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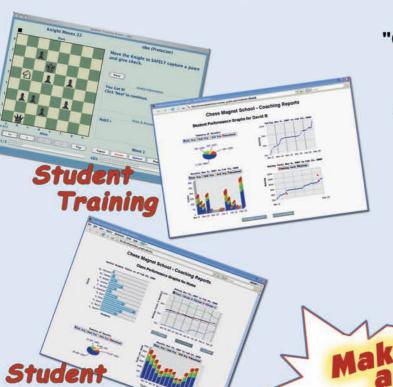
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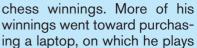
Nicholas Rosenthal finished the World Chess Live Junior Grand Prix as the top 12 year old.

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crazy variants on World Chess Live. Although Nicky loves all forms of speed chess, he managed to slow down recently to become the 7th grade co-champion at the 2008 Grade Nationals, finishing first on tiebreaks. He thanks his

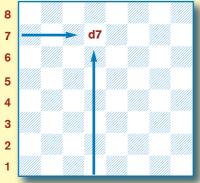
coach, Brian Goldstein, for his encouragement!



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- 7 and-down rows of squares, which are lettered) and rank (horizontal or side-byside rows of squares, which are numbered) the 4 square is on. In the diagram 3 the square on the intersection of the 7th rank and the 2 d-file is called d7. Like in battleship!



The pieces are abbreviated a 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.

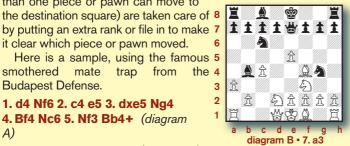
A move is written by using the abbreviation for the piece that moves, followed by the square the piece moves to (1. ... Nf6). A pawn move is written as the square the pawn has moved to (1. d4). A capture by a piece is written as the abbreviation for the piece that moved, followed by an x, and finally 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, 7 1 1 1 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 3 move, and pawn promotion is 2 A 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 8

it clear which piece or pawn moved. Here is a sample, using the famous 5 smothered mate trap from the 4 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. ... Ncxe5 8. Bxe5 Nxe5 9. axb4 Nd3 checkmate. (diagram C)
- #: checkmate 5 x: take or capture 0-0: kingside castle (): promotion 4 0-0-0: queenside castle !: good move 3 +: check ?: bad move 2 ??: blunder







Attention!

PARENTS, TEACHERS AND COACHES!

by Jerry Nash, Scholastic Director

To say that we live in challenging times is an understatement. Two converging factors which directly impact scholastic chess are the economy and the cutbacks in education occurring in almost every state. The fact remains that the majority of our scholastic chess programs continue to be just one person away from extinction. This combined with the current economic and educational climate make the maintenance of programs difficult, much less the consideration of their expansion. Thankfully we have dedicated parents, teachers, coaches, and community leaders who are investing time and resources to insure that students still have the chance to benefit from playing chess. And we are grateful for the ongoing financial support of individuals, businesses, and foundations to help provide quality programming at the national level.

In 2009 we will continue our work to develop a national voice which supports your efforts. Making the case for chess in education is essential to expanding scholastic chess programs as is increasing the levels of sponsorship. To this end we are developing resources and relationships which have the potential to enhance our presence and credibility. You can help us to help you.

SuperNationals IV is scheduled for April in Nashville. This flagship event provides the opportunity for greater visibility and appeal to both the educational community as well as potential sponsors. You can help: Attend SuperNationals with your team. Bring a key educator from your area who has not attended a national scholastic event. Visit the SuperNationals website (www.SuperNa tionalsIV.com) and encourage others in the community to do so as well. We must demonstrate to potential sponsors the real extent of involvement within the scholastic chess community. The website traffic helps us to build on the event attendance in attracting long term partnerships.

We must take advantage of this window of opportunity. This is important not just for the expansion of scholastic chess programming. If you believe, as I do, that the skills which chess develops in students are critical for academic success, then our voice is important to the future of education in our country. Now is the time for our voice to be heard.

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A Kindness

She had been summoned by the King, but when she arrived she found him struggling to avoid what appeared to be a giggle fit.

"Majesty, are you unwell?" She then cast

her eyes downward. "Have I somehow offended you?"

The King gave a brief head shake to the contrary—and then placed his hand in front of his mouth to stifle a guffaw. This seemed to help.

"For many days you have told me entertaining tales of chess," he said. "Today it is my turn to tell you a story."

She blushed. "You are too kind."

"I come from a visit with an emissary from a foreign land. I had been advised beforehand that although he was very fond of his chess play, he was lacking even the tiniest bit of skill.

"This presented a small challenge: how to engage him in the game without causing undue embarrassment? I decided to con-

struct a chess problem to present him with."

The King then set up the following position on the board.



"Is such a thing possible?" she gasped.

"With pawns promoting to larger pieces, it is a legal position," the King reassured her. "The problem, then, is a simple mate-in-one, with White moving first. My gift, my kindness."

She smiled, and the more she studied the position, the broader her smile became. "Your Majesty, this is *extraordinary!*"

"And fool-proof, I imagined," said the King. "There are 51 moves that White can make that will checkmate the black king."

"And what move did the emissary make?" she asked.

"Ah," said the King slowly. "Even in this situation the hapless fellow was able to find a 52nd move. With 1.Qxc4+ he forced Black to mate him with 1...Rxc4 checkmate!"

At that, their laughter filled the room.

(This problem was created by Sampsa Lahtonen, as presented in Tim Krabbé's "Open Chess Diary")









ASK GM LARRY EVANS!

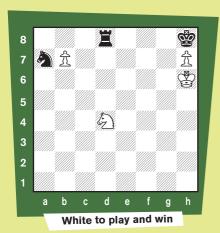
Grandmaster Larry Evans won the U.S. Championship in 1951, 1952, 1961-62, 1968, and again in 1980!

BEST QUESTION:

AN ENDGAME STUDY

Robert Briegger Houston, TX

Q: I hope your readers enjoy this problem that I composed.



White only draws after 1.Nf5? Nc6 2.Nh4 Rd6+ 3.Ng6+ Rxg6+ 4. Kxg6 Nb8. The key 1.Ne6! Nc6 (also hopeless is 1...Re8 2.Ng5 Rf8 3.b8=Q Rxb8 4. Nf7 mate; or 1...Rc8 2.bxc8=Q+ Nxc8 3.Nd8 Nd6 4.Kg6! and Black is in Zugzwang) 2.Nxd8 Nxd8 3.b8=B! (but 3.b8=Q? only produces a draw by stalemate) 3...Nf7+ 4.Kg6 Nd6 5.Bc7! (not 5.Ba7? Nf5!=) 5...Nf7 6.Bf4 Ng5 (Black's in a squeeze) 7.Be5 mate.

A: A lovely concept that utilizes Zugzwang (the forced obligation to move) while illustrating why it's sometimes unwise to make a new queen. Like all good composed endgame studies, it looks like it happened in a real game.

THINKING TIME

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Q: How much time do professional players typically spend on each move in the opening (for the first 10 moves)?

A: That all depends on the time control, but pros try to take as little time as possible in order to conserve their energy for the rest of a tournament game. If the limit is 40

moves in two hours, the first ten moves average about a minute per move—unless some variation catches them by surprise. The advent of computers has removed much of the mystery from openings.

As I said, the time taken for each move all depends on the time control. Extreme blitz allows each side a minute for the WHOLE GAME! I don't recommend playing at this speed (or even five minutes per game) because, while it may be fun, it leads to superficial thinking.

Extreme Blitz

Max Burkett

Missoula, MT

Here's hoping your readers will enjoy the latest chess poem by my friend Dennis Fritzinger.

Interested readers may also enjoy THE POETRY OF CHESS edited by Andrew Waterman (published in 1981), an anthology that spans six centuries.

ASK A QUESTION:

If you have a question for GM Larry Evans, send it to gpetersen@uschess.org. GM Evans will choose the Best Question for the next issue.—The Best Question winner will receive a copy of This Crazy World of Chess.

BREATHLESS

the pieces are set up on their original squares; the clock is set at one minute each. suddenly you start as someone punches a button. pawns and pieces start flying: it's a street fight. opening soon over, middlegame attack and defense. combination, sacrifice, no mate, the endgame looming, chop chop: wood gets eliminated, you're queening pawns, hunting the king, moving frantically, your enemy time, the physical slowness of your body, clumsiness: knocking over a pawn, or a piece, having to retrieve it, set it up again. suddenly the clock decides. or it's mate. breathless, you open your mouth and draw in a lungful of oxygen, you're like an olympic swimmer: holding your breath the length of the pool, the length of the sixty-four squares.

The Chess Detective

by NM Todd Bardwick

Knights Don't Like the Rim

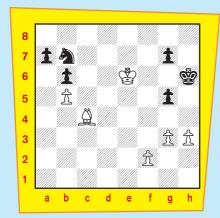
We all learn early on in our chess careers that a "knight on the rim is dim" because the knight is a slow-moving piece that is restricted on the edge or rim of the board. It takes a knight a long time to jump from one side of the board to another.

Some children start out playing moves like Nh3 early on in the game before learning that Nf3, attacking the center, is a better idea.

Of course, there are exceptions to every rule. But in general, your knights shouldn't move to the rim of the board, unless there is a good reason for it (like the rim is the best pathway for the knight to get to a better square).

Here is a position from one of my games from a simul I gave a couple of summers ago.

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NM Bardwick (simul) Summer 2007

Picking up the clues in the position, White has a better king position (kings also like to be centralized in the endgame once the danger of checkmate in the center of the board is

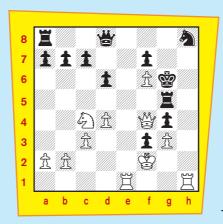
gone because, like knights, they are slow-moving pieces).

White has a pawn majority on the kingside, where Black has doubled isolated pawns. Black has the pawn majority on the queenside, but the b5 pawn can stop the majority because of the en passant rule, should Black play ...a5. Black should move his knight back to c5, a square toward the center that is supported by a pawn.

Instead Black attacks the bishop with 51...Na5? 52.Bd5 The knight is now trapped on the rim by the bishop! Black's piece is now stuck on the queenside and White now has an advantage with his pawn majority on the kingside. 52...Kg6 53.g4 Kh6 54.Kf5 g6+ 55.Kf6 Black is in Zugzwang! 55...Kh7 56.Kxg5 Kg7 57.h4 Resigns

Here is an unusual position from Berlin in 1881.

Schmid



Chigorin Berlin, 1991

Picking up clues, Black is ahead a pawn in material, but his king in out in

the open. Comparing the knights, White's is well positioned near the center,

but Black's knight in the corner (two rims!) is totally out of the game. Black's inactive knight is useless in trying to defend his king.

25.Rh7 25.Re5 also leads to mate (note that White's well-placed knight helps the attack): 25...Rxe5 26.Rh6 mate or 25...dxe5 26.Nxe5+ Rxe5 27.Rh6 mate or 25...Qxf6 26.Rh6+! Kxh6 27.Qxf6+ Rg6 28.Rh5+! Kxh5 29.Qh4 mate. Black's knight can only watch his king get checkmated! 25...Qxf6 If Black captures the rook with 25...Kxh7, then 26.Qxg5 Ng6 (at least the Black knight has a move!) 27.Rh1+ Kg8 28.Rh8+! Kxh8 29.Qh6+ Kg8 30.Qg7 mate—dancing around the knight! 26.Rh6+! Kxh6 27.Qxf6+ winning.

Always remember that knights are usually happier in the center of the board, not on the rim, where their mobility is restricted....and definitely not in the corner!

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Chess Workbook for Children.

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Attack and Defense in the

One of the best opening systems for scholastic players is the Colle System. Many chess authors, past and present, like it because the first

GOLLE SYSTEM

ten moves or so are easy to remember and pretty much keep the player of the white pieces out of trouble for a while.

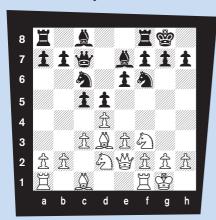
by Pete Tamburro

It also has a fairly straightforward plan: attack the kingside! If you've been following our series in *CL4K*, you will already know how to do that! In fact, some of the games used as examples were Colle games.

We've been talking about how to defend as black against certain "systems." The Colle is one you can not only meet, but play!

What we are going to do is explain the ideas for both sides so you can play either side!

Here is one of the basic positions of the Colle system:



It looks like White really does not want to come out and play, but that is really not the case.

The Idea Behind the Colle System

The idea behind the Colle System is to open the game with 1.d4 and then really build up the push to play

e4 at a later time. If you look at the above position, you should notice some key things:

- 1. White has three pieces ready to protect the pawn when it moves to e4 (and the f1-rook if needed).
- 2. White's queen rook and queen bishop will have to wait for the e4 push to get free.
- 3. White's c3-pawn not only protects the d-pawn but allows the king bishop to drop back if it has to and also prevents Nb4 by Black, which would attack the bishop.
- 4. The White king is safely castled.
- 5. If Black exchanges his d-pawn and knight, White will recapture with the queen and threaten checkmate on h7 because the king knight is no longer protecting h7.
- 6. If White pushes to e4 with the pawn and Black doesn't recapture, then White can push the pawn to e5, chase the king knight, which is defending the h7-pawn, and start to plan an attack on h7 with moves like Qh5 and Ng5, and as you learned earlier, even Bxh7+!
- 7. As White pushing his pawn to e4 is a big deal, Black is also thinking of pushing his e6-pawn to e5 to free himself.
- **8.** The white d4-pawn and the black c5-pawn are going to reach a

point where one is going to take the other! We'll see why.

One Move at a Time!

Let's take this opening one move at a time so instead of just memorizing moves you don't understand, you'll know why each move is played.

1.d4 Nf6

White plays one of the two best opening moves. Black, to prevent 2.e4, does that and develops a piece all at the same time.

2.Nf3 d

Back in the 1920s a lot of players played 2.Nf3 because at the time the Budapest Defense (1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5!?) was causing a lot of headaches. Playing Nf3 seemed like an easy solution. Hey, it develops a piece! Black, for his part, just wants to get his share of the center.

3.e3 e

Both sides want to get their king bishops out so they can quickly castle.

4.Bd3 c5

White gets the bishop out to a square that supports the eventual e4 and the eventual attack on h7. Black counters in the center and threatens c4, forcing the bishop back. Notice that this is the all-purpose line from our last article, and it comes in handy here as well!

5.c3 Nc6

White gives his bishop a retreat. If

Black doesn't play c5, White can consider saving a move by not playing c3. Black puts his knight on a strong square which supports an e5 push and attacks d4, which becomes weaker when White plays e4.

6.Nbd2 Bd6

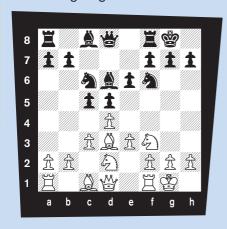
White supports his planned e4 move. This knight will be the first to recapture on e4 when the moment happens. Black's bishop move is interesting. Usually, in the queen's pawn openings with the all-purpose defense, the bishop goes to e7, as in the first diagram. In the regular queen's gambit, the bishop goes to e7 because there is a white bishop on g5 pinning the knight and the bishop on e7 becomes a way to cover the pin.

Here, Bd6 is adapting to the position. There is no bishop that's going to pin on g5. It's buried on c1! Also, since Black wants to play e5 at some point, the bishop is just as well placed as its white counterpart.

7.0-0 0-0

This is a very instructive move for both sides. Why did both players castle here? Why didn't White go for e4 and why didn't Black go for e5?

Aside from it being good general advice to castle before you get active in the center, it would be good for you to go through the lines given below, because there is an awful lot going on here!



One of the downsides of playing the Colle is that once you get into

the center play, you had really better know how to think! The opening moves are easy. The middle game gets challenging. Take, for instance, the questions about the e-pawn moves.

If White had not castled and tried to play e4 before Black castled, there would be a problem: 7.e4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Nb4 (one reason the knight is better on c6 than d7) 9.Bb1 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 0-0 and now if White thinks there's a routine bishop sacrifice here, he's wrong: 12.Bxh7+ Kxh7 13.Ng5+ Kg6 14.h4 Qa5 15.h5+ Kf6 and the black king escapes to e7, material up. That's a line both White and Black should know!

What about Black playing 7...e5? That could be embarrassing, too: (8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.e4 0-0 10.exd5 Qxd5 11.Qe2 Bg4 12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Qe6 14.Re1 f5 15.Bxc6 Qxc6 16.Qc4+ and White is better.

Some Colle books recommend, after 7...e5 8.dxe5 Nxe5 9.Nxe5 Bxe5 10.f4 (10.Nf3 Bd6), but after 10...Bc7 11.e4 c4 12.Bc2 0-0 13.e5 Bb6+ 14.Kh1 Ng4 15.Nf3 Nf2+ 16.Rxf2 Bxf2 17.Bxh7+ Kxh7 18.Ng5+ Kg6 19.Qc2+ Bf5 20.Qxf2 f6 21.Nf3 fxe5 22.Nxe5+ Kh7 23.Be3, it an unclear game at best. The first line is easier to handle. However, you can see that both sides in both lines get their shots in, and, regardless of your color, you may end up attacking or defending!!

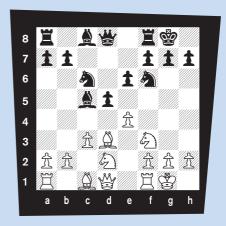
Anyhow, both sides in our main line exercise good judgment and castle. Now you know why.

8.dxc5! Bxc5

If you play the Colle, you have to know White's eighth move. Remember, the pawn advance to e4 is key, so you have to make sure Black can't capture on d4 more than you want. Worth pointing out is that if Black had played an earlier Nbd7, there wouldn't be that pressure on d4, and sometimes White would then prepare even more with Re1 or Qe2. Now

White is ready to advance. It's like the old children's cry: "Here I come, ready or not!"

9.e4



This is the big moment in the Colle System. White has made his break. Now, what is Black to do?

The first thing you have to look at is exchanging on e4:

9...dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 Qxd1 12.Rxd1 f6 13.b4 Bb6 14.Bb2 Bc7 15.a3 a5 16.b5 Ne7 17.c4 e5 18.c5 and White has a much better endgame with the queenside pawn majority and a freer movement for its pieces.

This is one of the lesser known advantages of the Colle. Many people playing black see the exchange of queens as stopping the dreaded attack, yet ignore going into a poor endgame position.

If you shouldn't exchange queens, then what should you do? Should you counter with a pawn advance of your own? No. Here's why:

9...d4 10.Nb3 Bb6 11.e5 Nd5 12.Nbxd4 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Bxd4 14.cxd4 Qh4 15.f4 Bd7 16.Rf3; 9...e5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nc4 Re8 12.Be4 Nf6 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Qxd8 Rxd8 15.Ncxe5 and in both cases White is better. In the first line, White has a kingside attack. In the second line, White has that endgame advantage again.

So what do you play if you're Black?

9... Qc7!

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UT Dallas Scholarships!

The United States Chess Federation (USCF) is pleased to announce that the University of Texas at Dallas will offer three Academic Distinction Scholarships at the 2009 SuperNationals. A scholarship will go to the winner of each of the Elementary (K-6 Championship), Junior High (K-9 Championship), and High School (K-12 Championship) sections. Each scholarship is valued at \$80,000 for an out-of-state student. Additional information about the scholarships can be found at www.utdallas.edu/dept/ugraddean/aesprogram.html.

"UT Dallas has attractive programs for bright students in many fields, such as math, science, and engineering. We believe that these top chess scholastic players will find our academics and chess program at UT Dallas to be a good fit," said Chess Program Director Jim Stallings.

"We are excited about the University's support of the SuperNationals," stated Jerry Nash, Scholastic Director for the USCF. "UT Dallas has long supported scholastic chess and our national events. The University's excellent academic reputation along with their standard-setting chess program provides another reminder to parents and educators of the value of chess to impact academic success."

The USCF promotes the development of scholastic chess programs and sponsors national competitions. Every four years the three spring national championships—elementary, junior high and high school—are hosted in one location. This year the SuperNationals will be held April 3-5, 2009, at the Opryland Resort in Nashville, Tennessee. For additional tournament information, visit www.super nationalsiv.com.

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This is not easy to find, but it is easy to understand. Black develops a piece (notice how many times we say that?), prevents e5 and even supports Black doing his own thing by putting a piece or a pawn on e5, or even f4. For example, if White plays 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nxe4 Be7 12.Qe2 b6 (good way to develop the bishop) 13.c4 Nf4! And the queen proves itself to be useful. Usually, White responds with:

10.Qe2 Bd6

Here's another position where you have to be careful and know what works and what doesn't. If Black tries 10...e5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Bxh7+ Kxh7 13.Qe4+, White wins a pawn.

There is an uncharted alternative that might be good to take your opponent out of his book: 10...b6 11.e5 Nd7 12.Re1 Be7 13.Nb3 Bb7 14.Bf4 a6 and you have a kind of French Defense where Black has queenside counterplay.

Wait a second! Some of you attacking types might ask about 12.Bxh7+. Let's look:12.Bxh7+ Kxh7 13.Ng5+ Kg6! (13...Kg8? 14.Qh5; 13...Kh6? 14.Qd3!) 14.Qd3+ f5 15.exf6+ Kxf6 16.Nh7+ Ke7 17.Nxf8 Kxf8 and Black appears to hold, but it's very messy.

Students who really study these lines might just find something they like. It's up to you!

11.Re1 Ng4

White wants to force e5. Black wants to prevent it. It's that simple.

12.h3 Nge5

White chases the defender of the e5-square, but the defender

becomes the occupant—one way to prevent e5!

13.Nxe5 Nxe5

Since 13.exd5 exd5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Bc2 Re8 16.Qh5 g6 17.Qh4 Be6 doesn't offer White much, he heads for the exchanges and Black is happy to oblige. The more exchanges, the less pressure.

14.exd5 exd5 15.Nf3 Nxd3 16.Qxd3 Qc4! 17.Qxc4 dxc4

The flurry of exchanges is over. Where swapping queens didn't work before, it works now because Black rid himself of his isolated dpawn and created an equal balance of pawns on both sides. Black also has the two bishops. The position is equal. White has a slightly freer position, an excellent outpost on d4 for his knight and easy access to the open files for his rooks. Black has to bring his rooks and his king to the center to encourage further exchanges.

This is a pretty solid way to defend the Colle, although you can see how dangerous it can be. It's good to know the ideas for both sides.

There is another, more aggressive defense to the Colle, that is also used against the Stonewall Attack, another nasty opening system that you have to know about.

See you next time with more about that!

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After you learn how the horsey moves, some coaches say you should study the endings. Some prefer basic checkmate themes, and some teachers prefer to teach basic opening moves. But no matter what you study next, you have to know your tactics. Put very simply, strategy is a plan. Notice that Nathan has a plan right from the third move! Tactics are what vou use to carry out your plan.

A pin is a tactic. See how many pins (or threatened pins) you can find as you play over this game with your coach or team mates.

This is a very nice game, played by 7-year-old Nathan Lohr.

Andy Fahmy (817) - Nathan Lohr (592) [C20]

The Lexington Chess Tournament (K-3), 08.12.2008 Notes by 7-year-old Nathan Lohr

1.e4 e5 This opens up my queen and bishop. 2.d3 Nc6 Moving to d3 blocks the bishop but I just continue and develop my knight. 3.Be2 Bc5 This develops my bishop which could eventually set up an attack using my knight from g8 onto f2, preventing the white king from capturing on f2 and possibly allowing me to take the rook on h1. 4.Bh5 Nf6 Preparing to castle. 5.Bg5 Developing a piece and pinning my knight to the queen. 5...g6 Threatening his bishop. **6.Bg4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3 Bxc3+** This forces him to capture back with his pawn giving him double pawns. 8.bxc3 h6 I am trying to get rid of the pin on my knight by threatening his bishop. 9.Be3 **h5** This threatens his bishop and forces him back into a defensive position. 10.Bf3 d6 I finally let my bishop out. 11.d4 Bg4 Thinking of trading material. 12.Bxg4 hxg4 This keeps his knight from moving to f3-his best square. 13.Qc1 exd4 14.cxd4 Nxe4 Gaining a pawn. 15.Bh6 g5 His move was not good. It let me trap his bishop. 16.Bg7 Rh7 Attacking his bishop. 17.Bf6 Qxf6

He did not gain anything by moving the bishop. 18.Qe3 Qxd4 I go up another pawn and possibly exchange queens, since I was already up in material. 19.Ke2 Qxe3+ If he takes my rook on a1, then I capture his pinned knight on e4. I am then forking his king and rook. **20.Kxe3 f5** Protecting my knight. 21.Re1 g3!!



Threatening a fork with ... gxf2 trying to get one of his rooks, or at least his knight for a pawn. 22.Nf3 If 22.hxg3? Rxh1. If 22.fxg3 Nxg3 23.Kf3+ Ne4. 22...gxf2 I go up another pawn and threaten the rook on e1. 23.Rb1 Re7 I am setting up for a discovered check and eventual threat on his rook at b1 by 24...Nc3. 24.Nd2 Nc3+ He should have played 24.Kd3 to prevent my threat against his rook on b1. 25.Kxf2 Nxb1 **26.Nxb1** If he had played 26.Rxb1, his rook would have had an open file to attack. 26...0-0-0 This gets my rook out. 27.Na3 Rf7 This helps my pawns advance and set up a check. 28.Nb5 Rdf8 I double up the power of my rooks. 29.a4 a6 I want to threaten his knight. **30.Nc3 f4** Moving in to attack his king. **31.Rf1 Nd4** Getting ready to move the pawn on f4 up and further open the king. 32.Nd5 f3 33.Re1 fxg2+ This trades another pawn and puts the king in check. 34.Kxg2 Rf2+ 35.Kg1 Nxc2 Double duty: I take another pawn and threaten his rook. 36.Ne7+ Kd7 37.Re4 Rf1+, White resigned.

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IT'SNOW JOKE!

While it is not officially "official," as of mid-January, 11 year old Joel Pena is the leader of the 2008 World Chess Live Junior Grand Prix.

Even if someone overtakes him during the last few days, one thing is clear: he is the best of the best 11 year olds when it comes to playing stronger competition.

Joel has been playing chess since kindergarten, starting off at his school, the Princeton Day School, under the wing of Bonnie Waitzkin (IM Josh Waitzkin's mom!) and Miguel Iniguez. He later attended Danny Kopec's chess camp, and is currently an on-again, off-again student of GM Sergey Kudrin. It was Sergey who encouraged Joel to compete beyond scholastic events in order to improve.

"Last year it was intimidating, playing against adults, but not so much so this year. Mr. Kudrin has been helping me with the Dragon, showing me how to play more aggressively."

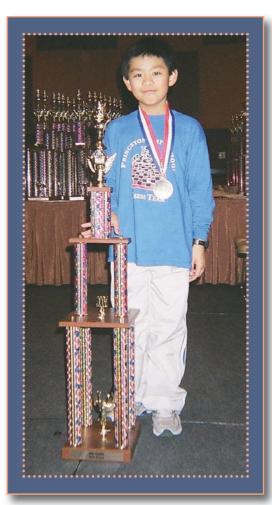
Obviously! Joel raised his rating by over 300 points this past year, and while he didn't make the Trophies Plus All-America Team (the minimum rating is 2000 for age 11), his rating did shoot up from the 1500s to 1901. And most

importantly (Sergey says don't worry about ratings), he is learning how to play the game.

That's not to say Joel hasn't been successful in scholastic events. In the nationals, he finished 17th in 1st grade, ninth in 2nd grade, fourth in 3rd grade, and in 2007 he was cochampion in 4th grade (second on tiebreaks). And he has a room full of trophies (I wonder who does the dusting!). I'm sure at least one of them is taller than Joel ...

"ALMOST as tall as I am. The smallest one is my dad's."

He had to say that. But chess is just one bond between Joel and his



parents, Antonio and Eden, who came to this country in 1994. Joel is one busy, young lad. I'm sure if his parents were to prioritize his activities, the list would be much different than Joel's. But one thing is inviolate: schoolwork first!

And then, in no particular order:

Baseball—He's been a member of the Franklin Township (Little League) All Stars for the past three years, playing the outfield, shortstop, and pitching. I don't know if he

will be in Williamsport next year, but I wouldn't be surprised if he was!

Piano lessons Flute lessons

Video Games

Fencing lessons – "I just wanted to give it a try."

Video Games

Singing—He's been in a number of school productions, and has performed in two operas at Princeton University's famed McCarter Theater. The photo at the bottom of this page is of Joel singing in *La Bohème*.

"If my voice changes, I'll just sing higher."

Chess Video Games

Did I mention video games? Guitar Hero is the current challenge—at least I think it is a challenge. With Joel, I don't think anything is beyond his grasp. In addition to English and Filipino, he speaks a smidgeon of French and a smattering of Spanish and, of course, he reads and writes the international language, chess notation.

So when does he find the time to play chess? Thank goodness for World Chess Live online events; half of Joel's 12 events in 2008 were played at World Chess Live, earning him 60 of his 250 Junior Grand Prix points.

Hats off to Joel Pena and his parents, for a job done well! USCF and World Chess Live couldn't hope for a better representative of the Junior Grand Prix!





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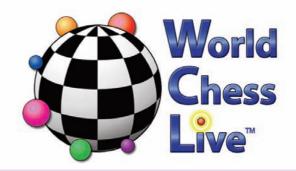
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DEJONG, ANDREW	NC	185	AGARWAL, ROHAN	CA-N	125
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PINKERTON, JAMES CARL	MD	180	HELLWIG, LUKE	AL	125
HUTTON, JACK	NY	175	CLAYTON, RYAN DANIEL	OH	120
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A Few More "Must Know" Endings



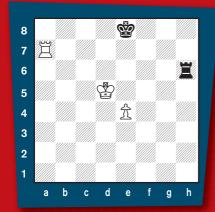
by Pete Tamburro

We've done some basic work with king and pawn endings. Now it's time to move up to endings with a piece or two involved.

We're going to start with that class of endings you must absolutely, positively, for sure, no way around it, MUST know: the two great rook and pawn endings.

These two endings will happen very often in your chess playing life. You will be a pawn up or a pawn down countless times. That's why these endings are so common.

Let's start with the first basic position. Rather than it being a White to Play and Win, it's a Black to Play and Not Lose! Trust me. You'll be there more than you want to be!



I have to share this memory with you. Back in the 1970s, I was a pawn up against an 11 year-old named Kenneth Regan (who later became an international master). I had assumed he wouldn't know how to defend the position you see above and I would win.

Just about then, he started reciting the drawing method out loud to me

and noted that the whole lesson was in a recent issue of *Chess Life*. Drat! Eleven year-olds that read chess magazines! Hopefully some readers can beat that age.

The basic idea behind Black's drawing method in our diagram is this:

- 1. Put your rook on your third rank.
- When White pushes the pawn to its sixth rank (your third rank), then drop your rook down to the eighth rank so you can check the king.

Rg6

It's that simple! Watch:

1.e5

Keeping the rook on that rank.

2.e6 Rg1!

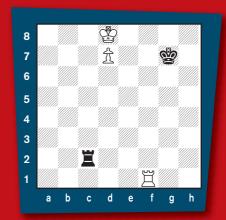
The rook's work is done on the third rank. If White tries to get cute and play 2.Rb7, then you just play 2...Ra6 and you've stayed on the rank.

3.Kd6 Rd1+

And you just keep checking. If he comes after you, you check him until he gets back to his third rank and then attack the passed pawn.

Let's not forget about the black king, who just seems to be a spectator. Remember it's very important for the defending king to get to the queening square. Usually, that's about the only chance Black has to draw. Before you get too confident, you have to realize that there are hundreds of rook and pawn endings to learn. The one that we just looked at is known as the Philidor position, named after the strongest player of the 18th century.

We go back to the 15th century (!) to look at our other named "must know" position: the Lucena position.



Here, White's king has beaten Black's king to the queening square and White's rook has cut off the Black king by resting on the f-file.

Black's biggest defensive hope is checking the king every time it steps out from the cover of the passed pawn, and if the white king comes toward the rook, the rook will, at the right moment, attack the pawn and prevent it from promoting.

Despite this, White wins here.

There are two ways to win for White. One is more well-known and is called the "Making a Bridge" method. Let's take a look at that first:

1.Rf4 Rc1

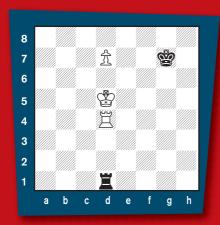
White's rook move is clever. He keeps the black king away, but his idea is to have his king come out, get checked and move toward the opposing rook who will keep checking. Then the white rook will step in the way of the check, protected by the king, and the pawn will queen.

2.Ke7 Re1+ 3.Kd6 Rd1+ 4.Ke6 Re1+

If 4...Kg6 then 5.Rf6+ Kg7 6.Rf5 and the rook is ready to run interference.

5.Kd5! Rd1+ 6.Rd4! ...

And the bridge is built:



Notice that the rook stays on that f-file to keep the black king away so after the rook exchange in the final position, the black king can't catch the pawn.

This is the easiest method to remember; however, there is one other.

1.Ra1 Kf7

This is really different from the bridge method. White lets the black king get closer. White's plan, though, is to get his rook to the eighth rank to support the pawn advancing to d8.

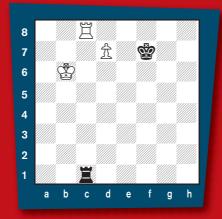
2.Ra8 Rc1

If Black tries 2...Ke6, then White wins with 3.Ke8 Rh2 4.Ra6+! (if 4.d8=Q?? Rh8 mate!!) and the pawn queens safely as there is no

longer a mate threat.

3.Rc8 Rd1 4.Kc7 Rc1+

5.Kb6! and wins!



Why does White win? If Black moves his king over to e7, the pawn queens and checks with support from the rook.

If the rook continues to check, the white king moves down the board and attacks the black rook. In the Philidor position, Black would then attack the d-pawn, but it doesn't work here because the white rook protects the queening square. Either way Black loses.

Now you know the two great rook and pawn endings of chess. As we said, this is just a start.

There is quite a journey ahead!

FIND THE SECRET WORD!

Long before you were born—and maybe before your parents were born—there was a popular TV quiz show hosted by Groucho Marx, called *You Bet Your Life*. Before each show, a "secret word" would be revealed to the audience. If the contestant said the secret word during the broadcast, he or she won a prize.

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The Secret Word is HOPELESS. When you've read all the articles and you are confident that you know how many times the word "hopeless" has appeared in this issue, send in your answer to: gpetersen@uschess.org, or mail it to

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Good luck in searching for the Secret Word: **HOPELESS!**

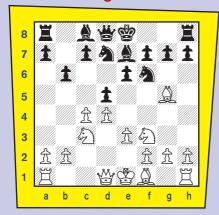
Move the Pieces!



Take the time to move the pieces and play over a couple of great games from your fellow scholastic members. Better yet, do it with your coach, teacher, parent, or club mates.

W: Beilin Li (1176) B: Adam Haines Krahn (905) Queen's Gambit Declined (D55) Indiana K-12 Grade Championships, Round 3

1.d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Nf3 Nbd7 5. Bg5 Be7 6. e3 b6



7. cxd5 exd5 ...

Slightly better was 7...Nxd5 trading more pieces.

8. Rc1 Bb7 9. Bd3 ...

White wants to pressure c7 with Nb5 but first castles to avoid ...Bb4+. 9...0-0 10. 0-0 Ne4 11. Bxe7

Oxe7 12. Nb5 c6

Sort of passive. 12...c5! 13. dxc5!? Ndxc5! would give Black a space-gaining but isolated d-pawn. But the knights on c5 and e4 would be very strong.

13. Nc3 Rac8 14. Nd2 Ndf6

Slightly better is 14...f5! followed by 15...Ndf6.

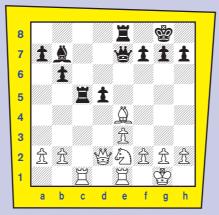
15. Qc2 Nxd2 16. Qxd2 Rfe8! 17. Rfe1 ...

White adds support to the potentially weak e3-pawn.

17...c5 18. dxc5 Rxc5 19. Ne2!?

Preparing Ne2-d4 but Black plays Ne4.

19...Ne4! 20. Bxe4 ...



20. Qd1?! Nxf2! 21. Kxf2 Qxe3+ gives a knight for two pawns and an attack against the white king.

20...dxe4 21. Rxc5 Qxc5 22. Rc1

Intending Ne2-d4-b5 and Rc7 22...Qe7!

Black defends c7.

23. Kf1 ...

The immediate 23. Nd4?! Ba6! cuts off the king.

23...Rd8 24. Nd4! ...

The knight cannot be attacked by a black pawn.

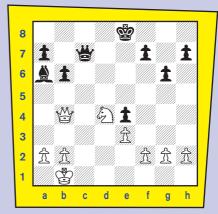
24...Qd7 25. Qc3 ...

Slightly better was 25. Qb4 cutting off the black king.

25...Rc8 26. Qd2 g6 27. Ke1 Kf8 28. Qb4+ Ke8 29. Rxc8+ Qxc8 30. Kd2 Qd7 31. Kc2 Qc7+ 32. Kb1...

White intends Nd4-b5-d6 or Nd4-b5 and Qa4.

32...Ba6??



Black's move has a fine intention. It guards b5 and threatens 33...Bd3+! 34. Nc2 Qxc2+ and Qc1# or Qd1#.

33. Qa4+! ...

White forks the king and bishop. 33...Bb5 34. Nxb5! Qd7 35. Nd6+! Ke7 36. Qxd7+ Kxd7 37. Nxe4 Ke7 38. Kc2 f5 39. Nc3 Ke6 40. Kd3 a6 41. e4, Black resigned, 1-0.

W: Zachary Tverstol (2017)
B: Vladimir Maltsev (1506)
Kings Gambit Accepted (C38)

Whiz Blitz, 11/22/08, Rd. 6

Hello, my name is Vladimir Maltsev and I am ten years old. I used to play mostly in scholastic tournaments and I had won the Minnesota State Chess Championship 4-6 grade section in 2007. Lately, I have started playing more in rated tournaments at the local chess club. The games here are much tougher and the opponents are stronger than in scholastic tournaments.

The game I would like to comment on was played in one of such tournaments. This was the last round and I was facing a 2000+ rated player. The winner would have a chance to split the prize. I feel very good about my play in this game. I had the goal to beat a 2000 rated player and I am

glad I was able to do it in such a nice way.

At first I had to be patient and defend well, but when the moment was right I took the initiative and finished the game with a strong attack. I hope you'll enjoy this game.

1.e4 e5 2.f4 ...

The King's Gambit. It leads to very sharp, tactical lines. White sacrifices a pawn for a quick development and good chances for a direct attack on the opponent's king. Black needs to be very careful, otherwise he could lose quickly.

2...exf4 3. Nf3 g5

I hang on to the pawn but in turn I open up my position and create a few weaknesses. The main idea is to try to survive White's attack and reach the ending with an extra pawn.

4. Bc4

White has already two pieces developed and is ready to castle. Also there are some potential threats like Bxf7 or Ne5. Black should make precise moves, otherwise the whole position may fall apart.

4...Bg7

I develop a piece and take the e5square under control.

5. h4 h6

This move keeps the black pawn structure solid. Other moves are weaker, for example, 5. ... gxh4 and all black's pawns are disconnected; 5... g4. I think this move is possible, but I am not sure about Black's position after 6. Ng5 Nh6.

6. d4

White is battling for space, opening up the dark-square bishop and threatening the f4-pawn in case Black decides to push the g-pawn to g4.

6...d6

I am getting ready to develop my light-square bishop. Also, in some lines it's important to have control over the e5-square.

7. Nc3 ...

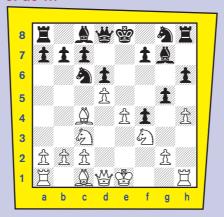
I don't think this is the best move. 7. c3 looks better as it defends the d4- pawn and prepares Qb3 with threats to the f7 and b7-pawns.

7...Nc6

This is a good and simple move. I develop a piece and pressure the

d4- pawn. In some lines I can now play g4 attacking the knight and then take on d4.

8. d5 ...



I think this a bad move. First, it blocks the bishop. Secondly, it makes the e4-pawn weak (Black should be able to take advantage of this in the endgame). Thirdly, it gives up the e5-square. Finally, I don't think White has any attack left after this move.

8. ... Ne5

I immediately take advantage of the weakness of the e5-square and move the knight to the center. Interestingly, instead of Ne5, the computer suggests Na5. I don't understand the idea behind this as it moves a piece to the edge of the board which is notoriously a bad spot for knights.

9. Nxe5 Bxe5

This is better than ...dxe5 because it keeps White's e4-pawn weak and the light-square bishop is still blocked. After ...dxe5 White would have an interesting d6 move which activates the bishop.

10. hxg5 Qxg5

This was a big decision as I had other choices. I could have played ...hxg5 keeping my pawn structure solid and aiming for a slower positional game. It would have led to a better endgame for Black as I have an extra pawn and better pawn structure, whereas White has weaknesses on g2 and e4. However, I chose ...Qg5 because I like to play attacking games and I felt I had good chances to checkmate the white king.

It is interesting to note that in the King's Gambit, usually, it is White who has an attack. We only played 10

moves and it is Black who has better attacking chances in this game.

11. 0-0 ...

This move looks very suspicious. White castled to the side where he has no defenders left. In addition, Black has an open g-file for a direct assault on the white king.

11...Nf6

I am simply developing a piece and freeing the g8-square for a rook. I also considered 11... Bh3 but after 12. Qf3 Bg4 13. Qd3, I did not see anything for Black.

12. Ne2 ...

This move is not the best. He is trying to win the f4-pawn whereas he needs to defend his king.

12...Rg8

I am bringing another piece into attack and threatening checkmate in one.

13. g3 ...

It seems to be the only defense here. However, after this move White will have no pawns left defending his king.

13...Bh3

Yet another piece joins the attack. Now I have five pieces aiming at the white king.

14. Bxf4 Bxf4 15. Rxf4 Nh5

I am crushing through White's position. If I manage to win the g3-pawn, White's position should crumble.

16. Bb5+ Kf8

In many lines in the King's Gambit, Black's king goes to the f8-square after a check on b5. Hiding behind the f7-pawn the king feels absolutely safe there.

17. Rf3 Bg4 18. Rc3 Bxe2

The main defender of the g3-pawn falls as well as the whole position.

19. Bxe2 Nxg3

There is a threat of discovered check and a checkmate should follow up shortly.

20. Kf2 Nxe4+ 21. Ke1 Qg1+

No need to take the rook on c3. There is a checkmate in two.

22. Bf1 Qf2#, 0-1.

I think I did pretty well in this game. My opponent was a 2000+ rated player and I am proud I was able to win this game in such a way.





In association with



Present

The Sixth Annual All-Girls Open National Championships

April 24 - 26, 2009 - Dallas, Texas

Awards

The University of Texas at Dallas, www.utdallas.edu, has established an Academic Distinction Scholarship to the winner of the 18-years-old and younger section. The scholarship is valued at \$80,000 for an out-of-state student.

Trophies to top 15 individuals and top 3 teams in each section. 3 or more players from the same school to make a team (top 3 scores added to give team final standings). Every player receives a souvenir medal.

Special Appearance by Anna Zatonskih



Reigning U.S. Women's Champion, two-time winner of U.S. Women's Championship; U.S. Olympiad team member since 2004, including Bronze Medal team of 2008, Silver medalist at 2004 Olympiad, Gold Medalist for Board 2 at 2008 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.

Chess sets and score sheets provided

for the Main and Side Events.

6-SS, G/60, 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

Entry & Info

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 www.kasparovchessfoundation.org

Hote

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 (800) 233-1234 or (214) 651-1234

SuperNationals IV



\$50,000 in cash scholarships to be awarded!

www.SuperNationalsIV.com

for tournament information and registration.

Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center 2802 Opryland Drive Nashville, TN 37214 (615) 883-2211

Chess Rate: \$139.00 Single - Quad

ENTRIES TO:

US Chess Federation Attn: SuperNationals P. O. Box 3967 Crossville, TN 38557

Questions and Team Rooms: Cheryle Bruce – cbruce@uschess.org 931-787-1234 ext. 147
On site entries after 10 a.m., Friday 4/3/2009 will receive a 1/2-point bye for the first round.



See TLA this issue (Nationals section) for detailed tournament information.

Tournament Life Announcements

FEBRUARY 15 THROUGH APRIL 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, 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 April (events to be held after April 14), the deadline for submitting your announcements is February 10th. The deadline for the April issue is February 10th. The processing fee is \$1.00 per line for the first eight lines, \$2.00 for every line thereafter. Send your announcements to tla@uschess.org.

Display advertising is also available. Advertising rates are posted on the USCF website, www. uschess.org, or you may email: tla@uschess.org or rwest@uschess.org for complete details.

NATIONALS

Feb. 13-15 or 14-15, Florida 2009 U.S. Amateur Team - South

5SS, 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 rtng below 2200. SCHOLASTIC, Game/60, Team avg below 1200. 2008 Annual USCF List. 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: Brds1-4, 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.event brite.com. See www.centralflchess.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) 5SS, 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 \$85.99 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@vajachess.com, 414-234-1005 or abetaneli@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. Online Registration: www.wscachess.org. 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, California Southern 26th Annual U.S. Amateur Team West

6-SS, 40/2, SD/1. Warner Center Marriott, 21850 Oxnard Street, Woodland Hills, CA 91367. Four-player teams plus optional alternate, average rating of four highest must be U/2200, diff, between bds, 3 & 4 may not exceed 1000. Dec. list used. EF: \$118 per team if received by 2-13, \$30 individual (on line only), \$136 at site, under age 18 \$86 by 2-13, \$100 site. EF: \$118 per team if received by 2-15, \$30 individual (on line only), \$136 at site, under age 18 \$86 by 2-15, \$100 site. Trophies and 4 clocks to top 3 teams, U2100, U2000, U1800, U1600, U1400/unr. Trophies (1 large, 4 small) to top college, industrial, junior (under 18), Senior (over 55), U1200. Clocks to best score each board, alternate, and any 6-0. Gift certificate prizes for best team names (1st/2nd). Reg.: 8:30-10 a.m. 2-14. Rds.: 11-6, 11-6, 10-4:30. On-line entry, help in forming teams, advance entry list: www.westernchess.com. HR: \$119, 800-228-9290, ask for Western Chess. Reserve by Jan. 23 or rates may go up. Parking \$6. Ent: SCCF, c/o John Hillery, 835 N Wilton Place #1A, Los Angeles, CA 90038. NS, NC, W. F. WCL JGP. 2009 U.S. Amateur Team Playoff will be held 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!

6SS, 40/2, SD/1. 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. 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: Chks payable to NJSCF, mail by 2/01 to: E.Steven Doyle, 17 Stonehenge Road, Morristown, NJ 07960. (Include Team name, Captain, players full names, USCF Expiration, ID 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

Feb. 28-Mar. 1, Indiana 2009 U.S. Jr. Chess Congress

6SS Rds 1-4 G/60 Rds 5-6 G/90 East Side Middle School 2300 Lindherg Rd Anderson, Indiana 46012. 6 Sections based on age! 18 & Under, 16 & Under, 14 & Under, 12 & Under, 10 & Under, 8 & Under. CLUBE 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. EMAIL ENTRIES are NOT confirmed until receipt of entry fees. Entries will be posted at www.2009Chess-Congress.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 halfpoint 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. 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-6 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 phoned 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 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. WCL JGP.

April 25-26, Texas

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

6SS 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@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 P.M. 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/SS, 40/2, 25/1, Reg: By mail or 5/23, 8:30 - 9:30 AM, Rds: 10-4, 10-4, 9-3, (Scholastic) 4/SS, 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". ENT: Make checks payable to SACA, entry form available at www.sazchess.org. Info: Karen Pennock, 520-975-3946, e-mail: kpennock_83@yahoo.com, web: www.sazchess.rg. NC. NS. W. WCL JGP.

June 4, Nevada

World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 50

2009 U.S. Game/10 Championship (QC)

6SS, 6/10. South Point Hotel, Casino and Spa, 9777 Las Vegas Blvd South, Las Vegas, NV 89183. \$\$b/100 7,000 (\$\$6td 4,500). 2000-1000-700, U2300 600, U2100 550, U1900 500, U1700 450, U1500 400, U1300 350, U1100 300, unrated 150. EF: \$79 by 5/19, \$89 by 6/3, \$100 on site. Late Registration 4-6:30 p.m. Rds: 7-7:30-8-8:30-9-9:30. Higher of regular or quick rating used. Bring clocks. 1/2 point bye available in any round (limit 4), must be requested with entry. HR: \$75 single or double (\$95 Friday and Saturday nights). 1-866-791-7626 or (702) 796-7111. ENT: Las Vegas International Chess Festival, PO Box 90925, Hen-

derson, NV 89009-0925 or www.VegasChessFestival.com, NS NC W.

A Heritage Event! An American Classic! June 5-7 or 6-7, Nevada

World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 200 (enhanced) 2009 National Open

6-SS, 40/2, SD/1 (2 day option rds 1-3 G/60). South Point Hotel, Casino and Spa, 9777 Las Vegas Blvd South, Las Vegas, NV 89183. \$100,000 Prize Fund based on 850 paid entries (\$70,000 guaranteed). Championship, \$\$: 8000-4000-2000-1000-600-400-400-400-400-200-200-200-200-200, under 2500 2000, under 2400 1600, under 2300 1200, Unrated 600-400-200. \$2,000 **EXTRA** for perfect score. The winner of the Championship section also receives a replica of the Edmondson Cup. Under 2200. \$\$: 5000-2500-1300-600-350-250-250-250-250-250-100-100-100-100-100. Under 2000. \$\$: 5000-2500-1300-600-350-250-250-250-250-250-100-100-100-100-100. Under 1800. \$\$: 5000-2500-1300-600-350-250-250-250-250-250-100-100-100-100-100. Under 1600. \$\$ 5000-2500-1300-600-350-250-250-250-250-250-100-100-100-100-100. Under **1400.** \$\$: 2500-1500-1000-500-250-150-150-150-150-150-100-100-100-100-100. Under 1200. \$\$: 1500-1000-500-250-150-100-100-100-100-100-100-100-100-100. Plus score bonus (\$16,000) in addition to any other prizes, every player who finishes with 3-1/2 points or better wins a \$50 gift certificate. Plus score certificates will be given on site only. EF: \$159 by 1/19, \$179 by 5/19, \$199 by 6/3, \$220 on site. \$41 less for unrated players, \$99 more for players rated under 2100 in the Championship Section. This is an open tournament you may play in any section at or above your rating level; unrated players may play only in Championship Section. CCA minimum ratings or other ratings may be used if higher than USCF June Supplement. Reg: 4-11 p.m. Thursday, 8-9:30 a.m. Friday. Rds: 11-6, 11-6, 10-5. 2-day schedule: Reg: 8-9 a.m. Saturday. Rds: 10-12:30-3-6: merge with 3-day in round 4. Half point byes available in any round, but round 5 or 6 byes must be requested before the start of round 2 Chess sets and boards provided for tournament play only, not for skittles. Please bring chess clocks! The LAS VEGAS INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL features the National Open, the U.S Game/10 Championship and the Susan Polgar World Chess Championship for Girls and Boys. Many free extras and surprises! Free parking. Free raffle with great prizes. Free lectures by GM Susan Polgar and others. Free analysis of your games by GM Arthur Bisguier. Susan Polgar International Chess Camp all day Thursday. Grandmaster Simul Thursday afternoon. US. Game/10 Thursday night. Scholastic Tournament Friday. LOW room rates! HR: \$75 single or double (\$95 Friday and Saturday nights). 1-866-791-7626 or (702) 796-7111. Don't be shut out; make your reservations early and be sure to ask for the chess rates; South Point sells out most weekends. Cutoff for special hotel rate is May 19th. Rates may be as high as \$150 a night after May 19th. RESERVE NOW! Credit card or one night room deposit will be required to hold reservation, may be canceled 72 hours in advance for nominal fee. Tournament Registration: National Open, PO Box 90925, Henderson, NV 89009-0125, on line at www.VegasChessFestival.com or by fax at (702) 933-9112. NS. W. FIDE. WCL JGP.

July 10-12, Wisconsin 2009 U.S. Junior Open Championship

Three sections based on age: Under 21, Under 15, Under 11. 5SS, G/90. Milwaukee Marriott West, W231N1600 Corporate CT, Waukesha, WI 53186. Chess Rate of \$85.99 is valid until July 1st. Reserve early. (262)-574-0888. U21: \$300+entry to 2010 Junior Closed-\$150, Individual trophies: 1st overall, best player for ages 17-18, 15-16, under 15. Team trophies; top three high schools top club. **U15**: Individual trophies: top 3 overall, best player for ages 11-13. under 11. Team trophies: top three middle schools, top club. U11: Individual trophies: top 3 overall, best player for ages 9, 8, 7, 6&under. Team trophies: top three elementary schools, top club. All participants receive commemorative medals. EF: \$35 (\$30 per player if 4 or more pre-register together) advance; \$50 after July 10th. Cash only at site. Schedule: Opening ceremony: Friday at 2:45pm. Rounds: Friday 3:00pm, Saturday 10:00am and 2:00pm, Sunday 10:00am and 2:00pm, Closing ceremony; Sunday 5:30pm, Side Events: (\$20/event) BLITZ: Friday at 7:00pm, BUGHOUSE: Saturday at 7:00pm, SIMUL: Friday at 7:00pm and Saturday at 7:00pm. PARENTS AND COACHES TOURNEY: 3SS G/30 (not rated) Saturday 10:30am, 2:15pm, 3:30pm. Info/questions: ashish@vajachess.com or 414-234-1005, abetaneli@hotmail.com or 608-334-2574. Make Checks Payable to and Send Entries to: VICA, 6822 North Crestwood Dr., Glendale WI 53209 or online registration at www.wscachess.org. WCI JGP

A Heritage Event! Aug. 1-9, 4-9 or 6-9, Indiana World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 300 110th annual U.S. Open

CELEBRATE USCF'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS TRADI-TIONAL EVENT! New features this year include 4-day option requiring only 3 nights hotel stay for most players, and later start for 6-day option so most will need only 5 nights hotel stay. 9SS, 40/2, SD/1 (4 day option, Rds. 1-6, G/60). Indianapolis Marriott East, 7202 East 21st St, Indianapolis IN 46219. Luxurious hotel with great lighting in tournament room! Phone: 317-352-1231. HR: \$99 single/quad. \$50,000 in prizes based on 500 paid entries, else proportional, except \$40,000 (80% of each prize) minimum guarantee. A one section tournament with Class prizes, Top 5 US players qualify for 2010 US Championship. Many side events, including US Blitz Championship 8/8. USCF Delegates meeting 8/8-9, workshops 8/5-7, USCF Awards Luncheon 8/8 noon, GM lectures & simuls to be announced. Choice of three schedules: Traditional: 40/2, SD/1. One round daily at 7 pm, except rd. 9, 8/9 at 3pm. 6-Day Option: 8/4 7 pm, 8/5-7 12 noon & 7 pm, 8/8 7 pm, 8/9 at 3pm. 4-Day Option: 8/6 2 pm, 5 pm & 8 pm; 8/7 10 am, 1 pm, 3:30 pm & 7 pm, 8/8 7 pm, 8/9 3pm. All schedules merge after Round 6 & compete for same prizes. Projected prizes: Top Places: \$8000-4000-2000-1500-1000-800-600-500, clear winner \$200 bonus. If tie for first, top two on tiebreak play speed game (white 5 minutes. black 3 minutes and gets draw odds, 5 second delay) for bonus and title. Class Prizes: Top Master (2200-2399): \$2500-1200-800-500. Top Expert (2000-2199): \$2500-1200-800-500. Top Class A (1800-1999): \$2500-1200-800-500. Top Class B (1600-1799): \$2500-1200-800-500. Top Class C (1400-1599): \$2000-1000-600-400. Top Class D (1200-1399); \$1500-700-500-300. Top Class E or below (under 1200): \$1500-700-500-300. Top Unrated: \$800-400-200. Half Point Byes: must commit before round 4; up to 3 byes allowed for 2000/up, 2 byes for 1400-1999, one bye for Under 1400/Unr. Zero point byes are always available in any round. Entry Fee: Online, \$135 by 5/15, \$155 by 7/29. By mail, \$137 postmarked by 5/15, \$157 postmarked by 7/23. By phone, \$140 by 5/15, \$160 by 7/29. At site, all \$180. GMs free. August official ratings used; unofficial ratings used if otherwise unrated. CCA ratings used if above USCF. Foreign player ratings; usually 100 points added to FIDE or FQE, 200+ added to most foreign national ratings, no points added to CFC. Highest of multiple ratings generally used. Ent: USCF, ATTN: 2009 US Open, PO, Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557. Online entry: https://secure.uschess.org/webstore/tournaments. php. Phone entry: 800-903-8723. Tournament website: main.uschess. org/tournaments/2009/usopen/. FIDE rated, no cell phones. Bring a clock - none supplied. Sets/boards supplied for tournament but not for skittles. WCL JGP.

GRAND PRIX

Mar. 6. Pennsylvania

World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 6

2009 PA Quick Chess Champ. (QC)

6SS, G/10, T/D3, Hotel Carlisle & Embers Convention Center, 1700 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle, PA 17015, Exit 52A NB/Exit 52 SB off I-81, Exit 226 off PA Turn pike. 3 sections, EF rec'd by 2/17: Open: \$12. U1500: \$10. U1100: \$8. \$\$ (730G): Open: 175-100-50, U1800 \$45, U1600 \$40. U1500: 125-75-50, U1200 \$40, Unr \$30. U1100: Trophies: 1-5, U800, U600, 1-2 Unr. All: EF: \$20 after 2/17, PSCF \$5 OSA, Reg: 6-6:30nm, Rd 1: 7nm, Feb 2009 Regular ratings used, Bye: limit 1, ask by rd 2. HR: Mention "PA States" for best rate; 800-692-7315 \$75. Ent: PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 25 Freeport St., Pittsburgh, PA 15223-2245. Info: martinak tom m@hotmail.com 412-908-0286 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. 7 & 8, Pennsylvania

World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 6 2009 Carlisle Open & PA Collegiate Championship

5SS, G/90, T/D5. Hotel Carlisle & Embers Convention Center, 1700 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle, PA 17015, Exit 52A NB/Exit 52 SB off I-81, Exit 226 off PA Turnpike, 2 sections: Open & U1500, \$\$ (1260G): Open: 180-120, U2200 \$110. U2000 \$100, U1800 \$90, U1600 \$80. **U1500:** 150-100, U1400 \$90, U1200 \$85, U1000 \$80, Unr \$75. All: College Tr: 1-2 in each section, 1-2 team (top 4 over both sections). EF: \$29 rec'd by 2/17, \$39 after, PSCF \$5 OSA. Reg: 8:45-9:30 am. Rds 10-2-5:30, 9-1. Bye: limit 1, ask by rd 2. HR: Mention "PA States" for best rate; 800-692-7315 \$75. Ent: PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 25 Freeport St., Pittsburgh, PA 15223-2245. Info: martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com 412-908-0286

W. Feb. 2009 ratings used. WCL JGP. 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.

A State Championship Event! Mar. 29, Pennsylvania

World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 6

2009 PA State Game/29 Championship (QC)

5SS, G/29. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pitt., 5th & Bigelow, Pittsburgh PA 15213. 2 Sections: Champ: EF: \$25 by 3/21, \$35 later. \$\$ (690G): \$200-100, U2000 \$90, U1800 \$80, U1600 \$70, U1400 \$60, U1200 \$50, U1000 \$40. Trophies: 1-3 U1400, 1-3 U1200, 1-3 U1000. Scholastic: Grades K-12 unrated or U900. EF: \$15 by 3/21, \$25 later. Trophies to Top 7, 1-3 U600. ALL: Trophies: 1-2 Schools, 1-2 Clubs, Teams of 4-7 players from both sections, PSCF \$5, OSA, Reg 10-10:30am. Rds: 11-12:30-1:45-3-4:15. Ent/Info: PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 25 Freeport St., Pittsburgh, PA 15223-2245, 412-908-0286, W.

Apr. 8-12, 9-12 or 10-12, Connecticut

World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 200 (enhanced)

11th annual Foxwoods Open

Apr. 19, New Jersey

World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 10

ICA Spring 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 (\$\$ 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, FF: Adv (nmk, By Apr 15th) \$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@icanj.net (Web Site Entries: www.icanj.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.

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

June 4. Nevada

World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 50

2009 U.S. Game/10 Championship (QC) See Nationals.

A Heritage Event! An American Classic! June 5-7 or 6-7, Nevada

World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 200 (enhanced) 2009 National Open

See Nationals.

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

Aug. 1-9, 4-9 or 6-9, Indiana

World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 300

110th annual U.S. Open

REGIONAL Arizona

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

Feb. 14-16. 26th Annual U.S. Amateur Team West

Feb. 15, 12th Annual Southern California Scholastic Amateur Team 4-SS, SD/45, Warner Center Marriott, 21850 Oxnard Street, Woodland Hills, CA 91367. Four-player teams plus optional alternate, Grade 12/below, average rating of four highest must be U1200. (Dec. 2008 rating list used, Feb. 2009 used for previously unrated players.) EF: \$69 per team received by 2/13, \$84 at site. Trophies (team & individual) to top 3 teams, top U1000, U800, U400/unr. Reg.: 9:00-10 a.m. Rds.: 10:30-1-2:45-4:30. Info, help in forming teams: Info, help in forming teams: Jim Bullock, 714-848-4377, iim.bullock@boeing.com. Web site, advance entry list; www.westernchess.com. HR: \$119, 800-228-9290, ask for Western Chess. Reserve by Jan. 23 or rates may go up. Parking \$6. Ent: SCCF, c/o John Hillery, 835 N Wilton Place #1A, Los Angeles CA 90038. NS, NC, W. See Nationals for 26th Annual U.S. Amateur Team

Feb. 16. AT HEXES

3-SS, G/90. Marina Warner Center Marriott, 21850 Oxnard Street, Woodland Hills, CA 91367. Six-player sections by rating. EF: \$20 if rec. by 2-13, \$25 door. \$\$40-20-10 each section. **Reg.:** 9:30-10:15 a.m. **Rds.:** 10:30-1:30-4:30. **Ent:** SCCF, c/o John Hillery, 835 N Wilton Place #1A, Los Angeles CA 90038, on line at www.westernchess.com, See Nationals for details for 26th Annual U.S. Ama-

Mar. 14-15, 2009 SCCF State Scholastic Championship

LAX Hilton, 5711 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045, In 4 sections: HS (gr 12-below), 5-SS, G/75. Reg ends 2 p.m. 3/14. Rds.: Sat 2:20-5:30, Sun 9:30-1-4. Top HS student receives invitation to Denker Tournament of High School Champions, top girl invitation to Susan Polgar Invitational Tournament for Girls. Trophies to top 10, best grade 12-11-10, 1-3 U1200/unr, best club team, school team (sum of all scores, must declare by end of rd. 1, no additions or changes later). State Championship Qualifier. JHS (gr 9-below): 7-SS, G/45. Reg.: 8-9 a.m. Rds.: Sat. 9:30-11:30-2:30-4, Sun 9:30-11:30-2:30. Trophies to top 10, best grade 9-8-7, 1-3 U1000/unr, best club team, school team (sum of all scores, must declare by end of rd. 1, no additions or changes later), Elementary (gr 6below): 7-SS, G/45. Reg.: 8-9 a.m. Rds.: Sat. 9:30-11:30-2:30-4, Sun 9:30-11:30-2:30. Trophies to top 8, 1-2 U800, best club team, school team (sum of all scores, must declare by end of rd. 1, no additions or changes later), best grade 6-5-4. Primary (gr 3-below): 7-SS, G/45. Reg.: 8-9 a.m. Rds.: Sat. 9:30-11:30-2:30-4, Sun 9:30-11:30-2:30. Trophies to top 6, 1-2 U600, best club team, school team (sum of all scores, must declare by end of rd. 1, no additions or changes later), best grade 3-2-1/below, All: SCCE membership (\$10) required of players. rated 800/above, Best Game prize \$100, all sections eligible, Refreshments! EF: \$35 adv, \$40 door. HR: \$109. (310) 410-4000. Ask for "7th Annual Western Pacific Open." Parking \$8/day. Ent: SCCF, c/o John Hillery, 835 N Wilton Place #1, Los Angeles, CA 90038, on line at www.westernchess.com. Inf: admin@westernchess.com. NS. NC. W. WCL JGP only for HS section.

Connecticut

Mar. 22, Connecticut State Chess Association K-6 Scholastic State Championship Preliminaries - EAST

Sponsored by the UCONN School of Engineering & UCONN CC. UCONN Castleman Building Rooms 204 & 206, 261 Glenbrook Rd., Storrs, CT 06269. Parking in North Garage, 4 - SS, G/30, 6 Sections: K-6th Open, (Open to all), Reserve K-6th U-700, K - 3rd, Reserve K-3rd U-700, 1st Grade Open, Kindergarten Open. All EF: \$50 by 3-25, \$60 after. CSCA membership required, \$5, other states OK. Checks payable to "UCONN". Reg.: 8–9:30 AM, Rds. 10– 11-12:30-1:30. Half point byes available in rds. 1-3 only, no last round byes. Please bring a board, set & clock. Prizes: Trophies to Top 5, Books to 6th-8th CT residents in each section. Books donated by USCF Sales/ChessCafe.com. Top 5 in each section eligible to play in CSCA Tournament of Scholastic Cham-

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pions Finals on 3-29 in Storrs. Trophies to Top 5 teams of top 4 from 1 school combined from all sections. Free commemorative UCONN chess sets to 1st 100 entrants. Info & Entries to: Tom Hartmayer, 963 Mansfield City Rd., Storrs, CT 06268, 860-989-5394, tomhart3@charter.net, www.uconnchess.uconn.edu. www.engr.uconn.edu, UCONN Map admissions.uconn.edu/virtualtour/search/.

Mar. 22. Connecticut State Chess Association K-6 Scholastic State Championship Preliminaries - WEST

Sponsored by the UCONN School of Engineering & UCONN CC. UCONN Stamford Campus, One University Place, Stamford, CT 06901. Parking in Washington Blvd. Garage. 4-SS, G/30. 6 Sections: K- 6th Open, (Open to all), Reserve K-6th U-700, K-3rd, Reserve K-3rd U-700, K-1st. All EF: \$50 by 3-25, \$60 after. CSCA membership required, \$5, other states OK. Checks payable to "UCONN". Reg.: 8-9:30 AM, Rds.: 10-11-12:30-1:30. Half point byes available in rds. 1-3 only, no last round byes, Please bring a board, set & clock, Prizes: Trophies & Books to Ton 5 Books to 6th-8th CT residents in each section Books donated by USCF Sales/ChessCafe.com. Top 5 in each section eligible to play in CSCA Tournament of Scholastic Champions Finals on 3-29 in Storrs. Trophies to Top 5 teams of top 4 from 1 school combined from all sections. Free commemorative UCONN chess sets to 1st 100 entrants. Info & Entries to: Tom Hartmayer, 963 Mansfield City Rd., Storrs, CT 06268. 860-989-5394, tomhart3@ charter.net, www.uconnchess.uconn.edu, www.engr.uconn.edu, UCONN-Stamford Map stamford.uconn.edu/maps.htm.

A State Championship Event! Mar. 29. Connecticut State Chess Association Tournament of Scholastic Champions Finals

Sponsored by the UCONN School of Engineering and the UCONN CC, UCONN Castleman Building Room 204, 261 Glenbrook Rd., Storrs, CT 06269, Parking in North Garage. 4 - SS, G/30. 3 Sections: K-6, K-3, K-1. Trophies to 1st Place CT residents in each section, medals for all others. Open to top 5 finishers in all sections in both EAST & WEST Scholastic Prelims and any K-6 player over 1000. EF: FREE to qualifying prelim players, \$50 by 3-25, \$60 later to eligible over 1000 who did not play in prelims. Checks payable to "UCONN". Reg.: 8 - 9:30 AM, Rds. 10 - 11 - 12:30 - 1:30. Info & Entries to: Tom Hartmayer, 963 Mansfield City Rd., Storrs, CT 06268, 860-989-5394, tomhart3@charter.net, www.uconnchess.uconn.edu, www.engr.uconn.edu, UCONN Map admissions.uconn.edu/virtualtour/search/.

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

Delaware

Mar. 21, Greater Philadelphia Scholastic Championships (PA)

Radnor Middle School, 150 Louella Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087. Sections: K-3, K-6, K-8, K-12. Time Control: K-3, K-6 5SS, G/30; K-8, K-12 4SS, G/60. EF: \$25 online by 3/18; \$35 on-site 9:00-9:30. Rds.: K-3, K-6 10-11:05-12:30-1:45-3; K-8, K-12 10-12:30-2:30-4:30. Prizes: trophies to top individuals & schools. Free game analysis by IM Bryan Smith. Winner of K-12 is seeded into Greater Philadelphia Junior Invitational. See www.silverknightschess.com to register.

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.

Feb. 7, Mar. 7, Apr. 4, May 2, St. Petersburg 66 Trophy 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 get medal. Also Trophies to top 12 teams. Team (2 or more) - take best four scores from all divisions. Bughouse at lunch. EF: \$18. (SPCC members \$15) Onsite reg. cash or chck 9-10AM. First round 10:15 AM. Sunshine Center, 330 Fifth St. N., St. Petersburg. 66 trophies every event. www.stpetersburgchessclub.com for directins and Paypal prergistration. Chief Organizer: Andrew Scherman. 727 822 1171. NS NC W.

Feb. 13-15 or 14-15, 2009 U.S. Amateur Team - South See Nationals

Mar. 7, Orlando Bonus Tornado

4-SS, G/75, Melody Manor, 813 Montana St. EF: \$30, CFCC mbr: \$25, Masters free-EF deducted from prize. \$\$605 b/30: 200-100-80, U1800, U1600, U1400 \$75 ea. Prize increased 50% for 4-0 score. Req.: 9:30am. Rds.: 10-12:30-3-5:30. Info: (407) 629-6946, centralfichess.org, WCL JGP.

Apr. 18. Orlando Bonus Tornado

4-SS, G/75, Melody Manor, 813 Montana St. EF: \$30, CFCC mbr: \$25, Masters free-EF deducted from prize. **\$\$605 b/30:** 200-100-80, U1800, U1600, U1400 \$75 ea. Prize increased 50% for 4-0 score. Reg.: 9:30am. Rds.: 10-12:30-3-5:30. Info: (407) 629-6946, centralflchess.org. WCL JGP.

Illinois

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

Aug. 1-9, 4-9 or 6-9, 110th annual U.S. Open

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@silverknights chess.com.

Massachusetts

Mar. 6-8 or 7-8, 18th annual Eastern Class Championships See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

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Friday Action Quads - Every Friday Night (QC)

3RR, G/29 QR, Chess Club & Scholastic Center, 4657 Maryland Ave., St. Louis MO 63108. EF: \$10. Prize fund \$36 first in each quad. Club membership req'd. available from \$1. Reg.: 6:30 - 6:45. Rounds begin at 7:00. Site entries only. Info: 314-361-CHESS info@saintlouischessclub.org.

Saint Louis Blitz Series - Every Tuesday night (QC)

5SS, G/5 QR, Chess Club & Scholastic Center, 4657 Maryland Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108. EF: \$5. Prize fund 100% payout! First overall will take home 75% of all entry fees, and the highest scoring player in the bottom half takes 25%. Club membership req'd. available from \$1. Reg.: 6:30 - 7. Rds.: 7, 7:15, 7:30, 7:45, 8. Site entries only. Info: 314-361-CHESS. info@saintlouischessclub.org.

Mar. 13-15 or 14-15. 13th Annual Mid-America Open

See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Nevada

June 4, 2009 U.S. Game/10 Championship (QC)

June 5, National Open Scholastic Trophy Tournament

5-SS Game/30. South Point Hotel, Casino and Spa, 9777 Las Vegas Blvd South, Las Vegas, NV 89183. Open to players Uage 20. In 3 sections. U1800, U1200, and U800. Unrateds in the U1200 section and all players in the U800 section must be under age 12. Trophies to top 4 in each section, top 1 in each 200 point rating group and unrated. EF \$29 by 5/19, \$35 by 6/3, \$40 on site. REG 9-9:45 a.m. RDS 10-11:15-12:30-1:45-3, HR: \$75 single or double (\$95 Friday and Saturday nights), 1-866-791-7626 or (702), 796-7111. FNT: Las Vegas International Chess Festival, PO Box 90925, Henderson, NV 89009-0925 or www.VegasChessFestival.com, NS NC W.

June 5-7 or 6-7, 2009 National Open

See Nationals

June 6-7, Susan Polgar World Open Championship for Girls and for Boys

5-SS, G/45. South Point Hotel, Casino and Spa, 9777 Las Vegas Blvd South, Las Vegas, NV 89183. In 8 sections separate for girls and boys: under19, under 15, under 11, and under 8 (as of June 7). In each section 1st place receives a MonRoi Personal Chess Manager. \$\$ 200-150-100-50 in chess prizes for 2nd thru 5th. Trophies for top 10 individuals, top 3 (3-player) school/club teams each section, special medals for next 10 individuals and next 3 school/club teams. Every player receives a special hand-signed certificate from Susan Polgar. Perfect score also wins a digital chess clock. Scholarships to Texas Tech will be awarded based in part on performance in this event. EF \$45 by 1/19. \$55 by 5/19, \$65 by 6/3, \$75 on site. Reg 4-8 p.m. Friday, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Saturday. Rds 11-1:30-4, 11-1:30. Breakfast with Susan 9 a.m. Sunday. Opening Ceremony 10 a.m. Saturday, Awards Ceremony 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Blitz Championship 7 p.m. Saturday. Susan Polgar lecture 3:30 p.m. Friday, Puzzle Solving Competition 5 p.m. Friday, Simul 6:15 p.m. Friday. Chess Camp 9:00 a.m. Thursday Part of the LAS VEGAS INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL: see the National Open TLA for other Thursday and Friday side events, HR \$75 single or double (\$95 Fri/Sat), 1-866-791-7626 or (702) 796-7111, REG; Las Vegas International Chess Festival, PO Box 90925, Henderson, NV 89009-0125, on line at www.VegasChessFestival.com, or by fax at (702) 933-9112. No telephone en-

New Hampshire

Feb. 14, February Freeze Scholastic

4SS, G/30. Wells Memorial School, 235 Chesham Rd., Harrisville, NH 03450. 3 Sections: K-5 U800; K-8 U1000; and Open K-12. EF: \$5 if info rec'd by 5/19, \$9 at site. Reg.: 9-9:45. Rd 1: 10:00, Rds 2-4 ASAP. Trophies and medals awarded, Entries should include name, section, USCF ID, Refreshments & hot food will be sold by PTA. Checks payable to: Chess Club, More info: 603-827-3272. vbradley@sau29.org. NS, W.

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 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. Phone: 610-446-0818. Email: chess@silverknightschess.com.

Feb. 8, ICA Winter 2009 Scholastic Championship

4 SS, EVERYONE PLAYS 4 GAMES, ALL PLAYERS WITH 2.5 POINTS OR MORE WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY!!! Bergen Academy, 200 Hackensack Ave., Hackensack, NJ 07601, U.S. CHESS FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED FOR SEC-TIONS 1 AND 2. Info: 201 287 0250 or 201 833 1741 E-mail: Diana@icani.net. (Web Site Entries: www.icani.net) FF Adv (pmk by Feb 4th) \$25 AT Site \$30 Reg. ends 12 hr before 1st rnd. Late entrants will receive 1/2 point bye for rnd 1. In 4 Sections Section 1: G/45 Open to players rated below 1200 K through 12th grade. Rds.: 9:45 AM, 11:30, 1:15, 3:00 PM. Section 2: G/60 Open to players rated below 1600 K through 12th grade. Rds: 9:45 AM, 12:00, 2:15, 4:30 PM. Section 3: Open to unrated players K through 2nd grade. Rds.: 10:15 AM (tournament will end at approximately 1:00 PM). Section 4: Open to unrated players K through 12th grade. Rds.: 10:00 AM (tournament will end at approximately 2:00 PM). ENT: Diana Tulman, 28 Canterbury Lane, New Milford, NJ 07646. NS

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, use Parking Lot #7 or #6; 5 minutes from Garden State Parkway exit 109. 2 Sections: Elementary (K-6) & Primary (K-3). All: Trophies to top 15 individuals, top 5 teams. Elementary & Primary: Top 5 in each grade. Rds.: 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

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 memb, to NJSCF for NJ state residents, Req.: 8-9:00 am, After 9:00 am, half-point bye for round one. INFO: 732-259-3881, 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.

Mar. 21, Greater Philadelphia Scholastic Championships (PA)

Radnor Middle School, 150 Louella Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087. Sections: K-3, K-6, K-8, K-12. Time Control: K-3, K-6 5SS, G/30; K-8, K-12 4SS, G/60. EF: \$25 online by 3/18; \$35 on-site 9:00-9:30. Rds.: K-3, K-6 10-11:05-12:30-1:45-3; K-8, K-12 10-12:30-2:30-4:30. Prizes: trophies to top individuals & schools. Free game analysis by IM Bryan Smith. Winner of K-12 is seeded into Greater Philadelphia Junior Invitational. See www.silverknightschess.com to register.

Mar. 28. King's Chess Club Quads

Morning quads and afternoon quads, G/30, K-12, Bethlehem Church, 758 Route 10. Randolph, NJ 07869, EF: None, Req.: 9-9:20 am., 1st rd, 9:40, Arr. by noon to reg. only for afternoon quads. Medal to each quad winner. Info: Bethlehem Church 973-366-3434 or Bob McAdams 973-694-3988, rwm@fambright.com.

Apr. 19, ICA Spring 2009 Open Championship See Grand Prix

New York

Feb. 22, 10th Annual NY February Under 13 Open!

4-SS, G/30, open to all born after 2/22/96, 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 2/14. 2. Novice, for Under 1000 or Unrated, EF: \$31 mailed by 2/14. Both, EF: \$30 online at www.chesscenter.cc by 2/20, \$35 by phone at 845-569-9969 by 2/20, \$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 EDT! Ent: Chess Center of NY, PO Box 4615, New Windsor, NY 12553. List USCF ID, rating, section, school/grade, DOB.

Feb. 22. 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 unr. Reg. ends 3:45 pm. Rds. 4-5:15-6:45-8 pm. No advance entries.

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 chesstour.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: EE \$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 2/14 (note correction) 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 (nonmembers 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: chesstour.com, 845-496-9658. Bring set, board, clock if possible- none supplied. March official ratings used. Unofficial uschess.org ratings based on 4 or more games usually used if otherwise unrated. WCL JGP (top 5 sections - except K-1 section).

Mar. 8, The Right Move #151 Team and Individual Championship

4SS, G/30. Play starts promptly at 10:00. Players must check in by 9:30A.M. 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.therightmove.org or email - thechessstop @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.

Mar. 21, 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.

May 15-17 or 16-17, 17th annual New York State Open (NY)

See $\it Chess \, Life \, or \, www.chesstour.com.$

Ohio

Feb. 28, 2009 North Coast Scholastic

4SS, G/30, Cleveland Airport Marriott, 4277 West 150th Street, Cleveland, OH 44135. Open to all students in grades K-12. Reg. 8:45am - 9:30am Round 1 at 10:00am. Four sections: K-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12. EF: \$25 if postmarked by 2/14, \$30 thereafter. Prizes: Trophies to to 9 five in each section. ENT: Dan Patterson 11313 Lake Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44102 Tel. 216-281-1313. INFO: Bsq451@sbcglobal.net. HR: 85.00 single or double 216-252-5333. Mention Westside Christian Academy to secure rate. NS.

Apr. 18, 8th Annual Queen City Classic Chess Tournament

5SS, G/30 Paul Brown Stadium, Club West, Downtown Cincinnati, OH. 17 School Sections, includes rated and non-rated. (Grade K Non-Rated); (Grade 1 Non-Rated); (Grade 2 Non-rated); (Grade 3 Non-rated); (Grades K-3 < 600); (Grades K-3 Open); (Grade 4 Non-Rated); (Grade 5 Non-Rated); (Grade 6 Non-Rated); (Grades 4-6 Open); (Grades 7-9 Non-Rated); (Grades 7-9 Open); (Grades 10-12 Non-Rated); (K-12 Open); (Collegiate). USCF membership is not required for the non-rated and K-3 rated sections. Registration form online at: www.queencityclassic.org. Prizes: Trophies to all who score 3.5 or higher, top five team trophies awarded medals to all others. EF: 335 early bird fee which includes lunch, t-shirt, program/score book, simul participation. Registration fee increases to \$40 after March 15. After April 1, entry fee is \$50. Registration closes Wednesday, April 15,

2009. NO SATURDAY REGISTRATIONS. Checks, VISA, MasterCard, Discover and AmEx accepted. Schedule: Friday, April 17, early check is 4-6:00 pm. FRE SIMUL at 6:30 p.m. for tournament participants, \$20 for non-participants. SIMUL features International Master Irina Krush and International Grandmasters Maurice Ashley and Gregory Kaidanov. Saturday, April 18, check in 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m., matches begin at 9:00 a.m. All Grandmasters will be available for questions and instructions in the skittles room all day Saturday. Entry/Info: Queen City Classic Chess Tournament; 5400 Kennedy Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45213 qccchess@proscan.com. 1.866.772.4377, 513.924.5339 or fax to 513.332.9359. Confirm all registrations at www.cpu-solutions.com.

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. Phone: 610-446-0818. Email: chess@silverknightschess.com.

Feb. 20, Friday Night Action #2

4SS, G/30. Bryn Mawr Community Center, 9 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010. EF: \$30 online; \$15 online for players under age 18; \$5 more on-site 6:30-6:45. R6st. 7:00, then ASAP Prizes: \$1.00 guaranteed 1st, others per entries. See www.silverknightschess.com to register or for more information

Feb. 22, PCL February Quick Quads (QC)

3RR, G/15. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. **EF**: \$10, \$7 Jrs. \$20 to 1st/quad. Reg: 11-11:15am, Rds: 11:30am-Noon-12:30pm. **Info:** martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com, 412-908-0286. W.

Feb. 28, State Warm-Up

4SS, G/30. Hillside Elementary School, 507 Howellville Road, Berwyn, PA 19312. Sections: K-6 U/700, K-12 Champ. EF: \$20 online by 2/25; \$30 on-site 9:00-9:30. Rds.: 10-11-12-1. Prizes: trophies to top individuals & schools. Free game analysis by NM Adam Weissbarth. See www.silverknightschess.com to register.

Mar. 1, MasterMinds CC 2nd Sunday Swiss/Open Quads

Blair Christian Academy, Philadelphia, Pa., 220 W. Upsal St. 2 events. Quads: 3RR, 40/80, SD/30. EF: \$20, Perfect score winner \$60 else \$50. Rds.: 10-2-5. Scholastic Swiss: EF \$15, ASAP \$5 rec'd by Thursday before, \$25 at the door. 3 sections: Open 3SS G/60, Rds.: 10-12:30-3; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, top under 1200, top unrated; U1100-1st, 2nd, 3rd, top under 800, top unrated & U750K-6-1st, 2nd, 3rd, top under 600, top under 400, top unrated 4SS, G/40. Rds.: 10, 11:45, 2, 3-45. 1st & 2nd school & club trophies. All Reg. ends 9:30am. Free parking on sitel Ent: MasterMinds CC, 36 E. Hortter St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19119. Checks made payable to: MasterMinds CC Info: Bradley Crable, 215-844-3881, info@mastermindschess.org, or www.mastermindschess.org

Mar. 6, 2009 PA Quick Chess Champ. (QC) See Grand Prix.

Mar. 7 & 8, 2009 Carlisle Open & PA Collegiate Championship

A State Championship Event!

Mar. 7 & 8, 2009 PA State Scholastic Championship

5SS, 142 Trophies!! (With 107 Individual & 35 Team), Hotel Carlisle & Embers Convention Center, 1700 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle, PA 17015, Exit 52A NB/Exit 52 SB off I-81, Exit 226 off PA Turnnike, 8 sections (Sat & Sun 3/7 & 8 unless indicated): EF: K-3 Open: (Sat 3/7 only) \$29. K-6 U800: (Sat 3/7 only) \$27. K-9 U1000: (Sun 3/8 only) \$27.25. K-6 Open: \$30.50. K-8 Open: \$31.50. 7-12 U1000: \$28.50. 7-12 U1300: \$29.50. K-12 Open: \$32.50. All: EFs if rec'd by 2/17, \$10 more rec'd 2/18-3/3, \$20 more after 3/3. Bye: limit 1, ask by rd 2. Reg Fri 3/6 6-10 pm, Sat 3/7 9:30-10:15 am, Saturday at site entries get 1/2bye. \$5 charge for changes/refund after 2/17. Rds (Sat 3/7 1-day sections): G/40 T/D5; 10-11:45-2-3:45-5:30; (Sun 3/8 K-9 U1000): G/40, T/D5; 9-10:30-12:30-2-3:30: (2-day sections): G/90. T/D5: 10-2-5:30. 9-1. Bughouse: Reg onsite only until Sat 3/7 8:30pm, Rds begin Sat 3/7 8:45pm, FF: \$20/team, HR: Mention "PA States" for best rate; 800-692-7315 \$75. Ent: PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 25 Freeport St., Pittsburgh, PA 15223-2245. Info: Steve: 215-784-5938 piecebreaker@hotmail.com Dan: 610-649-0750 danheisman@comcast.net www.pscfchess.org/pascholasticchamp/ W. Feb. 2009 ratings used. WCL JGP (2-day sections).

Mar. 20, Friday Night Action #3

4SS, G/30. Bryn Mawr Community Center, 9 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010. EF: \$30 online; \$15 online for players under age 18; \$5 more on-site 6:30-6:45. Rds: 7:00, then ASAP Prizes: \$100 guaranteed 1st, others per entries. See www.silverkniightschess.com to register or for more information.

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PA 15213. **EF:** \$10, \$7 Jrs. \$20 to 1st/quad. Reg: 11-11:15am, Rds: 11:30am-Noon-12:30pm. **Info:** martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com, 412-908-0286. W.

Mar. 28. March Madness

4SS, G/30. Wayne Elementary School, 651 W. Wayne Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087. Sections: K-6 U/700, K-12 Champ. EF: \$20 online by 3/25; \$30 on-site 9:00-9:30. Rds.: 10-11-12-1. Prizes: trophies to top individuals & schools. Free game analysis by NM Adam Weissbarth. See www.silverknightschess.com to register.

Mar. 29, 2009 PA State Game/29 Championship (QC) See Grand Prix.

July 1-5, 2-5, 3-5 or June 29-July 5, 37th Annual World Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Rhode Island

Feb. 28 & Mar. 7, 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.rhodeis-landchess.org, email: rhodeislandchess@yahoo.com, (401)359-1602. See website for venues

A State Championship Event!

Mar. 21, R.I. Scholastic State Championship

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. **Full schedule & Register at:** www.rhodeislandchess.org email: rhodeislandchess@yahoo.com, phone: (401) 359-1602.

Tennessee

Apr. 3-5, SuperNationals IV See Nationals.

Texas

A State Championship Event!

Mar. 20-22, Texas State Scholastic Championships

7SS, McAllen Convention Center, W. Expressway 83 & S. Ware Rd., McAllen, TX 78501. Hotel Rates vary - 12 great hotels to choose from! Check out website links at tournament website (listed below). Four championships in one great location: TX Primary Scholastic Championships: TX Elementary Scholastic Championships; TX Middle School Scholastic Championships; TX High School Scholastic Championships, EF: \$37 by 3/13: \$59 after 3/13 or on site. March Rating Supplement will be used. Current USCF membership required (may be obtained on site). On Site Registration: Friday, 5-9pm, Saturday, 7-7:45am. Saturday registrants may receive a 1st Rd. 1/2-pt. bye. One 1/2-pt. bye (for any round) allowed if requested by the end of Rd. 2. Sections: K-1 Championship, Primary (K-3) Championship, Primary JV (K-3 w/Ratings Under 700), Elementary (K-5/6) Championship, Elementary JV (K-5/6 Under 800), Elementary Novice (K-5/6 Under 500), Middle School (6-8/9) Championship, MS JV (6-8/9 Under 900), MS Novice (6-8/9 Under 600), High School (9-12) Championship, HS JV (9-12 Under 1000). See Article IX, Section 1E, TCA Bylaws for each section's eligibility requirement, www.texaschess.org/2007/03/bylaws. html. Four-year scholarship to The University of Texas at Dallas to winner of High School Championship section. Winner must meet UTD entrance requirement and follow team rules. UTD is sole judge as to who wins the scholarship. Also, \$1,500 scholarship awarded by SBCISD to the top Female and Male of HS Championship! Trophies for top 20 individuals and top 15 teams in each section plus participation medals for all K-1 and 21st-30th in each division. Schedule: Round times vary depending on the Championship; Time control also varies. For round times and time control, see: www.2009texaschess tourney.com/, (Divisions). Side Events: Blitz Tourney: K-6 and K-12, Friday 8pm. EF: \$15. Trophies to top 15 Individual in each section. Bughouse Tourney: K-6 and K-12, Saturday, 8:35pm. EF: \$20 Team (On site registration only). Trophies to top 10 teams in each section. All registrations (except Bughouse) available on line at www.2009texaschesstourney.com/ or you may download entry form. Checks payable to San Benito CISD Chess Program. Mail entries to SBCISD, 450 S. Williams Rd., San Benito, TX 78586. For tournament info, visit our website or contact Lali Betancourt, 956-893-0399. For questions pertaining to tournament rules, you may call the Chief TD, Franc Guadalupe, 713-530-7820. NS, NC, W.

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

See Nationals.

Vermont

Apr. 24-26 or 25-26, 6th annual Vermont Spring Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Virginia

Mar. 13-15, 2009 VA Scholastic & Collegiate Chess Championships Organized by VA Chess Fed at Monticello High School, Charlottesville, VA. Two

Organized by VA Chess Fed at Monticello High School, Charlottesville, VA. Two tournaments: Blitch Championships Friday evening March 13, main chess tournament Saturday and Sunday, March 14-15. Individual and team trophies in both tournaments. Eligibility, rules, hotel deals and entry info at www.vachess.org or www.vschess.org or email to Mike Hoffpauir, mhoffpauir@aol.com.

Wisconsin

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

July 10-12, 2009 U. S. Junior Open Championship See Nationals.

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