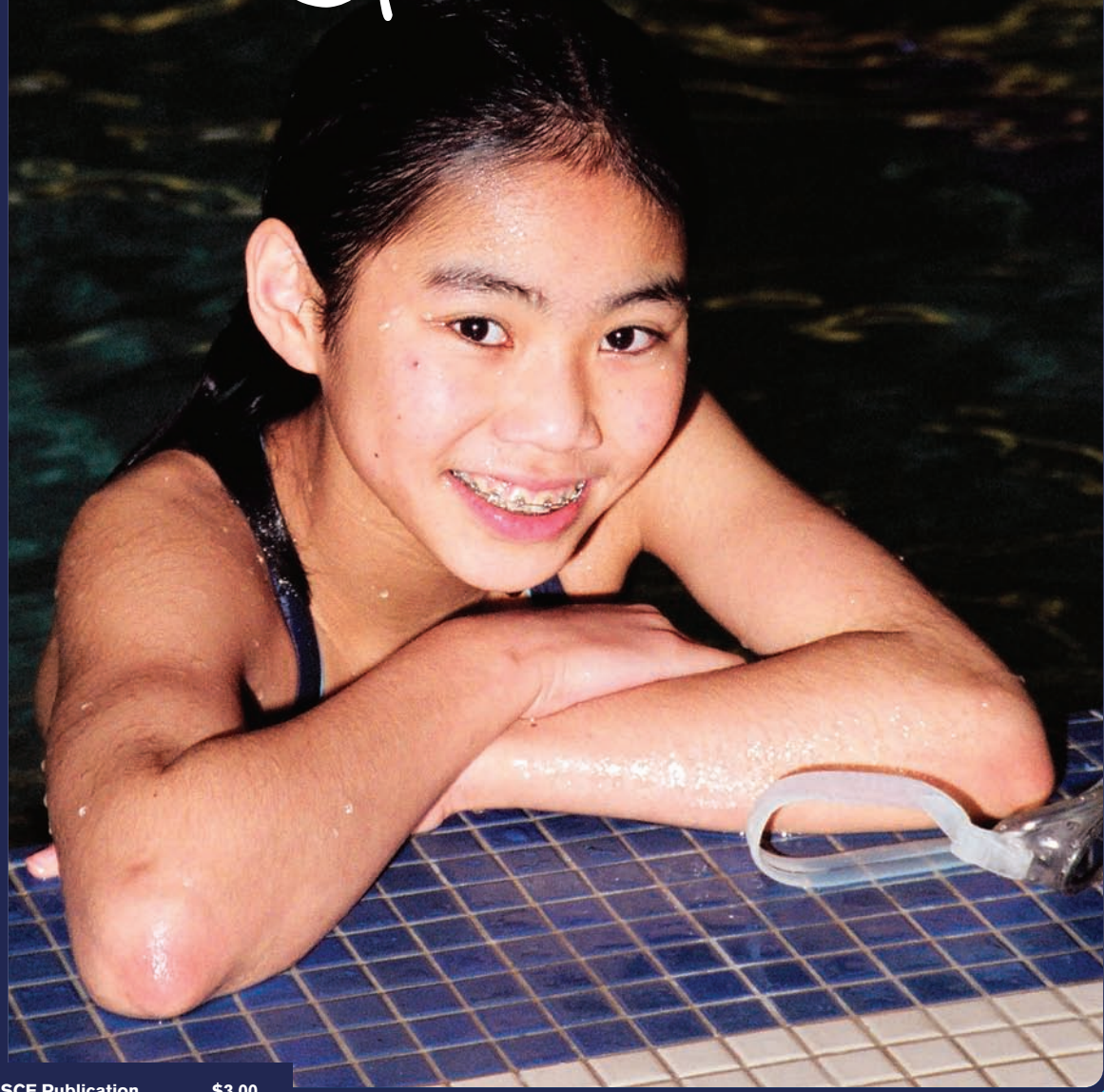


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# Big Pond, Big Splash from a Little Mermaid

The 2009 All Girls Open National Championship, held April 24-26 in Dallas, Texas, was a great success for the sponsors: University of Texas at Dallas, Dallas Chess Club, Kasparov Chess Foundation and the USCF.

It proved to be an even greater success for the winner—12 year old Megan Lee of Washington. Our little mermaid (she likes to swim) was awarded an Academic Distinction Scholarship from the University of Texas at Dallas.

But this isn't the first time Megan has made a splash in the chess world. Our graduate of the Stevenson Elementary School program now attends Odle Middle School and studies with IM Georgi Orlov. Their latest project is Bobby Fischer's *My 60 Memorable Games* and studying tactics.

When she wasn't in the pool, she found the time for the following:

- Won the Ursula Foster award for the top girl under 14 years old at the 2007 Susan Polgar National Invitational for Girls
- 2008 Washington state elementary co-champion
- Member of the 2008 National Junior High School (K-9) Championship first place team
- Winner of the 2007 U.S. Open Class C Championship
- Member of the Susan Polgar 2008 All-Star Girls Chess Team
- Invited to attend the upcoming 10th U.S. Chess School session with GM Gregory Kaidanov
- Placed second in the 8 & under section in the 2nd Annual All-Girls Nationals in 2005
- Placed eighth in 4th Grade section in the 2005 National K-12 Championship

Megan enjoys swimming (in case you didn't get the message!), playing the piano, reading comic books (a girl after my own heart), and staying in touch with her friends on the Internet.

Megan was very happy she won

the event, with so many strong players participating. A complete list of winners from all the sections can be found at:

<http://main.uschess.org/content/view/9341/525/>.

For *CL4K* readers, she annotated the following game:

**Julia Jones (1851)**

**Megan Lee (1958)**

*2009 All Girls Nationals, Dallas, Texas*

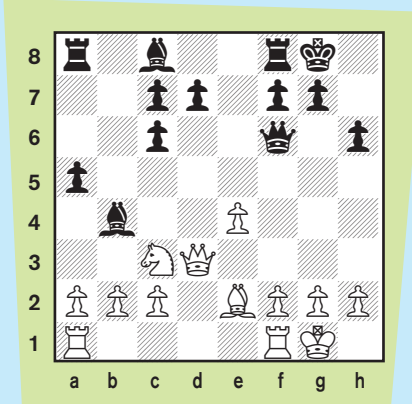
**Belgrade Gambit (C47)**

*Notes by Lee*

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.Qd3 0-0**

This is the last book move from the Scotch defense.

**10.Be2 a5 11.0-0?**



This is a mistake; as found out later, White drops a pawn. If 11.Qe3 Re8! 12.f3 (12.0-0? d5!) 12...d5! And if 11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 13.bxc3 Re8 and White now has a weak pawn structure.

**11...Ba6! 12.Qe3 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Qxc3 15.f4 Rfe8 16.Rad1 d6**

This stops the e-pawn from moving and ... Rxd7.

**17.Rf3**

This activates the rook.

**17...Qb4 18.Re1 Re7**

I prepare to double up on the pinned e-pawn.

**19.Rg3**

White attempts to counterattack Black's kingside.

**19...Rae8 20.Re3**

White is forced to move the rook back.

**20...f5!**

White drops another pawn with e5, and loses material after exf5.

**21.e5 Qxf4 22.e6**

White advances the pawn deep inside Black's position ...

**22...Rb8**

... and I take the open file.

**23.Qa6**

This is an attempt to undermine Black's position.

**23...Qd4**

I pin the rook on e3 and threaten ... f4!

**24.Kf1**

Not good is 24.Kh1? Because of 24...Qxe3! 25.Rxe3 Rb1+! 26.Re1 Rxe1+ 27.Qf1 Rxf1 mate.

**24...Qc5**

This protects both attacked pawns.

**25.Qe2 Rb4**

At this moment, trades of rooks or queens are good for Black, as Black is up two pawns.

**26.c3 Rf4+ 27.Rf3 Rxf3+ 28.Qxf3 Qc4+ 29.Qe2 Qxe2+**

29...Qxc3 is also good.

**30.Rxe2 g5**

I prepare for a king walk to capture on e6.

**31.Ke1 Kg7 32.Kd2 Kf6 33.Kc2**

**Rxe6 34. Rf2 Re4**

By controlling the fourth rank, I stop the king from advancing and proceed with my own king expansion.

**35.Kb3 a4+**

The king goes no further!

**36.Ka3 Rc4 37.Rc2 d5 38.Kb2 c5**

I threaten ... d4 and a rook trade.

**39.Rd2 c6 40.h3 Re4**

I want to control the open file.

**41.Ka3 Ke5 42.Kb2 h5 43.Kc2 g4**

**44.hxg4 hxg4 45.g3 f4**

This will create a passed pawn.

**46.Rg2 fxg3 47.Rxg3 Kf4 48.Rg1**

White now has no chance.

**48...Re2+ 49.Kb1 g3 50.c4 d4 51.a3 d3 52.Rd1 g2 53.Kc1 d2+ 54.Kc2 Re1**

And White resigned, **0-1**.

# TALES OF THE Arabian KNIGHTS

BY RICK KENNEDY Illustrations by Pamela Key



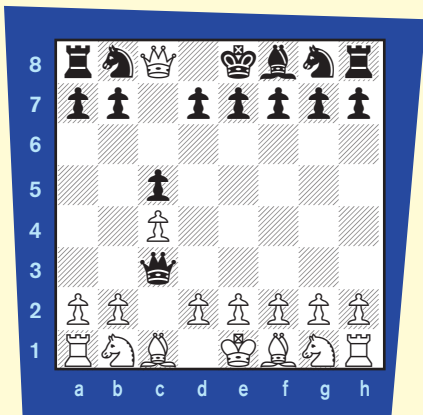
She paused, thought a moment, and began her story.

A young prince was swept away by a mischievous genie, who set before him three tasks. "Solve these," the genie said, "and fame and fortune will be yours."

"They are mine by birthright," said the prince, "but I do love a challenge."

In front of the prince appeared *half* of a chess board and pieces, with a mirror placed along the fourth rank. When the prince sat behind the white pieces, he did not see himself in the mirror, but, rather the genie—with the other half of the board, and the black pieces.

"Curious," he said, and as he reached out to play **1.c4**, the genie responded at almost the same time with **1...c5**. This gave the prince an idea, and he tested it with **2.Qa4**—which was swiftly met with **2...Qa5**. The game quickly continued **3.Qc6 Qc3** and the genie was checkmated with **4.Qxc8** an eye blink before he could play **4...Qxc1** mate.

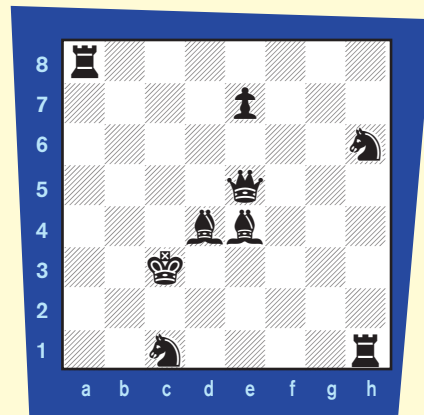
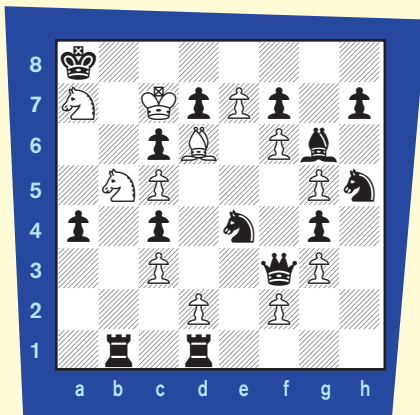


## Adventure

"Adventure?" the King asked.

The room suddenly grew very cold, the half-board disappeared and was replaced by a full one filled with ice-covered pieces.

was hard to tell which) and the board flew away to be replaced by another with the following position:



"All of the pieces are frozen in place," said the genie. "You may unfreeze *one* white piece, and then with it capture the whole of Black's army—and, finally, its king. Which do you choose?"

The prince looked closely at the position, chuckled slyly, and grasped the pawn on e7, advancing it one step and *promoting it to a bishop*. The genie raised an eyebrow.

"Promoting to a queen or rook would checkmate the king too soon," said the prince, "and a knight can never reach its opposite at e4. But a light-squared bishop can capture all of the black pieces and finish up with the king."

The genie grimaced or smiled (it

"The white king is in danger, but he has not yet been harmed—only hidden from your view" said the genie. "Find him."

The prince examined the board, then reached for the d7-square. "If the king is not in harm," he said "he is not in *check*, and *this* square"—his hand grasped the invisible king decisively—"is the only one that he could be on, and not be in check."

In a flash the prince found himself back in his courtyard. As he had suspected, the genie had left him no prize or reward, but the prince knew that growing in wisdom was far more important than riches or popularity.

*"Rightly so," said the King.*

"I am glad the story pleases Your Majesty," she said.



# ASK GM LARRY EVANS!

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

## BEST QUESTION:

### ADJUSTING A PIECE

Shreyas Sriram  
Normal, Illinois

**Q:** I've heard of a special French word called *j'adoube*. What does it mean and are there any other words for it? Finally, what effect does it have on the chess board and what does it do?

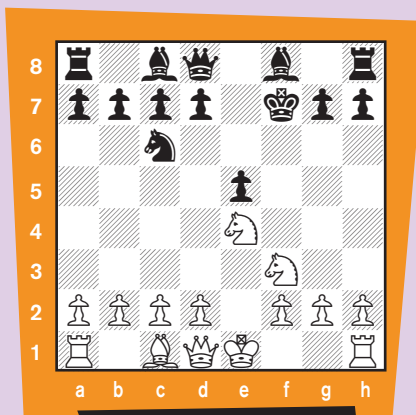
**A:** *J'adoube* means "I adjust." It's a warning given by a player who does not intend to move a piece but merely straightens it on a square. Otherwise if you touch a piece you must move it—unless you first say *j'adoube* or "I adjust." At an international tournament in 1967 GM Milan Matulovic made a mistake, then retracted the move by muttering "*j'adoube*." He got away with this act of bad sportsmanship but his reputation was severely tarnished and afterwards was forever haunted by the nickname of *j'adoubovic*.



### FOUR KNIGHTS' GAME

andrewjiao

**Q:** After 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bc4 Nxe4! 5. Bxf7+ Kxf7 6. Nxe4, who stands better and what is Black's best move?



Position after 6. Nxe4

**A:** Black stands better after 6...d5 (dominating the center) even though he has lost the privilege of castling. On 7. Ng3 (or 7. Neg5+ Kg8 8. d3 h6) 7...e4 8. Ng1 Be6 seizes the initiative.

Instead of 5. Bxf7+ better is 5. Nxe4 d5 6. Bd3 (worse is 6. Bb5? dxe4 7. Nxe5 Qg5!) 6...dxe4 7. Bxe4 with an even position. White usually plays 4. d4 or 4. Bb5 to avoid these problems.

Too bad you didn't provide some actual examples. Probably the reason for your confusion is that you aren't yet strong enough to appreciate why grandmasters make these sacrifices. One way to improve is to read the annotations instead of just playing over the bare moves to a game. Using a computer to explain the mystery is also useful.

### TEAM CHESS

Sharon Tetley  
Carson City, Nevada

**Q:** I hope your readers enjoy this poem by my student at our local community college.

#### THE VALUE OF CHESS

By Robert Priest

The sheer prestige of  
being on the team  
the roar of the crowd  
before the game  
the smell of sweat  
and fear on their faces  
the ecstatic leap of cheerleaders  
waving their pompoms  
then the hush as the five of us  
go up to the stage  
and take our seats across from  
players from the other school.  
then the first moves  
— each move projected on a giant  
TV screen for the audience —  
pawns, knights, bishops  
struggle for control of  
the center squares  
kingside castles  
threats and counter threats  
wasting moves, pins, forks  
discovered check, blunders  
— O no! shouts one spectator —  
loss of the queens  
endgame, passed pawns  
cheers from the audience  
after the game, a girl says  
You are on the chess team?  
That's so awesome  
I really admire you for that.  
But what planet is this?

PSST ...

If you have a question for GM Evans, email it to [gpetersen@uschess.org](mailto:gpetersen@uschess.org)

### WEIRD SACRIFICES

Rohith Kaliyur  
Austin, Texas

Why do grandmasters make all these very weird sacrifices in games but when I look over them again and again I still cannot see why?

# The Chess Detective

by NM Todd Bardwick

## THE Bxh7+ SACRIFICE



Recognizing common patterns is a big part of improving your chess strength.

It is often asked about masters, "How much of the game is pattern recognition and how much of it is calculation?"

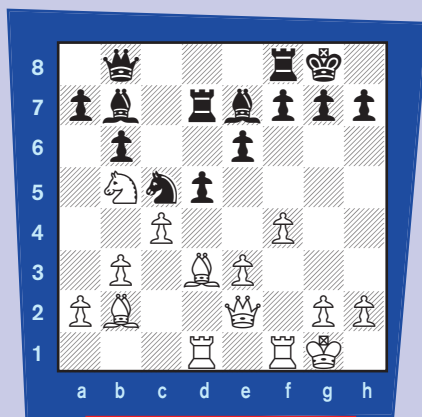
I had posed this question to several of my chess master friends a few years back. The average answer was 75% pattern recognition and 25% calculation.

The bishop sacrifice on h7 against a castled king is a pattern you should learn and commit to memory. This tactic frequently occurs when Black's knight is away from the f6-square, where it protects the h7-square.

Both examples given below have similar themes: a bishop sacrifice on h7, followed by another bishop sacrifice on g7, followed by a queen-rook roller mate threat with a rook lift!

Consider this position between Klaus Junge and Cenek Kottnauer from Prague, Czechoslovakia, in 1942.

**Cenek Kottnauer**



Position after 16...Nxc5

**Klaus Junge**

Play continued with:

**17.Bxh7+! Kxh7 18.Qh5+ Kg8 19.Bxg7! f5**

19...Kxg7 doesn't work for Black because of 20.Qg4+ Kf6 21.Qg5 mate or 20...Kh7 21.Rf3 lifting the rook and threatening to deliver mate on h3.

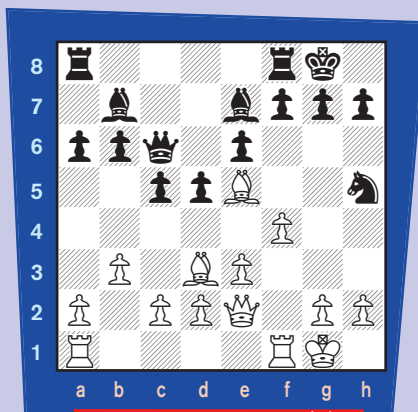
**20.Be5!**

Threatening both 21.Qg6 mate and 21.Bxb8

**20...Bf6 21.Bxb8 Rh7 22.Qe2 Rxb8 23.Nd6** and White went on to win with his material advantage.

Here is a position from one of Emanuel Lasker's famous games that took place in Amsterdam in 1889.

**Johann Bauer**



Position after 14...Nx(N)h5

**Emanuel Lasker**

White could recapture with 15.Qxh5, but Black could meet the mate threat with 15...f5 and White doesn't have any significant advantage as Black's king is protected.

The second world champion played: **15.Bxh7+! Kxh7 16.Qxh5+ Kg8 17.Bxg7!**

This second bishop sacrifice, threatens 18.Qh8 mate.

**17...Kxg7 18.Qg4+ Kh7 19.Rf3**

Here comes the rook lift with mate threats.

**19...e5**

The only way to avoid the queen-rook roller mate is to give up the black queen.

**20.Rh3+ Qh6 21.Rxh6+ Kxh6 22.Qd7** forking the bishops to eventually win the game. Lasker saw this bishop fork in his mind before he played the first bishop sacrifice!

Of course, not every Bxh7+ sacrifice is followed up by the second bishop sacrifice on g7. But this is definitely a tactical pattern to commit to memory. A common variation of this tactic against a castled king is after the king takes the bishop on h7, a white knight on f3 moves to g5, giving check, and, after the king moves, the white lady goes to h5 threatening Qh7 mate.

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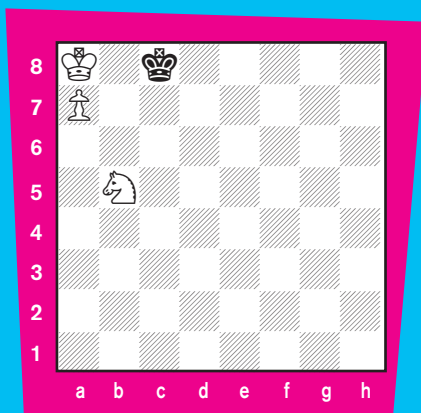
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# WIN OR DRAW?

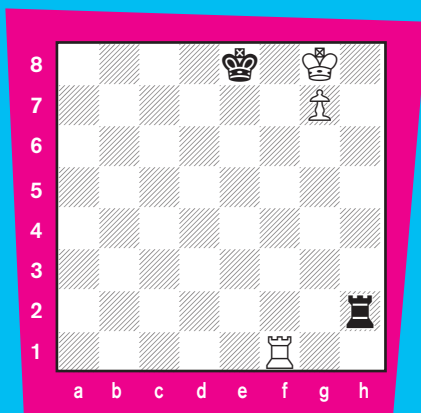
by Pete Tamburro

You are the player of the white pieces in each position. It is your move in each position. Your opponent, Black, has just offered you a draw. Should you accept it because you know you can't force a win here or should you play on because you know you can win it? You might also want to jot down just how you are going to win it! Is it a win...or a draw...no flipping a coin!

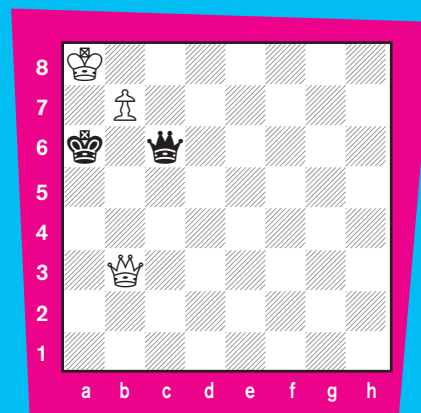
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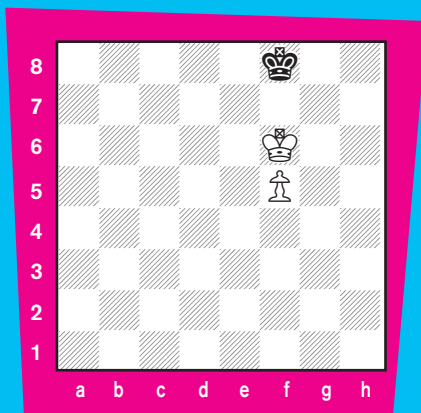
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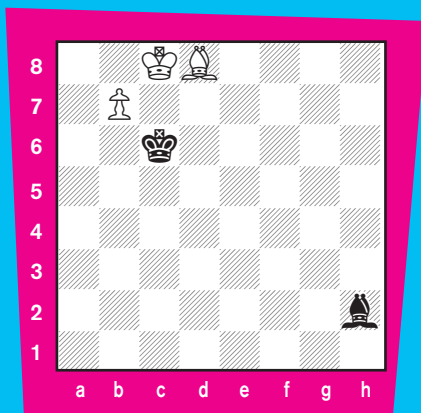
Position Five:



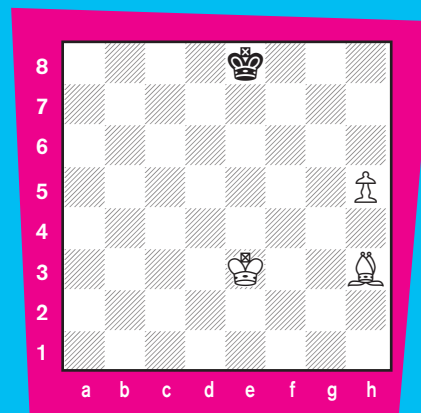
Position Two:



Position Four:



Position Six:



**ANSWERS:**

**1. DRAW!** The knight can't stop the king from moving between c7 and c8. The only way to win this position is if the knight, on the move, could attack the square the black king is going to, but he can't because the knight is on a light square and the black king is on a light square. That means the white knight can only check the black king and never attack the square (c7 or c8) that his opponent isn't on.  
**2. WIN!** The king is in front of the pawn! Remember those endgame lessons a while back? **1.Ke6 Ke8 2.f6 Kf8 3.f7** (advancing to the seventh rank without check!) **3...Kg7 4.Ke7** and wins.  
**3. WIN!** Remember the bridge building?

**1.Re1+ Kd8 2.Re5 Rf2 3.Kh7 Rh2+ 4.Kg6 Rg2+ 5.Rg5** and the pawn queens!  
**4. WIN!** And what a merry-go-round this is!! White has to figure out some way to get the black bishop off the diagonal: **1.Bh4 Kb6 2.Bf2+ Ka6 3.Bc5 Bf4 4.Be7 Kb6 5.Bd8+ Kc6 6.Bg5 Bh2 7.Be3 Bg3 8.Ba7 Bh2 9.Bb8 Bg1 10.Bg3 Ba7 11.Bf2** A study by Centurini in 1856.  
**5. WIN! 1.Qb4 Qh1** (1...Qf3 2.Qa4+ Kb6 3.Qb3+ Qxb3 4.b8=Q+ wins the black queen by an x-ray attack!; 1...Qg2 2.Qa3+ Kb5 3.Qb2+ and wins the black queen) **2.Qa3+ Kb6** (2...Kb5 3.Qb2+ Kc4 4.Ka7 Qg1+ 5.Ka6 Qg6+ 6.Qb6 and covers all the checks) **3.Qb2+ Ka6** (3...Kc7 4.Qh2+ and we have a diagonal x-ray coming up!)

**4.Qa2+ Kb6 5.Qb1+** and wins! A study by Van Vliet in the 1800s.  
**6. WIN!** Oh yes! I know you were taught that a bishop and rook pawn is a draw if the queening square was the opposite color of the bishop. As with all chess rules, it depends on the position!! See how White keeps the black king from reaching h8. Something like this happened to me in a tournament game and I knew this study by Troitsky and I won. Maybe it will work for you some time! **1.Be6 Ke7** (1...Kf8 2.h6 Ke7 3.h7) **2.h6 Kf6 3.Bf5 Kf7 4.Bh7** (Sorry! You can't come in! The key here is that the white king is close enough to help) **4...Kf6 5.Kf4 Kf7 6.Kf5 Ke7 7.Kg6 Kf8 8.Kf6 Ke8 9.Kg7** and wins!



# BROCCOLI, ASPARAGUS, AND BRUSSELS SPROUTS!

by Jerry Hanken



Some people say that chess is like life. Kids know that there are things in life that you just don't want to do but you have to, such as go

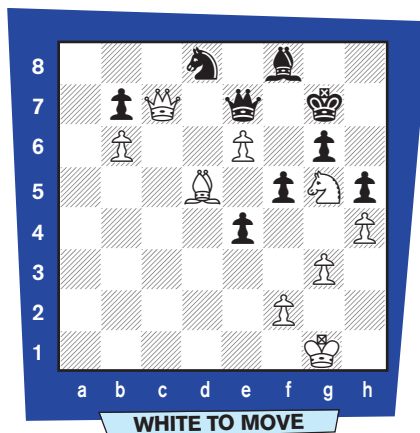
to school when you don't feel like it and eating your broccoli or even brushing your teeth sometimes.

Well, in chess you sometimes get to a position where you don't want to move because it makes your game worse. It's kind of like pulling the covers over your head when it is snowing outside and pretending to be sick. Mom won't let you get away with that and the rules of chess won't let you pass either!

This idea has a German name *Zugzwang* [tsōōk'tsväng] which means "you gotta move whether you like it or not!" It is unusual to see this as a winning theme with a lot of wood still on the board. In the following position I had a chance to force *Zugzwang* and missed it! It was so rare that if I had followed through in the right way, the position would have made it into history. Now it is just another misplayed position—but a really beautiful one.

The game was played at the Pasadena chess club last year and Black was a 20 year old 1950 player named Nathaniel Lagemann who had beaten me the last time we had met. It was actually Nathaniel who pointed out the queen pseudo-sacrifice which is the key to this lovely position in the post game analysis. Here is the position:

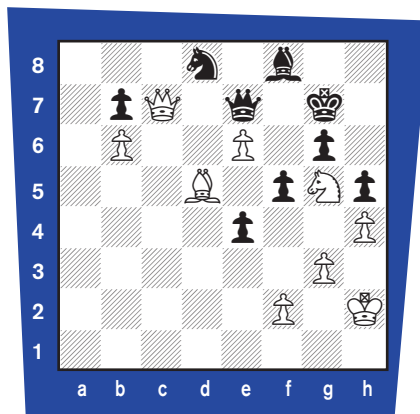
**Nathaniel Lagemann**



**Jerry Hanken**

Here it is—a chance to force *Zugzwang* with nine pieces on the board for each player. This is rare indeed!

**1.Kh2 ...**



The black bishop has no moves, the queen is pinned to the king, and if 1...Qxc7 2.bxc7 and the pawn queens. If a black pawn moves, it is simply lost. That leaves knight or king moves to consider.

1...Nf7 just loses the knight to 2.Nxf7. The only "safe" knight move leads to a very instructive position: 1...Nc6 2.Bxc6 bxc6 3.Qxe7+ Bxe7 4.b7 Bd6 5.e7! and the poor cleric cannot dance at BOTH weddings!

Either the b-pawn or the e-pawn will queen.

So Black has only four king moves left to consider and all lose on the spot. 1...Kf6 loses to 2.Qc3 checkmate! 1...Kh8 and 1...Kh6 loses to the sensational queen pseudo-sacrifice: 2.Qxd8! Qxd8 3.Nf7+, followed by 4.Nxd8, leaving White a piece up with an easy win.

The toughest move to analyze is 1... Kg8, but 2.Qxd8! still does the trick, as 2... Qxd8 3.e7+ (discovered check) 3... Qxd5 4. e8=Q. Now Black has a free move but it does not save him as he cannot stop the destruction of his kingside on the light squares. I leave it to you students to find the win from here!

I wish I had recognized how close I was to making my opponent eat his asparagus (putting my opponent in *Zugzwang*). But maybe YOU can benefit, even in your next game!

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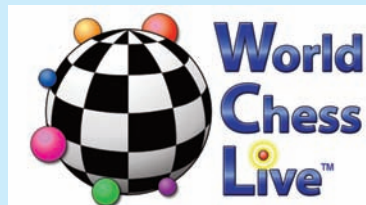
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# 2009 World Chess Live Junior Grand Prix Standings



## 2009 World Chess Live Junior Grand Prix

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ST=State PTS=Points EV=Events

### Overall Standings

NAME	ST	PTS	EV
WINTER, CURTIS A	MD	115	6
SREENIVASAN, RAMANUJA	MD	100	9
CHEN, JEREMY	NJ	95	6
CAO, MINDI	IL	85	3
TROFF, KAYDEN WILLIAM	UT	80	7
DOMMALAPATI, ABHINAY	VA	75	5
HILTON, JONATHAN L	OH	70	7
SHETTY, ATULYA ARYA	MI	70	4
DING, JEFFREY	WA	70	1
FU, JASON	TN	70	4
STEINBERG, MAX	NY	65	5
ESPERICUETA, ELIAS	TX	65	2
MEI, BRIAN	IL	60	1
HARDER, BRENNAN J	WI	60	1
SHIN, PHILIP	NY	60	4
HANSEL, PETER WILLIAM	MN	60	1
RUNDELL, MIRIAM J	WA	60	1
LAU, MICHAEL	CA-S	60	2
LIANG, ALAN	IL	60	1
WARANCH, SAMUEL	TX	60	3
ELKIN, JOSHUA	NY	60	2
SINGH, REVA SHREE	NY	55	6
LITTLE, ALEX	GA	55	2
VASIREDDI, NEAL	NJ	55	3
NGUYEN, QUANG MINH	AZ	55	1
SHCHERBAKOV, EUGENE	NJ	55	2
SHANG, ALEX	WA	55	1
STRUGNELL, NEIL T	WI	55	3
REIS, ALEXANDER	NY	55	5
ZHOU, JASON	MO	55	2
TALLO, EMILY	IN	55	2
FLEISCHMAN, ADAM J	WI	55	1
BROMAN, TIMOTHY R	WI	55	3
RICHMAN, JONATHAN T	NY	55	2
RODRIGUEZ, ALEJANDRO	FL	55	3
MACNEAL, JACOB D	PA	55	2
DELLOMARGIO, ANGELO	PA	55	3
FISHER, WILLIAM	PA	55	4
PSARAKIS, PAUL P	VA	55	3
GULAMALI, FARIS	WA	55	1
XU, DANIEL WENKAI	VA	55	4
INGRAM, JORDAN	MI	55	1
WHEELER, HARRY B	CT	55	2
BAUMANN, ELI	WI	55	1
GILLET, ABBEY WYNN	OH	55	1

### State Leaders

NAME	ST	PTS	EV
GUNN, GEORGE HAYDEN	AL	40	1
PETERSON, ERIC	AL	40	1
NELSON, KEVIN J	AL	40	1
USERY, JAKE ALLEN	AR	25	1
LESTER, STEVEN	AR	25	1
NGUYEN, QUANG MINH	AZ	55	1
BELANOFF, TED	CA-N	50	4
LAU, MICHAEL	CA-S	60	2
CHASE, ZACHARY M	CO	35	1
WHEELER, HARRY B	CT	55	2
MONNIER, OSCAR J	DC	20	1
FRAME, BRIAN	DE	30	2
RODRIGUEZ, ALEJANDRO	FL	55	3
LITTLE, ALEX	GA	55	2
PERRY, PATRICK F	HI	50	1
NAKAGAWA, ELDON	HI	50	1
SCHAECKENBACH, LUKE	IA	30	1
HARMON-VELLOTTI, LUKE	ID	30	2
NAHLEN, JOHN	ID	30	1
CAO, MINDI	IL	85	3
TALLO, EMILY	IN	55	2
STEWART, NATHAN	KS	50	1
SLATER, ALEXANDER	KS	50	1
LAVU, ROHIT	KY	35	1
BAGLEY, TAYLOR	KY	35	2
YU, SAMUEL	KY	35	1
KORNDORFFER, CHARLES	LA	40	1
HUANG, WINSTON	MA	45	5
HOCHBERG, DAN	MA	45	2
WINTER, CURTIS	MD	115	6
SMITH, ZACHARY	ME	30	1
SHETTY, ATULYA ARYA	MI	70	4
HANSEL, PETER WILLIAM	MN	60	1
ZHOU, JASON	MO	55	2
MADDOX, CONNER	MS	40	1
GOLDMAN, ADAM	MS	40	1
WASHINGTON, CRAIG	NC	50	1
MARVIN, JESSICA	NE	30	1
LI, BRANDON	NE	30	1
MORAN, HARRISON	NH	20	2
MOREAU, ERIC	NH	20	1
CHEN, JEREMY	NJ	95	6
MOCKLER, JACK	NM	40	1
SITU, WESLEY B	NV	10	1
GRIFFIN, CHRISTOPHER	NV	10	1

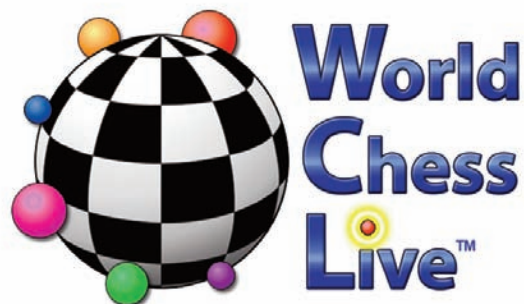
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SCOGGIN, CONOR	OR	35	1
MACNEAL, JACOB	PA	55	2
DELLOMARGIO, ANGELO	PA	55	3
FISHER, WILLIAM	PA	55	4
KIRSCH, SAMUEL	RI	20	1
DECESARIS, VINCENT	RI	20	1
MOORE, KENZIE L	SC	35	1
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FU, JASON	TN	70	4
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# Opening Notebook: The Basman Attack

by Pete Tamburro

We've covered a great many unusual openings in our series: 1.b4, 1.g4 and such. We do it because young players often have a tough time with the strange and curious paths that chess players take.

There are several points that always need to be repeated. Just because your opponent plays a weird opening, it doesn't mean you don't have to be careful! You still have to follow the rules of development. You also need to understand what he's up to! There usually is an idea behind the craziness.

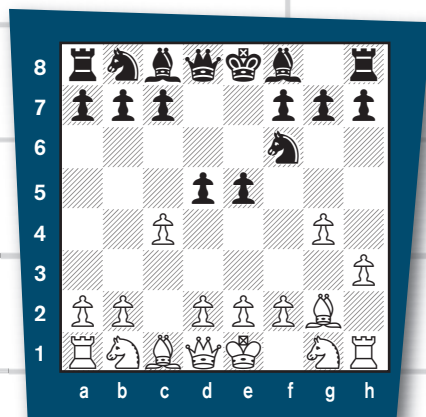
Take the Basman Attack, named after the imaginative English player. Why on earth would someone play 1.h3? Let's take a look:

**Xavier Delebarre (2261)**

**Laurent Cursoux (2230)**

*French Championship, 1999*

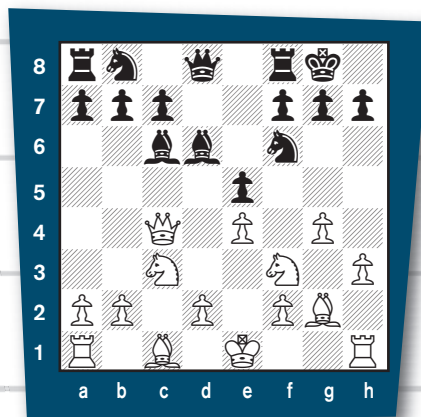
**1.h3 Nf6 2.g4 d5 3.Bg2 e5 4.c4**



OK, now we see what White is up to! Black has done nothing wrong: two pawns in the center and a king knight developed...pretty good!

White has simply waited for Black to do that and is now attacking the Black center. He has an "exaggerated" fianchetto because he might just want to play g5 to chase the defender of d5...the very square White is aiming at with his pawn and bishop. So, there is an idea here! Let's see what Black does:

**4...dxc4 5.Qa4+ Bd7** (5...c6 6.Qxc4 Be6 7.Qa4 h5 8.g5 Nd5 9.Nc3 Nd7 10.Nf3 Nf4 is another way. Notice how Black tries to keep his pieces in the center.) **6.Qxc4 Bc6 7.Nf3 Bd6 8.Nc3 0-0 9.e4**



White has been aggressive, but Black has remained calm and developed quietly. He needs to get his king knight developed. He also needs to see that White really wants to play 10.d4 so his pawn won't be backward. To make it harder, he should have tried 9...Re8, so when White

plays 10.d4, Black can play 10...exd4 and have three pieces attacking the e-pawn. However, Black goes in for development that results in very lively piece play. Sometimes you have to think about preventing your opponent's freeing moves rather than getting all mixed up in what he wants to do.

**9...Na6 10.d4 Nxe4 11.d5 Nxc3 12.dxc6 b5 13.Qb3 Ne4 14.0-0 Nac5**

Here, Black needed to play 14...Rb8 15.a3 Re8 16.Re1 Nac5 17.Qc2 Nf6 18.Be3 Ne6 19.Rad1 Nf4 20.Bxf4 exf4 21.Rxe8+ Qxe8 22.Re1 Qd8 23.g5 Nh5 24.b4 g6. When you enter really sharp lines, one step can suddenly turn your game around the wrong way.

**15.Qxb5 f5 16.b4 Ne6 17.Qc4 Qe7 18.gxf5 Rxf5 19.Qxe4 Rf8 20.a3 Nf4 21.Bxf4 Rxf4 22.Qd5+ Kh8 23.Rae1 R8f5 24.Nd2 e4 25.Qd4 Qh4 26.Rxe4 Rxe4 27.Qxe4 Rf4 28.Qe3 a5 29.Ne4 Be7 30.bxa5 1-0**

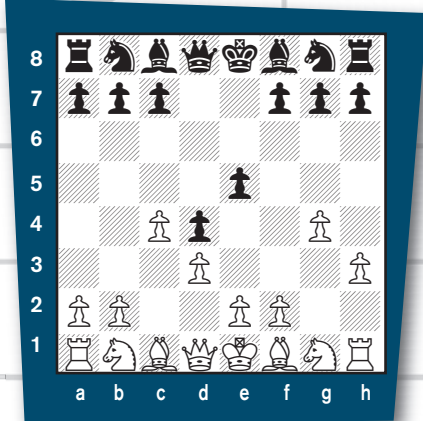
What do we learn from this? It's important to play good developing moves, but it's also important to pay attention to what your opponent wants to do. Black got off to a good start, but then didn't treat his opponent's 10.d4 freeing move as seriously as he should have.

**Jan Rueggeberg (1805)**  
**Matthias Kiese (2236)**

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This game takes a different route in that Black tries to keep the position closed and prevent White from getting really active play.

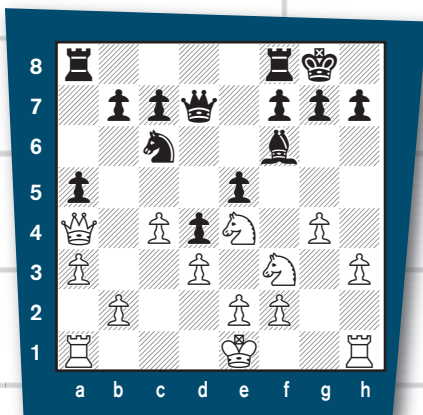
**1.h3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.d3 e5 4.g4**



**4...Bd7 5.Bg2 Bc6**

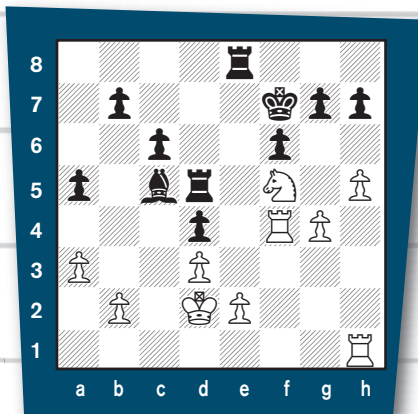
An interesting idea that shows you what we've been talking about. Black sees that White wants exchanges in the center so his king bishop can be very strong on the diagonal. What does Black do? He advances his pawn to keep the position closed, then develops his bishop to d7 and then c6 to oppose the bishop he knows is going to g2. Then, when White exchanges, Black gets to develop his knight on c6, protecting the two center pawns.

**6.Bxc6+ Nxc6 7.a3 a5 8.Qa4 Nf6**  
**9.Bg5 Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Nf3**  
**0-0 12.Nbd2 Qd7 13.Ne4**



Another instructive position that shows the success of Black's opening plan. Black has a nice center, his pieces are developed, he has stopped White's expansion on the queenside and his exchange of bishops has weakened White's kingside. Now, he has to keep his bishop, support his center, get his rooks into the game and go to work on White's weakened pawn structure:

**13...Be7 14.Qb5 f6 15.Qd5+ Qxd5 16.cxd5 Nb8 17.Rc1 Na6 18.h4 Rfd8 19.h5 Rxd5 20.Nh4 Kf7 21.Nf5 Bf8 22.Kd2 c6 23.f4 exf4 24.Rcf1 Nc5 25.Nxc5 Bxc5 26.Rxf4 Re8**



Black has accomplished a great deal! His rooks are active. He has exchanged pawns so that White's e2-pawn is backward and a terrible weak square exists on e3. Notice how the bishop has put itself on a great

square to help prevent the e-pawn from moving.

What would your plan be here? You should look at the only defender of e3 and be looking at g6 to chase it. You should be looking at how you're going to get a rook on e3 to invade White's kingside and attack the pawns. You should also notice that you have a four to three pawn advantage on the queenside and should consider advancing your majority.

**27.h6 g6 28.Ng3 Bd6 29.Rf3 Bxg3 30.Rxg3 Rb5 31.Rb1 a4 32.Rf3 Rbe5 33.Rf2 b5 34.Rbf1 R8e6 35.Rg2 Re3 36.Rff2 Ke7 37.Rf4 c5 38.Rff2 Rh3 39.Rh2 Ree3 40.Ke1 Rxh2 41.Rxh2 Rg3 0-1**

**Conclusion:** The Basman Attack is very tricky. It's very similar to the Grob or Spike Attack we covered earlier. Both these openings have the same idea: when Black plays his pawns out, White attacks with c4 and Bg2 and maybe even Qb3. Black, then, must pay close attention to what his opponent wants to do and then not let him do it! In the first game, Black briefly forgot about that and lost after playing well at the beginning. In the second game, Black didn't give White a chance to put his plan into effect. Hopefully, you will remember these lessons from the two games and know what to do when you meet one of these bandits!

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# A Whirlwind of Events

## at the **SUPERNATIONALS**

**We interrupt this issue of *Chess Life for Kids* to bring you a special announcement from The National Weather Service: A tornado warning has been issued for the Nashville area.**

by Alan Kantor

That was the notice that came over the radio if you were driving into Nashville on April 2, 2009 to attend the SuperNationals IV on April 3-5. *Tornadoes have been spotted in the area and continued throughout the tournament* (more on that later). Over 5,000 children came from all over the country to play in the biggest event of its kind in the United States. The U.S. Chess Federation organizes the Spring nationals every year in different locations where the elementary, junior high, and high school children compete to see who will be national champions.

And every four years the SuperNationals takes place in ONE location for one super event. This year's event took place at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Convention Center and what an event it was!

There was everything you could imagine and then some. Children could spot grandmasters all over the place, world champions, and even an astronaut! There were so many activities that would occupy their time that they didn't need to leave the hotel. Parents and coaches could even get involved in activities of their own from meetings, discussions and a tournament.

Awesome, huh?

### BUGHOUSE

Let's start with Thursday right before the tournament. Those who wanted bughouse could team up with a partner and play for a team trophy. For those who don't know what bughouse is, it is a chess variant where normal rules apply, except that cap-

tured pieces on one board are passed on to the players of the other board, who then have the option of putting these pieces on their board. Sixty-five teams of two (K-9 Bughouse) and 81 teams of two (K-6 Bughouse) took part in this amazing display of "craziness." Do the children from Washington love bughouse? The team of **Ethan Gottlieb** and **Michael Omori** from Washington took first place in the K-9 Bughouse Championship with 11 points while the team of **William Lee** and **Amith Vanmane** scored 12 points to take first place in the K-6 Bughouse Championship.

### BLITZ

The side events are a big part of what this tournament is all about and the blitz championships are another favorite of children all over. Blitz is a type of chess game in which each side is given less time (five minutes!) to make their moves than under the normal tournament time controls. Two hundred and twenty players participated and **Aaron Landesman** from New York, rose to the top to become the K-9 blitz champion by scoring a total of 11½ points.

Two hundred and twenty-seven players enjoyed this fast version of chess with **Sean Vibbert** from Indiana, scoring 11½ points as well to rise to the top as the K-6 blitz champion. Even younger players like blitz as 111 players played with **Andrew Tang** from Minnesota, also racking up 11½ points to attain the title of K-3 blitz champion.

### WEATHER ALERT

After the children got their fast chess out of their system, they all settled down to some slow chess to the tune of a game in two hours. Wow! What a difference. Remember the tornado I was referring to earlier? There was a little tornado in the K-8 Championship by the name of **George Qi** (2026) from Texas. He caused quite a stir throughout the event by winning all seven of his games to take clear first over the second place finisher, **Christopher Heung** from Florida, who scored 6½ points. Take a look at George's clinching victory in the last round:

### Eldon Nakagawa (1625) George Qi (2033)

*SuperNationals IV (7), 04.05.2009  
Notes by Qi*

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.0-0-0 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bd4 e5 13.Bc5 Be6 14.Ne4 h6 14...Re8** was the main line here, but most of the lines were lines where the queens got traded off. I was going for a win, since I knew he had better tiebreaks if we drew, so I had decided to mix it up a bit. It may just have transposed here, though. **15.g4 Re8 16.h4 f5** May have been a bit aggressive, but I was



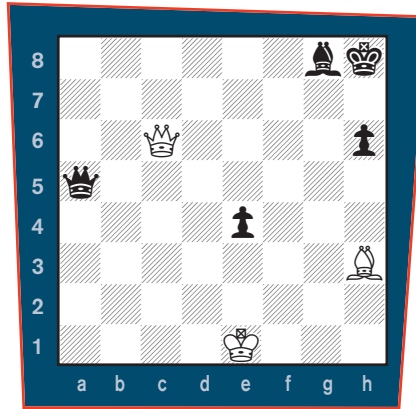
going for a win. **17.gxf5 gxf5 18.Nd6 Qf6** 18...Rf8 or 18...Re7 instead of 18...Qf6 might have been better. **19.Nxe8 Rxe8 20.Rg1 Qxh4 21.b3 Nf4** It stopped Bc4 to a certain limit, and allowed me to activate my white bishop at d5.



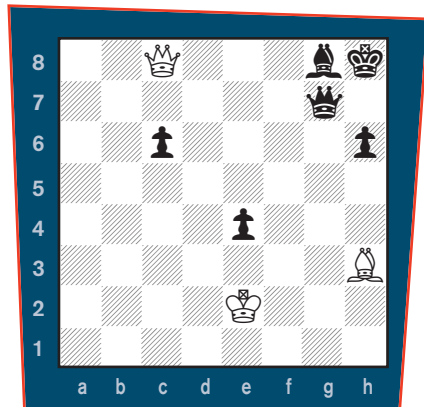
**22.Bd6 Bd5 23.Qe3 Qf6 24.Qxa7**

**Ne6** This covered the c5 and d4 squares, and protected the bishop on g7 again. It also prepared the push of the e- pawn. **25.Qe3 e4**

**26.f4** 26.f4 surprised me, and I found a neat tactic. **26...Qb2+ 27.Kd2 Rd8** 27...Nd4 here is good too. **28.Be5 Bxb3+ 29.Ke1 Rxd1+ 30.Kxd1 Qxc2+ 31.Ke1 Bxa2 32.Bxg7 Nxb7 33.Qd4 Qc1+ 34.Kf2 Qxf4+ 35.Ke2 Qc7 36.Bh3 Kh7 37.Qf6 Qf7 38.Rxg7+ Qxg7 39.Qxf5+ Kh8 40.Qc8+ Bg8**



The positions had already been repeated twice, and I kept on having winning positions in my head, but they all turned out to be illusions, but I got something else in return. **50.Ke2? Qh5+ 51.Kf2 Qxh3 52.Qf6+ Kh7 53.Qe7+ Kg6 54.Qe8+ Bf7 55.Qxe4+ Qf5+ 56.Qxf5+ Kxf5** With the right colored rook pawn, I was able to pull out a win. **57.Kg3 Kg5 58.Kh3 h5 59.Kg3 h4+ 60.Kh3 Be6+ 61.Kg2 Kg4 62.Kf2 h3 63.Kg1 Kg3 64.Kh1 Bd5+ 65.Kg1 h2+ 0-1**



This was a mistake. Better was 40...Qg8, and I have a bunch of tactics (40...Qg8 41.Qxc6 Bc4+). The best response is 42.Kf2 (42.Ke3 Qg1+ 43.Kf4 Qh2+ 44.Kg4 Be2+) 42...Qf8+ 43.Kg1 Bd3. Eventually, I can grind my opponent into a win. **41.Qxc6 Qb2+ 42.Kf1 Qa1+ 43.Ke2 Qa2+ 44.Ke1 Qa5+** Better than this is 44...Qb1+ 45.Kf2 e3+ 46.Kf3 Qd1+. **45.Kf1 Qa1+ 46.Ke2 Qb2+ 47.Kf1 Qb1+ 48.Kf2 Qa2+ 49.Ke1 Qa5+**

George helped his team as **Canyon Vista Middle School** from Austin, Texas captured the K-8 team championship. Besides George the other team members were **Derek Chang** (1860, 5½ points), **Andy Wang** (1608, 4½ points), and **Kevin Xie** (1616, 4 points).

### MORE TORNADOES

The second little tornado that hit was in the K-8 Under 1000 as **German Reyes-Soto** (965), from Florida made a clean sweep. He devastated all opposition that got in his path finishing a full point ahead of the second place finisher **Robert Osborne** (978) from Kansas. The K-8 Under 1000 team champion was **Rockway Middle School** from Miami, Florida. The team was comprised of **Yinan Zhang** (907, 6 points), **Alejandro Santacoloma** (940, 5½ points), **Julio Herrera** (809, 5½ points), **Erick Robaina** (781, 5 points), **Christian Dauden** (924, 5 points), and **Roger Osorio** (887, 5 points).

The third little tornado made a devastation of the K-8 Under 750 section as **Vaughn Soso** (734, 7 points) from New York, won all his games. He needed that to edge out fellow New Yorker **Awan Aleem** (740, 6½ points). Awan also helped **I.S. 318** to bring the K-8 Under 750 team title back to Brooklyn, New York. The team was comprised of **Aleem, Danny Feng** (741, 6 points), **Gio Quinones** (705, 6 points) and **Lukas Fron** (558, 6 points).

The 2009 Elementary Champion, by virtue of his first place finish in the K-6 Championship section was **Daniel Gurevich** from Georgia. After being nicked by a draw in round five, he picked up speed and won his last two games to finish with 6½ points. It was an extremely close finish at the top with seven players finishing with 6 points but **Kevin Cao** (1988) from Missouri, got second place honors on tiebreaks.

Let's take a look at how Daniel became the top elementary champion:

### Daniel Gurevich (2075) Robert Berk (1264)

*SuperNationals IV (1), 04.03.2009  
Notes by Gurevich*

I'm 11, in fifth grade, and have been playing chess for six years. Before I walk you through the game, I thought you might like to know some of my techniques for preparing for a major tournament and a game.



The two things you should study before any tournament are openings and simple tactics. I focus on the openings I think I'll need most, and I work on simple tactics. I don't want to use up too much mental energy, and besides, most tactics you need in a game are pretty simple.

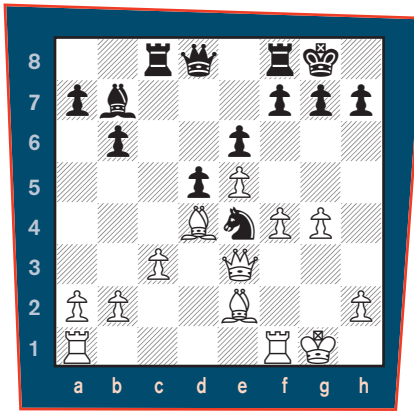
Then to prepare psychologically, I'd quit playing on the Internet a week

before the tournament. The speed you use on the Internet is not anything like the way you play in a real tournament. I also stop playing and studying chess altogether about three days before a major tournament, so I won't be burned out. Instead, I want to be eager to play.

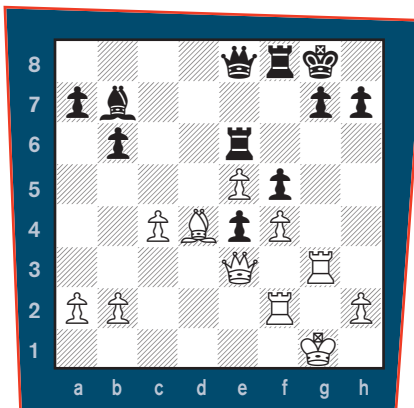
When you get to the tournament, here are two more tips. First, do NOT look up your opponents' ratings. You might become discouraged or too confident, depending on the rating. Either of these attitudes could undermine your playing. Second, try to just listen to music and relax, rather than do any last minute preparation. There is so much craziness at a tournament, you need to get away from it for a while or you won't be able to relax and do your best.

Back to the matter of my game. This was my first round game against Robert Berk. Though rated only 1264, he put up more of a fight than my opponents in the next three rounds did, and the game was the second longest in the tournament for me, lasting three hours!

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Ne7?! A rare line. As I know by experience, most rare lines are also bad! 4.e5 b6 5.f4 Bb7 6.Nf3 Nd7 7.Be2 c5 8.0-0 Nf5 9.g4?! This move was better if prepared with 9.Nb5!?** a6 10.g4 Nxd4 11.Nbxd4 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Be7 13.f5 and my position is a bit better. **9...Nxd4** Another equally good move was **9...cxd4!?** 10.gxf5 dxc3 11.fxe6 fxe6 12.bxc3 Bc5+ and Black's active pieces and White's doubled pawns counterweigh the weak e6-pawn. **10.Nxd4 cxd4 11.Nb5** Of course not 11. Qxd4?? because of Bc5. **11...Bc5 12.Nxd4 0-0 13.Be3 Rc8 14.Qd2 Bxd4 15.Bxd4 Nc5 16.c3 Ne4 17.Qe3**



Here, White is clearly better because of Black's bad bishop and White's space advantage on the kingside. **17...Rc7 18.Rf3 Re7 19.Raf1** Adding pressure. **19...f6 20.Bd3 Qe8 21.c4** Undermining the "strong" knight with no moves. **21...f5 22.gxf5 exf5 23.Bxe4 dxe4 24.Rg3 Re6 25.Rf2**



White starts his instructive "slow" win. The situation is very dangerous for Black. Any move of the rook on e6 is fatal because of e6 with a powerful attack to follow, and Black can do nothing to stop his demise. **25...g6 26.Rd2 Rf7 27.Rgg2 Rc7 28.b3 Rd7 29.Bc3 Rxd2 30.Rxd2** The first part of White's plan is completed. The d-file is permanently controlled by White. **30...Qe7 31.Qd4 Kf7 32.b4 a6 33.c5 b5 34.Qe3 Qc7 35.Rd6** The second part of my plan is complete. The white rook now has an outpost in Black's position. **35...Bc6 36.Qh3 h5 37.Qe3 Qe7 38.Be1 Qb7 39.Qb3 Qc8 40.Bh4 Bd7 41.Qd1 Bc6 42.Rd8** The third part of my plan is complete. My pieces flood into Black's fortress and the last part

of my plan can now commence. **42...Qc7 43.Qd4 Qb7 44.Rh8 Bd7 45.Kf2 Kg7 46.Bf6+ Kf7 47.Ke3 Qc7 48.Rh7+ Ke8 49.Qd2 Qc6 50.Rg7 a5 51.Qg2** After more than 25 moves, my plan is finally finished. It is really unbelievable that the position 25 moves ago directly led to this position, but it is hard to do something to stop White's plan. **51...Rxf6** This is forced. There is no other way to stop mate. **52.exf6 Qxf6 53.Qxg6+ Qxg6 54.Rxg6** My opponent played to checkmate, but the meaningful part of the game is over. This is one of the rare examples of a slow positional win in scholastic chess. These games provide great opportunities to learn. **1-0** If you liked this game, check out another of Daniel's games at: <http://main.uschess.org/content/view/9283/525> against Michael Brown (2103) from California.

The honors of the 2009 Elementary team champions went to **Mission San Jose Elementary** of California due to the hard work of **Hemang Jangle** (1737, 5 points), **Jerome Sun** (1864, 5 points), **James Kwok** (1814, 5 points), and **Armaan Kalyanpur** (1541, 5 points).

### K-5 CHAMPS

In the K-5 Championship section, there were co-champions but emerging on top by a few tiebreak points was **Mika Brattain** (1960) from Massachusetts over **Ford Nakagawa** (1549) from Hawaii. Here is how Mika elevated himself to the top:

**Mika Brattain (1960)**  
**Christopher Wu (1930)**  
**Semi-Slav, Botvinnik System (D44)**

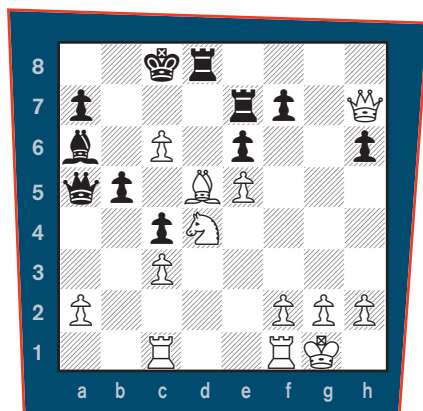
*SuperNationals IV (7), 04.05.2009*  
*Notes by Brattain*



After winning a very long sixth round, I was then paired with Christopher Wu



on board one for round seven. I had the white pieces and I needed a win in order to get first place. Christopher played the very sharp Botvinnik variation. I was able to penetrate into his position and convert for the win. **1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.e4 b5 7.e5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Nxg5 Nd5** Here, White can play 10. Nxf7 with a decent advantage. I chose not to play this to avoid early complications and Black counterplay. **10.Nf3** I played the quieter move which is still OK. **10...Qa5 11.Qd2** If 11. Qc2, then 11...Bb4 12. Rc1 Qxa2 snatches a pawn. **11...Bb4 12.Rc1 Bb7 13.Be2 c5 14.0-0 Nc6 14...Nd7** was better because it prevents my next move. **15.dxc5 Nce7 16.Qc2** 16. Bxe7 is better because after Black recaptures, White can place pressure on the d-file with Rfd1. **16...Bxc3 17.bxc3 0-0-0** Black's king is exposed and White can play against Black's bad bishop on b7. **18.Nd4** White is threatening c6 because Black's knight on e7 is pinned and White is also preparing Bf3 which would neutralize Black's bishop on b7. I think White has a substantial advantage here. **18...Rhg8 19.Bf3 Rd7 20.Bxe7 Rxe7 21.Qh7 Rd8 22.c6 Ba6 23.Bxd5**



In an open position, the bishop pair may usually be better, but in this case, my c3-pawn was under fire. Also, I will reach a good knight vs. bad bishop position with two pawns to my credit. **23...Rxd5 24.Qxh6** Note that both of my hanging pawns on a2 and e5 are indirectly defended. If 24...Qxa2 25. Qh8+, forking the king and e7 rook,

## The Hawaii Contingent



Ford and his older brother both had chances to win a title. Ford needed help on board one in the last round, plus he would need to win his game against Jackson Chen. His older brother Eldon was on board one in K-8 and had a chance to win the tournament, tie for the championship with a draw, or finish in the top five (which he did).

The Hawaii contingent travelled the farthest (i.e. most jetlagged) and also have less opportunities to play in rated tournaments. They did extremely well considering the distance traveled and their lack of tournament experience. It's a testament to their hard work and the hard work of their coaches and supporters. Meet the kids from Hawaii:

- **Robert Lau** (state high school champion): third in the K-12 Championship, 16th in the K-12 Blitz Championship
- **Tristan Kaonohi**, 18th in the K-9 Blitz Championship
- **Ford Nakagawa** (state elementary champion): fifth in the K-6 Blitz Championship, national co-champion in the K-5 Championship (second on tiebreaks)
- **Team Kamehameha** (state middle school team champions): **Tristan Kaonohi, Likeke Aipa, Jakob White, Nathaniel Brown, Lucas Beddow**, fourth team in the K-9 Blitz Championship
- **Lucas Beddow**, second unrated in the K-9 Blitz Championship, first unrated in the K-9 Championship
- **Eldon Nakagawa**, fifth in the K-8 Championship
- **Team Kamehameha: Tristan Kaonohi, Likeke Aipa, Nathaniel Brown, Jakob White**, fifth team in the K-9 Championship
- **Patrick Perry**, 34th in the K-1 Championship (on tiebreaks, tied for 20th)

while if ...Rxe5 25. Qf8+, forking the king and the other rook. **24...Re8 25.Qf6 Qc7 26.Rfe1 b4 27.Nf3 bxc3 28.Rxc3 Red8 29.Rcc1 Rc5 30.Ng5 Rxc6 31.Qxf7 Qxf7 32.Nxf7 Rd5 33.Nd6+ Kc7 34.f4** For the past 10 moves, things have been going well for White. This move leads to a line that simplifies. White trades his f4 and e5 pawns and his knight for a rook. **34...c3 35.f5 exf5 36.e6 Rxd6 37.e7 Re6 38.e8=Q Rxe8 39.Rxe8 c2 40.Re3** This move prevents ...Bd3 followed by ...Rb6 to b1, which would force White to move both rooks to the first rank. **40...Kb7 41.Rb3+ Kc7 42.Kf2 Kd6 43.Ke3 Ke5 44.Kd2** White is going to win

Black's c-pawn, and Black has no hope of counterplay now. **44...Rg6 45.g3 Rh6 46.h4 Bc4 47.Ra3 a6 48.Rxc2 Bb5 49.Rc5+ Kf6 50.Rxb5 axb5 51.Ra6+ Kg7 52.Rxh6 Kxh6 53.Ke3 b4 54.Kf4 Kg6 55.h5+ 1-0**

Ford Nakagawa started playing tournament chess a little over two years ago. He has been taking lessons from Reynolds Takata for about 1 1/2 years. He plays tennis competitively and also loves to play video games. This was his second tournament outside of Hawaii (the first was the 2008 National Elementary in Pittsburgh). Here is what brought Ford to be a leader in this section:

**Braden Barnett (1330)**  
**Ford Nakagawa (1549)**  
**French Defense (C00)**

*SuperNationals IV (1), 04.03. 2009*  
*Notes by Nakagawa*

**1.e4 e6 2.Nf3**  
**d5 3.exd5 exd5**  
**4.Qe2+ Be7**  
 My plan was to castle and put my rook across from his queen and king. **5.d4 Nf6 6.Bg5 0-0 7.g3 Re8 8.Nc3 Bb4** Pinning the knight. **9.Be3 Ne4** Add more pressure to the pinned piece. **10.Qd3 Bf5** Set up a discovery on the queen. **11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3**



**12...Nxc3 13.Qb5 Nxe4 14.Qxb7 Nd7 15.Qxd5 Be4 16.Qh5** Trade pieces when ahead in material. **16...Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Nxf2 18.Qxf2 Nf6 19.Kd1 Ng4 20.Qf3 Nxe3+ 21.Kd2 Nxf1+ 22.Rxf1 Qg5+ 23.Kd1 f6 24.Rf2 Rab8 0-1**

They say the cream rises to the top and **Stevenson Elementary** from Bellevue, Washington, did just that as they captured the K-5 team championship with help from **Jiayi Hu** (1355, 5 points), **Amith Vanmane** (1465, 5 points), **Daniel Hua** (1405, 4½ points), and **Mayhul Arora** (1066, 4½ points).

**ANOTHER TORNADO?**

The next tornado happened in the K-6 Under 1000 as Colton Van Dorpe (943) from Minnesota, devastated the

field as he took down seven players and left 11 players watching his first place finish.

**P.S. 166** from New York, showed everyone why they were the best as they became the K-6 Under 1000 team champions. **Christopher Mercado** (983, 5 points), **Atash Nassiri** (988, 5 points), **Lukas Hemmer** (978, 5 points), **Tyler Mandel** (876, 4 points), and **Roman Pinto** (932, 4 points) all made their school proud.

In the K-6 Unrated section, we had co-champions with **Kyler Weatherspoon** from Minnesota, and **Jia Kuang** from New York, drawing each other in the final round to share the top spot. Kyler took first place on tiebreaks.

Kyler helped his team's cause when **Capitol Hill** from St. Paul, Minnesota, took the K-6 team championship. Team members included **Weatherspoon** (6½ points), **Elias Hofrenning** (6 points), **Liam Tomson-Moylan** (6 points), and **Sidney Carson White** (6 points).

Two more little tornadoes swept through the K-5 Under 900 section and they were from the same team: **Nathan Chi-Hei Chou** (883) and **Nikolai Warner** (737) tore down all of their opponents as they won all seven of their games to become co-champions. Chou emerged in first place on tiebreaks.

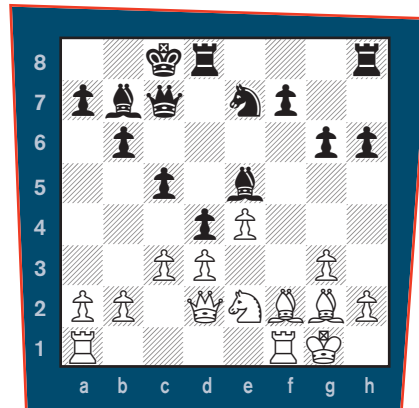
Do we have to say who took the team honors in the K-5 Under 900 section? When a school has individual players taking the top three spots, it is a fair guess to say that **Stevenson Elementary** from Bellevue, Washington, has bragging rights with other schools. Team members included **Chou** (7 points), **Warner** (7 points), **Faris Gulamali** (654, 6½ points), and **Alex Shang** (327, 5½ points).

The K-3 Championship section was complete destruction by another little tornado by the name of **Cameron Wheeler**. Cameron rolled along winning game after game no matter who was in his way. Here is one example of the damage that was produced:

**Cameron Wheeler (1699)**  
**Vignesh Panchanatham (1683)**  
**Closed Sicilian (B24)**

*SuperNationals IV (7), 04.05.2009*  
*Notes by Wheeler*

This was my seventh round game against my good friend Vignesh Panchanatham, also from Cupertino. Whoever won this game would be the national champion. **1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2 Nge7 5.f4 g6 6.d3 Bg7 7.Be3 b6** I want to develop my knight, castle, and build up a kingside attack, but my position is already worse. **8.Nge2 d5 9.Bf2 d4 10.Nb1** Now he is cramping my position. **10...Bb7 11.0-0 Qc7 12.Nd2 0-0-0** I wasn't expecting him to castle long, but I'm OK with it. **13.Nf3 e5 14.Qd2 h6 15.fxe5 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.c3**



I was trying to open up a file to his king, but better was a4 or b4. **17...f5??** Now I can open the c-file and win a pawn. **18.cxd4 Bxd4 19.Bxd4 cxd4 20.Rac1** Pin to win! **20...Bc6 21.exf5 gxf5 22.Bxc6 Nxc6 23.Rxf5 ??** Doh! Grabbing pawns. I missed 23.Rxc6 followed by 24.Rc1. **23...Qd7** Fortunately, he missed Kb7. **24.Rf6 Rde8 25.Rcxc6+ Kb7 26.Rxh6 Rhf8 27.Rcf6** Trying to get him to simplify the position. **27...Qg4** But he wants to keep it complicated. **28.Qf4** I missed 28.Rh7+. **28...Qg7 29.Rxf8 Rxf8 30.Qe4+ Ka6 31.Rh7 Qf6 32.Qf4 Qd8** Now I can pick up another pawn. **33.Qxd4 Qxd4+ 34.Nxd4** The queens are off the

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# The "Chesspunks"

by Rob Wheeler

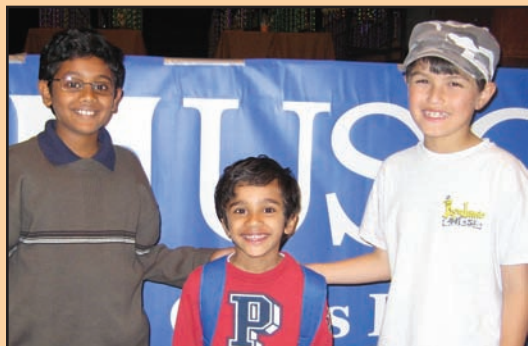
Cameron Wheeler is eight years old and in the third grade at Regnart Elementary School in Cupertino, California. Cupertino is located in the heart of the "Silicon Valley" just 50 miles south of San Francisco. While winning the championship is a story in itself, I think the more interesting story is the fact that he played his good friend Vignesh Panchanatham for the title. Vignesh is also from Cupertino, although they do not attend the same school.

Cameron and Vignesh don't have chess programs at their schools. Lacking the team camaraderie at tournaments that many kids enjoy, they (and other top kids in their situation) started hanging out together. The group became fast friends, sharing a love of chess. While they enjoyed each other's company, they also are all intensely competitive and push each other to get better. Eventually the group pulled together to compete on the Internet Chess Club as a team. The team, dubbed the "Chesspunks," contains top Bay Area chess stars: Tanuj Vasudeva (second grade), Wheeler (third grade), Panchanatham (third grade), Allan Beilin (fourth grade), Kesav Viswanadha (fourth grade), and Armaan Kalyanpur (fourth grade).

While many of the Chesspunks work regularly with local coaches, the parents of the 'punks have pooled our resources and brought in special guest coaches to lead intensive weekend long mini-camps. Recent weekend camps have been led by IM Andranik Matikozian and GM Yury Shulman. Cameron is a bit unique, in that

he has worked with a handful of coaches for brief periods of time, but has largely gone uncoached. He is stuck working with his "chess illiterate" father. I find the resources for Cameron to work with and he puts in the elbow grease. Cameron dines on a steady diet of tactics and he enjoys playing through master games as I read to him.

Coming to the SuperNationals, we knew that Cameron (#12 seed) and Vignesh (#6 seed) were real contenders for the title. Hanging out between early rounds, the two boys joked about meeting each other in the last round to decide the championship. While we all knew it was a possibility, it seemed like so many things would have to go exactly right for that to actually happen.



Round five brought Cameron's first real test, #4 seed Kadhira Andres Pillai. The long days and time change took their toll on the New York chess star and in the middlegame he faltered. Cameron emerged from that round knowing that the title was achievable. Vignesh was given the opportunity to get revenge on Amir Moazami, who beat Vignesh at the grade-level nationals in Houston. This time Amir was no match for Vignesh's attack, and the game ended in a stunning 14 moves! Two of the other top boards drew, and suddenly there were only three kids left with a perfect score.

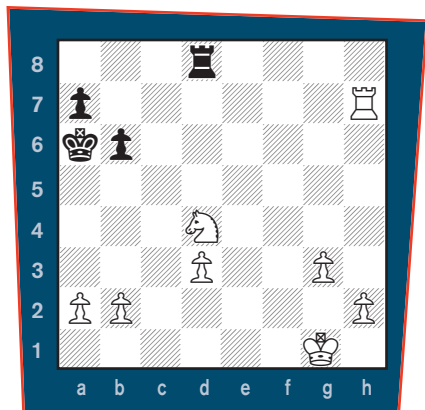
Late Saturday evening, the pairings went up. Vignesh had to play the only other five, Andrew Tang. Meanwhile Cameron had to play the tough #2 seed William Graif, who had beat Cameron just four months ago at the grade-level nationals in Orlando. This time it was Cameron's turn to prevail. When Vignesh exited the playing hall with a victory, we knew the two boys would meet for the final match.

Outside the hall, the boys joked about their upcoming game: 1. e4 e5 Draw! Then came the realization that they would have to play each other and one of them would become champion while the other would probably drop to four-sixth place. Both parents were concerned that the boys would have a hard time playing a serious game against each other, and just prior to the start of the round they were all smiles, kicking each other under the table. Once the round started, it was "Game On!" After 2½ hours, the two friends emerged from the playing hall. It was done.

If you look at the pictures on *Chess Life Online* (<http://main.uschess.org/content/view/9283/525>) taken by Jennifer Shahade immediately after the round, it is hard to tell who won the championship. Cameron was clearly excited, but he knew that Vignesh was disappointed. Those emotions are difficult for an eight year old to handle, but by the time the award ceremony began, the two were all smiles. All in all, it was a fantastic experience for both Cameron and Vignesh, and a great showing for Bay Area chess.



board, and Black has no attacking chances. **34...Rd8 ??**



Vignesh missed a tactic, letting me win a pawn and simplify the position further. **35.Rxa7+ Kxa7 36.Nc6+ Kb7 37.Nxd8+ Kc7 38.Ne6+ Kd7 39.Nf4 b5 40.d4 b4 41.d5 Kd6 42.h4 1-0**

The K-3 team championships was dominated by the **Half Day School** in Lincolnshire, Illinois. Helping out for the school were **Alex Bian** (1607, 6½ points), **James Wei** (1548, 6 points), **Conrad Oberhaus** (1598, 5½ points), and **Haoyang Yu** (1289, 4 points).

### MORE OF THE SAME (WEATHER)

The weather report was not looking good in the K-3 Under 800 section with three “little” tornadoes blasting down fortresses and taking control of rooks and crannys as well as ranks and files. **Brennan Harder** (476, first on tiebreaks) from Wisconsin; **Jef-frey Ding** (408, second on tiebreaks) from Washington; and **Tristan Sol-lecito** (787, third on tiebreaks) from New York, all went 7-0 to become co-champions.

The state of Washington must be doing something right as the **Ever-green School** proved that they are the best school in the K-3 Under 800 section. Helping his team’s cause was **Ding**, as well as teammates **Kanish Puri** (779, 6 points), **Jonas Kohn** (699, 5½ points), and **Nikita Filppov** (458, 4½ points).

The K-3 Unrated section saw **Shrinivas Venkatasubramani** from

Minnesota, come away with 6½ points to get clear first.

Just like the other sections, **Capitol Hill** from Minnesota, was helped by the K-3 Unrated champion as they took first place in the team competition with the combined scores of **Venkatasubramani**, **Lucas Carmichael-Tanaka** (5½ points), **Wilson Weatherspoon** (5 points), and **Riaz Kelly** (4½ points).

For a more complete listing of the prizes, see: <http://www.uschess.org/tournaments/2009/super/>.

### BLUE SKIES ...

Mike Nietman of the scholastic council who oversees the national scholastic events, summed it up nicely when he remarked, “The scholastic council is pleased with the recent SuperNationals tournament and congratulates all of the winners and participants. We are especially pleased at the high quality of the event which set a standard that will be hard to top. Event organizers Pat Knight and Jerry Nash did a superb job putting the event together and chief tournament director [TD] Franc Guadalupe’s staff quickly solved any and all problems. Thanks to everyone involved for a fantastic event!”

### AND STARRY, STARRY KNIGHTS!

As the tournament was getting organized, the list of invitees was getting bigger and bigger and better and better. It is not every day when you can meet a world champion or even a former world champion for that matter.

Former world champion GM Garry Kasparov, Astronaut Greg Chamitoff, and University of Texas at Dallas Vice President Curt Eley welcomed everyone there at the opening ceremony. Kasparov gave a very motivational speech in which he said, “**The ability to work hard is a talent too.**” And he also used the phrase, “the gravity of past success” to emphasize how important it is to create new challenges even when reaching your goals.

Astronaut Chamitoff, who graced the cover of the December 2008

*Chess Life for Kids* was also on hand to give a very stimulating lecture and also to see first-hand how his opponents from Stevenson Elementary did in the tournament and most assuredly he was very proud of them.

Other notables in attendance were U.S. Champion GM Yury Shulman, U.S. Women’s Champion Anna Zatonskih, GM Alex Stripunsky, World Women’s Champion Alexandra Kosteniuk, GM Maurice Ashley, and GM Alexander Shabalov who took on all comers in many simultaneous exhibitions. For those that wanted seminars to attend, there were Shulman’s “Chess Preparation Hard Work or Fun?,” Kosteniuk’s “Improve Your Play,” Steve Lipschultz’s presentation of the Think Like A King software, WGM Jennifer Shahade’s “Chess, Writing, and Art,” Ralph Bowman’s “Chess Coach Certification,” *Chess Life for Kids* columnist IM Larry D. Evans’ “Strategy and Tactics for Beginners; Advanced Strategy,” and a seminar with FM Aviv Friedman, IM Armen Ambartsoumian, FST Michael Khodarkovsky, WIM Beatriz Marinello, and GM Joel Benjamin on “Preparing for International Play.”

For those that still wanted more, there was a Parents’ and Friends (P&F) tournament. In this event, there was a special added feature whereby a parent or a coach could team up with a student in the main event and the first four scores of the student will be matched with the four scores from the P&F tournament. For even more events, Plunder Chess and Beyond Chess were on hand to show off their really fun chess board games. People had the opportunities to try out these exciting new additions to the chess scene. There were many interesting vendors as well including Chess Magnet School and booksellers Chess4Less and the Rochester Chess Center.

Another tournament concluded! With big and little tornadoes on the scene, this concludes our broadcast from the National Weather Service.



# Tournament Life Announcements

JUNE 15 THROUGH AUGUST 14

## Scholastic Members:

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

## Organizers and Tournament Directors:

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

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## NATIONALS

### June 13, Illinois

#### 2009 U.S. Game/15 Championship (QC)

65S, G/15. Joliet Jr. College, Bldg J, 1215 Houblot Rd., Joliet, IL 60431 (Park in J lot) \$1,600 b/80 paid entries, \$200-100, A,B,C,D,E/F each 130-80-50, unrated \$25 book prize, based on 4 per class. **EF:** \$30 if by June 9th, \$40 at site (over 60 \$5 discount EF), one half pt by max. **Reg:** 9:50am-10:50am. **Rds:** 11:00-11:45-12:30-2:15-3:00-3:45. **Checks Payable to:** Dennis R. Doyle, c/o JJC Chess Club, 536 Springwood Drive, Joliet, IL 60431. No phone or credit card entries, bring chess sets and clocks, none provided. Bring USCF id card to tournament. **NTD:** G.Panner. **E-mail questions only:** [ddoyle@jjc.edu](mailto:ddoyle@jjc.edu).

### July 10-12, Wisconsin

#### 2009 U.S. Junior Open Championship

Three sections based on age: **Under 21, Under 15, Under 11.** 55S, 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:** 35S G/30 (not rated) Saturday 10:30am, 2:15pm, 3:30pm. **Info/questions:** [ashish@vajachess.com](mailto:ashish@vajachess.com) or 414-234-1005, [abetaneli@hotmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.wscachess.org). **WCL JGP.**

### July 17-19 or 18-19, Florida

#### World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 20

#### 2009 U.S. Class Championships

55S, G/120 (2-Day Option, Rd 1, G/60), \$10,500 b/200 paid entries, 60% Guaranteed. Junior entries, all Class E, and Unrated Section count as 2/3. Free entry for GMs and IMs, deducted from winnings. Marriott Boca Raton, 1510 Town Circle, Boca Raton, FL 33486, [www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/pbibr-boca-raton-marriott-at-boca-center/](http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/pbibr-boca-raton-marriott-at-boca-center/). Free parking! **HR** \$109, 1-888-888-3780 Group Code: USUSCA. 8 Sections. Rated players may play up one class only. **MASTER** (2200/upt), **FIDE** Rated, \$1,000-500-300 (U2400: 400-200-100), **EXPERT** (2000-2199), \$800-400-200, **CLASS A** (1800-1999), \$800-400-200, **CLASS B** (1600-1799), \$800-400-200, **CLASS C** (1400-1599), \$800-400-200, **CLASS D** (1200-1399), \$800-400-200, **CLASS E** (U1200), \$300-200-100, **Unrated**, \$300-100. National Chess Champion title and plaques to each class winner. Tie-breaks: **MSCO.** EF: \$75 postmarked or on line by 7/10, \$85 after. **Special EF:** \$45 by 7/10 (**\$55** after) for all players in Class E, Unrated Section, and Junior U18 in Class C or D. No checks on site. **3-Day Schedule:** Registration Fri (7/17) 5-7pm. Rds. Fri 8pm, Sat 1pm & 6:30pm, Sun 9:30am & 2:30pm. **2-Day Schedule:** Registration Sat (7/18) 8-9am. Rds. Sat 10am, 1pm (merges with 3-Day Schedule) & 6:30pm, Sun 9:30am & 2:30pm. Byes for all rounds, must commit before end of Rd 2. **SIDE EVENTS: 5-min BLITZ,** Sat after Rd 3, 2 sections, entries will be split in Upper and Lower, \$10 EF on site, 75% returned in prizes; **SCHOLASTIC TOURNAMENT,** 55S, G/30, One day only, Sat 7/18, \$20 by 7/10, \$25 after. Sections: K-3, K-6, K-9, K-12. Prizes: Trophies to top 7 in each division. All scholastic players in this side event will receive a commemorative medal. **ENTRIES:** Mail to USCF, ATTN: 2009 US Class, P.O. Box 3967, Crossville, TN

38557. **Enter online:** <https://secure.uschess.org/webstore/tournaments.php>. Tournament website link at [uschess.org](http://uschess.org). **Info:** [figuadalupe@aol.com](mailto:figuadalupe@aol.com), (713) 530-7820. **WCL 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 TRADITIONAL 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. 95S, 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/upt, 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 7/29. By phone, \$140 by 5/15, \$160 by 7/29. At site, all \$180. **GMs free.** August official ratings used; unofficial ratings 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, P.O. Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557. **Online entry:** <https://secure.uschess.org/webstore/tournament.php>. **Phone entry:** 800-903-8723. Tournament website: [main.uschess.org/tournaments/2009/usopen/](http://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. Golf Tournament for US Open Chess Players:** morning of Thursday, Aug. 6th. Those eligible will be all US Open Chess Players, side event chess players, and delegates. Please contact Michael Wojcio for more details at, [chessgolfrnara@verizon.net](mailto:chessgolfrnara@verizon.net).

### Aug. 22, Illinois

#### World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 10

#### 2009 U.S. Game/60 Championship

4R-SS G/60 - \$5000 b/150 fully paid entries. Holiday Inn Chicago - North Shore. 5300 W Touhy Ave, Skokie, IL 60077 (see tournament website for directions). Free Parking. In 6 sections: **M/X:** \$500-300-200-100 Top U2400, U2300, U2200 each \$150, **Class A:** \$350-250-150-75, **Class B:** \$320-250-150-75, **Class C:** \$300-200-100-50, **Class D:** \$300-200-100-50, **Class E/F/U:** \$200-100-50-25, Unrated Prize - Book Prize Only. Unrated must play in M/X or Class E/F/U sections. Trophies for 1st - 3rd place, scholastic players with non-cash prize entry fee. \$10 extra to play 1 class up. **Entry Fee:** \$80 adult, \$40 scholastic (K-12), \$20 anyone but not eligible for cash prizes thru 6pm 8/21. Onsite \$100 adults, \$60 scholastic (K-12), \$20 anyone but not eligible for cash prizes. \$5 refund at tournament with proof of ICA membership (Scholastic entries count as 1/2 entry. No-cash prize entry does not count towards based on) - non-cash prize entry fee not eligible for any discounts. **SPECIAL COMBINED ENTRY FEES:** Discounted Entry fees available for registering for the US G/60 & US G/30 (\$5 off each tournament) - non-cash prize entry fee not eligible for any discounts. **SPECIAL OFFER FOR ILLINOIS OPEN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Enter either the US G/60 or US G/30 and receive a \$5 rebate for your early registration to the 2009 Illinois Open State Championships. For more information visit [www.chessforlife.com](http://www.chessforlife.com). **Mail payments (made payable to) and registration information to:** North American Chess Association, 2516 North Waukegan Road Suite 342, Glenview, IL 60025. Byes: One 1/2 pt bye allowed. Rd 4 bye must commit by start of Rd 2. Re-enter with 1/2pt bye in Rd 1 for \$50. Aug Supplement used. **Schedule:** **Reg:** 8:15am - 9:15am, **Rds** 10, 12:30, 3, 5:30. **Hotel rates:** \$99 + tax, 847-679-8900. Mention North American Chess Association rate. Reserve by 8/7 or as available only. **Car rental:** Hertz, 800-654-3131, Hertz CDP#178693. **BRING BOARDS, SETS, CLOCKS - NONE PROVIDED.** USCF membership required. **NS,NC,W. Information:** Sevan A. Muradian 888.80.CHESS or [info@nchess.org](mailto:info@nchess.org). For further information, online registration and payment please visit [www.nchess.org/g30](http://www.nchess.org/g30). Checkmate Chess Supply Co will be bookseller onsite. Support local Illinois Organizers.

### Aug. 23, Illinois

#### World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 6

#### 2009 U.S. Game/150 Championship

5R-SS G/30 - \$2500 b/150 fully paid entries. Holiday Inn Chicago - North Shore. 5300 W Touhy Ave, Skokie, IL 60077 (see tournament website for directions). Free Parking. In 6 sections: **M/X:** \$250-150-100-50 Top U2400, U2300, U2200 each \$75, **Class A:** \$175-125-75-40, **Class B:** \$175-125-75-40, **Class C:** \$150-100-50-25, **Class D:** \$150-100-50-25, **Class E/F/U:** \$100-50-25-25, Unrated Prize - Book Prize Only. Unrated must play in M/X or Class E/F/U sections. Trophies for 1st - 3rd place, scholastic players with non-cash prize entry fee. \$10 extra to play 1 class up. **Entry Fee:** \$60 adult, \$40 scholastic (K-12), \$20 anyone but not eligible for cash prizes thru 6pm 8/22. Onsite \$80 adults, \$60 scholastic (K-12), \$20 anyone but not eligible for cash prizes. \$5 refund at tournament with proof of ICA membership (Scholastic entries count as 1/2 entry. No-cash prize entry does not count towards based on) - non-cash prize entry fee not eligible for any discounts. **SPECIAL COMBINED ENTRY FEES:** Discounted Entry fees available for registering for the US G/60 & US G/30 (\$5 off each tournament) - non-cash prize entry fee not eligible for any discounts. **SPECIAL OFFER FOR ILLINOIS OPEN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Enter either the US G/60 or US G/30 and receive a \$5 rebate for your early registration to the 2009 Illinois Open State Championships. For more information visit [life.com. \*\*Mail payments \(made payable to\) and registration information to:\*\* North American Chess Association, 2516 North Waukegan Road Suite 342, Glenview, IL 60025. Byes: One 1/2 pt bye allowed. Rd 4 bye must commit by start of Rd 2. Re-enter with 1/2pt bye in Rd 1 for \\$50. August Supplement used. \*\*Schedule:\*\* \*\*Reg:\*\* 8:15am - 9:15am, \*\*Rds:\*\* 10, 12:30, 3, 5:30. \*\*Hotel rates:\*\* \\$99 + tax, 847-679-8900. Mention North American Chess Association rate. Reserve by 8/7 or as available only. \*\*Car rental:\*\* Hertz, 800-654-3131, Hertz CDP#178693. \*\*BRING BOARDS, SETS, CLOCKS - NONE PROVIDED.\*\* USCF membership required. \*\*NS,NC,W. Information:\*\* Sevan A. Muradian 888.80.CHESS or \[info@nchess.org\]\(mailto:info@nchess.org\). For further information, online registration and payment please visit \[www.nchess.org/g30\]\(http://www.nchess.org/g30\). Checkmate Chess Supply Co will be bookseller onsite. Support local Illinois Organizers.](http://www.chessfor-</a></p>
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### Sept. 5-7, Oklahoma

#### 1st U.S. Women's Open

\$51600 Gtd. plus class prizes based on entries. G/90(+30). 6-SS. Tulsa Best Western Trade Winds Central, 3141 E. Skelly Dr., Tulsa, OK 74105. (918)749-5561. **Prizes: \$1600 (Gtd):** 1st-\$800 + trophy + probable invitation to 2010 U.S. Women's Championship; 2nd-\$500, 3rd-\$300, class prizes as entries permit. **Eligibility:** Open to all female USCF members. **EF:** \$80 if rec'd by 8/30; \$90 at site. **Reg:** 9:00-10:15am. **Rds:** 10:30-3, 9-2, 9-2. Tiebreaks after round 6 if necessary. **Byes:** One 1/2-point bye available if req. by rd 3. **HR:** \$55, (800) 685-4564. Free wireless. **www.tradewindstulsa.com.** **Side Events:** Sat: Blitz Fischer-Random Pizza Bash. Sun: River Spirit Casino. **Info:** FKimBerry@AOL.com. Website: [www.geocities.com/okchessfestival](http://www.geocities.com/okchessfestival) **Adv Entry:** Cks payable to: Frank K. Berry, 402 S. Willis, Stillwater, OK 74074. **FIDE rated.** NS. W. **WCL JGP.**

### Nov. 20-22, Illinois

#### 2009 National Youth Action

95S, G/30. DoubleTree hotel, 1909 Spring Road, Oak Brook, Illinois, 60523. Tel: 1-630-472-6000 (1.800.222.TREE); \$89 single/double/triple/quad. **Four Sections** - K-3, K-6, K-9, K-12. **Entry Fee:** \$40 by 10/25/09 USPS (or \$40 on-line by 10/25, 6 pm); \$60 by 11/13/09 USPS (or \$60 on-line 10/25/09, after 6 pm - 11/13/09, 6 pm); \$75 USPS 11/13 - 11/17 (or \$75 on-line 11/13/09, 6:01 pm - 11/19, 6 pm); \$75 by 11/20/09 6 PM on site (on-site entries after 11/20/09 6 PM can not be guaranteed pairing for round 1, instead they may receive 1/2 point bye round 1). **Checks payable only to Chess Central. Awards:** Individual: 1st-20th Place in each section (K-3, K-6, K-9, K-12). **Class Awards:** 1st-3rd Place, K-3: U800, U600, U400, Unr. K-6: U1000, U800, U600, Unr. K-9: U1200, U1000, U800, Unr. K-12: U1400, U1200, U1000, Unr. **Teams:** 1st-10th Place in each section. **Special Sportsmanship trophy!** **Schedule:** Opening Ceremony Sat., Nov 21 at 9:30 am. Rds. 1-5 Sat., 10 am, 12 noon, 2 pm, 3:30 pm & 5 pm. Rds. 6-9 Sun., 10 am, 12 noon, 2 pm & 3:30 pm. **Side Events: Bughouse Tournament** - Fri, Nov 20, 6:30 pm. **EF** \$20 per team (\$10 for individuals and we help you create a team). On site registration only. Registration closes at 5 pm, Fri, Nov 20. One section only, K-12. **Bughouse Awards:** 1st-10th Place. **BLITZ Tournament** - Sat, Nov 21, K-6 & K-12. 6:30 pm, **EF** \$15 USPS/on-line by 10/25, 6 pm, \$20 USPS from 10/26 - 11/17; \$20 on-line 10/26, 6:01 pm - 11/19, 6pm; \$25 on site. Registration closes at 5 pm, Sat, Nov 21. **BLITZ Awards:** Individual: 1st-20th in each section. Team: 1st-10th in each section. **Awards Ceremony for Blitz and Bughouse:** Sun, 9 am. **NYA Awards Ceremony:** Sun, Nov 22, 5:30-7 pm. **Club Teams allowed!** Master simuls and analysis scheduled. **Hotel Info:** DoubleTree hotel, Oakbrook, IL (hotel registration code: NYA) [www.doubletreeoakbrook.com](http://www.doubletreeoakbrook.com), or [doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/CHIADT/NYA-20091120/index.html](mailto:doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/CHIADT/NYA-20091120/index.html) (630) 472-6020 or 630 472-6000 (1.800.222.TREE), HR single/double/triple/quad \$89. Enter on line (except Bughouse) at [nya2009.com](http://nya2009.com). **Checks payable only to Chess Central (no checks to USCF or Mike Zacate):** Mail registrations with name-contact info-grade-birthdate-team/school-uscf ID & exp.-address-city-zip-e-mail address-coach name & contact info to Mike Zacate (Please, no checks payable to Mike or USCF), 9401 Birch, Mokena, IL 60448. Updated info/Hotels/On-Line Entries: [nya2009.com](http://nya2009.com). \$10 service charge for on-site section/roster changes, and all refunds. Bookdealers scheduled.

## GRAND PRIX

### A State Championship Event!

#### June 20, Pennsylvania

#### World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 6

#### 2009 PA State Game/45 Championship

45S, G/45. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pitt., 5th & Bigelow, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. 3 Sections, \$5 (695G). **Championship:** **EF:** \$30 by 6/12, \$40 later. \$200-100, U2000 \$75, U1800 \$50. **Premier:** U1600. **EF:** \$25 by 6/12, \$35 later. \$90-60, U1400 \$50, U1200 \$40, U1000 \$30; Trophies to Top 2, Top 2 U1400, Top 2 U1200, Top 2 U1000. **Scholastic:** Grades K-12 U900. **EF:** \$15 by 6/12, \$25 later. Trophies to Top 7, 1-3 U600. **ALL:** Teams of 4 to 7 combined from all sections. Trophies 1st-2nd schools, clubs. **PSCF** \$5, **OSA.** Reg ends Novn. Rds: 12:30-2:15-4-6. **Ent/Info:** PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 25 Freepost St., Pittsburgh, PA 15223, 412-908-0286, [martinak\\_tom\\_m@hotmail.com](mailto:martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com). W.

### June 27-28, Texas

#### World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 15 (enhanced)

#### DFW FIDE Open IV

55S, G/90 with 30 second increment. Dallas Chess Club, 212 S Cottonwood Dr #A, Richardson, TX 75080. **One Section \$5500.** Open: This section is FIDE rated but uses USCF Rules. \$400-100-\$50. **EF:** \$50, Juniors (U19)/Senior/HCEP \$30, plus \$5 non-DCC membership fee if applicable. **Registration:** 9:45 - 10:15 am. **Rds.:** Sat 10:45 - 3:10 - 7:16. Sun 10:45-3:10. One bye allowed if requested before rd 2, withdrawals are not eligible for prizes. **Ent:** Dallas Chess Club, see address above. **Info:** 214-632-9000, [info@dallaschess.com](mailto:info@dallaschess.com) NS. NC. **FIDE. WCL JGP.**

### 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 Grand Prix* or [www.chesstour.com](http://www.chesstour.com).

### July 17-19 or 18-19, Florida

#### World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 20

#### 2009 U.S. Class Championships

See Nationals.

### A State Championship Event!

#### July 18, Pennsylvania

#### World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 6

# Tournament Life

## 2009 PA State Action Championship

5SS, G/30. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pitt., 5th & Bigelow, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. 2 Sections: **Championship:** EF: \$25 by 7/10, \$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 U900. EF: \$15 by 7/10, \$25 later. Trophies to Top 7, 1-3 U600. ALL: Trophies: 1-2 Schools, 1-2 Clubs. PSCF \$5, OSA. Reg ends Noon. Rds: 12:30-1:45-3:45-5:45. **Ent/Info:** PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 25 Freepost St., Pittsburgh, PA 15223. 412-908-0286 martinak\_tom\_m@hotmail.com. W

July 25-26, Texas

**World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 15 (enhanced)**  
**DFW FIDE Open V**

5SS, G/90 with 30 second increment. Dallas Chess Club, 212 S Cottonwood Dr #A, Richardson, TX 75080. **One Section \$\$\$50G. Open:** This section is FIDE rated but uses USCF Rules. \$400-\$100-\$50. **EF:** \$50, Juniors (U19)/Senior/Hcap \$30, plus \$5 non-DCC membership fee if applicable. **Registration:** 9:45 -10:15 am. **Rds.:** Sat 10:45 -3:10 -7:16, Sun 10:45-3:10. One Bye allowed if requested before rd 2, withdrawals are not eligible for prizes. **Ent:** Dallas Chess Club, see address above. **Info:** 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com NS. NC. FIDE. **WCL 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**  
See Nationals.

Aug. 22, Illinois

**World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 10**  
**2009 U.S. Game/60 Championship**  
See Nationals.

Aug. 23, Illinois

**World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 6**  
**2009 U.S. Game/30 Championship**  
See Nationals.

A State Championship Event!

Sept. 5-7 or 6-7, New Jersey

**World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 50 (enhanced)**  
**2009 New Jersey State Championship**

Somerset Ramada Inn, 60 Cottontail Lane, Somerset NJ, Exit 12 off I-287 (Weston Canal Road). **In 4 Sections: Open, Gold U1900 Silver U1600 & Booster U1300.** 6SS, TC: 40/2, SD/1, **Playing Schedules:** 3-day, 9/5-7, 2-day, 9/6-7. All prizes guaranteed. Open: \$500-400-300-200-200-200. Top Expert & Class A, \$100 each. U1900: \$500-300-200. Top B \$100. U1600: \$500-300-200. Top D \$100. U1300: \$500-300-200. Trophies: Top 3 each section. NJ Champion, Exp, A, B, D, E & Unc. New players may win first prize only in Open Section. **Early EF:** Open: \$71 / lower sections \$66. (Former NJ Champs, see below). Entry must be mailed by 9/01 or paid online by 9/04, Open \$85 /lower sections \$80 at site. All Reentries \$45, but can't be NJ Champ. Join at website [entryfeesrus.com](http://entryfeesrus.com) via PayPal. **Playing site Reg 3-day:** 9/05, 9am-11am. **Rds.** Sat. 12-7, Sun 11-6, Mon. 9-4. **Reg 2-day:** 9/06, 9am-10:30am, Round 1-3 (G/45) starts 11am then ASAP both schedules merge in Rd 4. **Byes:** 2 byes allowed, 1-5. Hotel Rates \$79 with free continental Breakfast. (732) 560-9880. Mention "NJ Chess" to receive this special hotel rate. **SPECIAL PRIZES** will be awarded by drawing to early online entries. **NOTICE-**Former NJ Champs get early EF of \$35. Late EF is \$70. Former NJ Champs for multiple yrs get early EF of \$1 (**ONE DOLLAR**). Late EF is \$70. No exceptions. Only early EF's get discount. **Ent:** Ken Thomas, 115 West Moore St., Hackettstown, NJ 07840. Make checks payable to NJSCF. **Info:** Ken, acn@goes.com or (908) 763-6468. Players and spectators, no ear covering allowed, especially cell phones attached to the ear. NS, No NC, W. NYC players will be shuttled to/from the Bound Brook Station. Call Ken's cell. 908-763-6468. **FIDE. WCL JGP.**

## REGIONAL

### Alabama

A State Championship Event!

June 20, Alabama Quick Chess Championship (QC)

5SS, G/25 with 1/d 3 (G/28), Forest Lake United Methodist Church - Community Center, 1711 4th Avenue, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401. **Prizes b/28 for Open & Rsvd combined. OPEN (1500+):** \$150-100-65. **RESERVE (U1500):** \$100-65-45. **EF:** \$25, if Postmarked by June 15, 2009. **Onsite Reg:** 8am - 9am. **Rds.:** 9:30-10:45-12:30-1:45-3. **Byes:** Rds 1-4; request before Rd 2. **SCHOLASTIC (U1000):** Trophies Top 3 Individuals. **EF:** \$10 by June 15, 2009; **Onsite Reg:** \$20. **ENT:** Freedom Chess Academy, PO Box 2356, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403-2356. **INFO:** Neil Dietsch n.dietsch@comcast.net or freedomchess.blogspot.com/ NS, NC, W, OSA,

### California Northern

June 20, July 18, BayAreaChess

San Jose, CA. Swiss in 4 sections u500, u800, u1100, 1100+. u800 sections 5SSxG/30 and 800-1399 sections 4SSxG/45. **EF:** Swiss \$33. **Email:** contact@bayareachess.com.

Aug. 21-23 or 22-23, Central California Open

See [ChessLifeGrandPrix.com](http://ChessLifeGrandPrix.com) or [www.chesstour.com](http://www.chesstour.com).

### California Southern

July 16-19, 17-19 or 18-19, 13th annual Pacific Coast Open

See [ChessLifeGrandPrix.com](http://ChessLifeGrandPrix.com) or [www.chesstour.com](http://www.chesstour.com).

### Connecticut

July 24-26 or 25-26, 14th Annual Bradley Open

See [ChessLifeGrandPrix.com](http://ChessLifeGrandPrix.com) or [www.chesstour.com](http://www.chesstour.com).

Aug. 7-9 or 8-9, 15th Annual Northeast Open

See [ChessLifeGrandPrix.com](http://ChessLifeGrandPrix.com) or [www.chesstour.com](http://www.chesstour.com).

Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 6th annual New England Scholastic Championships 7SS, G/45, Sheraton Hotel, 1 Bradley Airport (visible at airport entrance), Windser Locks, CT 06096 (I-91 Exit 40 to Rt 20). Free parking, free airport shuttle. Open to all K-12 students; New England titles and free entry prizes limited to players & teams from schools in CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, or VT. Team prizes based on top 4 scores from school combined. Teams of 2 or 3 players allowed, but are at a disadvantage. **In 4 sections:** High School (K-12), Middle School (K-8), Elementary (K-5), Primary (K-2). Players face only those in their section. **EF for USCF members:** HS \$38.75, Middle School \$38.50, Elem \$38.25, Primary \$38 if mailed by 10/31, all \$38 online at [chesstour.com](http://chesstour.com) by 11/4, \$50 at site. **EF for non-USCF members (fees include membership):** HS \$48.75, Middle School \$48.50, Elem \$48.25, Primary \$48 if mailed by 10/31, all \$48 online at [chesstour.com](http://chesstour.com) by 11/4, \$60 at site. Memberships include magazine for players scoring at least 3 pts. **Trophies** to top 10 players, top 7 teams, top 3 unrated in each section, top E, U1000, U800 (HS), U1000, U800, U600 (MS), U800, U600, U400 (Elem), U600, U400, U200 (Primary). Free entry in all Continental Chess Association Swiss tournaments until 5/31/10 to top New England player each section. **Late reg.** ends Sat 9 am, rds Sat 10-1-3-5:30 pm, Sun 9-11-1:30. Awards Sun 3:30 pm. Half point byes allowed rds 1-4 only, with at least 1 hour notice. **HR:** \$93-93, 860-627-5311, reserve by 10/17 or rate may increase. Car rental: 800-331-1600, use AWD D657633 or reserve car online through [chesstour.com](http://chesstour.com). **Ent:** Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. November ratings used. Questions: [www.chesstour.com](http://www.chesstour.com), 845-496-9658. Include school, grade, birth date, USCF ID, address of each player. Advance entries will be posted at [chesstour.com](http://chesstour.com).

### District of Columbia

Aug. 28-30 or 29-30, 41st annual Atlantic Open

See [ChessLife.com](http://ChessLife.com) or [www.chesstour.com](http://www.chesstour.com).

### Florida

July 17-19 or 18-19, 2009 U.S. Class Championships

**World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 20**

See Nationals.

July 31-Aug. 2 or Aug. 1-2, 17th Annual Southern Open

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June 13, 2009 U.S. Game/15 Championship (QC)

See Nationals.

July 17-19 or 18-19, 2nd annual Chicago Class Championships

See [ChessLife.com](http://ChessLife.com) or [www.chesstour.com](http://www.chesstour.com).

Aug. 22, 2009 U.S. Game/60 Championship

**World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 10**

See Nationals.

Aug. 23, 2009 U.S. Game/30 Championship

**World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 6**

See Nationals.

Oct. 9-11 or 10-11, 18th annual Midwest Class Championships

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Nov. 20-22, 2009 National Youth Action.

See Nationals.

### Indiana

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

**World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 300**

See Nationals.

### Massachusetts

Aug. 13-16, 14-16 or 15-16, 39th annual Continental Open

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### Mississippi

June 20, 2009 Annual Southern Mississippi Open & Scholastic

The Oprah Winfrey Boys & Girls Club of Kosciusko/Attala County, 500 Knox Rd., Kosciusko, MS. **Adult:** 4SS G/60 **EF:** \$35.00 by 6/13 \$50.00 on site. **Reg:** 8:30 A.M. 1st Rd. 9:30 A.M. Sect. Open, U1500, Prize fund \$250.00 ea. sect. 10 entries min. **Scholastic:** 5SS G/30 **EF:** \$15.00 by 6/13, \$20.00 on site. **Reg:** 9:30 A.M. Prizes Trophies & Medallions. **Info:** David Newell (662) 289-3953, dnewell276@aol.com. **EF Mail to:** The Boys & Girls Club of Kosciusko/Attala County, P.O. Box 187, Kosciusko, MS 39090.

### Missouri

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.

June 20, 2009 CCSCSL Super Team Championship

4SS, G/60, Chess Club & Scholastic Center, 4657 Maryland Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108. **EF:** \$75 for 3 person team, \$60 for 3 person team that are all annual members of club. MCA Membership Req'd from \$5. OSA. PF (b/15 teams): \$900: Championship Team: \$500. \$400 1st place team with aggregate rating below 4800. Trophy to top teams in each section. An unrated player will be considered 1100. No alternates. **Reg:** 9:30-10:20. **Rds:** 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:00. No 1/2 point byes allowed. **Ent:** 4657 Maryland Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108. 314-361-CHESS, info@saintlouischessclub.org.

July 18, Saint Louis Premiere & Amateur

5SS, G/60, two sections - Premiere and Amateur (U1600). Chess Club & Scholastic Center, 4657 Maryland Ave. St. Louis, MO 63108. **EF:** \$40, \$30 for annual members of the club. MCA Membership Req'd from \$5. OSA. PF (b/40): each section \$225-150-100-75-50 (1st - 5th). **Reg:** 9-9:50, **Rds:** 10, 12:15, 2:30, 4:30, 7. One 1/2 point bye if declared before round 1. **Ent:** 4657 Maryland Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108 314-361-CHESS, info@saintlouischessclub.org.

### New Jersey

Geller Quads - First Friday Every Month!

New Jersey Children's Chess School, 862 DeGraw Ave., Forest Hill (Newark), NJ 07104. Open to K-8. 3 RR, G/35. **Reg.:** 6PM. **Rds.:** 6:30-7:40-8:40PM. Chess classes in NJCSS meet every Friday 6:30-9PM. Chess camp "Geller Kids" meets July & August, day & overnight. Website: [www.kidsshesscamp.com](http://www.kidsshesscamp.com). Email: [chesscamp@hotmail.com](mailto:chesscamp@hotmail.com). Phone: 973-483-7927.

June 20, King's Chess Club Quads

Morning quads and afternoon quads, G/30, K-12, Bethlehem Church, 758 Route 10, Randolph, NJ 07869. **EF:** None. **Reg:** 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](mailto:rwm@fambright.com).

July 11, Garden State Scholastic

Prevention First, 1405 Route 35, Ocean, NJ 07712. **Primary:** open to K-3: 4 SS, G/30. Trophies to 1st-5th place; Medals to all others. **Scholastic Swiss:** open to K-12; 4 SS, G/30. Trophies to 1st - 5th place; **Scholastic Quads:** open to K-12 G/60 Quads. Trophies to 1st and 2nd each quad. **All EF:** \$15 if rec'd by 7/7, \$20 on site. **Reg.:** 9-9:45 am. **Rds.:** 10 and ASAP. **Info:** Hal Sprechman, 732 259-3881, [hsprechman@characterkings.org](mailto:hsprechman@characterkings.org). **Ent:** Please make checks payable to Character Kings and send to Hal Sprechman, PO Box 1511, Jackson, NJ 08527. Please indicate section.

July 19, Westfield Summer Scholastic

Westfield Y, 220 Clark Street, Westfield, N.J. 4 sections: k-12 full k Open, U1250, U750, unrated. **Open Section:** 3 SS game/45. Trophies to top five players in each section. Entrance fee: \$20, \$15 members at site \$30, \$25 members. Registration: 2-2:30 p.m. Rounds: 2:45 - 4:15 - 6:00. U 1250: 4 SS game/30. Trophies to top five players in each section. Entrance fee: \$20, \$15 members at site \$30, \$25 members. Registration: 2-2:30 p.m. Rounds: 2:45-4:00-5:15-6:30p.m. U 750: 4 SS game/30. Trophies to top five players in each section. Entrance fee: \$20, \$15 members. Registration: 2-2:30 p.m. Rounds: 2:45-4:00-5:15-6:30 p.m. Tiebreaks for trophies. **Unrated section:** k-2, 3-5, 6-12. \$5 registration, 2-2:30 p.m. Gold medal to first, Silver medal to second, Bronze medal to third. Registration: 2-2:30 p.m. Rounds: 2:45-4:00-5:15 p.m. Todd Lunna, 732-946-7379, [lunnaco@aol.com](mailto:lunnaco@aol.com), [www.westfieldchessclub.com](http://www.westfieldchessclub.com). **Send advance entries to:** Todd Lunna, 36 Maple Drive, Colts Neck, New Jersey 07722, by July 16.

Aug. 1, ATKM 1st Saturday Kids G/30 Swiss (K-8)

For info, and registration, go to [www.YourChessSet.com/KidsSwiss](http://www.YourChessSet.com/KidsSwiss). For more info e-mail Stephen at [cs@ATKMchessSets.com](mailto:cs@ATKMchessSets.com) or call 856-582-8222.

Aug. 1, Garden State Scholastic

Prevention First, 1405 Route 35, Ocean, NJ 07712. **Primary:** open to K-3: 4 SS, G/30. Trophies to 1st-5th place; Medals to all others. **Scholastic Swiss:** open to K-12; 4 SS, G/30. Trophies to 1st - 5th place; **Scholastic Quads:** open to K-12 G/60 Quads. Trophies to 1st and 2nd each quad. **All EF:** \$15 if rec'd by 7/25, \$20 on site. **Reg.:** 9-9:45 am. **Rds.:** 10 and ASAP. **Info:** Hal Sprechman, 732 259-3881, [hsprechman@characterkings.org](mailto:hsprechman@characterkings.org). **Ent:** Please make checks payable to Character Kings and send to Hal Sprechman, PO Box 1511, Jackson, NJ 08527. Please indicate section.

A State Championship Event!

Sept. 5, New Jersey U1300 K-8 State Championship

Somerset Ramada Inn, 60 Cottontail Lane, Somerset, Exit 12 off I-287 at Weston Canal Road. (732) 560-9880, Fax (732) 356-7455. In three rated & one unrated Section. **Hot Shots:** U1300, **Check Mates:** U900 & **Rising Stars:** U500 & **Chess Bandits:** Unrated/Beginner event. (note-U200 may play in) **All Sections:** 5-SS, G/30, GSS 100 to winner each section plus Trophies to Top 10, Others get choice of chess medallions or grab bag prizes. **Registration:** Saturday 9/05, 11am-12pm. **Rounds:** 12:30pm, then ASAP with lunch break after round #2. **EF:** \$25 if mailed by 9/1 or paid online by 9/4 on website [EntryFeesRus.com](http://EntryFeesRus.com), \$35 at site. **Early EF: Special Combined EF:** Pay \$69 for both Saturday K-8 and NJ Open (2-day) Sunday and Monday. Not available at site. Half-point bye allowed in rounds 1-4 if requested with EF: August Rating supplement used. **Mail entries to:** Ken Thomas, 115 West Moore Street, Hackettstown, NJ 07840-2233. Checks payable to NJSCF. Indicate section desired and your grade level. **Information:** Call 908-763-6468 or [acn@goes.com](mailto:acn@goes.com). NS NC W.

Sept. 5-7 or 6-7, 2009 New Jersey State Championship

See Grand Prix.

### New York

June 13-14 or 14, 14th Annual New York Junior Championship

(Out-Of-State Players Welcome)! 5-SS, G/90, open to all born after 6/1/89 from any state, beautifully renovated, well-lighted 3rd floor, New Yorker Hotel, 481 8th St at 34th St., across from Penn Station, NYC. \$5 prize fund b/150 total paid entries, minimum half each prize Gtd. 3 sections. **Open:** \$5 400-200-120, top U2000 \$110, U1800 \$100. **Under 1600:** \$3 300-150-110, top U1400

\$100, \$100 limit to Unr. **Under 1200**, \$\$ 300-150-110, top U1000 \$100, \$50 limit to unr, plaques to top 2 each grade, K-4 (OK to win both plaque & trophy). **All**, trophies to top 5 each section, free entry to all Chess Center tmts. **except quads** thru 9/1/09 to top 3 each section. 2 playing options: **2-day schedule**, reg. ends Sat 9:30 am, rds. Sat 10 am-1:30-4:30 pm, Sun 1:30-4:30 pm. **1-day schedule**, reg. ends Sun 8:30 am, rds. Sun 9-10:30 am-12-1:30-4:30 pm (rds. 1-3 of 1-day schedule only are G/30); both merge for rd. 4. **Mail entry fee**, 2-day \$58, 1-day \$57 if postmarked by 6/5, all \$65 at site, mail checks by 6/5 payable to: **Chess Center of NY**, PO Box 4615, New Windsor, NY 12553. List name, address, USCF ID, June rating, grade, birthday, section, schedule. **Phone entries**: \$60 thru 6/10. **Questions**, [chesscenter@aol.com](mailto:chesscenter@aol.com) or **845-569-9969** (credit card phone entries: **406-896-2191**, entries only, no questions). **Online entries**, \$56 thru 6/10: [www.chesscenter.cc](http://www.chesscenter.cc) (no mail after 6/5, no phone or online entries after 6/10). \$10 charge for refunds. All entries \$65 at site (specified Greater NY Scholastic prizewinners free). Limit 2 byes, commit before rd. 2. Re-entry: \$30, counts half. **HR**: 212-971-0101. **Bring sets, clocks, boards—none supplied!** W. WCL JGP.

**June 14, SAR Academy Chess Championship IV**  
4-SS, G/30. 655 W. 254 St., Bronx (RIVERDALE), NY. 4 SECTIONS. **K-1** (grades K-1 only) U1000. **PRIMARY** (grades 4/below) U1100. **UNRATED NOVICE** (grades 2-5 only) U500. **OPEN** (grades 12/below). **AWARDS**: Trophies to top 15 in each section. Top U300 K-1, U400 Novice, U600 Primary, U800 Open. **Special Prizes**: Engraved digital chess clocks to Top Player in each section, all 4-0 scores & Top Unrated in Open Section. Engraved plaque to top UNR player in each section. High Scorer trophy to all who score 2 and do not get into top 15. Engraved medals to all others. **Team Prizes**: Trophies to top 4 teams in each section. Engraved digital chess clock to Top Team in each section. (Team score created by adding top 4 scores from same school). **EARLY EF**: \$39 if received (postmarked by June 8). **LATE EF**: \$45 Phoned, faxed or online thereafter until June 12, 7pm. **Onsite EF**: \$55. **Reg.** 9-9:30. **Rds**: All 10-11:30-12:45-2. Late en-

trants may not be paired for the first round. **Mail Entries**: and make check payable to Tri-State Chess, 1675 York Ave. #2M, N.Y., N.Y. 10128 Phone: (718) 645-5896 Fax: (718) 535-7896 Online Entry: [www.TriStateChess.com](http://www.TriStateChess.com).

**Sept. 4-7, 5-7 or 6-7, 131st annual NY State Championship**  
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## North Carolina

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## Ohio

**Nov. 13-15 or 14-15, 18th Annual Kings Island Open**  
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## Oklahoma

**Sept. 5-7, 1st U.S. Women's Open**  
See Nationals.

## Pennsylvania

**June 20, 2009 PA State Game/45 Championship**

See Grand Prix.

**June 27-28, World Open Girls Championship**  
See *Chess Life* Pennsylvania or [www.chesstour.com](http://www.chesstour.com).

**June 27-28, World Open Under 13 Championship**  
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**July 1-5, 2-5, 3-5 or June 29-July 5, 37th Annual World Open**  
See *Chess Life* Grand Prix or [www.chesstour.com](http://www.chesstour.com).

**July 18, 2009 PA State Action Championship**  
See Grand Prix.

## Texas

**June 27-28, DFW FIDE Open IV**  
See Grand Prix.

**July 25-26, DFW FIDE Open V**  
See Grand Prix.

## Vermont

**July 31-Aug. 2 or Aug. 1-2, 20th annual Vermont Resort Open**  
See *Chess Life* Grand Prix or [www.chesstour.com](http://www.chesstour.com).

## Wisconsin

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

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