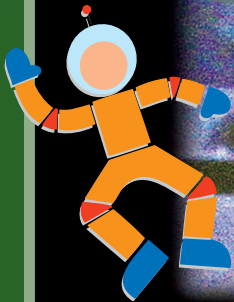
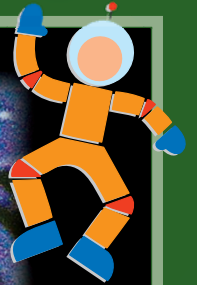


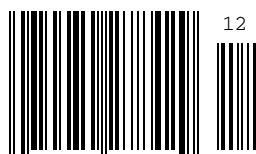
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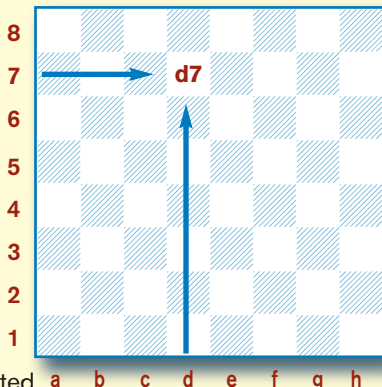
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# HOW TO Read & Write Chess

There are many different ways to write chess moves. The most popular method (described below) is called **algebraic notation**:

Each square has a name, taken from the intersection of the file (vertical or up-and-down rows of squares, which are lettered) and rank (horizontal or side-by-side rows of squares, which are numbered) the square is on. In the diagram the square on the intersection of the 7th rank and the d-file is called d7. Like in battleship!



The pieces are abbreviated by a capital letter, like this:

**K: King; Q: Queen; R: Rook; B: Bishop; N: Knight.**

Notice that the Knight is N, since K is reserved for the King. Notice also that pawns have no abbreviation.

A move is written by using the abbreviation for the piece that moves, followed by the square the piece moves to (1. ... Nf6). A pawn move is written as the square the pawn has moved to (1. d4). A capture by a piece is written as the abbreviation for the piece that moved, followed by an x, and finally the square the capture takes place on (8. Bxe5). A pawn capture is written as the file the capturing pawn stands on, followed by an x, and finally the square the capture takes place on (3. dxe5).

Other moves are castling kingside, which is written 0-0, and castling queenside, which is written 0-0-0. An *en passant* capture is indicated by *e.p.* after the move. A check is indicated by + after the move, and pawn promotion is indicated by adding ( ) and the abbreviation for the piece the pawn promotes to. Ambiguous moves (where more than one piece or pawn can move to the destination square) are taken care of by putting an extra rank or file in to make it clear which piece or pawn moved.

Here is a sample, using the famous smothered mate trap from the Budapest Defense.

**1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e5 3. dxe5 Ng4**  
**4. Bf4 Nc6 5. Nf3 Bb4+** (diagram A)

**6. Nbd2 Qe7 7. a3** (diagram B)

**7. ... Ncxе5 8. Bxe5 Nxe5 9. axb4 Nd3 checkmate.** (diagram C)

**x: take or capture      #: checkmate**  
**0-0: kingside castle    (:): promotion**  
**0-0-0: queenside castle    !: good move**  
**+: check                    ? : bad move**  
**??: blunder**



## on the Cover

### A HOP, SKIP, AND A JUMP AWAY



The International Space Station (ISS) may have been traveling at five miles per second, circling the earth once every 46 minutes, but it seemed as though Astronaut Greg Chamitoff was in the next room when he spent 20 minutes answering questions from the ace members of the Stevenson Elementary School chess club.

On October 9th, the club traveled to Bellevue Community College for a special satellite hook-up with the ISS flight engineer, their opponent in the Earth vs. Space match. (YOU can participate in the match by going to [www.uschess.org/nasa2008](http://www.uschess.org/nasa2008).) Learn more about NASA at [www.nasa.gov](http://www.nasa.gov). The cover photograph was taken by Qiang Wang.

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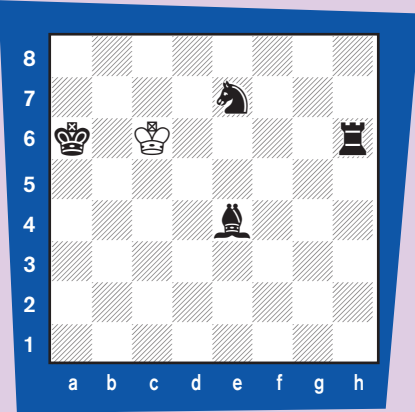
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## Times Three

The King appeared weary, and admitted that his day had been long. He asked for something to lighten the mood.

She thought a moment, and then set up the following position on the chessboard:



A smile appeared on the King's face. "The King," she began, "was worried..."

Her King chuckled.

She raised a questioning eyebrow. He became silent.

"The King" she began again, "was worried that the enemy was closing in, and that he was about to be..."

The King laughed out loud.

"Your Majesty..." she half-scooled, daring to go no further.

The King composed himself. "Proceed," he said.

"The King worried that he was about to be checkmated. He was seriously outnumbered. Yet, what could he do? What options were open to him?" She said.

Again, the King burst out laughing. She stopped.

The King clapped his hands. "Such a trifle—but a spirited one, at that!"

The King explained, "The white king is in check. Not only that, it is **triple check!** Highly unusual."

She nodded.

"In fact," continued the King, "they are never seen."

She allowed herself a smile.

"The white king is in check, so it is clearly his turn to move. Yet, whatever Black's most recent move was, before he made that move to create this position—White must still have been in check! **Discov-**

**ered double checks** are common, but **triple checks**—not possible.

"Now, if I remove the knight," said the King, doing so, "it is clear that Black's move was 1...Bg6-e4+, checking with the bishop and discovering the check by the rook.

"If I remove the bishop, instead," he said, returning the knight and removing the prelate, "Black's move must have been 1...Ng6-e7+, again, checking with the Knight and discovering the rook's attack.

"Finally, if I lift off the rook," putting back the bishop first, "Black's move was 1...Nd5-e7+. Discovered double check.

"The position as it stands, though, could not have come from a real game, but only from someone's witty imagination. Well done. I am greatly amused!"

She smiled and nodded her head.

(This story was inspired by Geoff Chandler.)





# ASK GM LARRY EVANS!

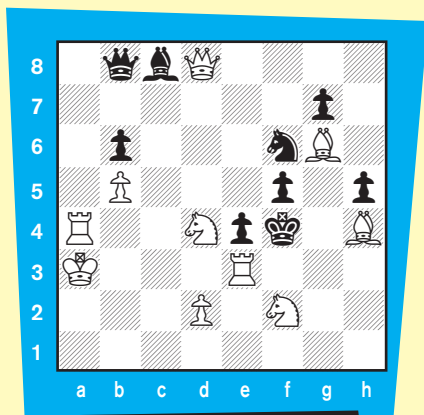
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## BEST QUESTION:

### TRY AND TRY AGAIN

Dale H. Dunning  
Great Falls, MT

**Q:** You presented this problem composed by F. Healey in *Chess Life* (August 2008, page 14) but I believe there might be a flaw in the solution. I stared at this problem all day and was baffled when I couldn't find a guaranteed mate in 2!



White to mate in 2 moves

You wrote: "The one and only key move is 1. Ra6! If 1...Ke5 2. Nd3 mate. Or 1...Bxa6 2. Qxb8." But on 1. Ra6 Ng4! where is White's mate on his next move?! Isn't 1. Bg3+ forcing the opponent to resign even better?

I found many alternative moves for Black other than the ones given, and it might have been fun to see some of those lines played out. But I realize they were omitted for brevity.

**A:** Check is not checkmate, and solutions seldom start with either a capture or a check. On 1. Ra6! Ng4 then 2. Bg3 mates. In problem parl-

ance 1. Bg3+ immediately is called a "try." On 1...Kg5 2. Bxb8 wins the queen but doesn't fulfill the condition of mate in 2 moves.

All orthodox chess problems stipulate that White makes the first move (the key) and mates on the next move no matter what Black does. Our task as solvers is to find the key and work out the mate after every possible black response. If at first you don't succeed, try and try again. These brainteasers are not from real games but are composed for our enjoyment.

### Writing Down Moves

avkp98@

**Q:** Hello. I want to be number one in the world at chess and was just wondering according to USCF rules if you have to move first and then write down your move. Or can you write your move first. In northern California, tournament directors and others have many arguments about this rule. If I get published don't use my name please.

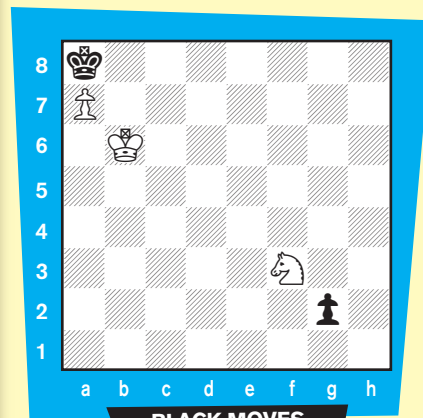
**A:** This controversy goes back many years when some grandmasters recommended we write down the move first and cross it out if we change our mind. I think it's much ado about nothing but to avoid any argument it's better to write down your move AFTER you make it.

### Underpromotions

C. Sanchez  
California

**Q:** According to the official site there were two underpromotions in the 2008 Tal Memorial

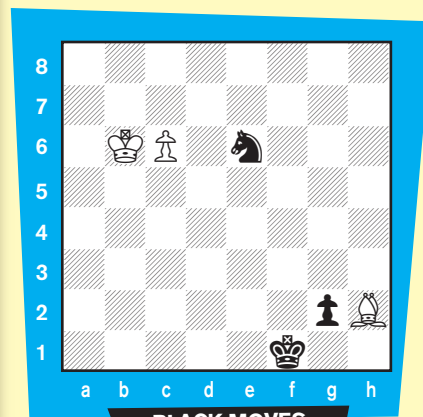
tournament. Both games were drawn and here are the finales. Did it make sense for Black not to make a queen right away? Was it a joke?



BLACK MOVES

Ponomariov-Ivanchuk

Black played 88...g1=B+ 89. Nxc1 and draw by stalemate. Why didn't Black make a queen instead of a bishop?



BLACK MOVES

Kamsky-Ponomariov

The conclusion was 71...g1=B+ 72. Bxc1 Kxc1 73. c7 Nxc7 74. Kxc7 Draw. Again, why didn't Black make a queen?

It was just a joke. It really doesn't matter because White must capture the pawn and a draw is inevitable anyway.

# The Chess Detective

by NM Todd Bardwick

## FORCING STALEMATE



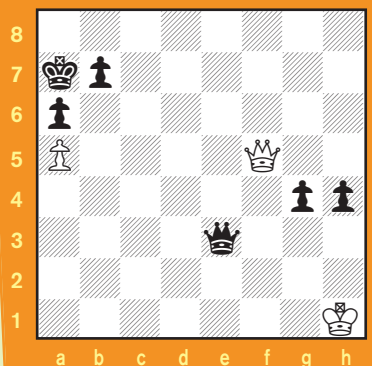
It amazes me how often beginner players announce that they are playing for a stalemate after just starting a game. Although stalemates happen frequently with young players, stalemates are something that when you are losing you pray for, not play for.

Usually one of the players makes a big mistake when the game ends in stalemate. In master games stalemates are rare because masters calculate several moves ahead and will notice when the opponent runs out of legal moves.

Sometimes when you are losing a position and praying for a stalemate, the opportunity to force a stalemate occurs. To force a stalemate, you should look for a position where your king has no legal moves, and then try to force your opponent to capture your other pieces that do have legal moves.

In the following position from 1942, the great Sammy Reshevsky, who is playing Black, is ahead by three pawns and it looks like he should win the game. Can you find a move for White that forces a stalemate?

### Reshevsky



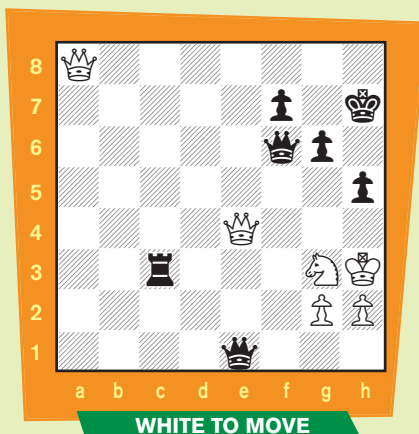
Position after 92...g4

### Pilnick

Pilnick finds a clever way to force Black to capture his queen. 93.Qf2! Draw agreed. Black is forced to play 93...Qxf2 or lose his queen and the game—and the white king is stalemated in the corner!

Here is a rare position with two queens each on the board for each side that occurred in Leningrad in 1939.

### Guldin



### Rovner

Picking up the clues, starting with material, Black is up an exchange and a pawn. Therefore, exchanging all the queens would be acceptable to him. White's knight is pinned to his king and cannot move. Note that White's king and pawns also cannot move. If White captures the queen with 1.Qxe1, Black can play 1...Qf5+ and

2...Qg4 mate. Positions where both players have two queens can be uncomfortable for both kings because of all the possible checks that can lead to mate due to the awesome power of the queen.

White sacrifices both queens to force a stalemate with **1.Qg8+! Kxg8** If Black tries 1...Kh6, then 2.Qf8+ and if 2...Kg5? 3.Qh4 mate or 2...Qg7? 3.Qxg7+ Kxg7 4.Qxe1. Black would have to play, 2...Kh7 3.Qg8+! which will be a three move repetition draw. **2.Qe8+!** 2.Qa8+? allows 2...Rc8! which breaks the pin releasing the knight and the chance for a stalemate. **2...Kh7** 2...Qxe8 stalemate! **3.Qg8+! Kh6** **4.Qh7+! Kg5** **5.Qh6+! Kxh6 stalemate.**

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# Which Rook?



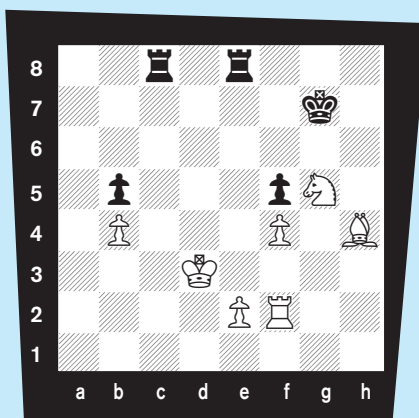
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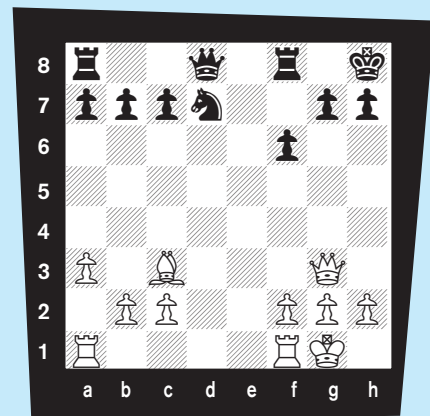
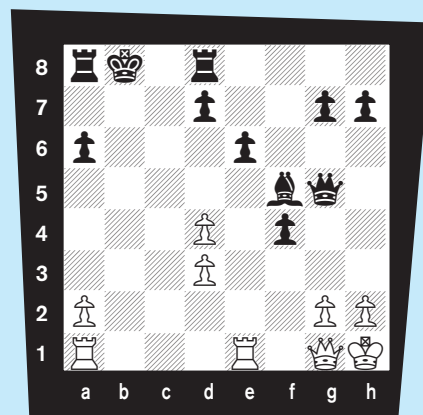
Now, let's see some examples with more pressing reasons to choose the correct rook for tactical opportunities.

One of the difficult choices in a chess game is to decide which rook to place in which open file. In this column, I'll explain the general rule of thumb and show you some exceptions.

Our first example is a standard, simple position, where common sense should be followed. White has two rooks and there are two open files.



the correct one: **1.Rad1+ Kc8** and **2.Re8** checkmate.



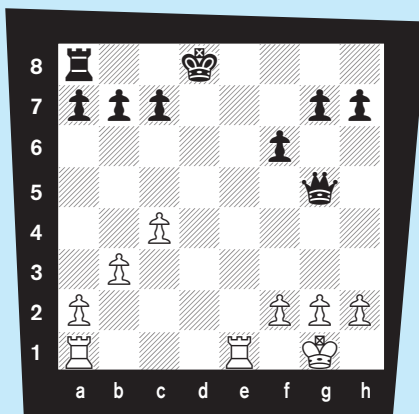
Here, again Black needs to follow the general rule. One rook is already on an open file (on c8); keep it there! So the correct rook move is **1...Red8+** followed by **2.Ke3 Rc3** checkmate. If Black would have chosen **1...Rcd8+**, White's king would have simply run away to the queenside.

The next example is quite similar to the last one... It is White to move. Can you find the correct way?

If White would play **1.Rae1** that rook would be well positioned on the e-file. However, the other rook on f1 would get stuck.

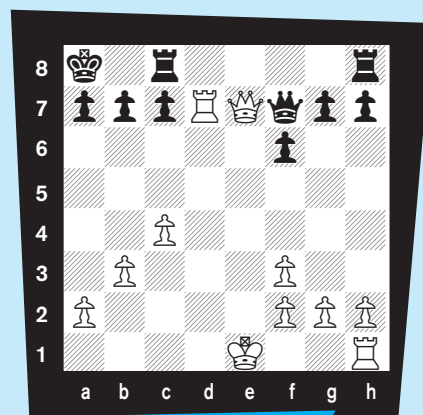
The same would happen the other way around if White would play **1.Rfd1** first.

Therefore, the correct sequence is **1.Rad1** and if, for example, Black tries to get out of the pin by **1...Qc8**, then **2.Rfe1** with a clearly preferable position for White.



This is a tricky one... If White chooses the natural **1.Rab1+ Kc7** followed by **2.Rec1+** (if **2.d5 Kd6**) **2...Kd6** **3.Rb6+ Ke7**, Black's king reaches safety in time.

Therefore, here the correct answer is **1.Reb1+ Kc7** or **1...Ka7** **2.d5** checkmate! **2.Qc1+ Kd6** **3.Qc5** checkmate!



**BLACK TO MOVE**

Does it matter which Black rook goes to e8 to pin White's queen?

Yes, it does! If **1...Rce8**, White has a pretty saving combination by **2.Rd8+!** (deflecting Black's rook), which was pinning the white queen.

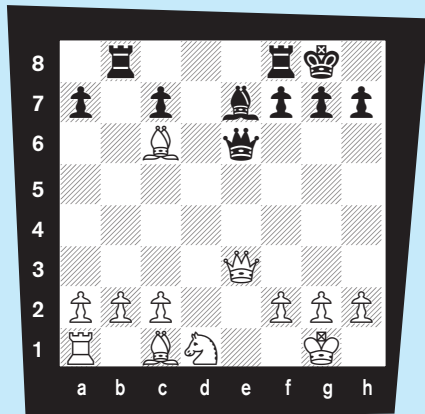
Here again, the natural choice is



2...Rxd8 3.Qxf7 Rhe8+. But, now Black is winning anyway, right? After 4.Kf1 Rd1 checkmate comes! No! Because White playing correctly with 4.Qxe8 Rxe8+ 5.Kd2 will remain with an extra pawn.

So only **1...Rhe8** does the job!

In the next position, White's last move was Qg3-e3, stopping the checkmate threat on e1.



White was hoping that if Black captures with **16...Qxc6, 17.Qxe7** will keep White's material plus.

But...Black finding the correct rook move will win. How?

Not by 17...Rbe8 because then after 18.Qb4, White manages to guard the crucial e1-square right on time. However **17...Rfe8!**

As you could see from the above examples, almost the same is often not quite the same!

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# MAKING THE ROUNDS

ChessFest 2008  
by Richard Fireman

Asbury Park, New Jersey – celebrated by Bruce Springfield and the source of millions of children's happy beachside memories – is also the center each year for one of the premier chess events for youngsters in the area. Now in its ninth year, ChessFest – hosted by Prevention First, a leading non-profit anti-drug-abuse organization – brings joy, learning, and companionship to hundreds of kids each summer.

The event features simultaneous displays from local experts and masters, a living chess game with children reenacting a famous grandmaster game, lectures on chess, and celebrities.

For the 2nd year in a row, GM Maurice Ashley (learn more about Maurice at [www.mauriceashleychampions.com](http://www.mauriceashleychampions.com)), the first African-American grandmaster,

was the featured guest, and this year Frank Brady, Bobby Fischer's biographer, was also present.

Hundreds of chess sets, boards, and tee shirts were given out, with special awards to any players who managed to win or draw the more experienced players (including this writer).

And it's all in a good cause: bringing the kids and their parents out, getting a healthy message across, inspiring people of all ages and ethnic backgrounds, bringing everyone together.



Photos courtesy of Barbara Sprechman

## 9 Queens

Another active group is 9 Queens (see page 22), with programs in Philadelphia, Tucson, Charlotte—and Belize!



Jennifer Shahade giving a simul in Belize  
Photo by Elia Baron



Two queens are chosen for the live chess game at the Tucson ChessFest  
Photo by Demion Clinco



# LOTS of Pawns

by Pete Tamburro

When this endgame series started, there was a feeling on my part that this subject could never be handled properly in a series of magazine articles. I have king and pawn endings books that go hundreds of pages!

That's why I have picked some favorites, not even all of them! Now the first few articles dealt with key K&P vs. K, and K&P vs. K&P and then one more pawn for K&2Ps vs. K&P. This adding on gets a little crazy, so the final decision on king and pawn endings is to do lots of pawns!

I picked ones that simply every chess player absolutely, positively has to know. Why do you have to know them? Take our first example. Imagine this situation: it's Game/30 and you're running out of time. If you can queen one of your pawns, you know how to mate quickly with king and queen vs. king.

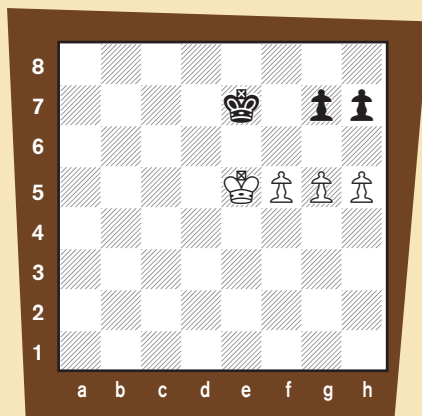
You have the following position and the clock is ticking away. "Which pawn do I move first? Or is it a king move? Maybe it's a draw. Let me see, I go there, he goes there, or maybe he does that ..." And before you know it, you're almost lost on time.

HOWEVER, if you can look at this position and say, "Hey, I know this!"—then picking up the win here is a certainty.

That's one really good reason. Another is that "lots of pawns" come from "lots and lots of pawns." The funny thing about king and pawn endings is that so many times they all get traded down into K&P vs. K endings, so K&5Ps vs. K&4Ps become 3 vs. 2, then 2 vs. 2, then 1 vs. 0, and you hope you have the opposition!

Early on, I learned a third good reason. I was in love with gambits and giving away a pawn for attacking chances. Against better players, I found that I was giving away a pawn to get an endgame where I had to fight for a draw a pawn down. I turned a bunch of losses into draws that way. Thus, there are "lots" of reasons to know these endings.

Let's get back to our position you are to look at. It's white to play and win. Do you know it right away? If so, great! If not, time to learn:



It's really easy to go wrong here. For example, if you push the h-pawn it's a draw:

**1.h6 gxh6 2.gxh6 Kf7** and what you know from our previous articles, Black can prevent the pawn promotion.

The f-pawn is a similar disaster: **1.f6+ gxf6+ 2.gxf6+ Kf7 3.Kf5 Ke8 4.Kg5 Kf7 5.Kh6 Kxf6 6.Kxh7 Kf7 7.h6 Kf8 8.Kg6 Kg8**. Anything involving the rook pawns always has the possibility of it being drawn.

Interestingly enough, even with the right first move there is a way to blow a win!

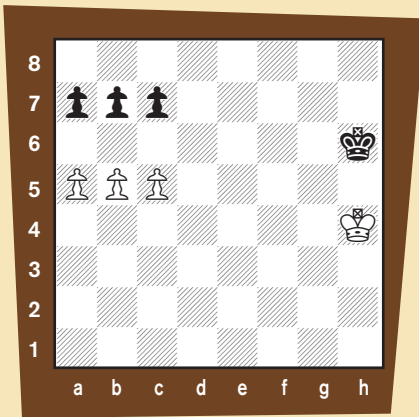
**1.g6! h6 2.f6+? gxf6+ 3.Kf5 Kf8 4.Kxf6 Kg8 5.Ke7 Kg7 6.Ke6 Kg8 7.Kf6 Kh8 8.Ke5 Kg7 9.Kd5 Kg8 10.Ke6 Kg7**

There is a true path to success, though. It involves going back to our previous articles again and using the opposition to force the black king into the corner: **1.g6! h6 2.Kd5! Kf6 [2...Kd7 3.f6] 3.Ke4 Kg5 [3...Ke7 4.Ke5 Kf8 5.Ke6 Kg8 (5...Ke8 6.Kd6 Kf8 7.Kd7) 6.Ke7 Kh8 7.f6 gxf6 8.Kf7] 4.Ke5 Kxh5 5.Ke6 Kg5 6.f6 Kxg6 [6...gxf6 7.g7] 7.f7** and the pawn has a safe escort.

What if Black had varied on move one: **1.g6 hxg6 2.hxg6 Kf8 3.Ke6 Ke8 4.Kd6 Kf8 5.Kd7 Kg8 6.Ke8 Kh8 7.f6 gxf6 8.Kf7**.

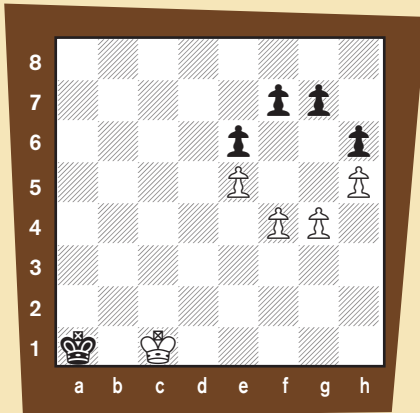
You should play over this endgame more than once, so you remember the ideas and don't have to figure them out with your clock ticking away.

You probably noticed that White broke through in some lines just to get to the queening square. Always look for that possibility! Here's another one of those well-known positions:



This is simple compared to the one above, but it's an important model for all breakthroughs: **1.b6! cxb6 2.a6 bxa6 3.c6** and the white pawn beats the black pawns to promotion as the black king is too far away.

In keeping with our "lots of pawns" theme, we have what Hans Kmoch many years ago called the "quart grip." Don't ask me why!



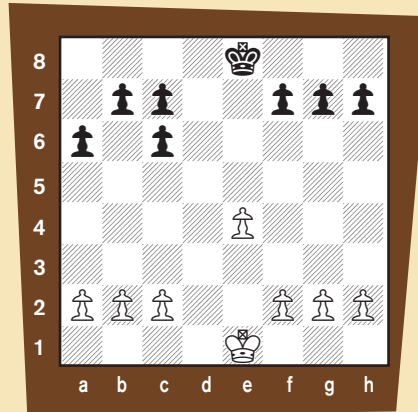
The kings are removed from the area this time, so we could concentrate on the pawn position. Here's one way of breaking through: **1.g5 Ka2** [1...hxg5 2.fxg5 followed by 3.h6] **2.f5 exf5** [2...hxg5 3.f6 g6 4.h6] **3.g6 fxg6 4.e6 gxh5 5.e7 g5 6.e8=Q** and the queen gobbles up the pawns. Now, you've learned another famous position.

A few of you more advanced players might notice that this pawn structure can occur out of the Caro-Kann defense, reminding us that openings have pawn structures that influence the outcome of endgames.

Probably the most famous example

of this is the pawn structure that results from the Exchange Variation of the Ruy Lopez. A world champion for 27 years, Emanuel Lasker used it to great effect. It goes like this: **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d4 exd4 6.Qxd4 Qxd4 7.Nxd4.**

What we do now is a bit of a magic act. We take all the pieces except the kings off the board, leaving them with just the pawns (remember: pawns aren't pieces), and that leaves us with this famous diagram:



Dr. Max Euwe, another world champion, taught this position. We recommend to chess coaches reading this article that you should have your students play each other from this position and keep score! It's a good way to see how well students have learned their king and pawn endings.

From my own book, *Learn Chess from the Greats*, I wrote:

"Two basic concepts are taught here. First, White wins by pushing his pawn majority on the kingside. Secondly, White stops Black's majority on the queenside because the black pawns are doubled and a white setup of his three pawns on a4, b3 and c4 (or even a3, b2, c3) creates an impenetrable barrier for Black's four pawns."

Dr. Euwe gave this model way of playing it:

**1.Ke2 Ke7 2.Ke3 Ke6 3.f4 c5 4.c4 c6 5.a4 b5 6.b3!** 6.axb5 loses! **6...f6 7.a5** He does this for a reason you should figure out later. We'll leave that as a mystery. **7...b4 8.g4**

**g5 9.e5! gxf4+ [9...fxe5 10.fgx5 Ke7 11.Kf3 Ke6 12.Ke4 Kd6 13.Kf5] 10.Kxf4 fxe5+ 11.Ke4 h6 12.h4 Kf6 13.g5+ hxg5 14.hxg5+ Kxg5 15.Kxe5 Kg4 16.Kd6 Kf4 17.Kxc6 Ke4 18.Kxc5 Kd3 19.Kxb4 Kd4 20.Ka3!!** [20.c5 Kd5 21.Ka4 Kxc5 draws! See how 7 vs. 7 pawns quickly became 2 vs. 1?] **20...Kc5 21.Ka4 Kd4 22.Kb4 Ke5 23.Kc5** and gaining the opposition triumphs again!

A good student will take the chess set out and play through this several times. There are a couple of key moves that are worth remembering, especially moves 6, 9 and 20.

I hope you enjoyed a few of my favorite king and pawn endings. You really need to buy a book to truly understand what you will come to realize is a fascinating world made of a surprisingly few pawns.

People often ask me what my favorite king and pawn endgame books are. A few of my favorites are Jeremy Silman's *Essential Chess Endings Explained Move by Move* (not just K&P endings, and it's the 1988 edition I have); John Nunn's *Secrets of Pawn Endings* (2000, super though advanced); Irving Chernev's *Practical Chess Endings* (1961, includes more than K&P and has all of Chernev's gifts for picking the right positions and clearly explaining them) and the mother of all king and pawn ending books: Averbakh and Maizelis produced *Pawn Endings* (1974, 300 pages of thorough explanations).

One last word. When I'm doing these articles on the endings and going through the moves, I use a chess engine to double check the moves. Chess engines are notorious for giving White a big plus in endings that are drawn. If you do that with a chess engine for some of the early lines here, that will happen. Don't be misled. The computers are just factoring in the material advantage and nothing else. King and pawn endings are even challenging for computers, and young human beings such as yourselves should meet that challenge.

# How to Meet

# Spikes and Orangutans

By Pete Tamburro

Last time out, we looked at how you should meet the peek-a-boo defenses you run into when you play the white pieces.

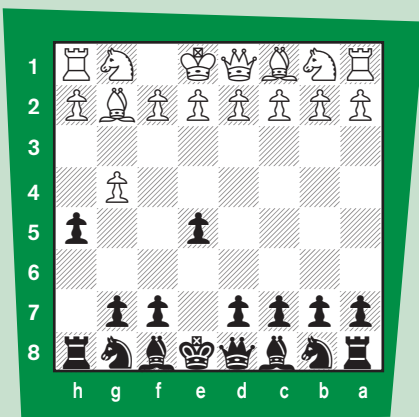
Odd moves can come from the white side as well. As black, you'll want to know how to meet these attempts to confuse and upset you.

## The Grob Attack

Probably the most famous of these is the "Grob Attack" or "Spike."

The main Grob idea is to open this way: 1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 c6 4.Qb3 and White has pressure against d5 and b7. Black, however, can avoid all this very simply.

**1.g4 e5 2.Bg2 h5**



Remembering general principles and playing 2...d5 3.c4 d4 4.d3 Nc6 5.Bxc6+ bxc6 is OK, too. With h5, we immediately hit the weak pawn. **3.gxh5** (3.g5 Qxg5 4.Kf1 Nc6 5.d4 Qf5) **3...Nf6** (no hurry in taking the pawn...it's not going anywhere) **4.d4 exd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.Qxd8+ Kxd8 8.Nf3 Rxh5 9.Nc3 Bf5 10.Nd4 Bg6 11.Bf4 Bd6 12.Bxd6 cxd6.**



Black has the better game because he's better developed and has a better pawn structure. The weak white h-pawn can be a target of the black rooks or the rooks may decide to double on the e-file. All in all, the Grob is not much to worry about.

## The Orangutan Opening

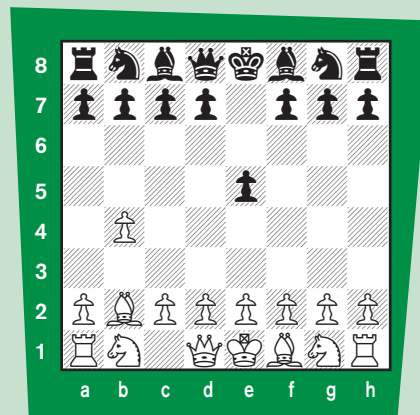
The late, great, GM Savielly Tartakower wrote this while annotating a game from 1919 in his book of collected games: "Later, at the New York tournament of 1924, I termed this the 'Orang-outang' opening, not only because I employed it there—against Maroczy—after a previous consultation with a young orang-outang (during a visit by all the masters to the New York zoo on the eve of the game in question), but also since the climbing movement b4-b5 is reminiscent of that inventive animal."

You have to admit that he had a sense of humor. In recent years, many have called it Sokolsky's opening because of the master that developed it further. While all of this might be quite interesting, how do you meet 1.b4 when you see it over the board?

You meet it by developing your pieces! That's the way you meet all openings. There are several good ways to meet the 1.b4 opening. Here's one that does not only develop the pieces, but tries for a win. Let's

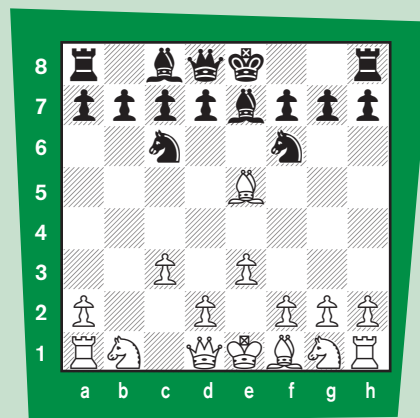
look at an e5 approach first:

**1.b4 e5 2.Bb2**



White is daring you to take the b-pawn in exchange for which he will grab your e-pawn. Usually, that's not a good idea—giving up a central pawn for a wing pawn: however, you are going to get something else in return: time!

**2...Bxb4 3.Bxe5 Nf6 4.c3 Be7 5.e3 Nc6**



This is what we meant by time. Look at the position. After five moves, Black has three pieces out to White's one, is ready to castle and play d5, completely freeing his position.

White, on the other hand, has not developed his kingside pieces, is nowhere near castling and his bishop

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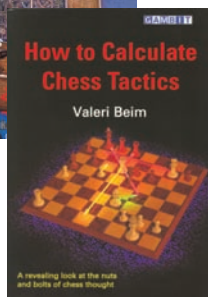
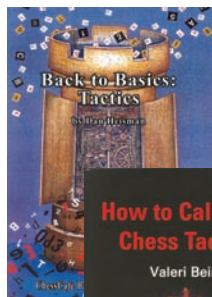
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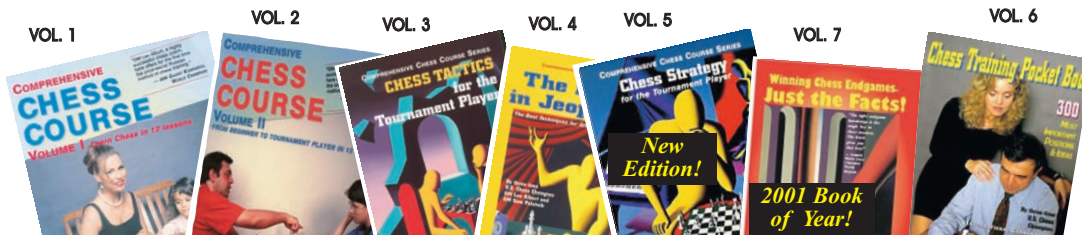
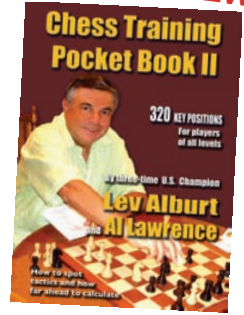
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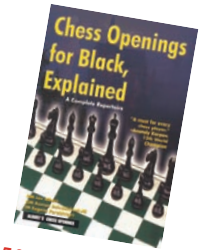


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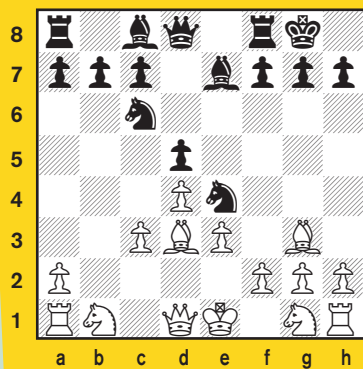
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is under attack. Not only that, but the c3 move attacking your bishop only served to cut off a line of retreat for White's bishop. Sometimes White will play a3 instead of c3 to keep that diagonal open, but Black goes back with Be7 anyhow and you're fine.

**6.Bg3 0-0 7.d4 d5 8.Bd3**

Things can go dreadfully wrong for White if he tries to get too active: 8.c4 Bb4+ 9.Nd2 Ne4 10.Ngf3 Bg4 and White can resign as he loses a piece after his queen moves to unpin the knight on f3. Black will capture on f3, then d2.

**8...Ne4**



We "violated" a general principle earlier with the pawn swap, and, here, we are going to "violate" one more: don't move the same piece twice in the opening. General rules are good as general rules. If they were always true, then chess would be a lot easier! Why did we play Ne4?

There are several reasons. We are establishing a knight on a very aggressive square in White's camp. He probably doesn't want to take it because recapturing with the pawn on e4 puts a serious cramp on White. And, there is another really interesting reason: we're going to violate yet another general rule! We are going to play h5 and h4, heading for White's bishop. Moving the knight uncovers the queen on d8 and bishop on e7 who will both support the advance to h4.

Now, why would we want to mess up our castled position? We do it because the pluses outweigh the minuses. Let's follow this a bit more.

**9.Nf3**

If White tries to chase you with 9.f3, the 9... Nd6 is very effective as it will help make e4 or c4 difficult for White.

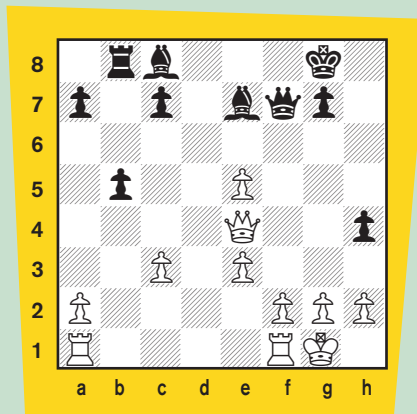
**9...h5 10.Nbd2 h4**

We're playing for a win here. This is a very sharp position. White and Black both have to be careful, but the better developed side should come out better. That's Black here!

**11.Be5 f6 12.Nxe4 fxe5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5**

Here's what we mean about BOTH sides being careful: If Black plays 13...dxe4 14.Bc4+ Kh8 15.Qh5 checkmate! Whoa! How did that happen? There are always tactics in chess, and the old rule about looking at ALL checks and captures can keep you out of trouble like this.

**14.dxe5 dxe4 15.Bc4+ Rf7 16.Qb1 Qf8 17.Qxe4 Rb8 18.0-0 b5 19.Bxf7+ Qxf7** and here we have our last diagram for this line:



Black is clearly better (*in spite of being materially "down."*-Editor). His two bishops for a rook are better. In fact, their placement on c5 and c4 may be in the future. The h-pawn can be pushed to h3 where White will have the unhappy choice of taking on h3, creating a weakness with g3 or allowing hxg2. In order to defend his e5-pawn, White will have to play f4, which leaves his e3-pawn weak, especially if under attack by a bishop on c5. White's only shot is to get his rooks onto the d-file, but if the bishops position themselves on e6 and e7, there's not much for the rooks to do.

This was a fighting defense to 1.b4. If you are not comfortable with a sharp

game, here's what the great Australian player and writer (and world correspondence champ) called the All-Purpose Defense.

It works against just about everything! It works quite comfortably against not only 1.b4, but 1.Nf3, 1.Nc3, 1.Na3, 1.b3, 1.g3 and a bunch of others.

Here's the set-up:

**The All-Purpose Defense**



There are no moves for White because we are giving you a general set-up for all the unusual openings with g3 and b3 and such, and there are hundreds of possibilities.

The usual order of moves for Black is 1...Nf6; 2...d5; 3...e6; 4...Be7; 5...0-0; 6...c5. You play this order because Nf6 waits to see a little more of what your opponent is up to. Then you play d5 to get your share of the center; the next move, e6, needs to be played so you can castle after Be7. Sometimes, you might find it useful to get the queen bishop out and then play e6. A rule of thumb on that decision involves this question: if I move the queen bishop out, will White be able to play Qb3 to attack my b7- pawn? If the answer is yes, then stick with e6. You generally play c5 once you have the king bishop ready to support the c5 advance.

Let's see how this works against 1.b4.

**1.b4 Nf6 2.Bb2 d5**

You don't have to worry about 3.Bxf6

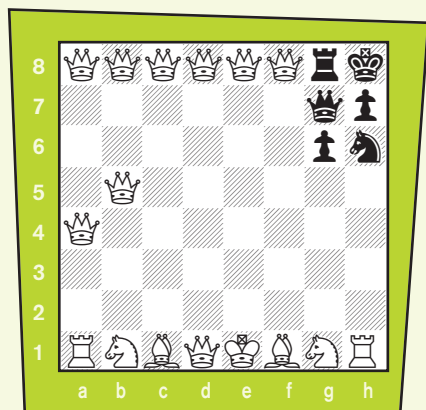
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by co-founders Jean Hoffman and WGM Jennifer Shahade

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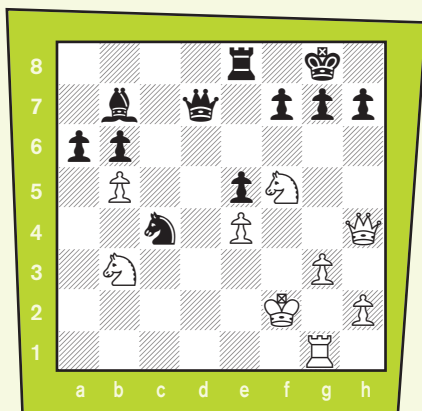
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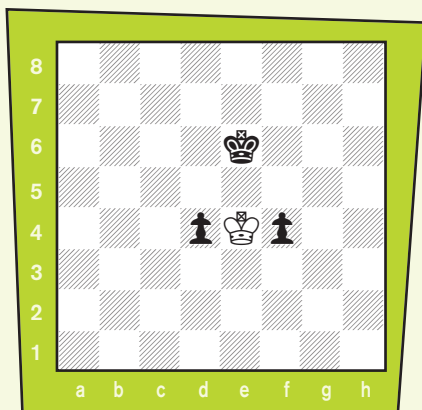
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**1** Jenelle Wallace of the National High School Championship team, Catalina Foothills, volunteers at a Queens Academy in Tucson led by 9 Queens co-founder Jean Hoffman. In the following position, Jennelle's opponent just played ... Re8, but this was a fatal mistake. Why?

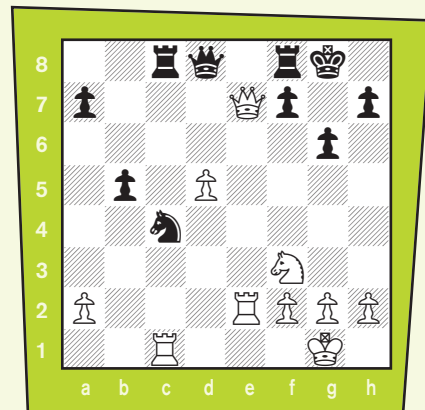


**2** In a 9 Queens workshop in Philadelphia, Jennifer Shahade asked students to create from scratch, positions to describe a particular theme. The following example, created by Sanjana Friedman and Kateryna Kruzement Prykhodko, elegantly illustrates what theme?



**A position created by 9 Q students. What's the situation if it's black to move and what if it's white's turn?**

**3** This summer in the 9 Queens knockout in Chelsea, rap star RZA and women's grandmaster and 9 Queens co-founder Jennifer Shahade faced off in a team game versus two girls from multi-national Junior High Championship team, I.S. 318. Jennifer and RZA, playing Black chose the obvious Qxd5, but there was a much better move. Can you find it?



## Ladies only!

*These are toughies. Guys, you can try and come up with the right answers, but for this contest, we will only consider the responses from the real queens of the chessboard! Ladies, let's hear from YOU! And my gnomes from Outer Mongolia will have nothing to do with this one. All responses will be forwarded to WGM Jennifer Shahade for consideration.*

-Editor

**At a recent Cross Generation Chess event at the Central Park Chess and Checker Pavillion, Alec Getz was the guest speaker for kids and adults alike. We thought you might like to read what he had to say about improving your game.**

**Thanks for coming.** My name is Alec Getz and I'm in 9th grade. I am a chess master both nationally and internationally, making me one of the best for my age in our country. I have many titles attached to my name, such as four scholastic state championships, four scholastic national championships, four years on the All-America chess team (which is a group that contains the elite scholastic players), and most recently, my first place at the Pan-American U-16 Championships that was held in Argentina this summer that got me the title of FIDE master.

**Many of you** here today have the potential to be where I am, and I'll tell you why I know at least some of you will become really strong chess players. Because you're spending your last day of summer here at the Chess & Checker House in Central Park means you have to really like chess. You all have the willingness to play chess, to love the game. This attitude towards chess really helped me get to where I am. I also never got discouraged because I loved chess too much to get discouraged. If I lost, it didn't get me down. That's actually how I got into chess; otherwise I would have never even played chess seriously if it weren't for my attitude towards chess.

**When I was** in kindergarten chess was taught in my school, Hunter. I found it was a fun game, and I told my parents one day I wanted to play in a chess tournament at Hunter because some of my friends were doing it. My parents didn't think I actually wanted to play chess and instead thought I wanted to go to run around in the gym so they said no. Feeling a little guilt though, they asked my kindergarten teacher if I should play chess and she said that if I had any talent the school chess teacher would tell them.

**So a few** months passed. One night

my parents got a phone call from the chess teacher from Hunter, Sunil Weeramantry. When they heard the chess teacher was calling, they thought I was either throwing pieces in class or making puppet shows with them. When Sunil asked them if I could come to the nationals in two weeks in Texas, my dad just replied, "Sure... does he play chess?" I did okay in my first tournament, scoring 4/7 there. Later on when I started shooting up in playing strength my parents couldn't figure out how Sunil knew I was going to become a strong player. "I didn't know," Sunil replied. "I just knew he wouldn't cry when he lost."

**I think another** reason that helped me improve in chess was that I was exposed to chess a lot when I was younger and improving. As I said earlier, I was fortunate to have in elementary school at Hunter chess once a week in the classroom. Then there was the after school class.

***Even now I see strong chess players falling for a back-rank mate because they forgot to think about what their opponent can do.***

When I started becoming a serious chess player I also got private lessons with my coach Ilye Figler who also gave free Saturday group lessons at the Marshall Chess Club.

**But what was** really crucial I think in getting to where I am now, which all of you are able to do, was that I played a lot of tournaments and chess throughout my journey. Here in New York we are very fortunate because you have a chess tournament available to you practically every weekend. Ask anybody around the country and they'll tell you how lucky you are.

**When I was** starting to stand out in chess from others in my age group I was playing at least one tournament a month. Then I started to play almost one tourna-



ment every week. So the question is, does playing more chess really make you a stronger player? Definitely. Because every game you play you learn something new. Especially when you lose. When you lose a game, you can go over that game by yourself, with your opponent, a chess computer program or with your coach and see where you made a mistake so next time you won't make the same mistake.

**What's a great** quality about chess that is absent in other sports is that in chess there is no chronological age, meaning anybody can win a chess game. In chess a second grader can beat a seventh grader. What other sport can a second grader beat a seventh grader? Who watched the U.S. Open of tennis? Do you see any kids playing against the top guys like Federer or Nadal? Now take the World Open of chess. If you see the crosstable you'd see plenty of kids competing against the "big boys." When I was in fifth grade I even got to play GM Gata Kamsky, who as many of you know is playing for the world championship. I lost after five hours.

**In chess,** you have the opportunity to constantly be able to play higher rated players, and I loved taking this opportunity and playing against people better than me. Of course I lost a lot of games. But my dad used to tell me after I lost a game, "to lose is to learn." Because

when I lost, I learned from that game. I learned how the higher rated player handled the position and looked at what mistakes I made so I wouldn't make the same mistakes next time. And then I started beating these players I had lost to because I had learned from their games. And then began the next cycle of higher rated players. Even now I still love having the opportunity to play against higher rated players.

**On the Internet** Chess Club in speed chess (which is three minutes or five minutes for each player, I get to play grandmasters, which is the highest chess rank one can get). I've now beaten over 140 grandmasters, which sounds like a lot, until you compare it to how many I've lost to. And as much as I enjoy winning against these grandmasters, I am also happy when I lose to them, because I know I can learn a lot about their technique and my mistakes and get stronger.

**But I remember** there was a time I didn't want to play tournaments any more. When I was in third grade, my rating was 1488, which was closing in on the average adult rating in the U.S. But I was scared to lose such a rating and so I didn't want to play tournaments because I was afraid I would have a bad tournament and my rating would go down. But my family encouraged me to play, and of course it was the right decision. I could only imagine now if I had stopped chess at 1488 because I was scared of going down in rating.

**And obviously** it took me a while and I'm sure some of you think rating matters. Well, ratings don't matter. Before ratings were invented, people just played good chess. Now, everybody is obsessed with ratings. Just ask yourself: What does a rating do? Do you win a prize because of a high rating? I gave this some thought on why people care so much about ratings and I finally figured it out.

**Ratings are like** a video game. Every-

body wants to get a "high score" because they feel satisfaction of getting a higher score than others. But what does this score mean? In reality, it means nothing. Rating is basically just a measurement of

*If you see a good move,  
look for a better one*

how you do against other ratings. So if you just play, of course you'll win some games and you'll lose some games. But in the end your rating will come to you. Basically, your rating will come to you; you won't come to your rating. And when I just played and didn't worry about my rating, my rating did come to me.

**I mentioned that** I recently won the Pan American U-16 Championship in Argentina this summer. I had an amazing

and it worked. You can read about this tournament in an article I wrote in the October adult *Chess Life* magazine.

**As I said,** play as much as you can because to lose is to learn; don't worry about your rating because if you just play, your rating will come to you, and don't underestimate or overestimate anybody and play the board not the person.

**Also, I've seen** many players play a game of chess and finish in less than an hour. I remember when I go to the nationals, where each player has 90 minutes, Sunil Weeramantry always tells the team he doesn't want to see anybody done before at least an hour, win or lose. Because if you take a look at the stronger chess players you see that what separates the stronger kids from their peers is that they think for much longer and so are done much longer. I think the main reason why most kids move so quickly is because they see a move, it looks good, and they play it right away.

**One time I was** watching a game between two kids in a 30 minute per player tournament and they were moving like less than two minutes a move. I mean, they had decent ratings but one kid played a move, which looked like a good move but actually blundered a bishop if the other kid found the right move. But he moved instantly too—

with the wrong move. So now the kid could force to win the other guy's queen but instead he saw he could win a pawn and right away played that move instead of waiting and looking for that better move. You know, the great Bobby Fischer said simply, "If you see a good move, look for a better one." It's a pretty simple statement and it's as simple to follow.

**If you see** a good move, look for a better one. Also, I remember when I was in first or second grade I was playing this kid in a crucial tournament game because if I won I would get first place. I was up a knight and was completely winning the game. But my opponent was trying to



tournament there and won many prizes, which included becoming a master internationally. But I think why I was so successful in that tournament, where I was not a favorite to win, was because I was given the confidence by everybody that I could win the tournament. Because of this confidence, I was able to; as I like to say, play the board and not the person. What I mean by that is that I wasn't intimidated by my opponent's rating, either too high or too low, and when I focused on the position on the board I didn't make abnormal or different moves than I would usually make because I was influenced by my opponent. And because I just played my game I was able to play superior moves



attack my king, and I ignored his plan because I was focused on my plan. And he checkmated my king and I lost. Even now I see strong chess players falling for a back-rank mate because they forget to think about what their opponent can do.

**I'm sure many** of you are thinking, should I get a coach. Of course, getting a coach is ideal and can really help you improve because as a stronger player he/she can understand your weaknesses in your chess game and help you fix them and he/she can teach you strong openings, middle game, endgame, tactics, strategy, etc. But I'm sure your parents know how expensive chess coaches can be. I admit I know of a few chess players who never had a coach and are still very strong players. But they studied chess by themselves and played a lot to get strong. Even with a chess coach, you should do something like read a chess book or do tactics (tactics are always fun to do). Of course a chess coach can help you but they're not magicians.

**You're probably thinking** I'm going to tell you that the most important way to get really strong is to study chess a lot and work hard. Well, it will get you really strong. But I'm not going to lie; I know how hard it is to be motivated to work by yourself—from experience. If you're motivated enough because you know studying will help you, kudos to you. You're probably going to become a strong player because not only are you studying, you have that motivation to study; like I said in the beginning of the speech you have that determined attitude.

**But what I mostly** did and all of you can do was I got coaching and also really I just played a lot. Every game you just play you learn. And playing chess is fun.

**But really,** what's the most important way to get better and takes priority over all other ways is just to love the game of chess and please don't let anything get in the way of making you not love chess. If you study a lot and it's making you bored of chess, you're not going to become really strong. If you really love the game of chess, if you have that attitude, and keep playing chess, you can become a strong chess player.

*Thank you for listening.*

as after 3...exf6, your whole position is free and you just develop normally.

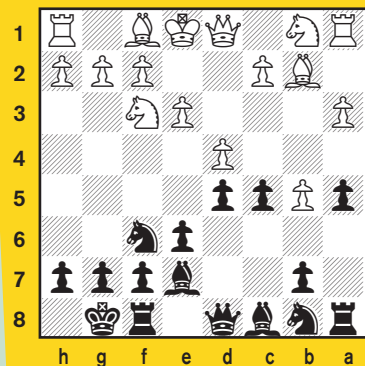
### 3.Nf3 e6 4.a3

Because the All-Purpose Defense also targets the b-pawn and doesn't offer the e-pawn as a target, White has to waste a move dealing with this threat. Now we interpose one move—just because it's the b4 opening—to become part of the defense we didn't mention above. We are hitting the b-pawn with a5 because as this pawn advances it becomes weaker. Notice how White is already on defense! What a waste of the first move.

### 4...a5 5.b5

White can't afford to ignore it: 5.e3 axb4 6.axb4 Rxa1 7.Bxa1 Bxb4. White can't afford to defend it: 5.c3 Bd6 because since the diagonal is blocked the bishop is more useful on d6.

**5...Be7 6.e3 0-0 7.d4 c5** and we reach this diagram:



White has a number of replies here. The two different pawn captures favor Black:

### 8.dxc5

In one sense, this is a logical choice for White. It opens the long diagonal for the bishop.

### 8...Qc7

Black can afford this, although we should point out that the direct Bxc5 is fine, too. The Qc7 move may prompt White to play:

### 9.Be5 Qxc5 10.Bd3 Nbd7 11.Bb2

**Bd6** and now Black will soon connect his rooks and double on the c-file. as part of their plan. Another possibility is putting a rook on c8 and e8, with the queen on c7, ready to push the e-pawn to e5 and keeping pressure on the c2 pawn.

Other possibilities for White on move eight are:

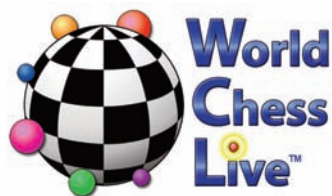
The other pawn capture, which not only helps Black develop, but encourages an attack on b2: **8.bxc6 e.p. Nxc6 9.c4 Bd7 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Bd3 Qb6.**

If White just develops then the queen knight and bishop find really useful squares to settle on and Black is fine: **8.Be2 Nbd7 9.0-0 Qc7 10.c4 b6 11.Nc3 dxc4 12.Bxc4 cxd4 13.Qxd4 Bb7.**

**Conclusions:** The more you play chess, the more unusual openings you will meet. You should react to them with calm and confidence. As much fun as we've had violating some general principles, we still very much respect them.

1. Develop your pieces on active, central squares.
2. Get your d- and e-pawns out and have a really good reason for moving the others.
3. Get castled.
4. Be aware of the tactical threats in the position: look for ALL checks and captures for both sides.
5. Get your share of the center. Fight for it!

**Next time:** We look at tougher openings that are very aggressive, very difficult to meet if you're not prepared, and not so rare. We'll be doing the non-e4 white openings that many amateurs rely on: Blackmar-Diemer, Bird's Opening, Colle, and London Systems. And for those wondering, we'll eventually tell you how to defend against all the aggressive 1.e4 e5 lines that White can throw at you. We will make you a fierce player of the black pieces!



## 2008 World Chess Live Junior Grand Prix Overall Standings

For state leaders, please visit [www.uschess.org](http://www.uschess.org)

The following point totals reflect all rated event information as of Nov. 5 for the 2008 World Chess Live Junior Grand Prix. All Junior Grand Prix updates are unofficial and subject to change during the year or until year-end tabulation is complete. There are currently 4,553 players with JGP points. 411 JGP events resulted in points earned.

Name	State	JGP Pts.	Name	State	JGP Pts.
HEUNG, CHRISTOPHER	FL	180	LARSON, ERIC DANIEL	MI	110
PENA, JOEL ANTHONY U	NJ	175	CACHAY, JOHN JEFFERSON	CA-S	110
GIANNATOS, PETER	NC	160	GRAIF, WILLIAM	NY	110
DEJONG, ANDREW	NC	145	LI, BRIAN S	VA	110
PINKERTON, JAMES CARL	MD	140	GUREVICH, DANIEL	GA	105
KUTIKOFF, ADAM	FL	140	MC CLANAHAN, GAVIN JACOB	IL	105
ZHAO, SHICHENG	VA	135	CHIANG, MICHAEL	NY	105
HUTTON, JACK	NY	135	FISHER, WILLIAM	PA	105
TROFF, KAYDEN WILLIAM	UT	135	AMARASINGHE, PRASHANTHA N	MI	100
ROSENTHAL, NICHOLAS	FL	135	ABDERHALDEN, KATHERINE L	ID	100
BODEK, MICHAEL H	NY	130	MOST, ERIC M	VA	100
SREENIVASAN, RAMANUJA	MD	130	KLEINMUNTZ, ROBBIE S	IL	100
VIRKUD, APURVA	MI	125	CHILLAKANTI, KARTIK	CA-N	100
PAPALIA, STEVEN A	UT	125	HELLWIG, LUKE	AL	100
CHEN, JEREMY	NJ	125	POLSKY, RYAN	CA-S	95
HARMON-VELLOTTI, LUKE	ID	125	HALL, ROBERT	MI	95
SHEINWALD, NOWELL R	NY	120	KELLY, JACOB	PA	95
SCHNEIDER, THOMAS GEORGE	WI	115	WEINER, ALEX	AL	95
AGARWAL, ROHAN	CA-N	110	DANG, MICHAEL	MI	95
SINGH, REVA SHREE	NY	110	OSMULSKI, MAX	NJ	95

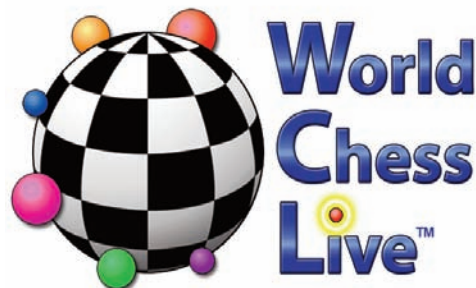


Jack Hutton, whose name stood at the top of the World Chess Live JGP list in November, knows the power of setting goals. During the early days of summer,

Jack learned about the JGP and saw that he'd already amassed a handful of points from two previous tournaments. He pictured himself as the JGP leader, and got to work finding "expert" level opponents that could provide him with an opportunity to earn more points. In total, Jack has won 135 points for seven wins and 13 draws over higher-rated opponents.

"Chess has taught me how to look at problems, something which helps me succeed in school," says Jack, who is now a senior at Bronxville High School in New York. "It also challenges me to learn more about myself." **His advice to younger students?** "Just keep playing, win or lose, because you will get better." More than just a chess player, Jack is also an athlete who participates in cross country running. World Chess Live congratulates Jack Hutton!

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### Special Appearance by Anna Zatonskih



*Reigning U.S. Women's Champion,  
WGM Anna Zatonskih is two-time U.S. Women's Champion,  
Member of US Olympiad Women's Team since 2004,  
Silver medalist of the 2004 World Chess Olympiad.*

### Main Event

#### Saturday, April 25

9:00 AM–Opening Ceremony  
Rounds 1–4:  
9:30–11:30 AM; 12:00–2:00 PM;  
3:00–5:00 PM; 5:30–7:30 PM

#### Sunday, April 26

Rounds 5–6:  
9:00–11:00 AM;  
11:30 AM–1:30 PM;  
2:30 PM–Closing Ceremony

### Entry Fee

\$45 if postmarked by March 25th,  
\$70 on-site. USCF membership required.  
All events will be hosted at Hyatt Regency  
Dallas at Reunion Blvd.

### Side Events

#### Friday, April 24

3:00 PM– Blitz Tournament (G/5)  
\$15 if postmarked by March 25,  
\$25 on-site.  
5:00 PM Bughouse Tournament,  
\$25 per team.  
7:00 PM–Simultaneous Exhibition by  
WGM Anna Zatonskih.  
Please bring clocks for all the events.  
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- 12-years-old and younger
- 14-years-old and younger
- 16-years-old and younger
- 18-years-old and younger

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Make check payable to:  
Dallas Chess Club  
Attn: Barbara Swafford  
2709 Longhorn Trail  
Crowley, TX 76036  
Tel: (214) 632-9000

### Online registration

[www.active.com/event\\_detail.cfm?event\\_id=1643715](http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1643715)  
[www.kasparovchessfoundation.org](http://www.kasparovchessfoundation.org)

### Hotel

Hyatt Regency Dallas at Reunion Blvd.  
300 Reunion Blvd., Dallas, TX 75207  
Hotel Chess Rate: \$109  
(up to 4 people per room)  
if reserved by April 1, 2009  
Hotel Reservations: Please call  
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# Tournament Life Announcements

DECEMBER 15 THROUGH FEBRUARY 14

## Scholastic Members:

As a service to you, we are listing upcoming National USCF rated events, and requested events of possible interest to you. You can always log in to [www.uschess.org](http://www.uschess.org), and click on "Clubs and Tourneys." Then click on "Upcoming Tourneys" for a complete listing of upcoming rated events and details. As always, you can check out the TLA section of *Chess Life*.

## Organizers and Tournament Directors:

If you would like your tournament listed here in *Chess Life for KIDS* for February (events to be held after February 14), the deadline for submitting your announcements is December 10th. The deadline for the February issue is December 10th. The processing fee is \$1.00 per line for the first eight lines, \$2.00 for every line thereafter. Send your announcements to [tl@uschess.org](mailto:tl@uschess.org).

**Display advertising is also available.** Advertising rates are posted on the USCF website, [www.uschess.org](http://www.uschess.org), or you may email: [tl@uschess.org](mailto:tl@uschess.org) or [rwest@uschess.org](mailto:rwest@uschess.org) for complete details.

## NATIONALS

### Dec. 12-14, Florida

**2008 National Scholastic K-12 Championship**  
755, G/90. Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, 1000 W. Buena Vista Drive, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830. 407-939-1020 or 407-939-1000 and ask for the chess rate (\$120). **13 Sections (No collegiate section).** Play only in your grade section. December rating supplement will be used. 1/2-point bye available any round (except round seven) if requested in advance of rd. 1. Zero point byes available for any round if requested prior to pairings. Team score = total of top three (minimum two) finishers from each school per grade, first place individual and team, including ties, will be National Champion for their grade. **Schedule:** Opening ceremony Fri. 12:30 pm. **Rds:** Fri. 1 pm-6 pm, Sat. 10 am-2 pm-6 pm, Sun. 9 am-1 pm. Awards Ceremony Sun., Approx. 5 pm. Special round times for K-1 sections: Fri. 1:30 pm-5:30 pm, Sat. 9:30 am-1:30 pm-5:30 pm, Sun. 9:30 am-1:30 pm. Awards Ceremony Sun. Approx. 4:30 pm for K-1. **EF:** \$40/participant (postmarked by 11/14), \$60/participant (postmarked by 11/28), \$75 later or \$80 at site, \$5.00 extra for all phone registrations, \$20 change fee for roster or section changes after 11/14 or any onsite changes. Onsite registration Thurs. 9 am-10 pm & Fri. 8 am-noon. After 10 am players may not be paired for round 1. **Awards:** Trophies to top 10 individuals & top five teams (minimum in each grade). **Class prizes:** 1st-3rd place K-3: 800-999, 600-799, U600, Unr. 4-6: 1000-1199, 800-999, 600-799, U600 Unr. 7-9: 1200-1399, 1000-1199, 800-999, U800, Unr. 10-12: 1400-1599, 1200-1399, 1000-1199, U1000, Unr. Every player receives a commemorative item! **Side Events:** Bughouse: Thurs. 11 am, Reg. onsite only Thurs. 9 am-10 am, \$25/team. **Blitz Sections:** K-6 and K-12, Thurs. 5 pm, Reg. onsite until 4 pm. **Blitz EF:** Onsite - \$20; Advance/online entry: \$15. **Blitz Awards:** Trophies in K-6 and K-12 sections. **Individual:** TBA, Team: 1st-15th place. K-6 Class: 1000-1199, 800-999, 600-799, U600 Unr. K-12 Class: 1400-1599, 1200-1399, 1000-1199, U1000, Unr. Bughouse Awards: Trophies for Bughouse, TBA. **Team Rooms are limited.** Contact Cheryl Bruce 931-787-1234 ext.147. **Hotel info:** [disneyworld.disney.go.com](http://disneyworld.disney.go.com) / [www.resorts/resortlanding?id=CoronadoSpringsResortLandingPage](http://www.resorts/resortlanding?id=CoronadoSpringsResortLandingPage) **Questions:** Cheryl Bruce: 931-787-1234 ext. 147. Email: [cb@uschess.org](mailto:cb@uschess.org) or Ent: U.S. Chess, Attn.: K-12 Championship, P.O. Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557 or online at <https://secure.uschess.org/webstore/tournament.php>. **Website:** [main.uschess.org/tournaments/2008/k12/](http://main.uschess.org/tournaments/2008/k12/). **WCL JGP.**

### Feb. 13-15 or 14-15, Florida

**U.S. Amateur Team - South**  
55S, G/120 (2-day option, rd 1 G/60). **Orlando International Airport Hotel & Conference Center**, 3835 McCoy Road, Orlando, FL 32812. 4-player teams (plus alternate). **2 Sections** (using Yr-end ratings): **OPEN**, Team Avg below 2200. 2008 Annual USCF List. **SCHOLASTIC**, Game/60, Team avg below 1200. **Players need not be from the same school. Teams can be formed on-site.** **\*\*\*FCA members in Open are eligible for FL GP Points.\*\*\*** **Winning Open team competes in national playoff online.** **EF:** per player: **OPEN** \$30 by 2/6, \$40 later. **SCHOLASTIC** \$20 by 2/6, \$25 later. **SPECIAL EF:** 5-player team \$140 by 2/6, \$180 later. **PRIZES:** **OPEN** 1st, 2nd teams: plaque and four Excalibur "specials", 3rd: plaques; **SCHOLASTIC** 1st, 2nd teams: plaques and four Excalibur "specials", 3rd Trophy **Board Prizes:** each section: Brd1-4, Excalibur "specials"; **Class Prizes:** **OPEN:** U2000, U1800, U1600, U1400; **SCHOLASTIC:** U1000, U800 trophies. Other awards TBD. **Schedule:** **OPEN 3-day:** rds 8, 1-7, 9-3, 2-day: rds 10-1-7, 9-3; **SCHOLASTIC (Sat & Sun):** 10-1-4, 9-12, Awards 2:30. **HR:** \$85 (Interior) **407-859-2711**; \$69 (exterior) **407-367-4225**; (mention "Chess") Reserve by Jan 30, **ALL HOTELS FILL UP USATS WEEKEND!** ENT: CFCC, 921 N. Thistle Ln., Maitland, FL 32751 or online [usats2009.eventbrite.com](http://usats2009.eventbrite.com). See [www.centralfloridachess.org](http://www.centralfloridachess.org) for details or call (407)629-6946. **WCL JGP (Open Section).** 2009 USAT Playoff is scheduled for March 21, 2009 on ICC. More details will be posted soon.

### Feb. 13-15 or 14-15, Wisconsin

**2009 U.S. Amateur Team Championship - North**

Two sections: **Open and Scholastic (Saturday only)** 55S, 30/90, SD/60 (rounds 1-2 for 2-day schedule G/60; scholastic section G/60 all four rounds). Milwaukee Marriott West, W231N1600 Corporate Ct, Waukesha, WI 53186. **Chess Rate of \$85.95 is valid until Feb. 1st. Reserve early** (262) 574-0888. **OPEN:** Open to 4 player teams with one optional alternate (individuals can enter and be assigned teammates). Team average (4 highest ratings—2008 Annual Rating list) must be under 2200. **EF:** \$140 (\$141 if 2-day schedule) postmarked by 2/5/09; \$180 after or at door. **Prizes:** 4 clocks to top two teams, 4 clocks to top teams with average rating U1900, U1600, and U1300. Prizes to best team composed of juniors (high school and younger). Special prizes to top score on each board. Best game prize. **Schedule:** 3-day: Late Registration: 6-7pm on 02/13. Rounds: 7:30pm; 10:00am-4:00pm; 10:00am-4:00pm. 2-day: Late Registration: 9-10:30am on 02/14. Rounds: 11:00am-1:30pm-4:00pm; 10:00am-4:00pm. **Saturday Night Special:** dessert + blitz tournament with \$\$ prizes. **SCHOLASTIC:** Open to 4 player team with one optional alternate (all players must be High School age or younger; individuals can enter and be assigned teammates). Team average (4 highest ratings—2008 Annual Rating list) must be under 1200. **EF:** \$120 postmarked by 2/5/09; \$150 after or at door. **Prizes:** Prizes to top team overall, top three High School Teams, top three Middle School Teams, top three Elementary School Teams. Special prizes to top score on each board. **Schedule:** Late Registration: 8:30-9:30am on 02/14. Rounds: 10:15am-1:00pm-3:30pm-6pm. **Saturday Night Special:** dessert + blitz tournament with \$\$ prizes. **Information/Help with Teams:** [ashish@vrajchess.com](mailto:ashish@vrajchess.com), 414-234-1005 or [abetanelli@wichessacademy.com](mailto:abetanelli@wichessacademy.com). **Make Checks Payable to and Send Entries to:** VICA, 6822 North Crestwood Dr, Glendale, WI 53209. Please include captain's email and phone number. **WCL JGP (Open Section).** 2009 USAT Playoff is scheduled for March 21, 2009 on ICC. More details will be posted soon.

### A Heritage Event!

#### Feb. 14-16, New Jersey World Amateur Team & U.S. Team East 39th Annual - Celebrate the 60's!

65S, 40/2, SD/L. Parsippany Hilton, 1 Hilton Ct., Parsippany, N.J. 07054. **Chess Rate valid until 1/16. Reserve early** 973-267-7373 or 1-800-HILTONS. Morris/Essex train to Morris Plains 1.5 miles. Open to 4-player teams with one optional alternate. Team average (4 highest ratings—2008 Annual Rating list) must be under 2200, no more than 1000 points between 3rd & 4th board if team average over 2000. **EF:** \$140 postmarked by 2/5/09. \$180 after or at door. — all teams, any changes at site \$25 charge. Check out official website [www.njscf.org](http://www.njscf.org). **Prizes:** 1-5th Place teams, plaque and 4 digital clocks; Top Team (**Denis Barry Award**) U2100, 2000, 1900, 1800, 1700, 1600, 1500, 1400, 1300, 1200, 1000 each plaque and 4 Digital Clocks; Top college team (same school) 4 Digital Clocks & plaque; Top HS team (grades 9-12 same school), Top Middle School (grades 5-9 same school), Top Elementary School (grades K-6 same school), Top 2 Scholastic Teams (mixed schools okay) (**Collins Award**), Mixed Doubles (2 males, 2 females-no alternates), Seniors (all players over age 50), Military, each plaque & 4 Digital Clocks to top team; Company Team (same employer) **Old Timers Trophy** (all players over 65), Family (4 family members), State teams—CT, DE, MD, MA, NJ, NY, (Benjamin Award), PA, VA, NC, Canada, Ethel Collins Perseverance (lowest scoring scholastic) each plaque top team; **Best Player 1-4 and top Alternate**, All 6-0 scores each Digital clock. Biggest Individual upset each round Engraved Cross pen; Entry fee refunded to team with Best "Chess related" name, Sunday night—Best "Chess Related costumes or gimmick—1960's theme"—gourmet dinner for four. **Reg. 9-12 Sat 2/14. Rds. 1-7:30, 11-6, 9-3:30. Special Events!! Surprises and special giveaways each round.** Sunday night—Bughouse \$20 per team-cash prizes, Sunday Morning—960 Tournament 8AM-Two Person team event \$20 per team—prizes per entries. HR: Parsippany Hilton, chess rates expire 1/16/2009. Rates \$117 (up to 4 in room) 2nd hotel now attached to Hilton also up to 4 in room \$112 per night-Hampton Inn—includes breakfast for 4 each day. For help forming teams and more information contact [esdoyle@aol.com](mailto:esdoyle@aol.com): Chks payable to NJSCF, mail by 2/01 to: **E. Steven Doyle, 17 Stonehenge Road, Morris-town, NJ 07960.** (Include Team name, Captain, players full names, USCF Exp. I.D. numbers and ratings in board order). Include SASE for confirmation if wanted, No registered or certified mail accepted. NS, NC, W. **WCL JGP. 2009 USAT Playoff will be held March 21, 2009 on ICC. More details will be posted soon.**

### Feb. 28-Mar. 1, Indiana

#### 2009 U.S. Jr. Chess Congress

65S, Rds. 1-4 G/60, Rds. 5-6 G/90. East Side Middle School 2300 Lindberg Rd. Anderson, Indiana 46012. **6 Sections based on age!** 18 & Under, 16 & Under, 14 & Under, 12 & Under, 10 & Under, 8 & Under. CLUB TEAMS are welcome! Club and school teams are the top 3 scoring team members (minimum 2). **Schedule:** Opening Ceremony Sat. 2/28 at 8:30 am, Rds 1-4 at 9am, 11:30am, 2pm, 4:30pm. Sun 3/1 Rds. at 9am, 12:30pm. Awards at 4pm. **Entry Fee:** \$40 by 2/16/09, \$55 by 2/23/09, \$75 after and onsite. **Register:** Make checks payable to East Side Middle School Chess Club and mail to: c/o 2009 Chess Congress, East Side Middle School, 2300 Lindberg Rd., Anderson, IN 46012. Email entries to [Register@2009ChessCongress.com](mailto:Register@2009ChessCongress.com). EMAIL ENTRIES are NOT confirmed until receipt of entry fees. Entries will be posted at [www.2009ChessCongress.com](http://www.2009ChessCongress.com) as they are received. Onsite entries will be accepted from 6:30am to 8:00am on Sat. morning. Any player not registered by 8am will receive a half-point bye for round one and begin play in round two. **Side event:** Bughouse tournament Sat. evening 2/28 at 7:00 pm. Register for bughouse onsite ONLY for \$10 per player between 10am and 6pm on 2/28. Bughouse awards to each team member of at least the top 5 scoring teams in 2 sections, 12th grade & Under and 6th grade & Under. **Awards:** More trophies this year! Trophies to at least the top 20 individuals in each section, top 5 teams. Numerous additional class prizes for each section. See website for details. **Hotel:** Several close to school, Holiday Inn (765) 644-2581, Comfort Inn (765) 649-3000, Hampton Inn (765) 622-0700. **Additional Info:** Limited team rooms available, contact number below for details. Concessions and chess merchandise will be available onsite. All event details at [www.2009ChessCongress.com](http://www.2009ChessCongress.com). Questions, call (765) 617-3845 after 3pm. **WCL JGP.**

### Apr. 3-5, Tennessee

#### SuperNationals IV

2009 Elementary, Junior High and High School National Championships in one great event 75S, G/120 (K-1 G/90), Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center, 2802 Opryland Dr., Nashville, TN 37214. (615) 883-2211 HR: \$139 single-quad. All under one roof! **\$50,000 in Cash Scholarships!!** 20 Sections (Select only one): **High School:** K-12 Championship; K-12 U1600; K-12 U1200; K-12 U800; K-12 Unrated. **Junior High:** K-9 Championship; K-8 Championship; K-9

U1250; K-8 U1000; K-8 U750; K-9 Unrated. **Elementary:** K-6 Championship; K-5 Championship; K-4 U1000; K-5 U900; K-3 Championship; K-3 U800; K-1 Championship; K-6 Unrated; K-3 Unrated. **EF:** \$40 postmarked, faxed or online by 3/5, \$60 postmarked, faxed or online by 3/19, \$75 after 3/19, \$80 on site. DO NOT mail entries after March 19 — they may not be received in time. \$5 extra for all phone registrations. \$20 change fee for roster or section changes after March 19. USCF membership is required (may be paid with entry). **AWARDS:** Trophies awarded in accordance with Scholastic Regulations and based on number of participants. Team score = total of top four (min. two) finishers from each section. **March 2009 rating supplement** will be used. **BYES:** One 1/2-pt. bye available in rounds 1-6 if requested prior to 10am, Fri. (4/3). **On site entries after 10am, Fri. 4/3 will receive a 1/2-point bye for the first round.** **SCHEDULE:** Rounds 1-2: Friday (4/3) 1:00pm & 7:00pm, Rounds 3-5: Saturday (4/4) 9:00am, 2:00pm, & 7:00pm, Rounds 6-7 (4/5) 9:00am, & 2:00pm. Main Event Awards Ceremonies, Sunday (4/5); K-1 at approximately 5pm, all others approximately 7pm. **Side Events:** Bughouse Championships: Thursday, 4/2, 11:00am, Register ON SITE ONLY by 10:00am. **EF:** \$20 per team/2. **Blitz Championship:** Thursday, 4/2, 5:00pm. **EF:** \$15 postmarked, faxed or online by 3/19, \$20 after 3/19 or on site. On site registration ends at 4pm. Please refer to the website: [www.SuperNationalsIV.com](http://www.SuperNationalsIV.com) for updated schedule details, Simuls, lectures, and other activities. Advance entries must include player's name/information and all fees to be accepted. **Roster changes are considered new entries and will be charged according to date received.** List name, address, phone, section, grade, school (even if no team), coach's name, email, birthdate, USCF ID number, USCF expiration (enclose USCF dues if necessary) and rating. Players must be eligible to play in accordance with USCF Scholastic Regulations. Entries may be faxed to: 931-787-1238. Mail Entries To: 2009 SuperNationals IV, P. O. Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557. Enter online at: [www.uschess.org](http://www.uschess.org). **WCL JGP.**

### April 25-26, Texas

#### Kasparov Chess Foundation in Association with UTD, DCC and USCF, Presents All Girls Open National Championships

65S G/60, Hyatt Regency Dallas, 300 Reunion Blvd., Dallas, TX 75207; Phone: (800) 233-1234 or 214-651-1234 Mention All Girls National Chess Tournament for special **Hotel rate:** \$109 Reserve By 4/1. **6 sections:** 8 years old and younger; 10 years old and younger; 12 years old and younger; 14 years old and younger; 16 years old and younger; 18 years old and younger. Age as of 4/1/2009. USCF rated. USCF membership is required. Winner of 18 years old and younger Section wins an Academic Distinction Scholarship to The University of Texas at Dallas, worth up to \$80,000 for an out-of-state student. **EF:** \$45 if postmarked by 3/25. \$70 at site. Do not mail after 4/16 as your entry may not be received. Trophies to top 15 ind. & top 3 teams (top three players added for team scores) Sat., April 25: **Opening Ceremony:** 9 AM, Rounds: 1 - 4; 9:30-11:30 AM; 12:00-2:00 PM; 3:00-5:00 PM; 5:30-7:30 PM. Sun., April 26: Rounds 5 - 6; 9:00-11:00 AM; 11:30 AM-1:30 PM Sun., April 26: Awards Ceremony: 2:30 PM One 1/2 pt. bye available, any round, if requested before end of rd. 2 and if player has not received a full point bye. **Entries to:** Dallas Chess Club, c/o Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. Entry must include Name, USCF ID (or new/pending), date of birth, grade & school and school location. **Email info:** [info@dallaschess.com](mailto:info@dallaschess.com), 214-632-9000. **Side events:** Blitz tournament G/5 Friday April 24 3 pm, **EF:** \$15 by 3-25, \$25 on site. **Simultaneous exhibition** by Anna Zatonskih, Fri., April 24 at 7:00 PM. **Bughouse Tournament** Fri April 24 5 pm. **EF:** \$25/team. NS, NC, W.

### May 23-25, Arizona

#### 2009 U.S. Amateur West Championship

Holiday Inn Palo Verde, 4550 S Palo Verde Rd., Tucson, AZ 85714, 520-746-1161. **SECTIONS:** Championship (U2200), Reserve (U1600), Booster (U1200) & Scholastic (must be K-8 and U1000). Scholastic section is 3 separate 1-day tournaments. **SCHEDULE:** (Championship, Reserve, and Booster) 6/5S, 40/2, 25/1. Reg. By mail or 5/23, 8:30 - 9:30 AM. Rds: 10-4, 10-4, 9-3. (Scholastic) 4/5S, G/40. Reg. By mail or 8:30 - 9:30 AM each day. Rds: Round 1 at 10 AM then as available for Rounds 2-4. **PRIZES:** (Championship) Chronos clock + plaque to Top 3; Digital clock + plaque to Top 1900-1999, 1800-1899, 1700-1799, 1600-1699, and U1600; Plaque to top Senior: 50+, Junior U19 and Junior U13. (Reserve) Chronos clock + plaque to 1st; Digital clock + plaque to 2nd, 3rd, Top 1300-1399, 1200-1299, and U1200; Plaque to top Senior 50+ and Junior U13. (Booster) Chronos clock + trophy to 1st; Trophy to 2nd - 5th, Top Unrated and Junior U10. (Scholastic, each day) Digital clock + trophy to 1st; Trophy to 2nd - 5th, Top U800, U600, and Unrated. 1-yr USCF membership for perfect scores that don't win the clock. **SPECIAL PRIZES:** Top 2 Family Pairs in the non-scholastic sections. Biggest Upset of each round in the non-scholastic sections. Chronos clock to Scholastic player with the highest combined score over the three 1-day tournaments. **EF:** (Championship & Reserve) \$55 if by 5/20, \$65 if after 5/20. (Booster) \$40 if by 5/20, \$50 if after 5/20. (Scholastic) \$15 for each tournament or \$40 for all three days if by 5/20, additional \$5 if after 5/20. **ALL:** Half-point byes allowed for all rounds but must be requested prior to start of Round 2. **HR:** (if by 5/8): \$64 (single) or \$72 (suite), mention "SACA". **INFO:** Make checks payable to SACA, entry form available at [www.sazchess.org](http://www.sazchess.org). **Ent:** Karen Pennock, 520-975-3946, e-mail: [kpennock\\_83@yahoo.com](mailto:kpennock_83@yahoo.com), web: [www.sazchess.org](http://www.sazchess.org). NC. NS. W. **WCL JGP.**

## GRAND PRIX

**Dec. 26-28 or 27-28, New York**  
*World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 40 (enhanced)*  
**4th Annual Empire State**  
See *Chess Life* or [www.chesstour.com](http://www.chesstour.com).

**Dec. 26-29 or 27-29, Nevada**  
*World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 200 (enhanced)*  
**18th annual North American Open**  
See *Chess Life* or [www.chesstour.com](http://www.chesstour.com).

**Jan. 9-11 or 10-11, Florida**  
*World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 20*  
**Central Florida Class Championships**

G/120 (2-day; Rd.1 G/60), Orlando International Airport Hotel & Conference Center, 3835 McCoy Road, Orlando, FL 32812. **\$\$\$7100/b150, 75% Guaranteed.** 6 Sections. **OPEN:** \$1000-400-200, U2200 \$200, U2100 \$150. **Class A:** \$600-300, U1900 \$150. **Class B:** \$600-300, U1700 \$150. **Class C:** \$600-300, U1500 \$150. **Class D:** \$600-300, U1300 \$150. **Class E:** \$500-300, U1000 \$100, U800 \$50. Rated players may play up one class only. Unrateds limited to \$50 unless Place prize in OPEN. **EF:** 3-day \$69, 2-day \$68 by Dec 26, both \$80 later

and on-site. Re-entry \$40. \$15 less to students in grades K-8 in U1200 section. CFCC members receive \$15 (\$5 for Jr/Sr memb) discount. Trophies to top in each section ( & Class X) also Class F, G, H, I, J & Unr in U1200 having more than one entry. FCA members eligible for FL GP Awards. **Reg.:** ends 1/2 hr before 1st rd. R.1: 8pm Fri (2-day: 10am Sat at G/60). **Rds.:** 2-5: Sat 1 & 6, Sun 9 & 2. 1/2 pt. byes if req'd before rd. 2 (max 2). **HR:** \$85 (Interior) **407-859-2711**; \$69 (Exterior) **407-367-4225**; (mention "Chess"). **Reserve by Dec 26.** **Ent:** CFCC, c/o Harvey Lerman, 921 N. Thistle Ln., Maitland, FL 32751; or online: 2009CFclass. eventbrite.com. **Info:** 407-629-6946 or www.centralflchess.org. **WCL JGP.**

**Jan. 16-19, 17-19 or 17-18, California Southern World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 80 (enhanced) 16th annual Western Class Championships**  
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

**A Heritage Event!**  
**Jan. 16-19, 17-19 or 18-19, Pennsylvania World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 80 (enhanced) 41st annual Liberty Bell Open**  
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

**Jan. 31-Feb. 1, Florida World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 6 Central Florida Chess Club Championship**  
555, G/120. Melody Manor, 813 Montana St., Orlando. **EF:** \$39. CFCC mem req \$25. **\$\$\$600:**190-100-70, U2000, U1800, U1600, U1400 each 60, plaques (if mem as of Dec 31) to Club Champion, U2200, U2000, U1800, U1600, U1400, & top under age 16. All FCA members earn points towards 2050 Florida Gran Prix. **Reg.:** Sat 9:15am. **Rds:** 10-2-6, 9-2. CFCC elections 1pm Sun. **Ent:** CFCC, 921 N. Thistle Ln., Maitland, FL 32751. **Info:** (407) 629-6946 or www.centralflchess.org. **WCL JGP.**

**Feb. 8, New Jersey World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 10 ICA Winter 2009 Open Championship**  
Bergen Academy, 200 Hackensack Ave, Hackensack NJ 07601. Open To All Ages With Rating >1400 4SS G/60 U. S. Chess Federation Membership Required, Prize Fund (\$5 b/40) 1st - 3rd \$300, \$250, \$200, U2000, U1800, U1600 each \$100. Best Under 13 Years Old \$75, Best Over 65 Years Old \$75. Prize Fund Will Not Be Reduced Below 70%. Reg Ends at 9 Late Entrants Will Receive 1/2 Point Bye For Rnd 1. **EF:** Adv (mvs By Feb 4th) \$40, AT Site \$45. GMS Free Entry. Make **EF:** and/or USCF membership checks payable to: International Chess Academy. **INFO** 201 287 0250 or 201 833 1741, Email: Diana@icani.net (Web Site Entries: www.icani.net). **Rds.:** 9:30 AM, 11:45 AM, 2:15 PM, 4:30 PM. **Ent:** Diana Tulman, 28 Canterbury Lane, New Milford, NJ 07646. NS NC W.

**Mar. 6-8 or 7-8, California Northern World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 100 (enhanced) Western Chess Congress**  
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com/.

**Mar. 6-8 or 7-8, Massachusetts World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 80 (enhanced) 18th annual Eastern Class Championships**  
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

**Mar. 13-15 or 14-15, Missouri World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 100 (enhanced) 13th Annual Mid-America Open**  
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

**Apr. 8-12, 9-12 or 10-12, Connecticut World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 200 (enhanced) 11th annual Foxwoods Open**  
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com/.

**May 22-25, 23-25 or 24-25, Illinois World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 200 (enhanced) 18th annual Chicago Open**  
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

**July 1-5, 2-5, 3-5 or June 29-July 5, Pennsylvania World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 300 (enhanced) 37th Annual World Open**  
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

## REGIONAL

### Alabama

**Dec. 20-21, Magic City Classic**  
55S, TC: G/120. Alta Vista Hotel & Conference Center 260 Goodwin Crest Dr., Birmingham, AL 35209. \$\$\$b/60. **Open (1700+):** \$400-250, U2000: \$200, B \$150, **Reserve (1200-1699):** \$300-200, U1500: \$150, D: \$100. **Amateur (UNR-1199):** \$250-150, U1000: \$100, G: \$50. **Scholastic:** 4 sections. **Late REG.:** Dec 20th 7:45-8:30. **Rds:** 9, 2, 7 & 9-2. **EF:** \$50/\$40, mailed by 12/13; \$10 more at site. **HR:** \$70. Checks Payable To: **Caesar Lawrence.** **Ent:** Caesar Lawrence, 882 McAllister Dr., Calera, AL 35040. **Info:** Caesar.Lawrence@juno.com, **ACF:** www.alabamachess.com. **WCL JGP.**

**Feb. 7, QoHs Scholastics 6 Sections** - SSS, TC: G/30. AUM Taylor Center 7440 East Drive Montgomery, AL 36117. **EF:** \$20/Rated and \$10/Not Rated - mail by JAN13t; (\$10 more @ site). Trophies: (Rated) Top 3 Individuals; Top 2 Teams. Medallions: (Not Rated) Top 3 Individuals. **Rds:** 9:30-10:45-12:30-1:45-3. **Late REG.:** FEB 7th 8:30-9:10. Checks payable to: **Montgomery Chess Club.** **Ent:** MCC-QoH 668 Sandhurst Drive Montgomery, AL 36109. **Info:** www.alabamachess.com or Caesar.Lawrence@juno.com.

### Arizona

**Feb. 13-16, 4th Susan Polgar 2009 Open Challenge for Boys and Girls**

Over \$250,000 in scholarships and chess prizes! **Organized and Directed by Susan Polgar Foundation and Chess Emporium, LLC.** 7SS, G/45, **Sunrise Mountain High School**, 21200 N 83rd Ave, Glendale, AZ 85382. Winners in the Girls sections will qualify for the 2009 SP National Invitational, if meet eligibil-

ity requirements. **Sections: All-Girls and Open (Boys/Girls):** Primary (K-2); Elementary (3-5); Middle School (6-8); High School. **Parents/Adults:** All ages. **Prizes (All Scholastic Sections):** Laptop Computer to 1st, \$200 (in Chess Prizes) to 2nd, \$150 to 3rd \$100 to 4th, \$50 to 5th All the above are in kind, chess prizes such as chess books/DVDs etc, and not a cash prize. Digital Clock to 7-0 score, Trophies to top 20 Individuals, Trophies to top 3 teams, Medals to 21st-30th Individuals, and to 4-6th Teams, Trophies to top 3 Parent/Child/Sibling Teams. Scholarships to Texas Tech University and Texas A&M - Kingsville will be offered. (Must meet entrance requirements and chess tournament scholarship criteria - www.spice.ttu.edu). **Adult Section:** \$300-\$200-\$150-\$100 in cash prizes, based on 20 paid entries. All sections: **EF:** \$55 by 1/10; \$59 by 1/24; \$65 by 2/6; \$69 after. On Site registration will receive Rd 1 (1/2 pt) bye. **Byes:** (1/2 pt) must be scheduled by the start of round 2. **Schedule:** Opening Ceremony 2/14 9:00 am; **Rounds:** 2/14 9:15-11:30-1:30-3:30; 2/15 9:00-1:00-3:00. **Side-Events: Puzzle Solving Championship** 2/13 6:00pm. **EF:** \$15 if by 2/6; \$20 after. Registration closes 5:30pm. **Susan Polgar 64 Board Simultaneous Exhibition** 2/13 7:15pm. **EF:** \$25 by 2/6; \$30 after. Registration closes 7:00pm (Limit 1st 64 entries). **Bughouse Championship**, 2/13: 5 Double Rd Swiss, G/5. **Prizes:** Trophies top 10 teams (2/15 3:30pm - Awards Ceremony). **Rounds:** 2/13 6:30-7:00-7:30-8:00-8:30. **EF (Team):** \$20 by 2/6; \$25 after. Registration closes 6:00pm. **Susan Polgar Free Lecture** 2/14 12:30-1:30pm. **Blitz Championship**, 2/14: 5 Double Rd Swiss, G/5. **Sections:** Primary (K-2); Elementary (3-5); Middle School (6-8); High School / Adults U1600. **Prizes:** Primary, Elementary, Middle School - Trophies to top 10 in each section, High School / Adult U1600 - trophies to top 5 (2/15 3:30pm - Awards Ceremony). **Rounds:** 2/14 6:00-6:30-7:00-7:30-8:00. **EF:** \$20 by 2/6; \$25 after. Registration closes 5:30pm. **Susan Polgar 64 Board Simultaneous Exhibition** 2/15 5:30pm. **EF:** \$25 by 2/6; \$30 after. Registration closes 5:00pm (Limit 1st 64 entries). **Susan Polgar Chess Camp** (am) Mon 2/16 9:00am-12:30pm. **EF:** \$49 by 2/6; \$59 after. **Susan Polgar Chess Camp** (pm) 2/16 1:30pm-5:00. **EF:** \$49 by 2/6; \$59 after. **ENT:** online registration available at www.chessemporium.com, or mail entry form to Chess Emporium, 10801 N. 32nd St, Suite 6, Phoenix, AZ 85028. **Info** or Phone Credit Card entries: 602-482-4867. **E-mail** Kids@chessemporium.com. **Cancellations:** No later than Feb 11, 7:00pm. 80% refund only. **Other Info:** Chief TD: Scott Freneau; Assistant Matthew Okunevich; Pairing Director AJ Pheasant. **Vendors:** Chess Emporium - Books, Chess Equipment, Clocks, T-Shirts. **Sponsors:** Chess Emporium, City of Peoria. **Accommodation:** Hampton Inn, 8408 W. Paradise Lane, Peoria, AZ 85382. 623-486-9918 @ \$159. Holiday Inn Express, 16771 N. 84th Ave., Peoria, AZ 85382. 623-853-1313 @ \$139. Or possible better rates for hotel and air at Diamond Travel at 602-870-9197....ask for Eldon.

**May 23-25, 2009 U.S. Amateur West Championship**  
See Nationals.

## California Northern

**Mar. 6-8 or 7-8, Western Chess Congress**  
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com/.

## California Southern

**Jan. 16-19, 17-19 or 17-18, 16th annual Western Class Championships**  
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com/.

## Connecticut

**Apr. 8-12, 9-12 or 10-12, 11th annual Foxwoods Open**  
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com/.

## Florida

**Palm Beach Gardens Chess Club**  
Rated tournaments and skittles games every Saturday morning 9:00 am till 4:00 pm. www.palmbeachchessclub.info, (561) 762-3377.

**Boca Raton Chess Club Friday nights, Game 90 Tournament, one game a week for 4 weeks.** www.bocachess.com, 561-883-2917. **WCL JGP.**

**Dec. 12-14, 2008 National Scholastic K-12 Championship**  
See Nationals.

**Jan. 9-11 or 10-11, Central Florida Class Championships**  
See Grand Prix.

**Jan. 10, St. Petersburg Rated Beginner's Open (RBO)**  
5rd Swiss G/30 USCF RBO 4 Sect. **K-2U400; K-5U500; K-8U700; & K-12U1000;** top 12 in each get trophy; all others medal. Team (2 or more) - best four scores from all divisions. **EF:** \$18. **1st rd:** 10:15 AM. Sunshine Center, 330 Fifth St. N., St. Petersburg, FL, NS, NC, W. register online at www.stpetersburgchessclub.com. 727-822-1171.

**Jan. 31-Feb. 1, Central Florida Chess Club Championship**  
See Grand Prix.

**Feb. 7, St. Petersburg Rated Beginner's Open (RBO)**  
5rd Swiss G/30 USCF RBO 4 Sect. **K-2U400; K-5U500; K-8U700; & K-12U1000;** top 12 in each get trophy; all others medal. Team (2 or more) - best four scores from all divisions. **EF:** \$18. **1st rd:** 10:15 AM. Sunshine Center, 330 Fifth St. N., St. Petersburg, FL, NS, NC, W. register online at www.stpetersburgchessclub.com. 727-822-1171.

**Feb. 13-15 or 14-15, U.S. Amateur Team - South**  
See Nationals.

## Illinois

**Dec. 27, Mayor Daley's Holiday Chess Championship**  
Come play chess at Mayor Daley's Holiday Sports Festival, America's largest in-

door play ground with over one million square feet of fun. 4ss, Game/30. McCormick Place Lakeside Ballroom, 2301 S. Martin Luther King Drive, Chicago, IL. **9 Sections - Open (USCF-rated):** K-2, K-5, K-8, and Open (Adults & youth); **Reserve (non-USCF rated):** K-2, K-5, K-8, and Open (Adults & youth) Plus **High School:** 5-board team non-USCF rated (meets ISHA requirement). **Awards: Open & Reserve** - Trophies to top 10 individuals & top 3 teams\* (scholastic sections) in each section. **High School** - Trophies to top 3 teams with medals for team members. **Rounds:** 10 AM, 11:30 AM, 1:30 PM & 3:00 PM. **EF:** \$10 per player before 12/20; \$15 Day of event. **Onsite Reg.:** 8:30-9:00 AM. Special hotel rate of \$89 at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place (312) 567-1234; mention Mayors Office of Special Events. **Ent:** Renaissance Knights, PO Box 1074, Northbrook, IL 60065. Online **Ent/Info:** www.rknights.org, Sheila Heiser 847-526-9025.

**Jan. 11, Indian Trails Public Library Championship (QC)**  
4ss, Game/20. Wheeling Park District Community Recreation Center, 333 W. Dundee Rd., Wheeling, IL 60090. **8 Sections: Open (USCF-Rated):** Primary (Grades K-3), Elementary (4-5), Middle School (6-8), High School & Adults. **Reserve** (non-USCF rated for individuals only) K-3, 4-5, 6-8, High School & Adult. **Awards:** Trophies top 3 individuals each section & top teams in Open Sections; Ribbons Reserve Section. **EF:** \$17 Open, \$5 Reserve - Advanced Registration only. **Rds.:** 1 at 1:00 pm, rest ASAP. **Ent:** Indian Trails Public Library, Attn Elva Arreola, 355 S. Schoenbeck Rd, Wheeling, IL 60090. **Info:** www.rknights.org, Sheila Heiser 847-526-9025.

**May 22-25, 23-25 or 24-25, 18th annual Chicago Open**  
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com/.

## Indiana

**Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 2009 U.S. Jr. Chess Congress**  
See Nationals.

## Maryland

**Silver Knights Chess Tournaments**  
We organize USCF-rated tournaments on Saturdays for adults and kids. **Free analysis by a National Master at every tournament for the scholastic players.** Trophies to top scholastic finishers; 70% of entries returned as prizes in open (adult) sections. To see a list of dates and locations, see our website at www.silverknightschess.com. Phone: 610-446-0818. Email: chess@silverknightschess.com.

**Jan. 24, Kasparov Chess Foundation presents Greater Mid-Atlantic Elementary Championship!**

5-SS, G/30, open to all grades K-6/ below. Hilton Pikesville, 1726 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore, MD 21208. **2 sections: Elementary Varsity**, open to all. **EF:** \$30 postmarked by 1/10/09. Trophies to the 8 top-scoring players and the 4 top-scoring schools, the top rated Under 1000, and the top 3 Unrated. **Elementary Novice** rated Under 800 or Unrated. **EF:** \$30 postmarked by 1/10/09. Trophies: top 8 players; top 3 Unrated, top 4 schools, top Under 600. Any player who scores 4 or more points and doesn't win a trophy will receive a medal! The Top individual players in each section also win free entree into Chess Pro weekend chess camps - a saving of hundreds of dollars! All entry fees \$5 less per player if 4 or more from same school mailed together in SAME ENVELOPE! Refunds: \$10 service charge for each player refund. \$10 extra to switch sections. Current USCF Membership is required to participate. TO REGISTER, list each player's name, USCF ID# and expiration (new players write "NEW") address, birth date, school and grade. BE SURE TO INDICATE THE CORRECT SECTION. Make checks for entry fees + all USCF dues (1 check for total amount is best) payable and mail to: **CHESSPRO, 14 Hartley Circle, #532, Owings Mills, MD 21117.** Questions: (443)-660-8025. All entry fees \$7 extra per player post-marked January 12-16 (no mail accepted postmarked after Jan.16). On-Site Entry fee: \$40 per player at the tournament! On-site registration ENDS 9:15 AM.

**Jan. 24, Kasparov Chess Foundation presents Greater Mid-Atlantic Primary Championship!**

5-SS, G/30, open to all grades K-3/ below. Hilton Pikesville, 1726 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore, MD 21208. **2 sections: Primary Varsity**, open to all. **EF:** \$30 postmarked by 1/10/09. Trophies to the 8 top-scoring players and the 4 top-scoring schools, the top rated Under 900, and the top 3 Unrated. **Primary Novice** rated Under 700 or Unrated. **EF:** \$30 postmarked by 1/10/09. Trophies: top 8 players; top 3 Unrated, top 4 schools, top Under 500. Trophies to the top 4 Kindergarten! Any player who scores 4 or more points and doesn't win a trophy will receive a medal! The Top individual players in each section also win free entree into Chess Pro weekend chess camps - a saving of hundreds of dollars! All entry fees \$5 less per player if 4 or more from same school mailed together in SAME ENVELOPE! Refunds: \$10 service charge for each player refund. \$10 extra to switch sections. Current USCF Membership is required to participate. TO REGISTER, list each player's name, USCF ID# and expiration (new players write "NEW") address, birth date, school and grade. BE SURE TO INDICATE THE CORRECT SECTION. Make checks for entry fees + all USCF dues (1 check for total amount is best) payable and mail to: **CHESSPRO, 14 Hartley Circle, #532, Owings Mills, MD 21117.** Questions: (443)-660-8025. All entry fees \$7 extra per player post-marked January 12-16 (no mail accepted postmarked after Jan.16). On-Site Entry fee: \$40 per player at the tournament! On-site registration ENDS 9:15 AM.

**Jan. 31, Kasparov Chess Foundation presents the 30th Annual Greater NY Primary Championship!**  
See New York.

**Jan. 31, Kasparov Chess Foundation presents the 43rd Annual Greater NY Junior High Championship!**  
See New York.

**Feb. 1, Kasparov Chess Foundation presents the 43rd Annual Greater NY Elementary Championship!**  
See New York.

**Feb. 1, Kasparov Chess Foundation presents the 43rd Annual Greater NY High School Championship!**  
See New York.

## Massachusetts

Mar. 6-8 or 7-8, 18th annual Eastern Class Championships  
See *Chess Life* or [www.chesstour.com/](http://www.chesstour.com/).

## Missouri

Mar. 13-15 or 14-15, 13th Annual Mid-America Open  
See *Chess Life* or [www.chesstour.com/](http://www.chesstour.com/).

## Nevada

Dec. 26-29 or 27-29, 18th annual North American Open  
See *Chess Life* or [www.chesstour.com/](http://www.chesstour.com/).

## New Jersey

### Silver Knights Chess Tournaments

2-3 Saturdays per month we run scholastic USCF-rated tournaments throughout the Philadelphia area. Tournament locations include Philadelphia, Mt. Laurel (NJ), Bryn Mawr, Horsham, Collegeville, and more. Tournaments are open to grades K-12. Free game analysis by a National or International Master at each tournament. We have players of all skill levels compete in our tournaments, from brand-new kindergartners up through some of the highest-rated scholastic players in the state. To see a list of dates and locations, see our website at [www.silverknightschess.com](http://www.silverknightschess.com). Phone: 610-446-0818. Email: [chess@silverknightschess.com](mailto:chess@silverknightschess.com).

**Dec. 13, Greater Cherry Hill Chess Swiss, Quad, and Kids Swiss (Sat)**  
For info, and registration, go to [www.decemberchess.eventbrite.com](http://www.decemberchess.eventbrite.com). For more info, e-mail Dan at [hermanator3@comcast.net](mailto:hermanator3@comcast.net) or call (856) 287-2393.

**Dec. 19, Greater Cherry Hill Rapid Chess (Fri.)**  
For info, and registration go to [www.decemberchess.eventbrite.com](http://www.decemberchess.eventbrite.com). For more info, e-mail Dan at [hermanator3@comcast.net](mailto:hermanator3@comcast.net) or call (856) 287-2393.

**Dec. 27, Viking Last Saturday Quads**  
Somerset Ramada Inn, 60 Cottontail Lane, Somerset Exit 12, Route #287. In 4 player Quads. G/90. **Regs.:** before 9am. **Rds.:** 9-12-3. EF Top quad \$30, lower Quads EF \$20 or \$30. **Prize:** Top quad is \$80, Lower quads between \$40 and \$80. Prize is based on the number of players paying \$30. Player paying \$20 may win only \$40. Info: Ken Thomas, [acn@goes.com](mailto:acn@goes.com) / cell 908-763-6468. No electronic scoresheets. NS, NC, W.

**Feb. 8, ICA Winter 2009 Open Championship**  
See Grand Prix.

**Feb. 14-16, World Amateur Team & U.S. Team East**  
See Nationals.

**A State Championship Event!**  
**Mar. 1, New Jersey State Elementary Championships**  
5SS, G/30. Brookdale College, 765 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, NJ 07738. Student Life center, using Parking Lot #7 or #6; 5 minutes from Garden State Parkway exit 109. **2 Sections: Elementary (K-6) & Primary (K-3).** All: Trophies to top 15 individuals, and 5 teams. Elementary & Primary: Top 5 in each grade. **Rds.:** 10 am then ASAP. Top 4 scores constitute the team score for Elementary; top 3 for Primary. **EF:** \$25 before 2/23, \$45 at site. USCF memb. req'd. EF includes 1 year memb. to NJSCF for NJ state residents. **Reg.:** 8-9:00 am. After 9:00 am, 1/2 point bye for round 1. **INFO:** 973-228-7039, **ENT:** Mike Somers, 29 Oakland Ave., West Caldwell, NJ 07006. Entries must include name, grade & school, date of birth, USCF ID # & Expiration date, mailing address, email address, phone number and entry fee. Checks made out to NJSCF.

**A State Championship Event!**  
**Mar. 7-8, New Jersey High School Championships**  
5SS, G/90. Rutgers University - Busch Campus Center 604 Bartholomew Rd., Piscataway, NJ 08854-8002. Call (732) 445-6127 for directions. **3 sections: Varsity Championship (9-12):** 5 player teams with one alternate allowed. Coaches set order by player strength. Order must not be changed. Team avg. based on top 5 highest ratings. Trophies to top 10 NJ teams. Trophies for top three players, boards 1-5. **Rds.:** Sat. 10-2-6, Sun. 10-2. **EF:** \$125/team before 2/28. \$175/team at site. \$5 per change on site. **Junior Varsity (9-12):** 4 player teams with one alternate allowed. Team avg. based on top 4 highest ratings. Trophies to top 10 NJ teams. Trophies for top 3 players, boards 1-4. **Rds.:** Sat. 10-2-6, Sun. 10-2. **EF:** \$100/team before 2/28, \$150 team on site. \$5 per change on site. **Booster (K-12):** Trophies to top 15 individuals, top 5 teams, top 2 JHS, & top 2 elementary (K-6). **Rds.:** Sat. 10-2-6, Sun 10-2. Top 4 scores constitute team score. **EF:** \$25 before 2/28, \$35 at site. All: USCF memb. required. EF includes 1 year membership to NJSCF for NJ residents. **Reg.:** Sat. 8-9:00am. After 9:00am, 1/2 Point bye for round one. **INFO:** 973-794-4601. **ENT:** Make checks payable to NJSCF and send to Roger Inglis, 49A Mara Rd., Lake Hiawatha, NJ 07034. Entries must include, name, grade & school, date of birth, USCF ID # & exp. date, mailing address, email address, phone number and entry fee. WCL JGP

**A State Championship Event!**  
**Mar. 8, New Jersey Junior High School Championships**  
5SS, G/30. Rutgers University - Busch Campus Center 604 Bartholomew Rd., Piscataway, NJ 08854-8002. **Section: JHS (K-9).** ALL: Trophies to top 15 individuals, top 5 teams. **Rds.:** 10am then ASAP. Top 4 scores constitute team score. **EF:** \$25 before 2/28, \$45 at site. \$5 for changes at site. USCF memb. req'd. EF includes 1 year membership to NJSCF for NJ state residents. **Reg.:** 8-9:00 am. After 9:00 am, half-point bye for round one. **INFO:** 732-259-3881, [hsprechman@aol.com](mailto:hsprechman@aol.com). **ENT:** New Jersey State Chess Federation (NJSCF), PO Box 1511, Jackson, New Jersey 08527. Entries must include name, grade & school, date of birth, USCF ID # & Expiration date, mailing address, email address, phone number and entry fee. Checks made out to NJSCF.

## New York

Dec. 21, 8th Annual Greater NY December Under 13 Open!

4-SS, G/30, open to all born after 12/21/95, Chess Center at Marshall Chess Club, 23 West 10th St, bet. 5-6 Ave, NYC: 845-569-9969. May be limited to 1st 52 entries. 2 Sections. **1. Open.** EF: \$32 postmarked by 12/12. **2. Novice.** for Under 1000 or Unrated, EF: \$31 mailed by 12/12. **Both.** EF: \$30 online at [www.chesscenter.cc](http://www.chesscenter.cc) by 12/18, \$35 by phone at 845-569-9969 by 12/18, \$40 at site, Club members \$10 less (\$5 fee for refunds). Trophies to top 10, top Unr; top 3 teams (top 3 scorers from same school) each section. 8 weeks free entry to 1st, 4 weeks free to 2nd each section. Speed playoff for 4-0. Limit of 2 byes, commit by 11:30. On-site reg. ends 9:30 am. Rds 10-11:30-12:45-2 pm. Ent: Chess Center of NY, PO Box 4615, New Windsor, NY 12553. List USCF ID, rating, section, school/grade, DOB.

**Dec. 21, Sunday Under 1400 Action!**  
4-SS, G/30, Marshall Chess Club, 23 West 10 St, between 5-6 Ave, NYC: 212-477-3716. For Under 1400 or unrated. EF \$30, Club Members \$20, specified Greater NY Scholastic prizewinners free. **\$\$200 b/20 paid:** \$100-60-40, \$60 limit to un reg. ends 3:45 pm. Rds. 4-5:15-6:45-8 pm. No advance entries.

**Dec. 26-28 or 27-28, 4th annual Empire State**  
See *Chess Life* or [www.chesstour.com/](http://www.chesstour.com/).

**Jan. 3, Prove Your Point!**  
3-SS, G/30, Chess Center at Marshall Chess Club, 23 W 10th St, NYC: 212-477-3716. EF \$20. 3-0 wins \$40, 2.5 wins \$20, 2 wins \$10. Reg ends 7:20 pm. Rds. 7:30-8:30-9:30.

**Jan. 11, NY Winter Under 1800!**  
4-SS, G/50, Chess Center at Marshall Chess Club, 23 W 10th St, bet 5-6 Ave, NYC: 845-569-9969. EF \$40, Club members \$30, \$5 less if also entering 1/10 Winter G/45, specified Greater NY Scholastic prizewinners free. **Online entry at www.chesscenter.cc thru 1/8.** \$\$ (480 b/32 paid entries): 150-100-50, top U1600 \$95, top U1400 \$85. Limit 2 byes, commit by 2 pm. Reg. ends 15 min before game. Rds. 12-2-4-6 pm. CCA Ratings may be used. **\$10 extra to "enter" by phone!**

**Jan. 11, The Right Move #149 Team and Individual Championship FREE EF.**

4SS, G/30. Play starts promptly at 10:00. Players must check in by 9:30AM. Brandeis H.S., 145 W. 84th St., 10024 (near Columbus Ave, Manhattan, NYC). Open to gr. K-12. **Five rated sections: Open, Under 1700, Under 1200, Under 800, Under 600.** (May renew or join USCF at tournament). Non-member sections by grades: K-3, 4-6, 7-12. Trophies to top 3 in each section except Open (\$50, \$30, \$20 for 1st-3rd); medal to each player with 2.5 or more points. Team plaque to 1st and 2nd each section, with top 4 scores counting in each section (minimum 3 players on team in section). Non-member sections offer additional prize of USCF membership to players scoring 4 points. **To register:** use website at [www.thrightmove.org](http://www.thrightmove.org) or email - [thechesstop@aol.com](mailto:thechesstop@aol.com) or Fax to 718-455-2863 before 6:00 PM. on Fri. Give full name, school, grade, USCF ID #, exp. date, and section. **NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION.**

**Jan. 24, Kasparov Chess Foundation presents Greater Mid-Atlantic Elementary Championship!**  
See Maryland.

**Jan. 24, Kasparov Chess Foundation presents Greater Mid-Atlantic Primary Championship!**  
See Maryland.

**Jan. 25, Kasparov Chess Foundation presents Greater Mid-Atlantic High School Championship!**  
See *Chess Life* or [uschess.org](http://uschess.org).

**Jan. 25, Kasparov Chess Foundation presents Greater Mid-Atlantic Junior High Championship!**  
See *Chess Life* or [uschess.org](http://uschess.org).

**A Heritage Event!**  
**Jan. 31, Kasparov Chess Foundation presents the 43rd Annual Greater NY Junior High Championship—USCF's Longest-Running Scholastic!**

5-SS, G/30, open to all born after 1/31/93 not yet in 10th grade, New Yorker Hotel, 481 8th Ave & 34th St, NYC. **3 sections: Varsity,** open to all. EF: \$48.60 postmarked by 1/09/09. Trophies to top 12, top U1200, top 3 unrated, top 6 school teams. Free entry to all Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 8/1/09 to 1st, thru 7/1 to 2nd, thru 6/1 to 3rd. **Junior-Varsity:** open to Under 1000 or unrated. EF: \$48.50 postmarked by 1/9. Trophies to top 12, top 3 unrated, top 6 schools. Free entry to all Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 7/1/09 to 1st, thru 6/1 to 2nd, thru 5/1 to 3rd. **Novice,** open to Under 700 or unrated. EF: \$48.40 postmarked by 1/9. Trophies to top 12, top 3 unrated, top 6 schools. Plaques to top 2 each grade: 4-6 (you can win both plaque & trophy). Free entry to all Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 6/1/09 to 1st, thru 5/1 to 2nd, thru 4/1 to 3rd. **All:** EF's \$7 extra postmarked 1/10-16, all \$65 at site. **Mail entries \$5 less per player if 4 or more from same school in SAME ENVELOPE!** All substitutions from advance entry list charged late fee; \$15 extra to switch sections. \$15 charge for each refund. All players scoring 4 or more who don't win a trophy will receive a medal! 8 weeks free entry, except quads, to 1st team each section, 4 weeks free, except quads, to 2nd team (top 4 scores from same school = team). Speed playoff for 5-0. Limit 2 byes (rds. 4-5 commit before rd. 3). **Mail entries:** list name, rating, ID# (proof of current USCF membership required, enclose dues if necessary), school, grade, birthdate, address. Checks to (specify section): Chess Center of NY, PO Box 4615, New Windsor, NY, NY 12553. To confirm receipt, enclose SASE. No mail postmarked after 1/16. **Phone entries:** \$59 by credit card thru 1/26. **Online entries at www.chesscenter.cc:** \$46 thru 1/16, \$53 1/17-1/26. No phone or on-line entries after 1/26. **On-site entry fee:** \$65. On-site reg. ends 9:15 am. Rds. 10-12-2-3:30-5:15. **Questions, credit card entries, team rooms:** 845-569-9969 (or 406-896-2191: 24 hours, entries only) or [chesscenter@aol.com](mailto:chesscenter@aol.com) (Jan 30-31 only: 212-971-0101). Bring sets, clocks, boards— **NONE SUPPLIED!**

**Jan. 31, Kasparov Chess Foundation presents the 30th Annual Greater NY Primary Championship!**

5-SS, G/30, open to all born after 1/31/99 in grades 3/below, New Yorker Hotel, 481 8th Ave & 34th St, NYC. **3 sections: Varsity,** open to all. EF: \$46.60 postmarked by 1/09/09. Trophies to top 12, top rated U900, top 3 unrated, top 6 school teams. Free entry to all Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 8/1/09 to 1st, thru 7/1 to 2nd, thru 6/1 to 3rd. **Novice:** open to Under 700 or unrated. EF: \$46.50 postmarked by 1/9. Trophies to top 12, top 3 unrated. Free entry to all Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 7/1/09 to 1st, thru 6/1 to 2nd, thru 5/1 to 3rd. **K-1,** open to grade 1/below. EF: \$46.40 postmarked by 1/9. Trophies to

top 12, top rated U500, top 3 unrated, top 6 schools. Free entry to all Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 7/1/09 to 1st, thru 6/1 to 2nd, thru 5/1 to 3rd. **All:** EF's \$7 extra postmarked 1/10-16, all \$65 at site; \$15 extra to switch sections. **Mail entries \$5 less per player if 4 or more from same school in SAME ENVELOPE!** All substitutions from advance entry list charged late fee. \$15 charge for each refund. All players scoring 4 or more who don't win a trophy will receive a medal! 8 weeks free entry, except quads, to 1st team each section, 4 weeks free, except quads, to 2nd team (top 4 scores from same school = team score). Speed playoff for 5-0. Limit 2 byes (rds. 4-5 commit before rd. 3). **Mail entries:** list name, rating, ID# (proof of current USCF membership required, enclose dues if necessary), school, grade, birthdate, address. Checks to (specify section): Chess Center of NY, PO Box 4615, New Windsor, NY, NY 12553. To confirm receipt, enclose SASE. No mail postmarked after 1/16. **Phone entries:** \$59 by credit card thru 1/26. **Online entries at www.chesscenter.cc:** \$46 thru 1/16, \$53 1/17-1/26. No phone or on-line entries after 1/26. **On-site entry fee:** \$65. On-site reg. ends 9:15 am. Rds. 10-12-2-3:30-5:15. **Questions, credit card entries, team rooms:** 845-569-9969 (or 406-896-2191, 24 hours, entries only) or [chesscenter@aol.com](mailto:chesscenter@aol.com) (Jan 30-31 only: 212-971-0101). Bring sets, clocks, boards— **NONE SUPPLIED!**

**A Heritage Event!**  
**Feb. 1, Kasparov Chess Foundation presents the 43rd Annual Greater NY Elementary Championship—USCF's Longest-Running Scholastic!**

5-SS, G/30, open to all born after 2/1/96 not yet in 7th grade, New Yorker Hotel, 481 8th Ave & 34th St, NYC. **3 sections: Varsity,** open to all. EF: \$47.60 postmarked by 1/09/09. Trophies to top 12, top U1200, top 3 unrated, top 6 school teams. Free entry to all Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 8/1/09 to 1st, thru 7/1 to 2nd, thru 6/1 to 3rd. **Junior-Varsity:** open to Under 1000 or unrated. EF: \$47.50 postmarked by 1/9. Trophies to top 12, top 3 unrated, top 6 schools. Free entry to all Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 7/1/09 to 1st, thru 6/1 to 2nd, thru 5/1 to 3rd. **Novice,** open to Under 700 or unrated. EF: \$47.40 postmarked by 1/9. Trophies to top 12, top 3 unrated, top 6 schools. Free entry to all Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 6/1/09 to 1st, thru 5/1 to 2nd, thru 4/1 to 3rd. **All:** EF's \$7 extra postmarked 1/10-16, all \$65 at site. **Mail entries \$5 less per player if 4 or more from same school in SAME ENVELOPE!** All substitutions from advance entry list charged late fee; \$15 extra to switch sections. \$15 charge for each refund. All players scoring 4 or more who don't win a trophy will receive a medal! 8 weeks free entry, except quads, to 1st team each section, 4 weeks free, except quads, to 2nd team (top 4 scores from same school = team). Speed playoff for 5-0. Limit 2 byes (rds. 4-5 commit before rd. 3). **Mail entries:** list name, rating, ID# (proof of current USCF membership required, enclose dues if necessary), school, grade, birthdate, address. Checks to (specify section): Chess Center of NY, PO Box 4615, New Windsor, NY, NY 12553. To confirm receipt, enclose SASE. No mail postmarked after 1/16. **Phone entries:** \$59 by credit card thru 1/26. **Online entries at www.chesscenter.cc:** \$46 thru 1/16, \$53 1/17-1/26. No phone or on-line entries after 1/26. **On-site entry fee:** \$65. On-site reg. ends 9:15 am. Rds. 10-12-2-3:30-5:15. **Questions, credit card entries, team rooms:** 845-569-9969 (or 406-896-2191: 24 hours, entries only) or [chesscenter@aol.com](mailto:chesscenter@aol.com) (Jan 30-Feb 1 only: 212-971-0101). Bring sets, clocks, boards— **NONE SUPPLIED!**

**A Heritage Event!**  
**Feb. 1, Kasparov Chess Foundation presents the 43rd Annual Greater NY High School Championship—USCF's Longest-Running Scholastic!**

5-SS, G/30, open to all grades 12/below born after 2/1/89, New Yorker Hotel, 481 8th Ave & 34th St, NYC. **3 sections: Varsity,** open to all. EF: \$49.60 postmarked by 1/09/09. Trophies to top 12, top U1700, top 3 unrated, top 6 school teams. Free entry to all Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 8/1/09 to 1st, thru 7/1 to 2nd, thru 6/1 to 3rd. **Junior-Varsity:** open to Under 1600 or unrated. EF: \$49.50 postmarked by 1/9. Trophies to top 12, top U1400, top 3 unrated, top 6 schools. Free entry to all Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 7/1/09 to 1st, thru 6/1 to 2nd, thru 5/1 to 3rd. **Novice,** open to Under 1000 or unrated. EF: \$49.40 postmarked by 1/9. Trophies to top 12, top 3 unrated, top 6 schools. Plaques to top 2 each grade: 7-9 (you can win both plaque & trophy). Free entry to all Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 6/1/09 to 1st, thru 5/1 to 2nd, thru 4/1 to 3rd. **All:** EF's \$7 extra postmarked 1/10-16, all \$65 at site. **Mail entries \$5 less per player if 4 or more from same school in SAME ENVELOPE!** All substitutions from advance entry list charged late fee; \$15 extra to switch sections. \$15 charge for each refund. All players scoring 4 or more who don't win a trophy will receive a medal! 8 weeks free entry, except quads, to 1st team each section, 4 weeks free, except quads, to 2nd team (top 4 scores from same school = team score; no combined schools, even if one school "feeds" another). Speed playoff for 5-0. Limit 2 byes (rds. 4-5 commit before rd. 3). **Mail entries:** list name, rating, ID# (proof of current USCF membership required, enclose dues if necessary), school, grade, birthdate, address. Checks to (specify section): Chess Center of NY, PO Box 4615, New Windsor, NY, NY 12553. To confirm receipt, enclose SASE. No mail postmarked after 1/16. **Phone entries:** \$59 by credit card thru 1/26. **Online entries at www.chesscenter.cc:** \$46 thru 1/16, \$53 1/17-1/26. No phone or on-line entries after 1/26. **On-site entry fee:** \$65. On-site reg. ends 9:15 am. Rds. 10-12-2-3:30-5:15. **Questions, credit card entries, team rooms:** 845-569-9969 (or 406-896-2191: 24 hours, entries only) or [chesscenter@aol.com](mailto:chesscenter@aol.com) (Jan 30-Feb 1 only: 212-971-0101). Bring sets, clocks, boards— **NONE SUPPLIED!**

**Feb. 8, NY February Under 1800!**  
4-SS, G/50, Chess Center at Marshall Chess Club, 23 W 10th St, bet 5-6 Ave, NYC: 845-569-9969. EF \$40, Club members \$30, \$10 less if also entering 2/7 Super Saturday G/45, specified Greater NY Scholastic prizewinners free. **Online entry at www.chesscenter.cc thru 2/5.** \$\$ (480 b/32 paid entries): 150-100-50, top U1600 \$95, top U1400 \$85. Limit 2 byes, commit by 2 pm. Reg. ends 15 min before game. Rds. 12-2-4-6 pm. CCA Ratings may be used. **\$10 extra to "enter" by phone!**

**A State Championship Event!**  
**Feb. 28-Mar. 1, New York State Scholastic Championships**  
Open to grades K-12 in any state (top NYS player & team in each section are NY champions). Saratoga Hilton, 534 Broadway (I-87 Exit 13-N, 4 miles north on US 9), Saratoga Springs NY 12866. Free parking. Team prizes based on top 4 scores from same school; no combined school teams allowed even if one school "feeds" another. Teams of 2 or 3 players allowed, but are at a disadvantage. In 6 sections, each is a 6SS, G/65 except K-1 is 5SS, G/30 playing Mar 1 only. **High School,** grades K-12. EF \$42 mailed by 2/6. Top NYS grade 9-12 qualifies for Denker Tournament of HS Champions (Indianapolis, 8/1-4). **Junior High,** grades

K-9. EF \$41.90 mailed by 2/6. **Elementary**, grades K-6. EF \$41.60 mailed by 2/6. **Elementary Novice**, grades K-6 under 800 or unrated. EF \$41.50 mailed by 2/6. **Primary**, grades K-3. EF \$41.30 mailed by 2/6. **K-1**, grades K-1. EF \$41.10 mailed by 2/6. **Postmarked 2/7-17**: All EF \$10 more. Do not mail entry after 2/17. **Online** at [cheststour.com](http://cheststour.com), all sections: EF \$43 by 2/6, \$53 by 2/23. No online entry after 2/23. **Phoned** to 406-896-2038, all sections: EF \$45 by 2/6, \$55 by 2/23. Credit cards only, no questions. No phone entry after 2/23. **Entry at site**: all \$60. 1 year NYSCA membership to all NY residents who are not members. **Trophies** to top 20 players, top 3 Unrated, and top 8 teams each section and top each U1400, U1200, U1000 (HS), U1200, U1000, U800 (JHS), U1000, U800 (Elem), U600, U400 (Elem Novice). Speed playoff if perfect score tie. Free entry to NY State Championship, Labor Day weekend 2009 (Albany), to top player each section. **Schedule**: Late reg. ends Sat 11 am, rds Sat 12-3-6, Sun 9-12-2:45. Awards 5:30-6 pm. **K-1 schedule**: Late reg. ends Sun 9 am, rds Sun 10-12-1:30-3-4:30. Half point byes OK all, limit 2, must commit before rd 2. **HR**: \$114-114, 888-999-4711, 518-584-4000, reserve by 2/10 or rate may increase. 48 hours notice required for room cancellation. Backup hotel: Courtyard by Marriott, 2 blocks away, 518-226-0538. **Special car rentals**: Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD #657633. **Mail entry**: Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills NY 12577. Include name, rating, USCF ID, USCF expiration (non-members enclose dues), section, school, grade, birth date, address of each player. Checks payable to Continental Chess. \$15 per player service charge for refunds. \$10 extra to switch sections, all substitutions from advance list charged \$60. Questions: [cheststour.com](http://cheststour.com), 845-496-9658. Bring set, board, clock if possible- none supplied. **WCL JGP (top 5 sections)**.

## Pennsylvania

**Silver Knights Chess Tournaments**  
2-3 Saturdays per month we run scholastic USCF-rated tournaments throughout the Philadelphia area. Tournament locations include Philadelphia, Mt. Laurel (NJ), Bryn Mawr, Horsham, Collegeville, and more. Tournaments are open to grades K-12. Free game analysis by a National or International Master at each tournament. We have players of all skill levels compete in our tournaments, from brand-new kindergarteners up through some of the highest-rated scholastic players in the state. To see a list of dates and locations, see our website at [www.silverknightschess.com](http://www.silverknightschess.com). Phone: 610-446-0818. Email: [chess@silverknightschess.com](mailto:chess@silverknightschess.com).

**Jan. 16-19, 17-19 or 18-19, 41st Annual Liberty Bell Open**

See *Chess Life* or [www.cheststour.com/](http://www.cheststour.com/)

**July 1-5, 2-5, 3-5 or June 29-July 5, 37th Annual World Open**

See *Chess Life* or [www.cheststour.com/](http://www.cheststour.com/)

## Rhode Island

### Dec. 13 & Jan. 31, BK Tournaments

4SS, G/30, Trophies top 3 in each Section: 11&U/13&U (unrated), Open (rated). **EF**: \$12 Advance, \$15 at site. See full schedule, register online: [www.rhodeislandchess.org](http://www.rhodeislandchess.org), email: [rhodeislandchess@yahoo.com](mailto:rhodeislandchess@yahoo.com), (401)359-1602. See website for venues.

### Jan. 3, Cumberland Chess Fest

4SS, G/30, Blackstone River Theatre. **Rated & unrated sections**: 9&U/11&U/13&U (unrated), Open (rated). Trophies to top 3 in each section. **EF**: \$12 Advance, \$15 at site. See full schedule, register online: [www.rhodeislandchess.org](http://www.rhodeislandchess.org), email: [rhodeislandchess@yahoo.com](mailto:rhodeislandchess@yahoo.com), phone: (401) 359-1602.

### Jan. 17, 2009 Winter Team Challenge

4SS G/45, Held at R.I. College. Gr. K-5, Gr. 6-8, Gr. 9-12. Trophies top 3 teams in each section. **EF**: \$48 per team of four by 1/14, \$68 at site. Players can be from different schools. See full schedule, register online: [www.rhodeislandchess.org](http://www.rhodeislandchess.org), email: [rhodeislandchess@yahoo.com](mailto:rhodeislandchess@yahoo.com), phone: (401) 359-1602.

## Tennessee

### Dec. 13, Memphis Scholastic Team & Individual Holiday Tournament

5SS, G/30. The Clarke Opera Memphis Center, 6745 Wolf River Pkwy, Memphis, TN. **Indiv. Sects. K-2, K-2-Reserve, K-5, K-12, K-12-Reserve**. Team Sects: **K-2, K-5, K-12**. (Reserve Sects. are not USCF rated and do not require membership; all other sections are USCF rated). Byes: 1/2-pt. avail. for any one Rd. (commit before Rd. 3). **Prizes**: Trophies to top 5 in each ind. sect. and top 3 in each team sect. Teams must have min. of 3 players and top 3 scores count for final team standings. **On-site Reg.**: Sat., 8-8:30am, Rd. 1 starts at 9am, other rounds will immediately follow. **HR**: Comfort Inn & Suites, 7787 Wolf River Blvd., Germantown, TN, 901-757-7800 (Queens-\$69; Kings-\$75; Doubles-\$85). Please reserve by Dec. 5 and mention Cajun Chess tournament to get special chess rate. **EF**: \$15 by 12/10; \$20 at site. **ENT**: On-line at [www.cajunchess.com](http://www.cajunchess.com), or mail entry to Cajun Chess, 7230 Chadbourne Dr., New Orleans, LA 70126. Info or Phone Ent: 504-208-9596 or 504-905-2971, or [cajunchess@yahoo.com](mailto:cajunchess@yahoo.com). Major credit cards accepted.

### Apr. 3-5, SuperNationals IV

See Nationals.

## Texas

### Jan. 24, Region III Scholastic Championships

5SS, Rds. 1-3 G/30, Rds. 4-5 G/45. Student Union Galaxy Rooms at The University of Texas at Dallas, 800 West Campbell Road, Richardson, Texas 75080. Use University Drive entrance. **Six rated sections**: Opened to all but only players

who live in or attend school in Region 3 may be Region 3 champions. **High School** (grades 9-12), **Middle School** (grades 6-8/9), **Elementary** (grades K-5/6), **Elementary U800** (grades K-5/6 rated under 800), **Primary** (grades prek-3), and **K-1** (grades prek-1). \$\$Trophies for rated sections: HS section: Top 10 ind., top 3 teams; MS Top 10 ind., top 3 team. Elem: Top 10 ind., top 5 teams; Elem U800: Top 10 ind., top 5 teams; Primary: Top 10 ind., top 5 teams; K-1 Top 7 ind., top team. **EF for Rated Section**: \$25 if postmarked by 2/1; \$39 thereafter and on site. Add \$5 for phone entries. On site registration may result in 1/2 point first round bye. US Chess Federation Membership required. One Not rated sections: K-6 not rated Open. This section is opened to all players in Grades k-6. \$\$Trophies for K-6 not rated sections: Top 10 ind, Top 5 teams. **EF for not rated section** is \$15 if postmarked by 2/1, \$25 thereafter and on site. On site registration may result in 1/2 point 1st round bye. **ALL Reg.**: 7:30-8:30am, **Rd 1** at 9:15am, all others ASAP with 35-minute lunch break. One 1/2 pt. bye if requested before end of Rd 2. Medals to all the participants. Tournament is not elimination, play all 5 rounds. Pre-Registration requires prepayment with complete information. All changes after 2/2/07 to be made on site only, \$10 for changes made after 2/3/07. No credit cards accepted onsite. Special TCA rules on which section a player can play in Rated Sections. See [www.schwess.com/sce/tourney/tsc2006/tsc06.htm](http://www.schwess.com/sce/tourney/tsc2006/tsc06.htm) for some guidelines. **Online Registration**: [www.active.com/event\\_detail.cfm?event\\_id=1646858](http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1646858) **Make Checks payable to**: Dallas Chess Club. US Chess Federation Membership is required for all Rated sections. Not Rated sections do not require US Chess Federation membership. **Entry Form Entry**: Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley TX 76036. Ph: 214.632.9000. E-mail: [info@dallaschess.com](mailto:info@dallaschess.com). Note that seating is limited and is on a first come first serve basis. Park on metered parking by Student Union or by UTD bookstore. Or get visitors pass at guard shack on University Drive and park on visitor's parking.

**April 25-26, Kasparov Chess Foundation in Association with UTD, DCC and USCF, Presents All Girls Open National Championships**  
See Nationals.

## Wisconsin

### Jan. 31, Madison Winter Rated Beginner Open (RBO)

D240 Downton MATC Campus, 211 N Carroll St., Madison, WI 53703. In 2 Sections **Open**: 5SS, G/30, **EF**: \$13 adv/\$20 at site. **\$\$**: \$50-20. Trophies 1st/2nd/3rd Overall, 1st/2nd U1000/U800/Umr. **Reserve**: 5SS, G/30, Open to Age 12 or less. **EF**: \$11 adv/\$20 at site. **Prizes**: Trophies 1st/2nd for ages 11-12/9-10/8 & Under. **ALL**: Open to 1199 & under. **Reg.**: 7:30am. **Rds.**: 8-9-15-10-30-12-1-15. **ENT/INFO**: George Alexander 608-669-3385. [checkmate@tds.net](mailto:checkmate@tds.net). [groups.google.com/group/madison-chess-league](http://groups.google.com/group/madison-chess-league). NS NC W.

**Feb. 13-15 or 14-15, 2009 U.S. Amateur Team Championship - North**  
See Nationals.

## Puttin' On The Fritz!

**Congratulations!** Those of you who entered *The Chess Report(s) Card* contest all received passing grades! Not perfect, but passing. You'll need your October 2008 issue of *Chess Life for Kids* for the starting diagrams, or you can view the article on line at [www.uschess.org](http://www.uschess.org) > *Chess Life Magazine* > *Chess Life for Kids*.

**(1) White to move: 9.Ng5** The double attack threatening mate on h7 or if **9...fxg5 10.Bxb7** and also winning the Rook on a8. **1-0**

**(2) White to move: 6.Bxf7+ Kxf7 7.Ng5+** Black is totally lost. **7...Ke8** [7...Kf8 8.Ne6+ The fork costs Black's queen; 7...Kf6 8.Qf3#] **8.Ne6 1-0**

**(3) White to move:** [9...cxd4 was a much better move.] **10.Nh4!** The queen is miraculously trapped. White has just beaten a grandmaster! **1-0**

**(4) White to move: 7.Nxe5!** White sacs his queen to win at least a piece or mate his opponent. This one has won many games over the

years. **7...Bxd1 8.Bxf7+ Ke7 9.Nd5#** This is also known as Legal's mate. Watch out for it! **1-0**

**(5) White to move:** You would be surprised at how many games are lost by Black when he "forgets" he cannot put a knight on c6 to save his bishop. **9.Qa4+ 1-0**

**(6) White to move: 8.Qc5! Nc6 9.Qf8# 1-0**

**(7) Black to move:** A classic loser in the Albin Counter Gambit. [6.fxe3 This is better, but it leaves White's pawns a mess.] **6...exf2+ 7.Kxf2** (7.Ke2 fxf1=N+ Just for fun! 8.Rxg1 Bg4+ 9.Ke1 Bxd1) **7...Qd4+ 8.Ke1 Qh4+ 9.g3 Qe4+ 0-1**

**(8) Black to move:** What happens when the queen runs out of support? **9...Bxc3+ 0-1**

**(9) Black to move: 8...Nxd4 9.Qxd4 c5** After the white queen moves, Black follows up with ... c4 which traps the bishop on b3. This is the famous "Noah's Ark" trap. **0-1**

**(10) White to move: 9.cxd5!** (9.Qxa8? White was trying to trick Black. But... 9...Bb4+ and the queen on a8 drops to the back rank rook be-

cause of the check to White's king.) **9...exd5 10.Bb5 Rb8 11.Bxc6+ Qxc6 12.Ne5+** winning the queen on c6 and escaping the attack on White's queen! **1-0**

**(11) White to move: 10.Nxe6 fxe6 11.Qh5+** and the bishop on c5 is lost and this time there is a knight on c6 but it isn't of any help. **1-0**

**(12) Black to move:** Why would Black give up his bishop so easily? **8...Nd3#** To end the game with a smothered mate is the answer. **0-1**

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