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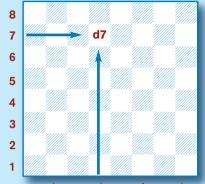
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HOW TO Read & Write Chess

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

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



The pieces are abbreviated **a b c d e f g h** by a capital letter, like this:

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

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

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

on (3. dxe5).

Other moves are castling kingside, 7 which is written 0-0, and castling queenside, which is written 0-0-0. An *en passant* capture is indicated by *e.p.* after the move. A check is indicated by + after the move, and pawn promotion is indicated by adding () and the abbreviation for the piece the pawn promotes to. Ambiguous moves (where more than one piece or pawn can move to

the destination square) are taken care of 8 by putting an extra rank or file in to make 7 it clear which piece or pawn moved.

Here is a sample, using the famous 5 smothered mate trap from the 4 Budapest Defense. 3

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

6. Nbd2 Qe7 7. a3 (diagram B)

7. ... Ncxe5 8. Bxe5 Nxe5 9. axb4 Nd3 checkmate. (diagram C)

x: take or capture #: checkmate 5
0-0: kingside castle (): promotion 4
0-0-0: queenside castle !: good move 3
+: check ?: bad move 2
??: blunder







ON THE COVER

The Usdan Center for the Creative and Performing Arts (Wheatley Heights, Long Island) just completed its 42nd season, and through the years has introduced over 50,000 children to the performing arts—dance, theater, writing, music, art—and chess!

They capped off their summer program with a USCF-rated Chess Challenge on October 4th, drawing 63 players to their new Maurice Hexter Chess Center located on their 200-acre woodland campus near Huntington, Long Island.

Joel Salman and Brian Karen directed the event which crowned four champions: Brian Dobosh (HS), Alexander Pakh (JHS), Arjun Panickssery (Elementary), and David Kogan (Primary), all of whom were undefeated.

And the event provided some great photo opportunities, as witnessed by our cover photo! For more information about Usdan, check out their web site: www.usdan.com.

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TALES OF THE Arabian KNIGHTS

BY RICK KENNEDY Illustrations by Pamela Key



The Surprise

The King settled comfortably, and she began her tale...

There once was a wise and powerful King, whose people knew

him to be a fair and caring ruler.

The King nodded.

The King had a gifted child who he loved dearly. For many years she had asked...

It **would** be a **daughter**, the King mumbled.

...her father if he would teach her how to play chess, for his skill at the royal game was known throughout the lands.

"My dear," he would say, "You are too young. Maybe another time, when you are older." So it went, year after year.

One sunny spring day, however, the King called his daughter to his side. "Your birthday will arrive in a week," he said. "As a gift, on one of the days between now and then, I shall surprise you and teach you how to play chess."

The King expected his "gift" to be met with glee, but instead, his daughter became sad and crestfallen and she retired quickly to her room. The King was deeply puzzled.

By herself, the princess then lamented, "If we arrive at the day before my birthday, and Father has not yet taught me chess, then he will hardly do so on that day, as then it would not be a surprise.

"Yet, if the day two days before my birthday arrives," she continued, "and Father has not showed me the moves of the game, again he will not teach me that day, either, for it, too, would not be a surprise.

"Three days before my birthday? The same problem, not learning either tactics or strategies.

"Four days before? The problem again...Five days? Six days? Arrrgggghhhhh!" she held her head in her hand and cried bitter tears.

That is indeed puzzling, said the King. Is that how the story ends? Does the little girl never learn to play chess?

Oh, Your Majesty, she said, that is not the end. One day during the week before the princess' birthday, the King taught her how to play chess.

And that must have surprised her, indeed, said the King.

Yes, it did, she said.











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Fred Gallimore

Enfield, Connecticut

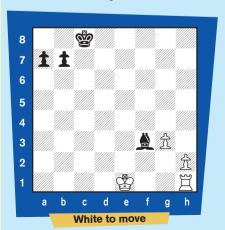
Ever since a friend showed me how to play it has become my passion to master this game. I try to stick to the principles outlined in your book *The Ten Most Common Chess Mistakes* such as developing knights before bishops and not moving the same piece twice in the opening. I also remember reading somewhere that a player should pursue "plans" consistent with the "demands of the position." Can you help me to improve my vision, finding a plan, and how to read the board correctly?

CASTLING DISPUTE

Lazarus Alemany

Indiantown, Pennsylvania

Black's last move was 1...Bf3. My friends and I debated whether White can castle in this position. Finally, how can we obtain an official rule book to settle these disputes?



That's a tall order. Numerous books deal with this question and there are still no pat answers.

Briefly, your first plan should be to avoid making a mistake or doing something stupid like leaving a piece en prise. Each time your opponent makes a move STOP. Sit on your hands. Ask yourself why he made that move and whether it contains a threat. Last but not least, in order to determine your strong and weak points write down your moves and save all your scoresheets to review them in the future with a master or stronger player.

Actor Will Smith, interviewed in a national magazine (December 2001) demonstrated his determination to improve: "My father taught me how to play chess when I was seven, and rarely do I run into somebody who beats me. On Enemy Of The State this old dude beat me bad. The next day I found a chess master to train me for the next three months so I could beat that dude before the movie was over. I did beat him."

If you have a question for GM Evans, e-mail it to gpetersen@uschess.org

Since White's king isn't passing through or out of check, then castling is legal IF NEITHER THE KING NOR ROOK HAS MOVED PREVIOUSLY.

USCF Official Rules of Chess, 5th Edition (Paperback 2003) can be purchased from the USCF (1-800-388-5464).

PETROV'S DEFENSE

Arlo Detmer

Munster, Indiana

When a game begins 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 many players respond 3. Nc3. Instead, why not trade pawns? Is it because White is hoping to get into a four knights game?



A: It's strictly a matter of style and personal preference. In grandmaster chess, the Petrov Defense is considered a solid way to minimize White's initiative. Another good move is 3. d4.

Keep in mind that White can virtually force a draw in an equal endgame by swapping queens after 3. Nxe5 d6 (not 3...Nxe4? 4. Qe2 d5 5. d3) 4. Nf3 Nxe4 5. Qe2 Qe7 6. d3 Nf6 7. Qxe7+ Bxe7.

PSST ··· Got a good game you've played recently? Why not share it with the rest of us?

Send it to gpetersen@uschess.org, along with your thoughts about the game, and we'll try to squeeze it in.



^e Chess Detective

by NM Todd Bardwick

PIGS ON THE 7TH RANK

A pig is chess slang for a rook. A rook on the 7th rank is often referred to as a pig on the 7th because pigs like to eat and there are often tasty pawns to gobble up when the

rook arrives there.

Comparing piece activity and material, an active rook on the 7th rank is generally considered to be equal to a pawn in material.

Of course, if one pig on the 7th rank is good, two is even better! Getting both pigs to the 7th usually is enough to win the game quickly as checkmate threats come into play.

Andy Rea (2123)



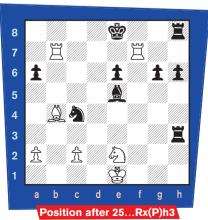
Mikhail Ponomarev (2225)

Here is a position from the 2001 Colorado Closed where Black forces the second rook to the seventh by playing 38...Nc2 39.Nxc2 Rcxc2 The pigs are on the 7th and Black threatens the q2-pawn with mate to follow. 40.Rg1 Nd2 Threatening 41...Nf3+, forking the king and rook. 41.Kh1 Nf3 Forcing the rook to

move. 42.gxf3? leads to 42...Rh2 mate! 42.Rgf1 Nh4 Piling up on the g2-pawn. 43.Rfe1 43.g3? invites 43...Rh2+ 44.Kg1 Rcg2 mate. 43...Nxg2 Converting the piece activity advantage into a material advantage. It is never too late to make a mistake: 43...Rxg2? brings White's rook to life and loses to 44.Re8+ Kg7 45.Bf8+ Kg8 46.Bh6 mate or 45...Kf6 46.Be7+ skewering the king and knight. 44.Rxe2 White is now behind in material and doesn't want to trade, but Black's rooks on the 7th are iust too powerful. 44...Rxe2 45.Bd6 Re1+ Trading in his last, active pig on the 7th for an easily winning endgame. 46.Rxe1 Nxe1 47.Kg1 f6 48.Kf2 Nd3+ 49.Ke2 Nb2 50.a5 Kf7 51.Bc7 Ke6 52.Ke3 Kd7 53.Bb8 Nc4+ 54.Kd4 Nxa5 55.Kc5 Ke6 56.Kb6 Nb3 and Black went on to win after gobbling up the rest of White's pawns.

Here is a position from the 1994 Moscow Olympiad where White already has his pigs on the 7th rank.

Garry Kasparov



Veselin Topalov

Black is ahead two pawns, but this is no match for White's active rooks. White then plays 26.Nd4! Re3+ 26...Bxd4 allows 27.Rfe7+ Kd8 28.Rb8 mate or ...Kf8 28.Rb8 mate. 27.Kf1 Re4 28.Rfe7+, Black resigned. 28...Kf8 29.Nxe6+ Kg8 30.Rg7+ Bxg7 31.Rxg7 mate or 28...Kd8 29.Nc6+ Kc8 30.Na7+ Kd8 31.Rbd7 mate.

Now see if you can figure out White's best move from this game that took place in the 1993 Biel Interzonal.

Ilya Smirin



Jeroen Piket

To get the second pig to the 7th rank, White sacrifices his queen with 31.Qxd7! Rxd7 32.Rxd7 Rd8 33.Re7 Of course, White doesn't want to trade off his active rook. 33...Be2 34.Nxe5 Qa2 35.Rcc7 Bringing the second pig to the 7th and creating mating threats. 35...Rg8 36.Ne8, Black resigned. Black threatens ... Nxg7 and various mating ideas to follow.

2009 World Chass Live Junior Grand Prix Standings



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ST PTS EV

ST=State PTS=Points EV=Events

This unofficial list is based on USCF records and TD reports as of Wednesday, November 4, 18:33:02 CST 2009. There are 4,794 players with JGP points. 402 JGP-eligible events resulted in points earned. Overall leaders will not be eligible for state leader prizes. **Note:** In the state by state standings shown below, a state will only be shown if someone from that state has earned JGP points.

Top 20 Overall Standings

| NAME | ST | PTS | EV |
|-----------------------|----|-----|----|
| WINTER, CURTIS A | MD | 245 | 16 |
| DOMMALAPATI, ABHINAY | VA | 240 | 21 |
| MIZUSHIMA, DEREK | MD | 175 | 14 |
| PISANI, NICHOLAS | WA | 170 | 8 |
| TROFF, KAYDEN W | UT | 170 | 12 |
| SREENIVASAN, RAMANUJA | MD | 160 | 15 |
| HUANG, WINSTON | MA | 160 | 14 |
| RAJASEKARAN, VIKAS | VA | 155 | 8 |
| PISANI, PAUL | WA | 145 | 10 |
| ATTANAGODA,ISURU A | VA | 140 | 10 |
| CHEN, JEREMY | NJ | 140 | 8 |
| RICHMAN, JONATHAN T | NY | 135 | 7 |
| HARMON-VELLOTTI, LUKE | ID | 135 | 10 |
| SHETTY, ATULYA ARYA | MI | 130 | 7 |
| MARUPUDI, PRANAV | NJ | 130 | 9 |
| KARAMSETTY, JEEVAN | VA | 130 | 11 |
| QU, CHEN | NY | 125 | 7 |
| FU, JASON | TN | 125 | 8 |
| GURCZAK, JOHN | ΑZ | 125 | 9 |
| HUGHES, JOHN LODGER | ОН | 125 | 5 |
| SINGH, REVA SHREE | NY | 125 | 10 |
| DING, JIALIN | MO | 125 | 5 |
| JOHNSTON, DANIEL F | NY | 125 | 5 |

BW

Abhiney Dommalapati, top Scholastic member, continues to vie for 1st place ...

State Leaders

NAME

| NAME | SI | PIS | EV |
|------------------------|------|-----|----|
| PARSHALL, MATTHEW | AK | 30 | 2 |
| NELSON, KEVIN J | ΑL | 40 | 1 |
| GUNN, GEORGE HAYDEN | ΑL | 40 | 1 |
| MAJERLE, ADRIAN J | ΑL | 40 | 2 |
| HELLWIG, LUKE | ΑL | 40 | 4 |
| PETERSON, ERIC | ΑL | 40 | 1 |
| CRAIG, ROBERT S | AR | 60 | 2 |
| PERSHAD, YASH | ΑZ | 70 | 5 |
| KUMAR, ADITYA | CA-N | 95 | 8 |
| POLSKY, RYAN | CA-S | 90 | 7 |
| SPANN, NABIL J | CO | 50 | 2 |
| TANENBAUM, ZACHARY C | CT | 100 | 7 |
| HAUGE, DAVID RICHEY | DC | 30 | 3 |
| D'SOUZA, DEAN | DE | 45 | 3 |
| DALY, TROY | FL | 90 | 4 |
| MILLER, GEORGE DAVIS | GA | 70 | 5 |
| PUNYALA, AMITH | GA | 70 | 3 |
| PERRY, PATRICK F | HI | 50 | 1 |
| NAKAGAWA, ELDON M | HI | 50 | 1 |
| IYER, VENKAT | IA | 95 | 7 |
| HARMON-VELLOTTI, CARL | ID | 85 | 7 |
| CAO, MINDI | IL | 95 | 5 |
| KOGEN, JONATHAN S | IL | 95 | 6 |
| SWAN, CHARLES | IL | 95 | 2 |
| MANCHANDA, SAMEER | IN | 90 | 4 |
| LATHAM, ANDREW | KS | 110 | 11 |
| BAGLEY, TAYLOR MICAJAH | KY | 55 | 4 |
| CHADHA, SIMARPREET | LA | 70 | 4 |
| ANGERMEIER, DANNY | MA | 85 | 4 |
| MOORTHY, SRINIVAS R | MD | 85 | 6 |
| YANG, CHARLES | MD | 85 | 6 |
| REALE-HATEM, MATTHEW | ME | 55 | 2 |
| VIRKUD, APURVA | MI | 120 | 5 |
| ZANG, KEVIN | MN | 65 | 3 |
| ZHOU, JASON | MO | 115 | 6 |
| GOLDMAN, ADAM | MS | 40 | 1 |
| MADDOX, CONNER | MS | 40 | 1 |
| BIERNACKI, JOSEPH W | NC | 80 | 5 |
| SWANN, JOSEPH CARSON | NC | 80 | 5 |
| HIGH, DAVID L | NC | 80 | 4 |
| KOPPINGER, MATTHEW | ND | 10 | 1 |
| SELVARAJ, JASON | NE | 35 | 2 |
| MA, KEVIN | NH | 30 | 2 |
| MORAN, HARRISON M | NH | 30 | 3 |
| MCVAY, KIERNAN R | NJ | 100 | 5 |
| | | | |

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|------------------------|------|-----|----|
| KUMAR, ARAVIND | NJ | 100 | 7 |
| SERNA, JEFFREY MICHAEL | NM | 95 | 5 |
| THOMAS, MICHAEL EVAN | NV | 25 | 1 |
| JACOBS, CASEY | NY | 120 | 11 |
| ZHUANG, RUIZE | ОН | 80 | 5 |
| HILTON, JONATHAN | ОН | 80 | 9 |
| HUGHES, DEVIN L | OK | 80 | 5 |
| PARNON, CALVIN JAY | OR | 65 | 3 |
| KELLY, JACOB | PA | 85 | 5 |
| FISHER, WILLIAM | PA | 85 | 9 |
| FINNEY, STUART S | RI | 70 | 5 |
| TEMPLETON, ZACHARY | SC | 60 | 4 |
| STORMENT, EZRA LEE | SD | 20 | 1 |
| MARIKLE, JOSEPH WALTER | SD | 20 | 1 |
| VAZQUEZ, RAUL | TERR | 25 | 1 |
| BOEGER, REED ALLEN | TN | 60 | 3 |
| ESPERICUETA, ELIAS | TX | 65 | 2 |
| WANG, ANDY | TX | 65 | 2 |
| UNRUH, DAVIS | UT | 55 | 1 |
| WANG, JOIE | VA | 85 | 5 |
| KATZ, GABRIEL | VT | 65 | 5 |
| DING, JEFFREY | WA | 70 | 1 |
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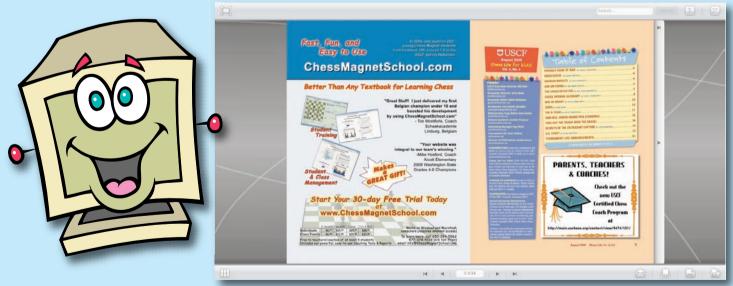


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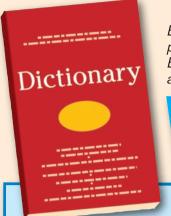
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Don't stick your finger in the hole



At least that's what my mother used to tell me whenever I ripped my shirt or pants. But that's exactly what we are asking you to do when we talk about **LEVERS**. Use your pawns (much like a crowbar or pry-bar) to make the hole in your opponent's position BIGGER. You may want to read this article with a parent, coach, or teacher—or have a good dictionary handy. The idea is big, but some of the words are bigger!

An Important Way to Improve Your Chess

By Dr. Danny Kopec, IM

The idea of our book

Test, Evaluate and Improve Your Chess: A Knowledge-Based Approach (2nd edition, USCF Publications, 2003, 311 pages co-authored with Hal Terrie, edited by Glenn Petersen) is to provide you with the ability to systematically study your chess strengths and weaknesses.

It is the authors' belief that with this ability, and if you do this diligently and honestly, you will improve based on

the knowledge provided by
the solutions. You
can do this privately (or in a
group) but the key
is that you must be
willing to be introspective, self-critical
and be prepared to
extend your knowledge.
The same thing, I
believe happened to me

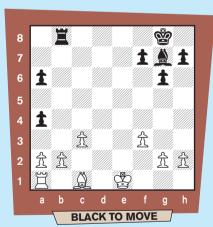
when I read the wonderful book by Vlastimil Hort and Vlastimil Jansa, *The Best Move* (translated to English by RHM Press, now out-of-print).

From studying the positions and their solutions presented as morals (Hortisms and Jansaisms) on the back of every one of over 200 diagrams, I learned a lot.

However there is a big difference in our book in that every position is selected with the goal of fulfilling a particular position category. For example, positions would be selected to exemplify particular tactical motifs such as overload, decoy, pin, double-attack, etc., as well as for the particular positional motif being tested. There are six tests covering openings, middlegames, and endgames with these ideas covered as well as motifs that are particular to each phase.

The main point is the belief that the more you know (the more knowledge you have) the better you'll play. Some examples focused on a particular motif follow:

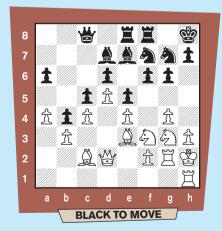
(1) The Powerful Lever [Kopec, Danny]



Here is a position I have designed just for you. It is an endgame and Black is down a pawn. Furthermore his two remaining queenside pawns are doubled and isolated. Yet Black has a pawn move that completely turns the tables and assures him of a significant edge—if not victory. 1...a3! After this LEVER it is quickly apparent

that White is in serious trouble. For example, on 2.Rb1 (or on 2.Bd2 Rxb2 and despite the material equality White finds himself very uncomfortable since if he advances his c-pawn, Rxd2! is decisive, and if he moves his rook, he loses his a-pawn when Black's pawn on a3 will quickly prove decisive. In fact, in this position White may quickly find that he runs out of moves that don't lose [Zugzwang].) 2...Bxc3+ 3.Bd2 Rxb2 4.Rd1 Bf6. You may note that the reason White has so much trouble in this position is that he neglected his development to win a pawn.

(2) BK #2 Evans-Rossolimo U.S. Open, 1955



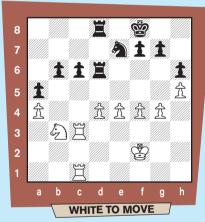
1...f5 This exemplifies a classic lever around which Black has organized nearly all his forces. Without knowing about levers, computer programs can still select this move because it

You'll just make it bigger

improves mobility, gains space and attacks the center. This position is also an example of the value of chess erudition. Those with a strong chess historical background would know that such positions can arise from the closed variations of the Ruy Lopez when White plays d5. In such instances the structure becomes that of a a King's Indian Defense. (Source: Pawn Power in Chess, Diagram 164).

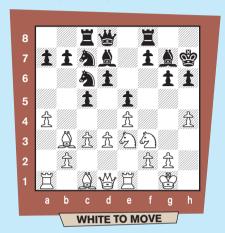
(3) BK #3 Bogoljubow-Spielmann

Match Game, 1932



1.d5 cxd5 2.e5 R6d7 (2...d4? 3.exd6 dxc3 4.dxe7+ wins a piece.) **3.Nd4** This is an example of a very characteristic lever, the "sweeper sealer twist" (Kmoch, 1959). It involves a long-term pawn sacrifice where, at the end of the principal variation (above), White has: (1) gained full control of the open c-file, (2) sealed off Black's half-open d-file, (3) gained a tremendous central post for his knight, (4) weakened Black's pawns into three groups (three islands), and (5) gained a kingside majority of pawns. (Source: Pawn Power in Chess, Diagram 144).

(4) Camptest #6 Kopec-Bellin Edinburah Congress, 1981



White probes the light squares. **1.h5!** This lever pressured Black into playing ...g5 and weakening the critical kingside light squares.

Here is the Bellin Game where h5 was played.

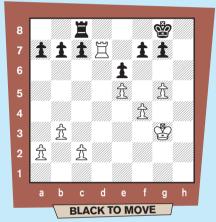
Danny Kopec-IM Robert Bellin (B50)

Edinburgh Chess Congress (4), 1981

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bd3 g6 4.c3 Bg7 5.0-0 Nc6 6.Bc2 Bg4 7.d3 Nf6 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Bd7 10.Re1 Rc8 11.Nf1 Ne8 12.a4 e5 13.Bb3 Nc7 14.Ne3 h6 15.h4 Kh7 16.h5 Qf6 17.q3 Na5 18.Bc2 q5 19.Nh2 Rg8 20.Nhg4 Qd8 21.Qf3 Be6 22.Ra3 Ne8 23.Nf5 Qd7 24.Nge3 Nc6 25.Rd1 Kh8 26.Bb3 Ne7 27.Bd5 Nxf5 28.Bxe6 Qxe6 29.Nxf5 Nf6 30.Be3 Rge8 31.c4 Bf8 32.a5 Rc7 33.b4 Ng8 34.Rb3 Rd8 35.Rdb1 Rdd7 36.Bd2 Ne7 37.Bc3 f6 38.Ne3 Kg8 39.Kg2 Kg7 40.g4 Kg8 41.Nd5 Nxd5 42.exd5 Qf7 43.Qe4 cxb4 44.Rxb4 Qh7 45.Qf5 Qxf5 46.gxf5 Kf7 47.Bd2 Re7 48.Kf3

Ke8 49.Ke4 Rg7 50.Be3 a6 51.Rb6 Rgf7 52.c5 dxc5 53.d6 Rc6 54.Rxc6 bxc6 55.Rb8+ Kd7 56.Rb7+ Ke8 57.Rxf7 1-0

(5) RP #10 Cat 0



Sometimes you must recognize and prevent levers to do well. With 1...g6, Black ensures that he can follow with 2...Kf8 and 3...Ke8 driving the White rook from the seventh rank. Then he can also challenge White's possession of the d-file. Instead, White to move in the initial position obtains a winning position with 1.g6! since this guarantees that his rook can remain on d7 unassailed. (Source: Pawn Power in Chess, Diagram 105).

So what was this test all about?

It was all about an important chess concept that you will need in order to improve your chess: **LEVERS**. Levers are a concept developed by the famous Dr. Hans Kmoch and presented in his wonderful book, *Pawn Power in Chess* (David McKay,

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What's the Problem?

By Stanley Kravitz

The Indian game of Chaturanga was played over 1,700 years ago and although the actual rules are not exactly known today the game looked like chess and was played with similar pieces on an 8" x 8" chess board. A very similar game to chess as we now know it was played in India over 1,400 years ago.

It is surprising that the piece with the strangest move has been around the longest. It used to be called a horse, and still is in many countries, but the name became a knight in most European countries when chess moved to medieval Europe with its many kings, queens, and of course, knights.

Since the knight can jump over other pieces it acts a bit like a spy who can infiltrate an enemy camp which makes it ideal for a position with lots of pieces. The disadvantage in play is its limited range which often makes it the weakest piece (excluding the pawn) on the board. Sometimes the knight can be just in the right place to make it very powerful.

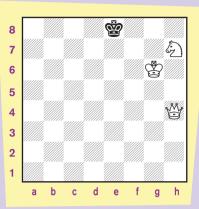
The knight move allows it to go from a light to a dark square or dark to light only and it does so with a wobble. The move looks like the letter "L" and consists of a two square move in one direction and one move sideways. The knight jumps over the intervening pieces and captures on the destination square.

Now that we have a better idea about the knight, let's see if you can solve some problems that will depend on the knight forcing the defenses to collapse.

If you can solve a problem in **under 30 seconds** give yourself 4 points. Solve in **under 1 minute** give yourself 3 points. Solve in **under two minutes** 2 points. **Over 2 minutes** give yourself 1 point.

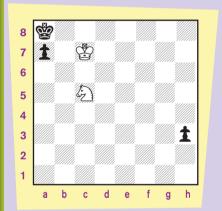
Master Solver 15-20 points. Good Solver 10-14 points. Fair solver 5-9 points Under 5 points needs work.

Puzzle 1. White to move and mate in two.



Puzzle 2. White to move and mate in three.

Who said you cannot mate with a lone knight!



Puzzle 3. White to move and mate in four.

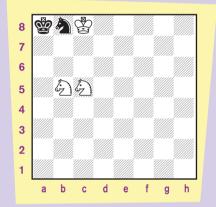
This is the basic smother mate. The first time you see a smother mate it looks amazing.



Puzzle 4. White to move and mate in three.

Learning to mate with different combinations of pieces strengthens end-game play. The difficulty of mating with a bishop and knight has prevented even strong players from winning a game because they never learned the mating technique that is needed. As for two knights, a lone king can not be mated by two lone knights unless the king walks into mate through bad play.

However, add a pawn or another piece and it may be possible. How odd! Try this example:



Puzzle 5. White to move and mate in three.

Don't get too encouraged by the mating prowess of the knight. Here is a case where two knights are unable to stop the rough treatment by the major pieces.



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A Brief Chess Opening Glossary

by Pete Tamburro

Part III

The d-pawn Openings

We've covered a lot of unusual first moves for Black against 1.e4 which takes away quite a few new Black choices since after, say, 1.d4 h6, you should get in 2.e4 and be back in the e-pawn glossary.

After we cover the only new one move Black replies, we're going to head right for the major queen pawn openings starting with 1.d4:

The New One Move Replies:

- 1...f5 Dutch Defense: A very aggressive defense that is followed up by Nf6, Be7, d6, 0-0. White usually fianchettoes with g3 and Bg2 and doesn't play c4 until Black either plays Be7 or d6 so as to avoid Bb4+. White can get frisky with 2.e4 fxe4 3.Nc3 or 3.f3, which is known as the Staunton Gambit.
- 1...c5 (Old) Benoni: Black counters with an attack on the d-pawn; the years proved that Black does better to wait for 2.c4 to play 2...c5 by playing ...Nf6 first. With the old way, White has an interesting alternative in 2.d5 Nf6 3.Nc3.
- 1...b5 Polish Defense: Quite unusual, although Spassky used it against Petrosian in their 1966 match—and lost.
- 1...e5 Englund Gambit: A trappy opening to catch the careless. 1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 Qe7 (Some recent tries are: 2...Nc6 3.Nf3 Nge7 4.Nc3 Ng6 5.Qd5! h6 [5...Bb4 6.Bg5] 6.e3 Bb4 7.Bd2 and getting the pawn back is problematic.) 3.Nf3 (A wild ride is: 3.Bf4 Qb4+ 4.Bd2! Qxb2 5.Nc3) 3...Nc6 and you have a tricky game. Don't try this as White: 4.Nbd2 Nxe5 5.c3 Nd3 mate! If White has a sense of humor he can always play 2.e4.
- 1...Nc6 Queen Knight Defense: Definitely not the Alekhine's Defense

for the d4 side! Modern Chess Openings recommends White play 2.Nf3 and after 2...d5 (recommended for Black by MCO!) 3.c4 with a Chigorin's Defense.

The Major 1...Nf6 Defenses:

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4
e6 3.Nc3 Bb4
Nimzo Indian: One
of the great defenses against
1.d4 and excellent for young
players to grow up with. It's so
good that White often plays
this next opening...

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 and either 3...b6 Queen's Indian or 3...Bb4+ Bogo-Indian: White dislikes the pin after 3.Nc3 Bb4 so much that you'll

see it played quite often despite it's being somewhat dull.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6
3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6
King's Indian Defense:
Hard to find a grandmaster who hasn't
played this defense.
Black often heads for
a kingside attack with
f5 and White heads
for queenside play
with b4 and c5.

Everyone who plays it reads Bronstein's Zurich 1953 tournament book.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 Gruenfeld Defense: One of the most complex openings in chess. World champions play both sides. No easy draws here. Too complicated for young players.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 g6 and then either 6...Nxa6
or 6...Bxa6 Benko Gambit: Black
uses the fianchetto and the rooks on
the a- and b- files to put pressure
on White's queenside pawns. A
sound gambit for Black! Because it

sound gambit for Black! Because it has a fairly clear theme, this is a good choice for young players.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6
4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.Nf3
g6 Modern Benoni: Had
some headlines for a while,
but never really caught on.
White has too much space
and the Benko gets more
pressure.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 Budapest Defense: Tricky, tricky, tricky after either 3.dxe5 Ng4 or 3...Ne4, the Fajarowicz variation, which can be dangerous with a careless White player. For example: 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 Ne4 4.Nf3 d6 5.exd6 Bxd6

6.g3 Nxf2!! 7.Kxf2 Bxg3+ 8.hxg3 Qxd1 wins!

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d5 Marshall Defense: Another one that never caught on. White gets a slight edge with: 3.cxd5 Nxd5 4.Nf3.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6
3.Nc3 e5 The Old Indian Defense: The big idea is that after 4.dxe5 dxe5 5.Qxd8+ Kxd8 6.Bg5 Nd7 7.Nf3 c6 and although the King has lost castling privileges, the queens

are off and the king has a safe haven on c7.

(to be continued)



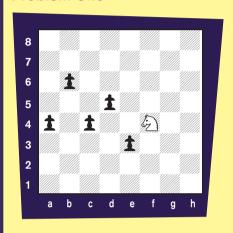
PAWNMOWER CHESS

by GM Maurice Ashley

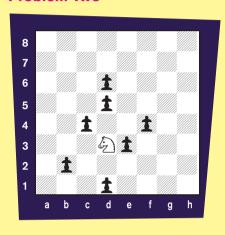
Okay, so the bishop was easy. Let's see how you do with the KNIGHT! Your goal is to capture all the pawns. You cannot move to an empty square. If there are five pawns on the board, you must capture them in five moves; seven pawns, seven moves, etc.

We'll have a drawing and five winners will receive a copy of *Pawnmower* by GM Maurice Ashley. Send your solutions to: gpetersen@uschess.org, or mail to: Glenn Petersen, 44-D Manchester Court, Freehold, NJ 07728.

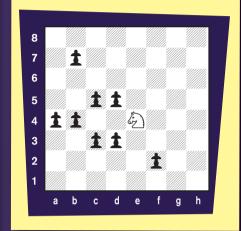
Problem One



Problem Two



Problem Three



The Gnomes Have Spoken

PAWNMOWER CHESS

My faithful gnomes from Outer Mongolia (Staten Island, NY) traveled to the outer ring of Freehold, NJ, to visit the Sacred Vault (a shoebox

beneath my bed) where all contest entries are kept. They randomly selected five winners for the "Pawnmower" contest in October:

Jeffrey Wang of Montville, NJ Leanne Hwa of Bellevue, WA Matthew Caffet of Conroe, TX Tad Mrozek of Chevy Chase, MD Victor Chen of San Jose, CA

Victor Chen becomes our first double winner (he won the "Win or Draw" contest in August). I never thought it could happen, but my gnomes have spoken!

Each of them will receive a copy of

Pawnmower by GM Maurice Ashley. The solutions to the October puzzles were:

Puzzle 1: Bf6-g7-b2 a3-d6

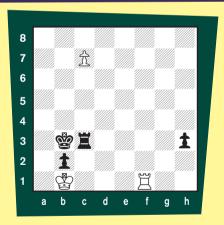
Puzzle 2: Bb6-e3-g5-d2-e1-g3-b8 Puzzle 3: Bh3-c8-b7-f3-d1-h5-e8-b5

CHESS DETECTIVE

EVERYONE who entered this contest sent in a correct solution! I guess you all are familiar with temporary sacrifices, knight forks and double attacks! The key move is 1.Bxf7+. The winner of the drawing was **Alan Sun** of Canton, Ml. He will receive a copy of *Chess Workbook for Children by* Todd Bardwick.

WIN OR DRAW!

I thought this was the most difficult challenge last issue, but not for six-year-old **Ian Lomeli** of Glastonbury, CT! I wonder what they feed them up there in New England! In the following position, he correctly reasoned:

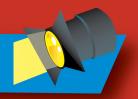


After 1.c8=Q Rxc8 2.Rf3+!, the game should be a draw. If 2...Rc3, then 3.Rxh3! Rxh3 stalemate! And if 2...K anywhere, 3. Rxh3 and the pawn on b2 will soon drop or the black king will be checked forever. Ian will receive a copy of Bruce Pandolfini's *Endgame Workshop*.

Congratulations to everyone who entered our contests. We really appreciate your comments and enthusiasm!



SPOTLIGHT ON...



SILVER KNIGHTS ONLINE TRAINING CENTER

From an early age, my two passions I have had in life have been chess and teaching. While I was attending graduate school at the University of Washington, I took a part-time job teaching chess at a local elementary school once every week. It was so much fun that I decided I wanted to make teaching chess my life.

Fast forward just five years, and the **Silver Knights** now organizes after-school chess programs and many summer camps at over 100

schools in Philadelphia and northern Virginia. We also organize tournaments two to three times each month and have nearly 500 instructional chess videos available on our website.

My goal for our summer camps is that the kids always have a great time in addition to learning a lot about chess, so our camp instructors are experts at entertaining the students as well as being great chess players (which they are; more than half of our camps are taught by players rated over 2200, and nearly every camp has at least one instructor over 2000).

Here is a game from one of our students, **Benjamin Lu**. Ben is in second grade this year, and last December in Florida he won the 1st grade national championship. My favorite fact about Ben: by the end of his first month of chess club, he was so good that 6th-graders would cry if they got paired with



Adam Weissbarth

him. (True story!) Fortunately, Ben was always a good sport about that kind of thing. This game was the key moment in the national



Benjamin Lu

by Adam Weissbarth

championship from December 2008, in which he defeated the top-seeded player in the tournament.

Benjamin Lu (1161) Aravind Kumar (1595) (C56)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Bb6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 d6 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bg5 h6 10. Bh4 Bg4 11.d5 Ne5 12.Be2 Ng6 13.Bg3 Re8 14.Qc2 Ne5 15.Qd1 Ba5 16.Rb1 Rb8 17.b4 Bb6

18.Re1 a6 19.h3 Bh5 20.Kh2 Nxf3+ 21.Bxf3 Bg6 22.Qc2 Bd4 23.Rb3 Be5 24.Bxe5 Rxe5 25.Kq1 Qd7 26.b5 a5 27.a4 b6 28.Nb1 Rbe8 29.Nd2 Bh5 30.Bxh5 Nxh5 31.Rc3 R5e7 32.f3 f5 33.Rc1 Nf4 34.Kf2 fxe4 35.fxe4 Rf7 36.Rxc7 Qxc7 37.Qxc7 Ne6+ 38.Qxf7+ Kxf7 39.dxe6+ Rxe6 40.Rc6 Rf6+ 41.Ke3 Ra6 42.a4 h5 43.Kf3 hxg4+ 44.hxg4 Rf6+ 45.Kg3 Ke7 46.Rxb6 Kd7 47.Ra6 Kc7 48.Rxa5 Kb6 49.Ra6+ Kc5 50.b6 Kc6 51.a5 Rf7 52.Ra7 Rxa7 53.bxa7 Kb7 54.Nc4 Kxa7 55.Nxd6 Ka6 56.e5 Kxa5 57.e6 Kb4 58.e7 Kc5 59.e8=Q Kxd6 60.Kf4 Kc5 61 Qd8 q5+ 62 Ke5 Kc4 63.Qd4+ Kb5 64.Qc3 Kb6 65.Kd6 Kb5 66.Qc5+ Ka4 67.Qb6 Ka3 68.Kd5 Ka2 69.Kc4 Ka1 70.Kc3 Ka2 71.Qb2 mate.

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The Anatoly Karpov International School of Chess is a non-profit educational corporation, supported in large part by tax deductible contributions. Seven-time World Chess Champion Anatoly Karpov visited Lindsborg in December of 2002. He was looking for a quiet place to train for his upcoming match in New York with Grandmaster Garry Kasparov. Grandmaster Alex Onischuk had played in several international tournaments in Lindsborg, so he suggested to Karpov that it would be a good place to train. Karpov was impressed with the town and its people, so it was no surprise when he decided to establish his first U.S. chess school in Lindsbora.

Tom Brownscombe

FM Tom Brownscombe, former USCF Scholastic and Technical Director, is the director of the Karpov Chess School. He offers private and group lessons at the school and via Internet, and he gives chess lessons at several schools in central Kansas. He also organizes and directs chess tournaments throughout the state of Kansas. The next tournament at the Karpov Chess School will be the 9th Annual Lindsborg Open on Decem-

ber 19th (see the TLA section for more info).

Although the Karpov Chess School has hosted many major state and national championships, including the 2008 U.S. Junior Championship, the 2008 U.S. Cadet Championship, and the 2008 U.S. Junior Open, the main event on the Chess School calendar is the annual Karpov Chess Camp in July. Chess players of all ages (including several of the adult chess coaches) come to the chess camp to receive instruction from camp lead instructor **GM Varuzhan Akobian**.

The camp also features a simul by GM Akobian, a variety of quick, blitz, and bughouse tournaments, as well as swimming and soccer.

Did you know that GM Akobian is an excellent soccer player?

Here is a game from one of the camp quick chess tournaments between tournament winner Timothy Martinson of Taos, New Mexico and under 1000 trophy winner Austin Bailey of Lawrence, Kansas:

Austin Bailey (915) Timothy Martinson (1747) IC65]

Karpov chess camp session 1, round 1, July 13, 2009

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d3 d5 5.Nxe5 Qd6 6.exd5 Qxe5+ 7.Qe2 Qxe2+ 8.Kxe2 Nxd5 9.c4 Nde7 10.d4 Bd7 11.Be3 Nf5 12.Rf1 Ncxd4+ 13.Kd3 Nxb5 14.Re1 Nxe3 15.Rxe3+ Be7 16.cxb5 Bxb5+ 17.Kd2 0-0-0+ 18.Kc2 Rhe8 19.Nc3 Bc6 20.Rae1 Bg5 21.Rxe8 Rxe8 22.Rxe8+ Bxe8 23.b4 Bc6 24.g3 Bf6 25.a3 Bxc3 26.Kxc3 Kd7 27.Kc4 Ke6 28.f4 a6 29.g4 Bf3 30.h3 Bg2 1-0



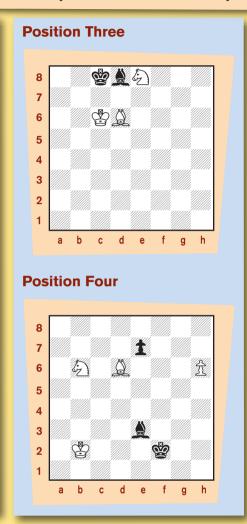
Austin Bailey

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You should know the drill by now. It is White to Play in all the diagrams. Not only do you have to tell whether it's a win or draw for White OR Black, but you must write down what you think the moves are.

Position One ₩ 7 榖 介 6 5 4 3 2 С **Position Two** 1 % 宣 6 5 4 3





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Improve Your Chess continued from p. 11

1959). A lever, simply put, is a pawn move that offers a trade and:

- 1) improves your pawn structure and/or;
- 2) damages your opponent's pawn structure.

There are a number of types of levers. Some may be harmful, some may help you attack by opening up lines for attack, and others may serve just to improve your pawn structure.

Once you have become adept at tactics, it is important that you become

aware of levers which can be played (and may need to be prevented) in all phases of play.

For more information on levers, you may wish to obtain Dr. Kmoch's book, and/or the following of my products:

- 1. Test, Evaluate and Improve Your Chess: A Knowledge-Based Approach (with Hal Terrie, 2nd ed., 2003, USCF Publications).
- 2. Pawn Structures and How to Play Them (two-hour DVD).

- 3. Opening Pawn Structures: Advanced Concepts (Vol. 1 and 2, two-hours each)
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DECEMBER 15 THROUGH FEBRUARY 14

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

Organizers and Tournament Directors:

If you would like your tournament listed here in Chess Life for KIDS for February (events to be held after February 14), the deadline for submitting your announcements is December 10th. The deadline for the April 2010 issue is February 10th. The processing fee is \$1.00 per line for the first eight lines, \$2.00 for every line thereafter. Send your announcements to tla@uschess.org.

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

NATIONALS

Dec. 11-13, Texas 2009 National Scholastic K-12 Championship

7SS, G/90. Hilton Anatole, 2201 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX. 214-748-1200 or 1-800-HILTONS and ask for the chess rate (\$120). **13 Sections.** Play only in your grade section. December rating supplement will be used. 1/2- point bye available any round (except round seven) if requested in advance of rd. 1. Team score = total of top three (minimum two) finishers from each school per grade. First place individual and team, including ties, will be National Champion for their grade. **Schedule:** Opening ceremony Fri. 12:30 pm. **Rds.:** Fri. 1 pm-6 pm, Sat. 10 am-2 pm-6 pm, Sun. 9 am-1 pm. Awards Ceremony Sun., Approx. 5 pm. Special round times for K-1 sections: Fri. 1:30 pm-5:30 pm, Sat. 9:30 am-1:30 pm-5:30 pm, Sun. 9:30 am-1:30 pm. Awards Ceremony Sun Approx. 4:30 pm for K-1. **EF:** \$50/participant (postmarked by 11/8, not 11/12), \$70/participant (postmarked by 11/29), \$85 later or \$90 at site, \$5.00 extra for all phone registrations, \$20 change fee for roster or section changes after 11/13 or any onsite changes. Onsite registration Thurs. 9 am-10 pm & Fri. 8 am-10 am. After 10 am players will have a 1/2-point bye rd 1. **Awards:** Trophies to top 10 individuals & top five teams (minimum) in each grade. Class prizes: 1st-3rd place K-3: 800-999, 600-799, U600, Unr. 4-6: 1000-1199, 800-999, 600-799, U600 Unr. 7-9: 1200-1399, 1000-1199, 800-999, U800, Unr. 10-12: 1400-1599, 1200-1399, 1000-1199, U1000, Unr. Every player receives a commemorative item! **Side** Events: Bughouse: Thurs. 11 am, Reg. onsite only Thurs. 8 am-10 am, \$25/ team. Blitz EF: Advance/online entry \$15 by 11/29; Onsite - \$20. Blitz Sections: K-6 and K-12, Thurs. 5 pm, Reg. onsite until 4 pm. Blitz Awards: Trophies in K-6 and K-12 sections. Individual: Top 10, Team: 1st-5th place. K-6 Class: 1000-1199, 800-999, 600-799, U600 Unr. K-12 Class: 1400-1599, 1200-1399, 1000-1199, U1000, Unr. Bughouse Awards: Trophies for Bughouse, TBA. Team Rooms are limited. Contact Cheryle Bruce 931-787-1234 ext. 147. **Hotel info**: www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/DFWANHH-Hilton-Anatole-Texas/index.do **Questions:** Cheryle Bruce: 931-787-1234 ext. 147 or **Ent:** U.S. Chess, Attn.: K-12 Championship, P.O. Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557 or **online at:** https://se cure.uschess.org/webstore/tournament.php. **Official webpage for details:** http://main.uschess.org/tournaments/2009/k12/. **WCL JGP.**

Feb. 12-14 or 13-14, Florida

2010 U.S. Amateur Team - South 5SS, G/120 (2-day option, rd 1 G/60). Sheraton Orlando Downtown Hotel, 60 South Ivanhoe Blvd., Orlando, FL 32804. 4-player teams (plus alternate). 2 Sections (using Yr-end ratings): **OPEN,** Team Avg rtng < 2200. **SCHOLASTIC,** Game/60, Team avg<1200. Players need not be from the same school. Teams can be formed on-site. ***FCA members in Open are eligible for FL GP Points. *** Winning Open team competes in national playoff online. FF per player: OPEN \$30 by 2/6, \$40 later. SCHOLASTIC \$20 by 2/6, \$25 later. SPECIAL EF: 5-player team \$140 by 2/6, \$180 later. PRIZES: OPEN 1st, 2nd teams: plaques and four Excalibur Clocks, 3rd: plaques; SCHOLASTIC 1st, 2nd teams: plaques and four Excalibur Clocks, 3rd: trophies; Board Prizes: each section: Brds. 1-4, Excalibur Clocks. Class Prizes: OPEN: U2000, U1800, U1600, U1400; Scholastic: U1000, U800 Trophies. Other awards TBD. Schedule: OPEN 3-day: rds 8, 1-7, 9-3, 2-day: rds 10-1-7, 9-3; SCHOLASTIC (Sat & Sun): 10-1-4, 9-12, Awards 2:30. HR: \$79 (888) 627-8525 or (407) 425-4455; (Mention "Chess"). Complimentary parking voucher & internet with sleeping rooms; other parking at \$5 per day. Reserve by Jan 29, **ALL HOTELS FILL UP** USATS WEEKEND! ENT: CFCC, 921 N. Thistle Ln., Maitland, FL 32751 or online usats2010.eventbrite.com. See www.centralfichess.org for details or call (407)629-6946. WCL JGP.

Feb. 12-14 or 13-14, Wisconsin 2010 U.S. Amateur Team Championship - North

Two sections: Open and Scholastic (Saturday only) Open: 5SS, G/90+30/move/ increment (G/120 if digital clocks not available; 2-day; rd.1-2 G/60). Crowne

Plaza Hotel Milwaukee Airport, 6401 South 13th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53221. 1-414-764-5300. \$79.99 chess rate, please reserve early. Open to 4 player teams with one optional alternate. Team average (4 highest ratings—2009 Annual Rating List) must be under 2200. EF: 3-day \$140, 2-day \$141 per team if received by February 9th, \$180 thereafter. Individuals wishing to play, send \$35 and request to be put on a team. Team changes on site \$20. Check out official website www.wichessacademy.com All advance entries will be posted on February 10th. **Prizes:** Awards to top two teams, top teams with average rating u1900, u1600, and u1300. Winning team qualifies for national play-offs. Prizes to best team composed of juniors (high school and younger). Prizes to top score on each board. **Rounds:** 3-day: on-site registration/check-in 5:30-6:30pm, rds.: 7pm, 11:00am & 5:00pm, 10:00am & 3:30pm. 2-day: on-site registration/check-in 9:00-10:30am, rds. 11:00am & 2:00pm then merge with 3-day. **Saturday Only** Scholastic section. 4SS, G/60. Open to 4 player teams with one optional alternate. Team average (4 highest—2009 Annual Rating List) must be under 1600. **EF:** \$120 per team if received by February 9th, \$150 thereafter. Individuals wishing to play, send \$30 and request to be put on a team. Team changes on site \$20. All advance entries will be posted on www.wichessacademy.com on February 10th. Prizes: awards to top team overall, top three High School Teams, top three Middle School Teams, top three Elementary School Teams. Prizes to top score on each board. **Rounds:** on-site registration/checkin: 9:00am-10:30am; rds.: 11:00am, 1:30pm, 3:45pm, 6:00pm. Checks made payable to and send to: VICA, 6822 North Crestwood Dr., Glendale WI 53209. Please include Team's name and roster, captain's email and phone number, and desired schedule. Info: abetaneli@hotmail.com, ashish@vajachess.com, 608-334-2574, 414-234-1005. WCL JGP.

A Heritage Event! Feb. 13-15, California Southern 27th Annual U.S. Amateur Team - West

6-SS, 40/2, SD/1, Warner Center Marriott, 21850 Oxnard Street, Woodland Hills. CA 91367. Four-player teams plus optional alternate, average rating of four highest must be U/2200, diff, between bds, 3 & 4 may not exceed 1000, Dec, list used. **EF:** \$132 per team if received by 2-12, \$36 individual (on line only), \$148 at site, under age 18 or HS/below \$96 by 2-12, \$110 site. Trophies and 4 clocks to top 3 teams, U2100, U2000, U1800, U1600, U1400/unr. Trophies (1 large, 4 small) to top college, industrial, junior (under 18), Senior (over 50), U1200. Clocks to best score each board, alternate, and any 6-0. Gift certificate prizes for best team names (1st/2nd). **Reg.:** 9-10 a.m. 2-13. **Rds.:** 11-6, 11-6, 10-4:30. On-line entry, help in forming teams, advance entry list: www.westernchess.com. HR: \$119, 800-228-9290, ask for Western Chess. Reserve by Jan. 20 or rates may go up. Parking \$6. Ent: SCCF, c/o John Hillery, 835 N. Wilton Place #1A, Los Angeles, CA 90038. NS, NC, W. F. WCL JGP.

A Heritage Event!

40th Annual World Amateur Team & U.S. Team East – Ruby An-

6SS, 40/2, SD/1. Parsippany Hilton, 1 Hilton Ct., Parsippany, NJ. 07054. Chess Rate valid until 1/16. *Reserve early* 973-267-7373 or 1-800-HILTONS. Morris/Essex train to Morris Plains 1.5 miles. Open to 4- player teams with one optional alternate. Team average (4 highest ratings—2009 Annual Rating list) must be under 2200. EF: \$145 postmarked by 2/5/10. Scholastic teams College and below \$140 per team, ALL-\$180 after or at door.—all teams, any changes at site \$25 charge. Check out official website www.njscf.org. Prizes: 1-5th Place teams, plaque and **4 digital clocks**; Top Team (*Denis Barry Award*) U2100, 2000, 1900, 1800, 1700, 1600, 1500, 1400, **1300**, 1200, 1000 each plaque and **4 Digital Clocks**; Top college team (same school) **4 Digital Clocks & plaque**; Top HS team (grades 9-12 same school), Top Middle School (grades 9 same school), Top Elementary School (grades K-6 same school), Top 2 Scholastic Teams (mixed schools okay) (*Collins Award*), Mixed Doubles (2 males, 2 females-no alternates), Seniors (all players over age 50), Military, each plaque & 4 Digital Clocks to top team; Company Team (same employer) Old Timers Trophy (all players over 65), Family (4 family members), State teams-CT, DE, MD, MA, NJ, NY (*Benjamin Award*), PA, VA, NC, RI, OH, Canada, each plaque top team; team traveling longest distance-entry refunded. **Best Player** 1-4 and top alternate, All 6-0 scores each Digital clock. Biggest Individual upset each round Engraved Cross pen; Entry fee refunded to team with Best "Chess related" name, Sunday night-Best "Chess Related costumes or gimmick-gourmet dinner for four. Reg.: 9-12 Sat 2/13. Rds.: 1-7:30, 11-6, 9-3:30. Special Events!! Surprises and special give-aways each round. Sunday night-Bughouse \$20 per team. Cash prizes. HR: Parsippany Hilton, chess Sanday ingir-tougouses 20 per earlin casin jirese. Ink- Para jiyanyi miton, citesa rates expire 1/16/2010. Rates \$119 (up to 4 in room) 2nd hotel now attached to Hilton also up to 4 in room \$117 per night-Hampton Inn-includes breakfast for 4 each day. For help forming teams and more information contact esdoyle@aol.com: Chks payable to NJSCF, mail by 2/05 to: E.Steven Doyle, 17 Stonehenge Road, Morristown, NJ 07960. (Include Team name, Captain, players full names, USCF Expiration, ID numbers and ratings in board order). Include SASE for confirmation if wanted. No registered or certified mail accepted.

Feb. 19-21, Indiana 2010 U.S. Junior Chess Congress

6SS, Rds. 1-4 G/60, Rds. 5-6 G/90. Radisson Hotel at the Indianapolis Airport, 2500 S. High School Rd., Indianapolis, IN. **NEW sections this year: 12th grade** & Under, 8th grade & Under, 6th grade & Under, and 3rd grade & Under. CLUB TEAMS are welcome! Club and school teams are the top 4 scoring team members (minimum 2). **Schedule:** Blitz side event Fri. (2/19) at 7 pm, see below. Regular 6/SS tournament Sat. and Sun only. Opening Ceremony Sat. 2/20 at 8:30 am, Rds 1-4 at 9am, 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 4:30pm. Bughouse tournament side event Sat. evening at 7:00 pm, see below. Sun 2/21 Rds. at 9am, 1pm. Awards at 4:30pm. Entry Fee: \$40 by 2/8/10, \$50 by 2/18/10, \$60 after and onsite. Register: Make checks payable to East Side Middle School Chess Club and mail to: 2010 Chess Congress, East Side Middle School, 2300 Lindberg Rd., Anderson, IN. 46012. Email entries to Register@2010ChessCongress.com. EMAIL ENTRIES are NOT confirmed until receipt of entry fees. Entries will be posted at www.2010ChessCongress.com as they are received. Onsite entries will be accepted Friday evening after 5 pm (and during the blitz tournament) and from 6:30am to 8:00am on Sat. morning, 2/20. Any player not registered by 8am will receive a half-point bye for round one and begin play in round two. Side event: Bughouse tournament Sat. evening 2/20 at 7:00 pm. Register for bughouse onsite ONLY for \$10 per player Friday evening or during the day on Saturday. Bughouse awards to each team member of at least the top 5 scoring teams in 2 sections, 12th grade & Under and 6th grade & Under. **Awards:** More trophies this year! Trophies to at least the top 20 individuals in each section, top 5 teams. Numerous additional class prizes for each section. See website for details. **Hotel:** Indianapolis Airport Radisson. Conveniently located at the Indianapolis International Airport and offering free shuttle service from airport terminals 24/7. FREE PARKING at hotel. \$70 per night room rate!!! Hotel offers free wireless internet access. **Additional Info:** Limited team rooms available. contact number below for details. Concessions and chess merchandise will be available onsite. All event details at www.2010ChessCongress.com. Questions, call (765) 617-3845 after 3pm. **WCL JGP.**

Apr. 16-18, Ohio 2010 All Girls National Championship presented by the Kasparov Chess Foundation in association with the USCF and UTD.

6SS, G/90. Hyatt Regency Columbus, 350 N. High Street, Columbus, 0H 43215, (614) 280-1234, Hotel Rate \$127. **6 Sections:** 8 years old and younger; 10 and younger, 12 and younger, 14 and younger, 16 and younger, 18 and younger. Age as of 4/1/2010, USCF membership required. Winner of 18 years old and younger Section wins an Academic Distinction Scholarship to The University of Texas at Dallas, worth \$80,000 for an out-of-state student. **EF:** \$50 if postmarked by 3/21; \$70 if by 4/4; \$85 by 4/15 or \$90 on site. Do not mail after 4/8 as your entry may not be received on time. Opening Ceremony: 6pm, Friday. Rounds: Rd 1 - 6:30pm Fri; Rounds 2-4 - Sat 10am, 2:30pm, 6:30pm; Rounds 5-6 - Sun 9am & 1pm. **Awards Ceremony:** Sun. 5pm. Trophies to top 15 indiv & top 3 teams (top 3 players added for team scores). Bye: One 1/2-pt bye available, any round, if requested before end of Rd. 2 and if player has not received a fullpoint bye. Side Events: Bughouse Tournament - Fri. 1pm, EF \$25/team. Blitz Tournament - Fri. 3pm, EF \$15 by 4/4, \$20 after or on site. Entries: Mail to USCF, Attn: All Girls, P.O. Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557 or online at http://uschess.org/tournaments/2010/allgirls. NS, NC, W. WCL JGP.

A Heritage Event!

June 11-13 or 12-13, Nevada

Live Grand Prix Points: 200 (enhanced)

2010 National Open

6-SS, 40/2, SD/1 (2 day option rds 1-3 G/60). South Point Hotel, Casino and Spa, 9777 Las Vegas Blvd South, Las Vegas, NV 89183. **\$100,000 Prize Fund** based on 850 paid entries (\$70,000 guaranteed). **Championship.** \$\$: 8000-4000-2000-1000-600-400-400-400-400-200-200-200-200-200, under 2500 2000, under 2400 1500, under 2300 1000. \$2,000 EXTRA for perfect score. The winner of the Championship section also receives a replica of the Edmondson Cup. **Under 2200.** \$\$: 5000-2500-1300-600-350-250-250-250-250-250-100-100-250-150-150-150-150-100-100-100-100-100. **Under 1200.** \$\$: 1500-1000-400-200-100-100-100. **Plus score bonus** (\$16,000) in addition to any other prizes, every player who finishes with 3-1/2 points or better wins a \$50 gift certificate. Plus score certificates will be given on site only. EF: \$159 by 1/19, \$179 by 5/17, \$199 by 6/9, \$220 on site, \$100 more for players rated under 2100 in the Championship Section. This is an open tournament - you may play in any section at or above your rating level; unrated players may play only in Unrated or Championship Section. Provisionally rated players may not win more than 3rd prize in any section except Championship. CCA minimum ratings or other ratings may be used if higher than USCF June Supplement. Reg: 4-11 p.m. Thursday, 8-9:30 a.m. Friday. **Rds.:** 11-6, 11-6, 10-5. 2-day schedule: Reg: 8-9 a.m. Saturday. Rds.: 10-12:30-3-6: merge with 3-day in round 4. Half point byes available in any round, but round 5 or 6 byes must be requested before the start of round 2. Chess sets and boards provided for tournament play only, not for Please bring chess clocks! The LAS VEGAS INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL features the National Open, the U.S Game/10 Championship and other championship events. Many free extras and surprises! Free parking. Free raffle with great prizes. Free GM Lectures. Free GM analysis of your games. Chess Camp for all ages on Thursday, Grandmaster Simuls Thursday afternoon. US. Game/10 Thursday night. Scholastic Tournament Friday. Girls & Boys Championships Saturday & Sunday. LOW room rates! HR: \$65 single or double (\$95 Friday and Saturday nights). 1-866-791-7626 or (702) 796-7111. Don't be shut out; make your reservations early and be sure to ask for the chess rates; South Point sells out most weekends. Cutoff for special hotel rate is May 15th. Rates may be as high as \$150 a night after **May 15th. RESERVE NOW!** Credit card or one night room deposit will be required to hold reservation, may be canceled 72 hours in advance for nominal fee. Tournament Registration: National Open, PO Box 90925, Henderson, NV 89009-0125, on line at www.VegasChessFestival.com or by fax at (702) 933-9112. NS. W. FIDE. **WCL**

GRAND PRIX

Dec. 19, California Northern

World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 6

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at BayAreaChess Center, 4423 Fortran Ct., Ste. 160, San Jose 95134. 2 sections. 1800 + u1800. EF: \$44. \$60 onsite, \$10 play-up, subtract \$45 for BayAreaChess Pass. TD may assign ratings. **Prizes: Open** \$200-150-100-50 (\$300 Gtd) **u1800** \$150-100-50 (u1600 100-50, u1400 50). **Schedule:** Reg.: Fri 9:15-9:30a, Rounds @ 10a, 12:35, 2:50, 5:05pm. **Ent:** BayAreaChess, 4423 Fortran Ct., Ste. 160, San Jose, CA 95134. **Questions:** contact@BayAreaChess.com, Tel 408-786-5515. **Info & Entries:** BayAreaChess.com/events/10regular. NS,

Dec. 26-27, Texas World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 6 2009 DCC Insanity

10-double SS (Play white and black against each opponent). G/30. Dallas Chess Club, 212 S. Cottonwood Dr, #A, Richardson, TX 75080. **EF:** \$45 (\$25 Jr/Sr/Hcap), plus \$5 non-DCC membership fee. House players welcome for \$1 per game. Reg.: 11:45-12:10 pm. Round 1 at 12:30 pm rest ASAP with hour breaks at around 6:30 pm, 12:30 am and 7:30 am. 4 points of 1/2 point Byes allowed. Byes for round 9 and 10 must be requested before round 6.\$\$300 GTD,\$200-\$100, class prizes based on entries. **Ent:** Dallas Chess Club, see address above. **Info:** 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com, www.dallaschess.com. NS.

Tournament Life

A Heritage Event! Dec. 27-30, District of Columbia

Grand Prix Points: 100 World Chess Live Grand 36th Annual Eastern Open

8-SS. \$17,000 Unconditionally Guaranteed Prizes. Over 60 prizes! Class prizes for each 100 points! Westin Washington DC City Center Hotel, Thomas Circle, 1400 M. St. NW, Washington, DC. **TC**: 40/2, SD/1. **5 Sections: Open** Section: 2,000-1,250-750, U2400 \$500-250, U2300/Unr \$500-250. FIDE Rated Under 2200 Section: \$1,000-500-250, U2100 \$300, U2000 \$250. Under 1900 Section: \$1,000-500-250, U1800 \$300, U1700 \$250. Under 1600 Section: \$1,000-500-250, U1500 \$300, U1400 \$250. **Under 1300 section**: \$750-400-200. U1150/Unr \$200. Max prize for unrated players is \$250. **New Special** Prizes! Most Improved Player: \$250-150 in each of the top 3 sections, performance rating versus current rating, and won no other section prize. Play up, play well, and win \$. **Upset:** \$50 per round in each of the top 4 sections, max 2 prizes per player. Best Played Game: Open: \$100 in each of last 2 Rds; U2200: \$50 in each of last 2 Rds. Submitted games must be annotated. Entry Fee if received by Dec 15: Open: \$125; U2200: \$110; U1900: \$100; U1600: \$100; U1300: \$80; Unrated: \$50. Entries \$20 more at site! Reentry \$60 and limited to rounds 2-4. GMs: free entry, but \$125 deducted from any prize; IMs: \$50 advance entry, but \$75 deducted from any prize. No credit cards accepted. **Site Reg.:** Sun. 12/27: 10-12 noon, 12/26: 5-6pm. **Rds.:** 12/27: 1-7:30, 12/28 & 12/29: 11-6, 12/30: 10-4:30. Byes available any round but rds 6-8 must commit before rd 3. Limit 2 byes for class and improved player prizes. New Side **Event:** Warm up for the tourney by playing GM Alex Ivanov in a Simul on Dec 26 at 6 pm. Only \$20 for registered players, \$30 for non-registered players. You select color and opening. **Quads Side Event:** 3-RR Quads on 12/27, 12/28, & 12/30. EF: \$30 \$\$ \$80 each quad. **Quad 12/27**: 6/60, Reg: 1:30-2:15, Rds: 2:30-5-8. **Quads 12/28 and 12/30**: G/75, Reg: 9:30-10:15, Rds: 10:30-2-5. **HR**: Only \$79! Call 202-429-1700 by 12/4 and ask for this very low rate. **Ent**: Make checks or money orders payable to Eastern Open. **Mail entries to:** Tom Beckman, PO Box 42225, Washington, DC 20015-2225. Please include Name, USCF# & Exp, Rating, Section, Entry Fee, Email, and Phone. Info only, tomb man@rcn.com or http://members.cox.net/tournaments/eo_09.htm. WCL JGP.

Jan. 1-3 or 2-3, California Northern World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 30 NorCal Open 2010

6SS 30/90 G/60 (2-day option, rounds 1-3 G/60). Hotel: Hyatt Regency Santa Clara, 5101 Great America Pkwy., Santa Clara, CA 95054. 4-star rooms @ \$99. Free parking. **Prizes:** \$6,006 129 paid entries. **7 sections. Master/Open (FIDE** rated): \$\$ Gtd. 700-300-201 (u2300: 200 100), EXPERT: \$400-200-101 (u2100: 100-100), A: \$400-200-101 (u1900: 100-100), B: \$400-200-101 (u1700: 100-100), B: \$400-200-100 (u1700: 100-100), B: \$400-200-100 (u1700: 100-100), B: \$400-200-100 (u1700: 100-100), B: \$400-200-100 (u1700: 100), C: \$400-200-101 (u1500: 100-100), D/E: \$400-200-101 (u1200: 100-100). Unrated may enter any section but prize limit of \$200 in all u2200 sections: balance goes to next player(s) in line. **EF:** \$85 3-day, \$79 2-day mailed or online by 12/20. Add \$5 for 12/21-23, 12/24-26 \$15 (no mailed entries after 12/26), add \$25 onsite, add \$19 for play-up, subtract \$45 for BayAreaChess Pass. GMs & IMs free before 12/20 (entry fee deducted from prize). Re-entry \$39. TD may assign ratings. 3-day schedule: Reg.: Fri 10-10:30a, Fri/Sat 11:30a 4:45p, Sun 10a, 3:15p. **2-day sched:** Reg.: Sa 9-9:30a, Sat 10, 12:10, 2:20, 4:45p. Sun 10a, 3:15p. Byes must commit before rd 3. Max 2 byes. **Hotel \$99** BayAreaChess rate, 800-233-1234. reserve by 12/18 or rate may increase. **Ent:** BayAreaChess, 4423 Fortran Ct., Ste. 160, San Jose, CA 95134. \$20 service charge for refunds. Questions: contact@BavAreaChess.com, Tel 408-786-5515, Info & Entries: BayAreaChess.com/events/10norcal. NS, NC, W. WCL JGP.

Jan. 15-17 or 16-17. Florida hess Live Grand Prix Points: 15

Central Florida Class Championships G/120 (2-day: Rd.1 G/60). Sheraton Orlando Downtown Hotel, 60 South Ivan-

hoe Blvd., Orlando, FL 32804. \$\$7000/ b130, 60% Guaranteed. 6 Sections: OPEN: \$1000-400-200 112200 \$150 112100 \$100 Class A: \$600-300 111900 \$150. Class B: \$600-300, U1700 \$150. Class C: \$600-300, U1500 \$150. Class D: \$600-300, U1300 \$150. U1200: \$500-300, U1000 \$100, U800 \$50. Rated players may play up one class only. Unrateds limited to \$50 unless Place prize in OPEN. EF: 3-day \$69, 2-day \$68 by Jan 2, both \$80 later and on-site. Re-entry \$40. \$15 less to students in grades K-8 in U1200 section. CFCC memb discount: \$15 (\$5 for Jr/Sr memb). Trophies to top in each section (& Class X) also Class F, G, H, I, J & Unr in U1200 having more than one entry. **Trophies and titles limited to Florida residents.** FCA membs eligible for FL GP Awards. Reg.: ends 1/2 hr before 1st rd. **Rd.**1: 8pm Fri (2-day: 10am Sat at G/60). Rds.: 2-5: Sat 1 & 6, Sun 9 & 2. 1/2 pt. byes if reg'd before rd. 2 (max 2). HR: \$79 (888) 627-8525 or (407) 425-4455; (Mention "Chess"). Reserve by Dec 30. Complimentary park ing voucher & internet with sleeping rooms; other parking at \$5 per day. Ent: CFCC, c/o Harvey Lerman, 921 N. Thistle Ln., Maitland, FL 32751; or online: 2010CFclass.eventbrite.com. Info: 407-629-6946 or www.centralflchess.org. WCL JGP.

Jan. 15-17, Texas

ess Live Grand Prix Points: 50 (enhanced)

JG's Old-Fashioned Hamburgers Texas Masters

5SS, G/90 with 30 sec increment, Student Union Galaxy Rooms at The University of Texas at Dallas, 800 West Campbell Rd., Richardson, TX 75080. **Open to** 1.) players rated 2200 and above or who have been rated 2200 on any crosstable on MSA or 2.) any Fide rated over 2000/Fide titled player and 3.) players who do not meet previous criteria can play by paying a hefty entry fee. FIDE rated. Please do not mail entries after January 6. You may register on active.com until Jan 12th. **EF:** USCF +2400 \$50, USCF 2200-2400 or fide rated \$90, otherwise \$200. Fide GMs Free. Online Registration (note that Active.com charges fee.): www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1796624. TCA Memb. req'd: Regular \$11, Jr/Student \$8.50, No Magazine \$5, Family \$16. OSA. USCF Membership Required. **\$\$b/20:75% Guaranteed.** \$1500-750-250. U2400 \$500. **Reg.:** 1/15: 6:00-7:00 pm. **Rds.:** 7:20 pm, 12:30 pm - 5:15 pm, 9:10 am - 2:45 pm. 1 bye if requested before round 2. Park on me tered parking by Student Union or by UTD bookstore. Or get visitors pass at guard shack on University Drive and park on visitor's parking. Due to contruction, check website for parking updates. **Recommended Hotel:** Hawthorn Suites Richardson, 250 Municipal Dr., Richardson, TX 75080. 972-669-1000. **HR:** \$79 for 1 bedroom will pullout couch, \$99 for 1 bedroom plus another king bedroom plus pullout couch. Mention UTD rate to get hotel rate. Any problems booking your room, please ask for Lynn Koutney. Free hot breakfast with hotel room. ENT: Dallas Chess Club, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. 214.632.9000. INFO: Barb Swafford, info@dallaschess.com www.swchess.com. NS, NC. FIDE. WCL JGP.

A Heritage Event! June 11-13 or 12-13, Nevada

Live Grand Prix Points: 200 (enhanced)

2010 National Open

REGIONAL

Alabama

Dec. 19-20, Magic City Classic - 2nd Annual

5SS, TC: G/90. Homewood Community Center, 1632 Oxmoor Road, Homewood, AL 35209. OPEN (\$700 b/20; PF: 50% GTD): \$300-200-U2000: \$100-U1700: \$100; RESERVE (\$600 b/20; PF: 50% GTD): \$275-175-U1300: \$75-U1000: \$75. Late REG.: DEC 19th, 8-8:40am. Rds.: 9-1-5; 12-3. EF: \$40, f mailed by DEC 12th; \$50 at site. SCHOLASTIC (K-12): 5SS, TC: G/40. AM-ATEUR (600-999), PREMIER (UNR-599), EF: \$20, If mailed by DEC 12th, \$30 at site. Trophy: Top 3; Medals 4th-6th each section. Rds.: 9-10:30-12:30-2, 3:30. Checks payable to: Caesar Chess. ENT: Caesar Chess LLC, 4524 South lake Parkway, Suite 34 - PMB 310, Birmingham, Al 35244, Info: info@caesarchess.com, www.caesarchess.com. WCL JGP.

Jan. 9, Montgomery JAN Tornado

4SS, TC: G/75, Frazer UMC, 6000 Atlanta Hwy., Montgomery, Al. 36117, Open (\$375b/15): \$200-100-75; Reserve (U1500; b/15): \$180-80-60; Late REG.: 8-8:40am. Rds.: 9, 11:30, 2:30, 5. EF: \$25 if rcvd by Jan 2; \$35 at site. SCH (K-12): 5SS, TC: G/40. Rated and Not Rated. EF: \$20/\$10; \$10 more at site. Trophy: Top 3. Rds.: 9-10:30-12:30-2, 3:30. Checks payable to: Caesar Chess. ENT: Caesar Chess LLC. 4524 Southlake Parkway. Suite 34 - PMB 310. Birmingham, AL 35244. Info: info@caesarchess.com. WCL JGP.

Jan. 16. MLK Scholastic

5SS, TC: G/40. Kingwood Christian School, 1351 Royalty Dr. Alabaster, AL 35007. RATED: (K-12), (K-9); (K-3) = EF: \$20 and NOT RATED: (K-6) and (K-3) = EF: \$10, If mailed by JAN 9th; \$30/\$20 at site. Trophy: Top 3; Medals 4th-6th and Team Top 2 ea section. Rds.: 9-10:30-12:30-2, 3:30. Checks payable to: Caesar Chess. ENT: Caesar Chess LLC, 4524 Southlake Parkway, Suite 34 – PMB 310, Birmingham, AL 35244. Info: Info@caesarchess.com.

A Heritage Event! Feb. 6-7, Queen of Hearts - 38th Annual 5SS, TC: 30/90; SD/30. AUM Taylor Center. 7440 East Drive, Montgomery, 585, I.C. 30/99(, 520). Alwin significantiar. 1744 Dass three, windingularias, M. 1. 36117. OPEN (\$900 b/25; PF: 50% GTD): \$300-200-150-A: \$150-U1800: \$100; RESERVE (\$725 b/25; PF: 50% GTD): \$250-150-125-E: \$125-U1000: \$75. Late REG. FEB 6th, 8-8:40am. Rds: 9-2-7; 9-3. EF: \$40, if mailed by JAN 30th; \$50 at site. \$CHOLASTIC (K-12): \$5S, TC: G/40. AMATEUR (800-999), PREMIER (UNR-599) and NOVICE (Not Rated): EF: \$20/\$10, If mailed by JAN 30th, \$30/\$20 at site. Trophy: Top 3; Medals 4th-6th and Top Team Trophy each section. Rds: 9-10:30-12:30-2. 3:30. Checks payable to: Montgomery Chess Club. ENT: Montgomery Chess Club, 2624 Burkelaun Drive, Montgomery, AL 36111. Info: info@caesarchess.com, www.alaba-machess.com. WCL JGP.

California Northern

Dec. 12. Jan. 30. Scholastic Quads

at BayAreaChess Center, 4423 Fortran Ct., Ste. 160, San Jose 95134. EF: \$25. \$41 onsite. TD may assign ratings. **Prizes:** Trophies to winners and those with winning record. Schedule: **Reg./check-in:** Fri. 4:45-5p. Games at 5:15-7pm. G/30 all rounds. Ent: BayAreaChess, 4423 Fortran Ct., Ste. 160, San Jose CA 95134. Questions: contact@BavAreaChess.com, Tel 408-786-5515. Info & Entries: BayAreaChess.com/events/kids. NS, NC, W.

Dec. 12, Jan. 30, Swiss

at BayAreaChessCenter, 4423 Fortran Ct., Ste. 160, San Jose 95134. 4 **sections.** u500, u800, u1100, 1100+. **EF:** \$33. \$49 onsite, \$10 play-up, subtract \$60 for BayAreaChess Pass. TD may assign ratings. Prizes: Trophies to top 5 (big ones) and everyone with a winning record in each section! Medals to rest. Schedule: Reg.: Fri 9:15-9:30a, Rounds @ 10am-4pm. Ent: BayAreaChess, 4423 Fortran Ct., Ste. 160, San Jose, CA 95134. Questions: contact@BayAreaChess.com, Tel 408-786-5515. Info & Entries: BayAreaChess.com/ events/kids. NS, NC, W.

Dec. 19. SuperSwiss

See Grand Prix.

Jan. 1, NorCal Swiss under 1000

5SS, G/30. Hotel: Hyatt Regency Santa Clara, 5101 Great America Pkwy., Santa Clara, CA 95054. 4-star rooms @ \$99. Free parking. Prizes: Trophies to top 7 (big ones) and everyone with a winning record in each section! **4 sections.** F (800-999) G (600-799) H (400-599) I/J (100-399) **Unrated** may enter any section. **EF:** \$44 by 12/20. Add \$5 for 12/21-23, 12/24-26 \$15 (no mailed entries after 12/26), add \$25 onsite, add \$10 for play-up, subtract \$60 for BayAreaChess Pass. TD may assign ratings. **Schedule:** Reg.: Fri 9-9:30a, Rounds @ 10, 11:30am, 1, 2:15, 3:30pm. **Ent:** BayAreaChess, 4423 Fortran Ct., Ste 160, San Jose, CA 95134. **Questions:** contact@BayAreaChess.com, Tel 408-786-5515. Info & Entries: BayAreaChess.com/events/10norcals. NS, NC, W.

Jan. 1-3 or 2-3, NorCal Open 2010 See Grand Prix

Jan. 15-18, 16-18 or 17-18, Golden State Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

California Southern

Dec. 6, 20, LACC December Scholastics I & II

5SS, 6/30. LACC, 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA, 90025, 2nd Fl. 4 blks W 405. **EF:** \$25 (\$20 LACC memb, Free new LACC memb). **Reg.:** 1:30-2. **Rds.:** 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. Prizes: Trophies, Medals, Disney prizes (every player receives a prize!). Free street and BOA parking, refreshments, and class 1-2 pm. Info: (310) 795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com.

Dec. 27, Beverly Hills Holiday Youth Chess Event - Holiday Hexes 6 player sections divided by ratings, 5RR, G/30, non-rated beginner section

also available. Beverly Hills Chess Club, 8950 W. Olympic Blvd., #210, Beverly Hills, CA 90211. EF: \$25 if received by 12/18, \$30 After 12/18, \$35 at site. Make checks payable to: Beverly Hills Chess Club. Prizes: 1st and 2nd place trophies in each section. **Reg.**: 9-9:45 am. Rounds begin at: 10 am. **Parking**: At the chess club. **Website**: www.bhchessclub.com. **Info**: Robert Minoofar 888-91-CHESS 888-912-4377 or email us: bhchessclub@hotmail.com.

Feb. 13-15. 27th Annual U.S. Amateur Team - West See Nationals

Feb. 15, 13th Annual Southern California Scholastic Amateur Team 4-SS, SD/45. Warner Center Marriott, 21850 Oxnard Street, Woodland Hills, CA 91367. Four-player teams plus optional alternate, Grade 12/below, average rating of four highest must be U1200. (Dec. 2009 rating list used, Feb. 2010 used for previously unrated players.) **EF:** \$75 per team received by 2/12, \$85 at site. Trophies (team & individual) to top 3 teams, top U1000, U800, U400/unr. Reg.: 9:00-10 a.m. **Rds.:** 10:30-1-2:45-4:30. Info, help in forming teams: scholteam@westernchess.com. Web site, advance entry list: www.westernchess. com. HR: \$119, 800-228-9290, ask for Western Chess. Reserve by Jan. 20 or rates may go up. Parking \$6. Ent: SCCF, c/o John Hillery, 835 N. Wilton Place #1A, Los Angeles, CA 90038. NS, NC, W.

Feb. 15, AT HEXES

3-SS, G/90, Warner Center Marriott, 21850 Oxnard Street, Woodland Hills, CA 91367. Six-player sections by rating. **EF:** \$20 if rec. by 2-12, \$25 door. \$\$40-20-10 each section. **Reg.:** 9:30-10:15 a.m. **Rds.:** 10:30-1:30-4:30. **Ent:** SCCF, c/o John Hillery, 835 N. Wilton Place #1A, Los Angeles, CA 90038, on line at www.westernchess.com

Mar. 12-14 or 13-14, 17th annual Western Class Championships See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

District of Columbia

Dec. 27-30, 36th Annual Eastern Open

Jan. 16-17, DC Junior Open

U.S. Chess Center, 1501 M Street, NW. Washington, DC 20005. Open to all under age 21. 4-SS. EF: \$15 if by 1/9, \$20 at door. 5 Sections, Under Age 21, Under Age 21 and rated Under 1200, Under Age 13, Under Age 13 and rated Under 900, Under Age 13 and rated Under 600. \$100 Savings Bond prize for Teen Champion. Trophies in all sections. **Reg.:** 12-12:45. Top Section: G/90. **Rds.:** 1 - 4, 12:30 - 3:30. This tournament determines the DC Scholastic male and female Champions, Other 4 Sections TC: G/30 with all games played on Saturday. Info: (202) 857-4922. www.chessctr.org/DCJunior.php. WCL JGP.

Florida

Boca Raton Chess Club

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

Dec. 5, Jan. 9, Feb. 6, Mar. 6, Apr. 3, May 1 St. Petersburg Rated Beginner's Opens (RBO's)
5rd Swiss, G/30. USCF RBO 4 Sect. K-2U400; K-5U500; K-8U700; & K-12U1000;

top 12 in each get trophy (all K-2 get trophy) all others medal. Team (2 or more)
- best four scores from all divisions trophy to top 12. **EF:** \$18. SPCC mems \$15. 1st rd 10:15 AM. Sunshine Center, 330 Fifth St. N., St. Petersburg, FL. NC, W. pregister online at www.stpetersburgchessclub.com. 727-822-1171

Jan. 15-17 or 16-17, Central Florida Class Championships See Grand Prix.

Feb. 12-14 or 13-14, 2010 U.S. Amateur Team - South

Illinois

North American Chess Association

Tournaments for kids and adults of all playing strength. Creators of the electronic scoresheet, eNotate. Monthly FIDE title tournaments (WIM, WGM, IM). Sevan A. Muradian, FIDE Arbiter & International Organizer. www.nachess.org | info@nachess.org | 888.80.CHESS.

Dec. 27, Mayor Daley's Holiday Chess Championship

4ss/ Game/30, McCormick Place, 2301 S. Martin Luther King Dr., Chicago, IL, 60616. Special parking rate. 4 Sections: **Open** (adults & Youths), **Middle** (K-8), Elementary (K-5) & **Primary** (K-2). 100+ Team & Individual Trophies & Awards. **EF:** \$12 by 12/14, \$17 after. **RDS.:** 10, 11:30, 1:30 & 3:00. **Ent:** Renaissance Knights, PO Box 1074, Northbrook, 1L 60065. Online Ent/Info: www.rknights.org, Sheila Heiser 847-526-9025. No onsite registration. HR: \$109, 312-567-1234 Hyatt McCormick Place

Feb. 27, Kasparov Chess Foundation & Renaissance Knights Greater Chicago Junior High Championship!

5-SS, G/30, open to all grades 8/below. Crowne Plaza Northbrook, 2875 Milwaukee Ave., Northbrook, IL 60062 (free parking). 2 sections: 1. Varsity: open to all. Trophies: top 6 players, the top 3 schools, top rated Under 1200 and top 3 unrated. **2. Junior Varsity:** Open to Under 1000 or unrated. Trophies: top 6 players, top 3 schools, top rated Under 700 and top 3 unrated. *Any player who* scores 4 or more points and doesn't win a trophy will receive a medal! EF: \$35 per player postmarked by 2/8/10. All EF \$7 extra per player postmarked 2/9-15 (no mail accepted postmarked after 2/15). Mailed entries \$5 less per player if 4 or more from same school mailed together in SAME ENVELOPE!

Mail Entries: list name, rating USCF ID# (proof of current USCF membership required, enclose dues if necessary) school, grade, birth date, address & section. **Checks payable & mailed to:** Renaissance Knights, PO Box 1074, Northbrook, IL 60065. Online entries at www.rknights.org \$35 thru 2/15, \$42 2/15-23, No online entries after 2/23. \$5 extra to switch sections. **Refunds:** \$10 service charge for each player refunded. **On-Site entry fee:** \$50. On-site registration: ENDS 9:15 AM. RDS.: 10-12-2-3:30-5:15. Byes: Limit 2. More info: www.rknights.org. Questions: renknights@aol.com (773) 844-0701. HR: \$79 chess rate, reserve by 2/12, may sell out, Tel: 847-298-2525. Sets provided, hring clocks

Feb. 27, Kasparov Chess Foundation & Renaissance Knights present Greater Chicago Primary Championship! 5-SS, G/30, open to all grades 3/below. Crowne Plaza Northbrook, 2875 Mil-

waukee Ave., Northbrook, IL 60062 (free parking). 2 sections: 1. Varsity: open to all, Trophies: top 6 players, top 3 schools, top rated Under 900 and top 3 unrated. **2. Junior Varsity:** Open to Under 700 or unrated. Trophies: top 6 players, top 3 schools, top rated Under 500 and top 3 unrated. **Trophies to the top** 3 Kindergartners! Any player who scores 4 or more points and doesn't win a trophy will receive a medal! EF: \$35 per player postmarked by 2/8/10. All EF \$7 extra per player postmarked 2/9-15 (no mail accepted postmarked after 2/15). Mailed entries \$5 less per player if 4 or more from same school mailed together in SAME ENVELOPE! Mail Entries: list name, rating USCF ID# (proof of current USCF membership required, enclose dues if necessary) school, grade, birth date, address & section. Checks payable & mailed to: Renaissance Knights, PO Box 1074, Northbrook, IL 60065. Online entries at www.rknights.org \$35 thru 2/15, \$42 2/15-23, No online entries after 2/23. \$5 extra to switch sections. Refunds: \$10 service charge for each player refunded. **On-Site entry fee:** \$50. On-site registration: ENDS 9:15 AM. **RDS.:** 10-12-2-3:30-5:15. Byes: Limit 2. More info: www.rknights.org. Questions: renknights@aol.com (773) 844-0701. HR: \$79 chess rate, reserve by 2/12, may sell out, Tel: 847-298-2525. Sets provided, bring clocks

Feb. 28, Kasparov Chess Foundation & Renaissance Knights Greater Chicago Elementary Championship!

5-SS, G/30, open to all grades 6/below. Crowne Plaza Northbrook, 2875 Milwaukee Ave., Northbrook, IL 60062 (free parking), 2 sections: 1, Varsity: open to all. Trophies: top 6 players, top 3 schools, top rated Under 1000 and top 3 unrated. **2. Junior Varsity:** Open to Under 800 or unrated. Trophies: top 6 players; top 3 schools, top rated Under 600 and top 3 unrated. *Any player who* scores 4 or more points and doesn't win a trophy will receive a medall EF: \$35 per player postmarked by 2/8/10. All EF \$7 extra per player postmarked 2/9-15 (no mail accepted postmarked after 2/15). Mailed entries \$5 less per player if 4 or more from same school mailed together in SAME ENVELOPE! Mail Entries: list name, rating USCF ID# (proof of current USCF membership required, enclose dues if necessary) school, grade, birth date, address & section. Checks payable & mailed to: Renaissance Knights, PO Box 1074, Northbrook. IL 60065. Online entries at www.rknights.org \$35 thru 2/15, \$42 2/15-23, No online entries after 2/23. \$5 extra to switch sections. Refunds: \$10 service charge for each player refunded. **On-Site entry fee:** \$50. On-site registration: ENDS 9:15 AM. RDS.: 10-12-2-3:30-5:15. Byes: Limit 2. More info: www.rknights.org. Questions: renknights@aol.com (773) 844-0701. HR: \$79 chess rate, reserve by 2/12, may sell out, Tel: 847-298-2525. Sets provided, bring clocks.

Feb. 28, Kasparov Chess Foundation & Renaissance Knights **Greater Chicago High School Championship!**

5-SS, G/30, open to all grades 12/below. Crowne Plaza Northbrook, 2875 Milwaukee Ave., Northbrook, IL 60062 (free parking). 2 sections: 1. Varsity: open to all. Trophies to the 6 top-scoring players and the 3 top-scoring schools, the top rated Under 1500, and the top 3 unrated. **2. Junior Varsity:** Open to Under 1200 or unrated. Trophies: top 6 players; top 3 unrated, top 3 schools, top Under 900 and top 3 unrated. Any player who scores 4 or more points and doesn't in a trophy will receive a medal! EF: \$35 per player postmarked by 2/8/10. All EF \$7 extra per player postmarked 2/9-15 (no mail accepted postmarked after 2/15). Mailed entries \$5 less per player if 4 or more from same school mailed together in SAME ENVELOPE! Mail Entries: list name, rating USCF ID# (proof of current USCE membership required, enclose dues if necessary) school grade, birth date, address & section. **Checks payable & mailed to:** Renais sance Knights, PO Box 1074, Northbrook, IL 60065. Online entries at www.rknights.org. \$35 thru 2/15, \$42 2/15-23, No online entries after 2/23. \$5 extra to switch sections. **Refunds:** \$10 service charge for each player refunded. On-Site entry fee: \$50. **On-site registration:** ENDS 9:15 AM. **RDS.**: 10-12-2-3:30-5:15. Byes: Limit 2. More info: www.rknights.org. Questions: renknights@aol.com (773) 844-0701. **HR:** \$79 chess rate, reserve by 2/12, may sell out, Tel: 847-298-2525. Sets provided, bring clocks.

May 27-31, 28-31, 29-31 or 30-31, 19th annual Chicago Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

Indiana

Feb. 19-21, 2010 U.S. Junior Chess Congress See Nationals

Feb. 27-28, Kasparov Chess Foundation & Renaissance Knights present Greater Chicago Scholastic Championships! (IL) See Illinois

Iowa

Feb. 27, Drake Chess Festival 2010-Rated RBO

5SS, G/30 with 5 second delay. Open to 1199 & under. Where: Olmstead Center on the Drake University Campus, 2507 University Avenue. Des Moines. IA 50311. **Reg.:** 8:30 to 9:30 am. **Rounds:** 9:45-11:00-1:00-2:15-3:30. **Entry Fee:** \$10.00 if received by February 25th, \$15.00 at site. Prize Info: Trophies for the Top Score U1200, U1000, U800, U600, U400, U200. US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required. On-Site Available. Send Entry Fee to: Bill Broich 7149 Wilshire Blvd Windsor Heights Towa 50322 Additional Info: Phone 515-205-8062 or E-mail broich01@yahoo.com.

Kansas

Dec. 19, 9th Annual Lindsborg Open 5-SS, G/60. Karpov Chess School, 106 S. Main St., Lindsborg, KS 67456. One section, open to all. **EF:** \$15 if playing only for trophies, \$35 if playing only for cash prizes, \$45 if playing for both cash prizes and trophies. **All:** \$10 more onsite. **Reg.:** 8-8:30. **Rds.:** 9, 11:30, 2, 4:30, 7. **Cash prizes:** \$150, \$100; U1800, U1500, U1200 each \$100. cash prizes based on 20 cash prize entries. KCA memb req (OSA). Ent/info: brownscombe@anatolykarpovchessschool.org, www.anatolykarpovchessschool.org, 785-227-2224.

Massachusetts

Mar. 5-7 or 6-7, 19th annual Eastern Class Championships See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Michigan

Feb. 27-28, Kasparov Chess Foundation & Renaissance Knights present Greater Chicago Scholastic Championships! (IL)

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 Saturday night (QC)

5SS G/5 OR Chass 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.

Dec. 26. Christmas Open

4SS, G/75. Chess Club & Scholastic Center, 4657 Maryland Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108. **EF**: \$30, \$20 for annual members of the club. MCA Membership Req'd from \$5. OSA, PF (b/45): \$900: \$150 lst each M/X, A, B, C, D, U1200. **Req**: 9 -9:50. **Rds:** 10, 12:45, 3:30, 6. One 1/2 point bye if declared before round 1. Ent: 4657 Maryland Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108 314-361-CHESS, info@saint-louischessclub.org. WCL JGP.

Mar. 19-21 or 20-21, 14th annual Mid-America Open

See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

Nevada

Dec. 26-29 or 27-29, 19th (not 18th) annual North American Open

June 11-13 or 12-13, 2010 National Open See Nationals.

New Jersev

Jan. 9, Princeton Day School

650 The Great Road. Plaques to top 3 school teams and top 6 in each section. Medals to all players. Three sections for OVER 1000 begin at 10:15 and must preregister: **NEAR MASTERS** (K-12 over 1400) and **FUTURE MASTERS** (Players K-12 over 1200) G/60, 3 rds. CLOSED (K-12 1000-1200) G/45 4 rds. ALL OTHER SECTIONS. G/30 4 rds. beginning at 12:00 noon. (round times will be accelerated if possible): OPEN (Players K-12 U-1000), RESERVE (K-12 U-800), NOVICE II (K-8 U-600), NOVICE I (unrated K-6), K-1 (unrated) NO SCORE K-1 (unrated). PARENTS OF PLAYERS rated G/30 3 rounds. Pre-registration online \$35. On-site 11-12 noon \$45. Info and register online: www.pds.org/chess. Inquires to Bonnie Waitzkin Chessteach@gmail.com.

Jan. 16, Jersey Shore K-12 Regionals

The Academy at Grace and Peace, 1563 Old Freehold Rd., Toms River, NJ 08755.

All Sections open to K-12. Section A: U500, Section B: 500-1000, Section C: 1000-1500, Section D: 1500+. Section A, B, C 4SS, G/30. Section D: 3 Rounds, G/60. Trophies to Top 5 in each section, Medals to all others. EF: \$25 if rec'd by 1/9, \$30 on site. Reg.: 9:00-9:45 AM. Rds.: 10:00 AM and ASAP. Info: John Burke, 908-705-7958 or johnpburke@yahoo.com. Ent: Make checks payable to The Academy at Grace and Peace. Please indicate USCF ID# and

Feb. 13-15, 40th Annual World Amateur Team & U.S. Team East See Nationals

A State Championship Event!

Feb. 28, New Jersey Junior High School Championships 5SS, G/30. Brookdale College, 765 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, NJ 07738.

Student Life Center, use Parking Lot #7 or #6; 5 minutes from Garden State Parkway exit 109. 5SS, G/30. **Section: JHS (K-9). More Trophies! ALL:** Trophies to top = 2 015 individuals, top 5 teams. **Rds.:** 10am then ASAP Top 4 scores constitute team score. **EF:** \$30 before 2/20, \$50 at site. USCF memb. reg'd. EF includes 1 year memb. to NJSCF for NJ state residents. **Reg.:** 8-9:00 am. After 9:00 am, half-point bye for round one. INFO: 732-259-3881, hsprechman@characterkings.org. ENTRY: Aaron Kiedes, 4 Seymour Terrace, Hackettstown, NJ 07840. Entries must include name, grade, school, date of birth, USCF ID #, & expiration date, mailing address, phone number & entry fee Checks made out to NJSCE

A State Championship Event!

Feb. 28, New Jersey State Elementary Championships 5SS, G/30. Brookdale College, 765 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, NJ 07738.

Student Life Center, use Parking Lot #7 or #6; 5 minutes from Garden State Parkway exit 109. 2 Sections: Elementary (K-6) & Primary (K-3). All: Trophies to top 15 individuals, top 5 teams. Elementary & Primary: Top 5 in each grade. Rds.: 10am then ASAR Top 4 scores constitute the team score for Elementary; top 3 for Primary. EF: \$30 before 2/21, \$50 at site. USCF memb. reg'd. EF includes 1 year Atlantic Chess News for NJ state residents. **Reg.:** 8-9:00am After 9:00am 1/2 point bye for round 1. Info: 732 259-3881, **Ent**: Aaron Kiedes, 4 Seymour Terrace, Hackettstown, NJ 07840. Entries must include name, grade & school, date of birth, USCF ID and expiration date, mailing address, email address, phone number and entry fee. Checks made out to NJSCF.

A State Championship Event!

Mar. 6-7, New Jersey High School Chess Championships 5SS, G/90. Rutgers University - Rutgers Student Center, 126 College Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. Call (732) 445-6127 for directions. **3 sections: Var-sity Championship (9-12):** 5 player teams with one alternate allowed. Coaches set order by player strength. Order must not be changed. Team avg. based on top 5 highest ratings. Trophies to top 10 NJ teams. Trophies for top three players, boards 1-5. **Rds.:** Sat. 10-2-6, Sun. 10-2. **EF:** \$150-/team before 2/27. \$185/team at site. \$5 per change on site. Junior Varsity (9-12): 4 player teams with one alternate allowed. Team avg. based on top 4 highest ratings. Trophies to top 10 NJ teams. Trophies for top 3 players, boards 1-4. Rds.: Sat. 102-6, Sun. 10-2. **EF:** \$120/team before 2/27, \$150/team on site. \$5 per change on site. **Booster (K-12):** Trophies to top 15 individuals, top 5 teams, top 2 JHS, & top 2 elementary (K-6). **Rds.:** Sat. 10-2-6, Sun 10-2. Top 4 scores constitute team score. **EF:** \$30 before 2/27, \$37 at site. **All:** USCF memb. required. EF includes 1 year membership to NJSCF for NJ residents. **Req.:** Sat. 8-9:00am. After 9:00am, 1/2 Point bye for round one. Info: 973-794-4601. ENT: Make checks payable to NJSCF and send to Roger Inglis, 49A Mara Rd., Lake Hiawatha, NJ 07034. Entries must include, name, grade & school, date of birth, USCR ID# & exp. date, mailing address, email address, phone number and entry fee. **WCL JGP**.

A State Championship Event!

Mar. 20-21, First Only New Jersey State Championship (Only for NJ Players and Past NJ Champs.) Dean of Chess Academy, 3150 US

(Only for NJ Players and Past NJ Champs, Dean of Chess Academy, 3150 US Rt. 22, Branchburg, NJ. In 3-Sections: 6825800. *Only NJ Masters-Experts* section: 4SS, TC: 40/2hrs, SD/60. G\$\$: \$500-300-200-100. Top Expert \$100. Only one Sat half point bye. Rds. Sat. 10am- 4:30pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. *Only NJ Class A-B* section: (Only for 1600-1999) \$300-200-100. Top Class B 1500. *Only NJ Class C* section: (Only U1600) \$300-200-100. Top Class D, E, & F\$100 each. Lower Sections: 5SS, TC: G/100. Only 2 byes in rounds 1-4. Rds.: Sat: 10-2-6, Sun: 11-3. Trophies: Top 3 each section, Top Expert, Class B, D, E, F & Unrated, Senior age 65. & K-8. (Only rated players win cash) **Early EF:** Only Master-Exp: \$70, Other sections \$65 if by 3/15. Past NJ Champs EF is \$35 if early, but \$80 at site: Please join online at entryfeesrus.com. **On site EF:** Master-Exp \$80, Lower sections \$75. Cash only at site. **Reg.:** 3/20, 8am-9:45am. Hotel Sierra is nearby and a great deal. Hotel Rates \$89/free Breakfast. (908) 704-2191. The playing hall accommodates Only 100 players, so the only the first 100 EF's received will play. Ent: Ken Thomas, 115 West Moore Street, Hackettstown, NJ 07840-2233. Make checks payable to NJSCF. For info contact Ken, acn@goes.com or (908)763-6468. Players and spectators cell phones & ear covering are restricted. FIDE, NS, NC, W. WCL JGP.

New York

Dec. 26-28 or 27-28, 5th annual Empire State Open

See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

Jan. 2. Prove Your Point!

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

Jan. 10, NY Winter Under 1800!

4-SS, G/50. Chess Center at Marshall Chess Club, 23 W. 10th St., bet 5-6 Ave., NYC: 845-569-9969. EF \$40, Club members \$30, \$5 less if also entering 1/9 Winter G/45, specified Greater NY Scholastic prizewinners free. **Online entry** at www.chesscenter.cc thru 1/7. \$\$ (480 b/32 paid entries): 150-100-50 (\$75 limit to Unr.), top U1600 \$95, top U1400 \$85. Limit 2 byes, commit by 2 pm. Reg. ends 15 min before game. Rds. 12-2-4-6 pm. CCA Ratings may be used. \$10 extra to "enter" by phone!

Jan. 10, The Right Move #158 Team and Individual Championship

4SS, G/30. Play starts promptly at 10:00. Players must check in by 9:15 A.M. (Latecomers will not play in round one). Brandeis H.S., 145 W. 84th St., 10024 (near Columbus Ave., Manhattan, NYC). **Open to gr. K-12. Five rated sec**tions: Open, Under 1700, Under 1200, Under 800, Under 600. (May renew or join USCF at tournament). Non-member sections by grades: K-3, 4-6, 7-12. Trophies to top 3 in each section except Open (\$50, \$30, \$20 for 1st-3rd); medal to each player with 2.5 or more points. Team plaque to 1st and 2nd each section, with top 4 scores counting in each section (minimum 3 players on team in section). To register: use website at www.therightmove.org or email -thechessstop@aol.com or Fax to 718-455-2863 before 6:00PM on Fri. Give full name, school, grade, USCF ID#, exp. date, and section. NO ON-SITE REGIS-TRATION.

A Heritage Event!

Jan. 30, Kasparov Chess Foundation presents the 31st Annual Greater NY Primary Championship

5-SS, G/30, open to all born after 1/30/00 in grades 3/below. New Yorker Hotel, 481 8th Ave. & 34th St., NYC. **3 sections: Varsity,** open to all. EF: \$46.60 post-marked by 1/08/10. Trophies to top 12, top rated U900, top 3 unrated, top 6 school teams. Free entry to all Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 8/1/10 to 1st, thru 7/1 to 2nd, thru 6/1 to 3rd. **Novice:** open to Under 700 or unrated. EF: \$46.50 postmarked by 1/8. Trophies to top 12, top 3 unrated. Free entry to all Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 7/1/10 to 1st, thru 6/1 to 2nd, thru 5/1 to 3rd. **K-1**, open to grade 1/below. EF: \$46.40 postmarked by 1/8. Trophies to top 12, top rated U500, top 3 unrateds, top 6 schools. Free entry to all Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 7/1/10 to 1st, thru 6/1 to 2nd, thru 5/1 to 3rd. All: EF's \$7 extra per player postmarked 1/9-15, all \$65 at site. Mail entries \$5 less per player if 4 or more from same school in SAME ENVE-LOPE! All substitutions from advance entry list charged late fee. \$15 extra to switch sections, \$15 charge for each player refund. All players scoring 4 or more who don't win a trophy will receive a medal! 8 weeks free entry, except quads, to 1st team each section, 4 weeks free, except quads, to 2nd team (top 4 scores from same school = team score), Speed playoff for 5-0, Limit 2 byes (rds. 4-5 commit before rd. 3). Mail entries: list name, rating, ID# (proof of current USCF membership required, enclose dues if necessary), school, grade, birthdate, address. Checks to (specify section): Chess Center of NY, PO Box 4615, New Windsor, NY 12553. To confirm receipt, enclose SASE. No mail postmarked after 1/15. Phone entries: \$59 by credit card thru 1/25: 845-569-9969. (or 406-896-2191, 24 hours, entries only). Online entries at www.chess**center.cc:** \$46 thru 1/15, \$53 1/16-1/25. No phone or on-line entries after 1/25. **On-site entry fee:** \$65. On-site reg. ends 9:15 am. Rds. 10-12-2-3:30-5:15. Questions, team rooms: chesscentr@aol.com (Jan 29-30 only: 212-971-0101). Bring sets, clocks, boards— NONE SUPPLIED!

A Heritage Event!

Jan. 30, Kasparov Chess Foundation presents the 44th Annual Greater NY Junior High Championship - USCF's Longest-Running

5-SS, G/30, open to all born after 1/30/94 not yet in 10th grade. New Yorker Hotel, 481 8th Ave. & 34th St., NYC. 3 sections: Varsity, open to all. EF: \$48.60 postmarked by 1/08/10. Trophies to top 12, top U1500, top 3 unrated, top 6 school teams. Free entry to all Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 8/1/10to 1st, thru 7/1 to 2nd, thru 6/1 to 3rd. Junior-Varsity: open to Under 1200

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or unrated. EF: \$48.50 postmarked by 1/8. Trophies to top 12, top 3 unrated, top 6 schools. Free entry to all Chess Center tmts, except guads thru 7/1/10 to 1st, thru 6/1 to 2nd, thru 5/1 to 3rd. **Novice**, open to Under 700 or unrated. EF: \$48.40 postmarked by 1/8. Trophies to top 12, top 3 unrateds, top 6 schools. Plagues to top 2 each grade: 4-6 (you can win both plague & trophy). Free entry to all Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 6/1/10 to 1st, thru 5/1 to 2nd, thru 4/1 to 3rd, All: FF's \$7 extra per player postmarked 1/9-15, all \$65 at site, Mail entries \$5 less per player if 4 or more from same school in SAME ENVE-LOPE! All substitutions from advance entry list charged late fee. \$15 extra to switch sections, \$15 charge for each player refund. All players scoring 4 or more who don't win a trophy will receive a medal! 8 weeks free entry, except quads, to 1st team each section, 4 weeks free, except quads, to 2nd team (top 4 scores from same school = team score). Speed playoff for 5-0. Limit 2 byes (rds. 4-5 commit before rd. 3). **Mail entries:** list name, rating, ID# (proof of current USCF membership required, enclose dues if necessary), school, grade, birthdate, address. Checks to (specify section): Chess Center of NY, PO Box 4615 New Windsor NV 12553 To confirm receipt, enclose SASE, No mail postmarked after 1/15. **Phone entries:** \$59 by credit card thru 1/25: 845-569-9969 (or 406-896-2191, 24 hours, entries only). **Online entries at www.chesscenter.cc:** \$46 thru 1/15, \$53 1/16-1/25. No phone or on-line entries after 1/25. On-site entry fee: \$65. On-site reg. ends 9:15 am. Rds. 10-12-2-3:30-5:15. Questions, team rooms: chesscentr@aol.com (Jan 29-30 only: 212-971-0101). Bring sets, clocks, boards— NONE SUPPLIED!

A Heritage Event!

Jan. 31, Kasparov Chess Foundation presents the 44th Annual Greater NY Elementary Championship - USCF's Longest-Running Scholastic!

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Scs, G/30, open to all born after 1/31/97 not yet in 7th grade. New Yorker
Hotel, 481 8th Ave. & 34th St., NYC. **3 sections: Varsity**, open to all. EF: \$47.60
postmarked by 1/08/10. Trophies to top 12, top U1200, top 3 unrated, top 6 school teams. Free entry to all Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 8/1/10 to 1st, thru 7/1 to 2nd, thru 6/1 to 3rd. **Junior-Varsity:** open to Under 1000 or unrated. EF: \$47.50 postmarked by 1/8. Trophies to top 12, top 3 unrated, top 6 schools. Free entry to all Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 7/1/10 to 1st, thru 6/1 to 2nd, thru 5/1 to 3rd. **Novice,** open to Under 700 or unrated. EF: \$47.40 postmarked by 1/8. Trophies to top 12, top 3 unrateds, top 6 schools. Free entry to all Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 6/1/10 to 1st, thru 5/1 to 2nd, thru 4/1 to 3rd. All: EF's \$7 extra per player postmarked 1/9-15, all \$65 at site. Mail entries \$5 less per player if 4 or more from same school in SAME ENVELOPE! All substitutions from advance entry list charged late fee. \$15 extra to switch sections, \$15 charge for each player refund. All players scoring 4 or more who don't win a trophy will receive a medal! 8 weeks free entry, except quads, to 1st team each section, 4 weeks free, except quads, to 2nd team (top 4 scores from same school = team score). Speed playoff for 5-0. Limit 2 byes (rds. 4-5 commit before rd. 3). **Mail entries:** list name, rating, ID# (proof of current USCF membership required, enclose dues if necessary), school, grade, birthdate, address. Checks to (specify section): Chess Center of NY, PO Box 4615, New Windsor, NY 12553. To confirm receipt, enclose SASE. No mail postmarked after 1/15. **Phone entries:** \$59 by credit card thru 1/25: \$45-569-969 (or 406-896-2191, 24 hours, entries only). **Online entries: 4 www.chesscenter.cc:** \$46 thru 1/15, \$53 1/16-1/25. No phone or on-line entries after 1/25. On-site entry fee: \$65. On-site reg. ends 9:15 am. Rds. 10-12-2-3:30-5:15. Questions, team rooms: chesscentr@aol.com (Jan 29-31 only: 212-971-0101), Bring sets, clocks, boards— NONE SUPPLIED!

A Heritage Event!

Jan. 31, Kasparov Chess Foundation presents the 44th Annual Greater NY High School Championship - USCF's Longest-Running Scholastic!

5-SS, G/30, open to all grades 12/below born after 1/31/90, New Yorker Hotel, 481 8th Ave. & 34th St., NYC. 3 sections: Varsity, open to all. EF: \$49.60 postmarked by 1/08/10. Trophies to top 12, top U1700, top 3 unrated, top 6 school teams. Free entry to all Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 8/1/10 to 1st, thru 7/1 to 2nd, thru 6/1 to 3rd. **Junior-Varsity:** open to Under 1600 or unrated. EF: \$49.50 postmarked by 1/8. Trophies to top 12, top U1400, top 3 unrated. rated, top 6 schools. Free entry to all Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 7/1/10 to 1st, thru 6/1 to 2nd, thru 5/1 to 3rd. **Novice**, open to Under 1000 or unrated. EF: \$49.40 postmarked by 1/8. Trophies to top 12, top 3 unrateds, top 6 schools. Plaques to top 2 each grade: 7-9 (you can win both plaque & trophy). Free entry to all Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 6/1/10 to 1st, thru 5/1 to 2nd, thru 4/1 to 3rd. **All**: EF's \$7 extra per player postmarked 1/9-15, all \$65 at site. **Mail entries \$5 less per player if 4 or more from same school in SAME ENVELOPE!** All substitutions from advance entry list charged late fee. \$15 extra to switch sections, \$15 charge for each player refund. All players scoring 4 or more who don't win a trophy will receive a medal! 8 weeks free entry, except quads, to 1st team each section, 4 weeks free, except quads, to 2nd team (top 4 scores from same school = team score; no combined schools. even if one school "feeds" another). Speed playoff for 5-0. Limit 2 byes (rds. 4-5 commit before rd. 3). Mail entries: list name, rating, ID# (proof of current USCF membership required, enclose dues if necessary), school, grade, birthdate, address. Checks to (specify section): Chess Center of NY, PO Box 4615, New Windsor, NY 12553, To confirm receipt, enclose SASE, No mail postmarked after 1/15. Phone entries: \$59 by credit card thru 1/25: 845-569-9969 (or 406-896-2191, 24 hours, entries only). **Online entries at www.chesscenter.cc:** \$46 thru 1/15, \$53 1/16-1/25. No phone or on-line entries after 1/25. **On-site** entry fee: \$65. On-site reg. ends 9:15 am. Rds. 10-12-2-3:30-5:15. Questions, team rooms: chesscentr@aol.com (Jan 29-31 only: 212-971-0101). Bring sets, clocks, boards— NONE SUPPLIED!

Feb. 7, Super Rated Beginners' Open! (RBO)

4-SS, G/50. Chess Center at Marshall Chess Club, 23 West 10 St., between 5-6 Ave., NYC: 845-569-9969, for Under 1200 or those not rated in any country. EF \$20, Club Members \$20, specified Greater NY Scholastic prizewinners free. \$\$200 b/20 paid: \$100-60-40. Reg. ends 11:45 am. Rds. 12-2-4-6 pm. No advance entries.

Feb. 27-28, New York State Scholastic Championships

Open to grades K-12 in any state (top NYS player & team in each section are NY champions). Saratoga Hilton, 534 Broadway (I-87 Exit 13-N, 4 miles north on US 9), Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Team prizes based on top 4 scores from same school; no combined school teams allowed even if one school "feeds" another. Teams of 2 or 3 players allowed, but are at a disadvantage. In 6 sections, each is a 6SS, G/60 except K-1 is 5SS, G/30 playing Feb 28 only. **High School**, grades K-12. EF \$38 mailed by 2/5. Top NYS grade 9-12 qualifies for Denker Tournament

of HS Champions. Junior High, grades K-9. EF \$37.90 mailed by 2/5. Elementary, grades K-6. EF \$37.60 mailed by 2/5. **Elementary Novice**, grades K-6 under 800 or unrated. EF \$37.50 mailed by 2/5. **Primary**, grades K-3. EF \$37.30 mailed by 2/5. **K-1**, grades K-1. EF \$37.10 mailed by 2/5. **Postmarked 2/6-16**:
All EF \$10 more. Do not mail entry after 2/17. **Online at chesstour.com. all** sections: EF \$40 by 2/6, \$50 by 2/22. No online entry after 2/22. **Phoned to 406-896-2038**, **all sections:** EF \$45 by 2/6, \$55 by 2/22. No phone entry after 2/22. **Entry at site:** all \$60. Trophies to top 20 players, top 3 Unrated, and top 8 teams each section and top each U1400, U1200, U1000 (HS), U1200, U1000, U800 (JHS), U1000, U800 (Elem), U600, U400 (Elem Novice). Speed playoff if perfect score tie. Free entry to NY State Championship, Labor Day weekend 2010 (Albany), to top player each section, Schedule: Late reg, ends Sat 11 am. rds Sat 12-3-6, Sun 9-12-2:30. **K-1 schedule:** Late reg. ends Sun 9 am, rds Sun 10-12-1:30-3-4:30. **Half point byes** OK all, limit 2, must commit before rd 2. **HR:** \$117-117, 888-999-4711, 518-584-4000, reserve by 2/13 or rate may increase. 48 hours notice required for room cancellation. Backup hotel: Courtyard by Marriott 2 blocks away 518-226-0538 Special car rentals: Avis 800-331-1600 use AWD #657633. **Mail entry:** Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. Include name, rating, USCF ID, USCF expiration (non-members enclose dues), section, school, grade, birth date, address of each player. Checks payable to Continental Chess. \$15 per player service charge for refunds. \$10 extra to switch sections, all substitutions from advance list charged \$60. Questions: chesstour.com, 845-496-9658. Bring set, board, clock if possiblenone supplied.

North Carolina

2009 Raleigh Scholastic Chess Tournaments

(2nd Sunday each month) Dec. 13. USCF Rated and Not Rated Quads, Ages 17 and Under, G/30. 3 Rd. Round Robin, EF: \$20 online or mailed 1 week before; \$25 onsite. PRZ: 1st Place Trophy, 2nd Place Medal for each Quad. Reg. 1:00 to 1:15. Rds.: 1:30, 2:35, & 3:40. ENT & Checks: Raleigh Chess Academy, 10930 Raven Ridge Road STE 105, Raleigh, NC 27614. INFO: Bill Clausen, (919) 272-8017. www.Carv.ChessAcademy.com. www.RaleighChessAcademy.com.

Jan. 9, Pawndemonium XXI

Asheville, Nc. 4 Scholastic Sections: K-12, K-8, K-5, K-3. 1 Adult Section (free entry, no prizes). Details available at: http://main.nc.us/bcsc/or email Ned Cabaniss at buned@main.nc.us.

Ohio

Dec. 20, Beachwood December Scholastic

4SS, G/30. Beachwood Community Center, 25325 Fairmount Blvd., Beachwood, OH, 44122, 5 minutes west off 1-271. EF: Free to Beachwood Chess Club Stdents, others \$20 at site. Sections: Championship, U 1000, U 600. Prizes: Trophies to all scoring 3 points or higher, participation awards. Reg.: 12:00-12:45 PM. Rds.: 1:00 8.ARR Info: Mike Joelson, mdjoelson@aol.com, 216-321-7000, www.progresswithchess.org.

Apr. 16-18, 2010 All Girls National Championship presented by the Kasparov Chess Foundation in association with the USCF and UTD.

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Pennsylvania

Jan. 9, MasterMinds CC Swiss/Open Quads

Blair Christian Academy, 220 W. Upsal St., Philadelphia, PA. 2 events. Quads: 3RR, 40/80, SD/30. EF: \$20, Pertect score winner \$60 else \$50. Rds.: 10 then asap. Scholastic Swiss MMGP: EF \$15, ASAP \$5 rec'd by Thursday before, else \$25 at the door. 3 sections: Open 3SS G/60, Rds.: 10 then asap; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, top under 1200, top unrated; UT100 -1st, 2nd, 3rd, top under 400, top under 500, and 50, 400, Rds.: 10 then asap. 1st & 2nd school & club trophies. All: Reg. ends 9:30am. Free parking on site! Ent: MasterMinds, CC 36 E. Hortter St. Philadelphia, PA 19119. Checks made payable to: MasterMinds CC. Info: Bradley Crable, 215-844-3881, brad@mastermindschess.org or www.mastermindschess.org

Jan. 15-18, 16-18 or 17-18, 42nd annual Liberty Bell Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

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4SS, G/30. Doylestown Activity Center, 425 Wells Road, Doylestown, PA 18901. Sections: K-6 U/700, K-12 Champ. EF: \$22 online by 1/13; \$27 online by noon 1/15; \$35 on-site 9:00-9:30. Rds.: 10:00, then ASAP Prizes: trophies to top individuals & schools. Free game analysis by NM Adam Weissbarth. See www.silverknightschess.com to register, or for information about sections for unrated players.

Jan. 23, January Joust

4SS, G/30. Wayne Elementary School, 651 W. Wayne Ave., Wayne, PA 19087. Sections: K-6 U/700, K-12 Champ. EF: \$22 online by 1/20; \$27 online by noon 1/22; \$35 on-site 9:00-9:30. Rds: 1:00:00, then ASAP Prizes: trophies to top individuals & schools. Free game analysis by NM Adam Weissbarth. See www.silverknightschess.com to register, or for information about sections for unrated players.

Feb. 6, Chess Bowl 2010

4SS, G/30. Wayne Elementary School, 651 W. Wayne Ave., Wayne, PA 19087. Sections: K-6 U/700, K-12 Champ. EF: \$22 online by 2/3; \$27 online by noon 2/5; \$35 on-site 9:00-9:30. Rds.: 10:00, then ASAP Prizes: trophies to top individuals & schools. Free game analysis by NM Adam Weissbarth. See www.silverknightschess.com to register, or for information about sections for unrated players.

Mar. 31-Apr. 4, Apr. 1-4, 2-4 or 3-4, Philadelphia Open See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

June 29-July 5, July 1-5, 2-5 or 3-5 38th Annual World Open See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Texas

Dec. 11-13, 2009 National Scholastic K-12 Championship See Nationals.

Dec. 26-27, 2009 DCC Insanity

Jan. 15-17, JG's Old-Fashioned Hamburgers Texas Masters See Grand Prix.

Jan. 15-17 or 16-17, JG's Old-Fashioned Hamburgers Texas Class Championships

University of Texas at Dallas, Galaxy Rooms At Student Union, 800 West Campbell Rd., Richardson, TX 75080. 5SS, G/120, Rd 1 of 2 day is G/60. In 7 Sections Under 2200: Open to 2199 & under. Unrateds may play in this section but are ineligible for prizes. **Under 2000:** Open to 1999 & under. Unrateds may play in this section but not be eligible for prizes. U1800: Open to 1799 & under. Unrateds may play in this section but not be eligible for prizes. **U1600/Unrateds**: Open to 1599 & under. Unrateds play in this section. Unrated may only win unrated prizes that are determined by unrated entry fees. The unrated entry fees do not apply for U1600 prizes. U1400: Open to 1399 & under. Unrateds may not play in this section. Under 1200: Open to 1199 & under Unrateds may not play in this section. **Under 1000:** Open to 999 & under. Unrateds may not play in this section. **ALL:** \$\$ 60% returned as prizes (30% for 1st, 20% for 2nd and 10% for 3rd.). **EF:** \$49 by 1/6/10, Juniors U19/Seniors Over 65/Handicap \$30 by 1/6/10. Else \$65 or Jr/Sr/Hcap \$40. Please do not mail after Jan 6th. **Register online until Jan 12th:** www.active.com/event detail.cfm?event id= 1796626. Two 1/2 pt. byes if requested before rd 2, but byes for both round 4 and round 5 is not allowed. **Two schedules:** 3 day and 2 day. **3 day Onsite Registration:** 1/15: 6:00 - 7:00 pm. **Rounds:** Fri 7:20 pm, Sat 12:30 pm - 5:15 pm, Sun 9:10 am - 2:45 pm. 2 day Onsite Registration: 1/16: 8:00 - 8:30 am. Rounds: Sat 9 am then merge with 3 day. Park on metered parking by Student Union or by UTD bookstore. Or get visitors pass at guard shack on University Drive and park on visitor's parking. Due to contruction, check website for parking updates. **Recommended Hotel:** Hawthorn Suites Richardson, 250 Municipal Dr., Richardson, TX 75080. 972-669-1000. HR: \$79 for 1 bedroom will pullout couch, \$99 for 1 bedroom plus another king bedroom plus pullout couch, Mention UTD rate to get hotel rate. Any problems booking your room, please ask for Lynn Koutney, Free hot breakfast with hotel room, ENT: Dallas Chess Club, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. 214.632.9000 INFO: Barb Swafford, info@dallaschess.com, www.swchess.com. NS, NC. WCL JGP.

Wisconsin

Jan. 9, Madison Winter Rated Beginner Open (RBO)

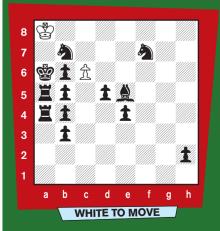
D240 Downtown MATC Campus, 211 N. Carroll St., Madison, WI 53703. Open to 1199 & under. In 2 Sections, Open & Reserve (age 12 or less), 5SS, 6/30. **EF:** Open 513 adv/\$20 at site. **Reg.:** 7:30am. Mail to: 2025 E. Johnson St., Madison, WI 53704. **Rds.:** 8:15-9:25-10:35-12:05-1:15. **INFO:** George Alexander 608-669-3385 or checkmate@dts.net. http://groups.google.com/group/madison-chess-league. NS, NC, W.

Feb. 12-14 or 13-14, 2010 U.S. Amateur Team Championship - North See Nationals.

Feb. 27-28, Kasparov Chess Foundation & Renaissance Knights present Greater Chicago Scholastic Championships! (IL)

WIN OR DRAW!

Here is an ingenious little composition for you to ponder. Is it a win or is it a draw? Send in your solution to: gpetersen@uschess.org, or if you prefer: Glenn Petersen, 44-D Manchester Court, Freehold, NJ 07728. We'll have a drawing and the winning entry will receive a copy of *Chess Endgame Quiz* by Larry Evans.



SOLUTIONS TO WIN OR DRAW (Page 18)

Number One Answer: WIN! White wins by sacrificing a pawn to get the knight into position to block the rook from getting that last pawn and, at the same time, keep the black king away. The king then has to be careful in avoiding checks by not allowing the rook to get on the d-file and give itself up for that last pawn since a king and knight can't mate Black: 1.Ne6 Rxg6 2.d7 Rg8 3.Nc7+ Kb7 4.Ne8 Rg5+ 5.Kc4 Rg4+ 6.Kd3 Rg3+ 7.Ke4 Rg4+ 8.Ke5 Rg5+ 9.Ke6 Rg6+ 10.Ke7 and the pawn queens. The queen and knight will easily defeat the rook.

Number Two Answer: WIN! White wins by figuring out how to get two connected pawns to defeat the rook to get one pawn to queen, which then will beat the rook. If two pawns get to the sixth rank against a rook, it's usually fatal for the rook and its king: 1.Bh5 Kg3 (1...gxh5 2.h7 Rc8 3.g6 Ra8+ 4.Kb4 Rb8+ 5.Kc5 Rc8+ 6.Kd6 Rd8+ 7.Ke7 Ra8 8.g7 Ra7+ 9.Kf6 Ra6+ 10.Kg5 Ra5+

11.Kh4 Ra4+ 12.Kxh5 Ra5+ 13.Kg6 Ra6+ 14.Kf5 Ra5+ 15.Ke4 Ra4+ 16.Kd5 Ra5+ 17.Kc4 Ra4+ 18.Kb5) 2.Bxg6 Kh4 (2...Rxg6 3.h7; 2...Kf4 3.h7 Rc8 4.Be8 Rxe8 5.g6) 3.h7 Rc8 4.Be8 Rxe8 5.g6 Rh8 6.g7.

Number Three Answer: WIN! This win for White is very clever! The bishop and knight team up to threaten mate and the poor black bishop can only go to a square that allows mate or a knight fork that loses the bishop. We give the key lines. You can figure out how to do the others: 1.Be5 (1.Bg3 works, too: same idea) 1...Bh4 (1...Ba5 2.Nd6+ Kb8 [2...Kd8 3.Bf6#] 3.Nb7+; 1...Be7 2.Bc7 Bf8 3.Nf6 Bb4 [3...Be7 4.Nd5] 4.Nd5) 2.Nd6+ Kd8 3.Bd4 Ke7 (3...Bg3 4.Bf6#; 3...Bg5 4.Nf7+) 4.Nf5+ snags the bishop.

Number Four Answer: WIN! White triumphs because White wins the battle of the d4 square. Black has no choice but to take the bishop because it's pinned and can't take the hpawn. Then there's a little dance to

prevent the black bishop from occupying d4 to stop the h-pawn. The knight does a great job in helping its monarch: 1.Bc5 Bxc5 2.Kc3 Ke3 3.Nc4+ Ke4 4.Nd2+ Ke3 5.Nf3 Kxf3 6.h7 Our thanks to the 1907 British Chess Magazine for these four problems.

Number Five Answer: DRAW!! White, a pawn down, builds a stalemate with: 1.Kg3 h5 (the only chance to win) 2.e4 (forces Black to play his next move) 2...Kg1 3.e5 dxe5 Also forced and stalemate!

Number Six Answer: DRAW!! A great save by White who plays the only first move that can get the draw:

1.Kc7 a2 2.d6 a1=Q 3.d7 (the pawn on the seventh with the bishop's help to keep the king out is the key)

3...Qe5+ 4.Kc8 Qf5 5.Be4 (White can afford to be cute—once!) 5...Qe6

6.Kc7 Qe7 7.Bb7 and the Black king can't get in to help the queen—a most unusual draw. We thank the late, great James Mason for these last two.

What's the Problem Solutions

Puzzle 1: 1.Nf8 Kxf8 2.Qd8 mate. The combination of a knight and queen attack in actual games is very often the cause of a disaster for the defense. The knight moves in and the queen follows with a quick kill. This problem has these elements.

Puzzle 2: 1.Na6 h2 2.Kc8 h1=Q 3.Nc7 mate. There are many positions where a lone knight can mate but these are rarely found in games.

Puzzle 3: Ask a friend if you have trouble with this one. I have seen a

few smother mates in tournaments but they are unusual because so many players have been shown them as beginners and avoid the basic position. They do illustrate how effectively queens and knights work together.

Puzzle 4: 1. Na4 Nd7 2. Kc7 N to any 3. Nb6 mate.

Puzzle 5: 1.Bg4 (threat 2.Qd7 mate). All knight blocking moves on the diagonals going through d7 can all be defeated. Can you see how?

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