championship

See Grand Prix.

OCT. 9-11 OR 10-11, 24th annual Midwest Class Championships (IL)

See Grand Prix.

OCT. 30-NOV. 1 OR OCT. 31-NOV. 1, Nashville Open (TN)

See Grand Prix.

NOV. 13-15 OR 14-15, 24th annual Kings Island Open (OH)

See Grand Prix.

NOV. 13-15 OR 14-15, 2015 U.S. Class Championships (TX)

See Nationals.

Nevada

OCT. 16-18, 33rd Annual Sands Regency Reno - Western States Open

See Grand Prix.

NOV. 26-29 OR 27-29, 51st Annual American Open (CA-S)

See Grand Prix.

DEC. 26-30, 26-29 OR 27-29, 25th annual North American Open

See Grand Prix.

JAN. 15-18, 16-18 OR 17-18, 7th annual Golden State Open (CA-N)

See Grand Prix.

New Hampshire

JAN. 8-10 OR 9-10, 4th annual Boston Chess Congress (MA)

See Grand Prix.

New Jersey

SEPT. 13, Back-To-School Junior (Under 16) Open

4SS, G/60 d5. FCA, 271 Fort Lee Rd., Leonia, NJ 07605. Prizes: Trophies Top 5. **Entry Fee:** \$15; (11/2 pt. bye any rd. Must notify b/4 rd.1. **Reg.:** 9:00-9:45. **Rounds:** 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00. **Info:** frank@frankschess.com, 201-961-4029.

SEPT. 17, 3rd Thursday Quads

3 RR, G/30 d5. Quads grouped by rating. All the King's Men Chess & Games Center (Just 22 mins. from Center City Philadelphia), 62 S. Broadway, Pitman, NJ. 856-582-8222. **Prizes:** \$25 1st per quad. Unr. cannot win more than \$10. **EF:** \$12.50, members \$10. **Reg.:** 6-6:45 pm. **Rds.:** 7-8-9 pm. **Info:** cs@ATKMchessSets.com. **All:** Visa/MC/Disc/Amex OK w/\$Surcharge. Bring a clock!

SEPT. 20, Westfield G/60 Quads

3-RR, G/55 d5. Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, NJ 07090. **EF:** \$25, \$20 Members. **Prizes:** \$60 to first in each section. **Register:** 11:45 a.m.-

12:20 p.m. **Rounds:** 12:30, 2:45, 5:00 p.m. **Info:** John Moldovan westfieldchessclub@gmail.com, Bill Cohen: 732-548-8432, 848-219-1358, www.westfieldchessclub.com and westfieldchessclub.blogspot.com

SEPT. 25, FCA Friday Night Blitz-O-Mania (BLZ)

RR G/5 d2. 271 Fort Lee Rd., Leonia, NJ 07605. **Prizes(b/20):** \$125, Class prize based on entries. **EF:** \$10. **Reg.:** 7:00-7:30pm. **Rd. 1:** 7-45. **Info:** frank@frankschess.com, 201-961-4029.

SEPT. 25-27 OR 26-27, 6th Annual Hartford Open (CT)

See Grand Prix.

SEPT. 26, Cherry Hill September Open

See Grand Prix.

SEPT. 26, Chess Mates Open

See Grand Prix.

SEPT. 26, Hamilton Chess Club Quads

3RR, 40/80 15/30 15/30 d0. Full K. 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. **OSA. Contact email:** hamiltonchessclub.com. W.

SEPT. 27, Dr. David Ostfeld Memorial ICA Championship in 5 Sections

BERGEN ACADEMY, 200 HACKENSACK AVE., HACKENSACK, NJ 07601. 4SS, EVERYONE PLAYS 4 GAMES, ALL PLAYERS WITH 2.5 PTS OR MORE WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY! US Chess Memb Req'd For Sections 3, 4 AND 5. **Info:** 201 287 0250 or chessdirector@icanj.net. ADV EF (pmk by Sept 23rd) \$25 At Site \$30 Reg ends 1/2 hr before 1st rd. Late entrants will receive a 1/2 pt bye for rd. 1. In 5 Sections: **Section 1 Junior Novice (not US Chess rated):** Open to unr players K thru 2nd grade. **Rds.:** First Round 10:15 AM then ASAP. **Section 2 Novice (not US Chess rated):** Open to unr players K thru 4th grade. **Rds.:** First Round 10:00 AM then ASAP. **Section 3 G/45 d5 U800:** Open to players rated below 800 and unr players K thru 12th grade. **Rds.:** 9:45 AM, 11:30, 1:15, 3:00 PM. **Section 4 G/45 d5 U1200:** Open to players rated below 1200 and unr players K thru 12th grade. **Rds.:** 9:45 AM, 11:30, 1:15, 3:00 PM. **Section 5 G/60 d5 U1400:** Open to All Ages rated below 1400 or unrated. **Rds.:** 9:30 AM, 11:45, 2:00, 4:30 PM. **ENT:** Make EF payable To: International Chess Academy. Mail To: Diana Tulman, 28 Canterbury Ln., New Milford NJ 07646. **INFO:** www.icanj.net. W.

SEPT. 27, Dr. David Ostfeld Memorial ICA Open Championship

See Grand Prix.

SEPT. 27, Dr. David Ostfeld Memorial ICA U1600 Championship

Bergen Academy, 200 Hackensack Ave., Hackensack, NJ 07601. Open To All Ages With Rating below 1600. 4SS, G/60 d5. Prize Fund (\$5 b/25) 1st - 3rd \$200, \$150, \$100, TU1400 \$50, TU1200 \$50. **INFO:** 201-287-0250 or chessdirector@icanj.net. ADV EF (pmk by Sept 23rd) \$30 At Site \$35 Reg ends 1/2 hr before 1st rd. Late entrants will receive a 1/2 pt bye for rd. 1. **Rds.:** 9:30 AM, 11:45 AM, 2:00 PM, 4:30 PM. **ENT:** Make EF payable to: International Chess Academy. Mail To: Diana Tulman, 28 Canterbury Ln., New Milford, NJ 07646. **INFO:** www.icanj.net. W.

SEPT. 27, Lazy TD Quads

3-RR, G/40 d5. Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, NJ 07090. **EF:** \$25, \$20 Members. **Prizes:** \$60 to first in each section. **Register:** 1:15-1:45 p.m. **Rounds:** 2:00, 3:45, 5:30 p.m. **Information:** John Moldovan westfieldchessclub@gmail.com, Bill Cohen: 732-548-8432 or 848-219-1358, www.westfieldchessclub.com and westfieldchessclub.blogspot.com. **Note:** Pairings within each quad will be random.

OCT. 4, FCA Sunday G/60 Quads

3RR, G/60 d5. 271 Fort Lee Rd., Leonia, NJ 07605. **Prizes:** Trophy or

(\$)65% per Quad. **EF:** \$10(trophy), \$20(cash). **Reg.:** 11:00-11:45am. **Rounds:** 12:00, 2:00, 4:00. **Info:** frank@frankschess.com, 201-961-4029.

OCT. 4, Westfield G/45 Quads

3-RR, G/40 d5. Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, NJ 07090. **EF:** \$25, \$20 Members. **Prizes:** \$60 to first in each section. **Register:** 1:15-1:45 p.m. **Rounds:** 2:00-3:45-5:30 p.m. **Information:** John Moldovan westfieldchessclub@gmail.com, Bill Cohen: 732-548-8432 or 848-219-1358, www.westfieldchessclub.com and westfieldchessclub.blogspot.com. **Note:** TD may use random pairing option.

OCT. 7-12, 9-12 OR 10-12, 2nd annual Washington Chess Congress (VA)

See Grand Prix.

OCT. 10, Central Jersey Chess Tournament

Princeton Academy, 1128 Great Rd., Princeton. 6 sections: 4 rated, 2 unrated. **Open, U1200:** K-12, 3SS, G/40 d5. **U900, U600:** K-8, 4SS, G/25 d5. **Intermediate (K-6), Beginners (K-2):** 4SS, unrated, no clocks. Trophies: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and top school or club team per section, medals to all \$35 pre-reg online by 10/8, \$45 on-site. **Reg.:** 1:15-1:45, sections end between 4-6pm. Full details & pre-reg at njchess.com.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

OCT. 10, Dr. Machan's Super Swiss #4

4-SS, G/60 d10. Chess Mates, 75 East Cherry St., Suite 10a, Rahway, NJ 07065. **3 Sections:** Open, U2150, U1600. **EF:** \$60, \$50 members. **Prize Fund/Prizes:** 75% of EF. **Open:** 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 1st U2350, 2nd U2350. **U2150:** 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 1st U1850, 2nd U1850. **U1600:** 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 1st U1350, 2nd U1350. **Reg.:** 10:00-10:50 a.m. **Rds.:** 11:00 a.m., 1:35, 4:10, 6:45 p.m. **Info:** chessmates@chessmatesnj.com, 732-499-0118, 760-583-8429.

OCT. 11, Westfield 4x45 Swiss

4-SS, G/40 d5. Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, NJ 07090. **3 Sections:** Open, U1800, U1400. **Prizes:** (b/16 entries per section) Open \$80-60-51, U2000 \$50, U1800 \$80-60-51, U1600 \$50, U1400 \$80-60-51, U1200 \$50. **EF:** \$25, \$20 members. **Register:** 11:30 a.m.-12:05 p.m. **Rounds:** 12:15, 2:00, 3:45, 5:30 p.m. **Information:** John Moldovan westfieldchessclub@gmail.com, Bill Cohen: 732-548-8432 or 848-219-1358, www.westfieldchessclub.com

OCT. 30-NOV. 1 OR OCT. 31-NOV. 1, 6th annual Boardwalk Open

See Grand Prix.

NOV. 6-8 OR 7-8, 19th Annual Eastern Chess Congress (CT)

See Grand Prix.

A State Championship Event!

NOV. 22, New Jersey K-12 Grade Championship

5SS, G/30 d5. Brookdale College, 765 Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft, NJ 07738. Student Life Center, use Parking Lot #7 or #6; 4 miles from Garden State Parkway exit 109. **13 Sections:** Play only in your grade! Grades K-12: Trophies to top 10 individuals, top 3 teams - top 3 from each school/grade; 50% of players receive trophy or medal! **Rds.:** 10am and ASAP. **EF:** \$35 by 11/15, \$55 at site. US Chess mem req'd. **Reg.:** 8-9:00am After 9:00am 1/2 pt bye rd. 1. **Info:** 732 259-3881 Halsprechman@gmail.com **Ent:** Please make checks payable to NJSCF and send to Hal Sprechman, 66 Cromwell Ln., Jackson, NJ 08527. Entries must include name, grade school, date of birth, US Chess ID # & expiration, mailing address, phone number & entry fee, please include email address. **Register online at:** www.njscf.org until 11/20.

NOV. 27-29 OR 28-29, 46th annual National Chess Congress (PA)

See Grand Prix.

DEC. 26-28 OR 27-28, 34th annual Empire City Open (NY)

See Grand Prix.

JAN. 8-10 OR 9-10, 4th annual Boston Chess Congress (MA)

See Grand Prix.

JAN. 15-18, 16-18 OR 17-18, 48th annual Liberty Bell Open (PA)

See Grand Prix.

New Mexico

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

A State Championship Event!

SEPT. 26-27, New Mexico Open and 2015 NM State Championship cosponsored by The New Mexico Chess Organization and the Meadowlark Senior Chess Group, will be held at the Meadowlark Senior Center, 4330 Meadowlark Lane SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124. Championship play. A state championship event. **5 Rds. SS G/90+10d. Rds. Saturday 9:00 am, 1:00 pm, 5:00 pm; Sunday: 9:00 am, 1:30 pm.** \$5 cash prizes based on the number of entries. Unrated eligible only for 50% of prize except in Open Section. Select. pt. Bye Round prior Rd. 1. Bye cannot be revoked after play in the first round has begun. State Champion and the State Women's Champion individual plaques go to highest finish by NM resident in the Open and the highest finish by a NM resident woman in the Open Section. Advance Reg: Pay to NMCCO, Box 4215, Albuquerque, NM 87196. To avoid late fee, must be received by 9/24. **EF:** Open: \$40, U1800: \$35, U1500: \$30, U1200: \$25. Deadline for PayPal is 9/24/2015, Pay Pal must have valid US Chess ID and phone or email contact or will be charged \$15 late fee. Special Pay Pal entry form is available on nmchess.org. Reg. on site: cash/check only plus Late fee \$15. Sat. 8:00-8:30. Arrivals for on site reg. After 8:30 am will be given a Round 1 forced 1/2 pt bye. TD reserves option to place one or more late arrivals in a playing section without penalty if needed to make an even number of players. \$5 Family discount after one full price entry.

NOV. 6-8 OR 7-8, 2015 Southwest Autumn Open

See Grand Prix.

NOV. 13-15 OR 14-15, 2015 U.S. Class Championships (TX)

See Nationals.

NOV. 26-29 OR 27-29, 51st Annual American Open (CA-S)

See Grand Prix.

6th annual BOARDWALK OPEN

Oct 30-Nov 1 or Oct 31- Nov 1, 2015

\$15,000 guaranteed prize fund, entry fees reduced!

5 rounds, 40/110, SD/30, d10 (2-day option, rds 1-2 G/60, d10), at luxurious Stockton Seaview Hotel & Golf Club, 8 miles from Atlantic City in Galloway, NJ. 670 beautiful acres, golf, pool, fitness center, art gallery, free parking. FREE LECTURES BY IM DANNY KOPEC, Sat & Sun 9 am. Choice of 3-day or 2-day schedule. NOVEMBER RATINGS USED.

Open Section: \$2000-1000-500-300, clear/tiebreak 1st \$100 bonus, top U2300/unr \$800-400. 120 GPP (enhanced).

U2100 Section: \$1500-800-400-200, top U1900/Unr \$600-300.

U1700 Section: \$1200-600-300-200, top U1500 (no unr) \$500-250.

U1300 Section: \$800-400-200-150, top U1100 (no unr) \$200-100.

Unrated prize limits: U1300 \$200, U1700 \$500.

Mixed doubles bonus prizes: \$600-400-200.

FULL DETAILS: see "Grand Prix" in this issue.

DEC. 26-30, 26-29 OR 27-29, 25th annual North American Open (NV)
See Grand Prix.

New York

Brooklyn Strategist - Tuesday Night Quads

Brooklyn Strategist, 333 Court St., Brooklyn, NY. G/25 d5. Every Tues night 7pm. 4 Rds. **EF:** \$20. 1 bye available. **Prizes:** 1st, 2nd, U1800 - approx 60% payout. Food & drink available onsite. **Contact:** 718-576-3035.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

SEPT. 3, 10, 17, 24, OCT. 1, 6th Long Island CC Sept. Open
5SS, G/90 d5. United Methodist Church, 470 East Meadow Ave., East Meadow, NY 11554. **Open to all. \$(b/20 pd. ent.):** \$100-80. Top U-2000, U-1500/unr. \$50 ea. **EF(cash only):** \$35. Non-LICC members +\$10. **UNRATED FREE!** **Reg.:** 7:15 - 7:30 PM, no adv. ent., **Rds.:** 7:30 PM ea. Thursday. 2 byes 1-5. **Info:** www.lichessclub.com.

SEPT. 17, Marshall Thursday Action!

4-SS, G/25 d5. (\$375 b/25): \$150-100, U2200: \$75, U1900: \$50. **EF:** \$40, MCC Mbrs \$25. GMS Free. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45pm. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45pm. Max one bye, for round 1 or 4 only. Request at entry. Website: www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

SEPT. 18-20, 19-20 OR 20, Marshall Monthly U2300
5-SS, 40/90 SD30 +30. Open to players rated below 2300 US Chess. **(This tournament is not FIDE Rated.) \$800 Gtd.:** \$300-150-100. U2100: \$125; U1800 \$125. **EF:** \$60, MCC Mbrs \$40. **Reg.:** Ends 15 min before round start. **Rds.:** 3-day: Fri. 6pm, Sat. & Sun. 12-5:30pm. 2-day: Sat. 11am (G/25 d5) then merge with 3-day in round 2. 1-day: Sun. 9-10:10-11:20am (G/25 d5) then merge in round 4. Max two byes. **SIDE EVENT: September 18, Marshall Bughouse Tournament!** 5-SS, G/5 d0. Bughouse. Not rated. Players register in teams of two. Each round is a 2 game match. (\$450 b/35 players): \$200-100, top U2200/unr & U1900 team average: \$75. US Chess regular rating used for pairings & prizes. **EF:** \$30, MCC Mbrs & GMS \$20. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45pm. **Rds.:** 7-7:40-8:10-8:40-9:10pm. Max one bye, Request at entry.

SEPT. 19, Marshall U1800

4-SS, G/40 d5. (\$325 b/25): \$150-100, U1500: \$75. **EF:** \$40, MCC Mbrs \$20. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45am. **Rds.:** 12-2:30-4:45-7pm. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

SEPT. 24, Marshall Thursday Action!

4-SS, G/25 d5. (\$375 b/25): \$150-100, U2200: \$75, U1900: \$50. **EF:** \$40, MCC Mbrs \$25. GMS Free. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45pm. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45pm. Max one bye, for round 1 or 4 only. Request at entry. Website: www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

SEPT. 25, Robert Byrne Memorial Blitz (BLZ)

See Grand Prix.

SEPT. 25-27 OR 26-27, 6th Annual Hartford Open (CT)

See Grand Prix.

SEPT. 26, Marshall Saturday G/60 (Open & U1700)

4-SS, G/55 d5. Two sections: **Open:** (\$450 b/35): \$200-125, U2300: \$75, U2000: \$50. **U1700:** (\$325 b/25): \$150-100, U1400: \$75. **EF:** \$40, MCC Mbrs \$20. GMS Free. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45am. **Rds.:** 12-2:30-4:45-7pm. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

SEPT. 27, Marshall Sunday G/45 (Open & U1500)

4-SS, G/40 d5. Two sections: **Open:** (\$450 b/35): \$200-125, U2100: \$75, U1800: \$50. **U1500:** (\$325 b/25): \$150-100, U1200: \$75. **EF:** \$40, MCC Mbrs \$20. GMS Free. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45am. **Rds.:** 12-2:30-4:45-7pm. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

OCT. 1, Marshall Thursday Action!

4-SS, G/25 d5. (\$375 b/25): \$150-100, U2200: \$75, U1900: \$50. **EF:** \$40, MCC Mbrs \$25. GMS Free. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45pm. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45pm. Max one bye, for round 1 or 4 only. Request at entry. Website: www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

OCT. 2, Marshall U2200 Friday Night Action!

4-SS, G/25 d5. (\$300 b/25): \$150-75, U1900: \$75. **EF:** \$40, MCC Mbrs \$20. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45pm. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45pm. Max one bye, for round 1 or 4 only. Request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

OCT. 2-4, Marshall October Weekend FIDE

5-SS, 40/90 SD30 +30. FIDE Rated. (\$600 b/25): \$250-125. U2200: \$125; U1900 \$100. **EF:** \$60, MCC Mbrs \$40. GMS Free. **Reg.:** Ends 15 min before round start. **Rds.:** Fri. 6pm, Sat. & Sun. 12:30-5:30pm. **(There is no longer a 2 or 1-day option!)** Max two byes. Request by rd. 3. Website: www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

OCT. 3, 20th Annual Artport Open

See Grand Prix.

OCT. 3, Marshall U1700

4-SS, G/40 d5. (\$325 b/25): \$150-100, U1400: \$75. **EF:** \$40, MCC Mbrs \$20. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45am. **Rds.:** 12-2:30-4:45-7pm. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

OCT. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Rochester Chess Center Saturday Tournaments!

3-SS, G/60 d5. Rochester CC, 221 Norris Dr., Rochester, NY 14610. 585-442-2430. Prizes based on entries. **EF:** \$15, RCC members \$13. \$2 less for HS and Pre-HS. **Reg.:** 1-1:45 pm. **Rds.:** 2-4-6. One bye available, request at entry. www.nychess.org. Also, Youth tournament, G/30 d5, every Saturday morning 10am-1pm, trophies and prizes. **EF:** \$5.

OCT. 4, Marshall Morning Action! - NEW

3-SS, G/25 d5. (\$225 b/25): \$100-50, U2100: \$75. **EF:** \$30, MCC Mbrs & GMS \$15. **Reg.:** 8:15-8:45am. **Rds.:** 9-10:10-11:20am. No byes. Website: www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

OCT. 5, 12, 19, 26, NOV. 2, 9, Marshall FIDE Mondays/ U1800
6-SS, G/90 +30. Two sections. **Open:** Open to all players 1600+. FIDE Rated. (\$600 b/25) \$200-150-100. U2000: \$100-50. **U1800:** (\$600 b/25) \$200-150-100. U1500: \$100-50. **EF:** \$60, MCC Mbrs \$40. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45pm. **Rd:** 7pm each Mon. Limit two byes; request by rd. 4. Website: www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

OCT. 6, 13, 20, 27, NOV. 3, 10, 17, 24, DEC. 1, Marshall Scholastic League - NEW!

7-SS, G/75 d5. Open to youth K-12. **Two Sections: Open & U1400.** Maximum 35 players, 5 per school, in each section. **Teams & Prizes:** Trophies and year Marshall Memberships to top team (and coach) in each section. Top 4 scores, minimum of 3, count towards team score. **Individual Prizes:** Trophies and free tournament entries to top 3 finishers in each section! **EF:** \$75/player, or \$325/team (5 players in the same section). MCC Mbrs: \$20 discount. **Rds.:** 5pm each Tuesday listed. **Reg.:** Max 2 byes; request by rd. 4. Email admin@marshallchessclub.org with school/team roster to register. www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

OCT. 7-12, 9-12 OR 10-12, 2nd annual Washington Chess Congress (VA)

See Grand Prix.

OCT. 7, 14, 21, 28, Community Chess Club of Rochester Wed Night Chess!

Note: 1 game rated per night, G/80 d5. Rochester Chess Center, 221 Norris Dr., Rochester, NY 14610. 585-442-2430. **EF:** \$5, CCCR members \$3. **Reg.:** 7-7:25 pm. **Rd.:** 7:30pm. www.rochesterchessclub.org.

OCT. 8, Marshall U2400 Action

4-SS, G/25 d5. Open to players rated below 2400 US Chess. (\$375 b/25): \$150-100, U2100: \$75 U1800: \$50. **EF:** \$40, MCC Mbrs \$25. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45pm. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45pm. Max one bye, for round 1 or 4 only. Request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

OCT. 8, 15, 22, 29, NOV. 5, 5th Long Island CC Fall Open

5SS, G/90 d5. United Methodist Church, 470 East Meadow Ave., East Meadow, NY 11554. **Open to all. \$(b/20 pd. ent.):** \$100-80. Top U-2000, U-1500/unr. \$50 ea. **EF(cash only):** \$35. Non-LICC members +\$10. **UNRATED FREE!** **Reg.:** 7:15 - 7:30 PM, no adv. ent., **Rds.:** 7:30 PM ea. Thursday. 2 byes 1-5. Skittles rm. **Info:** www.lichessclub.com.

OCT. 9, Marshall Friday Night Blitz (BLZ)

9-SS, G/3 +2. (\$500 b/35): \$200-100, top U2400/unr, U2200, U2000, U1800: \$50. Highest rating (regular, quick or blitz) used for pairings & prizes. **EF:** \$30, MCC Mbrs \$20, GMS \$20. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45. **Rds.:** 7-7:30-7:50-8:10-8:40-9:20-9:40-10pm. Max three byes. Request at entry. Blitz rated. www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

OCT. 9, 16, 23, 30, NOV. 6, 13, 20, 2015 Queens Chess Club Championship

See Grand Prix.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

OCT. 10, Jefferson County Championship & Open Chess Tournament - National Chess Day

4-SS, G/75 d5, Half pt. bye 1-3. Sponsored by Watertown Chess Club, see website at 222.watertownchessclub.com. Loc: American Red Cross, 2nd floor Conference Rm., 203 N. Hamilton St., Watertown, NY 13601. A United States Chess Federation event, US Chess membership required. **\$125 Prize fund** /12 total paid entries. \$75-\$25, class \$25. **Reg.:** 8:30-9:20 AM. **Rds.:** 9:30 AM, 12:15, 3:00 and 5:30 PM. **EF:** \$25 (\$22 for WCC members), send to Don Klug, 518 Sherman St., Watertown, NY 13601. D. Klug 315-785-8800.

OCT. 10, Marshall Saturday G/60 (Open & U1800) Celebrate National Chess Day!

4-SS, G/55 d5. Two sections: **Open:** (\$450 b/35): \$200-125, U2400: \$75, U2100: \$50. **U1800** (\$325 b/25): \$150-100, U1500: \$75. **EF:** \$40, MCC Mbrs \$20. GMS Free. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45am. **Rds.:** 12-2:30-4:45-7pm. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

OCT. 11, Marshall Sunday G/45 (Open & U1600)

4-SS, G/40 d5. Two sections: **Open:** (\$450 b/35): \$200-125, U2200: \$75, U1900: \$50. **U1600:** (\$325 b/25): \$150-100, U1300: \$75. **EF:** \$40, MCC Mbrs \$20. GMS Free. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45am. **Rds.:** 12-2:30-4:45-7pm. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

OCT. 12, Marshall Columbus Day Action!

6-SS, G/25 d5. (\$525 b/25) \$200-100. U2300: \$75, U2000: \$75, U1700: \$75. **EF:** \$50, MCC Mbrs \$30. GMS Free. **Reg.:** 10:15-10:45am. **Rds.:** 11am-12:15-1:30-3:00-4:15-5:30pm. 2 byes available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

OCT. 14, 21, 28, NOV. 4, 11, 18, Marshall Weekly Wednesdays

6-SS, G/90 +30. Two sections. **U2000:** (\$600 b/25) \$250-150-100. U1700: \$100. **U1400:** (\$600 b/25) \$250-150-100. U1100: \$100. **EF:** \$60, MCC Mbrs \$40. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45pm. **Rds.:** 7pm each Wed. Limit two byes; request by rd. 4. www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

OCT. 15, Marshall Thursday Action!

4-SS, G/25 d5. (\$375 b/25): \$150-100, U2200: \$75, U1900: \$50. **EF:** \$40, MCC Mbrs \$25. GMS Free. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45pm. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45pm. Max one bye, for round 1 or 4 only. Request at entry. Website: www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

OCT. 16-18, 17-18 OR 18, Marshall Monthly U2300

5-SS, 40/90 SD30 +30. Open to players rated below 2300 US Chess. **(This tournament is not FIDE Rated.) \$800 Gtd.:** \$300-150-100. U2100: \$125; U1800 \$125. **EF:** \$60, MCC Mbrs \$40. **Reg.:** Ends 15 min before round start. **Rds.:** 3-day: Fri. 6pm, Sat. & Sun. 12-5:30pm. 2-day: Sat. 11am (G/25 d5) then merge with 3-day in round 2. 1-day: Sun. 9-10:10-11:20am (G/25 d5) then merge in round 4. Max two byes. **SIDE EVENT: October 16, Marshall Checkers Tournament!** 5-SS, G/15 d5. American Checker rules. Not chess, not rated. (\$450 b/35 players): \$200-100, top U2200/unr & U1900: \$75. US Chess regular rating used for pairings & prizes. **EF:** \$30, MCC Mbrs & GMS \$20. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45pm. **Rds.:** 7-7:40-8:10-8:40-9:10pm. Max one bye, Request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

OCT. 17, Marshall Saturday U1500

4-SS, G/40 d5. (\$325 b/25): \$150-100, U1200: \$75. **EF:** \$40, MCC Mbrs \$20. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45am. **Rds.:** 12-2:30-4:45-7pm. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

OCT. 17-18, 2nd annual Central New York Open

See Grand Prix.

CENTRAL NEW YORK OPEN

October 17-18 at Syracuse University

\$2500 GUARANTEED PRIZES

5 rounds, G/90, d10 at historic Hall of Languages. See Orbitz.com, Expedia.com or Hotels.com for nearby hotels.

Open Section: \$500-300-200, top U2100/Unr \$210.

Under 1900 Section: \$300-150-70, top U1700 (no unr) \$160.

Under 1500 Section: \$200-100-50, top U1300 (no unr) \$110. Unrated limit \$150.

Mixed Doubles: best male/female 2-player team (may be in different sections) averaging under 2200: \$150.

College Teams: Plaques to first 3 teams based on top 4 scorers from school among all sections.

FULL DETAILS: see "Grand Prix" in this issue.

OCT. 20, Marshall Masters - New Prizes, FIDE Rapid Rated!
See Grand Prix.**OCT. 22, Marshall Thursday Action!**

4-SS, G/25 d5. (\$375 b/25): \$150-100, U2200: \$75, U1900: \$50. **EF:** \$40, MCC Mbrs \$25. GMs Free. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45pm. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45pm. Max one bye, for round 1 or 4 only. Request at entry. Website: www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

OCT. 22, 29, NOV. 5, 12, 19, 26, DEC. 3, Marshall Thursday Open 6-SS, G/90 +30. **FIDE Rated.** (\$600 b/25): \$250-150, U2100: \$125. U1800: \$75. **EF:** \$60, MCC Mbrs \$40. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45pm. **Rds.:** 7pm each Thurs. Limit two byes; request by rd. 4. (Note: There is a week break for Thanksgiving.) www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

OCT. 23, Marshall \$500 FIDE Blitz (BLZ)
See Grand Prix.**OCT. 24, Marshall Saturday G/60 (Open & U1700)**

4-SS, G/55 d5. Two sections: **Open:** (\$450 b/35): \$200-125, U2300: \$75, U2000: \$50. **U1700:** (\$325 b/25): \$150-100, U1400: \$75. **EF:** \$40, MCC Mbrs \$20. GMs Free. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45am. **Rds.:** 12-2:30-4:45-7pm. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

OCT. 24-25, 2015 Vermont Open (VT)
See Grand Prix.**OCT. 25, Marshall Scholastic Action! (U1300) - NEW**

3-SS, G/25 d5. Open to youth K-12. (\$225 b/25): \$100-50, U1000: \$75. **EF:** \$30, MCC Mbrs \$15. **Reg.:** 8:15-8:45am. **Rds.:** 9-10:10-11:20am. No byes. www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

OCT. 25, Marshall Sunday G/45 (Open & U1500)

4-SS, G/40 d5. Two sections: **Open:** (\$450 b/35): \$200-125, U2100: \$75, U1800: \$50. **U1500:** (\$325 b/25): \$150-100, U1200: \$75. **EF:** \$40, MCC Mbrs \$20. GMs Free. **Reg.:** 12:15-12:45pm. **Rds.:** 1-3:30-5:45-8pm. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

OCT. 29, Marshall Thursday Action!

4-SS, G/25 d5. (\$375 b/25): \$150-100, U2200: \$75, U1900: \$50. **EF:** \$40, MCC Mbrs \$25. GMs Free. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45pm. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45pm. Max one bye, for round 1 or 4 only. Request at entry. Website: www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

OCT. 30-NOV. 1 OR OCT. 31-NOV. 1, 6th annual Boardwalk Open (NJ)
See Grand Prix.**OCT. 30-NOV. 1, Marshall Halloween! - NEW!**
See Grand Prix.**NOV. 5, Marshall Thursday Action!**

4-SS, G/25 d5. (\$375 b/25): \$150-100, U2200: \$75, U1900: \$50. **EF:** \$40, MCC Mbrs \$25. GMs Free. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45pm. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45pm. Max one bye, for round 1 or 4 only. Request at entry. Website: www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

NOV. 6, Marshall U2200 Friday Night Action!

4-SS, G/40 d5. (\$300 b/25): \$150-75, U1900: \$75. **EF:** \$40, MCC Mbrs \$20. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45pm. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45pm. Max one bye, for round 1 or 4 only. Request at entry. Website: www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

NOV. 6-8 OR 7-8, 19th Annual Eastern Chess Congress (CT)
See Grand Prix.**US Chess Junior Grand Prix!****NOV. 6-8, Marshall Weekend FIDE**

5-SS, 40/90 SD/30 +30. **FIDE Rated.** (\$600 b/25): \$250-125, U2200: \$125, U1900 \$100. **EF:** \$60, MCC Mbrs \$40. GMs Free. **Reg.:** Ends 15 min before round start. **Rds.:** Fri. 6pm, Sat. & Sun. 12:30-5:30pm. (There is no longer a 2 or 1-day option!) Max two byes. Request by rd. 3. www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

NOV. 7, Marshall U1700

4-SS, G/40 d5. (\$325 b/25): \$150-100, U1400: \$75. **EF:** \$40, MCC Mbrs \$20. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45am. **Rds.:** 12-2:30-4:45-7pm. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

NOV. 8, Marshall Morning Action!

3-SS, G/25 d5. (\$225 b/25): \$100-50, U1700: \$75. **EF:** \$30, MCC Mbrs & GMs \$15. **Reg.:** 8:15-8:45am. **Rds.:** 9-10:10-11:20am. No byes. Website: www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

NOV. 12, Marshall U2400 Action

4-SS, G/25 d5. Open to players rated below 2400 US Chess. (\$375 b/25): \$150-100, U2100: \$75 U1800: \$50. **EF:** \$40, MCC Mbrs \$25. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45pm. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45pm. Max one bye, for round 1 or 4 only. Request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

NOV. 13, Marshall Friday Night Blitz (BLZ)

9-SS, G/3 +2. (\$500 b/35): \$200-100, top U2400/unr, U2200, U2000, U1800: \$50. Highest rating (regular, quick or blitz) used for pairings & prizes. **EF:** \$30, MCC Mbrs \$20, GMs \$20. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45. **Rds.:** 7-7:30-7:50-8:10-8:40-9-9:20-9:40-10pm. Max three byes. Request at entry. Blitz rated. www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

NOV. 13-15 OR 14-15, 14th Annual Turkey Bowl (FL)

See Grand Prix.

NOV. 14, Inaugural Seneca Lake Open

See Grand Prix.

NOV. 14, Marshall Saturday G/60 (Open & U1800)

4-SS, G/55 d5. Two sections: **Open:** (\$450 b/35): \$200-125, U2400: \$75, U2100: \$50. **U1800:** (\$325 b/25): \$150-100, U1500: \$75. **EF:** \$40, MCC Mbrs \$20. GMs Free. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45am. **Rds.:** 12-2:30-4:45-7pm. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

NOV. 15, Marshall Scholastic Action! (U1400) - NEW

3-SS, G/25 d5. Open to youth K-12. (\$225 b/25): \$100-50, U1100: \$75. **EF:** \$30, MCC Mbrs & GMs \$15. **Reg.:** 8:15-8:45am. **Rds.:** 9-10:10-11:20am. No byes. www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

NOV. 15, Marshall Sunday G/45 (Open & U1600)

4-SS, G/40 d5. Two sections: **Open:** (\$450 b/35): \$200-125, U2200: \$75, U1900: \$50. **U1600:** (\$325 b/25): \$150-100, U1300: \$75. **EF:** \$40, MCC Mbrs \$20. GMs Free. **Reg.:** 12:15-12:45pm. **Rds.:** 1-3:30-5:45-8pm. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716.

NOV. 27-29 OR 28-29, 46th annual National Chess Congress (PA)
See Grand Prix.**DEC. 26-28 OR 27-28, 34th annual Empire City Open**
See Grand Prix.**JAN. 8-10 OR 9-10, 4th annual Boston Chess Congress (MA)**
See Grand Prix.**JAN. 15-18, 16-18 OR 17-18, 48th annual Liberty Bell Open (PA)**
See Grand Prix.

North Carolina

SEPT. 25-27 OR 26-27, 42nd Annual Lipkin/Pfefferkorn Open
See Grand Prix.**SEPT. 27, 42nd Lipkin/Pfefferkorn Scholastic**

4-SS, G/30 d5. Holiday Inn Greensboro Airport, Greensboro, NC 27409. **In 2 sections:** K-9 and K-6. Limited to the first 40 players. **Entry Fees:** \$25 by 9/22; \$30 at site. Trophies to top 10 each section. Medals to the rest. **Registration:** Ends 10 a.m. **Rounds:** 10:30-12-2:15-3:30. Awards right after last round is completed. **Info:** info@americanchesspromotions.com or (478)-973-9389. Enter: www.americanchesspromotions.com

OCT. 7-12, 9-12 OR 10-12, 2nd annual Washington Chess Congress (VA)
See Grand Prix.**OCT. 10, ACC All-Star Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)**

Courtyard Durham RTP, 301 Residence Inn Blvd., Durham, NC 27713. **Trophies:** Players w/ plus score. **Check-in:** Reqd 9-9:15a. Games end 12pm. **EF:** 19, 30 onsite. **Info:** http://bachess.org/durham. W.

OCT. 10, ACC Super\$wiss (3SS, G/75 d5)

Courtyard Durham RTP, 301 Residence Inn Blvd., Durham, NC 27713. **Prizes:** \$1,000 b/37. 50% guar. **Open:** \$200-100-50, u2000 100, u1800 50. **u1600:** \$200-100-50, u1400 100, u1200 50. Oct 15 Supp & TD disc. **Reg.:** 12-12:15pm. **Rds.:** 12:30-3:30-6:30pm. **EF:** 39, Econ 29 w 2/3 prize, onsite +11, Rtd 2200+ \$0 by 9/30. **Info:** http://bachess.org/durham. W.

OCT. 10, National Chess Day in Hendersonville

3SS, G/60 d5 Henderson County Athletics and Activity Center, 708 S. Grove St., Hendersonville, NC 28792. **EF:** \$5, 80% returned. **Rds.:** 9:30-11:45-2:00. **Info:** Kevin Hyde, hyde@ioa.com

OCT. 16-18, North Carolina Senior Open
See Grand Prix.**OCT. 30-NOV. 1 OR OCT. 31-NOV. 1, Nashville Open (TN)**
See Grand Prix.

Ohio

SEPT. 4, DCC Friday Nite Quick #30 (QC)

4SS, G/24 d5. Dayton Chess Club, 18 W. 5th St., Dayton, OH. **Rds:** 7:30/8:30/9:30/10:30. One bye. **Prizes:** based on entries. **EF:\$14 (\$10 DCC mbr).** **Info:** DCC.18W5@sbcglobal.net, 937-461-6283.

SEPT. 11, DCC Friday Nite Quick #31 (QC)

4SS, G/24 d5. Dayton Chess Club, 18 W. 5th St., Dayton, OH. **Rds:** 7:30/8:30/9:30/10:30. One bye. **Prizes:** based on entries. **EF:\$14 (\$10 DCC mbr).** **Info:** DCC.18W5@sbcglobal.net, 937-461-6283.

SEPT. 18, DCC Friday Nite Quick #32 (QC)

4SS, G/24 d5. Dayton Chess Club, 18 W. 5th St., Dayton, OH. **Rds:** 7:30/8:30/9:30/10:30. One bye. **Prizes:** based on entries. **EF:\$14 (\$10 DCC mbr).** **Info:** DCC.18W5@sbcglobal.net, 937-461-6283.

SEPT. 18-20 OR 19-20, 2015 Harold Steen Memorial Cup (MI)
See Grand Prix.**SEPT. 19, Mike's Birthday Bash**

4SS, G/30 d5. 6025 Kruse Dr., Solon, OH 44139 **EF:** \$30, IMs, GMs free. **Sections:** Open, U1800, U1400, U1000. **Registration:** 9-9:45 at site. **Rds.:** 10:00, 11:30, 1:00, 2:30, U-1000 ASAP. **Prizes: \$800 Guaranteed!! Open:** \$150, \$50, U-2000 \$50. **U-1800:** \$100, \$50, U1600 \$50. **U-1400:** \$100, \$50, U1200 \$50. **U1000:** \$60, \$30, U750 \$30, U500 \$30. Free healthy box lunch to **ALL players!** Convenient Online Registration at www.progresswithchess.org **Info:** Contact: Mike Joelson, 216-321-7000.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!**A State Championship Event!****SEPT. 19-20, Ohio Senior Open & State Championship**

New event, under age 50 welcome too! Beautiful setting at Salt Fork State Park near Cambridge and Amish country. Relaxed schedule for quality time with family, friends and the great outdoors! **2 sections:** Senior (age 50+ as of 12/31/15) & Young'uns (18-49). **SSS, Rnds. 1-2 G/75 d10, Rnds. 3-5 G/90 d10. Reg.:** Sat 9:30-10:30, Rnds. 11-2:45-7, Sun 10-2:30. **EF:** \$40 thru 9/10, then \$50; OCA members \$3 less. Trophy prizes, 1st place resident is 2015 OH Sr Champ! On site lodging \$115/night, call 800-ATA-PARK, ask for Fellowship of the King rate, *reserve early!* **Full details** neilley.com/chess, grant@neilley.com, 740-862-3323.

SEPT. 25, DCC Friday Nite Quick #33 (QC)

4SS, G/24 d5. Dayton Chess Club, 18 W. 5th St., Dayton, OH. **Rds:** 7:30/8:30/9:30/10:30. One bye. **Prizes:** based on entries. **EF:\$14 (\$10 DCC mbr).** **Info:** DCC.18W5@sbcglobal.net, 937-461-6283.

SEPT. 26, Cincy Tornado - Positional By Nature

2 Sections: OPEN & Under 1600. 4-SS, G/60 d5. **EF:** \$30 if paid online/\$35 at site. OGPrix Event/OCA deduct \$3. Masters above 2200 Free EF & Lunch. Open b/15: \$150-\$75; Class Prizes based on entries. **Master Bounty Prize: Best Final Result against 1# Rated Master pays \$100 for win/\$50 draw. \$100 for perfect score to 1# Rated Master.** UNDER 1600 b/15: \$150-\$75; Class Prizes based on entries. **Reg.** Ends 9:45am. 1st Round: 10am. 1st Baptist Church, 11195 Winton Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45218. www.chessearth.com, info@chessearth.com. Last Saturday of Month.

OCT. 2-4 OR 3-4, 3rd Annual Wright Brothers Open
See Grand Prix.**OCT. 9, DCC Friday Nite Quick #34 (QC)**

4SS, G/24 d5. Dayton Chess Club, 18 W. 5th St., Dayton, OH. **Rds:** 7:30/8:30/9:30/10:30. One bye. **Prizes:** based on entries. **EF:\$14 (\$10 DCC mbr).** **Info:** DCC.18W5@sbcglobal.net, 937-461-6283.

OCT. 10, National Chess Day Scholastic Swiss

Cincinnati Scholastic Chess Series season 9 begins on National Chess Day at Princeton High School, 100 Viking Way, Cincinnati, OH 45246. **4SS, 4 sections:** K-12 Open, K-12 U1000, K-6 U700, K-6 Non-Rated. **Time control:** G/30 d5. **Prizes:** Medals to top five in each section. Series trophies awarded in rated sections based on points scored; best five scores from six tournaments count toward trophies. **For other tournaments in series and additional information:** visit www.chesscincinnati.com or contact Alan Hodge at 513-600-9915, a.hodge195@gmail.com.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!**OCT. 10, Toledo October Swiss - National Chess Day**

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 10/8, \$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 Willowick Rd., Maumee, OH 43537. 419-367-9450.

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OCT. 18, NOV. 8, DEC. 6, Columbus Chess League

1 Open Section. 6SS, G/75 d5. 2 rounds each date at OSU Campus Donatos. **EF:** \$70/team, 4-board teams w/ 2 alternates. Trophies top 2 teams, 1st U1600 team & indl boards. Advance entries only, due 9/27. **Full details:** neilley.com/chess or grant@neilley.com. Note: Each day's rds. rated separately so this would not qualify to be a US Chess Junior Grand Prix event.

NOV. 13-15 OR 14-15, 24th annual Kings Island Open

See Grand Prix.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!**NOV. 14, Toledo November Ss**

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 11/12, \$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 Willowick Rd., Maumee, OH 43537. 419-367-9450.

A State Championship Event!**NOV. 21, 2015 Ohio Grade Level Championships**

5SS, 13 separate Sections. Open to students enrolled in Ohio schools in grades K-12 or home schooled in Ohio, age 19 and under. **Sheraton Cleveland Airport Hotel, 5300 Riverside Dr., Cleveland, OH 44135.** **EF:** \$30 if received by Nov 16 \$35 after. Low income students \$10 by Nov 16 \$15 after. **No on-site registrations. Awards:** Trophies to all scoring 3.5 or more, top three teams each section. Medals to all in sections K-8. See website for full details. **Contact:** Mike Joelson, 216-321-7000, mdjoelson@progresswithchess.org **Info/Forms:** www.progresswithchess.org

NOV. 27-29, Cleveland Classic

See Grand Prix.

NOV. 27-29 OR 28-29, 2015 Motor City Open (MI)

See Grand Prix.

Oklahoma**OCT. 17-18, 4th Fall OCF FIDE Chess Open (2 FIDE Sections)**

See Grand Prix.

NOV. 13-15 OR 14-15, 2015 U.S. Class Championships (TX)

See Nationals.

Oregon**US Chess Junior Grand Prix!****OCT. 10-11, National Chess Day Portland Chess Club Fall Open**

Portland Chess Club, 8205 SW 24th Ave., Portland, OR 97219. NW Chess Grand Prix. In 2 Sections. **Open:** 5SS, 40/90, SD/30 d5, **\$\$\$GT:** \$300-200. U2000 \$150. **Reserve:** 5SS, 40/90, SD/30 d5, Open to 1799 & under. **\$\$\$GT:** \$200-150. U1600 \$100; U1400 \$100; U1200/unr \$100. **ALL:** **EF:** \$40. \$30 for Portland Chess Club members. **Memb. Req'd:** OCF/WCF \$25; \$19 junior. **OSA. Rds.:** Sat. 10-2:15-7 Sun. 10-2:15. 2 half-point byes available if requested before Rd. 1. **ENT:** Mike Morris, 2344 NE 27th Ave., Portland, OR 97212. **INFO:** www.pdxchess.org, mikejmorris@earthlink.net. Limited to first 50 entrants.

NOV. 26-29 OR 27-29, 51st Annual American Open (CA-S)

See Grand Prix.

DEC. 26-30, 26-29 OR 27-29, 25th annual North American Open (NV)

See Grand Prix.

JAN. 15-18, 16-18 OR 17-18, 7th annual Golden State Open (CA-N)

See Grand Prix.

Pennsylvania**Every Friday - LVCA 7 & 9 pm Blitz Events Open/U1200 (BLZ)**

8SS, G/45 d2. St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 140 So. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104. **EF:** \$5, **Prizes:** Open and U1200, Minimum 50% Returned. 1st-70%, 2nd-30% AND will ADD PRIZES if 12 or more players per section, FREE Coffee For All Entrants. **REG.:** Ends 6:55pm, Cash on site only. **RDS.:** 7 pm, then ASAP. On Site: 484-866-3045 or bdavis@lehighvalleychessclub.org, www.lehighvalleychessclub.org.

Every Saturday - LVCA Quads/RBO U1200 Quads + G/7 d3 (BLZ)

(New Location - see www.lehighvalleychessclub.org) G/40 d5 Quads, 3-RR. **Reg.:** 1-1:45, **Rds.:** 2 pm, then asap. 2 Sections: Open Section **EF:** \$10. **Prizes:** \$30 for 3-0 score, else \$25 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. **Bruce, 484-866-3045.** **Info:** srdiamond@yahoo.com.

North Penn Chess Club

Main & Richardson, Lansdale, PA. See www.northpennchessclub.org for schedules & info or 215-699-8418.

SEPT. 18-20 OR 19-20, 2015 Harold Steen Memorial Cup (MI)

See Grand Prix.

SEPT. 19, 2015 PA State Game/60 Championship

See Grand Prix.

SEPT. 27, 56th Annual Pittsburgh Chess League

30/90, SD/60 d5. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Monthly 4-player team event from Sept. to Apr. **EF:** \$50/team by 9/24. **Rds.:** 2pm. **Info:** 412-908-0286, martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com, www.pitt.edu/~schach/. **W. NOTE:** You play one game per month and each month is rated separately.

OCT. 3, W.Chester 1st Sat. Quads

Our 26th year! 3RR, Game/80 d5. 2nd Presbyterian Church, 114 S.

Walnut St., West Chester, PA. **EF:** \$20; \$40, \$50 for 3-0. **Reg.:** 9am. **Rds.:** 9:30,12:2:30. **Info:** WCCC1975@gmail.com.

OCT. 3, 9th Annual Greater Pocono K-12 Chess Championship 5-SS, G/30 d5. **EF:** \$30, \$35 after 10/1. **2 Sections: K-12 Open-1st, 2nd, 3rd, Top U1600, Top U1400, Top Unr, Biggest Upset; K-12 U1000-1st, 2nd, 3rd, Top U800, Top U600, Top Unr, Biggest Upset; Trophies & Raffle Prizes.** **Reg.:** 8:30 am, **Rds.:** 9:45-11-12:45-2-3:15. **Site:** Pocono Mountain East High School, 231 Pocono Mountain School Rd., Swiftwater, PA 18370. **Ent:** Check payable to: "PMECPA", c/o Dan Tartaglione, 1354 Madison Ave., Pocono Summit, PA 18346. **Info:** www.pmechess.com/

OCT. 7-12, 9-12 OR 10-12, 2nd annual Washington Chess Congress (VA)

See Grand Prix.

OCT. 10, National Chess Day Bob Johnson Memorial Team Chess Tournament 2015

Location: Mercyrhurst North East Campus, Tom Ridge Center - Conference Room 16, West Division Street, North East, PA. 16428. **Hours:** 10 AM-1:30 PM-4:30 PM. **FREE** - No entry fee, but donations accepted. Three round Swiss Style. There will be a maximum of 5 players per team, but multiple teams are permitted. Under 1600 and Open categories. Players must be current US Chess members or renew at the tournament. "Top Team" will be determined by the top 4 scorers combined from the Open and Under 1600 sections. Unrated players will NOT count towards top team points. **Time control:** G/90 d5, 5 second delay if you are using a digital clock. **Important:** Advanced Registration of your Team is strongly encouraged. Please bring a chess board and chess set and a clock if available if you intend to play in any section. There will be a limited number of sets/boards/clocks available onsite for "emergencies". **Register** in advance with a reply to craigers518@msn.com. Please copy in our TD Christine Mitchell at camrcm@yahoo.com or call 814 899-8920. Please include your full name, US Chess number, rating (if you have one) section (Open or Under 1600), team you'll be competing for and your email address or phone number. If you register directly with me please copy in your team captain for your Club. Directions to the tournament: Exit I-90 at Exit 41 (North East). Take Rt. 89 North through town and past the second light (Division Street). Turn left to enter Mercyrhurst North East campus. The Tom Ridge Building is the first building on the Right. Park in the first parking lot in front of the Tom Ridge Building.

OCT. 10, MasterMinds National Chess Day

Lenfest Center, 3890 N. 10th St., Philadelphia, PA 19140. **Quads:** 3RR, G/85 d5. **EF:** \$30 cash; winner \$120. **Reg. ends 9AM.** **Rds.:** 9:30, 1, 4. **Scholastic:** 4SS, K-12 Open, K-8 U1200, K-6 U800, K-3 U500 G/40 d5, **EF:** \$5 rec'd by Thurs. before, \$15 on site. **Reg. ends 9AM.** Rd. 1 10AM then asap. **Mail Ent:** payable to MasterMinds CC, 36 E. Hortler St., Philadelphia, PA 19119. **Information:** mastermindschess.org or email brad@mastermindschess.org

A State Championship Event!**OCT. 10-11, 2015 National Chess Day PA State Scholastic, Collegiate and Open Team Championships**

Tuscarora Room in Reisner Dining Hall, Shippensburg University, 1871 Old Main Dr., Shippensburg, PA 17257. 3 Sections: (1) **K-6, (2) K-12, (3) Collegiate and Open.** Teams of 4 (3 is okay, but start match at 0-1) One alternate is allowed, must declare before event. Team average must be U2200, and 3rd and 4th board must be within 1000 pts of each other. G/60 d5. Sat: 12 - 2:30 - 5 and Sun: 9:30 - 12 - 2:30 and trophies about 4:30, but as soon as possible. **EF: \$60 per team; \$80 on site from 10 AM - 11 AM.** To represent school, all kids must be from same school. **Prizes:** Trophies: (1) **K-6 Section:** - 1st school in K-1, 1st club in K-1, 1st school - in K-3, 1st club - in K-3, 1st school, 2nd school, 3rd school - in K-6, 1st club, 2nd club, 3rd club - in K-6, Top Team U1000, Top Team U500 (2) **K - 12 Section:** - 1st school - in K-9, 1st club - in K-9, 1st school, 2nd school, 3rd school - in K-12, 1st club, 2nd club, 3rd club - in K-12, Top Team U1000, Top Team U500. (3) **Open:** - 1st and \$240, 2nd and \$120, 3rd - Open; 1st, 2nd - Collegiate, 1st - Family, 1st - Club. Additional information and Registration available at website: www.mindseyepress.com/apps/webstore/products/show/6112282. W.

OCT. 11, PCL October Quick Quads (OC)

3RR, G/15 d3. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15213. **EF:** \$10, \$7 Jrs. \$20 to 1st/quad. **Reg.:** 11-11:15am. **Info:** martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com, 412-908-0286. W.

OCT. 17-18, 2nd annual Central New York Open (NY)

See Grand Prix.

OCT. 17-18, 2015 Ira Lee Riddle Memorial PA State Championship

See Grand Prix.

A State Championship Event!

OCT. 18, PA State Championship Scholastics 5SS, G/40 d5. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15213. **2 Sections,** open to grades K-12: **Premier:** U1100 & unr. in grades 8-12. **Reserve:** U700 & unr. in grades K-7. **All:** Trophies to top 7 in each section. **Teams of 4 to 7 players from all sections:** Trophies to top 3 schools & top 3 clubs. **EF:** \$15 by 10/9, \$25 later. PSCF req'd, OSA. **Reg.:** ends 9:30 am. **Rds.:** 10-Noon-1:30-3-5. **Info:** martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com, 412-908-0286. **Ent:** PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 25 Freeport St., Pittsburgh, PA 15223.

OCT. 23-24 (FRI & SAT), 2015 U.S. Blind Chess Championship

See Nationals.

OCT. 30-NOV. 1 OR OCT. 31-NOV. 1, 6th annual Boardwalk Open (NJ)

See Grand Prix.

NOV. 6-8 OR 7-8, 19th Annual Eastern Chess Congress (CT)

See Grand Prix.

NOV. 27-29, Cleveland Classic (OH)

See Grand Prix.

NOV. 27-29 OR 28-29, 46th annual National Chess Congress

See Grand Prix.

NOV. 27-29 OR 28-29, 2015 Motor City Open (MI)

See Grand Prix.

DEC. 26-28 OR 27-28, 34th annual Empire City Open (NY)

See Grand Prix.

JAN. 15-18, 16-18 OR 17-18, 48th annual Liberty Bell Open

See Grand Prix.

Rhode Island**JAN. 8-10 OR 9-10, 4th annual Boston Chess Congress (MA)**

See Grand Prix.

South Carolina**SEPT. 19, Anderson Junior Quads**

3RR, G/25 d0. **EF:** \$5 Age 20 and below. **Reg.:** 9-9:30 am. First Game 10 am. Trophy for winner of each quad. At Concord Community Church, 620 Concord Rd., Anderson, SC 29621, electriccitychess@gmail.com

SEPT. 25-27 OR 26-27, 42nd Annual Lipkin/Pfefferkorn Open (NC)

See Grand Prix.

OCT. 30-NOV. 1 OR OCT. 31-NOV. 1, Nashville Open (TN)

See Grand Prix.

OCT. 30-NOV. 1 OR OCT. 31-NOV. 1, 76th S.C. Championships

See Grand Prix.

Tennessee**US Chess Junior Grand Prix!****SEPT. 19, 2015 NCC 1700+ Open**

4SS, G/70 d5. Nashville Chess Center, 2911 Belmont Blvd., Nashville, TN 37212, One Open Section. Limited to First 40 players to register due to space restrictions. 1st Place - \$350. 2nd Place - \$300. 3rd Place - \$175. 4th Place - \$100. 5th Place - \$75. U/1700 - \$50 if three or more players. **EF:** \$45 if by SEP. 4th. (\$40 to Nashville Chess Center members.) \$60 at the door (\$50 to NCC Members at the door.) Free entry for FM, IM and GM - no prizes deducted. \$30 entry to any other 2200+. \$60 for players under 1700 - \$80 at the door. **Register:** 8:30 - 9:30 AM. **Rounds 1: 10, 2: 1, 3: 4, 4: 7.** **ENT:** Make check payable to "Nashville Chess Center" and mail: 2911 Belmont Blvd., Nashville, TN 37212. Register online: www.nashvillechess.org - click calendar and follow links. On site cell: (615)-693-1535 or email Todd Andrews at email: nashvillechess@gmail.com.

SEPT. 25-27 OR 26-27, 42nd Annual Lipkin/Pfefferkorn Open (NC)

See Grand Prix.

OCT. 10, 2015 Cumberland County Fall Open National Chess Day Tournament

Cumberland Co. Community Complex, 1398 Livingston Rd., Crossville TN 38555. \$420 guaranteed prize fund. **Registration:** 7:30 - 8:30am (CST). **Rnds.:** 9, 11, 2 and 4:30 (CST). In 2 Sections, **Open:** 4SS, G/60 d5. **\$\$\$:** \$75. 30-X,A,B,C,D/Below. **Amateur:** 4SS, G/60 d5, Open to U1200 & under. **\$\$\$:** \$75. 30-F,G,H/Below,UNR UNR eligible for unrated prize only. **ALL:** **EF:** \$15 if mailed by 10/5, \$20 at site. **Memb. Req'd:** TCA \$10 TN residents only. **ENT:** Harry D. Sabine, P. O. Box 381, Crossville, TN 38557. **INFO:** www.cumberlandcountychess.org or Susan at 931-287-3765. W.

OCT. 10, National Chess Day!

4SS, G/60 d5. (4 round Swiss pairing system with game in 60 minutes with 5 second delay) **Site:** Grahamwood Elementary School, 3950 Summer Ave., Memphis, TN 38122. **Entry Fee** is \$15 by October 7, \$20 at site. Rounds start at 9am and other ASAP. **Registration** starts at 8:00am. **4 Sections:** Open, Under 1600, Under 1200, and Under 900. **Prizes:** Trophies to top 5 in each section. Enter online with PayPal. Website: http://memphischessclub.homestead.com/National-Chess-Day2015.html Please include US Chess ID, name on PayPal order. Thanks! Gary Pylant email: gpylant@gmail.com

OCT. 30-NOV. 1 OR OCT. 31-NOV. 1, Nashville Open

See Grand Prix.

NOV. 13-15 OR 14-15, 24th annual Kings Island Open (OH)

See Grand Prix.

NOV. 13-15 OR 14-15, 2015 U.S. Class Championships (TX)

See Nationals.

NOV. 21-22, 56th Mid-South Open

See Grand Prix.

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SEPT. 12, Many Springs 80

The Flying Saucer Draught Emporium, 111 E. 3rd St., Ft. Worth, TX 76102. 3 Round Swiss, G/60 d5. **EF:** \$20, 65% of EF returned as prizes. Sections to be determined by participation. **Registration** on-site 8:45-9:05. **First Round** 9:15AM, **Second Round** 12:15PM, **Third Round** 2:30PM. **Additional information:** Aurelio Gonzalez at either 817-789-8360, email: agonzalejr@yahoo.com.com or www.tarrantcountychessclub.org/.

SEPT. 12, Harlingen City Championship

4SS, G/30 d5. Armageddon tiebreaker. Harlingen Cultural Arts Building, 576 76 Dr., Harlingen, TX 78550. **Prizes \$1000 based on 100 paid entries:** \$200-50-25, U1800 \$50-25, U1600 \$50-25, U1400/unr \$50-25, Team (4 players, average < 2000) \$200-100, Mixed Double \$100, top female in each section \$25. **EF:** \$20 (email freechessclub@gmail.com), pay onsite; \$30 if registering same day. Over 2500 free, and GM's free (EF deducted from prize). **Rds.:** 9, 10:45, 1pm, 2:30. **Bye:** 1.

SEPT. 19-20, 2015 DCC Fide Open XI

See Grand Prix.

Oct. 3-4, 2015 DCC Fide Open XII

See Grand Prix.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Monthly - Tuesday Night Swiss

4SS, first 4 Tuesdays of every month. **Time control:** G/120 d5. Center64 CC, 3201 Hillcroft St., Suite 2E, Houston, TX 77057. **EF:** \$25 members, plus \$7 registration fee for non-members. **Prizes:** 50% EF. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:55 p.m. First Tue. of month. **Rds.:** 7 p.m. Tuesdays. **INFO: website** www.center64.com

Oct. 10, National Chess Day Houston Scholastic

5SS, G/25 d5 (Advanced Players > 1200 4SS, G/40 d5) at Chavez High School, 8501 Howard Dr., Houston, TX 77017. K-12 Scholastic Only. Trophies to positive scores. Sections based on advance entries received. Sections combined for School Team Trophies 1st to 3rd. **EF:** \$19 by mail postmarked by 10/ 6, or \$20 by PayPal by 10/ 8, or \$30 at site. **Reg.:** 8:30-8:45; Rd. 1 at 9:00, others ASAP. **Info & Entries:** James Liptrap, PO Box 12053, Spring, TX 77391, 832-492-7154. On-line entry: <http://chess.jliptrap.us/enter.htm> or [Flier at http://chess.jliptrap.us/hca15chav.htm](http://chess.jliptrap.us/hca15chav.htm)

NOV. 13-15 OR 14-15, 2015 U.S. Class Championships

See Nationals.

NOV. 26-29 OR 27-29, 51st Annual American Open (CA-S)

See Grand Prix.

DEC. 26-30, 26-29 OR 27-29, 25th annual North American Open (NV)

See Grand Prix.

Utah

DEC. 26-30, 26-29 OR 27-29, 25th annual North American Open (NV)

See Grand Prix.

JAN. 15-18, 16-18 OR 17-18, 7th annual Golden State Open (CA-N)

See Grand Prix.

Vermont

Oct. 24-25, 2015 Vermont Open

See Grand Prix.

Virginia

A Heritage Event!

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SEPT. 5-7, 79th Annual Virginia Closed

6-SS, 30/90, SD/1 d5. Westin Washington Dulles Airport, 2520 Wasser Terrace, Herndon, VA (703)793-3366. Conveniently located off I-295. Ask for Chess Rate and mention the VA Closed Chess Tournament. Reserve by Tues. Aug 4th to get the chess rate of \$89 www.westindulles.com/. Open to all Virginia residents, military stationed in Virginia, and students attending any Virginia school or college (must show student ID or other proof of Fall 2015 school enrollment). **\$\$\$3,000 b/o 85 paid entries.** **Tournament details at:** www.vachess.org, including online entry and payment via PayPal. Annual VCF Business Meeting Sat Sept. 5th from 9am-11am. **Info:** mhoffpaur@aol.com, 757-846-4805, or www.vachess.org. W.

SEPT. 25-27 OR 26-27, 42nd Annual Lipkin/Pfefferkorn Open (NC)

See Grand Prix.

Oct. 7-12, 9-12 OR 10-12, 2nd annual Washington Chess Congress

See Grand Prix.

Oct. 10, ACC SuperSwiss (3SS, G/75 d5) (NC)

See North Carolina.

Oct. 10-12, 2015 (56th Annual) U.S. Armed Forces Open Chess Championship

See Nationals.

Oct. 30-NOV. 1 OR Oct. 31-NOV. 1, Nashville Open (TN)

See Grand Prix.

Oct. 30-NOV. 1 OR Oct. 31-NOV. 1, 6th annual Boardwalk Open (NJ)

See Grand Prix.

Washington

NOV. 26-29 OR 27-29, 51st Annual American Open (CA-S)

See Grand Prix.

DEC. 26-30, 26-29 OR 27-29, 25th annual North American Open (NV)

See Grand Prix.

JAN. 15-18, 16-18 OR 17-18, 7th annual Golden State Open (CA-N)

See Grand Prix.

West Virginia

SEPT. 25-27 OR 26-27, 42nd Annual Lipkin/Pfefferkorn Open (NC)

See Grand Prix.

Oct. 30-NOV. 1 OR Oct. 31-NOV. 1, Nashville Open (TN)

See Grand Prix.

NOV. 13-15 OR 14-15, 24th annual Kings Island Open (OH)

See Grand Prix.

NOV. 27-29, Cleveland Classic (OH)

See Grand Prix.

Wisconsin

SEPT. 18-20 OR 19-20, 2015 Harold Steen Memorial Cup (MI)

See Grand Prix.

OCT. 9-11 OR 10-11, 24th annual Midwest Class Championships (IL)

See Grand Prix.

OCT. 17, Hales Corner Challenge XXII

See Grand Prix.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

OCT. 24-25, Greg Knutson Memorial

5-SS, TC rds. 1-3, G/120 d5, rds. 4-5, 45/2, SD/1 d5. Union South, 1308 W. Dayton St., Madison, WI 53716. 608-263-2600. **Rds.:** 10, 2:30, 7:30; 10, 3:30. **EF:** \$16 if received by 10/22, \$20 at site. **\$\$ \$650 guaranteed:** 1st \$140, 2nd \$120, A \$90, B \$80, C \$70, D \$60, U1200 \$50, unrated \$40. **Entries:** Guy Hoffman, 1305 D Tompkins Dr., Madison, WI 53716-3279, 920-279-0701. A Wisconsin Tour event.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

NOV. 14-15, 2015-2016 Wisconsin Junior Open

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See Grand Prix.

Wyoming

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Problem I. The game turned around when 40. ... Qh4! threatened 41. ... Qxh3+ and mate, e.g. 41. g5 Bxe4+ 42. Kg1 Qxg5+ 43. Qg4 Rg2+. **Problem II.** 37. ... Qxd4! 38. Qxd4 Nb3+ 39. Kd1 Bxf3+ and 40. ... Nxd4. **Problem III.** 32. ... R8e3+ forces mate, 33. Kd4 c5+! 34. Kd5 Kc7 and 35. ... Re5. **Problem IV.** 41. Qd6! threatens 42. Qe5+, e.g. 41. ... Qf6 42. Rb8! Qh6+ 43. Rh4 Qg6 44. Rxe8+ Qxe8 45. Qe5+ Kg8 46. Rg4 or 41. ... e5 42. Rb7! Qh5+ (42. ... Qxb7 43. Qf6+) 43. Rh4 Qf5+ 44. g4 Rxg4 45. Rhxh7+. **Problem V.** Better than 33. Rg3 Rf6 and 33. Rh7 Rg6 was 33. Be3!. The game ended with 33. ... Rf6 34. Bc5+ Ke8 35. Rce7+ Kd8 36. Bb6+ and mates. **Problem VI.** 36. ... Bf2! and Black's king eventually escapes checks, 37. Qf8+ Kg5 38. Nxb7+ Kf4 39. Qh6+ Ke4 40. Ng5+ Kd3 or 38. h4+ Kf4 39. Qh6+ Kg3 40. Qg5+ Ng4.

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Problem I. Mating Net: It's mate after 1. ... f3+. If 2. Kd1, then 2. ... Qxe1+ 3. Kxe1 Rc1 mate; or 2. Nxf3 Qxf3+ 3. Kd2 Nf1 mate. **Problem II. Discovery:** White's queen is lost after 1. ... e3+. **Problem III. Interference:** The immediate 1. ... f3+ causes the white king to move onto the d-file, leaving the d6-rook unguarded. **Problem IV. Mating Net:**

The game is over at once: 1. ... Nf3 mate. **Problem V. Removing the guard:** Black wins a piece by 1. ... Bxf3 (if 2. gxf3, then 2. ... Nxd2). **Problem VI. Mating Net:** It's mate in two: 1. ... Qg1+ 2. Kf3 Qg4 mate.

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Problem I. It appears that Black is on the verge of holding his own, but a fine tactical sequence shatters his dreams: 69. d7+! Kd8 The pawn is untouchable on account of 70. Rd6+. 70. Rd6 Rg2+ 71. Kh3 b2 72. Be5!, Black resigned. After 72. ... b1=Q 73. Bf6+ White promotes with check and develops a mating attack (Although his easiest way to

end Black's resistance is 73. ... Kc7 74. d8=Q+ Kb7 75. Qd7+ Kb8 76. Rb6+! Qxb6 77. Be5+ Ka8 78. Qxd5+ Qb7 79. Qxb7+ Kxb7 80. Kxg2). **Problem II.** White is winning in several ways, but Browne reels in the point with a lovely mini-combination. 52. Bd2! Rxc4 53. Rh7+ Kc8 54. b6! Sacrificing two pawns in order to advance the passer and immobilize Black's knight. 54. ... Rxe4+ Dvoretzky has restored material equality, but only temporarily; the knight will fall. 55. Kd1 Rd4 56. Re7 Rxd5 56. ... Kd8 57. Rxe8+! Kxe8 58. b7 57. Rxe8+ Kb7 58. Ke2 Kxb6 59. Re6 Kc6 60. Rxf6 Rb5, Black resigned.

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Colonel Ed Edmondson was the executive director of US Chess from 1966-1975. But he is best known as the person most responsible for getting (and possibly even convincing) Bobby Fischer to go to Iceland to play Boris Spassky for the World Championship in 1972. But four years before, he had a much more important task: play me in the U.S. Amateur in my hometown of Philadelphia.

These were the early days of the Sicilian Dragon so move orders were still being formalized. I played the opening well, but then misplayed the attack and was soon on what seemed to be the losing side of the Colonel's counterattack:

Sicilian Defense, Dragon Variation, Yugoslav Attack (B76)

Dan Heisman (1716)
Ed Edmondson (1884)
U.S. Amateur, May, 1968

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 d6 5. Nc3 g6 6. Be3 Bg7 7. Qd2 Nxd4 8. Bxd4 Nf6 9. f3 0-0 10. 0-0-0 b6?

We now know this is not a Dragon move, and indeed it starts the Colonel's problems.

11. h4 Nh5 12. Bxg7 Kxg7 13. g4 Ng3 14. Rg1 Nxf1 15. Rdxfl Bb7 16. h5 f6 17. g5 Qc8 18. gxf6+ Rxf6 19. hxg6 hxg6 20. f4 Qc4 21. f5 Bxe4 22. Rf4?

Stockfish 6 says 22. Nxe4 Qxe4 23. Rf4! is a win.

22. ... d5 23. Rfg4

Better is 23. Rxg6+.

23. ... Rxf5?

The move 23. ... Rc8 keeps Black in the game.

24. Rxg6+ Kf7 25. Rg7+ Ke6 26. R1g6+?



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“ I was so nervous I got up from the board and lay down on a couch ... ”

I played b2-b3 one move too late. It wins here.

26. ... Kd7 27. b3 Qf1+

Correct is 27. ... Qb4 with equal chances.

28. Kb2 Rf2



I was not prepared for this. How to meet the skewer on the queen and c-pawn? Then I saw "it." I was so nervous I got up from the board and lay down on a couch along the wall to analyze in my head. These days if you get up during your move in a complicated position, everyone assumes you are using a computer to cheat, but in those days most computers filled entire rooms at U.S. government sites, IBM, or Honeywell!

29. Nxd5!!

Now the Colonel thought for 46 of his remaining minutes, but could not find the best defense.

29. ... Raf8?

Easy to see is 29. ... Rxd2? 30. Rxe7+ Kd8 31. Rg8+ and mate next. As I pointed out after the game, Black had to try 29. ... Bxg6. Almost half a century later Stockfish shows I could force a good endgame with 30. Nxb6+ Kc6 31. Rxg6+ Rf6 32. Rg5! favoring White. How much of that I would have found, we'll never know! After Black's move, I announced mate in six (it's actually mate in three with 30. Nxb6+ but I didn't see that), and he resigned somewhere along the way: 30. Rxe7+ Kd8 31. Rd6+ Kc8 32. Qc3+ Qc4 33. Qxc4+ Kb8 34. Qc7+ Ka8 35. Qxa7 mate.

After the game, the Colonel kindly asked me why my rating was so low, and I told him about my low coefficient in the rating system. He then went back to Newburgh, New York (the then-US Chess headquarters) and asked them to keep my coefficient higher until my rating got to where it should be! ♠

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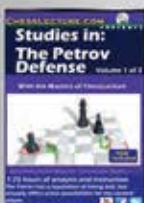
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