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## ON THE COVER

"Computer Chess Universe" by Canadian artist/illustrator/animator Mike Magnan, makes a colorful cover, and brings to mind a truth: Chess is a universal game, a "language" understood by people all over the world.

And the Internet is one way to stay in touch with chess friends. Part of your USCF membership includes access (if you are allowed to use a computer) to www.uschess.org. There you can follow Chess Life Online and all of the great stories posted by editor and two-time U.S. women's champion, WGM Jennifer Shahade.

Search the Archives section and you'll find great coverage on the 2010 Pan American Youth and World Youth Championships. Our representatives did very well, and we congratulate all of the participants.

## And here is this issue's quiz: <br> Where did the U.S. team finish in the Pan American Youth Championship? <br> Where did the U.S. team finish in the World Youth Championship? What Americans won international (FIDE) titles in either event? Who is currently the youngest USCF member to achieve a master rating (2200)?

If you can find the answers, send them to: gpetersen@uschess.org, and our gnomes from Outer Mongolia will hold a drawing. The winner(s) will receive a book prize. Good luck!

## HOW TO <br> Read \& Write Chess

There are many different ways to write chess moves. The most popular method (described below) is called algebraic notation:
Each square has a name, taken from the intersection of the file (vertical or up-and-down rows of squares, which are lettered) and rank (horizontal or side-byside rows of squares, which are numbered) the square is on. In the diagram the square on the intersection of the 7th rank and the $d$-file is called d7. Like in battleship!

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

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

Notice that the Knight is N, since K is reserved for the King. Notice also that pawns have no abbreviation.
A move is written by using the abbreviation for the piece that moves, followed by the square the piece moves to (1. ... Nf6). A pawn move is written as the square the pawn has moved to (1. d4). A capture by a piece is written as the abbreviation for the piece that moved, followed by an $x$, and finally the square the capture takes place on (8. Bxe5). A pawn capture is written as the file the capturing pawn stands on, followed by an $x$, and finally the square the capture takes place on (3. dxe5).

Other moves are castling kingside, ${ }_{7}^{8}$ which is written $0-0$, and castling queen- 6 side, which is written 0-0-0. An en pas- 5 sant capture is indicated by e.p. after the ${ }_{4}$ move. A check is indicated by + after the ${ }_{3}$ move, and pawn promotion is ${ }_{2}$ 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.

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

3. Nbd2 Qe7 7. a3
(diagram B)
4. ... Ncxe5 8. Bxe5 Nxe5 9. axb4 Nd3 checkmate. (diagram C)
x: take or capture \#: checkmate 5

## $0-0$ : kingside castle

$0-0-0$ : queenside castle

## + : check

??: blunder
(): promotion 4
!: good move 3
?: bad move 2


## THE GNOMES HAVE SPOKEN

To Sonny, Bald Eagle@, William, Ben, Haozhe, Alex, Dane, Gladys, Alena, Sabrina, Glenn, Max, Sam, ETappen@, Daniel, Kyle, James, Jared, Rachel, Nuha, Collin, Oliver, Aaron, VBalu@, A.J.,
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Wow! Our gnomes from Outer Mongolia earned their smoked herring this time! They had to read almost 100 entries before randomly choosing a winner or two. The answer they were looking for was that the board on December's cover was set up wrong, but they gave full credit to those who pointed out: no kings, can't swim with mouths open, necklace/hair/pieces should be floating, SCUBA gear missing, etc.
And they even included the responses from those who answered "What's the Problem?" even though the answers were in the back of the magazine. The editor has apologized but blames the gremlins.
Congratulations to our worthy winners:
Maggie Feng of Ohio, Charlie from parts unknown, Madalyn Menendez of Illinois, Enya Cirillo of New York, Justin Alter of Colorado, Ilan Cohen of Maryland, Aaron Shlionsky of New Jersey, and Kyle Brackenridge of Ohio.

## A NEW BEGINNING

With the passing of GM Larry Evans, we've lost a good friend to all chess players around the world. As one chapter ends, another begins, with the work of Daniel Gurevich, a very young master from Georgia. We haven't come up with a name for his new column yet, but he is willing to answer YOUR questions about the Royal Game. Send your questions to: gpetersen@uschess.org, and I will forward them to Daniel.
You can read a sampling of his work beginning on page 12. Make him feel welcomed. Send in your toughest questions!

She was silent for a while. Then she said, "Let me show you a game that I once played."

"A difficult position for Black," the King mused. "A rook up, but facing mate."
"Fortunately for me," she said, "while I had the black pieces, it was my move."
The King raised an eyebrow.
"The draw was simply a matter of disposing of the heavy pieces, starting with the Royalty," she said.
1...Qe1+ 2.Kh2 Qh1 + ! 3.Kxh1

3...Re1+ 4.Kh2 Rh1 + ! 5.Kxh1

5...Rh3+6.Kg1 Rh1+! 7.Kxh1!

"Black draws by stalemate," whispered the King.
"As Royalty looked on, helpless" she added.
(based on the game RomeroKantsler, Halkidiki, 2002)

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# Chess <br> Detective 

## by NM Todd Bardwick

## CAN YOU FIGURE OUT HOW TOTAKE ADVANT AGE OF A PIECETHAT IS PINNED TO A SQUARE?

In the December 2010 edition of Chess Life for Kids, we looked at a couple examples of how to take advantage of an unusual pin, when a piece is pinned to a square instead of another piece. If you pay close attention and observe when this may occur, you can add a powerful weapon to your tactical arsenal.
Now it is your turn! Can you figure out how to win these positions by finding which piece is pinned to a square?




By Stanley Kravitz

There are many chess puzzles that show shapes and patterns that are composed for special occasions.
Some spell out letters of the alphabet, often as initials to commemorate a great chess player's anniversary, others show seasonal items or simple geometrical figures. Unlike the many pixels on a digital screen the chessboard has to limit these ideas to the 64 squares of the chess board.

Because of this limitation the difficulty of picture puzzles is not usually as hard as with many regular freeform puzzles. However composers still try to make them a challenge.
There is also a type of puzzle known as a "twin." These are puzzles that have two or more closely related positions, and may include puzzles that change the position of a piece, add or take off a piece, change the direction of the board so that the pawns move the opposite way and other small changes. However all the initial positions look alike but the solutions are different.
This Christmas set of five miniature puzzles are all related by their shape. Since there are five of them they are quintuplets rather than twins.
If you can solve a problem in under five minutes give yourself four points. Solve in under seven minutes give yourself three points. Solve in under 10 minutes two points. Over 10 minutes give yourself one point.
Master Solver 15-20 points. Good Solver 10-14 points. Fair solver 5-9 points. Under 5 points needs work.

## Puzzle 1

White to move and mate in two.
This problem is fairly easy. The pawns are the key.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 8 \\
& 7 \\
& 6 \\
& 5
\end{aligned}
$$

Well, if you insist on doing things the hard way, try a different key.


## Puzzle 3

White to move and mate in three.
Maybe you are seeing triple, but the solution is very different.


## Puzzle 4

White to move and mate in three.
Here there are many choices. The final mate position is unusual.


## Puzzle 5

White to move and mate in three.
Now don't rush the pawns as you did in the other puzzles.


## National Master Daniel

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## WIN OR DRAW?

You know the drill. In the given position, is it a win or draw and for which side? Not only that, but can you write down the line that makes it a win or draw?

Position One: White to Play


Position Two: White to Play


Position Three: White to Play


Position Four: White to Play


Position Five: White to Play


Position Six: White to Play


Answers on page 17


## 2010 Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix Standings

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Top 50 Overall Standings

| NAME | ST | PTS | EV |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| DOMMALAPATI, ABHINAY | VA | 310 | 26 |
| MIZUSHIMA, DEREK | MD | 270 | 21 |
| ATTANAGODA, ISURU | VA | 240 | 18 |
| HARMON-VELLOTTI, CARL | ID | 210 | 14 |
| CHEN, JASMINE | NY | 195 | 12 |
| RICHMAN, JONATHAN | NY | 195 | 13 |
| MOON, KYLE | NY | 190 | 15 |
| SMITH, JAMES LARKIN | MO | 185 | 13 |
| CAO, ALVIN | VA | 165 | 11 |
| KRAUSE, BENJAMIN | MD | 165 | 8 |
| TANENBAUM, ZACHARY C | CT | 165 | 12 |
| ALTMAN-DESOLE, BEN | NY | 165 | 14 |
| MOORTHY, SRINIVAS | MD | 135 | 9 |
| ALTMAN-DESOLE, BEN | NY | 135 | 10 |
| CAO, JONATHAN | VA | 165 | 12 |
| PILLAI, KADHIR ANDRES | NY | 160 | 9 |
| JIANG, CHARLES | NJ | 155 | 8 |
| ULRICH, THOMAS M | IL | 155 | 9 |
| REGAM, JESSICA | PA | 150 | 11 |
| TYAGI, KUSHAN | IA | 145 | 9 |
| YIM, TONY SUNG | AZ | 145 | 15 |
| SCHNEIDER, THOMAS G | WI | 145 | 8 |
| MARUPUDI, PRANAV | NJ | 145 | 13 |
| WIENER, ALEXANDRA | CT | 140 | 9 |
| TALWAI, PREM | CA-N | 140 | 11 |
| MOORTHY, SRINIVAS | MD | 135 | 9 |
| KUTIKOFF, ADAM | FL | 135 | 13 |
| KHATTAR, TANMAY | VA | 130 | 10 |
| TKACH, GABRIEL USHER | PA | 130 | 6 |
| DIXON, DAKOTA ELLIS | WA | 130 | 6 |
| PENNOCK, STEVEN G | AZ | 125 | 5 |
| HARMON-VELLOTTI, LUKE | ID | 125 | 9 |
| SANT, AMIT | CA-N | 125 | 6 |
| PETERSON, DANTE | CA-S | 125 | 7 |
| KOGEN, JONATHAN S | IL | 125 | 6 |
| SINGH, REVA SHREE | NY | 125 | 8 |
| COOKLEV, STEVEN | IN | 125 | 10 |
| LIU, DANIEL | CA-N | 125 | 9 |
| MOAZAMI, AMIR | NY | 125 | 7 |
| CHINCHWADKAR, OM | CA-N | 125 | 6 |
| WINTER, CURTIS A | MD | 125 | 6 |
| PETERSON, MICK | CA-S | 120 | 7 |


| NAME | ST | PTS | EV |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| KNOFF, THOMAS | NY | 120 | 9 |
| BLAD, ERIKL | MD | 120 | 10 |
| GAN, ERIC | VA | 120 | 3 |
| HAN, JOSEPH | CT | 120 | 6 |
| VISWANADHA, KESAV | CA-N | 120 | 8 |
| PENA, JOEL ANTHONY U | NJ | 120 | 9 |
| HUA, MARGARET M | MO | 120 | 13 |
| SUSARLA, ANEESH | VA | 115 | 8 |
| ZHOU, JASON | MO | 115 | 11 |
| WILLIAMS, JUSTUS D | NY | 115 | 9 |
| ATRIWAL, AARYAMAAN | TX | 115 | 7 |
| HUANG, DAVID | MS | 115 | 5 |
|  |  |  |  |
| State Leaders |  |  |  |
| NAME |  |  |  |
| PARSHALL, MATTHEW | AK | PTS | 15 |
| EV | 1 |  |  |
| JIAO, KENNETH | AL | 90 | 8 |
| WOLF, ALEXANDER P | AR | 65 | 4 |
| CHAKRABORTY, DIPRO | AZ | 105 | 4 |
| PERSHAD, YASH | AZ | 105 | 9 |
| IYENGAR, UDIT | CA-N | 105 | 8 |
| TAM, CALVIN | CA-N | 105 | 5 |
| GUNN, JONATHAN | CA-S | 100 | 4 |
| CSIMA, AMANDA | CO | 70 | 4 |
| SEGALL, ETHAN R | CT | 80 | 4 |
| HAUGE, DAVID RICHEY | DC | 35 | 2 |
| DALY, MARCUS ROBERT | DC | 35 | 1 |
| D'SOUZA, DEAN | DE | 55 | 4 |
| TSAI, AMY | FL | 105 | 7 |
| GOOGORSKY, RACHEL | FL | 105 | 6 |
| GIOVANNETTI, GRANT | FL | 105 | 6 |
| BALAGA, AINESH | GA | 100 | 5 |
| KAONOHI, TRISTAN K | HI | 55 | 2 |
| IYER, VENKAT | IA | 45 | 5 |
| ABERNATHY, CALEB P | ID | 75 | 4 |
| RUAN, GEORGE | IL | 85 | 6 |
| TOOTLE, TIMOTHY RYAN | IN | 90 | 5 |
| HOLT, CONRAD | KS | 70 | 5 |
| LIPMAN, ANDREW J | KY | 35 | 2 |
| ALI, JAMAL | KY | 35 | 3 |
| KORNDORFFER CHARLES | LA | 65 | 3 |
|  |  |  |  |


| NAME | ST | PTS | EV |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SYASINOVSKY, DAVID | MA | 80 | 6 |
| MCNAMARA, TANNER A | MD | 110 | 6 |
| FISHBEIN, MATTHEW E | ME | 50 | 3 |
| VIRKUD, APURVA | MI | 100 | 6 |
| TIFFMAN, GEORGE E | MN | 85 | 5 |
| SMITH, JACOB LEE | MO | 110 | 8 |
| MEJIA, SEBASTIAN | MS | 60 | 2 |
| MOODY, CHAD | NC | 105 | 5 |
| WAN, JOSEPH CHENG-YUE | NE | 30 | 1 |
| POTORSKI, GERALD FIELD | NH | 35 | 2 |
| KUMAR, ARAVIND | NJ | 110 | 7 |
| EWING, GABRIEL R | NM | 60 | 5 |
| ZAVALA, JONATHAN E | NV | 60 | 2 |
| CHIANG, MICHAEL | NY | 105 | 6 |
| STEINBERG, MAX | NY | 105 | 7 |
| PARANJPE, ISHAN | OH | 110 | 4 |
| NICKELS, ERIK J | OK | 55 | 5 |
| TALYANSKY, SETH DAVID | OR | 65 | 1 |
| SAKAI, HIBIKI | PA | 95 | 5 |
| FINNEY, STUART S | RI | 100 | 8 |
| LAURIA, MICHAELD | SC | 75 | 4 |
| KNUDSON, MICHAEL | SD | 40 | 1 |
| VAZOUEZ, RAUL | TERR | 10 | 1 |
| LEVINE, BENJAMIN | TN | 105 | 9 |
| CHIANG, JONATHAN | TX | 105 | 7 |
| HON, ERIC | UT | 55 | 5 |
| SHIH, MATTHEW | VA | 105 | 6 |
| VOLL, JAMESON | VT | 35 | 2 |
| ZHANG, DEREK | WA | 100 | 4 |
| LIANG, AWONDER | WI | 95 | 8 |
| PARHI, SIDHARTHA | WV | 35 | 3 |

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## A Brief Chess Opening Glossary

## The King's Cambit Accepted

by Pete Tamburro

Years ago a fellow by the name of Dahlgren devoted four books to the King's Gambit. There have been many, many more booksbefore and after. It's an exciting opening.
The King's Gambit Accepted is the most exciting. White gives up his f-pawn to get control of the center. Black tries to hold onto the pawn or at some point gives the pawn back to catch up in development and counter in the center.
At some point in your chess career, you should try it-on both sides!
There are too many variations and too many names in the King's Gambit, so we are just going to give you the main lines. We'll start with the King Knight's Gambit which starts out with $1 . e 4$ e5 $2 . f 4$ exf4 3.Nf3.

> Kieseritsky Gambit: 3...g5 4.h4 g4 5.Ne5


Black defends the f-pawn, and White tries to undermine that with h4. When the knight is chased, it takes a post in the center. One possible example of what can happen: 1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 g5 4.h4 g4 5.Ne5 d6 6.Nxg4 Nf6
7.Nf2 Nc6 8.d4 and it's a fight.

## Allgaier Gambit:

 3...g5 4.h4 g4 5.Ng5

One of the most daring openings in chess! It usually continues with the wild 5...h6 6.Nxf7 Kxf7 7.Nc3 or $7 . \mathrm{d} 4$ or $7 . \mathrm{Bc} 4+$. We prefer the first one. Any choice will be very complicated!

## Hanstein Gambit: <br> 3...g5 4.Bc4 d6 5.d4 h6 <br> 6.0-0 Bg7



And now 7.c3 or 7.Nc3 or 7.g3. We have a fondness for c3 as it bolsters the d4 square and allows the queen access to the queenside. An untested line, dating back to Staunton in the 1800s, is $7 . c 3$

Nc6 8.Oa4 (threatening d5) 8...Bd7 9.Qb3, threatening Oxb7 and Bxf7+.

## Muzio Gambit: <br> 3...g5 4.Bc4 g4 6.0-0!? gxf3 7.Qxf3.



Utterly crazy! Utterly dangerous! In fact, old time swindlers used to give odds of the queen knight (just taking the knight off the board at the beginning of the game) and have an easy win as white because the queen rook could swing over so quickly.
It's best to get a book, a computer and a grandmaster to figure this one out. Here's one reason why: 1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 g5 4.Bc4 g4 5.0-0 gxf3 6.Oxf3 Of6 7.e5 Qxe5 8.Bxf7+ Kxf7 9.d4 Oxd4+ 10.Be3 Of6 11.Nc3 Bg7 12.Nd5 Of5 13.Nxc7 Nc6 14.Bxf4 Nf6 15.Rad1 Oxc2 16.Nxa8 Rd8 17.Bg5 Qc5+ 18.Be3 Qe5 19.Rd5 and the position is enough to drive anybody crazy!
Those are the main g5 lines. Most people with black like something less nutty than the above lines. There are more solid lines.

Cunningham Defense: 3...Be7 4.Bc4 Bh4+ 5.Kf1 (5.g3?! fxg3
6.0-0 gxh2+ 7.Kh1 is, indeed, wild, but if Black finds $7 \ldots \mathrm{~d} 5$, White hasn't got much) 5 ... Be7 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.d3 0-0 8.Bxf4

... is equal.

## Modern Defense:

3....d5 4.exd5 Nf6


A very logical and solid way to go. If White tries to hold the dpawn, then: 5.c4 c6 6.dxc6 Nxc6 and Black has lots of open lines and excellent development.

Fischer Defense: 3...d6


Bobby Fischer once called this
the refutation of the King's Gambit. Oh, well, you can't be right about everything! It is a good defense, but "refutation" is a bit too much. It can transpose into the Hanstein (page 10) or can go this rather odd way: $4 . \mathrm{d} 4 \mathrm{~g} 55 . \mathrm{h} 4 \mathrm{~g} 46 . \mathrm{Ng} 1$ ! As usual, it's a struggle.

## 3...Nf6 Defense: <br> 3 ... Nf6 4.e5 Nh5



And now either $5 . \mathrm{g} 4$ or 5 .Nc3 or $5 . \mathrm{Be} 2$. Also difficult for both sides, but not all that popular for Black.

King Bishop's Gambit: Some people consider this stronger than the King's Knight Gambit. It's worth a look with a book!
1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Bc4:

3...Nf6 4.Nc3 c6 5.Qf3 or 3...Qh4+ 4.Kf1 c6 5.Nf3 Qh5 6.d4 g5 7.h4 Nh6 8.Nc3 and White has his center while Black has his pawn.

For White in all of these lines, the thing you have to remember is
that you are trying to get control of the center, get developed and not worry too much about the pawn.
It's also important to remember that Black's weakest point is $f 7$ and the f -file is a great attacking file when White castles kingside.
Black, for his part, has to find some way to counter with d5 and not be afraid to give back the pawn in order to catch up in development. For either side it's an exciting game. Nobody is playing for a draw.

## GNOMES from pg. 13

"Perhaps I can help," said Sven, the leader of the gnomes.
"Who said that?" asked Marco-Polo.
"Down here. We had a similar problem when traveling with the Mongols. After we mastered xiangqi, we introduced elements of Nine Man Morris, in order to keep our hosts interested. Perhaps if we merge our variation with chaturanga and shahmat, we can come up with a game that is equally challenging for both you and the Shah."
And that's what they did. The new game, which they called chess, baffled the Shah and Marco-Polo. They each won as many games as they lost. Safe passage was granted and soon the travelers found themselves in Marco-Polo's home country of Italy.
TO BE CONTINUED


# Tactical, Positional, 

by Daniel Gurevich and Opening Mistakes

Tactical, positional, or opening mistakes? What is the difference? Are they not all the same?

No! The differences are radical, and paying attention to the differences is important. Therefore, we will consider the different natures and causes of the three types of mistakes one can make in chesstactical, positional, and openingand see how each of them may be prevented.
Tactical mistakes are most common on lower levels, and the simplest to notice. When a player misses one of his opponent's moves, or does not take into account one of his own, this can mean he has committed a tactical mistake.
This kind of mistake is often easy to notice because the oversight leads to a decisive and conspicuous change in the evaluation of the position. For example, a tactical mistake may result in the loss of a piece, or forced checkmate.

You might make these mistakes if you experience a lapse in concentration, time trouble, lack of recent practice, or a combination of these factors. Solving tactical puzzles may help reduce the number of your tactical errors, and careful time management is a valuable tool in avoiding time pressure, a common source of these mistakes.
Players on every level make tactical mistakes, from time to time, so do not worry; the strongest grandmasters occasionally hang their pieces too! Only the mistakes' frequency and severity set apart strong tactical players from others. Here is a famous game of former
world champion Anatoly Karpov, where his opening "novelty" turns out to be a horrendous tactical blunder:

## Christiansen, Larry Mark (2620) <br> Karpov, Anatoly (2725) <br> Hoogovens Wijk aan Zee, 1993

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 The Queen's Indian. 4.a3 Ba6I? 5.Oc2

5.e3 is answered with ...d5! 5...Bb7!

Karpov is in essence betting on the queen standing worse on c2 than it would have on d1. 6.Nc3 c5 Challenging White's center. 7.e4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nc6 9.Nxc6 Bxc6 10.Bf4 Nh5! Karpov stops the potential idea of $0-0-0$ and Bd 6 by harassing the bishop. 11.Be3 Bd6 (Novelty).

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An interesting novelty. All earlier games continued with either ...Bc5 or ...Qb8, with an approximately equal position. Black's idea with ...Bd6 is to prepare either ...Nf4 or ...Bf4, while g3 simply creates weaknesses on f3 and h3. 12.Od1!! A move that is, at first, quite hard to see. Black has no way to defend both hanging pieces. The former world champion had nothing left to do but resign.

Meanwhile, positional mistakes hide in the shadows. On lower levels, they often go unnoticed; the importance of severe tactical mistakes eclipses their importance.
However, on higher levels, positional mistakes are much more relevant, as they become much more common than tactical mistakes.
Positional mistakes are generally more subtle than tactical mistakes, because a positional mistake is an error in evaluating the position; often, it is not easy to evaluate each side's chances in an unbalanced position objectively.
Even computers often have trouble evaluating a position accu-
rately; the importance of the many different factors contributing to a position's evaluation depends entirely on the nature of the position itself.
It is hard to prevent most positional mistakes, but studying the standard plans in common positions helps, although such work can be very time-consuming. Generally, experience is also a very good asset in reducing the number of positional mistakes. Here is an example of a serious positional mistake:


White's position is slightly better. All of his pieces are well-placed, while Black pieces are all uncoordinated. While White's pawn structure is almost perfect, Black's pawns on the queenside are vulnerable. However, with just one positional mistake, White can change the evaluation of the position drastically. 1.Bxh5? White is trying to win the pawn on a7! 1 ...Rxh5!


After just one move, White's position takes a turn for the worse. White has traded his strong light-
squared bishop for Black's misplaced knight, and improved the position of Black's rook. The squares around his king have been weakened, and Black now has the two bishops.
Black threatens to open the long diagonal for his bishop after $2 \ldots c 5+$, and he has the winning threat of $2 \ldots$ Qh3+. Game over. All because of one positional mistake. Although this example may be extreme, it is also instructive; White's troubles stem from a mistake that is not tactical at all.

Opening mistakes are less common than the other two types. The opening is generally a fleeting stage of the game, usually not lasting longer than a third of the game. Moreover, most games do not feature new moves until after the opening.
In the opening, you memorize theory, because theory has been tried and tested by stronger players many times.
An opening mistake, as the name suggests, is a mistake happening in the opening, caused by a player not knowing, or simply forgetting, which move is the best. As it is sometimes hard to "reinvent the wheel" after forgetting which move is best, opening mistakes can have disastrous consequences, especially in complicated and therefore dangerous positions.
An important rule is to never lose your head in these cases! If you think about fundamental rules, like developing your pieces and castling quickly, you are much more likely to make a strong move anyway. In the end, you can make opening mistakes less often if you look at your openings again and again. Here is an example of how even a strong player can be punished for making an opening mistake:

## Ibragimov, Ildar (2590)

Zhelnin, Vladimir V (2490)
RUS-Cup02 Moscow (8), 1998
1.d4 d6 2.Nf3 Nd7 3.e4 g6 4.Bc4 Bg7?? The decisive mistake

5.Bxf7+!! Black resigned immediately. He could not take the bishop because, after 6.Ng5+, he either would lose his queen or get mated. Meanwhile, continuing the game, down a pawn and with his king under fire, would have been pointless against a player as strong as Grandmaster IIdar Ibragimov.

Whether the goal is to improve tactically, positionally, or in your openings, it is necessary that there be variety in your study, because strength in one field often helps little if another area is too weak. Remember: in chess, a well-rounded player is a solid player!

## GNOMES from pg. 22

## ANOTHER TREK

One day, they overheard two of the travelers talking. "Hey MarcoPolo. Now that we are out of India and in Persia, are you going to play the Shah again? You know he wants a rematch."
"Fageddaboudit. Everytime we play chaturanga, I win easily, so easily that the Shah finds it easier to change the rules than to learn a good strategy. He then calls the game shahmat. And since he changes the rules whenever he feels threatened, I haven't got a chance."
"But Marco, the Shah will never let us cross Persia unless you play."

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Are you between the ages of five and 18 and looking for a place to learn or play chess? Check your local college or university. My book People, Places, Checkmates: Teaching Social Studies with Chess (Libraries Unlimited, 2010) lists contact information for 100 chess clubs at four-year institutions of higher education. Many two-year colleges have chess clubs too. College chess club meetings are often open to the public.

College students, children, and chess are great together, according to Stephen Black, director of the Center for Ethics \& Social Responsibility at the University of Alabama (UA). He said, "Chess is increasingly popular among college students, and the proven educational benefits of the game for school-age children are remarkable. Bringing these two groups together provides advantages for both: through mentoring young chess players, college students establish a tie with the community while teaching a game they enjoy, and children have fun while reaping educational and social rewards." At UA, teaching chess to middle school students is part of a college-credit
course.
I know about The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) chess program's "scholastic affiliates" (for elementary, middle, and high school


Luis Guevara (white) versus USCF Master Artur Safin has just captured black's pawn on e5. The opening moves were 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Bxc6 dxc6 5. Nxe5. Do you see what Safin played next? If you picked $5 \ldots$ Qd4, forking the knight on e5 and the pawn on e4, you are correct. After Guevara played 6. Nf3, Safin had a good game with 6...Qxe4+. Later, Safin showed Guevara a better fifth move (5. 0-0).

DHS students want to visit UTD again. One student hopes to see the library's art history books; another wants to attend an engineering lecture. Your visit to a college chess club may
chess clubs) because I teach UTD's chess online courses. I also coach the Denton High School (DHS) chess club. So I traveled with 15 DHS students, chess club sponsor Fred Mueller, and math teacher Joe Rozell to UTD on October 15. We met the chess team, toured the campus, ate a snack, and had a chess lesson with UTD chess team mem-

## ber Artur Safin.

Then DHS sophomore Luis Guevara challenged National Master Safin to a game. Guevara, as white,
(Alas and alack, there is no chess club at my school. There was one in my elementary school, but not the middle school. I can't find a local chess club that meets at a decent hour. The local library won't let me set up my board and set to seek out opponents. What to do?

Dr. Alexey Root has a potential answer. Check out the nearest college or university! You just might get lucky!)

Learn and Play at a College Chess Club
by Dr. Alexey Root, WIM

Whenever you see Mark Dvoretsky's name on a book cover as author or co-author, give it a good look. He is one of the most respected chess teachers in the world. One of his latest efforts is Studies for Practical Players, written with Oleg Pervakov, and it is available at USCF Sales.
The purpose is to improve calculations and resourcefulness in the endgame. Needless to say, you need to know a little bit more than just how the pieces move, in order to really appreciate the book.
"... fantastic combinations" is how he describes the studies of Alois Wotawa in Chapter 5. How many of you can see a win for white in the following example?

## STUDY BY WOTAWA, 1951



## WHITE TO MOVE

I mean, after all, Black has connected passed pawns, and White's pawns are isolated. Doesn't that give Black the edge?

## 1.d6 Be5!

Keep looking.
2. Bb8!

And White is now threatening 3.d7.
2 ... Bf6 3.d7 Bd8
If Black tries $3 \ldots$ a4, a good combination is $4 . \mathrm{Bc} 7$ a3 $5 . \mathrm{d} 8=\mathrm{Q} \mathrm{Bxd} 8$ 6.Bxd8 a2 7.Bf6 and if you know your king and pawn endings, White will win.
Now $4 . g 4+\mathrm{Kg} 65 . \mathrm{Bg} 3$ does not work in view of 5 ... Kf7! 6.Bh4 Bxh4 7.Kxh4 Ke7 8.g5 Kxd7 and Black is within the "queening sqare" of the g-pawn.
So ...
4.Bg3! a4 5.Bh4! Bxh4 6.g4+

And White will queen the d-pawn and win the game, no matter what Black plays.
Enjoyment while learning. What a great combination!


## PAWNMOWER CHESS:

## 1 DOVBLE-DOG DARE VA!

Grandmaster Maurice Ashley is at it again! Volume 3 of Pawnmower Chess is due to be released later this month. You remember the concept: there is one white piece on the board and a bunch of black pawns. Making legal moves, you have to mow down the pawns. Eight pawns -eight moves.

For example:
The answer would be Qc3, f6, b6, d8, a8. Five pawns, five moves.

Simple, right? Wrong! At least we think you'll be challenged by Maurice in Volume 3. Send in your answers to: gpetersen@uschess.org and my Gnomes from Outer Mongolia will randomly select a winner. Or
 two. Or more. You can never be sure what they will do.


QUEEN - 13 PAWNS, 13 MOVES


BISHOP - 15 PAWNS, 15 MOVES


ROOK - 16 PAWNS, 16 MOVES


KNIGHT - 15 PAWNS, 15 MOVES


Answer one, or answer them all! Just put those little gray cells to work!


## Answers, We've got Answers.

## The Chess Detective (page 6)

This position is from Catalan Bay, England, in 2007 between Viktor Korchnoi and Irina Krush. Black played 27. ... Qxe4! and White resigned. 28. Nxe4 Rd1+ 29. Rf1 Rxf1 mate.
\#2 This game was between Boris Gelfand and Vladimir Kramnik in Berlin, Germany, in 1996. Black played 28. ... Qa2+! and White resigned because after 29. Rxa2 Rb1 is mate. White's rook is pinned to b1.

This position occurred in a game with Magnus Carlsen and Hans Harestad in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 2003. Black's f6-pawn is pinned to $f 7$ by White's rook. White played 36. Qxg5+! fxg5 37. Rf7+ Kxh6 38. Rxh7 mate. 37. ... Kh8 38.Rxh7 mate also works for White.

Black's f7-pawn is pinned to the g7-square by White's d7-rook. White played 36. Rxg6! Qe5 37. Qxh5 mate. 36. ... fxg6 loses to 37. Qc3+ Qe5 38. Qxe5+ Rf6 39. Qxf6+ Kg8 40. Qg7 mate. This was in 1977 in Ilford, England, with Tigran Petrosian and Viktor Korchnoi.

非5 This position occurred in Peniscola, Spain, in 2002, between Shakhriyar Mamedyarov and Benik Galstian. White figured out that his queen pins Black's g6-pawn to h7. To break in, he played, 21. Nh5+! gxh5. 21. ... Kh7 invites 22. Rf7+ and if either 22. ... Kg8 or 22. ... Kh8, White invades by taking the g6-pawn with his queen.
22. Rf7+ Black resigned. 22. ... Kxf7 is met by 23. Qh7+ Kf6 24. Ne4 mate or 23. ... Kf8 24. d6 threatening mate on $\mathrm{f7}$ and g 8 with his queen.

This game was between Viswanathan Anand and Magnus Carlsen in Nice, France, in 2009. Black played 25. ... Bxg5! (25. ... Bxf3 26. Qxf3 Bxg5 is also good for Black.) White cannot take the bishop with the knight by playing 26. Nxg5 because the bishop on d5 pins the knight to h1 where Black would respond 26. ... Rh1 mate. You will also notice that the pawn on f 4 is pinned to the h2-square by Black's queen. If 26. fxg5, Black regains the piece by playing 26. ...
Bxf3 because of 27. Qxf3 Qh2 mate! The game
continued 26. Qg3 Be7 27. Bg2 g5 28. Nxg5 Bxg5 29. Bxd5 Rxd5 30. Qxg5 Qf7 31. Kf2 Rh2+ 32. Kf1 Rd8 33. Qg3 Qc4+ 34. Kg1 Rxb2 35, White resigned.

## What's the Problem? (Page7)

Solutions:

1. c7+
2. $\mathrm{a} 7+$
3. $\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{b} 4)$-d5 Ka7 2. Nc8+ 4. $\mathrm{c} 7+\mathrm{K}-\mathrm{a} 7$ 2. $\mathrm{c} 8=\mathrm{N}+$ 5. N(b7)-d6+ Ka8 2. Nc7+

## $W \mathbb{N} \in \mathbb{R}$ DRAW! (Page 8)

1. DRAWN!! And Black even gets to queen first. The stalemate theme occurs two different ways:1. c6 c2 2. c7 c1=Q 3. Nc4 Qxc4 (3. Nb6 4. Kxb6 Qxc4 5. Kb7 Qb5+ 6. Ka7 Qc6 7. Kb8 Qd6 8. Ka8) 4. c8=Q Qxc8 and 2. Nd3? Kxd3 3. c7 c1=R!! 4. Kb7 Rb1+ 5. Ka8 Nb6 wins for Black. A study by Behting.
2.WHITE WINS! 1. Nd6 Rxe7 2. Nc4+ Kb3 3.

Na5+ Ka3 4. Bf2 wins as its either mate or loss of the rook and the game.
3.WHITE WINS! There's a trick to this, though. Did you see it? 1. Bd4+ Ka8! (1. ... Kb8 2. c4 Nd2 3. c5 Nb3 4. c6 Nxd4 5. c7+; 1. ... Ka6 2. c4 Nd2 3. c5 Nb3 4. c6 Nxd4 5. c7) 2. c4 Nd2 3. c5 Nb3 4. c6 Na5 5. c7 Nc6 6. c8=R+!! (queen promotion is a stalemate) 6. ... Nb8+ 7. Kd8 and the Black king can now get out on b7.
4. WHITE WINS! You have to remember your king and pawn lessons here: 1.Kd5 Kb7 2. a8=Q+ Kxa8 3. Kc6 Kb8 4. b7 and the pawn will queen.
5.DRAWN! 1. Rb1 Kh7 2. Kf7 Kh6 3. Kf6 Kh5 4. Kf5 Kh4 5. Kf4 Kh3 6. Kxf3 Kh2 7. Kxe3 c2 8. Rh1+ Kxh1 9. Kxd2 The mate threats defeat the four connected passed pawns! Study by Fritz.
6.WHITE WINS! 1. Nh5 (threatens Nf6 with Rxh7 mate) 1. ... Rb5+ (1. ... Kg8 2. Nf6+ Kf8 [2. ... Kh8 3. Rxh7\# The Arabian Mate] 3. Nd7+ wins the rook.) 2. Ke6 Rxh5 3. Kf6 h6 4. Kg6 Rg5+ 5.
Kxh6 g3 6. Kxg5 g2 7. Ra1. Study by Blandford.

## Tournament Life Announcements FEBRUARY 15 THROUGH APRIL 14

## Scholastic Members:

As a service to you, we are listing upcoming Na tional USCF rated events, and requested events of possible interest to you. You can always log in to www.uschess.org, and click on "Clubs and Tourneys." Then click on "Upcoming Tourneys" for a complete listing of upcoming rated events and details. As always, you can check out the TLA section of Chess Life.
Organizers and Tournament Directors: If you would like your tournament listed here in Chess Life for KIDS for April (events to be held after April 14), the deadline for submitting your announcements is February 10th. The deadline for the Junel 2011 issue is April 10th. The processing fee is $\$ 1.00$ per line for the first eight lines, $\$ 2.00$ for every line thereafter. Send your announcements to tla@uschess.org.
Display advertising is also available. Advertising rates are posted on the USCF website, www. uschess.org, or you may email: tla@uschess.org for complete details.

## NATIONALS

## Feb. 18-20 or 19-20, Florida

5SS, G/l20 (2-day option, rd l G/60). Sonesta Hotel Orlando Downtown, 60 South Ivanhoe Blvd., Orlando, FL 32804. 4-player teams (plus optional alternate). 2 Sections (using Jan-ratings): OPEN, Team Avg rtng below 2200. SCHOLASTIC, Game/60, Team avg below 1200. Players need not be from the same school. Teams can be formed on-site. Winning OPEN team competes in national playoff online. EF per player: OPEN $\$ 39$ by $2 / 11, \$ 45$ later. SCHOLASTIC $\$ 29$ by $2 / 11, \$ 35$ later. SPECIAL EF: 5 -player team $\$ 175$ by $2 / 11, \$ 200$ later. PRIZES: OPEN 1st, 2nd teams: plaques and four Excalibur Clocks, 3rd: plaques; SCHOLASTIC 1st, 2nd teams: plaques and four Excalibur Clocks, 3rd: trophies; Board Prizes: each section: Boardsl-4, Excalibur Clocks. Class Prizes: OPEN: U2000, U1800, U1600, U1400; Scholastic: U1000, U800 Trophies. Other awards TBD. Schedule: OPEN 3-day: rds 8, 1-7, 9-3, 2-day: rds 10-1-7, 9-3; SCHOLASTIC (Sat \& Sun): 10-1-4, 9-12, Awards 2:30. HR: \$79 (800)-SONESTA or (407)313-6040; (Mention "Chess") Hot Breakfast Buffet at\$5/person with room. Complimentary parking voucher, Fitness Center \& internet with sleeping rooms; Other covered day parking at \$5 per day. Reserve ASAP, ALL HOTELS FILL UP USATS WEEKEND! ENT: CFCC, 921 N. Thistle Ln, Maitland, FL 32751 or online usats2011.
eventbrite.com. See www.centralfichess.org for details or call (407) eventbrite.com. See www.centralflch
629-6946. Chess Magnet School JGP.

## Feb. 18-20 or 19-20, Illinois

## 2011 U.S. Amateur Team Championship - North

Two sections: Open and Scholastic (Saturday only). Sets-Boards-Clocks provided for Open section only by North American Chess Association. Open: 5SS, G/90+30/increment, 2-day: rd.l-2 G/60. Crowne Plaza Hotel, chess rate single-d Ave., Northbrook, IL 60062. 847-298-2525. \$7.00 included with Room! Please re-quad until $2 / 4 / 11$, , 4 player teams with one optional alternate. Team average (4 highest ratings - January Rating List) must be under 2200. EF: 3-day $\$ 140$, per team if received USPS or on-line 6 PM by February 5th, $\$ 160$ if received USPS or on-line 6 PM by Feb. 15th, $\$ 180$ on-line until Feb. 17th 6 PM and at door. Individuals wishing to play, send $\$ 35$ and request to be put on a team by USPS and on-line by $2 / 156$ PM, $\$ 45$ thereafter. Team changes on site or after 2/17 6 PM $\$ 20$. Check out official website www.chessweekend.com for more info and complete prize list. Prizes: Awards to top two teams, top teams with average rating ul900, ul600, and u1300. Best Award to Team name. Winning team qualifies for national play-offs. Prizes to best team composed of juniors (high school and younger). Prizes to top score on each board. Rounds: 3-day: on-site registration/check-in 5:306:30pm, rds.: 7pm, 10:00am \& 4:00pm, 10:00am \& 3:30pm. 2-day: on-site registration/check-in from 8:00-9:30am, rds. 10:00am \& 1:00pm then merge with 3-day. **Side Event Saturday Only** Scholastic Team section. Bring Sets-Boards-Clocks. 4SS, G/60. Open to 4 player teams with one optional alternate. Team average (4 highest-January Rating List) must be under 1600. EF: $\$ 120$ per team if received USPS by February 15 th (on-line available until $2 / 17,6 \mathrm{PM}$ ), $\$ 150$ thereafter. Individuals wishing to play, $\$ 30$ received USPS or on-line by $2 / 15, \$ 40$ thereafter ( $2 / 17$ on-line or at door) and request to be put on a team. Team changes on site $\$ 20$. All advance entries will be posted on www.chessweekend.com. Prizes: awards to top team overall, top three High School Teams, top three Middle School Teams, top three Elementary School Teams. Prizes to top score on each board. Rounds: on-site registra-
tion/check-in: 9:00am-10:30am; rds.: 11:00am, 1:30pm, 3:45pm, 6:00pm. Illinois Blitz Championship on Saturday night, $\$ 25$ by $2 / 18$ USPS or on-line, $\$ 30$ at site. First round 8 PM, 2 games with each opponent, 5 rounds, see www.chessweekend.com for details. All: Checks made payable to and sent to: Chess Central, 37165 Willow, Gurnee, IL 60031. Please include Team's name and roster (plus ID\#), captain's email and phone number, and desired schedule. Info: www.chessweekend.com, $847-$
$244-7954$ before 6 PM. North American Chess Association will provide 244-7954 before 6 PM. North American Chess Association will provide
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## Amateur Team - North, Open Section

## Feb. 19-21, California, Southern

28th Annual U.S. Amateur Team Championship West
6-SS, 40/2, SD.1. Warner Center Marriott, 21850 Oxnard St., Woodland Hills, CA 91367. Four-player teams plus optional alternate, average rating of four highest must be U/2200, diff. between bds. 3 \& 4 may not exceed 1000. Jan. list used. EF: $\$ 132$ per team if received by $2 / 18, \$ 36$ individual (online only), $\$ 148$ at site, age 18 or HS/below $\$ 96$ by $2 / 18$, $\$ 110$ site. Trophies and 4 clocks to top 3 teams, U2100, U2000, U1800, U1600, U1400/unr. Trophies ( l large, 4 small) to top college, industrial, junior (U18), Senior (over 50), U1200. Clocks to best score each board, alternate, and any 6-0. Gift certificate prizes for best team name (1st/2nd). Reg.: 9-10 am 2/19. Rds.: 11-6, 11-6, 10-4:30. Online entry: www.chesspalace.com/amateurteam.htm. HR: $\$ 119,800-228-9290$, ask for chess. Reserve by Jan. 19 or rates may increase. Parking \$6. Ent: SCCF, PO Box 205, Monterey Park, CA 91754. Info, help in forming teams: Randy Hough 626-282-7412 or randallhough@yahoo.com. NS, NC, W, F. Chess Magnet School JGP.
Feb. 19-21, New Jersey
2011 World Amateur Team \& U.S. Team Eas
41st Annual! 6SS, 40/2, SD/1. Parsippany Hilton, 1 Hilton Ct., Parsippany, NJ 07054 . Chess Rate valid until $\mathbf{1 / 1 6}$. Reserve early $973-267$ 7373 or 1-800-HILTONS. Morris/Essex train to Morris Plains 1.5 miles. Open to 4- player teams with one optional alternate. Team average (4 highest ratings - January Rating list not the December Annual) must be under 2200. EF: $\$ 145$ postmarked by 2/5/11. Scholastic teams College and below $\$ 140$ per team, ALL- $\$ 180$ after or at door.-all teams, any changes at site $\$ 25$ charge. Check out official website www.njscf.org. Prizes: 1-5th Place teams, plaque and 4 digital clocks; Top Team (Denis Barry Award) U2100, 2000, 1900, 1800, 1700, 1600, 1500, 1400, 1300, 1200, 1000 each plaque and 4 Digital Clocks; Top college team (same school) 4 Digital Clocks \& plaque; Top HS team (grades 9-12 same school), Top Middle School (grades 5-9 same school), Top Elemen tary School (grades K-6 same school), Top 2 Scholastic Teams (mixed schools okay) (Collins Award), Mixed Doubles (2 males, 2 females-no alDigital Clocks to top team; Company Team (same employer) Old Timers Digital Clocks to top team; Company Team (same employer) Old Timers CT, DE, MD, MA NJ, NY (Benjamin Award) PA VA, NC, RI, OH, Canada CT, DE, MD, MA, NJ, NY (Benjamin Award), PA, VA, NC, RI, OH, Canada, each plaque top team; team traveling longest distance-entry refunded. and top alternate All 6-0 scores each Digital clock Biggest Individual upset each round Engraved Cross pen; Entry fee refunded to team with Best "Chess related" name, Sunday night- Best "Chess Related" cosBest "Chess related" name, Sunday night- Best "Chess Related" cos-
tumes or gimmick-gourmet dinner for four. Reg.: 9-12 Sat 2/19: Rds.: 1-7:30, 11-6, 9-3:30. Special Events!! Surprises and special giveaways each round. Sunday night - Bughouse $\$ 20$ per team. Cash prizes. HR: Parsippany Hilton, chess rates expire 1/16/2011. Rates $\$ 119$ (up to 4 in room) 2nd hotel now attached to Hilton also up to 4 in room $\$ 121$ per night-Hampton Inn--includes breakfast for 4 each day. For help forming teams and more information contact esdoyle@aol. Fom: Chks payable to NJSCF, mail by 2/05 to: E.Steven Doyle, 17 Stonehenge Road, Morristown, NJ 07960. (Include Team name, Captain, players full names, USCF Expiration, ID numbers and ratings in board order). No team can include more than two GM's. Include SASE for confirmation if wanted, No registered or certified mail accepted. NS. Chess Magnet School JGP.

## Apr. 8-10, Illinois

2011 All Girls National Championship presented by the Kasparov Chess Foundation in association with the Renaissance Knights Chess Foundation, UTD \& USCF
6SS, G/90. Doubletree Chicago Magnificent Mile, 300 East Ohio St., Chicago, IL 60611, (312) 787-6100, Hotel Rate \$139, 6 Sections: 8 years old and younger; 10 and younger, 12 and younger, 14 and younger, 16 and younger, 18 and younger. Age as of $4 / 1 / 2011$. USCF membership required. Winner of 18 years old and younger Section wins an Academic Distinction Scholarship to The University of Texas at Dallas, now worth $\$ 108,000$. EF: $\$ 50$ if postmarked/online by $3 / 13$; $\$ 70$ if by $3 / 27$; $\$ 85$ by $4 / 7$ or $\$ 90$ onOpening Ceremony: Opening Ceremony: 6 pm , Friday. Rounds. Ru. 1 - 0.30 pm Fri, Rounds 2-4-Sat 10am, 2.30pm, 6.30 pm , Rounds $5-6$ - Sun 9 am \& 1pm. Awards Ceremony. Sun. Jpm. Trophies to top 15 players added for team scores). Bye: One 1/2-pt bye available, any round, if bye Side Events: Bughouse Tournament bye. Side Events: Bughouse Tournament - Fri. 1pm, EF \$25/team. Blitz Tournament - Fri. 3pm, EF $\$ 15$ by 3/27, 220 after or on site. HR: $\$ 139-$ 139-139 13, (312) 87 610, reserve $3 / 1$ or rate may increase. Entries: mail to RKnights, Attn: All Girls, PO Box 1074, Northbrook, IL 60065, include name, section, rating, USCF ID\#, date of birth, grade, school allgirls. Chess Magnet School JGP.

## Apr. 15-17, Ohio

2011 National Junior High (K-9) Championship
(Apr. 14 - Bughouse \& Blitz) 7SS, G/120, Hyatt Regency Columbus, 350 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43215, 1-614-463-1234 or 1-800-2331234, Chess Rate \$125. 6 Sections: K-9 Championship, K-9 Under 1250, K-9 Unrated, K-8 Championship, K-8 Under 1000, K-8 U750. April Rating Supplement will be used. Unrated players may play in the Championship or Unrated sections only. One 1/2-point bye for any round, except Rd. 7, if requested in advance. EF: $\$ 50$ if by March $13, \$ 70$ if by March 27, $\$ 85$ after April 10 or $\$ 90$ at site. Mailed entries must be $\mathrm{p} / \mathrm{m}$ by April 10. $\$ 5$ extra for all phone registrations, $\$ 20$ change fee for ros-
ter or section changes after March 27. On-site registration: Thurs. 9am10 pm \& Fri. 8 am-10am. Players registering after 10 am will get $1 / 2$-point for Round 1. Awards: A minimum of 1 individual trophy per 10 players and 1 team trophy per 15 players (average attendance in the past two years,
not incl. SN IV) plus plaques for 4 players and coach of top five teams in not incl. SN IV) plus plaques for 4 players and coach of top five teams in each section. Class trophies to the top three in the following classes: K-9 Championship: 1400-1599; 1200-1399; 1000-1199; U1000; Unrated. K-8 Championship: 1500-1599; 1400-1499; 1300-1399; 1200-1299; 11001199; 1000-1099; U1000; UNR. All participants will receive a commemorative medal at the completion of the final round. Teams: A team must have at least two players, although no maximum number of players. The top four scores in any section will count for the team score. All on team must attend the same school. Opening Ceremony: 12:30pm Friday. Main Event rounds: Friday lpm, 7pm; Saturday 9am, 2pm, 7pm; Sunday 9am, 2pm. Awards Ceremony: Approx 7pm Sunday. Speciar Events. National Junior High Bughouse Championship. Ihrsay lam, (on site only) $\$ 25$ per team. Bughouse registration ends at 10am Thurs. National Jun ior hil 10 Bitz Chaite Coaches and Parents Meeting 11a Frida April 10 or on site. Coaches and Parents Meeting: llam Friday. Scholastic Meeting: 3pm Saturday. Coaches Forum. 7 pm Saturday. Tour nament Feedback Meeting: 9:30am Sunday. Parents and Friends Tournament: 4SS, G/30, Saturday 10:30am, 12:30pm, 2:30pm, 4:30pm. Onsite registration only. Rated and Unrated sections. Trophies for Pa ent/Friends participant and student combined results. ALL: Please bring clocks. Sets and score sheets provided. USCF membership required. Mail Crossville, TN 38557. Additional details, updates, corrections and on line registration: wwwilss. line registration: W

Apr. 29-May 1, Tennessee
2011 National High School (K-12) Championship
(Apr. 28 - Bughouse \& Blitz) 7SS, G/120. Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center, 2800 Opryland Drive, Nashville, TN 37214, (615) 889 1000 or (888) 777-6779. Chess Rate $\$ 129.5$ Sections: K-12 Championship, K-12 Under 1600, K-12 Under 1200, K-12 Under 800, K-12 Unrated. April Rating Supplement will be used. Unrated players may play in the Championship or Unrated section only. One 1/2-point bye for any round, except Rd. 7, if requested in advance. EF: $\$ 50$ if by March $27, \$ 70$ if by April 10, $\$ 85$ after April 24 or $\$ 90$ at site. Mailed entries must be p/m by April 24. $\$ 5$ extra for all phone registrations, $\$ 20$ change fee for roster or section changes after April 12. Onsite registration: Thurs. 9am10 pm \& Fri. 8am-10am. Players registering after 10 am will get $1 / 2$-point for Round 1. Awards: A minimum of 1 individual trophy per 10 players and 1 team trophy per 15 players (average attendance in the past two years, not incl. SN IV) plus plaques for 4 players and coach of top five teams in each section. Class trophies to the top three in the following classes: K-12 Championship: 1900-1999; 1800-1899; 1700-1799; 1600-1699; 15001599; 1400-1499; 1300-1399; 1200-1299; U1200, K-12 UNR. All participants will receive a commemorative medal at the completion of the final round. Teams: A team must have at least two players, although no maximum number of players. The top four scores in any section will count for the team score. All on team must attend the same school. Opening Ceremony: 12:30pm Friday. Main Event rounds: Friday 1pm, 7pm; Saturday $9 \mathrm{am}, 2 \mathrm{pm}, 7 \mathrm{pm}$; Sunday 9am, 2pm. Awards Ceremony: Approx 7pm Sunday. Special Events: National High School Bughouse Championship: Thursday llam; EF: (On site only) \$25 per team. Bughouse registration ends at 10 am Thurs. National High School Blitz Championship: Thursday 5pm; EF: $\$ 15$ per player, $\$ 20$ after Apr. 24 or on site. Coaches and Parents Meeting: llam Friday. Scholastic Meeting: 3pm Saturday. Coaches Forum: 7pm Saturday. Tournament Feedback Meeting: 9:30am Sunday. Parents and Friends Tournament: 4SS, G/30, Saturday 10:30am, 12:30pm, 2:30pm, 4:30pm. Onsite registration only. Rated and Unrated sections. Trophies for Parents/Friends, participant and student combined results. ALL: Please bring clocks. Sets and score sheets provided. USCF membership required. Mail entries to: U.S. Chess Federation, Attn: High School, P.O. Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557. Additional details, updates, corrections and on-line registration: www.uschess. org/tournaments/2011/hs. Chess Magnet School JGP.

## May 6-8, Texas

2011 National Elementary (K-6) Championship
(May 5 - Bughouse \& Blitz) 7SS, G/120, K-1 G/90, Hilton Anatole, 2201 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX, 75207. Guest rooms Must be booked online; please check the tnmt. info. page to book your room: http://www. uschess.org/tournaments/2011/Elem. Chess Rate $\$ 120.9$ Sections: K6 Championship, K-6 Under 1000, K-6 Unrated, K-5 Championship, K-5 Under 900, K-3 Championship, K-3 U800, K-3 Unrated, K-1 Championship. April Rating Supplement will be used. Unrated players may play in the Championship or Unrated sections only. One $1 / 2$-point bye for any round, except Rd. I, if requested in advance. EF: $\$ 50$ if by
April $3, \$ 70$ if by April $17, \$ 85$ after May 1 or $\$ 90$ at site. Mailed entries must be $\mathrm{p} / \mathrm{m}$ by May 1 . $\$ 5$ extra for all phone registrations, $\$ 20$ change fee for roster or section changes after April 17. On-site registration: Thurs. $9 \mathrm{am}-10 \mathrm{pm}$ \& Fri. 8am-10am. Players registering after 10 am will get 1/2-point for Round 1. Awards: A minimum of 1 individual trophy per 10 players and 1 team trophy per 15 players (average attendance in the past two years, not incl. SN IV) plus plaques for 4 players and coach of top five teams in each section. Class trophies to the top three in the following classes: K-6 Championship: 1300-1399; 1200-1299; 11001199; 1000-1099; 900-999; 800-899; U800; UR. K-5 Championship. 1300-1399; 1200-1299; 1100-1199; 1000-1099; 900-999; 800-899; U800; UNR. K-3 Championship: 1100-1199; 1000-1099; 900-999; 800-899; 700799; 600-699; U600; UNR. K-1 Championship: All players in this section receive a trophy. All participants will receive a commemorative medal at the completion of the final round. Teams: A team must have at least two players, although no maximum number of players. The top four scores in any section will count for the team score. All on team must attend the same school. Opening Ceremony: 12:30pm Friday. Main Event rounds: Friday 1pm, 7pm; Saturday 9am, 2pm, 7pm; Sunday 9am, 2pm. Schedule for K-1: Friday 1:30pm, 6:30pm; Saturday 9:30am, 1:30pm, 6:30pm; Sunday $9: 30 \mathrm{am}, 1: 30 \mathrm{pm}$. Awards Ceremony: Approx 7pm Sunday. Awards Ceremony for K-1: Approx 5:30pm Sunday. Special Events: National Elementary Bughouse Championship: Thursday llam; EF (on site

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only) $\$ 25$ per team. Bughouse registration ends at 10am Thurs. National Elementary Blitz Championship: Two sections: K-6 and K-3. Thursday 5 pm ; EF $\$ 15$ per player, $\$ 20$ after April 17 or on site. Coaches and Parents Meeting: llam Friday. Scholastic Meeting: 3pm Saturday Coaches Forum: 7pm Saturday. Tournament Feedback Meeting: 9:30am Sunday. Parents and Friends Tournament: 4SS, G/30, Saturday 10:30am, 12:30pm, 2:30pm, 4:30pm. Trophies for Parents/Friends, participant and student combined results. Mail entries to: U.S. Chess Federation, Attn: Elementary, P.O. Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557. Additional details, updates, corrections and on-line registration: ww uschess.org/tournaments/2011/elem. Chess Magnet School JGP.
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## 2011 National Ope

6-SS, 40/2, SD/1 (2 day option rds 1-3 G/45). South Point Hotel, Casino and Spa, 9777 Las Vegas Blvd South, Las Vegas, NV 89183. \$100,000 Prize Fund based on 850 paid entries ( $\$ 80,000$ guaranteed). Championship. \$\$: 8000-4000-2000-1000-600-400-400-400-400-400-200-200-200-200-200, under 2500 2000, under 2400 1500, under 23001000. $\$ 2,000$ EXTRA for perfect score. The winner of the Championship section also receives a replica of the Edmondson Cup. Under 2200. \$\$: 4500-2000-1000-750-500-350-350-350-350-350-200-200-200-200-200. Under 2000. \$\$: 4500-2000-1000-750-500-350-350-350-350-350-200-200-200 200-200. Under 1800. \$\$: 4500-2000-1000-750-500-350-350-350-350 350-200-200-200-200-200. Under 1600. \$\$: 4500-2000-1000-750-500-350-350-350-350-350-200-200-200-200-200. Under 1400. $\$ \$: 2500-1500-$ 1000-500-300-300-250-250-200-200. Under 1200. \$\$: 1500-900-500-250-250-200-200-200-200-200. Unrated, \$\$: 600-400-200-150-150. 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 awarded on site only. Best game by a player under age 15 wins the new Freddie award plus $\$ 200$ (donated by Fred Gruenberg) op 2 sections FIDE rated. EF: $\$ 159$ by $1 / 18, \$ 179$ by $5 / 18, \$ 199$ by $6 / 8$, $\$ 220$ on site. Add $\$ 100$ for adults rated under 2100 or juniors under 2000 laying in the Championship Section. This is an open tournament - you may play in any section at or above your rating level; unrated players may play only in Unrated or Championship Section. Provisionally rated players may not win more than 3rd prize in any section except Championship. CCA minimum ratings or other ratings may be used if higher than USCF June Supplement. Reg.: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Thursday, 8-8:30 a.m. Friday. Rds.: 105, 10-5, 10-5. 2-day (in a separate room) schedule: Reg.: 8-8:30 a.m. Sat urday. Rds.: 9:30-11:30-1:30-5: 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 championship events. Many free extras and surprises! Free parking. Free raffle with great prizes. Free GM Lectures. Free GM analysis of your games. Grandmaster Chess Camp for all ages on Thursday. Grandmaster Simuls Thursday afternoon. U.S Game/10 and National Open Blitz Thursday. Poker Tournament Monday morning. Scholastic Tournaments friday, Saturday \& Sunday. LOW room rates! HR: \$55 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 18th. Rates may be as high as $\$ 150$ a night later. 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 Chiss Mant (702) 933-9112. NS. W. FIDE Chess Magnet School JGP.

## GRAND PRIX

Mar. 4, Pennsylvania

## 2011 PA Quick Chess Championship (0C)

6SS, G/10, T/D3. Hotel Carlisle \& Embers Convention Center, 1700 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle, PA 17015, Exit 52A NB/Exit 52 SB off I-81, Exit 226 off PA Turnpike. 3 sections, EF rec'd by 2/14: Open: $\$ 12$. U1500: $\$ 10$ U1100: \$8. \$ (730G): Open: 175-100-50, U1800 \$45, U1600 \$40. U1500: 125-75-50, U1200 \$40, Unr \$30. U1100: Trophies: 1-5, U800, U600, 1-2 Un. All: EF: $\$ 20$ after 2/14, PSCF $\$ 5$ OSA. Reg.: 6-6:30pm. Rd 1: 7pm Feb 2011 Regular ratings used. Bye: limit 1, ask by rd 2. HR: Mention "PA States" for best rate; 800-692-7315 \$75. Ent: PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 25 reeport St., Pittsburgh, PA 15223-2245. Info: martinak_tom_m@ hotmail.com 412-908-0286. W.

## Mar. 5-6, Pennsylvania

## Crand Prix Points:

2011 Carlisle Open \& PA Collegiate Championship
5SS, G/90, T/D5. Hotel Carlisle \& Embers Convention Center, 1700 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle, PA 17015, Exit 52A NB/Exit 52 SB off I-81, Exit 226 off PA Turnpike. 2 sections: Open \& U1500. \$\$ (1260G): Open: 180-120, U2200 $\$ 110$, U2000 $\$ 100$, U1800 \$90, U1600 \$80. U1500: 150-100, U1400 $\$ 90, \mathrm{U} 1200 \$ 85, \mathrm{U} 1000 \$ 80$, Unr $\$ 75$. All: College Tr: 1-2 in each section, 1-2 team (top 4 over both sections). EF: $\$ 29$ rec'd by $2 / 14, \$ 39$ after, PSCF $\$ 5$ OSA. Reg.: 8:45-9:30 am. Rds. 10-2-5:30, 9-1. Feb 2011 ratings used. Bye: limit 1, ask by rd 2. HR: Mention "PA States" for best rate; 800-6927315 \$75. Ent: PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 25 Freeport St., Pittsburgh, PA 15223-2245. Info: martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com 412-908-0286. W. Chess Magnet School JGP.

## Mar. 19, Pennsylvania

## ChessLecture.com Grand Prix Points: 6 2011 PA State Game/ 29 Championship (QC)

5SS, G/29. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pitt., 5th \& Bigelow, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. 2 Sections: Champ: EF: $\$ 25$ by $3 / 11, \$ 35$ later. $\$ \$(690 G)$ : $\$ 200$ 100, U2000 \$90, U1800 \$80, U1600 \$70, U1400 \$60, U1200 \$50, U1000 $\$ 40$. Trophies: 1-3 U1400, 1-3 U1200, 1-3 U1000. Scholastic: Grades K-

12 unrated or U900. EF: $\$ 15$ by 3/11, $\$ 25$ later. Trophies to Top 7, 1-3 U600. ALL: Trophies: 1-2 Schools, 1-2 Clubs, Teams of 4-7 players from both sections. PSCF \$5, OSA. Reg.: 10-10:30am. Rds.: 11-12:30-1:45-3-
4:15. Ent/Info: PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 25 Freeport St., Pittsburgh, PA 4:15. Ent/Info: PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 25 Freeport St., Pittsburgh, PA 15223-2245, 412-908-0286. W.
A State Championship Event!
May 28-30 or 29-30 or 28-29, California, Northern
ChessLecture.com Grand Prix Points: 80 (enhanced)
CaIChess Open State \& Class Championship
6SS, 30/90 G/60 (2-day opt rds l-3 G/60). Sections D/E 6SS G/90 only. Hotel: Marriott, 46100 Landing Pkwy., Fremont, CA 94539. Chess rate $\$ 89$. Prizes: $\$ 13,000 \mathrm{~b} / 207.80 \%$ guaranteed. 6 sections. Open (2200+ FIDE rated): 2000-1000-400-200-100-100. Expert (2000-2199), A (18001999), B (1600-1799), C (1400-1599): \$1000-400-200-100-100-100. Section D/E (ul400): 600-300-100-ul200:300-200-100. Unr prize limit \$300 except in Open. EF mail/online by 5/24: 3day=99 2day=98 onsite +25 Play-up +20 . GMs/IMs free-EF subtr from prize. Re-entry $\$ 40$. Saver EF $=\mathrm{EF}-\$ 20$ \& $2 / 3$ of calc. prize. Refunds: $\$ 20$ fee. May 2011 Supp, CCA min, TD desc to place players accurately. Sched: 3day: Reg Sat10-10:30, Rds Sat/Sun 11 5:15, Mon 10 3:30. 2day: Reg Sun9-9:30, Rds Sun 10 12:25 2:40 5:15, Mon 10 3:30. D/E 2-day only: Reg Sat9-9:30, Rds Sat/Sun 10 1:30 5. Max two l/2-pt byes - must commit bef rd 3. Quest: ask@BayAreachess.com. More Info/Ent: BayAreaChess.com/memo. NS, NC, W. Chess Magnet School JGP.
June 4, North Carolina
Chess
Porter Evette Memorial
4SS, G/70. Orchard Lake Campground, Saluda, NC. Porter: \$\$GTD: \$150-100-100-100-50. U1800, U1600, U1400, U1200, U1000 \$50 each, EF: \$23. Evette (U1000): Plaque to first, EF: \$8. ALL: Unrateds free, non-campers pay $\$ 7$ day-use fee. ENT: Calanda Chess, c/o Klaus Pohl, 9 Bridgeton Ct., Greenville, SC 29615 kapohl@juno.com www.ioa.com/~hyde/porterll. pdf. Chess Magnet School JGP.

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## REGIONAL

## Alabama

A Heritage Event
Feb. 19-20, Queen of Hearts - 39th Annual
5SS, TC: 30/90; SD/30. AUM Taylor Center. 7440 East Dr., Montgomery, AL 36117. OPEN (\$\$b/20; PF: 50\% GTD): \$275-175-125-U2000: \$100; RESERVE (\$\$ b/20; PF: 50\% GTD): \$225-150-125-U1200: \$75. Late REG.: FEB 19th, 8-8:40am. Rds.: 9-2-7; 9-3. EF: \$30; if mailed by FEB 15th; $\$ 40$ at site. SCHOLASTIC (K-12): 5SS, TC: G/30. PREMIER (UNR1200 ) and NOVICE (K-8; Not Rated): EF: $\mathbf{\$ 2 0 / \$ 1 0 ; ~ i f ~ m a i l e d ~ b y ~ F E B ~}$ 15th, $\$ 10$ more at site. Trophy: Top 3; Medals 4th-6th. Rds: 9-10:15-121:15, 2:30. Checks payable to: Montgomery Chess Club. ENT: Mont-
ChessClubMontgomery@gmail.com, www.alabamachess.com. ChessClubMontgomery@g
Chess Magnet School JGP.

## Mar. 5, Alabaster Scholastic

5SS, TC: G/30. Thompson Intermediate School, 10019 Hwy 119, Alabaster, AL 35007. Rated: Rook (K-12) and Knight (K-6): EF: \$20; Not Rated: Middle (K-8), Intermediate ( $\mathrm{K}-5$ ) and Elementary ( $\mathrm{K}-3$ ): EF: \$10, if mailed by FEB 26th. Trophy: Top 3 Individual, Top 2 Team; Medals 4th6th. Late REG.: MAR 5th at 8-8:40AM. Rds.: 9-10:15-12-1:15-2:30. Checks payable to: Caesar Chess. ENT: Caesar Chess, 4524 Southlake Parkway, Suite 34-PMB 310, Birmingham, AL 35244. Info: CaesarChess@yahoo. com, www.AlabamaChess.com.

## Arizona

Mar. 4-6, SPNO for Boys and Girls
7SS, G/45. Bogle Junior High School, 1600 West Queen Creek Rd., Chander, AZ 85248. HR: Holiday Inn Chandler $\$ 95$ by $2 / 3$, mention "Chess" (480) 203-2121. 8 Sections: Primary (K-2), Elementary (K-5), Middle School (K-8), High School (K-12) separately for boys and girls. EF: School (K-8), High School (K-12) separately for boys and giris. EF:
$\$ 55$ by $1 / 15, \$ 59$ by $2 / 15, \$ 65$ by $3 / 2, \$ 69$ onsite. Prizes: Individual: K 2, 3-5, 6-8: Netbook to lst place. In-kind Chess prizes in the value of $\$ 200$ $2,3-5,6-8:$ : Netbook to 1 st place. In-kind Chess prizes in the value of $\$ 200$
to 2nd place, $\$ 150$ to 3rd place. Also trophies to top 20 individuals, top 3 School Teams, top Club Team, Trophies to top 3 Sibling Teams, Medals for all participants! $9-12$ Grade Boys and Girls: Scholarships to Texas Tech University, Trophies to top 10 individuals, top 3 school teams, Medals to University, Trophies to top 10 individuals, top 3 school teams, Medals to $3 / 69.00$ am 11.30, 1.30. Awards Ceremony: 4.00 pm. Side Events: Fri. 3/6 9:00 am 11:30, 1:30. Awards Ceremony: 4:00 pm. Side Events: Fri. onship Sat $3 / 5.5 \mathrm{pm}$ Susan Polgar Simul (limited to the 20 Boards!) $6 \cdot 30-8: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ Blitz Championshin Sun 3/6. 10.30 am QeA with Susan Polgar Side Event EF: Blitz Championship - $\$ 20$ by $2 / 25, \$ 25$ thereafter Polgar. Side Event EF: Blitz Championship - $\$ 20$ by $2 / 25, \$ 25$ thereafter, registration closes 5:30pm Fri. 3/4. Bughouse - $\$ 20$ (Team) by $2 / 25, \$ 25$ gar Simul $\$ 25$ by $2 / 25, \$ 30$ thereafter. Ent: Chess Emporium, 10801 N 32nd St., Suite 6, Phoenix, AZ 85028. Additional details and online registration: www.polgarevents.com.

## California Northern

## Capital City Chess Club Monthly (Sundays)

4-ss (Var. 29L1), G/120. Open, One Section. LOCATION: Thee Upper Crust Pizza, 1200 "K" Street \# 10, Hyatt Regency Retail Plaza, Sacramento. ENTRY: \$25. GUARANTEED: 4 pts $\$ 100,3.5$ pts $\$ 75,3$ pts $\$ 50,2.5$ pts \$25. ALL BYES: Half pt. BYES: Two Max. RDS: Last Four Sundays at IPM
\& You must be present at 12:45 PM of each round to be paired. REG.: 1212:45 PM. (First Three Rounds). INFO: John C. Barnard, (209)450-6133. Chess Magnet School JGP.
Modesto Round Table Chess Club Monthly (Thursdays)
4-SS (Var. 29L1), G/90. Amateur Rating Tournaments (Under 2000 \& Beginners), LOCATION: 3848 McHenry Ave., Modesto (Meeting Room). ENTRY: $\$ 15$. GUARANTEED: $4 \mathrm{pts} \$ 60,3.5 \mathrm{pts} \$ 45,3 \mathrm{pts} \$ 30,2.5 \mathrm{pts} \$ 15$.
ALL BYES: Half Pt. RDS.: 7 pm . REG.: 6 pm (1st, 2nd \& 3rd Thurdays). Modesto Chess School: 6pm. No Club Membership Fee \& No Chess Class Fee required. INFO: John C. Barnard (209) 450-6133. Chess Magnet School JGP.
Feb. 5, CalNorth Youth Chess Age Level
Weibel Elementary School, 45135 S. Grimmer Blvd., Fremont, CA. Info \& Entry Form at: http://www.calnorthyouthchess.org/AgeLevel2011. Open to all scholastic players 13 and under who are USCF members. Eight place trophies in age levels $4-5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13$. Age as of February 1 . do not win a trophy. Info: Alan M. Kirshner, Ph.D., Alan@CalNorthYdo not win a trophy. Info: Ala
outhChess.org, (510) 659-0358.
Feb. 21, 2011 Young People's Tournamen
5 rounds, G/30. Marriott, 46100 Landing Pkwy., Fremont, CA 94538. Prizes: Top 10 each section. Team Prizes: Top 10 in all sections combined (Min. 2 players/team, top 3-4 players count). 3 Sections: Champ (800 \& up), Premier (500-799), Booster (new/under500). Sched: Onsite Reg 9-9:30a. Games at 10, 11:30a, Lunch, 1, 2:15, 3:30p. EF: $\$ 39$ mail by $2 / 15$, online by $2 / 16$, Onsite +20 , Play-up $+10.5 \%$ off bef $1 / 18$. Feb 2011 Supp \& TD discr used to place players. TD/Org: Langland, Azhar. Max one 1/2-pt byes request bef Round 1. Ent: Bay Area Chess, 1590 Oakland Rd., Ste B213, San Jose 95131. \$20 for refunds. T: 408-786-5515. E: ask@BayAreaChess.com, Info/Form/Entries: BayAreaChess.com/ yppl.

Mar. 5, Hanford Chess for Kids
Hanford HS, 120 E Grangeville, Hanford, CA 93230. In 3 Sections, 9-12 USCF Rated: 5SS, Game/30, 7-8 USCF Rated: 5SS, Game/30, K-6 USCF Rated: 5SS, Game/30, ALL: EF: $\$ 15$ pre-registered by mail or fax; $\$ 20$ at the door. Individual and Team Trophies. Reg.: 8:30-9:20 AM. Rds.: Games start at 10; Rounds thereafter ASAP. ENT: Chess for Kids, PO Box 27 , Visalia, CA 93279. Fax 559-636-8045 Sequoiachess@ sbcglobal.net. INFO: Event includes Non Rated K-3 and 4-6 sections. Food \& chess vendor at site. NS. W.
Mar. 5, 6 or 5-6, CalChess Regional Championship
Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Pkwy, Santa Clara, CA
95050 . Free parking. Hotel rate $\$ 95$. Hyatt Ren 95050. Free parking. Hotel rate \$95: Hyatt Regency, 5101 Great America Pkwy, Santa Clara. Main Event: Trophies to top 15 players \& top 7 teams in 7 sections. Medals to others. K-3 u600, K-8 u900, K-12 u1300, K-3 800 + on Sat only. 4-6 900+ on Sun only. 6-8 1000+, 6-12 1300+ on Sat \& Sun. Blitz Sat 6-8 \& Bughouse Sun 6-8. EF by $2 / 28$ 1-day: $\$ 39-44$, 2-day: $\$ 55$, Blitz/Bughouse: $\$ 12$. Play-up +15 . Onsite +35 . USCF Mem reqd for all sections except K -3u600. Reg early to save. More info/reg: CalChessScholastics.org. Quest: ask@BayAreaChess.com. NS, NC, W.

## Mar. 13, Weibel Spring Scholastic Chess Quads \#1

Marriott, 46100 Landing Pkwy., Fremont, CA 94539 . For Scholastics USCF members. Trophies to winners of each quad. Medals to all others. EF by 3/8: $\$ 25$, onsite $+\$ 15$. Check-in reqd by $8: 45$ a. More Info/Ent: BayAreaChess.com/weibel. NS, NC, W.
Mar. 26, Bay Area Chess \$uperSwiss
4SS, G/60. Bay Area Chess, 1590 Oakland Rd., Ste B213, San Jose, CA 95131. $\$ 1,000$ b/44. 2 Sections: $1700+$, ul700. Info/entries: BayArea Chess.com/superswiss. EF by 3/22: $\$ 44, \$ 60$ onsite. NS, NC

## Mar. 26, Parlier Chess for Kids

Riverview School, 8662 S Lac Jaq Ave., Parlier, CA 93648. In 3 Sections, 9-12 USCF Rated: 5SS, Game/30, 7-8 USCF Rated: 5SS, Game/30, K6 Ler Rated: 5SS, Game/30, ALL: EF: \$15 pre-registered by mail or Rds.: Games door. Individual and Team Trophies. Reg.: 8:30-9:20 AM. Box 27, Visalia, CA 93279. Fax 559-636-8045 Sequoiachess@sbcglobal. net. INFO: Allan Fifield 559-734-2784; Cell 559-967-3379. http://Sequoia Chess.Com. Event includes Non Rated K-3 and 4-6 sections. Food \& chess vendor at site. Note: School is to the east of Parlier near Reedley. NS. W.
A State Championship Event!
Apr. 1 or 2 or 3 or 2-3, CalChess State Scholastics Championship 2011 Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Pkwy., Santa Clara, CA 95050. Free parking. Hotel rate \$109: Hyatt Regency, 5101 Great America Pkwy, Santa Clara. Main Event: Trophies to top 20 players \& top
10 teams in 14 sections. Medals to others. KG, $1-3$ new \& under 800 on Sat. only. Grades $4-6$ new \& under 600 on Sun.only Other sections Sat + Sun Side events: Blitz (Fri 6-9p) \& Bughouse (Sat 6-9p) in 3 sects Sat + Sun. Side events: Blitz (Fri 6-9p) \& Bughouse (Sat 6-9p) in 3 sects
( $\mathrm{K}-3$ 4-6 7-12). EF by $3 / 28$ : 1-day $\$ 48$, 2-day $\$ 60$, 2 main sections: $\$ 72$ (K-3 4-6 7-12). EF by 3/28: 1-day $\$ 48$, 2-day $\$ 60$, 2 main sections: $\$ 72$
Blitz/Bughouse: $\$ 15$. Play-up +15 . Onsite +35 USCF \& CalChess Mem Blitz/Bughouse: \$15. Play-up +15 . Onsite +35 . USCF \& CalChess Mem
reqd for all sections except K -3unrated. Mar 2011 Supp \&TD desc to place reqd for all sections except k -3unrated. Mar info/reg: CalChessScholastics.org. Quest: ask@BayAreaChess.com. NS, NC, W.

## A State Championship Event!

May 28-30 or 29-30 or 28-29, CalChess Open State \& Class Championship
6SS, 30/90 G/60 (2-day opt rds 1-3 G/60). Sections D/E 6SS G/90 only. Hotel: Marriott, 46100 Landing Pkwy., Fremont, CA 94539. Chess rate $\$ 89$. Prizes: $\$ 13,000 \mathrm{~b} / 207.80 \%$ guaranteed. 6 sections. Open (2200+ FIDE rated): 2000-1000-400-200-100-100. Expert (2000-2199), A (18001999), B (1600-1799), C (1400-1599): \$1000-400-200-100-100-100. Section D/E (ul400): 600-300-100-ul200:300-200-100. Unr prize limit \$300 except in Open. EF mail/online by $5 / 24: 3$ day $=99$ day $=98$ onsite +25 Play-up+20. GMs/IMs free-EF subtr from prize. Re-entry \$40. Saver EF $=E F-\$ 20 \& 2 / 3$ of calc. prize. Refunds: $\$ 20$ fee. May 2011 Supp, CCA

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min, TD desc to place players accurately. Sched: 3day: Reg Sat 10-10:30, Rds Sat/Sun 11 5:15, Mon 10 3:30. 2day: Reg Sun9-9:30, Rds Sun 10 12:25 2:40 5:15, Mon 10 3:30. D/E 2-day only: Reg Sat 9-9:30, Rds Sat/Sun 10 1:30 5. Max two 1/2-pt byes - must commit bef rd 3. Quest: ask@BayAreaChess.com. More Info/Ent: BayAreaChess.com/memo. NS, NC, W. Chess Magnet School JGP.

## California Southern

BHCC Scholastic Tournaments - The first Sunday of every month 5SS, G/30. 8950 W. Olympic Blvd., \#210, Beverly Hills, CA 90211. EF: \$15 one week in advance, $\$ 20$ on site (Cash Only on site). Mail checks to Beverly Hills Chess Club. Visa/MC call: 310-274-7873. Prizes: Trophies \& medals. Reg.: 12:00-12:45 pm. Starts: 1 pm . www.bhchessclub.com. Info: Robert Minoofar, 310-274-7873 or 888-91CHESS, email: bhchessclub@hotmail.com.
Feb. 6, 20, LACC - 1st \& 3rd Sunday Scholastic Triathlon 2 separate events - Chess/Bughouse/Blitz. 4SS, G/30. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA, 90025 , 2nd FI. 4 blocks W 405. EF: \$25 (\$20 LACC memb, $\$ 10$ off siblings, $10 \%$ off SCCF members. Free new LACC memb). Reg.: 121 pm. Rds.: 1, 2, 3, 4 pm; then Bughouse \& Blitz (5-6). Prizes: Trophies (Top 3) \& Medals (rest); each player receives a prize! Free BOA \& street parking ( $\$ 3$ basement). Free Pizza/soda/cookie \& free class (12-1). Info: (310) 795-5710 or Mick@LAChessClub.com.

Feb. 19-21, 28th Annual U.S. Amateur Team Championship West See Nationals.
Feb. 21, 14th Annual Southern California Scholastic Amateur Team 4-SS, G/45. Warner Center Marriott, 21850 Oxnard St., Woodland Hills, CA 91367. Four-player teams plus optional alternate, Grade 12/below, average rating of four highest must be U1200. (Jan. rating list used, Feb. used for previously unrated players.) EF: $\$ 75$ per team received by $2 / 18, \$ 85$ at site. Trophies (team \& individual) to top 3 teams, top U1000, U800, U400/unr. Reg.: 9-10 am. Rds.: 10:340-1-2:45-4:30. Online entry: www.chesspalace.com/amateurteam.htm. HR: \$119, 800-228-9290, ask for chess. Reserve by Jan. 19 or rates may increase. Parking \$6. Ent: SCCF, PO Box 205, Monterey Park, CA 91754. Info, help in forming teams: Randy Hough 626-282-7412 or randallhough@yahoo.com. NS, NC, W, F.
Mar. 4-6, SPNO for Boys and Girls (AZ)
See Arizona or www.polgarevents.com.
Mar. 11-13 or 12-13, 18th annual Western Class Championships See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com/.
A State Championship Event!
Mar. 18 or 20 or 20-21, Southern California Super States 2011 Hyatt Regency, 17900 Jamboree Rd, Irvine. Hotel rate \$99. Discount parking. Main Event: Trophies to top 10 players, top 5 teams, \& top 5 clubs in 8 sections. Medals to others. K-1, 2-3 u600, 4-6 u800, 6-12 u1000 Reg.: Sun 8-8:30am, Games: Sun $9,10: 45,12: 30,2,3: 30$. Champ sections: Reg Sat 8-8:30am, Games Sat \& Sun. 9, 12:15, 3:20 (except 1-3 $600+9$, 11:45, 2:30). USCF Mem for all sections except 2-3u600. SCCF Mem reqd for 9-12 1000+. Blitz (Fri 6:30-8:30p) \& Bughouse (Sat 6:30-8:30p) in 3 sections (K-3 4-6 7-12). EF by 3/14: 1-day \$37, 2-day sects \$47, Blitz/Bughouse: 1 free/hotel-night-stay or \$12 if not staying@hotel. Register early to save. TD/Org: RHough/SAzhar. More info at: SoCalSchol astic.com. NS, NC, W.

## Connecticut

## A State Championship Event!

Apr. 02, 2011 K-8 Connecticut Scholastic Championship
(A CT State Chess Association (CSCA) sanctioned event hosted by the Roger Ludlow Middle School PTA and DJA Chess Instruction) 5SS, G/30. Roger Ludlowe Middle School (RLMS), 689 Unquowa Rd., Fairfield, CT 06824, (203) 255-8345 (I-95 exit 21 - Mill Plain Road). Championship Sections: Middle School (Grades 6 through 8), Elementary (Grades 4 and 5), Primary (Grades 2 and 3), First Grade, Kindergarten; Premier Sec-
tions: Middle School (Grades 6 through 8 U1000), Elementary (Grades 4 tions: Middle School (Grades 6 through 8 U1000), Elementary (Grades 4 and 5 U800), Primary (Grades 2 and 3 U600); EF: $\$ 55$ if postmarked by $3 / 11$; $\$ 75$ by $3 / 18$; $\$ 100$ by $3 / 23$ or later. NO ONSITE ENTRIES! Entry Fee includes $\$ 5$ CSCA annual membership and participation fee. RDS.: 9:30-11:00-12:30-2:00-3:30 or as soon as possible if round finishes earlier. Free Entry: All players with plus scores, 3.0 or better, get free entry into CSCA K-12 Championship on May 14 , 20 , fikiet @eng 2 Storrs, C. Please register with John Fikiet, 860-429-1350, fikiet@eng2.uconn.edu. Awards Ceremony: 5:00 PM. Grade Champion Plaques: Grade champions will be awarded for each grade in the Championship and Premier sections. A Grade champion will be awarded for each grade, Top CT resident or top out-of-state resident attending a CT school full-time receives a plaque as 50 entries PER SECTION ( 400 total entries) Trophy Prizes may be scaled dewn if the number of entries is significantly lower thay be "scaled down the Trophy prizes may be scaled on " "per section" based on" total. Trophy prizes may be scaled on a "per section" basis if there is a large imbalance across sections. Individual and team trophies to be awarded as follows: Championship and Premier Section Prizes. Trophis to top 10 , mier Section. Team trophies to top 10 in each section; Large medals to all non-trophy winners; Top 10 schools "combined sections" team awards. All Sections. 3/2011 Supplement used for Ratings and Pairings; MiniTeam Rooms: Available through the RIMS PTA at $\$ 100 / r 00 \mathrm{~m} /$ day ConTeam Rooms: Available through the RLMS PTA at $\$ 100 / \mathrm{room} /$ day. Contact Mrs. Laura Bernaschina (lambs@optonine.net) for reservations and NO PHONE ENTRIES Please include name grade school, soction USCF ID\# Exp Date ID\#, Exp. Date, home address, birth date, parent home and work phone if under 16. TNCOMPL ETE ENTRIES WTL NOT BE ACCEPTED NOTE• MAKE CHECKS PAYBIETO: 2011 CT State K-8 CHECKS PAYABLE TO: 2011 CT State K-8 Championships. Info: DJA Chess
Instruction office (860) 628-6777.

Apr. 8-10 or 9-10, 2nd annual Hartford Open

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

## District of Columbia

## Mar. 26, Rated Beginners Open (RBO)

4-SS, G/30. US Chess Center, 1501 M St. NW, Washington, DC 20005. Open tions by red under 1200 or unrated. EF: $\$ 20$ ( $\$ 15$ if by $3 / 19$ ). 5 secrbo.php.
Apr. 3, Metro Sunday Quads
3-RR, G/90. U.S. Chess Center, 1501 M St. NW. EF: $\$ 20 \$ \$ 40$ each quad. Scholastic sections. EF: \$10, Trophy prizes. Both: Reg.: 9:15-9:50. Rds.: 10-1-4. (202) 857-4922. www.chessctr.org./quads.php.

## 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.
Feb. 18-20 or 19-20, 2011 U.S. Amateur Team South See Nationals.

Apr. 1-3 or 2-3, 19th Annual Southern Open
See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.
Apr. 9, Second Annual The Benjamin School Scholastic Located at 11000 Ellison Wilson Road, NPB, FL 33408. K-12,5 Divisions, $5-\mathrm{SS}, \mathrm{G} / 30$. Trophies for Top 5 Players and Top 5 Teams in each Division. For more info. see: www.palmbeachchessclub.info or call President/TD John Dockery at 561-762-3377.

## 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.nachess.org, sevan@nachess.org, 888.80.CHESS.

Feb. 18-20 or 19-20, 2011 U.S. Amateur Team Championship - North See Nationals.
Apr. 8-10, 2011 All Girls National Championship presented by the
Kasparov Chess Foundation in association with the Renaissance Knights Chess Foundation, UTD \& USCF

## See Nationals.

May 26-30, 27-30, 28-30 or 29-30, 20th annual Chicago Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

## Indiana

Apr. 8-10, 9-10 or 10, Indiana Memorial Open
5SS, 40/2 SD/1 (2-day option, rds 1-2 G/75) (1-day option, rd 1-5pt bye, rds 2-3 G/15-Quick Rtd, paired reg rtg). Clarion Hotel \& Conference Center, 2930 Waterfront Pkwy, West Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46214. EF: $\$ 60$ rcvd by $4 / 5, \$ 70$ at site. (2-day option EF: $\$ 59 / \$ 70$ at site) (1-day option EF: $\$ 53 / \$ 65$ at site). ul200 EF: $\$ 15 / 20$ at site (1-day option: rd l-Opt bye EF: $\$ 15 / \$ 25$ at site). Memb. Req'd: ISCA Reg. \$15. OSA. \$\$b/60: 1st Place Guaranteed. \$450-200. Class A \$160-50, Class B \$155-50, Class C $\$ 145-$ 50, Class D \$140-50. ul200 1st, 2nd, 3rd Trophies only. Upset \$40. Reg: ends Fri. 6:30pm (2-day option: Regs. ends Sat. 9:30am) (1-day option:
Regs. ends Sun. 8:15). Rds: Fri. 7pm, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-3:30 (2-day option: Regs. ends Sun. 8:15). Rds: Fri. 7pm, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-3:30 (2-day option: Sat. 10-1:30-5, Sun. 10-3:30) (1-day option: Sun. 8:30-9-10-3:30). ENT: ISCA C/o Gary Fox, P. 0. 114, Logansport, IN 46947. INFO: info@indianachess.org. HR: Chess Magnet School JGP.

## Maine

Feb. 19-20, 3rd P.I. Houlton Open
4SS, G/120. Rds. 1 \& 2 on Sat., Turner Memorial Library, 39 Second St., Presque Isle, ME. Rds. 3 \& 4 on Sun., The Art Studio, 102 Court St., Houlton, ME. EF: $\$ 15$ if rec'd by Feb. 18, \$20 after. One section: Open. Prizes: \$100 b/10. 1st: \$50; 2nd: \$30; 3rd: \$20. Entries: Roger Morin, 102 Court St., Houlton, ME 04730, (207) 521-0435, houltonart@yahoo.com. NS. Chess Magnet School JGP.

## Maryland

Feb. 13, February Freeze (VA)
4SS, G/30. Our Lady of Good Counsel School, 8601 Wolftrap Rd., Vienna, VA 2182 . Sectons. K-6/500, $12 \mathrm{U} / \mathrm{O} 0, \mathrm{~K} 12$ Champ. EF. 25 online by Wed, 35 nis to top individuals \& schools; Free game analysis. See www.silverknights chess.com to register
Feb. 27, Howard County Chess Tournament \#3
4SS, G/30. Glenwood Community Center, 2400 Route 97, Cooksville, MD 21723. Sections: K-5 Unrated, 6-12 Unrated, K-12 Rated. EF: \$25 in advance; $\$ 35$ on-site 1:00-1:30. Rds.: 2:00, then ASAP. Prizes: trophies to top individuals \& schools. Free game analysis. Register at www.howard countymd.gov/RAP or 410-313-4714.
Mar. 19, Scholastic Quads \#6 (VA)
NOTE VENUE CHANGE: Franklin Sherman Elementary School, 6630 Brawner St., McLean, VA 22101. Time Control: G/30. EF: $\$ 20$ online by Wed; $\$ 30$ on-site from 1:30-1:45. Check-in is MANDATORY for all pre-registered players, and must be complete by 1:45. Players that have not checked in by $1: 45$ will not be placed in a quad, even if they signed up in
advance. Rds.: 1:45pm, then ASAP. Prizes: trophy to winner of each quad. See www.silverknightschess.com to register.

## Mar. 20, Howard County Chess Tournament \#4

4SS, G/30. Glenwood Community Center, 2400 Route 97, Cooksville, MD 21723. Sections: K-5 Unrated, 6-12 Unrated, K-12 Rated. EF: $\$ 25$ in adtop individuals \& schools. Free game analysis. Register at www.howard countymd.gov/RAP or 410-313-4714.

## Massachusetts

Mar. 4-6 or 5-6, 20th annual Eastern Class Championships
See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

## Missouri

Mar. 18-20 or 19-20, 15th annual Mid-America Open
See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

## Nevada

A State Championship Event!
Mar. 19, K-3, K-5, K-8, K-12 Nevada State Individual \& Team Scholastic Championship
Open to all Nevada Students in grades $K$ through 12th grades. On site registration will be from 7:30-8:30 with Round One starting at 9 AM and each round following immediately after the completed rounds in $K-3$ \& K-5 and K-8 and K-12. Players may ask for a one $1 / 2$ point bye one round prior to requested round. Players should bring clocks. Top High School Player is entered into the Denker Tournament and Top K-8 into the K-8 ournament of State Champions in Orlando, Fl. August 2011. The entry fee has been rolled back to 2005 prices of 225 per player, wich includes lunch snack of pizza with drinks being the player's responsibility. All new memberships tries should include: Name USCF ID\# Schol, Grade DOB (Money tries should include. Name, USC ID\#, School, Grade, DOB. (Money Or ders payable to Cheyenne HSCC) Attn. Robert information ega, 10032 , Tinnell or Chact. Hatherill For it50@earthlink.net, 702-228-1453(H), 702-743-0305(C), 702-799bit50@ea).
A Heritage Event!
An American Classic!
June 10-12, 2011 National Open
See Nationals.

## New Jersey

## Feb. 5, Princeton Day School

650 The Great Road. Plaques to top 3 school teams and top 6 in each section. Medals to all players. Four sections for OVER 1000 begin at 10:15 and must preregister: OVER 1600 ( $\mathrm{K}-12$ ), NEAR MASTERS ( $\mathrm{K}-12$ over 1400) and FUTURE MASTERS (Players K-12 over 1200) G/60, 3 rds. CLOSED (K-12 1000-1200) G/45 4 rds. ALL OTHER SECTIONS. G/30 4 rds. beginning at 12:00 noon. (round times will be accelerated if possible): OPEN (Players K-12 U-1000), RESERVE (K-12 U-800), NOVICE II (K-8 U-600), ENTS OF PLAYERS K-6), K-1 (unrated) NO SCORE K-1 (unrated). PARENTS OF PLAYERS rated G/30 3 rounds. Pre-registration online, pay at the door $\$ 35$. On-site $11-12$ noon $\$ 45$. Into and register online:
www.pds.org/chess. Inquires to Bonnie Waitzkin, Chessteach@gmail. com. (snowdate Feb. 12)
Feb. 19-21, 2011 World Amateur Team \& U.S. Team East
See Nationals.
Feb. 26, Last Saturday U2200 Quads
Holiday Inn, 195 Davidson Ave., Somerset. (Exit \#10 off I-287, Easton Ave.) G/60, EF: $\$ 10$, Trophy to winner. (Open to adults, HS players and K8 rated above 1300) Reg. to 10:45am, Starts at 1lam. Then ASAP with lunch break. Info: Ken at 908-763-6468 or acn@goes.com. NC, W.

## Feb. 26, \$uper "No-Skip" \$wiss K-8

Holiday Inn, 195 Davidson Ave., Somerset. (Exit \#10 off I-287, Easton Ave.) SSS, G/30, In 3 Sections. U1300, U1000, U600. G\$\$100(to \$200)50. b/10, Trophies top 5, Awards to all. \$10 "No-Skip" bonus is added each event. EF: $\$ 29$ online (entryfeesrus.com), $\$ 35$ cash at Site. Dues Deal: New players age 12 get free USCF dues. All regular players get free
USCF dues. See entryfeerus.com for details. Highest lifetime rating is USCF dues. See entryfeerus.com for details. Highest lifetime rating is used. If below 5 entries in a section it becomes a quad or is merges. Info: Ken at 908-763-6468 or acn@goes.com. NC, W.

## A State Championship Event!

Feb. 27, New Jersey State Elementary Championships
5SS, G/30. Brookdale College, 765 Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft, NJ 07738. Student Life Center, use Parking Lot \#7 or \#6; 5 minutes from Garden State Parkway exit 109. 2 Sections: Elementary (K-6) \& Primary (K-3). All: Trophies to top 15 individuals, top 5 teams. Elementary \& Primary: Top 5 in each grade. Rds.: 10am then ASAP. Top 4 scores constitute the team score for Elementary; top 3 for Primary. EF: $\$ 30$ before 2/20, $\$ 50$ at site. USCF memb. req'd. EF includes 1 year Atlantic Chess News for NJ state residents. Reg.: 8-9:00am. After 9:00am 1/2 point bye for round 1. Info: 732 259-3881, Ent: Hal Sprechman, P.O. Box 1511, Jackson, NJ 08527 or online at www.characterkings.org. Entries must include name, grade, school, date of birth, USCF ID and expiration date, mailing address, email address, phone number and entry fee. Checks made out to NJSCF.

## Mar. 5, 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., lst 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

A State Championship Event

## Mar. 6, New Jersey Junior High School Championships

5SS, G/45. Brookdale College, 765 Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft, NJ 07738. Student Life Center, use Parking Lot \#7 or \#6; 5 minutes from Garden State Parkway exit 109. 5SS, G/45. Section: JHS (K-9). ALL: Trophies to top 15 individuals, top 5 teams. Rds.: $10 a \mathrm{am}$ then ASAP. Top 4 scores constitute team score. EF: $\$ 30$ before $2 / 27, \$ 50$ at site. USCF memb. req'd. EF includes 1 year memb. to NJSCF for NJ state residents. Reg.: 8-9:00 am. After 9:00 am, half-point bye for round one. INFO: 732-259-3881, hsprechman@characterkings.org. ENT: Hal Sprechman, P.O. Box 1511, Jackson, NJ 08527 or online at www.characterkings.org. Enies must include name, grade, school, date of birth, USCF ID \#, \& expiration date, mailing address, phone number \& entry fee. Checks made
out to NJSCF.

A State Championship Event!
Mar. 6, New Jersey High School Chess Championships
5SS, G/45. Brookdale College, 765 Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft, NJ 7738. Student Life Center, use Parking Lot \#7 or \#6; 5 minutes from arden State Parkway exit 109. 3 sections: Varsity Championship (92): 5 player teams with one alternate allowed. Coaches set order by player strength. Order must not be changed. Team avg. based on top 5 highest ratings. Trophies to top 10 NJ teams. Trophies for top three playrs, boards 1-5. Rds.: 10am and ASAP. EF: \$150-/team before 2/27. 185/team at site. \$5 per change on site. Junior Varsity (9-12): 4 player teams with one alternate allowed. Team avg. based on top 4 highest rating. Trophies to top 10 NJ teams. Trophies for top 3 players, boards 14. Rds.: 10am and ASAP. EF: \$120/team before 2/27, \$150/team on site. 5 per change on site. Booster ( $\mathbf{k} \mathbf{- 1 2}$ ): Trophies to top 15 individuals, op 5 teams, top 2 JHS, \& top 2 elementary ( $k-6$ ). Rds.: 10 am and ASAP. op 4 scores constitute team score. EF: $\$ 30$ before $2 / 27, \$ 37$ at site. All: USCF memb. required. EF includes 1 year membership to NJSCF for NJ residents. Reg.: 8-9:00am. After $9.00 \mathrm{am}, 1 / 2$ Point bye for round one. nfo: 732 259-3881. ENT: Hal Sprechman P.O. Box 1511, Jackson, NJ 08527 or online at www.characterkings.org. Checks made out to NJSCF. Entries must include, name, grade \& school, date of birth, USCF ID\# \& exp. date, mailing address, email address, phone number and entry fee. Mar. 12, Princeton Day School
650 The Great Road. Plaques to top 3 school teams and top 6 in each secion. Medals to all players. Four sections for OVER 1000 begin at 10:15 nd must preregister: OVER 1600 ( $\mathrm{K}-12$ ), NEAR MASTERS ( $\mathrm{K}-12$ over IOSED (KUTURE MASTERS (Players K-12 over I2CO) G/KS G/30 4 LOSED ( $\mathrm{K}-12$ 1000-1200) G/45 4 rds. ALL OTHER SECTIONS. G/30 ble): OPEN (Players K-12 U-1000), RESERVE (K-12 U-800), NOVICE II (K8 U-600), NOVICE I (unrated K-6), K-1 (unrated) NO SCORE K-1 unrated). PARENTS OF PLAYERS rated G/30 3 rounds. Pre-registra unrated). PARENTS OF PLAYERS rated G/ 303 rounds. Pre-registraor online: wwwods.org/chess. Inquires to Bonnie Waitzkin, Chessteach@gmail. com
Apr. 3, 2011 Westfield Spring Scholastic
Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, NJ 07090. K-12 3 Sections, Open, Under 1250, Under 750 Open. 3SS, Game/45. Trophies to top 5 in each section. EF: $\$ 20, \$ 15$ Members, at site $\$ 30, \$ 25$ Members. Reg.: 2-2:30 p.m. Rds.: 2:45-4:25-6:05 p.m. Under 1250, 4SS Game/30. Trophies to top 5 in each section. EF: $\$ 20, \$ 15$ members at site $\$ 30, \$ 25$ members. Rds.: 2:45-4:00-5:15-6:30 p.m. Under 750, 4SS Game/30. Trophies to , 5 in each section. $\mathrm{Er} . \$ 20$, $\$ 15$ members at site $\$ 30, \$ 25$ members. Rds.: 2:45-4:00-5:15-6:30 p.m. Tiebreaks for trophies Info: Todd Lunna 32-526-7163, lunnaco@aol.com. Send Advance Entries by March 31 (luas) to Todd Lunna, 36 Maple Dr., Colts Neck, NJ 07722.

## New York

Feb. 21, NEW! Marshall CC President's Day Under 1400 4-SS, G/45. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212 477-3716. (\$300 b/20) 120-70-50, U1100 \$60. EF: $\$ 40$, members $\$ 20$. Reg.: 11:15-11:45AM Rds.: 12-1:45-3:30-5:15PM. One bye available, request at entry

## Feb. 26, Marshall CC Saturday U1600

SS, G/45. 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.
A State Championship Event!
A Heritage Event!
Feb. 26
Open to grades K-12 in any state (top NYS player \& team in each section are NY champions). Saratoga Hilton, 534 Broadway (I-87 Exit 13-N, 4 miles north on US 9), Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Team prizes based on op 4 scores from same school; no combined school teams allowed even f one school "feeds" another. Teams of 2 or 3 players allowed, but are a a disadvantage. In 8 sections, each is a $6 \mathrm{SS}, \mathrm{G} / 65$ except $\mathrm{K}-1$ is 5 SS , / 35 playing Feb 27 only. High School, open to all in grades K-12. FF $\$ 38.20$ mailed by $2 / 4$. Top NYS grade $9-12$ qualifies for Denker Tournament of HS Champions. High School Reserve, open to K-12 under 1200 unrated. EF $\$ 38$ mailed by $2 / 4$. Junior High, open to all in grades KEF $\$ 37.90$ mailed by $2 / 4$. Middle School Reserve, open to K-8 under 1000 or unrated. EF $\$ 37.80$ mailed by $2 / 4$. Elementary, open to all in rades K-6. EF $\$ 37.60$ mailed by $2 / 4$. Elementary Reserve open to grades K-5 under 800 or unrated. EF $\$ 37.50$ mailed by $2 / 4$. Primary grades K-5 under 800 or unrated. EF $\$ 37.50$ mailed by $2 / 4$. Primary, grades K-3. EF $\$ 37.30$ mailed by $2 / 4$. K-1, grades K-1. EF $\$ 37.10$ mailed 2/15. Online at chesstour. AIm, all sections: EF $\$ 40$ by $2 / 4 \$ 50$ by $2 / 21$. No online entry after $2 / 21$. Phoned to $406-896-2038$, all sections: EF $\$ 45$ by $2 / 4, \$ 55$ by $2 / 21$. No phone entry after 2/21. Entry at site: all $\$ 60$. Trophies to top 15 players and top 7 teams each section, top 3 unrated in Primary, K-1, and each reserve section, and top U1500, U1300 (HS), U900, U700 (HS Reserve), U1200, U1000 (JHS), U700, U500 (MS Reserve), U1000, U800 (Elem), U500, U300 (Elem Reserve). Speed playoff if perfect score tie. Free entry to NY State Championship, Labor

Day weekend 2011 (Albany), to top player each section. Schedule: Late reg. ends Sat 9 am, rds Sat 10, 1, 4, 7 , Sun 10, 1, awards $3: 30$. K-1 schedule: Late reg. ends Sun 9 am, rds Sun $10,12,1: 30,3,4: 30$, awards $5: 45$ Half point byes OK all, limit 2, must commit before rd 2. HR: \$119-119, 888-999-4711, $518-584-4000$, reserve by $2 / 12$ or rate may increase. 48 hours notice required for room cancellation. Backup hotel: Courtyard by Marriott, 2 blocks away, 518-226-0538. Special car rentals: Avis, 800 331-1600, use AWD \#657633. Mail entry: Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills NY 12577. Include name, rating, USCF ID, USCF ex piration (non-members enclose dues), section, school, grade, birth date, address of each player. Checks payable to Continental Chess. $\$ 15$ per player service charge for refunds. \$10 extra to switch sections, all substitutions from advance list charged $\$ 60$. Questions: chesstour.com, 845-496-9658. Bring set, board, clock if Magnet School JGP (except K-1)

## Mar. 5, Prove Your Point!

3-ss, G/30. Chess Center at Marshall Chess Club, 23 W 10th St., NYC: 212-4 $\$ 20$, 2 wins $\$ 10$. Reg ends 7:20 pm. Rds.: 7:30-8:30-9:30.
Mar. 6, The Right Move \#168 Team and Individual Championships FREE EF. 4SS, G/30. Play starts promptly at 10:00. Players must check in by $9: 15$ A.M. (Latecomers will not play in round one). Brandeis H.S., 145 W. 84th St., 10024 (near Columbus Ave., Manhattan, NYC). Open to gr. K12. Five rated sections: Open, Under 1700, Under 1200, Under 800, Under 600. (May renew or join USCF at tournament). Non-member sections by grades: K-4, 5-9. Trophies to top 3 in each section except Open ( $\$ 50, \$ 30, \$ 20$ for 1 st -3rd); medal to each player with 2.5 or more points. Team plaque to lst and 2nd each section, with top 4 scores counting in each section (minimum 3 players on team in section). To register: use each section (mw therigtmayers on tea, in section). To registe use Fax to 718-455-2863 before 6:00PM on Fri Give full name school grade USCF ID\# exp date and section. NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION

## Mar. 12, Marshall CC Saturday U1800

4SS, G/45. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 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.
Mar. 21 - Apr. 18, Marshall 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.: 6:156:45. Rds.: 7 PM each Monday. Byes OK, limit 2, request by rd 3. Chess Magnet School JGP.

## Apr. 2, Marshall CC Saturday U1800

4SS, G/45. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 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.
Apr. 3, The Right Move \#169 Team and Individual Championships FREE EF. 4SS, G/30. Play starts promptly at 10:00. Players must check in by 9.15 A.M. (at mers will not play in round one). Brandeis H.S., 145 W. 84th St., 10024 (near Columbus Ave., Manhattan, NYC). Open to gr. K12. Five rated sections: Open, Under 1700, Under 1200, Under 800, Under 600. (May renew or join USCF at tournament). Non-member sections by grades: K-4, 5-9. Trophies to top 3 in each section except Open ( $\$ 50, \$ 30, \$ 20$ for lst-3rd); medal to each player with 2.5 or more points. Team plaque to lst and 2 nd each section, with top 4 scores counting in each section (minimum 3 players on team in section). To register: use website at www.therightmove.org or email - thechessstop@aol.com or Fax to 718-455-2863 before 6:00PM on Fri. Give full name, school, grade, USCF ID\# , exp. date, and section. NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION.
Apr. 15-17 or 16-17, 6th annual Empire State Open
See Chess Life or www chesstour.com.
May 20-22 or 21-22, 19th annual New York State Open
See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

## North Carolina

Feb. 18-20, 2011 NC K-12 \& Collegiate Chess Championship Largest Chess Event in NC, First Time Tournament Players Welcome! 8 Main Event Sections plus Blitz, Bughouse, Master Simul, and Adult Side Sections. Over 300 Awards: Scholarship \$\$\$, H.S. Denker Entry, Section Trophies, Class Trophies, Top Female Trophies, and Metals. Visit: Chess Achieves.com. (919) 272-8017. Site: Raleigh Convention Center.

June 4, Porter Evette Memoria
See Grand Prix.

## Ohio

Mar. 12, 10th Annual Queen City Classic Chess Tournament 5SS, G/30. Paul Brown Stadium, Club West, Downtown Cincinnati, OH. 15 School Sections, includes rated and non-rated. Grade K Non-Rated, Grade 1 Non-Rated, Grade 2 Non-rated, Grade 3 Non-rated, Grades K-3 Open, Grade 4 Non-Rated, Grade 5 Non-Rated, Grade 6 Non-Rated, Grades 4-6 below 700, Grades 4-6 Open, Grades 7-9 Non-Rated, Grades 7-9 Open, Grades 10-12 Non-Rated, K-12 Open, Collegiate. USCF membership is not required for the non-rated and K-3 rated sections. Prizes: Trophies to all who score 3.5 points or higher, top five team trophies awarded medals to all others. EF: $\$ 35$ early bird fee which includes lunch, fee increases to $\$ 40$ after February 11 and to $\$ 50$ after March 1. Registration closes Wednesday, March 9, 2011. NO ON-SITE REGISTRATIONS Checks, VISA, MasterCard, Discover, and AmEx accepted. Schedule: Friday, March 11, early check in from 4-6 p.m. FREE SIMUL at 6:30 p.m. for tournament participants, $\$ 20$ for non-participants. SIMUL features International Master Irina Krush, International Grandmasters Maurice Ashley and Gregory Kaidanov and special guests. Saturday, March 12, check in 7-8:30 a.m., matches begin at 9:00 a.m. Grandmasters will be available for questions and instructions in the skittles room all day Saturday. Entry/Info: Queen City Classic Chess Tournament; 5400 Kennedy Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45213. 1-866-PS-CHESS (772-4377) or fax to 513-352-9374.

Confirm all registrations at www.cpu-solutions.com. Registration form available online at www.queencityclassic.org.
Apr. 15-17, 2011 National Junior High (K-9) Championship
See Nationals.

## Pennsylvania

## Feb. 13, Bryn Mawr Quads \#2 (K-12)

Bryn Mawr Community Center, Bryn Mawr, PA. See www.silverknights chess.com for complete information or to register

## Feb. 16, Chadds Ford Quads \#5 (K-12)

Chadds Ford Elementary School, Chadds Ford, PA. See www.silverknights chess.com for complete information or to register.
Feb. 26, 4th Annual State Warm-Up
4SS, G/30. Wayne Elementary School, 651 W. Wayne Ave., Wayne, PA 19087. Sections: K-6 U/500, K-12 U/900, K-12 Champ. EF: $\$ 25$ online by Wed; $\$ 35$ on-site 12:00-12:30. Rds.: 1:00, then ASAP. Prizes: trophies to top individuals \& schools. Free game analysis by NM. See www.silver knightschess.com to register

## Feb. 26, MasterMinds CC

4 Rd Scholastic Swiss, a DVGP event, G/40. Mastery Charter School Pickett Campus, 5700 Wayne Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19144. EF: \$15, ASAP \$5 in advance post marked by $2 / 19, \$ 25$ at the door. $\mathbf{4}$ sections: K-12, K-8, K-6, K-3. Trophies to the top 5 in each section and top unrated, 1st \& 2nd school \& club trophies across all section top 4 players. Reg. ends 9:30am. First rd 10am then asap. Free parking on site! Mail Ent: MasterMinds CC, 36 E. Hortter St., Piladelpha, PA 19119. Checks made payable to Mas terMinds CC. Info: Bradley Crable, 215-844-3881 or www.mastermindschess.org.

## Feb. 27, PCL February Quick Quads (QC)

3RR, G/15. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. \& Bigelow, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. EF: \$10, \$7 Jrs. \$20 to 1st/quad. Reg.: 11-11:15am, Rds.: 11:30am-Noon-12:30pm. Info: martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com, 412-908-0286. W.
Feb. 28, Plymouth Meeting Quads \#2 (K-12)
Colonial Elementary School, Plymouth Meeting, PA. See www.silverknights chess com for complete information or to register

Mar. 4, 2011 PA Quick Chess Championship (QC)
See Grand Prix.
Mar. 5-6, 2011 Carlisle Open \& PA Collegiate Championship See Grand Prix.

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5SS. 152 Trophies!! (With 108 Individual \& 44 Team). Hotel Carlisle \& Embers Convention Center, 1700 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle, PA 17015, Exit 52A NB/Exit 52 SB off I-81, Exit 226 off PA Turnpike. 8 sections (Sat \& Sun 3/5 \& 6 unless indicated): EF: K-3 Open: (Sat 3/5 only) \$29. K-6 U800: (Sat 3/5 only) \$27. K-9 U1000: (Sun 3/6 only) \$27.25. K-6 Open: \$30.50. K-8 Open: \$31.50. 7-12 U1000: \$28.50. 7-12 U1300: $\$ 29.50$. K-12 Open: $\$ 32.50$. All: EFs if rec'd by $2 / 14, \$ 10$ more rec'd $2 / 15-2 / 28, \$ 20$ more after 2/28. Feb 2011 ratings used. Bye: limit 1, ask by rd 2. Reg Fri 3/4 6-10 pm, Sat 3/5 9:30-10:15 am, Saturday at site entries get 1/2-bye. $\$ 5$ charge for changes/refund after 2/14. Rds (Sat 3/5 1-day sections): G/40T/D5; 10-11:45-2-3:45-5:30; (Sun 3/6 K-9 U1000): G/40, T/D5; $9-$ 10:30-12:30-2-3:30; (2-day sections): G/90, T/D5; 10-2-5:30, 9-1. Bughouse: Reg on-site only until Sat $3 / 58: 30 \mathrm{pm}$. Rds begin Sat $3 / 58: 45 \mathrm{pm}$. EF: \$20/team. HR: Mention "PA States" for best rate; 800-692-7315 \$75 Ent: PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 25 Freeport St., Pittsburgh, PA 15223-2245. Info: Steve: 215-784-5938 piecebreaker@hotmail.com Dan: danheisman@comcast.net 610-649-0750. http://www.pscfchess.org/pascholasticchamp/. W. Chess Magnet School JGP for 2-day

## Mar. 9, Chadds Ford Quads \#6 (K-12)

Chadds Ford Elementary School, Chadds Ford, PA. See www.silverknights chess.com for complete information or to register.
Mar. 11, Doylestown Quads \#7 (K-12)
Doylestown Activity Center, Doylestown, PA. See www.silverknightschess. com for complete information or to register.

## Mar. 13, Bryn Mawr Quads \#3 (K-12

Bryn Mawr Community Center, Bryn Mawr, PA. See www.silverknights chess.com for complete information or to register.
Mar. 14, Collegeville Quads \#6
South Elementary School, Collegeville, PA. See www.silverknightschess. com for complete information or to register

Mar. 19, 2011 PA State Game/29 Championship (QC)
See Grand Prix.
Mar. 20, PCL March Quick Quads (QC)
3RR, G/15. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. \& Bigelow, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. EF: $\$ 10$, $\$ 7$ Jrs. $\$ 20$ to lst/quad. Reg.: 11-11:15am, Rds.: 11:30am-Noon-12:30pm. Info: martinak tom m@hotmail.com 412-908-0286. W.

Mar. 20, Silver Knights Team League \#3 (Playoffs!
Radnor Middle School, 150 Louella Ave., Wayne, PA 19087. Sections: K-8 Rated, K-3 Unrated. Must enter as a team of 4 players from same school. EF: $\$ 80 /$ team online by Wed; $\$ 100$ on-site. See www.silverknightschess. com for round times and league rules. Free game analysis by NM.
Mar. 25-27 or 26-27, 12th Pittsburgh Open
See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.
Mar. 28, Plymouth Meeting Quads \#3 (K-12)
Colonial Elementary School, Plymouth Meeting, PA. See www.silverknightschess.com for complete information or to register.

## Apr. 1, Doylestown Quads \#8 (K-12)

Doylestown Activity Center, Doylestown, PA. See www.silverknightschess. com for complete information or to register.

## Tournament Life

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

Apr. 4, Collegeville Quads \#7
South Elementary School, Collegeville, PA. See www.silverknightschess. com for complete information or to register.
Apr. 9-10, 2011 PA State Amateur Championship
Comfort Inn, 58 SR 93, West Hazleton, PA 18202, 1/2 mile from Exit 145 off I81. 2 sections: Champ (Sat \& Sun): Open to U2200. 5SS, G/90. Rds: 10-1:30-5, 9:30-1. EF: $\$ 20$ rec'd by 4/8, $\$ 30$ later. Trophies: 1-3, U1800, U1600, U1400, U1200/Unrated, School Team (top 4 Scores). Top 2 receive entry into unrated or U1400 in grades K-12. 4SS. G/40. Rds.: 10-11:30-1-2:30. EF: $\$ 15$ rec'd by 4/8, \$20 later. Trophies: 1-2, U1000, U800/Unrated, School Team (top 4 scores). All: Reg.: 9-9:45am, PSCF \$5, OSA. HR: 570-4559300, 1-877-424-6423, \$68.95. Ent/Info: GHACC, c/o Michael Jemo, 128 Forest Hills Acres, Hazle Twp., PA 1801, jemp Section. W. Chess Magnet School JGP for Champ. Section.

Apr. 20-24, 21-24, 22-24 or 23-24, 2nd annual Philadelphia Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.
June 28-Jul. 4, June 30-July 4, July 1-4 or 2-4, 39th Annual World Open
See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

## Rhode Island

Feb. 5, Central Falls BK \& Mar. 13 Lasalle Open
4SS, G/30. Trophies top 3 in each Section: 11\&U and 14\&U (unrated), Open (rated). EF: \$14 Advance, \$18 at site. Reg.: www.richess.org, email: rhodeislandchess@yahoo.com, (401)359-1602.

## A State Championship Event!

Mar. 26, R.I. State Scholastic Championship
4SS, G/30. Open to out of state players. Trophies top 3 in each Section: K-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-12. EF: $\$ 22$ Advance, $\$ 35$ at site. Reg.: www.richess.org, rhodeislandchess@yahoo.com, (401)359-1602.

## Tennessee

A State Championship Event!
Apr. 9, Tennessee All-Girls Scholastic Championship
5SS, G/40. Montgomery County Civic Hall, 350 Pageant Ln., Clarksville, TN
37040. Two Sections: Championship Section open to allTN girls, EF: \$15 pstmkd by 4/5/11, \$25 later. Section rated, USCF and TCA membership req'd., Competition Section open to all girls, EF: $\$ 12.00$ if pstmkd by 4/5/11, \$20.00 later, Section not rated, no membership req'd., Both sections have 3 Divisions: Age 18 \& under, Age 14 \& under, Age 10 \& under, Trophies 1st - 5th place, medals 6th - 10th place, plus prizes to 1st place in each division. Rds.: both sections: $9,10: 30,12,1: 30$, 3, Playoff if needed: G/10, G/5, Coin toss. Winner of 18 \& under in Championship Section will be crowned TN All-Girls State Champion and receive Grand Prize of partial scholarship to college of choice. Special events: Chess vendor, Exhibitors, Free games analysis by NM. Inq.: clarksvillechess club@charter.net. Ent: Clarksville Chess Club c/o Roy Manners, 1215 Cumberland Hgts. Rd., Clarksville, TN 37040. Online: www.tnchess.org Hotel: (closest) Riverview Inn, 931-552-3331, (recommended) Courtyard by Marriott, 931-551-4480.
Apr. 29-May 1, 2011 National High School (K-12) Championship See Nationals.

## Texas

Feb. 26, 2011 Ed Gurukul Irving/Valley Ranch George Washington Scholastic Chess Championships
9400 N. MacArthur, Ste 140, Irving, TX 75063. 214-235-6214, 1-877-923GURU. All Sections USCF Rated. 4 Rounds, G/30/5. Rated Sections: K-1, K-3 Primary Open, Elem U500, Elem Open, MSHS. Open/Trophies: Top 3 Ind at Section/Top 3 Teams. Overall/EF: $\$ 15$ if received by 11-29-2010 else $\$ 25$ CC Payments add $\$ 2.50$. Reg.: 1-1:45PM, Rd. $12: 00$ PM, All Others ASAP. Reg Forms: PlanoChess.com, email forms to:tournament@ edgurukul.com, chess@edgurukul.com or mail to: Ed Gurukul Institute, 4054 Legacy, Suite 100, Plano,TX 75024.
Mar. 4-6, SPNO for Boys and Girls (AZ)
See Arizona or www.polgarevents.com.
May 6-8, 2011 National Elementary (K-6) Championship See Nationals.

## Vermont

Mar. 25-27 or 26-27, 22nd annual Vermont Resort Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

## Virginia

Feb. 13, February Freeze
4SS, G/30. Our Lady of Good Counsel School, 8601 Wolftrap Rd., Vienna, VA 22182. Sections: K-6 U/500, K-12 U/900, K-12 Champ. EF: \$25 online
by Wed; $\$ 35$ on-site 12:00-12:30. Rds.: 1:00, then ASAP. Prizes: trophies to top individuals \& schools; Free game analysis. See www.silverknights chess.com to register.

## Mar. 5, State Warm-Up

4SS, G/30. Providence RECenter, 7525 Marc Dr., Falls Church, VA 22042. Sections: K-6 U/500, K-12 U/900, K-12 Champ. EF: $\$ 25$ online by Wed; $\$ 35$ on-site 1:15-1:30. Rds.: 2:00, then ASAP. Prizes: trophies to top individuals \& schools; Free game analysis. See www.silverknightschess. com to register.
Mar. 18, Virginia Scholastic \& Collegiate Friday Night Blitz (QC) $4 / 5$ SS, G/5. Round l at 6PM. Same location as VA State Scholastic \& Collegiate Championships (see separate TLA). Organized by VA Chess Federation. Virginia residency NOT required for Blitz. Online registration, eligibility, other details and hotel info at www.vachess.org or www.vs chess.org. Questions to: Mike Hoffpauir, mhoffpauir@aol.com, or 757-846-4805.
Mar. 19, Scholastic Quads \#6
NOTE VENUE CHANGE: Franklin Sherman Elementary School, 6630 Brawner St., McLean, VA 22101. Time Control: G/30. EF: $\$ 20$ online by Wed; $\$ 30$ on-site from 1:30-1:45. Check-in is MANDATORY for all pre-registered players, and must be complete by $1: 45$. Players that have not
checked in by $1: 45$ will not be placed in a quad, even if they signed up in advance Rds.: 1.45 pm , then ASAP. Prizes: trophy to winner of each quad See www.

## A State Championship Event!

Mar. 19-20, Virginia State Scholastic \& Collegiate Chess Championships
6SS, Rds. 1-3 G/60; Rds. 4-6 G/90. Grafton Middle \& High School, 405 Grafton Dr., Grafton, VA 23692. Organized by VA Chess Federation. Blitz Championships Friday at 6PM before the main tournament (see separate TLA). Main tournament is Saturday and Sunday, March 19-20. Players must be K-12 or College players attending school or college full time in Virginia as of Jan. 2011, or must be Virginia residents. Virginia residency is NOT REQUIRED for the Blitz Tournament. Online registration, eligibility, other details and hotel info at: www.vachess.org or www.vs chess.org. Questions to: Mike Hoffpauir, mhoffpauir@aol.com, or 757-846-4805. Chess Magnet School JGP.
Mar. 26, Liberty Scholastic \#2
4SS, G/30. Liberty Elementary School, 25491 Riding Center Dr., South Riding, VA 20152. Sections: K-6 U/500, K-12 U/900, K-12 Champ. EF: \$25 online by Wed; $\$ 35$ on-site 12:00-12:30. Rds.: 1:00, then ASAP. Prizes: trophies to top individuals \& schools; Free game analysis. See www.silverknightschess.com to register.

## THE GNOMES FROM OUTER MONGOLIA:

## THE QUEST FOR M-NESS-OT-A

This is a tale of a fateful trip, aboard a ting ship. It all began in the highlands of Finnmark, in Norway. Around 900 A.D., a small group of gnomes (they really do exist) decided they were going to test their skills in a Nine Man Morris tournament which was going to be held on the Isle of Lewis.
Never having left their mountainous homes before, they relied on directions from a retired Viking. As they sailed out to sea through the Porsangen fjord, they soon realized they had another problem. Now it is well known that gnomes are directionally challenged. Go up a mountain, go down a mountain-no problem. But ask them to go around a mountainBIG problem!
They were making progress. They just got the hang of this left-right concept, and east-west (something to do with the sun), but the sea-
going Viking was talking port and starboard! What is that all about?
"Keep the land portside, and you'll have clear sailing to the Isle of Lewis," wrote the Viking. Well, it was noon, so that east-west thing was no good. After much kibitzing, they turned-right.

## THE TREK

After many months at sea, the gnomes began to think something was wrong. After all, the Viking said it was just a three hour trip to Lewis. They decided to-turn right-and sail up one of the many rivers they encountered. They chose the Amur River, but their wave-weary little ship had reached its limit.
They continued on foot until they reached a formidable structure. "We'll just follow it. It has to lead somewhere." It didn't. But at the end of the wall, they crossed over to the
other side and continued their trek. Eventually, they found a band of nomadic travelers who seemed to know where they were going.
They liked the land. The short summers and long winters reminded them of their beloved Norway. The people, called Mongols, played a game similar to Nine Man Morris, called xiangqi or Chinese chess. After many long winters, our travelers, now known as the gnomes from Outer Mongolia, mastered xiangqi, so they merged elements of the game with Nine Man Morris and invented a more challenging variation of both games.

One day, they came across another band of travelers riding strange looking horses with large humps. Since the Mongols were always racing somewhere on horseback, our gnomes decided to join the travelers who were going at a much slower pace.

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