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## CHESS CHILD

The Story of Ray Robson, America's Youngest Grandmaster

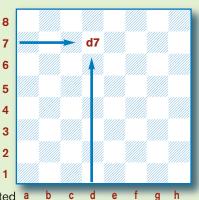


## GARY ROBSON NipaHutPress.com

## 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** 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. **6** 

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. axb48Nd3 checkmate.(diagram C)67x: take or capture#: checkmate 5

0-0: kingside castle (): promotion 4 0-0-0: queenside castle !: good move 3 +: check ?: bad move 2 ??: blunder 1



## THE GREMLINS HAVE SPOKEN

My gnomes from Outer Mongolia have deserted me! They've been replaced by gremlins! And that is why in the last issue, we mis-identified David Adelberg of Arizona as Daniel. That was very embarrassing as David just won the National Junior High School Championship!

And while William Graif does study with Sunil Weeramantry, he does not attend Hunter College Elementary School. He attends school in Scarsdale.

We hope our gnomes will be back at work in time to judge the next round of contest entries, and there are plenty of contests this issue. We could call it homework for the summer, but then no one would enter!



If you live in the Fitchburg, Massachusetts area, there is a very good public access TV program called "Chess Chat," hosted by George Mirijanian of the Fitchburg Chess Club. Go to www.fatv. org and either click on "Videos on Demand" or search the schedule for the next airing. A recent program explained one of the games of the late former world champion Vasily Smyslov, and it was very instructive.

And remember, if you are near a computer this summer, you can always play a game online

against the computer program provided by Chess Magnet School, our sponsor for the 2010 Junior Grand Prix. Just go to: www.uschess.org and click on "New To Chess?" and follow the links.







# **Do You See What I See?**

## The King had his head down over the board, studying it.

What are you doing, she asked. Wasting

time, he muttered.

Majesty, I do not understand, she replied.

The King looked up. "How many squares do you see," he asked.

"Sixty-four," she said, with some hesitation.

"Yes," the King said, "there are sixty-four small squares. But, can you see the squares each made up of four of the little ones?"

She put her chin in her hand, looked, and then said brightly, "There are forty-nine of them."

"And the number of squares that are each made up of nine of the little squares?" the King prompted. "Thirty-six of them," she said, a little faster.

"Those squares made up of sixteen of the little squares?"

"Twenty-five," she said promptly.

"Those squares made up of twenty-five of the little squares?" he asked.

"Sixteen. And, Your Majesty, those squares made up of the thirty-six squares—there are nine of them," she said.

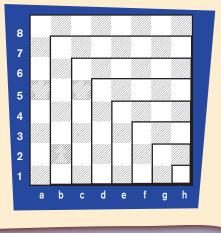
"Yes," he said, raising an eyebrow.

"Those squares that are made up of forty-nine of the little squares," she said, "there are four of them."

"Sixty-four plus forty-nine plus thirty-six plus twenty-five plus sixteen plus nine plus four," said the King. "Two hundred and three squares, not just sixty-four."

"Two hundred and four squares," she corrected. "The board itself is a square, Your Majesty."

"Two hundred and four squares, then," he said with a smile.







# ASK GM LARRY EVANS!

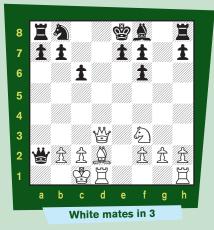
Grandmaster Larry Evans won the U.S. Championship in 1951, 1952, 1961-62, 1968, and again in 1980!

BEST QUESTION:

RECURRING PATTERNS Bernard Cohen New York City

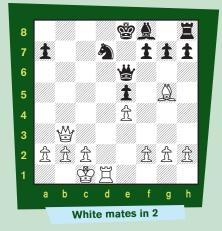
I came across this game in a book that reminds me of a Morphy brilliancy pictured on the cover of *Chess Life* a long time ago. Can you show it again and perhaps another famous example of sacrificing the queen to achieve mate on d8?

## Koltanowski-Dunkelblum, Antwerp 1923



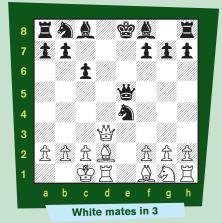
## SOLUTION: 1. Qd8+! Kxd8 2. Ba5+! Kc8 3. Rd8 mate.

A: The power of the double check can be useful in recognizing patterns that lead to mate. These two instructive brilliancies also feature queen sacrifices leading to mate on d8. Morphy-Duke of Braunschweig & Count Isouard, Paris 1858



SOLUTION: 1. Qb8+! Nxb8 2. Rd8 mate.

## Reti-Tartakower, Vienna 1910



SOLUTION: 1. Qd8+! Kxd8 2. Bg5+! Kc7 (or 2...Ke8 3. Rd8) 3. Bd8 mate.

**ASK A QUESTION:** If you have a question for GM Larry Evans, send it to gpetersen@uschess.org. GM Evans will choose the Best Question for the next issue. The Best Question winner will receive a copy of *How Good is Your Chess* by GM Larry Evans.

## WHO STANDS BETTER?

Jude Acers New Orleans, Louisiana

You have often noted that the defender has an obligation to resist to the maximum—never resign! This position was reached in Lafayette-Acers last March 22 at my chess stall outside the Gazebo in the French Quarter of New Orleans.



White lost by 1. Rxf7?? Ne3+ 2. Ke2 Nxc2 when no discovered check provides salvation. Black also is in no danger after 1. Rh8+ (or 1. Qc1 f4 2. gxf4 gxf4 first) 1...Qxh8 2. Rxh8+ Kxh8. My question is who stands better? What do you think is White's best continuation?

A: It looks roughly equal after 1. Bxd5! Rxd5 2. Rxf7 Kxf7 3. Rh7+ Kf8 4. Rxb7 Rc5 5. Rd7 (or even Rb8+).

Jude Acers, whose trademark is a red beret, has for many years taken on all comers for a small fee. No visit to New Orleans is complete without watching this veteran in action.

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# Chess Detective

by NM Todd Bardwick

Windmills

One of the rarer types of tactics in chess is called a windmill (or sometimes a seesaw). Windmills usually involve a bishop and a rook in a position

*ilting* 

where they win massive amounts of material using a repeated, forced, combination of discovered checks and regular checks.

Of course, noticing how the pieces are lined up with each other, in this case a bishop, rook, and the enemy king in the same line, is a clue that a windmill attack may be possible.

Carlos Torre-Repetto uses a windmill tactic in one of his most famous games against then ex-World Champion Emanuel Lasker, in the Moscow International Tournament in 1925.

### **Emanuel Lasker**

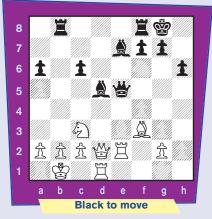


**Carlos Torre-Repetto** 

25.Bf6!! Setting up a rook windmill while offering his queen! Black is forced to accept the queen sacrifice as his own queen is unprotected. 25...Oxh5 26.Rxg7+ Kh8 27.Rxf7+ A discovered check by the bishop. White repeats the check—discovered check pattern, gobbling up everything he can with the rook. 27...Kg8 28.Rg7+ Kh8 29.Rxb7+ Kg8 30.Rg7+ Kh8 31.Rg5+ Kh7 32.Rxh5 Kg6 33.Rh3 Kxf6 34.Rxh6+ and White went on to win the game with his extra material.

Here is another amazing windmill attack from the International Junior Team Tournament, The Hague, played on July 15, 1957. This time a bishop acts as the windmill's blade, wiping out everything in its path.

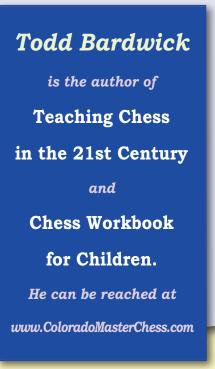
### **B. J. Moore (England)**



C. Chaurang (France)

22...Rxb2+! 23.Kxb2 Other ideas that don't work are: 23.Ka1 Rxa2+ 24.Kb1 Rb8+ or 23.Kc1 Ba3 24.Rxe5 Rb3 mate. 23...Rb8+ 24.Ka1 Ba3 25.Rxe5 25.Rb1 doesn't work since 25...Rxb1+ 26.Kxb1 Ob8+! will mate on b2. 25...Bb2+ 26.Kb1 Bxc3+ The bishop will soon capture all of the white pieces left on the dark squares! 27.Kc1 Bb2+ 28.Kb1 Bxe5+ 29.Kc1 Bb2+ 30.Kb1 Bc3+ 31.Kc1 Bxd2+ 32.Resigns Black is safely up two pawns.

Like the rotating blades on a windmill, the chess windmill tactic keeps spinning, capturing, and repeating the pattern!



# **2010 CHESS MAGNET SCHOOL JUNIOR GRAND PRIX STANDINGS**

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ST=State PTS=Points EV=Events

## **Top 20 Overall Standings**

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NAME	ST	PTS	EV
DOMMALAPATI, ABHINAY	VA	190	15
ATTANAGODA, ISURU	VA	120	9
MIZUSHIMA, DEREK	MD	115	9
BLAD, ERIK	MD	110	8
SMITH, JAMES LARKIN	МО	95	6
CAO, JONATHAN	VA	95	6
FU, JASON	ΤN	90	7
HARMON-VELLOTTI, CARL	ID	85	6
WILLIAMS, JUSTUS	NY	85	6
KRAUSE, BENJAMIN	MD	80	5
STIFFMAN, GEORGE	MN	80	4
WANG, MICHAEL	CA-N	80	3
MARUPUDI, PRANAV	NJ	80	6
SANT, AMIT	CA-N	75	4
PILLAI, KADHIR	NY	75	3
REIS, ALEXANDER	NY	70	3
GADDAMEEDI, SOUMIKA	WI	70	3
WANG, JOIE	VA	70	6
PARANJPE, ISHAN	OH	70	3
STEINBERG, MAX	NY	70	4
JIANG, CHARLES	NJ	70	2
MCDOWALL, RYLAR	MN	70	3

This unofficial list is based on the USCF records and TD reports as of May 12, 2010. These are unofficial and subject to correction. 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.

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## **State Leaders**

NAME	ST	PTS	
MCNAIR, JOHN	AL	60	
WOLF, ALEXANDER	AR	10	
CROMER, NATE	AZ	50	
WANG, MICHAEL	CA-N	80	
KRISHNAN, VARUN	CA-S	45	
HYKES, RYAN	CA-S	45	
PETERSON, MICK	CA-S	45	
KAMGAR, LEO	CA-S	45	
GUNAWAN, CHESTON	CA-S	45	
CSIMA, AMANDA	CO	30	
SEGALL, ETHAN	СТ	45	
LOMELI, IAN	СТ	45	
DALY, MARCUS	DC	35	
NEMBHARD, LENNOX	DE	35	
LUDWIG, JOHN	FL	60	
TSAI, AMY	FL	60	
SELVAKUMAR, ARUL	GA	55	
KAONOHI, TRISTAN	HI	35	
TYAGI, KUSHAN	IA	35	
IYER, VENKAT	IA	35	
HARMON-VELLOTTI, CARL	ID	85	
ADVE, ANSHUL	IL	60	



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NAME	ST	PTS	EV
ERSOY, DEVIN	IN	55	2
MALLADI, VENKATA	KS	50	1
ALI, JAMAL	KY	20	1
ZAKARIA, AQIB	LA	45	1
KALRA, AGASTYA	MA	50	1
MIZUSHIMA, DEREK	MD	115	9
MELANIO, KRISFORD	ME	30	1
FISHBEIN, MATTHEW	ME	30	1
ALLEN-RAHILL, NASH	ME	30	1
CHEN, JOY	MI	55	3
SONG, EDWARD	MI	55	2
STIFFMAN, GEORGE	MN	80	4
SMITH, JAMES	MO	95	6
MEJIA, SEBASTIAN	MS	50	1
TODD, TREVOR	MS	50	1
ELFEKI, MARIO	MS	50	1
LI, SHENGTANG	NC	50	1
WAN, JOSEPH	NE	30	1
POTORSKI, GERALD	NH	35	2
MARUPUDI, PRANAV	NJ	80	6
MCTEIGUE, WILLIAM	NM	30	1
HAYASHI, MICHAEL	NV	20	1
ZAVALA, JONATHAN	NV	20	1
WILLIAMS, JUSTUS	NY	85	6
PARANJPE, ISHAN	OH	70	3
CHANCELLOR, KEVIN	OK	30	1
TALTYANSKY, SETH	OR	65	1
HEEN, KAI	PA	60	2
FINNEY, STUART	RI	50	3
LAURIA, MICHAEL	SC	65	3
KNUDSON, MICHAEL	SD	40	1
VAZQUEZ, RAUL	TERR	10	1
FU, JASON	TN	90	7
TREVINO, EDGAR	TX	60	2
VOORHEES, BRYANT	UT	30	1
TAYLOR, GRANT	UT	30	1
DOMMALAPATTI, ABHINAY	VA	190	15
KATZ, GABRIEL	VT	10	1
TANG, COLIN	WA	60	1
SHAO, NATHAN	WA	60	1
ZHANG, DEREK	WA	60	1
GADDAMEEDI, SOUMIKA	WI	70	3
PARHI, SIDHARTHA	WV	20	2

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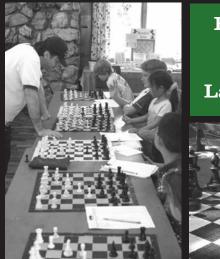
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Chess Magnet School has been a partner with USCF on a number of projects and activities since 2006, and has provided the free program that teaches the rules of chess to newcomers in the "New to Chess?" section of USCF's website. USCF members are invited to learn more about Chess Magnet School at www.ChessMagnetSchool.com.

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Bill Hall Executive Director, USCF

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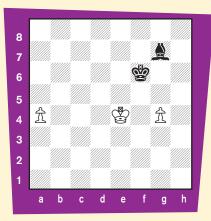
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# WIN OR DRAW?

by Pete Tamburro

Simple rules: No matter whose move it is, tell whether it is a win or draw, which side wins it if it's a win and what the winning line of play is. When you've done your homework and you think you know the answers, send them in to: gpetersen@uschess.org, or mail them to Glenn Petersen, 44-D Manchester Court, Freehold, NJ 07728. A random drawing will produce a winner, who will receive a copy of Yuri Averbakh's *Chess Endings: Essential Knowledge.* 

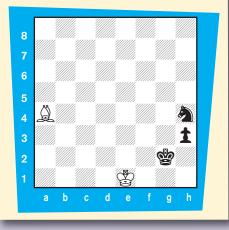
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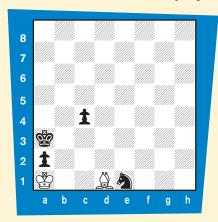
**Position Two: White to play** 



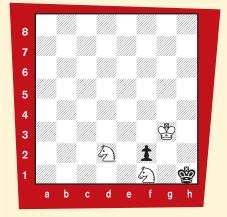
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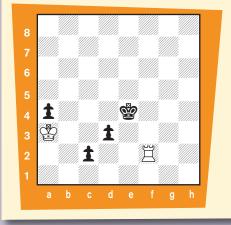
## Position Four: White to play



## **Position Five: White to play**



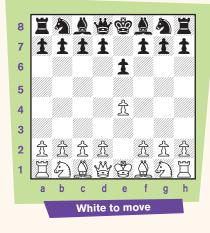
## **Position Six: White to play**



## EVANS Continued from pg. 6

## FRENCH DEFENSE Hanxing Kuang kuanghanson@

In the French Defense after 1. e4 e6 why can't White play something like 2. Nf3 or 2. Nc3 instead of the usual 2. d4?



A: Either move is playable if you feel comfortable with it but the problem is what to do after 2...d5. On 2. Nf3 d5 3. exd5 exd5 (the Exchange Variation) is rather tame and White probably must play d4 sooner or later. If 3. e5 c5 Black gains an easy foothold in the center. On 2. Nc3 d5 3. d4 transposes into main lines while 3. e5 c5! leaves the knight on an awkward square because the pawn on e5 no longer can be supported by a pawn chain with d4 and c3.

## NEED SOME PRACTICE?

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# ALL-STARS Making Difference!

My good friend, Stephen Dann of Massachusetts, sends me Google Alerts about chess. One such alert came from the *West Branch Times Online*, from Iowa. And we reprint it here, with permission, because it is a good example of why I feel all our scholastic members are all-stars.

## Third-grader starts new chess club at Hoover

by Gregory R. Norfleet



Kristofer Jacobson I e a r n e d from his p a r e n t s how to play chess when he was seven years old. He liked it, and last

year found out that Horace Mann School in Iowa City had a chess club. So, he thought why not here? "I thought it would be cool to

have one in West Branch," he said. Last fall he took the idea to his

parents, who encouraged him to talk to his principal, Jess Burger.

"He was very organized in his idea," Burger said. "He really came in with several details of his plan already worked out, which made it easy to look into a few final details ... And he really did take ownership."

Burger said Jacobson already assessed interest from his peers, which showed it was "likely to be successful." "We were excited to get the ball rolling," she said. "It's been a great success."

Jacobson made up some permission forms, which were sent home with pupils the Friday before their first club meeting, October 26, 2009.

About 75 third- through fifthgraders signed up and got down to playing.

Several parents volunteer to oversee the meeting, and pitch in to play when there is an odd amount of pupils.

Families donated chess sets to the club, and some donated money to buy even more. The club recently printed t-shirts at Kingdom Graphics, which Jacobson noted were originally made in Haiti.

Fifth-grader Isaiah McKiness said he "really likes chess" even though he started playing only about two months before joining the club.

"We play a whole lot," he said. "Win or lose, it's a fun game."

He said he does not try to pressure friends into joining, but he does tell them "how fun it is."

Jacobson, 8, a son of Marty and Marin Jacobson, said his father has developed a "chess ladder," that lists club members names in alphabetical order. Players can pick a name as many as three places above theirs to compete against. Win, and your name moves up the ladder.

The club has not organized competitions against other schools, but Jacobson and two others in January traveled to Weber Elementary in lowa City to compete in a tournament, and the club looks for other tournaments.

"Most consider it fun," he said of the team members,"since they seem to like Chess Club."

The club even has a newsletter with hints and upcoming events.

Kristofer's mom, Marin, says he enjoys football, basketball, baseball, and swimming. And he plays the violin. And his favorite subject is math and he likes to invent things. That sounds like an All-American All-Star to me!

Kristofer learned to play chess from his dad. They were playing checkers on a board that also had chess pieces. He asked what they were for and his dad began teaching him how to play. His mom played competitive chess when she was in junior high school, so she also answered questions and offered strategy tips.

About his first tournament, Kristofer says: "I enjoyed competing against other students. Some were much older than I am. At one tournament there were 150 students all playing against each other in a school gym and we were having a lot of fun. So far my record is 5-5. I also had fun joining the USCF and getting a ranking."

West Branch is where the 31st president of the United States, Herbert Hoover, was born. I'm not saying Kristofer will be a future President, but I wouldn't bet against it either!



I have spent almost a decade exploring the worst chess opening ever: 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Bxf7+ Kxf7 5.Nxe5+ Nxe5



When I first saw this, I exploded in laughter. White has traded two *pieces* for two pawns. Not everyone can get *a totally lost game* in only five moves!

When I read that this was called the "Jerome Gambit" I thought, Who is this guy Jerome, and why would anyone blame this joke opening on him?

About this, World Champion Emanuel Lasker, in his *Lasker's Chess Magazine* in 1906, wrote:

No; the Jerome gambit is not named after St. Jerome. His penances, if he did any, were in atonement of rather minor transgressions compared with the gambit.

It turns out that the American chess player and Civil War veteran, Alonzo Wheeler Jerome, invented his opening in the 1860s or 1870s. He played it over-the-board and in correspondence games.

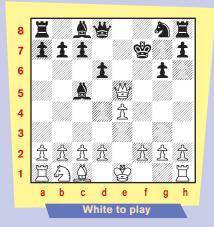
Amazingly, Jerome's opening, analyses and games were published in the Dubuque Chess Journal. the American Chess Journal. and Brownson's Chess Journal. They also appeared in Australia's Adelaide Observer, Great Britain's Chess Player's Chronicle and British Chess Magazine, Denmark's Nordisk Skaktidende, France's La Stratégie, Germany's Deutsches Wochenschach, Italy's Nuova Rivista Degli Scacchi, and Mexico's La Estrategia-as well as other foreign papers, chess magazines and opening tomes.

Still, the one Jerome Gambit game—usually the *only* one—that players know is Joseph Henry Blackburne's crush of it with the black pieces.

#### **Amateur-Blackburne**

London, 1885 (usually given as 1880)

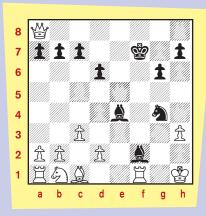
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Bxf7+ Kxf7 5.Nxe5+ Nxe5 6.Qh5+ g6 7.Qxe5 d6!?



## 8.Qxh8 Qh4 9.0-0 Nf6 10.c3 Ng4 11.h3 Bxf2+ 12.Kh1 Bf5!



13.Qxa8 Qxh3+! 14.gxh3 Bxe4# 0-1



### Beautiful!

Who wouldn't agree with Grandmaster Raymond Keene that the Jerome Gambit "is totally unsound and should never be tried!"

Me.

In a friendly, casual, lighthearted game—or one in which a stronger player gives "odds" to a weaker player, to "even things up"—it can be a lot of fun to throw pieces around and hunt the enemy king, in the style of 19th century attackers.

## Playing the Jerome Gambit

Here is a short game to give you a feel for the opening:

## Blackburne-Karmmark

Internet, 2007

### 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Bxf7+ Kxf7 5.Nxe5+ Nxe5 6.Qh5+ Ke6



A correct, but uncomfortable defense.

### 7.f4 Nc6 8.Qxc5 Qe7 9.Qd5+ Kf6 10.Qf5# 1-0



In Part 2 we will take a closer look and analyze the Jerome Gambit.

## Facing the Jerome Gambit

Here is a counterattack that the defender can whip up if allowed:

Jerome-Whistler

correspondence, 1876

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Bxf7+ Kxf7 5.Nxe5+ Nxe5 6.Qh5+ g6 7.Qxe5 Qe7



An improvement over Blackburne's 7...d6 which should only draw. 8.Qxh8 Qxe4+ 9.Kd1 Qg4+ 10.f3 Qxg2 11.Qxh7+ Kf8 12.Re1 d5 13.Qh4 Qxf3+ 14.Re2 Bg4 15.Nc3 Bf2, White resigned 0-1

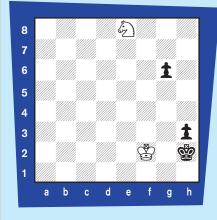




## HOW HIGH CAN YOU COUNT?

Sometimes winning or losing depends on who has the move. This is not one of those situations.

## A STUDY BY A. SALVIO, 1634



## WINNING POSITION

The key to figuring out this position is to realize that Black cannot move his king out of the corner. White can take advantage of that if he can count!

I <b>.Nf6</b>	g5
2.Ng4+	Kh1
3.Kf1	h2
I.Nf2#	

That was easy enough, but what if it is Black's turn to move?

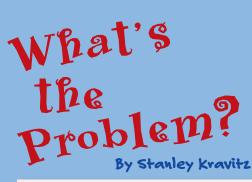
1 ... Kh1

If instead Black plays 1 ... g5 2.Nf6 g4 3.Nxg4+ Kh1 4.Kf1 and we have the same position as if White moved first, leading to 4 ... h2 5.Nf2#.

.Nf6	Kh2
.Ng4+	Kh1
.Kf1	g5
.Kf2!	h2
.Ne3	g4
.Nf1	g3+
.Nxg3#	

Normally, with two potential queens, Black would have the advantage. But the king in the corner gives White a chance. You just have to count!

7. 8.



The five miniature puzzles shown here are a great way to practice the opposition in pawn endings.

In endgames pawns have to make a lot of moves with support usually from the king. Endgame puzzles and studies about pawns may often have many moves and variations, so the difference between chess problems and studies, especially with pawns becomes blurred.

Pawns have special characteristics giving them special names such as king's pawn or queen's pawn, passed pawn, doubled pawn and blocked pawn, and they sometimes capture "*en passant*" or on reaching the eighth rank they get "promoted." Since they are often at the front line of a battle they took their name from the Latin word *peon* meaning foot soldier.

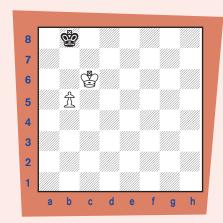
The puzzles are arranged in order of difficulty so that the easiest is first. If you are familiar with how the opposition works you will have a good head start. The first puzzle shows the basics of opposition and is often seen in practical play. If you do not get the solution quickly play it over a few times as it will help your endgame play a lot.

When you've got it down to a science (pattern recognition), send your answers to: Gpetersen@uschess.org, or if you prefer: Glenn Petersen, 44-D Manchester Court, Freehold, NJ 07728. A random drawing will be held and a book prize will be awarded.

Puzzle 1. White to move and promote the pawn in five moves.

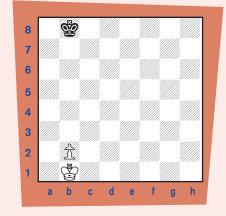
Notice that the puzzle is not a challenge to mate the black king but to promote the pawn. This makes the position more of a study than a problem.

Don't be fooled by the simple look. It is the basic and perhaps the most important position in the endgame and the real challenge is to avoid stalemate.



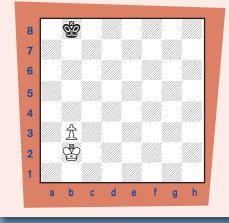
## Puzzle 2. White to move and promote the pawn.

It is important of get the king in front of the pawn as in Puzzle 1. This is a similar situation that qualifies as a study as it needs over 10 moves in the main variation. If you solve this you are on your way to mastering the opposition.



## Puzzle 3. White to move and black to draw.

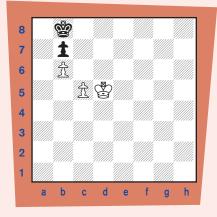
This looks just like Puzzle #2. The only difference is that there is one less square space between the kings and that makes all the difference.



This is a problem study showing how the opposition can save the draw

## Puzzle 4. White to move and win.

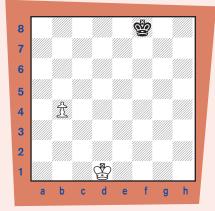
This puzzle uses the opposition to force the black king into a mating net after White promotes one of the pawns.



Don't fall into the trap of pushing the pawn to c6 on move one as this gives Black the opposition and an easy draw.

### Puzzle 5. White to move and promote the pawn.

Forget about the obvious line 1. Kc2 Ke7 2. Kc3 Kd6 3. Kc4 Kc6. That is an easy draw for Black. See if you can find a better way of using the opposition.

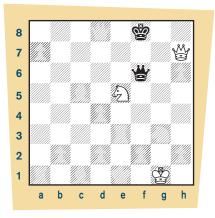


If you worked through these five puzzles you will have good understanding of how to use the opposition to win endgames.



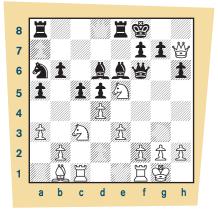
# How does the horsey move?

Take a look at the diagram below. It's a good bet you looked at the diagram first and didn't need to be told what to do. Yes, it's White to play and win. Yes, the winning move is easy to see: 1.Nd7+



If you've tried some of my "Win or Draw" puzzles, then you must be asking yourself, "What sort of trick is he up to now?"

There is no trick this time, but there is a challenge. Now take a look at this diagram:



This position, again with White to play, is a bit more crowded than the first one. You can still see 1.Nd7+, forking queen and king, but that bishop on e6 seems to take the fun out of moving the knight to d7. Real chess positions make you work a little harder because there are more pieces to worry about, but if you re-



member the basic stuff, it can be a real help.

Actually there are two ways to solve this problem, both involving the knight or knights!

There are two good ways to use the knights here, all based on the same idea. The key is to see the possibility of Nd7+, forking the king and queen, therefore gaining a winning advantage.

Since the bishop is guarding that square, you should immediately ask yourself how you can get the bishop away from guarding that square. Since it's also guarding d5, and being what we call overloaded, then you should immediately consider 1.Nxd5 Bxd5 [1...Qd8 2.Qh8#] 2.Nd7+ and wins. The other possibility is based on the idea of the back rank mate. You can play 1.Nd7+ Bxd7 [1...Ke7 2.Nxf6] 2.Nxd5 (thus covering the escape square at e7 and threatening Qh8 mate) 2...g6 (to stop the mate) 3.Nxf6 and the queen goes. If you saw both, good for you! Noticing different sequences leading to different ways of winning helps you develop as a player. This position also helps you appreciate the different ways a knight can be used.

Let's look at another example. We're sticking with White to play and win. Take a few minutes with this one. The fork is not a "right away fork," but there is a knight fork involved in the solution.



How you think is very important to your solving this. You should always first look for all checks and captures and forced moves. ALL! Don't ignore some because they look silly. You should look, for example at 1.Nxf6+ and 1.Nc7+. When you look at 1.Nc7+, what do you see? You should notice that if 1...Rxc7 then 2.Rxd8+ wins a rook for a knight.

But where's the knight fork? Well, you may wish your opponent will play 1...Rxc7, but he won't. He'll play 1...Ke7. Now, do you see the knight fork coming up? Good job if you saw it. You probably were looking at the rook exchanges on d8 all the way to the end with Kxd8 and there that knight fork was staring right at you!

Here's the whole solution: 1.Nc7+ Ke7 By the way, there is a little mini-lesson how to win an endgame after 1...Rxc7 2.Rxd8+ Ke7 3.a6 Ra7 4.Rc8 Bd6 5.Rc6 Be5 6.Rb6 Ke8 7.Kf3 g5 8.Ke4 g6 9.Rdb1 Ra8 10.Rc6 Kd7 11.Kd5 Ke8 12.Rb7 Rd8+ 13.Kc5 Kf8 14.a7 g4 15.Rxf6+ Bxf6 16.Rb8 and the pawn queens. 2.Rxd8 Rxd8 3.Rxd8 Kxd8 4.Ne6+ Kd7 5.Nxc5+ Kc6 6.a6 That little knight check at the end of all the exchanges wins the game. So you have the two things we talked about before: look at all checks

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# TRULY NATIONAL!

The 2010 National Scholastic Championships are over and it is time

to recognize our

newest champions

from all over the

The National Jun-

ior High School

Championship was

held in Minneapolis,

Minnesota, April 9-

11, and saw a four

way tie for first place

at 6-1. David Adelberg of Arizona took

the first place trophy

and shared the title

of National Junior

High School Cham-

pion with Kevin Bu

Zaroug Jaleel of

Massachusetts, and

Michael Omori of

The competition

for team honors was

iust as close, but in

the end, first place

was earned by Vela

Middle School of

Brownsville, Texas,

followed by Odle

Middle School of

Washington, and IS

318 of New York.

Washington.

of

Minnesota.

United States.



David Adelberg



Kevin Bu



Zaroug Jaleel



Michael Omori

## K-8 CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION

There was a clear winner in the K-8



section: Nathan Lee of Washington, finished with a perfect 7-0 record for top honors. Close on his heels at 6-1, in tiebreak order were Alexis Paredes of New York, Eldon

Nathan Lee

Nakagawa of Hawaii, and Derek Sachs of Wisconsin.

The team title was captured by IS 318 of New York, edging out Columbia Academy (second) of Ohio, and Ames Middle School of Iowa, A complete list of all winners, including the secondary sections, can be found at www.uschess.org, in the excellent Chess Life Online (CLO) reports filed by Shaun Smith.

Winners from other states hailed from Virginia, Illinois, Florida, and Michigan, making this truly a national competition.

## BURT LERNER NATIONAL ELEMENTARY CHAMPIONSHIP

Over 2000 scholastic members showed up in Atlanta, Georgia, on May 7-9 for the Burt Lerner National Elementary School Championship, representing 38 states (including northern and southern California)-a truly national competition. After some initial

confusion,

pounded by space

problems, the kids

captured the spot-

light-as it should

be. In the K-6

Championship there

was a four-way tie

for first place with

New York's Justus

Williams taking the

first place trophy

ahead of Mika Brat-

and Daniel Liu (Cal-

ifornia). All scored

6-1 in a very com-

IS 318 of New

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instructional the wings of Elizabeth Vicary and GM Miron Sher, IS 318 has had a remarkably successful vear! IS 318 was led by Justus Williams and James

The K-5 winner

was Allan Beilin of

California with six

wins and a draw.

He and Daniel Liu

are friends and live

just 30 minutes from

each other in north-

ern California. Half

Day School (Illinois)

Black, who won the K-6 blitz title.



Allan Beilin

took the team honors over perennial powerhouse Stevenson Elementary (Washington) and Mission San Jose Elementary (California).



Roland Feng

Roland Feng of Washington scored 7-0 in the K-3 section. This was quite remarkable (and I'm not talking about the rating improvement (that will come), but the 7-0 score!

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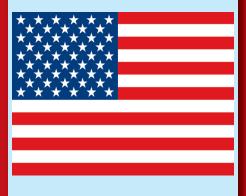
Competition is where you find it, at any age! **Praveer Sharan** won the K-1 section, also with a 7-0 record.

An excellent recap of the event can be found at www.uschess.org

in a series of articles by FM Mike Klein in the *CLO* section. Be sure to follow the links for a complete list of trophy winners, individual and team.

And a shout of appreciation goes out to all of the tournament directors, USCF staff members, and volunteers (especially the parents!) who made these two events as successful as they were. And we thank all of our scholastic all-stars for their participation!

Photos by Shaun Smith Praveer Sharan photo by mychessphotos.com



## horsey continued from pg. 15

and captures and forced moves; use the elements of the game, like knight forks, to help make things happen. The knight fork is one of the key tactical elements of chess.

OK ... one last problem and the end of your knight fork lessons ... Let's see if you've taken to heart the procedure of looking at all checks, captures and forced moves and then combine it with the element of the knight fork.

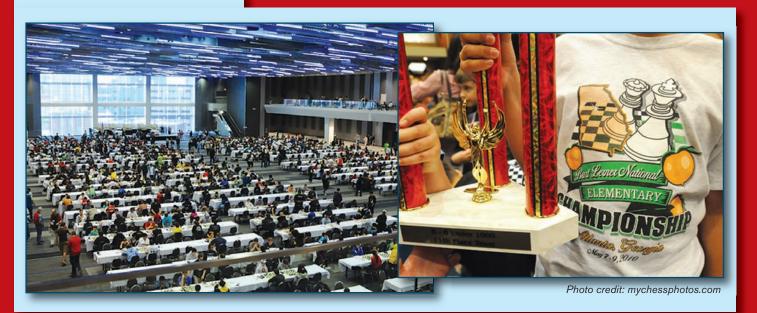


Hopefully, you looked at 1.Oxf8+ Kxf8 2.Ne6+ forking king and queen and winning a rook, except for the nasty little 2...Bxe6, which stops it. That should not have discouraged you. There are other squares to carry out a knight fork. Maybe you then thought that 1.Qxf8+ Kxf8 2.Ng6+ would be nice if only the black queen were on h4. Then, I hope inspiration hit you and you saw 1.Rxh4! Qxh4 2.Qxf8+ Kxf8 3.Ng6+ K moves 4.Nxh4 and you've won a piece, and with it the game.

With the very first diagram, you saw a simple knight fork. With the second diagram, you learned that sometimes the other person's pieces can stop the simple knight fork, so you have to figure out a way to make sure those pieces can't do their job on defense. With the third diagram, you learned to look at the position a few moves down the road that sets up a knight fork using a series of forced moves. It's important for you to see all the "knight paths" that are possible right away and a few moves later.

That's why the last one is so important. Right away, the idea of a knight fork is in the air, and you start wishing your opponent will go to the squares that will allow a knight fork. So, you find a way to get him to go to those squares and you become a winner!

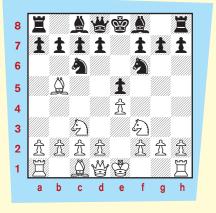
The knight move is what originally got me interested in chess, and I hope you have found these positions interesting and fun and that you become a better player because of it.



# OPENINGS

# FOUR KNIGHTS by Tony Palmer

A. 4. Bb5



This is the Spanish Four Knights, taken from the Ruy Lopez (1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5) which is also called the Spanish Game. White often chooses this move order so that Black can't defend the e-pawn with ... f6 once the king knight is on that square. After 4. Bb5 Black can play the symmetrical 4 ... Bb4 (often leading to 5. 0-0 0-0 6. d3 d6), or the Rubinstein Variation 4 ... Nd4 unbalancing the game. The play is very different from the Ruy Lopez since White cannot create a classic pawn center with c2c3 and d2-d4, plus the center remains quiet after d2-d3 instead.

#### B. 4. d4



The Scotch Four Knights is similar to

the Scotch Game (1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4) with the extra Knight moves before White advances d2d4. White wants Black to give up the center by trading the d-pawn for the e-pawn, leaving White with the only center pawn at e4. Black often trades ... exd4 and later advances ... d7-d6; the white e-pawn against the black dpawn is called a Scotch center and assures White a space advantage. One typical main line is 4. d4 exd4 5. Nxd4 Bb4 6. Nxc6 bxc6 7. Bd3 (defending the e-pawn) d5 8. exd5 cxd5 with chances for both sides.

#### C. **4. g3**



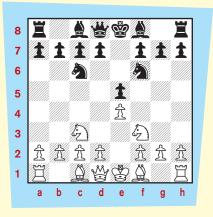
White will now fianchetto the king bishop on g2, leading to the Glek line named after GM Igor Glek from Germany. This variation is very similar to a King's Indian Attack (Nf3, g3, Bg2 & 0-0) except White has already established a center pawn with 1. e4. A primary drawback of 4. g3 is that Black can reply 4 ... d5 opening lines for development while making White give up the center with exd5. Play usually continues 5. exd5 Nxd5 6. Bg2, and now Black gets a good game with 6 ... Nxc3 or 6 ... Nde7 (followed by 7 ... g6 & 8 ... Bg7), while 6 ... Be6 (intending 7 ... f6)

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king pawn opening (1. e4 e5) where both sides develop their knights first, following the classic principle knights before bishops. This means knights typically do best on f3/f6 and c3/c6, while bishops have several good squares available to develop. The usual move order is 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Nc3 Nf6, although this may be reached by transposition from the Vienna Game (1. e4 e5 2. Nc3). The Four Knights (4N) is a safe and solid choice for beginners and juniors, aiming for straightforward development, yet it is not common at the grandmaaster level since the guiet center and symmetrical piece play give White less of a potential opening advantage compared to more dynamic lines.

The Four Knights Game is a double



The chessgames.com database has 3,764 Four Knights games, with these statistics for White's fourth move: 4. Bb5 56%, 4. d4 27%, 4. Bc4 13%, and 4. g3 10%. Don't try to memorize these percentages, but it's helpful to consider how often the different main lines are played when studying openings.

# A Brief Chess Opening Glossary

by Pete Tamburro

# The d-pawn Openings, Part III

## The "normal" lines

This group of openings was for many years the bread and butter for grandmasters in international tournaments. If White played 1.d4, then Black responded with 1...d5. Look up the Alekhine-Capablanca 1927 world championship match games...it didn't matter who moved first, the normal opening was 1.d4 d5 2.c4the Queen's Gambit. The Indian defense is being played more widely now, with guite a few masters playing both sides. There are more names and more variations than you can shake a stick at, so we've stuck with the main ones and given you some advice at the end as to whether you should try these openings.

**The Slav Defense: 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6.** White can play 3.Nf3 Nf6 and then 4.cxd5 (Exchange Variation) or 4.e3. The idea of the Slav for black was to get that queen bishop out before playing e6. It has lost its popularity to the Semi-Slav.

The Semi-Slav Defense: 1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 is so complicated and tactical that it attracts players who want to win with the black pieces. White can take his shots with yet another Marshall Gambit—4.e4. If you want to play either side, PREPARE!

Tarrasch Defense: 1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5. The great chess teacher tried for years to convince the chess world this was the best defense to the Queen's Gambit, and, you know, he may be right! Again, the wild guys can have a lot of fun: For Black, after 4.cxd5 cxd4 (Hennig-Schara Gambit) and, for White, 4.cxd5 exd5 5.e4 (Marshall Gambit—one more!). Tarrasch's first three moves as Black has another use as what Purdy called the All Purpose Defense to all sorts of odd white openings.

Semi-Tarrasch Defense: 1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 c5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 is another choice in taking on d5.

Meran Defense: 1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 c6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Bd3 is another tough line you need to study, but there is a tougher line you really need to study with almost the same name!

Anti-Meran Defense: 1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 c6 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.e4 b5 7.e5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Nxg5 hxg5 10.Bxg5 Nbd7. Don't play either side of this until you're a grandmaster!

Pillsbury Attack: 1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 White's best line, which leads to a whole bunch of black defenses, all of which are pretty hard to play, but pretty good if you know what you're doing because so many players who play black don't play these lines that White often doesn't know what to do! There are two basic black approaches: counter attacking or defensive.

Counter Attacking Lines: 1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6

Manhattan Variation: 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.e3 Bb4

Cambridge Springs Variation: 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.e3 c6 6.Nf3 Qa5

Lasker's Defense: 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e3 0-0 6.Nf3 h6 7.Bh4 Ne4

Defensive Lines: 1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e3 0-0 6.Nf3 h6 7.Bh4 **Tartakower Defense:** Avoids Lasker's Defense with 7... b6.

**Orthodox Defense: 4...Nbd7** and everyone should know the trap, if Black avoids Be7—1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Nxd5 Nxd5 7.Bxd8 Bb4+ 8.Od2 Bxd2+ 9.Kxd2 Kxd8 and Black is a piece up. Players of the white pieces should learn the Exchange Variation and the minority attack if they wish to start playing this line. For the attacking players, it would be a good idea to look at the immortal U.S. champ Frank Marshall's games with the Queen's Gambit. Good place to start.

All these openings are a world apart from 1.e4 e5. They are harder to learn for both sides. If you are very serious about chess, however, these are good openings to grow up with if being a master is your goal.

For the rest of you defending against 1.d4, your best bet is to learn the defense easiest to understand—the Nimzo Indian (see previously in the glossary). The Nimzo has some key ideas that are simple to learn and grandmasters have been playing it for years. You will have to learn the Queen's Indian because so many players avoid the Nimzo.

If you are more aggressive, another good opening is the King's Indian, which can be very complicated, but also has clear themes or ideas that you have as a guide. It's also a good opening to grow with.

If you're the gambit type, the Benko Gambit is a good choice.

For those playing white who want to slowly develop their game and doesn't want to play against all the wild counterattacks in the 1.e4 openings, the 1.d4 move may be for you.

## **Tournament Life** Announcements

JUNE 15 THROUGH AUGUST 14

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June 10. Nevada

n Grand Prix Points: 50

2010 U.S. Game/10 Championship (QC) 6SS, G/10. South Point Hotel, Casino and Spa, 9777 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Las Vegas, NV 89183. **\$\$b/100 7,000 (\$\$Gtd 4,500)**. 2000-1000-700, U2300 600, U2100 550, U1900 500, U1700 450, U1500 400, U1300 350, U1100 300, unrated 150. EF: \$89 by 5/19, \$95 by 6/3, \$100 on site. Late Registration: 4-6:30 p.m. Rds.: 7-7:30-8-8:30-9-9:30. Higher of regular or quick rating used. Bring clocks. 1/2 point bye available in any round (limit 4) if requested with entry. HR: \$65 single or double (\$95 Friday and Saturday nights). 1-866-791-7626 or (702) 796-7111. ENT: Las Vegas International Chess Festival, PO Box 90925, Henderson, NV 89009-0925 or www.VegasChessFestival.com. NS, NC, W.

#### A Heritage Event!

June 11-13 or 12-13, Nevada Lecture.com 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.** \$\$: 5000-2500-1300-600-350-250-250-250-250-250-250-100-100-100-100-100. Under 2000. \$\$: 5000-2500-1300-600-350-250-250-250-250-250-100-100-100-100. Under 1800. \$\$: 5000-2500-1300-600-350-250-250-250-250-250-100-100-100-100. **Under 1600.** \$\$: 5000-2500-1300-600-350-250-250-250-250-250-100-100-100-100. Under 1400. \$\$: 2500-1500-1000-500-250-150-150-150-150-100-100-100-100-100. Under 1200. \$\$: 1500-1000-400-200-100-100. 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: \$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 Champi onship 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.: 9:30-12-2:30-6: merge with 3-day in round 4. Half point byes available in any round, but round 5 or 6 byes must be requested before the start of round 2. Chess sets and boards provided for tournament play only, not for skittles. Please bring chess clocks! The LAS VEGAS INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL features the National Open, the U.S Game/10 Championship and other champi-onship 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. Chess Magnet School JGP.

#### June 19. Illinois

#### 2010 U.S. G/15 Championship (QC)

6SS, G/15. Joliet Jr. College, Bldg J, 1215 Houbolt Rd., Joliet, IL 60431 (Park in J lot). \$1,700 b/80 paid entries, \$225-125, A,B,C,D,E/F each 140-80-50, unrated \$25 book prize, prizes based on 4 per class. EF: \$30 if by June 16th, \$40 at site (over 60 \$5 discount EF), one half pt bye max. Reg.: 9:50am-10:50am. Rds.: 11:00-11:45-12:30-2:15-3:00-3:45. Checks Payable to: Dennis R. Doyle, c/o JJC Chess Club, 536 Springwood Drive, Joliet, IL 60431 No phone or credit card entries, bring chess sets and clocks, none provided. Bring USCF id card to tournament. NTD: G. Panner. E-mail guestions only: ddoyle@jjc.edu.

### July 23-25, Texas

2010 U.S. Junior Open 6SS, G/120. Hilton Hobby Airport, 8181 Airport Blvd, Houston, TX 77061, www.houstonhobbyairport.hilton.com. Free parking! \$89 HR valid until 7/19, Reserve early! 713-645-3000, Group Code: USJO. 4 Sections based on age: Under 21, Under 15, Under 11 and Under 8. July Rating Supplement. Ages for entry and prizes as of 1/1/2010. U21: \$500 + entry to 2011 US Junior Closed - \$250-\$125-\$75-\$50. Individual plaques to top three overall, plaques for best player age 18, 17, 16, 15, Under 15. U15: Individual trophies to top five overall, trophies for best player age 14, 13, 12, 11, Under 11. U11: Individual trophies to top five overall, trophies to best player age 9, 8, 7, Under 7. U8: Individual trophies to top five overall, best player 6 & Under; honorable mention trophies for all others U8. Commemorative medals for all participants. Teams: Trophies to top three school teams and top club team in each of the four sections. Top four scores, minimum of three, count towards team score in each section. Byes: One half-point bye, any round except Rd 6, if requested be-fore Rd 1. EF: \$35 postmarked or on line by 7/9, \$50 after 7/9; no checks on site. Schedule: Onsite registration, Fri 8:30 - 11:00am. Opening Ceremony, Fri 12:30pm. Rounds, Fri 1pm & 6pm; Sat 9:30am & 2:15pm; Sun 9am & 1:30pm. Awards Ceremony 6:00pm (approx). Side Events: Blitz, U21 & U11. Sat 6:30pm, EF: \$15 by 7/9, \$20 on site. Bughouse: One section, Sat ASAP after Blitz, EF: \$25 per team, on site only. **Parents and Friends Tournament (not rated):** 3SS, G/30, Sat, Rds 10:30, 2:30 & 4:00pm. EF: \$10, on site only. Prizes: Trophies to top three plus one USCF Premium membership for each five par-ticipants. **ENTRIES:** Mail to USCF, ATTN: 2010 US Junior Open, PO. Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557. Enter online: https://secure.uschess.org/webstore/tour naments.php. Tournament website: www.uschess.org/tournaments/2010/junior/. Info: flguadalupe@aol.com, (713) 530-7820. Chess Magnet School JGP.

## July 31-Aug. 3, California Southern 2010 Trophies Plus U.S. Girls Junior Open Championship

6SS, 40/2, SD/1. Hyatt Regency Irvine (see U.S. Open). Open to all females born after 7/31/89. EF: Free if playing in US Open, otherwise \$50 mailed by 7/22 or online by 7/28, \$60 at site. Prizes: 1st Place: \$500.00 Scholarship and Plaque; 2nd place: \$350.00 Scholarship and Plaque; 3rd Place: \$150.00 Scholarship and Plaque; Plaques to: Top A, B, C, D, E, Unr. **Reg.** ends Sat 6:30 pm, rds. Sat.7:30 pm, Sun/Mon 12:30 pm & 7:30 pm, Tue 11 am. Ent: USCF (Girls Junior Open), PO Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557. Online entry: https://se-cure.uschess.org/webstore/tournament.php. Chess Magnet School JGP.

#### A Heritage Event! July 31-Aug. 8, Aug. 3-8 or 5-8, California Southern Jerry Hanken Memorial - 111th Annual U.S. Open

Includes traditional one game per day schedule (9 days), also 6-day slow time control option and 4-day option, initiated last year, requiring only 3 nights hotel stay for most players. **9SS**, **40/2**, **SD/1** (4 day option, Rds. 1-6, G/60). Hyatt Regency Irvine, 17900 Jamboree Road, Irvine CA 92614. Special parking \$5. Free shuttle from John Wayne Orange County Airport. HR: \$99 single/quad, 949-975-1234, reserve by July 7 or rate may increase. \$50,000 in prizes based on 500 paid entries, else proportional, except \$40,000 (80% of each prize) min-imum guarantee. A one section tournament with Class prizes. Top U.S. player not otherwise qualified qualifies for 2011 US Championship. Addition prizes: Dr. Neil Bershad is donating in memory of Jerry Hanken: \$125 for largest rating gain and \$125 for most cumulative upset points (both restricted to established players over 1000.) Many side events, including US Blitz Championship 8/7. USCF Delegates meeting 8/7-8, workshops 8/4-6, USCF Awards Luncheon 8/7 noon, GM lectures & simuls to be announced. Choice of three schedules: Traditional: 40/2, SD/1. One round daily at 7:30 pm, except rd. 9, 3 pm 8/8. 6 Day Option: 7:30 pm 8/3, 12:30 pm & 7:30 pm 8/4-6, 7:30 pm 8/7, 3 pm 8/8.
4-Day Option: 2 pm, 5 pm & 8 pm 8/5; 10 am, 1 pm, 3:30 pm & 7:30 pm 8/6, 7:30 pm 8/7, 3 pm 8/8. All schedules merge after Round 6 & compete for same prizes. Projected prizes: Top places \$8000-4000-2000-1500-1000-800-600-500, clear winner \$200 bonus. If tie for first, top two on tiebreak play speed game (white 5 minutes, black 3 minutes and gets draw odds, 5 second delay) for bonus and title. Class Prizes: Top Master (2200-2399): \$2500-1200-800-300. Top Class E or below (under 1200): \$1500-700-500-300. Top Unrated: \$800-400-200. **Half Point Byes:** must commit before round 4; up to 3 byes allowed for 2000/up, 2 byes for 1400-1999, one bye for Under 1400/Unr. Limit one bye in last two rounds. Zero point byes are always available in any round. Entry Fee: Online, \$145 by 6/13, \$165 by 7/28. By mail, \$147 postmarked by 6/13, \$167 postmarked by 7/22. By phone, \$150 by 6/13, \$170 by 7/28. At site, all \$190; entries close 1 hour before your first game. Late entry with round 1 bye accepted until 4 pm 8/1, 11:30 am 8/4, or 4 pm 8/5. USCF full membership required (no tournament members). GMs free. August official ratings used; unofficial ratings used if otherwise unrated. CCA ratings used if above USCF. Foreign player ratings: usually 100 points added to FIDE or FQE, 200+ added to most foreign national ratings, no points added to CFC. Highest of multiple ratings usually used. Ent: USCF, ATTN: 2010 US Open, PO Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557. **Online entry:** https://secure.uschess.org/webstore/tournament. php. Phone entry: 800-903-8723. Tournament website: main.uschess. org/tournaments/2010/usopen/. FIDE rated, no cell phones. Bring a clock none supplied. Sets/boards supplied for tournament but not for skittles. Chess Magnet School JGP. Note: Golf tournament, for the US Open Chess Players, morning of Friday, Aug. 6 not Thursday, Aug. 5th. Those eligible will be all US Open Chess Players, side event chess players, and delegates. Please contact

Michael Wojcio for more details at, chessgolfmarathons@verizon.net. Oct. 1-3 or 2-3, Texas

#### m Grand Prix Points: 30 2010 U.S. Class Championships

5SS, G/120 (2-Day Option, Rd 1, G/60), \$10,750 b/200 full paid entries, 70% Guaranteed. Junior entries, all Class E, and Unrated Section count as 2/3. Free entry for GMs. Free entry for IMs, deducted from winnings. Hilton Hobby Airport, 818.1 Airport Blvd, Houston, TX 77061, www.houstonhobbyairport.hilton. com. Free parking! \$89 HR! 713-645-3000, Group Code: USCC. 8 Sections, Rated players may play up one class only. MASTER (2200/up), FIDE Rated, CLASS E (U1200), \$300-200-100, Unrated, \$300-100. National Class Champion title and plaques to each Class winner. Tie-breaks: MSCO. EF: \$75 postmarked or on line by 9/24, \$85 after. **Special EF:** \$45 by 9/24 (\$55 after) for all play-ers in Class E, Unrated Section, and Juniors U18 in Class C or D. No checks on site. 3-Day Schedule: Registration Fri (10/1) 5-7pm. Rds. Fri 8pm, Sat 1pm & 6:30pm, Sun 9:30am & 2:30pm. **2-Day Schedule:** Registration Sat (10/2) 8-9am. Rds. Sat 10am, 1pm (merges with 3-Day Schedule) & 6:30pm, Sun 9:30am & 2:30pm. Byes for all rounds, must commit before end of Rd 2. SIDE EVENTS: 5-min BLITZ, Sat after Rd 3, 2 sections, entries will be split in Upper and Lower, \$10 EF on site, 75% returned in prizes; SCHOLASTIC TOURNAMENT, 5SS, G/30, One day only, Sat 10/2, \$20 by 9/24, \$25 after. Sections: K-3, K-6, K-9, K-12. Prizes: Trophies to top 10 in each division. All scholastic players in this side event will receive a commemorative medal. ENTRIES: Mail to USCF, ATTN: 2010 US Class, P.O. Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557. Enter online: https://secure.us chess.org/webstore/tournaments.php. Tournament website: www.uschess. org/tournaments/2010/class/. Info: flguadalupe@aol.com, (713) 530-7820. **Chess Magnet School JGP.** 

Oct. 23, Illinois

## com Grand Prix Points: 20

2010 U.S. G/60 Championship 4R-SS. Holiday Inn Hotel, 5300 W. Touhy Ave., Skokie, IL 60077. 847.679.8900. \$4,000 Guaranteed. Prizes- in 3 sections: Open: \$500-375-250; Top 2299-2200, V2199-2000, 1900-1899 - \$150 each; **Reserve Section (U1800)**; \$450-325-200; Top 1699-1600, 1599-1500,1499-1400 - \$125 each; **Booster (U1400)**: \$400-275-150; Top 1399-1300, 1299-1200, 1199-1000 - \$100 each. **EF:** \$60 by 6pm 10/22, \$80 onsite; \$100 Combined EF with US 6/30 by 6pm 10/22, \$140 Combined EF with US 6/30 onsite. Play Up - \$10 more. \$50 Re-entry (per event). No half-point byes allowed (zero point byes only). GM/IM/WGM/WIM/FM/ WFM free entry with nothing deducted from winnings. Cannot withdraw. Must play all rounds. Onsite Registration: 8:30-9:30am. Rds.: 10am-12:30pm-3pm-5:30pm. Mail entries with registration information to: North American Chess Association (make checks payable to) 4957 Oakton Street, Suite 113, Skokie, IL 60077. More information and online registration available at: www.na chess.org/g60. Questions via email only: sevan@nachess.org. No smoking. Boards, sets, clocks provided. Tournament provided equipment must be used. No exceptions. October Supplement. USCF Membership Required. Bookseller onsite.

#### Oct. 24, Ilinois

#### ure.com Grand Prix Points: 20 2010 U.S. G/30 Championship

5R-SS. Holiday Inn Hotel, 5300 W. Touhy Ave., Skokie, IL 60077. 847.679.8900.\$4,000 Guaranteed. Prizes- in 3 sections: Open: \$500-375-250; Top 2299-2200, U2199-2000, 1900-1899 - \$150 each; Reserve Section (U1800): \$450-325-200; Top 1699-1600, 1599-1500,1499-1400 - \$125 each; Booster (U1400): \$400-275-150; Top 1399-1300, 1299-1200, 1199-1000 - \$100 each. EF: \$60 by 6pm 10/22, \$80 onsite; \$100 Combined EF with US G/60 by 6pm 10/22, \$140 Combined EF with US G/60 onsite. Play Up - \$10 more. \$50 Re-entry (per event). No half-point byes allowed (zero point byes only). GM/IM/WGM/WIM/FM/ WFM free entry with nothing deducted from winnings. Cannot withdraw. Must play all rounds. **Onsite Registration:** 8:30-9:30am. **Rds.:** 10am-11:30am-1pm-2:30pm-4pm. Mail entries with registration information to: North American Chess Association (make checks payable to) 4957 Oakton Street, Suite 113, Skokie, IL 60077. More information and online registration available at: www.nachess.org/g30. Questions via email only: sevan@nachess.org. No smoking. Boards, sets, clocks provided. Tournament provided equipment must be used. No exceptions. October Supplement. USCF Membership Required. Bookseller onsite.

#### Nov. 5-7, New Jersey

2010 National Youth Action 9SS, G/30. Ocean Place Resort and Spa, One Ocean Boulevard, Long Branch, NJ 07740. HR: \$109 single/double/triple/quad, 732-571-4000 or 800-411-6493. 4 Sections: High School (K-12), Middle School/Junior High (K-9), Elementary (K-6), Primary (K-3). EF: \$50 by Oct. 9, \$70 by Oct. 23, \$85 after Oct. 23 and onsite. Awards List: Individual: K-3, K-6, K-9, K-12: 1st-25th place. Class Awards: 1st-3rd place K-3: U800, U600, U400, Unr. K-6: U1000, U800, U600, Unr. K-9: U1200, U1000, U800, Unr. K-12: U1400, U1200, U1000, Unr. Teams: 1st-15th place. **Schedule:** Opening Ceremony Sat., Nov. 6 at 9:30 am. Rds. 1-5 Sat., Nov. 6: 10 am, 12 noon, 2 pm, 3:30 pm & 5 pm. Rds. 6-9 Sun., Nov. 7: 10 am, 12 noon, 2 pm, & 3:30 pm. Side Events: Blitz Tournament- Friday Nov. 5, K-6 & K-12, 6:30 pm, entry fee \$15 if p/m by 11/2, \$20 after or on site. Bughouse Tournament-Sat. Nov. 6, 6:30 pm, entry fee \$25 at site. Registration closes at 5 pm. Blitz Awards: Individual: K-6 and K-12, each section 1st-20th. Team: K-6 and K-12, each 1st-10th. Bughouse Awards: 1st-10th place. Awards Ceremony for Blitz and Bughouse, Sun., 9:00 am. NYA Awards Ceremony: Sunday, Nov. 7, 5:30-7 pm. Club teams allowed! All games played in the Ocean Place Resort and Spa. Team rooms are limited, contact Cheryle Bruce, cbruce@uschess.org or 931-787-1234 ext.147. Hotel info: www.oceanplace.com/. Contact: Assistant Executive Director/Director of National Events: Pat Knight Smith 931-787-1234 ext.133. Mail entries to: U.S. Chess, Attn.: NYA, P.O. Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557. Additional details and online registration: www.uschess.org/tournaments/2010/nya/.

#### Dec. 10-12, Florida

#### 2010 National K-12 Championship

255, G/90, Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, 1000 West Buena Vista Dr., Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830. 407-939-1000, \$129 single/double/triple/quad. 13 Sec-tions. 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



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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 Cere-mony 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 11/14), \$70/participant (postmarked by 11/28), \$85 later or \$90 at site, \$5.00 extra for all phone registrations, \$20 change fee for roster or section changes after 11/14 or any onsite changes. Onsite registration Thurs. 9 am-10 pm & Fri. 8 am-10 am. After 10 am players will have a 1/2-point bye for 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 Sections; K-6 and K-12, Thurs, 5 pm, Reg. onsite until 4 pm. Blitz EF: Onsite - \$20; Advance by 11/28 entry: \$15. 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: http://disneyworld.disney.go.com/ resorts/coronado-springsresort/. 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://secure2.uschess.org/webstore/tournament.php. Chess Magnet School JGP.

## **GRAND PRIX**

June 10, Nevada ecture.com Grand Prix Points: 50 2010 U.S. Game/10 Championship (QC) See Nationals

June 11-13, 12-13, Florida

ChessLecture.com Grand Prix Points: 30 Orlando After Memorial Open and Scholastic

5SS, G/120, (Sat. Rd. 1 G/60). Sonesta Hotel Orlando Downtown, 60 South Ivan-hoe Blvd., Orlando, FL 32804. **\$\$6025 b/130 (Scholastic=1/2 entry). 60%** GUARANTEED! 3 Sect: Open: \$1100-700-500, U2300 & U2000 \$400 ea. U1800: \$900-600-400, U1600 & U1400 \$300 ea, Unrs limited to \$100 unless Place Prize in Open. EF: \$64. Scholastic U1400: EF: \$30. \$200-100-50, U1200, U1000 & U800 \$25 ea. Unrs limited to \$50. Trophy to top in each age "7&under" thru 14 with at least 2 players. **EF:** Add \$16, \$10 for Scholastic, after May 31. Ent. must indicate Fri. or Sat. for Rd. 1. Scholastic (Sat & Sun only) Reg.: ends 1/2 hr. before 1st Rd. **Rd. 1** 8pm Fri (or 10am Sat). Re-entry \$40. **Rds.:** 2-5 Sat. 1 & 6, Sun. 9 & 2. 1/2 pt. byes (max 2) if req'd before rd. 2. **HR:** \$79 (407) 425-4455; (Mention "Chess"). Reserve by May 28. Complimentary parking voucher & internet with sleeping rooms; other covered parking at \$5 per day. Ent: CFCC, c/o Harvey Lerman, 921 N.Thistle Ln., Maitland, FL 32751. Or online 2010aftermemorial.eventbrite.com by 6/9; Info: 407-629-6946 or www.cen-tralfichess.org. Chess Magnet School JGP.

June 11-13 or 12-13, Nevada ChessLecture.com Grand Prix Points: 200 (enhanced) 2010 National Open See Nationals

A State Championship Event! June 19, Pennsylvania .com Grand Prix Points: 6 ecture 2010 PA State Game/45 Championship

4SS, G/45. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pitt., 5th & Bigelow, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. 3 Sections, \$\$ (695G): Championship: EF: \$30 by 6/11, \$40 later. \$200-100, U2000 \$75, U1800 \$50. **Premier:** U1600. EF: \$25 by 6/11, \$35 later. \$90-60, U1400 \$50, U1200 \$40, U1000 \$30; Trophies to Top 2, Top 2 U1400, Top 2 U1200, Top 2 U1000. Scholastic: Grades K-12 U900. EF: \$15 by 6/11, \$25 later. Trophies to Top 7, 1-3 U600. ALL: Teams of 4 to 7 combined from all sections, Tro-phies 1st-2nd schools, clubs. PSCF \$5, OSA. Reg ends Noon. Rds.: 12:30-2:15-4-6. Ent/Info: PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 25 Freeport St., Pittsburgh, PA 15223, 412-908-0286. martinak tom m@hotmail.com. W.

#### A State Championship Event! July 24, Pennsylvania ChessLecture.com Grand Prix Points: 6

2010 PA State Action Championship 5SS, G/30. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pitt., 5th & Bigelow, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. 2 Sections: Championship: EF: \$25 by 7/16, \$35 later. **\$\$ (690G):** \$200-100, U2000 \$90, U1800 \$80, U1600 \$70, U1400 \$60, U1200 \$50, U1000 \$40. Tro-phies: 1-3 U1400, 1-3 U1200, 1-3 U1000. **Scholastic:** Grades K-12 U900. EF: \$15 by 7/16, \$25 later. Trophies to Top 7, 1-3 U600. ALL: Trophies: 1-2 Schools, 1-2 Clubs. PSCF \$5, OSA, Reg ends Noon, Rds.: 12:30-1:45-3-4:15-5:45, Ent/Info: PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 25 Freeport St., Pittsburgh, PA 15223. 412-908-0286, martinak tom m@hotmail.com W

#### July 31-Aug. 8, Aug. 3-8 or 5-8, California Southern

Jerry Hanken Memorial - 111th Annual U.S. Open See Nationals

Aug. 27-28, North Carolina

#### ture.com Grand Prix Points: 6

**Orchard Lake Campground Action Extravaganza** 9SS, G/30. Saluda, NC 28773. Fri night, Sat day, unlimited byes. EF: \$17 (in-cludes \$7 campground fee). \$\$GTD: \$100-50-30-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10. INFO: Kevin Hyde, 705 Old Mountain Page Rd, Saluda, NC 28773. 828-749-1625 hyde@ioa.com www.ncchess.org.

Oct. 1-3 or 2-3, Texas

om Grand Prix Points: 30 2010 U.S. Class Championships See Nationals.

#### Oct. 23. Illinois

com Grand Prix Points: 20 ChessLecture.com Grand I 2010 U.S. G/60 Championship See Nationals

Oct. 24. Illinois

com Grand Prix Points: 20 2010 U.S. G/30 Championship See Nationals.

## REGIONAL Alabama

June 19, Alabama "QC" Championship (QC) 5SS, TC: G/25 with 4 sec/td. Frazer UMC, 6000 Atlanta Hwy., Montgomery, AL 36117. OPEN (\$315 \$GTD): \$150-100-65; RESERVE (U1500; \$210 \$GTD): \$100-65-45; EF: \$25, if mailed by June 12th; \$35 at site. SCHOLASTIC (K-12; U1000); EF: \$15 for Rated and \$10 for Not Rated, if mailed by June 12th; \$25/20 at site. Trophy: Top 3. Late REG.: June 19th, 8:30 til 9am. Rds.: 9:30, 10:45, 12:30, 1:45: 3. Checks payable to: Montgomery Chess Club. ENT: MCC - James Garner, 2625 Burkelaun Drive, Montgomery, AL 36111. Info: Info@CaesarChess. com, www.AlabamaChess.com.

## Arizona

#### July 3, Game Nightz Open!

10am. G/30 6 round swiss! 5 min blitz championship rounds if needed for clear winner. All USCF rules strictly enforced! 3 experienced tournament directors. FIDE master, Pedram Atoufi playing. **Prize fund** = whichever is greater: [50% of entree fees ] or [st to 4th: \$100, \$75, \$50, \$25 ] We're expecting at least 100 players with nice comfy seating so you do the math! 1st to 3rd under 1600: Giant Trophies. All participants: Official certificates printed on the day with vour personal accomplishment stats for your records. Location: Game Nightz. 10225 N. Metro Pkwy. E., Phx., AZ 85051. Next to Olive Garden. Phone preregistration: 602-870-8501 online preregistration and additional info: www.meetup.com/no-stress-chess. Wednesday Evening Chess Opens at Schlotzsky's. 6pm EF: \$5.00, PF: 50% (winner take all) G/30 Phx., AZ. NW corner of T-17 & Dunlan

## California Northern

June 7, 14, 21, 28, Modesto Round Table June Amateur '10 4ss, G/90. ONE SECTION UNDER 2000 & BEGINNERS. LOCATION: 3848 McHenry Ave., Modesto (Meeting Room). GTD PRIZES: 4 pts \$60, 3.5 pts \$45, 3 pts \$30, 2.5 pts \$15. RDS.: Mon. 7pm. EF: \$15. REG.: 6-6:45pm at Site. INFO: John C. Barnard (209) 450-6133. Chess Magnet School JGP.

July 5, 12, 19, 26, Modesto Round Table July Amateur '10 4s, 6/90. ONE SECTION UNDER 2000 & BEGINNERS. LOCATION: 3848 McHenry Ave., Modesto (Meeting Room). GTD PRIZES: 4 pts \$60, 3.5 pts \$45, 3 pts \$30, 2.5 pts \$15. RDS.: Mon. 7pm. EF: \$15. REG.: 6-6:45pm at Site. INFO: John C. Barnard (209) 450-6133. Chess Magnet School JGP.

#### July 24, Modesto Round Table Summer Amateur '10

Sun 24, modesto houria rane commer Anatem 15 Sss, G/60, ONE SECTION UNDER 2000 & BEGINNERS. LOCATION: 3848 Micheny Ave., Modesto (Meeting Room). GTD. PRIZES: 5 pts \$150, 4.5 pts \$120, 4 pts \$90, 3.5 pts \$60, 3 pts \$30. RDS.: 10-12-2-4-6. HALF PT BYE(S): Rd1 or Rd1 w/Rd2. EF: \$30, (\$10 More at Site 9-9:45am). ENTRIES TO SPONSOR: John C. Barnard, 3728 Chippewa St., Modesto, CA 95356-0711, INFO: (209) 450-6133.

Aug. 19-22, 20-22 or 21-22, 2nd Annual Central California Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

## California Southern

### June 6, 13, 20, 27, LACC Sunday Scholastic G/30 4 separate events! 5SS, 6/30. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA, 90025, 2nd FI. 4 blocks W 405. EF: \$25 (\$20 LACC memb, \$10 off siblings, Free new LACC memb).

2 sections: K-1 and K-12. Reg.: 12-1 pm. Rds.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & Bughouse (5-6). Prizes: Trophies (Top 3), Medals (next 3) & Disney prizes (every player receives a prize). \$5 Pizza, soda & cookiel Free BOA & street parking; or underground (\$3). Free refreshments. Free class (12-1). Info: (310) 795-5710 or www.LA ChessClub.com.

#### July 15-18, 16-18 or 17-18, 15th annual Pacific Coast Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

July 31-Aug. 3. 2010 Trophies Plus U.S. Girls Junior Open Championship

See Nationals

July 31-Aug. 8, Aug. 3-8 or 5-8, Jerry Hanken Memorial - 111th an-nual U.S. Open See Nationals

## Connecticut

June 26-27 or 27, 15th Annual New York Junior Championship (Out-**Of-State Players Welcome)! (NY)** See New York

July 23-25 or 24-25, 15th Annual Bradley Open

See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com Aug. 6-8 or 7-8. 16th Annual Northeast Open

#### See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

Nov. 20-21, 7th annual New England Scholastic Championships 7SS, G/65. Sheraton Hotel, 1 Bradley Airport (visible at airport entrance), Windsor Locks, CT 06096 (I-91 Exit 40 to Rt 20), Free parking, free airport shuttle, Open to all K-12 students; New England titles limited to players & teams from schools in CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, or VT. Team prizes based on top 4 scores from same school, Teams of 2 or 3 players allowed, but are at a disadvantage. In 4 sections: High School (K-12), Middle School (K-8), Elementary (K-5), Primary (K-2). Players face only those in their section. EF: HS \$42.75, Middle School \$42.50, Elem \$42.25, Primary \$42 if mailed by 11/12, all \$43 online at chesstour.com by 11/16, \$60 at site. Special 1 year USCF dues with magazine if paid with entry-online at chesstour.com, Young Adult (age 24/below) \$20, Scholastic (age

12/below) \$12, Mailed, phoned or paid at site, Young Adult \$25, Scholastic \$15, **Trophies** to top 10 players, top 5 teams, top 3 unrated in each section, top D, E, U1000, U800 (HS), É, U1000, U800 (MS), U1000, U800, U600 (Elem), U700, U500, U300 (Primary). Free entry in all Continental Chess Association Swiss tournaments until 6/15/11 to top New England player each section, until 3/15/11 to 2nd New England player each section. Late reg. ends Sat 9 am, rds Sat 10, 1, 3:45 & 6:30, Sun 9, 12 & 2:45. Awards Sun 5:30 pm. Half point byes allowed any round, limit 2 byes, must commit before rd 2. HR: \$87-87, 860-627-5311, reserve by 11/5 or rate may increase. Car rental: 800-331-1600, use AWD D657633 or reserve car online through chesstour.com. Ent: Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. Questions: www.chesstour.com, 845-496-9658. Include school, grade, birth date, USCF ID, address of each player. Advance entries will be posted at chesstour.com. Chess Magnet School

## District of Columbia

Aug. 27-29 or 28-29, 42nd annual Atlantic Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

## Florida

#### **Boca Raton Chess Club**

Friday nights, Game 90 Tournament, one game a week for 4 weeks. www.bocachess.com, 561-479-0351. Chess Magnet School JGP.

#### Palm Beach Gardens Chess Club

Meets every Saturday 9 am till 4 pm. 4-SS Rated Games G/75 or G/120 (Chess Magnet School JGP). Also, Scholastic Games G/30, 4-SS. For more info: see www.palmbeachchessclub.info or call President/TD John Dockery at 561-762-3377

#### June 11-13, 12-13, Orlando After Memorial Open and Scholastic See Grand Prix

July 30-Aug. 1 or July 31-Aug. 1, 18th Annual Southern Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

Dec. 10-12, 2010 National K-12 Championship See Nationals.

## Illinois

#### North American Chess Association

USCF and FIDE rated tournaments for amateur players and masters. Creators of eNotate, a USCF approved electronic scoresheet. The only organization that hosts regularly scheduled FIDE title norm tournaments for GM. IM. WGM, and WIM norms. Sevan A. Muradian. International Arbiter & International Organizer. www.na chess.org, sevan@nachess.org, 888.80.CHESS.

#### June 13, Knights Quest #54

4SS, Game/30. Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel, 933 Skokie Blvd., Northbrook, IL. 4 Sections: **Open & U1400** (Juniors & Adults), Juniors only in U1000 & U600. Prizes: Trophies top five each section, medals all others. EF: \$25 bv 6/7, \$30 after. \$5 off to siblings and team members when registering together. Reg.: 12:00-12:30 pm. Rds.: 1 at 1:00 pm, rest ASAP. Ent: Renaissance Knights, PO Box 1074, Northbrook, IL 60065. Online Ent/Info: www.rknights. org, Sheila Heiser 847-526-9025

#### June 19, 2010 U.S. G/15 Championship (QC)

See Nationals

#### July 11, 55th Knights Quest

4SS, Game/30, Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel, 933 Skokie Blvd. Northbrook, IL. Presented by Renaissance Knights Chess Foundation. USCF Rated Sections: Open (K-12 Adults), U1400 (K-12 & Adults), U1000 (K-12) & U600 (K-12). Awards: Top five each section, medals all others. Reg.: 12:00-12:30 pm. Rds.: 1 at 1:00 pm, rest ASAP. EF: \$25 by 8/6, \$30 after, \$35 onsite. Online Ent/Info: www.rknights.org, Sheila Heiser 847-526-9025. Mail-in Reg: Renaissance Knights, PO Box 1074, Northbrook, IL 60065. \$5 discount to siblings and team members when registering together.

#### July 16-18 or 17-18. 3rd Annual Chicago Class Championships See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

Oct. 23, 2010 U.S. G/60 Championship See Nationa

Oct. 24, 2010 U.S. G/30 Championship See Nationals.

## Indiana

#### A State Championship Event! June 19, Indiana State Class Championships

Jameson Inn, 215 Dixie Way S. (Roseland), South Bend, IN 46637. \$1000 Based on 40. In 5 Sections, **Master/Expert**: \$\$: \$220. Class A: Open to 1999 & under. \$\$: \$200. Class B: Open to 1799 & under: \$\$: \$145-55. Class C: Open to 1599 & under: \$\$: \$140-55. Class D & Under: Open to 1399 & under. Optional Special Under 1200, EF \$10 by 6/16, \$15 at site, 3 trophy prizes only. (counts 1/3 toward based-on \$\$). **\$\$**: \$135-50. U1200, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Trophies. **ALL:** 4SS, Game/90. **EF:** \$43 if rcvd by 6/23, \$50 at site. **Memb. Req'd:** ISCA. OSA. **Reg.:** 8:45-9:15am. Rds.: 9:30-1-4-7:30. ENT: Roger Blaine, PO. Box 353, Osceola, IN 46561 574-257-9033. INFO: reblaine@hotmail.com. www.indianachess.org. NS, NC, W. Chess Magnet School JGP.

Aug. 20-22 or 21-22, Indianapolis Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

## Kentucky

Sept. 24-26 or 25-26, 3rd annual Louisville Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

## **Tournament Life**

## Maryland

#### June 26, Summer Blast (VA)

4SS, G/30. Franklin Sherman Elementary, 6630 Brawner St., McLean, VA 22101. Sections: K-8 U/600, K-12 Champ. EF: \$25 online by 6/23; \$30 online by noon 6/25; \$35 on-site 12:00-12:30. Rds.: 1:00, 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.

#### Aug. 29, Howard County Chess Tournament

4SS, G/30. Glenwood Community Center, 2400 Route 97, Cooksville, MD 21723. Sections: K-5, K-8, K-12. EF: \$20 in advance; \$30 on-site 1:00-1:30. Rds.: 2:00, then ASAP. Prizes: trophies to top individuals & schools. Free game analysis by NM Adam Weissbarth, Register at www.howardcountymd.gov/RAP or 410-313-4714

## Massachusetts

Aug. 12-15, 13-15 or 14-15, 40th annual Continental Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

## Mississippi

## June 19, 2010 Annual Southern Mississippi Open & Scholastic Chess Championship

The Oprah Winfrey Boys & Girls Club of Kosciusko/Attala County, 500 Knox Rd., Kosciusko, MS. **Adult:** 4SS, G/60. **EF:** \$35.00 by 6/12 \$50.00 on site. Reg.: 8:30 A.M. 1st Rd 9:30 A.M. sect. Open, U1500. Prize fund \$250.00 ea. Sect. 10 entries min. Scholastic: 5SS, G/30. EF: \$15.00 by 6/12, \$20.00 on site. Reg.: 9.30 A.M. 1st Rd. 10:30 A.M. prizes trophies & Medallions. Info: David Newell (662) 289-3953, dnewell276@aol.com. EF Mail to: The Boys & Girls Club of Kosciusko/Attala County, P.O. Box 187, Kosciusko, MS 39090.

## Missouri

#### A State Championship Event!

June 12-13, The Peabody Energy Missouri Junior Championship Out-of-State Players Welcome! 5SS, G/90, open to all born after 6/14/1989 from any state, PF: \$5,050 GTD. EF: \$60 (\$55 if received by 6/11), \$50 (\$45 if received by 6/11) for annual members of CCSCSL. Two Sections (Open, U1600). Open: 1st overall: \$2,000 scholarship and \$300, 1st X: \$250 2nd X: \$100, 1st A: \$200 2nd A: \$75, 1st B: \$150 2nd B: \$50. Under 1600: 1st overall: \$500 scholarship and \$300, 1st C: \$250 2nd C: \$100, 1st D: \$200 2nd D: \$75, 1st F: \$150 2nd E: \$75, 1st U1000: \$125 2nd U1000: \$50. Unrated can play in the open section for 1st place prize, or in U1600 for \$50 max prize, Highest scoring female in each section: \$50. Trophies to 1st in each class. **Reg.:** 8:30-9:30. Registration limited to the first 150 entrants! Pre-register to guarantee your spot. **Rnds.:** Sat 10-2-6. Sun: 10-2. One half point bye available, must commit before Round 1. **En**tries: Chess Club & Scholastic Center of Saint Louis, 4657 Maryland Ave., Saint Louis, MO 63108 or 314-361-CHESS (2437) or info@saintlouischessclub.org. All equipment supplied! Chess Magnet School JGP.

## Nevada

June 10, 2010 U.S. Game/10 Championship (QC) See Nationals

#### June 11, National Open Scholastic Trophy Tournament

5-SS Game/30. South Point Hotel, Casino and Spa, 9777 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Las Vegas, NV 89183. Open to players Uage 20. In 3 sections. U1800, U1200, and U800. Unrateds in the U1200 section and all players in the U800 section must be under age 12. Trophies to top 4 in each section, top 1 in each 200 point rating group and unrated. **EF:** \$33 by 5/19, \$39 by 6/3, \$45 on site. **REG.:** 9-9:45 a.m. RDS.: 10-11:15-12:30-1:45-3. HR: \$65 single or double (\$95 Friday and Saturday nights). 1-866-791-7626 or (702) 796-7111. ENT: Las Vegas International Chess Festival, PO Box 90925, Henderson, NV 89009-0925 or www.VegasChessFestival.com. NS, NC, W.

June 11-12, Susan Polgar World Championship for Girls and Boys 5-SS, G/45. South Point Hotel, Casino and Spa, 9777 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Las Vegas, NV 89183. In 8 sections separate for girls and boys: under19, under 15, under 11, and under 8 (as of June 11). Prizes: In each section 1st place receives a netbook computer loaded with chess programs. \$\$ 200-150-100-50 in chess prizes for 2nd thru 5th Trophies for top 10 individuals, top 3 (3-player) school/club teams each section, special medals for next 10 individuals and next 3 school/club teams. Perfect score also wins a digital chess clock. Scholarships to Texas Tech will be awarded based in part on performance in this event. EF: \$59 by 5/19, \$69 by 6/9, \$75 on site. Reg.: 4-8 p.m. Friday, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Saturday, Rds.: 11-1:30-4, 11-1:30. Breakfast with Susan 9 a.m. Sunday, Opening Ceremony: 10 a.m. Saturday, Awards Ceremony: 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Blitz Championship: 7 p.m. Saturday. Susan Polgar lecture 3:30 p.m. Friday, Puzzle Solving Competition 5 p.m. Friday, Simul 6:15 p.m. Friday, Chess Camp 9:00 a.m. Thursday. Part of the LAS VEGAS INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL; see the National Open TLA for other Thursday and Friday side events. HR: \$65 sin-gle or double (\$95 Fri/Sat). 1-866-791-7626 or (702) 796-7111. REG: Las Vegas International Chess Festival, PO Box 90925, Henderson, NV 89009-0125, on line at www.VegasChessFestival.com, or by fax at (702) 933-9112. No telephone entries, NS, W, NC

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

## **New Jersey**

#### **Geller Quads - First Friday Every Month!**

Wew Jersey Children's Chess School, 862 DeGraw Ave., Forest Hill (Newark), NJ 07104. Open to K-8. 3-RR, G/30. Reg.: 6:30PM. Rds.: 7-8-8:50PM. Chess classes meet every Friday 6:30-9PM. Chess camp "Geller Kids" meets July & August, day & overnight. Website: www. kidschesscamp.com. Émail: chesscamp1@hotmail.com. Phone: 973-483-7927.

## June 12-13, The Rentschler Foundation 1st Annual High School Chess Championship, an All the King's Men Chess Event.

7SS, Rds. 1- 6 G/60, Rd 7 G/75. The Holiday Inn, 2175 W. Marlton Pike, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002. Open to high school students (grades 10 - 12) born between 1991 & 1995 and not yet in college. Can be from any state. Limited to first 100 players to register. School ID may be required. \*ALL PRIZES will be awarded in the form of COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS and are NOT REDEEMABLE FOR CASH. EF: FREE ENTRY for all USCF members. Non-members can buy a tour-nament membership onsite for just \$7, \*\$\$GTD: \$3000-2000-1500-1000. Top South Jersey Players: \$2000, \$1500, \$1000. One prize per player. **Reg.:** onsite 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM only if needed. Rds.: Sat. 9:45 AM, 12:30 PM, 3:30 PM, 6:15 PM Sun. 9:45 AM, 1 PM, 3:30 PM. Byes: 1/2 point byes available all rounds, limit 3, limit 2 in last 4 rounds. Must commit before round 4. ENT: Online at www.YourChessSet.com/freechess. Mail to All the King's Men Chess Center, 62 S. Broadway, Pitman, NJ 08071. INFO: www.YourChessSet.com/freechess or call 856-582-8222. DIR: 3 miles off Rt. 295 exit 34B. HR: \$99/per night. Must re-serve room no later than 5/28 & mention "chess" to assure rate. Hotel: 856-663-5300 FREE PARKING! Restaurant on premises. Chess Magnet School JGP.

#### June 19, 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 6/12, \$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 section

#### June 19, Kens Club Quads (some noise) G/60

Adults/teens, Somerset Ramada Inn, 60 Cottontail I.n., Exit 12 off I-287, Som-erset. Reg.: by 10:45 am. 1st Round - 11am, then ASAP. EF: \$21 early at entryfeesrus.com or \$20 cash at site. **Prizes:** \$50. Ken at acn@goes.com or 908-763-6468

#### June 19. Kens Kids Club K-8 Swiss

Somerset Ramada Inn, 60 Cottontail Ln., Somerset, Exit #12 off I-287. All Cash prizes b/10 per section. Prizes per section increase \$20 with each paid entry over 10. Hot Shots: U1700, 4SS G/45, \$100-50. Checkmates: U1300, 4SS G/45, \$100-50. New Stars: U1000, 5SS G/30, \$100-50. Chess Pirates: U600, 5SS G/30, \$100-50. Player's highest life-time is used. EF: \$29 online at entryfeesrus.com. EF: \$35 in cash at Hotel. Reg.: by 10:45am. Rds.: 11am then ASAP, with lunch break. Info: Ken at acn@goes.com or 908-763-6468.

#### June 19. King's Chess Club Quads

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

#### June 26. Super Saturday Swiss K-8

Somerset Ramada Inn, 60 Cottontail Lane, Somerset. Exit #12 off I-287. (In 4 Sections) Trophies to top 5 others get Medals/prizes. Hot Shots (always been U1700): 4SS G/45, \$150-100-50, b/10. Checkmates (always been U1300): 4SS G/45, \$100-50 b/10, New Stars (always been U1000): 5SS G/30, \$100-50 b/10, Chess Pirates (always been U0600): 5SS G/30, \$100-50 b/10. Highest life time rating used. Games will be arranged if your rating or grade is too high, (see Super SS/Quads), Rounds: 11am then ASAP lunch break, EF: \$27 if by 06/23 or paid online by 6/25, entryfeesrus.com. EF at site \$35. Cash only. Ask about Special EF for Kids Klub members. **Reg.:** before 10:45am at site. **Ent:** 115 W. Moore St., Hackettstown, NJ 07840. **Info:** Ken Thomas acn@goes.com or 908-763-6468. NS, NC, W.

#### June 26-27 or 27, 15th Annual New York Junior Championship (Out-Of-State Players Welcome)! (NY) See New York

#### July 17, Kens Club Quads (some noise) G/60

Adults/teens, Somerset Ramada Inn, 60 Cottontail Ln., Exit 12 off I-287, Som-erset. Reg.: by 10:45 am. 1st Round - 11am, then ASAP. EF: \$21 early at entryfeesrus.com or \$20 cash at site. Prizes: \$50. Ken at acn@goes.com or 908-763-6468.

#### July 17, Kens Kids Club K-8 Swiss

Somerset Ramada Inn, 60 Cottontail Ln., Somerset, Exit #12 off I-287. All Cash prizes b/10 per section. Prizes per section increase \$20 with each paid entry over 10. Hot Shots: U1700, 4SS G/45, \$100-50. Checkmates: U1300, 4SS G/45, \$100-50. New Stars: U1000, 5SS G/30, \$100-50. Chess Pirates: U600, 5SS G/30, \$100-50. Player's highest life-time is used. EF: \$29 online at entryfeesrus.com. EF: \$35 in cash at Hotel. Reg.: by 10:45am. Rds.: 11am then ASAP, with lunch break. Info: Ken at acn@goes.com or 908-763-6468.

#### July 17, Saturday Scholastic (K-8)

4 RR, G/45 t/d5. 1st round 11 AM. All the King's Men Chess & Games Center (Just 20 mins. from Center City Philadelphia), 62 S. Broadway, Pitman, NJ, 856-582-8222. **EF:** Online \$20, members \$18. Onsite: \$22.50, members \$20. Includes FREE pizza & soda, Prizes: Trophies top 4, medal top K-3, Reg.: 10 -10:30 onsite, or pre-register at www.YourchessSet.com/kidsswiss.

#### July 18, Westfield Summer Scholastic

Westfield Y, 220 Clark Street, Westfield, NJ. 3 sections k-12: Open, Under 1250, Under 750. Open: 3 SS, game/45 trophies to top five players in each section. Entrance Fee \$20, \$15 Members at site \$30, \$25 Members. Registration: 2-2:30 p.m. Rounds: 2:45-4:25-6:05 p.m. **Under 1250:** 4 SS game/30 trophies to top 5 in each section. Entrance Fee \$20, \$15 Members at site \$30, \$25 Mem bers. Registration: 2-2:30 p.m. Rounds: 2:45-4:00-5:15- 6:30 p.m. **Under 750:** 4 SS game/30 trophies to top 5 in each section. Entrance Fee \$20, \$15 Members at site \$30, \$25 Members. Registration: 2-2:30 p.m. Rounds: 2:45-4:00-5:15-6:30 p.m. Tiebreaks for trophies. Info: Todd Lunna 732-526-7163. lunnaco@aol.com, www.westfieldchessclub.com. Send advance entries to: Todd Lunna, 36 Maple Drive, Colts Neck, NJ. 07722 by July 14, 2010.

#### July 31, Ken's Kids Club K-8 Swiss

Somerset Ramada Inn, 60 Cottontail Ln., Somerset, Exit #12 off I-287. All Cash prizes h/10 per section. Prizes per section increase \$20 with each paid entry over 10. Hot Shots: U1700, 4SS G/45, \$100-50. Checkmates: U1300, 4SS G/45, \$100-50. New Stars: U1000, 5SS G/30, \$100-50. Chess Pirates: U600, 5SS G/30, \$100-50. Player's highest life-time is used. EF: \$29 online at entryfeesrus.com. EF: \$35 in cash at Hotel. **Reg.:** by 10:45am. **Rds.:** 11am then ASAP, with lunch break. **Info:** Ken at acn@goes.com or 908-763-6468.

Aug. 7, 1st Saturday Scholastic (K-8) 4 RR, G/45 t/d5. 1st round 11 AM. All the King's Men Chess & Games Center (Just 20 mins. from Center City Philadelphia), 62 S. Broadway, Pitman, NJ, 856-582-8222. EF: Online \$20, members \$18, Onsite: \$22,50, members \$20, Includes FREE pizza & soda. Prizes: Trophies top 4, medal top K-3. Reg.: 10 -10:30 onsite, or pre-register at www.YourchessSet.com/kidsswiss.

#### Aug. 14. Kens Club Quads (some noise) G/60

Adults/teens, Somerset Ramada Inn, 60 Cottontail Ln., Exit 12 off I-287, Somerset. Reg.: by 10:45 am. 1st Round - 11am, then ASAP. EF: \$21 early at entryfeesrus.com or \$20 cash at site. Prizes: \$50. Ken at acn@goes.com or 908-763-6468.

#### Aug. 14, Kens Kids Club K-8 Swiss

Somerset Ramada Inn, 60 Cottontail Ln., Somerset, Exit #12 off I-287. All Cash prizes b/10 per section. Prizes per section increase \$20 with each paid entry over 10. Hot Shots: U1700, 4SS G/45, \$100-50. Checkmates: U1300, 4SS G/45, \$100-50. New Stars: U1000, 5SS G/30, \$100-50. Chess Pirates: U600, 5SS G/30, \$100-50. Player's highest life-time is used. EF: \$29 online at entryfeesrus.com. EF: \$35 in cash at Hotel. **Reg.:** by 10:45am. **Rds.:** 11am then ASAP, with lunch break. **Info:** Ken at acn@goes.com or 908-763-6468.

#### Sept. 18. Kens Club Quads (some noise) G/60

Adults/teens, Somerset Ramada Inn, 60 Cottontail Ln., Exit 12 off I-287, Som-erset. Reg.: by 10:45 am. 1st Round - 11am, then ASAP. EF: \$21 early at entryfeesrus.com or \$20 cash at site. Prizes: \$50. Ken at acn@goes.com or 908-763-6468

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Somerset Ramada Inn, 60 Cottontail Ln., Somerset, Exit #12 off I-287. All Cash prizes b/10 per section. Prizes per section increase \$20 with each paid entry over 10. Hot Shots: U1700, 4SS G/45, \$100-50. Checkmates: U1300, 4SS G/45, \$100-50. New Stars: U1000, 5SS G/30, \$100-50. Chess Pirates: U600, 5SS G/30, \$100-50, Player's highest life-time is used, EF: \$29 online at entryfeesrus.com. EF: \$35 in cash at Hotel. **Reg.:** by 10:45am. **Rds.:** 11am then ASAP, with lunch break. Info: Ken at acn@goes.com or 908-763-6468.

#### Oct. 16, Kens Club Quads (some noise) G/60

Adults/teens, Somerset Ramada Inn, 60 Cottontail L.n., Exit 12 off I-287, Som-erset. **Reg:** by 10:45 am. **1st Round** - 11am, then ASAP. **EF:** \$21 early at en-tryfeesrus.com or \$20 cash at site. **Prizes:** \$50. Ken at acn@goes.com or 908-763-6468.

Oct. 16, Kens Kids Club K-8 Swiss Somerset Ramada Inn, 60 Cottontail Ln., Somerset, Exit #12 off I-287. All Cash prizes b/10 per section. Prizes per section increase \$20 with each paid entry over 10. Hot Shots: U1700, 4SS G/45, \$100-50. Checkmates: U1300. 4SS G/45, \$100-50. New Stars: U1000, 5SS G/30, \$100-50. Chess Pirates: U600, 5SS G/30, \$100-50. Player's highest life-time is used. **EF:** \$29 online at en-tryfeesrus.com. EF: \$35 in cash at Hotel. **Reg.:** by 10:45am. **Rds.:** 11am then ASAP, with lunch break. Info: Ken at acn@goes.com or 908-763-6468.

#### Oct. 22-24 or 23-24, Boardwalk Open

See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

#### Oct. 30, Kens Club Quads (some noise) G/60

Adults/teens, Somerset Ramada Inn, 60 Cottontail Ln., Exit 12 off I-287, Som-erset. Reg.: by 10:45 am. 1st Round - 11am, then ASAP. EF: \$21 early at entryfeesrus.com or \$20 cash at site. Prizes: \$50. Ken at acn@goes.com or 908-763-6468

#### Oct. 30. Kens Kids Club K-8 Swiss

Somerset Ramada Inn, 60 Cottontail Ln., Somerset, Exit #12 off I-287. All Cash prizes b/10 per section. Prizes per section increase \$20 with each paid entry over 10. Hot Shots: U1700, 4SS G/45, \$100-50. Checkmates: U1300, 4SS G/45, \$100-50. New Stars: U1000, 5SS G/30, \$100-50. Chess Pirates: U600, 5SS G/30, \$100-50, Player's highest life-time is used, EF: \$29 online at entryfeesrus.com. EF: \$35 in cash at Hotel. Reg.: by 10:45am. Rds.: 11am then ASAP, with lunch break. Info: Ken at acn@goes.com or 908-763-6468.

Nov. 5-7, 2010 National Youth Action

See Nationals.

## **New York**

#### June 26-27 or 27, 15th Annual New York Junior Championship (Out-Of-State Players Welcome)!

5-SS, G/90, open to all born after 6/27/90 from any state, beautifully renovated, well-lighted 3rd floor, New Yorker Hotel, 481 8th Ave at 34th St., across from Penn Station, NYC. \$\$ prize fund b/150 total paid entries, minimum half each prize Gtd. 3 sections. Open. \$\$ 400-200-120, top U2000 \$110, U1800 \$100. Under 1600, \$\$ 300-150-110, top U1400 \$100, \$100 limit to Unr. Under 1200, \$\$ 300-150-110, top U1000 \$100, \$50 limit to unr, plaques to top 2 each grade, K-4 (OK to win both plaque & trophy). All, trophies to top 5 each section, free entry to all Chess Center tmts. *except quads* thru 10/1/10 to top 3 each section. 2 playing options: **2-day schedule**, reg. ends Sat 9:30 am, rds. Sat 10 am-1:30-4:30 pm, Sun 1:30-4:30 pm. **1-day schedule,** reg. ends Sun 8:30 am, rds. Sun 9-10:30 am-12-1:30-4:30 pm (rds. 1-3 of 1-day schedule only are G/30): both merge for rd. 4. Mail entry fee, 2-day \$58, 1-day \$57 if postmarked by 6/18, all \$65 at site, mail checks by 6/18 payable to: **Chess Center of NY**, PO Box 4615, New Windsor, NY 12553. List name, address, USCF ID, June rating, grade, birthday, section, schedule. Phone entries: \$60 thru 6/23. Questions, chesscentr@aol.com or 845-569-9969 (credit card phone entries thru 6/23: 406-896-2191, entries only, no questions). Online entries, \$56 thru 6/23: www.chesscenter.cc (no mail after 6/18, no phone or online entries after 6/23). \$10 charge for refunds. All entries \$65 at site (specified Greater NY Scholastic prizewinners free). Limit 2 byes, commit before rd. 2. Re-entry: \$30, counts half. HR: 212-971-0101. Bring sets, clocks, boards- none supplied! W. Chess Magnet School JGP.

#### July 19-Aug. 16, Monday Under 1600

5SS, G/90. Marshall Chess Club, 23 W 10th St., NYC 212 477-3716. EF: \$40, members \$20. (\$300 b/20): \$120-70-50, U1300 \$60. Reg.: 6:15-6:45. Rds.: 7 PM each Monday. Byes OK, limit 2, request by rd 3. Chess Magnet School JGP.

#### July 31, Marshall Saturday U1600

4SS, G45. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212 477-3716. (\$300 b/20) \$120-70-50, U1300 \$60. EF: \$40, members \$20. Reg.: 12:15-12:45AM. Rds.: 1-2:45-4:30-6:15. Note: Only one bye available, request at entry.

#### Aug. 3, Marshall CC U1400 4 Quick Games Tonight (QC) 4/SS, G/15. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St, NYC. 212-477-3716. (\$200 b/20): \$80-

4/SS, G/15. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St, NYC. 212-477-3716. (\$200 b/20): \$80-50-30, U1100 \$40. Ef: \$25, members \$15. Reg.: 6:15-6:45. Rds.: 7-7:40-8:20-9pm. Note: One bye available, request at entry. Quick rated; regular ratings used for pairings and prizes.

#### Aug. 7, Marshall Saturday U1800

4SS, G45. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NVC. 212 477-3716. **(\$300 b/20)** \$120-70-50, U1500 \$60. **EF:** \$40, members \$20. **Reg.**: 12:15-12:45AM. **Rds.**: 1-2:45-4:30-6:15. **Note:** Only one bye available, request at entry.

Sept. 3-6, 4-6 or 5-6, 132nd annual NY State Championship See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

## **North Carolina**

Aug. 27-28, Orchard Lake Campground Action Extravaganza See Grand Prix.

## Ohio

#### June 20, Beachwood Scholastic Quads

3RR, G/30. Beachwood Community Center, 25325 Fairmount Blvd., Beachwood, OH, 44122. Players grouped by rating, age if unrated. EF: S10 at site. Registration: 1:00-1:45 pm, Rd 1: 2:00 pm. Awards: Trophies to 1st each quad, participation awards to all. Info: Michael Joelson, 321-7000, mdjoelson@aol.com. Oct. 1-3 or 2-3, Cleveland Open

See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

## **Pennsylvania**

#### June 18, Friday Night Action #18

4SS, 6/30. Belmont Park Classroom, 200 Anderson Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406. Sections: Open, U/1400. EF: \$30 online by noon the day of the event; \$10 more on-site 6:30-6:45; \$10 less for players under 18. Rds.: 7:00, then ASAP. Prizes: \$100 to 1st overall; others per entries. Register at www.silverknightschess.com. Registration limited to first 30 players.

June 19, 2010 PA State Game/45 Championship See Grand Prix.

June 26-27, 2nd annual World Open Girls Championship See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.



scores worse as White can pressure Black's center with Re1 and d2-d4.

#### D. 4. Bc4



White's king bishop usually does very well on c4, aiming at Black's weak point on f7, like the Giuoco Piano (1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4) and Bishop's Opening (1. e4 e5 2. Bc4). In the Four Knights, 4. Bc4?! is a mistake allowing Black to play 4 ... Nxe4! which is a sham sacrifice as 5. Nxe4 d5 (fork trick) regains the piece and Black is better. Here 6. Bxd5 Qxd5 7. d3 Bg4 is common, or

#### June 26-27, World Open Under 13 Championship

6SS, G/65. Valley Forge Convention Plaza (see World Open). Open to all born after 6/28/97. Trophies to top 5, 1st C, D, E, Under 1000, Under 800, Unrated; free entry in all CCA Swiss tournaments 7/15/10-12/31/10 to 1st. **EF:** \$42 mailed by 6/16, \$43 online at chesstour.com by 6/23, \$45 phoned to 406-896-2038 by 6/23, \$50 at site. **Reg.** 6/26 9 to 10:30 am, rds. Sat. 11-2-5, Sun. 10-1-4. One half point bye allowed, must commit before rd 2. **HR & Ent:** See World Open. **Chess Magnet School JGP**.

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

#### July 16, Friday Night Action #19

4SS, 6/30. Belmont Park Classroom, 200 Anderson Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406. Sections: Open, U/1400. EF: \$30 online by noon the day of the event; \$10 more on-site 6:30-6:45; \$10 less for players under 18. Rds.: 7:00, then ASAP Prizes \$100 to 1st overall; others per entries. Register at www.silverknightschess.com. Registration limited to first 30 players.

July 24, 2010 PA State Action Championship See Grand Prix.

#### July 25, Chess Bowl 2010

4SS, Gr30. Shady Grove Elementary, 351 W Skippack Pike, Ambler, PA 19002. Sections: K-6 U/700, K-12 Champ. EF: \$25 online by 7/21; \$30 online by noon 7/23; \$35 onsite 12:00-12:30. Rds.:100, then ASAP Prizes: trophies to top individuals & schools. Free game analysis by NM Peter Minear. See www.silverknightschess.com to register, or for information about sections for unrated plavers.

#### Aug. 1, 8th Holly Heisman Memorial Fundraiser

JCC Kaiserman Branch, Haverford Rd. & City Ave., Wynnewood. FREE entry! Advance entry strongly suggested. Optional tax-deductible donation to the Holly Heisman Memorial Fund at the Philadelphia Foundation to benefit women in need, **\$25+ per entry suggested. Reg.:** 9:15-10. All: 6/30. Rds.: 10:30-11:45-1:30-2:45-4 or earlier. **3 Sections:** Open 55S & U1500 55S (both open to all ges) and K & U900 4SS. Many donated prizes (\$1,000 + /yrl) Prize sponsors encouraged & honored at event: email pramachandra@mercyhealth.org. Ent: click "tournaments" at www.silverknightschess.com, Info: 610-649-0750, danheisman@comcast.net, W.

#### Texas

#### July 23-25, 2010 U.S. Junior Open See Nationals.

6. Bb5 dxe4 7. Nxe5 Qd5/Qg5 and Black has more space. All 1. e4 e5 players should know this stock tactic, which also shows up in the Two Knights Defense (1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6) after 4. Nc3?! Nxe4! with the same fork trick idea by transposition.

### E. 4. Nxe5



The Halloween Gambit is a risky, uncommon line where White sacrifices a piece for an advantage in space and development, leading to an immediate attack against Black's king. After 4 ... Nxe5 5. d4 Black retreats with 5 ... Ng6 6. e5 Ng8 and hopes to reach an endgame where Oct. 1-3 or 2-3, 2010 U.S. Class Championships See Nationals.

## Vermont

Sept. 17-19 or 18-19, 15th annual Green Mountain Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

## Virginia

#### June 26, Summer Blast

4SS, G/30. Franklin Sherman Elementary, 6630 Brawner St., McLean, VA 22101. Sections: K-8 U/600, K-12 Champ. EF: \$25 online by 6/23; S30 online by noon of 2/5; \$35 onsite 12:00-12:30. Rds.: 1:00, 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.

#### July 24, July Joust

4SS, 6/30. Virginia Run Elementary 15450 Martins Hundred Dr., Centreville, VA 20120. Sections: K-8 U/600, K-12 Champ. EF: 325 online by 7/21; \$30 online by noon 7/23; \$35 on-site L2:00-12:30. RGB: L: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.

#### Aug. 29, Howard County Chess Tournament (MD)

4SS, G/30. Glenwood Community Center, 2400 Route 97, Cooksville, MD 21723. Sections: K-5, K-8, K-12. EF: \$20 in advance; \$30 on-site 1:00-1:30. Rds.: 2:00, then ASAP. Prizes: trophies to top individuals & schools. Free game analysis by NM Adam Weissbarth. Register at www.howardcountymd.gov/RAP or 410-313-4714.

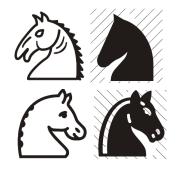
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the extra piece will prevail. Another plan is 5 ... Nc6 6. d5 Nb8 7. e5 Ng8 hanging on, although here Black could play it safe and return the piece with 6 ... Qe7 or 6 ... Bb4 for an even game.

### F. Other Fourth Moves

Passive moves like 4. d3, 4. Be2 and 4. a3 are met by 4 ... d5 and Black has already equalized, thus they are rarely played. One move to avoid is 4. Bd3?! blocking the dpawn and causing bad congestion in White's center.

The Four Knights is a great opening for all players starting out at chess, as it is easy to learn and gives both sides a very solid game. Good luck!



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