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I Double-Dog Dare Ya (Again)

The solutions to the Pawnmower positions from last issue:

ROOK (17) - h5, d5, d4, d2, e2, e1, e8, d8, d7, f7, a7, a8, a6, c6, c4, c2, g2.

QUEEN (13) – g1, h2, e2, e4, h7, c7, f4, f6, d8, b6, c6, c5, a3 BISHOP (17) – e8, h5, g4, f3, h1, d5, c4, b5, a6, b7, a8, c6, d7, e6, b3, g8, h7

QUEEN (12) – d2, g2, c6, a6, a1, b1, b3, f7, f8, g7, g3, h4 KNIGHT (13) – h5, f4, d3, b4, d5, e3, f5, e7, g8, f6, e4, d6, f7 KNIGHT(16) – e8, g7, e6, g5, h7, f8, d7, e5, g6, h4, g2, f4, h5, g3, e4, f2

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"WHEN I WAS YOUNG," SAID THE KING, IDLY, "CHESS BORED ME."

"REALLY, YOUR MAJESTY?" SHE ASKED, WITH A RAISED EYEBROW THAT SHOWED SHE WAS NOT SURE IF SHE WAS BEING TEASED.

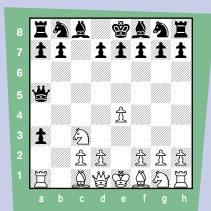
"I was pleased to see that after 1. Nf3 f6 2. Nc3 g5 I could turn my knight into a bishop and play 3. N/Bh5 checkmate."

They both had a good chuckle. "Another time, after 1. e4 c5 2. b4 cxb4 3, a3 bxa3 4, Nc3 Qa5

father by *fianchettoing* a knight. He was not amused. He quickly put an end to my foolishness."

"Ohhhh ..." she sighed.

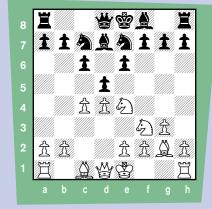
"But I saved a position from another game that I played that day. Can you see it?"



I realized that I had a snappy queen sacrifice, 5. Qh5 Qxh5 because I could turn my knight into a rook and then finished up with 5. N/Rxc8 checkmate.

At that, they both laughed.

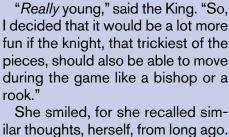
"It was fun for a while," the King admitted, "but one day I surprised my



"Oh, that's *funny*," she said. "White leaves his knights as knights and simply plays Nd6, checkmate."

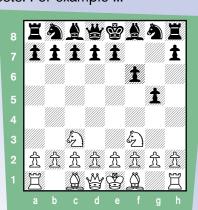
"Most of the time I think that the Royal Game is best played the way it is supposed to be," said the King, nodding. "But, sometimes ..."

"Yes, sometimes ..." she agreed.



pieces, should also be able to move during the game like a bishop or a

"At first," continued the King, "it led to strange and amusing contests. For example ..."



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Top 50 Overall Standings

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SHUBEN, MATTHEW	CA-S	9782	16
ROACH, CHARLIE PARKER	UT	7394	9
KUMAR, ARAVIND	NJ	7185	19
VISWANADHA, KESAV	CA-N	6700	14
REEDER, CHARLIE PARKER	NY	6649	7
MIZUSHIMA, DEREK	MD	6594	14
BANERJEE, ABHIMANYU	FL	6163	6
LIANG, ADREAM	WI	6087	9
KOENIG, JAKE	MD	5907	10
YAN, KEVIN	NY	5889	11
KADAVERU, AJIT	VA	5846	8
QAZI, RAFEH R	IL	5684	7
CAO, JONATHAN	VA	5623	10
ATTANAGODA, ISURU ADEEPA	VA	5437	12
GORTI, AKSHITA	VA	5431	17
SCHEIN, AARON O	NY	5427	11
MOTURI, SOUREESH	PA	5376	9
GAN, ERIC	VA	5354	10
WIENER, ALEXANDRA	CT	5242	7
PETERSON, DANTE	CA-S	5156	6
CHEN, JASMINE	NY	5081	9
LUO, MAGGIE	VA	5070	8
TURE, TANER	NY	5002	9
YEN, MICHAEL J	NJ	4965	9
MOORTHY, SRINIVAS RAMANUJA		4923	6
CHIANG, SARAH	TX	4910	7
NGUYEN, PHILIP	PA	4852	8
ZHONG, HOWARD	OK	4826	3
PETERSON, GIA	CA-S	4783	8
NGUYEN, TRUNG	VA	4775	11
ZACK, DANIEL	NJ	4779	6
KULKARNI, SOUMYA	MI	4769	9
	VA	4726	10
ZHOU, RYAN	HI	4723	9
CHEN, JUSTIN LU	IL	4680	11
SUN, ABE	NY		
RIVES, HAL	VA	4630	8
RAJASEKARAN, VIKAS		4623 4594	6
OFFERTALER, BENDEGUZ	MD		_
ZHAO, CHENYI	CA-N	4578	4
LEVKOV, DANIEL	NY	4566	8
SINHA, SAHIL	MD	4564	11
BUDEJEN,-JEREZ. ALEJANDRO	PA	4558	5
JANNOL, AVI	CA-S	4499	7
PETERSON, MICK	CA-S	4499	9
SCHNEIDER, THOMAS G	WI	4493	7
MC VAY, KIERNAN	NJ	4491	5
MOON, KYLE	NY	4485	12
GAN, DANIEL	VA	4475	9
O'NEIL, BRANDON JAMES	MI	4462	5

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NAME	STATE	PTS	EVENTS
CHEN, STEVE MENGXI	AL	3405	4
BROCK, DAMON	AR	2328	1
ENG, RACHEL	AZ	3013	6
BEILIN, ALLAN	CA-N	4263	9
WANG, ANDREW	CA-S	3572	4
KOHLER, CORY	co	2929	2
TANENBAUM, ZACHARY CHEN	СТ	3451	9
HAUGE, DAVID RICHEY	DC	2281	3
KAMARA, ABUBAKARR	DE	2844	1
LASSNER, JARED	FL	4165	8
GHATTI, SANJAY	GA	4156	9
KAONOHI, TRISTAN K	HI	1773	2
LEE, GORDON S ARAI	IA	2951	4
HARMON-VELLOTTI, LUKE	ID	4147	4
KOGEN, JONATHAN'S	IL	3908	6
MC DONALD, ALEX K	IN	3066	2
MURARI, KARTHIKEYAN	KS	3500	1
HAMILTON, ALEX	KY	2152	4
WIETFELDT, AUGUST	LA	3527	2
GROSSACK, ADAM	MA	4060	2
WINTER, CURTIS A	MD	4164	9
REYNOLDS, AVERY	ME	2100	1
VIRKUD, APURVA	MI	4162	8
TADESSE, MICHAEL	MN	3567	3
HUA, MARGARET M	MO	4321	8
SALZGEBER, KYLE ANDREW	MS	1548	2
LEE, CONRAD	MT	1400	2
MADIRAJU, SURAJ	NC	3198	5
KOPPINGER, MATTHEW	ND	876	1
PETROSYAN, ANASTASIYA	NE	670	1
WELLING, POOJA	NH	3777	2
LIM, MATTHEW	NJ	4290	7
SERNA, JEFFREY MICHAEL	NM	2970	6
BAROZZI, MICHELANGELO	NV	3006	1
REDDISH, DYLAN	NY	4092	2
SRIVASTAVA, VIKRAM	ОН	4421	6
YIN, ANNIE	OK	4414	3
TALYANSKY, SETH DAVID	OR	3545	2
JAHANSHAHI, BARDIA	PA	4166	2
FINNEY, STUART S	RI	2013	6
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DOMMALAPATI, ABHINAY	VA	3863	10
RO, DAVID	VA	1652	10
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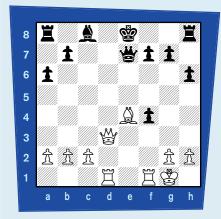
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HUNTING THE KING IN THE CENTER PROBLEMS

In the October edition of *Chess Life for Kids*, we looked at a couple examples of how to attack a king in the center of the board. If you can't checkmate the exposed king, you will likely gain a material advantage as a result of your attack.

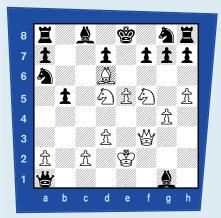
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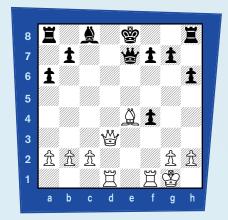
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White to Move

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Position after 20. ... Na6
White to Move

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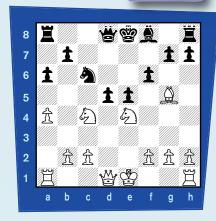
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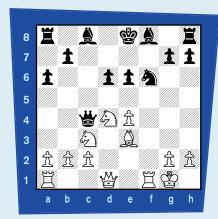
Position after 13. ... Ra8
White to Move

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Position after 12. ... f6 White to Move

#6



Position after 12. ... fxe6 White to Move

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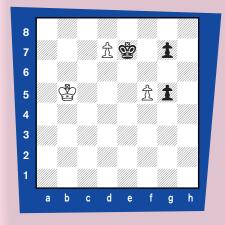
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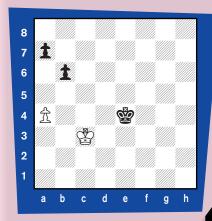
You know the drill. Write down whether the position is a win or draw, and no matter whose move it is, who wins if it's a win. You should then write down what you think the line is that gets you to the result you think it is.

King and pawn endings are tricky, so be very careful!!

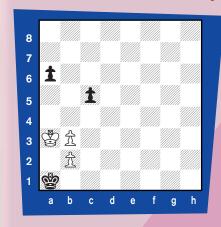
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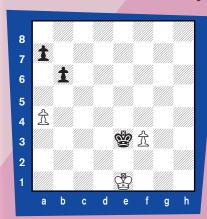
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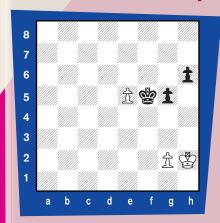
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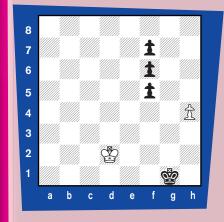
Position Four: White to Play



Position Five: White to Play



Position Six: White to Play



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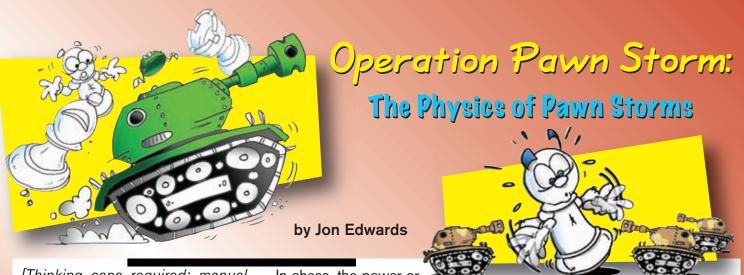
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[Thinking caps required; manual dexterity (Move the pieces!) required; dictionary recommended; chess coach: surprise him or her! Knowing when you have a won game is hard enough, but winning a won game can be even more difficult, unless you've seen it done. Jon Edwards has provided a few examples for your benefit. -Editor]

Most young players have heard these simple rules of thumb: two connected passed pawns on the fifth rank are generally worth a knight or bishop. Two connected passers on the sixth rank are generally worth a rook. And two connected passers on the seventh are generally worth a queen.

But what's the value of having more than two advanced connected passers?

There's nothing in chess as intimating as a pawn storm, a cluster of connected pawns rolling down the board as part of a coordinated attack.

Many of you will take up physics, the study of matter and its motion. You will learn that matter at rest will tend to stay at rest, and that matter in motion will tend to remain in motion. As you will soon see, these are useful principles for chess.

The key to physics is the formula F=m*a. The "F" stands for force. The "m" stands for mass. The "a" stands for acceleration.

In chess, the power or force of a pawn storm de-

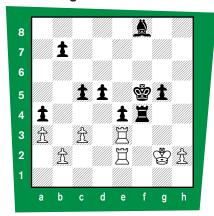
pends upon its mass (or number of pawns) and the continuing forward motion of those pawns. As will soon be seen below, a pawn mass that can effectively advance creates a nightmarish force.

By contrast, a pawn mass that is blockaded and unable to advance has very little force indeed.

Wilhelm Cohn **Emanuel Lasker** (C66)

London, 1899

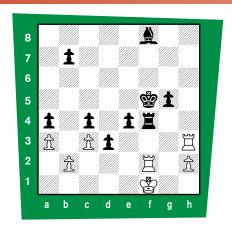
1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 Nf6 4. d3 d6 5. Nc3 Bd7 6. 0-0 g6 7. Ba5 h6 8. Bxf6 Qxf6 9. d4 Ba7 10. dxe5 Nxe5 11. Nxe5 Qxe5 12. Bxd7+ Kxd7 13. Qg4+ Qe6 14. Oxe6+ fxe6 15. Ne2 Rhf8 16. c3 a5 17. Rad1 g5 18. Rd3 a4 19. a3 Ra5 20. Rfd1 h5 21. R1d2 Rc5 22. Rf3 Rg8 23. Nd4 Ke7 24. g4 Be5 25. Rh3 hxg4 26. Rh6 Bf6 27. Kg2 Re5 28. Re2 Bg7 29. Rh5 Kf6 30. f3 c5 31. Nb5 gxf3+ 32. Kxf3 Kg6 33. Rh3 d5 34. Kg4 dxe4 35. Nd6 Rf8 36. Rhe3 Rf4+ 37. Kg3 Bf8 38. Nc4 Rd5 39. Nb6 Kf5 40. Nxd5 exd5 41. Kg2



As you can see here, Black has two pawns for the Exchange, but the real story is the advancing pawn mass. 41. ... d4 42. Rh3 (42.cxd4 cxd4 does not slow down the movement of the mass.) 42. ... d3 If it is true that passed pawns are meant to be pushed, then it is certainly true for pawn masses. 43. Rf2 White hopes that an exchange of a

> pair of rooks will relieve the pressure. 43. ... c4 Patience is an important part chess. Lasker would much prefer that White capture on f4 in order to strengthen the mass with ... gxf4. 44. Kf1



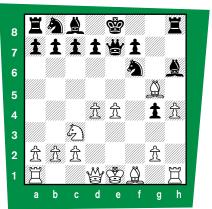


44. ... e3 Using a minor tactic to keep the mass moving. 45. Rff3 (On 45, Rxe3 Rxf2+ 46, Kxf2 Bc5 White wins back the Exchange with an easy win in the king and pawn endgame.) 45. ... Ke4 With the king joining in, White must capture on f4 46. Rxf4+ (There are many ways to win after 46. Kg2 but 46. ... Bc5 is probably best to hold the e-pawn before advancing the mass.) 46. ... gxf4 The pawn mass is growing 47. Rh8 Be7 Walking into an unimportant skewer. 48. Re8 Kf3 Black's threat (... d2) is much stronger than White's threat (Rxe7). 49. Rh8 d2 and there's no way to prevent Black from gueening the pawn. 0-1

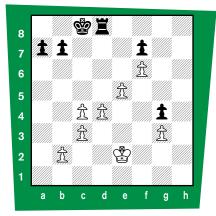
Georg Marco Geza Maroczy (C39)

Vienna, 1903

1. e4 e5 2. f4 exf4 3. Nf3 g5 4. h4 g4 5. Ng5 Nf6 6. d4 Qe7 7. Nc3 h6 8. Bxf4 First sacrificing the Ng5 8. ... hxg5 9. Bxg5 Bh6



I am sure that Black thought that his troubles had already ended with this move. 10. e5 An additional Exchange sacrifice. White will gain the knight on f6 for it must give up the Rh1. 10. ... Bxg5 11. hxg5 Rxh1 12. gxf6 Black emerges a rook ahead for just a pawn, but Black's queenside has not moved and White has a central pawn mass. 12. ... Qe6 13. Qd3 d5 14. 0-0-0 Bd7 15. Ne2 Na6 16, Nf4 Qc6 17, Qb3 Qb6 18, Nxd5 Qxb3 19, axb3 0-0-0 20, Nf4 c6 21. Bc4 Rxd1+ 22. Kxd1 Be8 23. c3 Nc7 24. Ke2 Nd5 25. g3 Bd7 26. Nxd5 cxd5 27. Bxd5 Bb5+ 28. Bc4 Bxc4+ 29. bxc4



We flash forward 17 moves. Black remains a rook ahead and has managed to exchange off all of his other pieces, but White's pawn mass has become a frightening force.

29. ... Kd7 Black's only hope is to blockade or at least slow down the mass while activating the rook and pursuing an outside passed pawn on the a-file. 30. Ke3

The king plays a key role in assisting the forward march of the mass. 30. ... Rc8 31. b3 Patiently ever forward. 31. ... b5 A key resource. White cannot capture on b5, which can now join the a-pawn to create the outside passer.

32. c5 The mass continues its advance. (Obviously not 32. cxb5 Rxc3+) **32. ... a5** But Black will survive with a single idea, the outside passer. **33. Kd3** Making sure that a

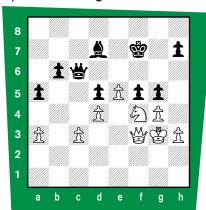
passed a-pawn will require support from the rook. 33. ... a4 34. bxa4 bxa4 35. Kc4 The amazing thing about this game is just how close White comes to winning. 35. ... Rb8 Cutting off the king from preventing the advance of the a-pawn.

36. d5 a3 37. c6+ Kc7 38. Kc5 a2 39. d6+ Kc8 40. e6 After the amazing sacrifices, White emerges one tempo short. 40. ... a1=Q, White resigned.

Rudolf Buchner (2301) Stefan Otterstaetter (2165) (B29)

Bad Woerishofen, 2003

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Nc3 Nc6 4. d4 d5 5. exd5 Nxd5 6. Bc4 Nxc3 7. bxc3 e6 8. 0-0 Be7 9. Be3 Qc7 10. Qe2 cxd4 11. cxd4 Bd7 12. Rab1 Rc8 13. Rfd1 Nb4 14. Bb3 Nd5 15. Bxd5 exd5 16. Bg5 f6 17. Re1 Bc6 18. Bf4 Qd7 19. Rb3 Kf7 20. Re3 Rhe8 21. Nh4 q6 22. Qf3 Kg7 23. g4 Bb4 24. c3 Rxe3 25. Rxe3 Bd6 26. Bxd6 Qxd6 27. Qe2 Rf8 28. Nf3 Bd7 29. h3 Qf4 30. Ne1 Qd6 31. Kg2 Kf7 32. Nd3 b6 33. Qf3 Kg7 34. Nb4 Be6 35. Qe2 Kf7 36. f4 Bd7 37. Qf3 Re8 38. Re5 Rxe5 39. fxe5 Qe6 40. Kg3 f5 41. a3 a5 42. Nd3 Qc6 43. Nf4 With two attacks upon the weak d5-pawn. 43. ... g5



(Trying to hold the pawn with 43. ... Be6 meets 44. gxf5 gxf5 45. Qh5+) 44. Qxd5+ Ke7 Black counts on the fact that the knight cannot now safely move. 45. Qxc6

gxf4+ 46. Kxf4 Bxc6 47. gxf5 All forced.

White emerges with three pawns for the bishop and, of course, a powerful pawn mass. 47. ... h6 Trying to prevent Kg5, but missing a draw with 47. ... b5 48. Kg5 Kf7 49. Kh6 Be4 50. f6 Kg8 and the bishop will restrain the pawns.

48. c4 The simple principle: Keep the mass moving. 48. ... Bg2 49. h4 Bf1 50. c5 b5? Too much hope. Not enough calculation. (Necessary was 50. ... bxc5 to break up the mass. 51. dxc5 Bg2) **51. d5 b4** The outside passed pawn is too slow. **52.** d6+ Kd8 (Or 52. ... Kd7 53. e6+ Kc6 54. d7 Kc7 55. f6)

53. axb4 a4 **54.** e6 Bc4 (54. ... a3 55. f6 a2 56. f7 and White's pawn will queen with mate.) 55. b5 Bxb5 **56. f6 Ke8 57. f7+** (The end would be 57, f7+ Kf8 58, Kf5 a3 59, Kf6 a2 60. e7mate) Black resigned.

Adam Dukowicz (2055) Maciej Swicarz (2145) (D00)

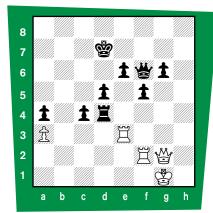
Augustow, 1996

1. d4 Nf6 2. e3 c5 3. c3 d5 4. f4 Nc6 5. Nf3 e6 6. Bd3 Bd7 7. 0-0 c4 8. Bc2 b5 9. Ne5 Qc7 10. Qf3 Bd6 11, g4 b4 12, Nxc6 Bxc6 13, cxb4 Bxb4 14. Bd2 Bd6 15. Bc3 Rb8 16. a3 a5 17. Nd2 a4 18. Qg2 g6 19. Nf3 h5 20. h3 hxg4 21. hxq4 Ke7 22. Kf2



is even, but Black Material launches a bishop sacrifice to strip the white king of its pawn protection. 22. ... Bxf4 23. exf4 Qxf4 That's two pawns for the bishop with the g-pawn hanging. 24. Kg1 Nxg4 25. Bd2 Ne3 26. Bxe3 Oxe3+ 27. Rf2 Rxb2 And now four pawns for the bishop. 28. Re1 Qh6 29, Ne5 Be8 30, Rfe2 Bd7 31. Nxd7

The exchange sacrifice results in a position in which Black winds up with four pawns for the rook. 31.... Rxc2 32. Rxc2 Kxd7 33. Rf2 Qg7 34. Qf3 f5 35. Qd1 Qh6 36. Qf3 Qg5+ 37. Qg2 Qf6 38. Re5 Rh4 **39.** Re3 (There's a better defense here with 39. Qg3 Rxd4 40. Re1 aiming to activate the queen on b8 or to blockade the pawns with Qe5.) 39. ... Rxd4



Emerging with five connected passed pawns for the rook! 40. Rg3 Rd1+ 41. Rf1 Rxf1+ 42. Qxf1 (Interesting but hopeless is 42. Kxf1 Qa1+ 43. Ke2 Qa2+ 44. Kd1 Qb1+ 45. Kd2 d4 46. Rxg6 c3+ 47. Ke2 d3+.)

42. ... Qd4+ 43. Qf2 Qxf2+ 44. Kxf2 How fun. We arrive at a pure endgame pitting the rook against the pawns. 44. ... d4 45. Ke2 Kd6

Correctly involving the king in the advance of the pawn mass. 46. Rxg6 Kd5 47. Rg8 Aiming to grab the a4-pawn and to then push his own passer. 47. ... Ke4 48. Ra8 e5 49. Rxa4 And so we pit Black's pawn mass against a lone outside passer.

49. ... d3+ 50. Kd1 Kd4 51. Ra8 **c3** The mass must press forward.

52. Rc8 e4 Leaving a safe haven for the king on e3. **53.** a4 c2+ **54.** Kc1 (Worthy of investigation is 54. Kd2 e3+55. Kc1 Ke4 56. a5 Kf3 57. a6 e2 58. Re8 Kf2 59. a7 e1=Q+ 60. Rxe1 Kxe1 61. a8=Q d2+ 62. Kxc2 d1=Q+ 63. Kc3 Qd2+ and the pawn will queen!)

54. ... f4! (Avoiding 54. ... Ke3 55. a5 f4 56. a6 f3 57. a7 f2 58. Rf8) 55. a5 f3 56. Rf8 e3! (Resigning rather than having to face 56. ... e3 57. Rd8+ Kc3 58. Rc8+ Kb3 59. Rb8+ Ka2 60, a6 f2 61, Rf8 e2: also winning is 56. ... Ke3) White resianed.

Gawain C Jones (2554) David Eggleston (2341) (B80)

Torquay, 2009

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Qf3 e6 7. Be3 Be7 8. g4 Nc6 9. g5 Nd7 10. h4 Qc7 11. 0-0-0 b5 12. Nxc6 Oxc6 13, a3 Bb7 14, h5 Ne5 15, Qg3 Qc7 16. Bd4 Rg8 17. g6 hxg6 18. Bxe5 dxe5 19. hxg6 f5 20. Rh5 b4 21, axb4 Bxb4 22, exf5 Bxc3 23, bxc3 Qa5 24. fxe6 Qa3+ 25. Kd2

For the moment, White has two extra pawns in a wide-open position. 25. ... 0-0-0+ Black has castled aueenside with check. undoubtedly pleased with his position. The king is now safe, blocking the check with Bd3 invites ... e4 winning a piece, and king moves are very dangerous. 26. Bd3 Walking into the pin and inviting ... e4, but White has an amazing plan in mind.

26. ... e4 27. Ra1 Qd6 The bishop is gone and so Black naturally wants to exchange queens. (Cap-

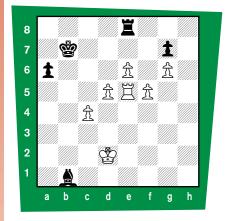
turing the rook 27. ... Qxa1 walks into a mating net with 28. Rc5+).

28. Re5 Preserving the queens



and holding on to the central pawn. **28. ... exd3 29. cxd3** The bishop is gone, but White has achieved one small concession. The recapture has straightened out the pawn structure.

29. ... Rge8 30. Qe3 Re7 31. Ra4 Kb8 32. Rd4 Qb6 33. Rxd8+ Qxd8 34. f4 The pawn mass is beginning to take shape. 34. ... Qd6 35. Qe1 (More logical is simply 35. f5 Qa3 36. Qb6.) 35. ... Qa3 36. Qb1 Ka7 37. f5 Qd6 38. Qg1+ Kb8 39. Qc5 With the mass in motion, White can even consider simplifying. 39. ... Qxc5 40. Rxc5 Re8 41. d4 Be4 42. c4 ever forward 42. ... Kb7 43. Re5 Bb1 44. d5



44. ... Kc7 45. c5 Preventing the king from defending aggressively. 45. ... a5 46. d6+ Kd8 47. c6 Aren't those pawns lovely? Black resigned.

Sebastian Malec (2130) Aleksander Choroszej (2048) (B06)

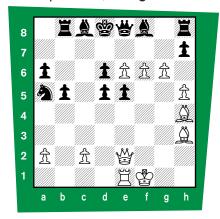
Warsaw, 2010

1. e4 g6 2. d4 Bg7 3. Nc3 d6 4. Be3 Nd7 5. g4 a6 6. Bg2 Rb8 7. Nge2 b5 8. Ng3 Nb6 9. 0-0 e6 10. f4 Nc4 11. Bf2 Nxb2 12. Qf3 Ne7 13. f5 Nc6 14. f6 Bh6 15. Rae1 Bb7 16. h4 Nc4 17. g5 Nd2 18. Qe2 Nxf1 19. Kxf1 Bf8 20. Bh3 Bc8 21. Nd5 e5 22. Nf5 gxf5 23. exf5 Qd7 24. Nf4 Kd8

Black has reluctantly moved the king to d8 to escape the pin, expecting that White will now retreat

the knight. White has already sacrificed a knight and the Exchange, so there's no retreat in the cards. 25. Ne6+ White's third piece sacrifice in just seven moves. 25. ... fxe6 (White is winning after 25. ... Ke8 26. Qh5 Nxd4 27. Bxd4 Bb7 28. g6.) 26. fxe6 Out of nowhere, an advanced pawn mass has broken through the sixth rank, but keep in mind that Black is now a knight and rook ahead. 26. ... Qe8 27. d5 Gaining time against the knight and securing the mass.

27. ... Na5 28. h5 If two pawns on the sixth are worth a rook, what are three pawns on the sixth worth? 28. ... c6 Played to undermine the chain. 29. Bh4 White may be down two pieces, but all of White's pieces are more active than any black piece. 29. ... cxd5 (Missing the best defense with 29. ... Kc7 30. g6 hxg6 31. f7 Qxf7+ 32. exf7 Bxh3+ 33. Kg1 Rxh5 and the mass has evaporated.) 30. g6



30. ... hxg6 (Black can once again avoid the mayhem by evacuating the king 30. ... Kc7 31. f7 Qc6 32. Bf6 d4 33. Bg2 Qc5 34. Bxh8 Bxe6.)

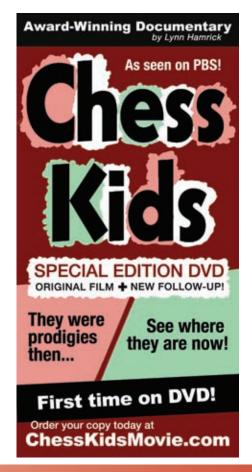
31. f7+ Qe7 32. Bxe7+ Kxe7 (Not 32. ... Bxe7 33. hxg6 with 34. g7 next.) 33. Qd2 Perfectly placed, hitting a5, g5, and even d5. 33. ... Rxh5 (The mass disappears with a complex game after 33. ... Bxe6 34. Bxe6 Kxe6 35. Qxa5 gxh5.)

34. Qxa5 Rb7 (Black may be able to hold with 34. ... Rxh3 35. Qc7+

Kxe6.) **35. Qc3** Targeting the Bc8. **35.** ... **Bxe6 36. Bxe6 Kxe6 37. Qc8+ Rd7 38. Ke2!** (Not 38. Qxf8 Rxf7+) **38.** ... **Rh8 39. Rg1 Bg7** (Tougher defense is 39. ... e4 40. Qe8+ Re7 41. Rxg6+ Kf5 42. Rh6) **40. Qxh8!** and the queen will reappear. **Black resigned.**



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QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

by Joshua Posthuma

(with a little help from Tony Palmer)



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I work with Joshua on a private basis, similar to my coaching arrangement with Peter and Michael Chen. I assign him opening presentations, usually based on lines he plays or faces, including reference games for him to annotate. Then I help him to refine his project into an article for our Lake Effect Chess Newsletter.

I encourage juniors and students to write out opening presentations, so they learn more about opening theory, but then future projects are based on their own games so they have real expertise in those lines.

-Tony Palmer

A double queen pawn opening (1. d4 d5) is fundamentally different from a double king pawn opening (1. e4 e5) in many ways.

First, the center pawn is supported by the queen on both ends, so each side has a stronger foothold in the center compared to 1. e4 e5 where the king pawns are undefended.

Second, after 1. d4 White often develops the queenside pieces first,

so the action starts on that half of the board, yet this also delays White's kingside development and castling safely.

Third, the play is typically more closed and positional, whereas 1. e4 e5 games are usually more open and tactical, at least in the opening phase.

Fourth, after 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 White brings the knight out to its best square and attacks Black's king pawn, but with 1. d4 d5 it is less good to continue 2. Nc3 because Black's queen pawn is already defended, plus White has better chances for an advantage with 2. c4 opening lines in the center and on the queenside.

Fifth, a main strategic goal for White after 1. e4 is advancing d2-d4 to create a classic center with pawns at e4 and d4 dominating the central squares; this is reversed with 1. d4 where White wants to advance e2-e4 gaining space and controlling the board. As a rule, opening play is all about the center.

A gambit is a material sacrifice to gain other advantages in time, space or position. The Queen's Gambit begins 1. d4 d5 2. c4 with White offering to trade the c-pawn for Black's d-pawn, removing Black's center pawn so White has more control of the center, but also leaving White with two center pawns (d & e) versus one for Black (e).

This article will cover the Queen's Gambit Declined where Black

replies 2 ... e6 (Orthodox Defense) or 2 ... c6 (Slav Defense), while another playable alternative is the Queen's Gambit Accepted with 2 ... dxc4.

Now the Queen's Gambit is not really a true gambit since White can easily regain the gambit pawn if accepted (1. d4 d5 2. c4 dxc4 3. Qa4+ & 4. Qxc4 is simplest), or else Black spends valuable time and creates positional weaknesses trying to hold the extra pawn.

Note 2. c4 allows Black to capture ... dxc4 if desired, while intending to capture cxd5 now or later. This immediate tension in the center means both players must constantly evaluate the consequences in case either side decides to trade pawns. The Queen's Gambit is very popular among grandmasters at the top level, and many players use it later in their careers after starting out with 1. e4 openings.

After 1. d4 d5 2. c4, the chess games.com database has 42,327 games with these statistics for Black's second move: 2 ... c6 48%, 2 ... e6 38%, 2 ... dxc4 13%, 2 ... Nc6 2%, 2 ... e5 2%, 2 ... Bf5 1% and 2 ... Nf6 1%. This reference data helps you understand the Queen's Gambit better by indicating how popular each line is at the master level.

Let's examine rare defenses to the Queen's Gambit first:

- 1) 2 ... Nc6 is the Chigorin Defense, named after the great Russian legend Mikhail Chigorin. After 3. cxd5 Qxd5 Black is attacking White's queen pawn (4. Nc3? Qxd4); on 4. e3 e5 and Black has already broken in the center with ... e7-e5. White can then play 5. Nc3 attacking the queen; Black may respond 5 ... Bb4 to trade bishop for knight which unbalances the game with chances for both sides.
- 2) 2 ... e5!? is the Albin Counter-Gambit where 3. dxe5 d4 gains space for Black and disrupts White's development by controlling the c3-square (so White can't play Nc3). This is a sharp pawn sacrifice for Black which requires lots of pregame preparation.
- 3) 2 ... Bf5 is the Baltic Defense featuring the key benefit of developing Black's queen bishop early, which is often short on useful squares in the Queen's Gambit. If 3. cxd5 Bxb1 4. Rxb1 Qxd5 with good play for Black, or 3. Nc3 e6 and Black's bishop is outside the pawn chain.
- 4) 2 ... Nf6?! is the Marshall Defense and basically a bad idea since White may continue 3. cxd5 Nxd5 4. e4 with a classic center and an easy game for White, or 3 ... Oxd5 4. Nc3 followed by e2-e4 and again White has won the opening.

A. Orthodox Defense 2 ... e6

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 is the Orthodox/Classical Defense. It opens lines for Black's dark-square bishop to develop, allowing for early castling, yet Black's light-square bishop gets blocked in for some time.

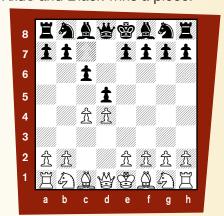
This problem bishop has long been recognized as a big drawback

in the Orthodox Queen's Gambit Declined, because the delay in Black's development helps White gain an opening edge.

The Queen's Gambit Exchange is 1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. cxd5 exd5 which releases the central tension but leaves White with two center pawns (d & e) versus one for Black (e). After the pawn trade, Black often advances ... c7-c6 reinforcing the Pd5, and then Black's queenside pawn structure is called the Carlsbad Formation.

One potential middlegame strategy for White is a minority attack, where White's a- and b-pawns advance to disrupt Black's queenside pawns (two against four) and create weaknesses.

The Elephant Trap is a famous line in the Orthodox Defense, starting 1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bg5 Nbd7. Now White could safely transpose to the Queen's Gambit Exchange with 5. cxd5 exd5 6. Nf3 c6, but the trap is 6. Nxd5?? Nxd5! (surprise!) 7. Bxd8 Bb4+ forcing 8. Qd2, then 8 ... Bxd2+ 9. Kxd2 Kxd8 and Black wins a piece.



B. Slav Defense 2 ... c6

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 maintains symmetry if White trades pawns (3. cxd5 cxd5), and this is Black's most popular choice trying to equalize against the Queen's Gambit. Here 3. Nc3 e6 helps Black control the

light squares in the center, except again the early ... e6 blocks in the problem bishop. Therefore Black may develop this bishop to f5 or g4 early on, and only then advance ... e7-e6.

The combination of 2 ... c6 and a later ... e6 is called a Semi-Slav setup, also known as a Triangle Defense. If White ever trades cxd5 then Black could either recapture ... cxd5 to maintain symmetry or unbalance the position with ... exd5. In the Semi-Slav, there are several sharp lines where Black ultimately accepts the gambit pawn with ... dxc4 and then tries to hold it with ... b5.

One common main line is 1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Nf3 e6 (Semi-Slav) 5. Bg5 with two important continuations:

- 1) The Botvinnik Variation is 5 ... dxc4 6. e4 b5 where Black gives up the center but holds the gambit pawn as compensation. Play typically continues 7. e5 h6 8. Bh4 g5 9. Nxg5!? hxg5 10. Bxg5 Nbd7 11. exf6 Bb7 with a very tense position.
- 2) The Moscow Variation is 5 ... h6 6. Bxf6 Qxf6 where Black gets the two bishops but White has great piece development plus the potential to castle queenside and attack Black's king on the kingside.

The Queen's Gambit Declined is a trusty system with chances for both sides and lots of room for creativity. White often gains a solid edge right out of the opening, meanwhile Black should always be ready to answer 1. d4 and steer the game into favorable territory. Good luck!

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What's the Problem?

By Stanley Kravitz

Chess problems have been constructed to spell letters, draw pictures such as Christmas trees, have symmetry, and sometimes tell stories as the chess problem did in *Alice in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll.

This is very surprising as the chess board has only a tiny 8x8 canvas. However, some elegant and beautiful puzzles have been constructed with these limited resources.

Christmas tree problems usually have a central tree trunk and branches filled with pieces. Sometimes they may have a separate piece at the top that represents a star. These puzzles are symmetrical and pictorial. To get a really good representation of a tree it is usually necessary to have many pieces in the puzzle. A puzzle with few pieces requires a lot more imagination on the part of the viewer.

These problems are miniatures with seven or fewer pieces composed to look like young trees with only small branches so you will have to use your imagination to make them look like trees.

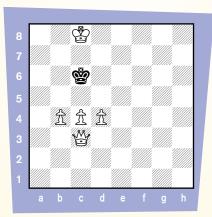
Symmetrical chess problems also look as though they should have two solutions, one on each side of the board. This does not happen because the puzzles are usually set near an edge of the board to prevent duplicate piece movement. When you look at these puzzles you might try to set them up one column left or

right to see if the solutions are different or even possible.

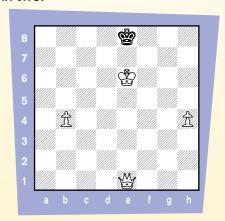
If you can solve a problem in under 1 minute, give yourself 4 points. Solve in under 2 minutes, give yourself 3 points. Solve in under 5 minutes, 2 points. Over 5 minutes give yourself 1 point.

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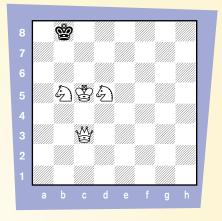
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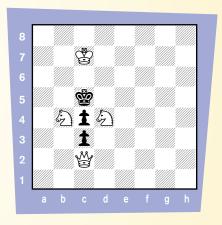
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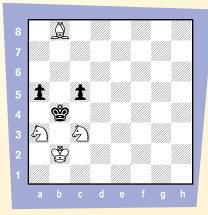
Puzzle 3. White to move and mate in two



Puzzle 4. White to move and mate in two.



Puzzle 5. White to move and mate in two



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Answers, We've got Answers.

The Chess Detective (page 7)

This position occurred in a game between Peter Svidler and Evgeny Bareev from Wijk aan Zee, 2004. Black hasn't castled and his king and queen are lined up on the e-file. White played 17. Bxb7!, Black resigned. On 17. ... Bxb7 18. Rfe1 or 17. ... Qxb7 18.Qd8 mate.

#2 This is a famous position from "The Immortal Game" played in London in 1851 between Adolf Anderssen and Lionel Kieseritzky. Both kings are in the center, but White's king is safer and it is his move. White finished Black off by playing 21. Nxg7+ Kd8 22. Qf6+! Chasing the knight away from protecting the e7 square. 22. ... Nxf6 23. Be7 mate.

#3 Shakhriyar Mamedyarov was playing White against Gennadi Ginsburg in this game from the 2007 Ordix Open. Again, both kings are in the center. Black can't castle because his king has moved. He also has potential problems along the h1-a8 diagonal. White sacrifices the Exchange to set up a combination to win material by playing 18. Rxc6! Qxc6 19. Nf6+ Qxf6 20. Qxa8+ Kf7 21. Qxa6, leaving White up piece.

#4 With Black's king in the center, White decides he can afford to sacrifice his queen to open up the position by playing 14. Bxb7! Rxa4 15. Bxc6+ Kf8 (15. ... Nd7 16. Nxa4 0-0 is better, but White still has an advantage.) 16. Nxa4 Ne4?! 17. Bb7 Nd6 18. Bxd6 Qxd6 19. Rc6 Qd7 20. Rc8+ Bd8 21. Ne5, Black resigned. This position occurred in a game between Vladimir Kramnik and Viswanathan Anand in the 2007 World Blitz Championship. It is often hard to find the best defending moves, especially in a blitz game.

This position occurred in Vienna in 1946 between Galia and Ernst Gruenfeld. White crashes through the center on the uncastled king by playing 13. Bxf6! gxf6 14. Oxd5 Be7 (With 14. ... Oxd5 15. Nxf6+ followed by 16. Nxd5 and White is ahead a couple of pawns.) 15. Ncd6+ Bxd6 16. Nxd6+ Ke7 17. 0-0-0 threatening 18. Of7 mate. 17. ... Nd4 18. Rxd4! Opening up the e-file! 18. ... exd4 19. Re1+ All White's pieces join in the fun! 19. ... Kd7 20. Nxb7+, Black resigned.

#6 White is way ahead in development and has the safer king. He plays the sacrifice 13. Rxf6! gxf6 14. Qh5+ Kd8 15. Qf7 Bd7 (Also possible is 15. ... Be7 16. Nf5 Qc7 17. Na4 threatening 18. Bb6.) 16. Qxf6+ Kc7 17. Qxh8 Bh6 18. Nxe6+ Qxe6 19. Qxa8 Bxe3+ 20. Kh1, Black resigned. White is up the Exchange and two

pawns. This game was played in Moscow in 1935 with Emanuel Lasker playing White against Vasja Pirc.

Win or Draw! (page 8)

Position One: DRAWN!! As bad as it looks for White, a player has to try and find a way: 1. Kc6 Kd8 2. Kd5 Kxd7 3. Ke4 (3. Ke5 Ke7 4. Ke4 Kf6) 3. ... Kd6 4. Kf3 Ke5 5. Kg4 Kf6 (5. ... Ke4 6. Kxg5 Ke5 7. Kg6) 6. Kh5 Kxf5 Stalemate!

Position Two: DRAWN!! 1, a5 b5 (1. ... bxa5 2. Kb2 Kd4 3. Ka1 is drawn; can't budge the king on a1) 2, a6 (2. Kb4 a6 wins for Black) 2, ... Kd5 3, Kb4 Kc6 4, Ka5 Kc5 Stalemate!!

Position Three: DRAWN!! White can't scoot up to grab the a6-pawn because Black will grab the white pawns and queen the c-pawn, so...1. b4 c4 2. b5 (2. b3 c3) 2. ... axb5 3. b4 Kb1 Stalemate!!

Position Four: DRAWN!! Just like the last problem, even with the extra pawn: 1. a5 b5 2. a6 Kxf3 3. Kd2 Ke4 4. Kc3 Kd5 5. Kb4 Kc6 6. Ka5 Kc5.

Position Five: DRAWN!! Things don't look too good for White as the white pawn on e5 will go quickly and the two pawns can push through with the king. White can go wrong here by just one square's difference: 1. Kg3?? h5 2. e6 Kxe6 3. Kf3 Ke5 4. Ke3 Kf5 5. Kf3 h4 6. Ke3 (6. g3 g4+ 7. Kf2 h3 8. Kf1 Ke4 9. Kf2 Kd3 10. Kf1 Ke3 11. Kg1 Kf3 12. Kh2 Kf2 13. Kh1 Kxg3) 6. ... Kg4 7. Kf2 h3 8. gxh3+ Kxh3 9. Kg1 Kg3 gaining the opposition and winning for Black. HOWEVER, if White plays 1. Kh3 it's a whole different story! 1. Kh3 Kxe5 (1. ... h5 doesn't work as now White has a check!: 2. g4+ hxg4+ 3. Kg3 Kxe5 4. Kxg4) 2. Kg4 Kf6 3. Kh5 Kf5 4. Kxh6 Kf4 (4. ... g4 5. g3 Kf6 [NOT 5. ...Ke4 6. Kg5 Kf3 7. Kh4 Ke4 8. Kxg4 and White wins!!] 6. Kh5 Kf5) 5. Kh5 Kg3 6. Kxg5 Kxg2.

Position Six: WHITE WINS!! OK, did you try pushing the White pawn first and did you count it out? Not so hot: 1. h5 f4 2. Ke2 Kg2 3. h6 f3+ 4. Kd2 f2 5. h7 f1=Q 6. h8=Q Qf4+ 7. Kc3 f5 8. Qf6 (8. Qg8+ Qg3+) 8. ... Qe3+ 9. Kc2 f4 10. Qxf7 f3 and White will fight hard to draw. White wins easily with 1. Ke3 Kg2 2. Kf4. That old rule "passed pawns must be pushed" has its exceptions!

What's the Problem? (page 16)

Key moves for

solutions: 1. 1. Q-f3

2. 1 Q-e5

3. 1 K-c6

4. 1. Nb-c6

5. 1. B-c7

Tournament Life Announcements

DECEMBER 15 THROUGH FEBRUARY 14

Scholastic Members:

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

Organizers and Tournament Directors:

If you would like your tournament listed here in Chess Life for KIDS for February (events to be held after February 14), the deadline for submitting your announcements is December 10th. The deadline for the April 2012 issue is February 10th. The processing fee is \$1.00 per line for the first eight lines, \$2.00 for every line thereafter. Send your announcements to Joan DuBois, tla@uschess.org.

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

NATIONALS

Dec. 9-11, California, Southern 2011 National Youth Action (West)

9SS, G/30. Hyatt Regency, 17900 Jamboree Blvd., Irvine, CA 92614, 949-975-1234, \$109 (Single – Quad). **Four Sections:** K-3, K-6, K-9, K-12. **Entry** Fee: \$50 by 11/10/11 USPS (or \$50 on-line by 11/10, 6 pm cst); \$70 by 11/20/11 USPS (or \$70 on-line 11/10/11, 6:01 pm cst - 11/20/11, 6 pm cst); \$85 USPS 11/21-11/30 (or \$85 on-line 11/20/11, 6:01 pm cst -12/8, 6 pm cst); \$85 by 12/9/11 6 PM on site (entries after 12/9/11 6 PM cannot be guaranteed pairing for round 1, instead they may receive 1/2 point bye round 1). **Must be current USCF member by 8:30 am, 12/10** to be paired. Checks payable only to Chess Central. Awards: Individual: 1st –20th Place in each section (K-3, K-6, K-9, K-12). Class Awards: 1st-3rd Place, K-3: U800, U600, U400, Unr. K-6: U1000, U800, U600, Unr. K-9: U1200, U1000, U800, Unr. K-12: U1400, U1200, U1000, Unr. Teams:: 1st-10th Place in each section. Special Sportsmanship trophy! Schedule: Opening Ceremony Sat., Dec. 10 at 9:30 am. Rds. 1-5 Sat., 10 am, 12 noon, 2 pm, 3:30 pm & 5 pm. Rds. 6-9 Sun., 10 am, 12 noon, 2 pm & 3:30 pm. **Side Events: Bughouse Tournament** – Fri, Dec. 9, 6:30 pm. EF: \$20 per team (\$10 for individuals and we help you create a team). On site registration only. Registration closes at 5 pm, Fri, Dec. 9. One section only, K-12. **Bughouse Awards:** 1st-10th Place. **Blitz Tournament** – Sat, Dec. 10, K-6 & K-12, 6:30 pm, \$15 postmarked by 11/30/11, \$20 on-site (\$15 on-line by 11/30/11, 6 pm cst, \$20 on-line 11/30/11, 6:01 pm cst - 12/08/11 6 pm cst) Registration closes at 5 pm, Sat, Dec. 10. Blitz Awards: Individual: 1st-20th in each section. Team: 1st-10th in each section. Puzzle Solving Contest: Sat. Dec. 10, 6:30 pm, Puzzle Solving Prizes: 1st-5th overall; 1st-5th U1000, EF: USPS: \$15 postmarked by 11/30/11 (On-line: \$15 until 12/08/11, 6 pm cst) \$20 at the site by 5 pm. Awards Ceremony for Blitz/Bughouse/Puzzle Solving: Sun, 9 am. NYA Awards Ceremony: Sun, Dec. 11, 5:30-7 pm. Club Teams allowed! Master simuls and analysis scheduled., Hyatt Regency, 17900 Jambores Blvd., Irvine, CA 92614, 949-975-1234, \$109 (Single – Quad) reserve rooms by following links at http://chessweekend.com. Enter tournament on line (except Bughouse) at http://chessweekend.com. Checks payable only to Chess Central (no checks to USCP): Mail registrations with name-contact info-grade-birthday-team/school-uscf ID & exp.-address-city-zip-e-mail address-coach name & contact info to: Chess Central (Please, no checks payable to USCF), 37165 Willow, Gurnee, IL 60031. Updated info/Hotels/On-Line Entries: http://chessweekend.com. \$10 service charge for on-site section/roster changes, and all refunds. Bookdealer scheduled.

Dec. 9-11. Florida

2011 National Youth Action (East)

9SS, G/30. DoubleTree Miami Mart/Airport Hotel and Exhibition Center, 711 NW 72nd Ave., Miami, FL 33126, (888) 353-1995, www.double-treemiamimart.com. HR: \$129, mention NYA Chess. Four Sections: K-3, K-6, K-9, K-12. **Entry Fee:** \$50 by Nov 10; \$70 by Nov 20, \$85 after. On site registration Friday December 9, 3pm to 9pm. Players registering after that will receive 1/2-point bye in first round. **Awards:** *Individual:* 1st-20th Place in each section (K-3, K-6, K-9, K-12). Class Awards: 1st-3rd Place, K-3: U800, U600, U400, Unr. K-6: U1000, U800, U600, Unr. K-9: U1200, U1000, U800, Unr. K-9: U1200, U1000, U800, Unr. K-9: U1200, U1000, Unr. Teams: 1st-10th Place in each section. **Schedule:** Opening Ceremony Sat, Dec 10 at 9:30 am. Rds. 1-5 Sat, 10 am, 12 noon, 2 pm, 3:30 pm & 5 pm. Rds. 6-9 Sun., 10 am, 12 noon, 2 pm & 3:30 pm. **Side Events: Bughouse Tour-amont.** En Dec 0, a creating and k-12 pm. Side Events: Bughouse Tour-amont. nament – Fri, Dec 9, one section only, K-12, on-site registration only, \$20 Team, closes at 6:30 pm, Fri, Dec 9. Bughouse Awards: 1st-10th Place. Blitz Tournament, two sections: K-6 and K-12 - Sat, Dec 10, 7 pm. EF: \$15 if p/m by Nov 30, \$20 after or on site. Blitz Awards: Individual: 1st-20th in each section. Team: 1st-10th in each section. GM/IM Simul and Lectures: TBA. Puzzle Solving Contest: TBA. **Awards Ceremony for Side Events:** Sun, 9 am. **NYA Awards Ceremony:** Sun, December 11, 5:30-7 pm. Club Teams allowed! Enter on line (except Bughouse) at www.active.com/more-sports/miami-fl/national-youth-action-east-2011 or mail registrations to: 305 Willow Pointe Dr., League City, TX 77573. Please make checks payable to Francisco Guadalupe (not USCF). Include Name, USCF ID #, Date of Birth, School or Club Team Name, Grade, and Section. For more information and mailed registration form please email flguadalupe@aol.com or call (713) 530-7820. Participants of NYA, including Side Events, must be current members of USCF.

Feb. 17-19 or 18-19, Florida

2012 U.S. Amateur Team Championship - South

5SS, G/120 (2-day option, Rd. 1 G/60). Universal Palms Hotel, 4900 Powerline Rd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309. Only 10 mins. to the Beach. \$69 hotel chess rate until cut-off date, 954-776-4880. 4-player teams (with one optional alternate). Team average (4 highest ratings - January rating list) must be under 2200. Winning team qualifies for National playoff online. EF per player: \$40 by 2/10, \$49 later. \$PECIAL EF: Team (one entry must be made for all players) \$150 by 2/10, \$190 later (any team changes) \$10). Teams from outside Florida will receive \$25 off team entry fee. Prizes: Top 1-3rd place teams; Top class teams: U2000, U1800, U1600, U1400, U1000, U800; Top Senior team (all 50 & above), Top Female team, Top College team (same school), Top High School team (same school), Top Middle School team (same school, grades 6-8), Top Elementary School team (same school); Top Boards 1-4. **Schedule:** 3-day: 1st Rd. Fri. 7:30, 2-Day 1st Rd. Sat. 10; Rds. 2-5 Sat. 1:30, 6:45, Sun. 9:30, 2:45. Free park ing and Free Internet. Ent: Boca Raton Chess Club, 2385 Executive Ctr. Dr., Ste. 100, Boca Raton, FL 33431. **Online entry & add'l Info:** www.bocachess.com, 561-479-0351. Chess Magnet School JGP.

Feb. 17-19 or 18-19, Illinois

2012 U.S. Amateur Team Championship - North

One section: Open. Sets-Boards-Clocks provided for USAT only by North American Chess Association. Open: 5SS, G/90+30/increment, 2-day: rd.1-2 G/60. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2875 N. Milwaukee Ave., Northbrook, IL 60062. 847-298-2525. \$83.00 chess rate single-double-triple-quad until 2/3/12, FREE BREAKFAST BUFFET INCLUDED WITH ROOM! Please reserve early. Open to 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 4th, \$160 if received USPS or on-line 6 PM by Feb. 14th, \$180 on-line until Feb. 16th 6 PM and at door. Individuals wishing to play, send \$35 and request to be put on a team by USPS (received by 2/14) or on-line by 2/16 6 PM, \$45 thereafter. Team changes on site or after 2/16 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 u1900, u1600, and u1300. Award for Best Team Name. Winning team qualifies for national play-offs. Prizes to best team composed of juniors (high school and younger-must declare eligibility to win prize). Prizes to top score on each board. **Rounds: 3-day:** on-site registration/check-in 5:30-6:30pm, 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. **Illinois Blitz Championship** on **Saturday night**, \$25 received by 2/14 USPS or on-line (2/17), \$30 at site. Illinois FIDE titled players get free entry-contact us for more info. First round 8 PM, 2 games with each opponent, 5 rounds, bring sets, clock, & boards for Blitz. 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#s), captain's email and phone number, and desired schedule. **Info:** www.chess weekend.com, 847-773-7706 before 6 PM. North American Chess Association will provide Sets-Boards-Clocksfor USAT only. Chess Magnet School JGP for US Amateur Team – North, Open Section.

Feb. 18-20, California, Northern

29th Annual U.S. Amateur Team Championship West (Blitz/Scholastic Feb. 20 only.) Main event: 6SS, 30/90 sd/60. Hyatt Regency, 5101 Great America Pkwy., Santa Clara, CA 95054. Free Parking! Hotel: Free Parking! \$109 call 800-233-1234 for chess rate. Reserve by Feb. 4 or rates may increase. Four-player teams plus optional alternate, average rating of four highest must be under 2200, difference between ratings of board 3 & 4 must be less than 1000. January 2012 Supp, CCA min & TD discretion to place players accurately. **Main Event Prizes:** Exclusive commemoratively inscribed digital clocks to each player and trophy to the team for top 3 overall teams, top team u2000, u1800, u1600, u1400, and u1200; top "industry" team (all players from the same company), top "family" team (siblings, cousins, parents, uncle/aunts, grandparents), top junior team, and top school team; top scorer on each board (1-4). Gift certificates for best 3 team names. **Main Event EF:** \$188/team or \$47/player by 2/14, 2/15-17: \$197/team, \$56/player, Onsite: \$217/ team, \$66/player. **Main Event Sched:** Registration: Sat 9:30-10:30am. Rounds: Sat 11:30 5, Sun 11:30 5, Mon 10, 3:30. Info/flyer: BayAreaChess.com/usatw12. **Scholastic Side Event:** 5SS G/30. Fourplayer teams plus optional alternate, may be from same or different schools. Jan 2012 Supp, CCA min &TD discretion to place players accurately. **Prizes:** Trophies to each player in Top 3 teams overall, Top team u900, u800, u700, u600, u500, u400, u300, u200, 70p scorer on each board (1-4). **EF:** \$156/team or \$39/player by 2/14, 2/15-17: \$175/team, \$48/player, Onsite: \$185/team, \$58/player. Registration: Mon 8-9am. Rounds: 10am, 11:30am, 1pm, 2:30pm, 4pm. Info/flyer: BayAreaChess.com/us-atws12. **Blitz Event:** Registration Mon 7-8pm, Rounds 8:30-10:30pm. EF: \$12. 75% of entry fees returned as prizes. Info/flyer: BayAreaChess. com/usatw12. Help in forming teams: a player and see bayareachess. com/events/12/usatw or email teamhelp@BayAreaChess.com for teams seeking players & players seeking teams. Contact: For all these events, online entry at BayAreaChess.com/my/usatw12 and contact Bay Area Chess, 1590 Oakland Rd., Ste B213, San Jose 95131. T: 408-786-5515. E: ask@BayAreaChess.com. NS, NC, W, F. Chess Magnet School JGP.

A Heritage Event! Feb. 18-20, New Jersey 42nd Annual World Amateur Team & U.S. Team East

6SS, 40/2, SD/1. Parsippany Hilton, 1 Hilton Ct., Parsippany, NJ 07054. Chess Rate valid until 1/16. Reserve early 973-267-7373 or 1-800-HILTONS. Morris/Essex train to Morris Plains 1.5 miles. Open to 4- player teams with one optional alternate. Team average (4 highest ratings - 2012 January Rating list) must be under 2200. EF: \$150 postmarked by 2/5/12. Scholastic teams College and below \$145 per team, ALL-\$185 after or at door. - all teams, any changes at site \$25 charge. Check out official website www.njscf.org. Prizes: 1-5th Place teams, plaque and 4 digital clocks; Top Team (Denis Barry Award) U2100, 2000, 1900, 1800, 1700, 1600, 1500, 1400, 1300, 1200, 1000 each plaque and 4 Digital Clocks; Top college team (same school) 4 Digital Clocks & plaque; Top HS team (grades 9-12 same school), Top Middle School (grades 5-9 same school), Top Elementary School (grades K-6 same school), Top 2 Scholastic Teams (mixed schools okay) (Collins Award), Mixed Doubles (2 males, 2 females-no alternates), Seniors (all players over age 50), Military, each plaque & 4 Digital Clocks to top team; Company Team (same employer) Old Timers Trophy (all players over 65), Family (4 family members), State teams - CT, DE, MD, MA, NJ, NY (**Benjamin Award**), PA, VA, NC, RI, OH, Canada, each plaque top team; Special Plaque to Top College (NJ, NY, Pennsylvania), Best Player 1-4 and top alternate, All 6-0 scores each Digital clock. Biggest Individual upset each round Engraved Cross pen; Entry fee refunded to team with Best "Chess related" name, Sunday night-Best "Chess Related costumes or gimmick—gourmet dinner for four. Reg. 9-12 Sat 2/18: Rds. 1-7:30, 11-6, 9-3:30. Special Events!! Surprises and special give-aways each round. Mystery Guest and special Sunday morning panel on 72 match! Sunday night - Bughouse \$20 per team. Cash prizes. **HR:** Parsippany Hilton, chess rates expire 1/16/2012. Rates \$119 (up to 4 in room) 2nd hotel now attached to Hilton also up to 4 in room \$126 per night-Hampton Inn---includes breakfast for 4 each day. Back up hotel - Sheraton Parsippany-about 2 miles. 973-515-2000. \$99 per night. For help forming teams and more information contact: noreen@deanofchess.com or Facebook: ATE-Team. 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, NC, W. Chess Magnet School

Feb. 26, New Mexico

rand Prix Points: 10 (enhanced) 2012 U.S. G/15 Championship (QC)

6SS, G/15. University of New Mexico — Student Union Building, Albuquerque, NM 87131, USCF Membership required - available onsite, **One** section, all players have an opportunity to win a U.S. Championship! \$\$400-200-100 (8/50) U2400, U2200, U2000, U1800, U1600, U1400, U1200: \$100 each, unrated: \$50. Higher of regular or quick rating used for prize eligibility. **FF: \$39.** \$10 late fee if after 1/23. Free entry to GMs, IMs, and WGMs. Rds.: 6:30pm, 7:10pm, 7:50pm, 8:30pm 9:10pm, 9:50pm. Up to 2 half point byes upon req. before rd 1. NS NC W. ENT: Wired Kings CC; 12004 Prospect Ave NE; Albuquerque, NM 87112. ENT: Wired Kings CC; 12004 Prospect Ave Nc; Albuquerque, NM 87112.
HR: \$71 505 944-2599 Hillton Homewood Suites – ABQ Airport, available until 2/1/12 or room block full. Online Entry & add'l Info: www.SouthernRockyOpen.com, WiredKingsCC@gmail.com, 505-550-4654. Part of the 2012 Southern Rocky FIDE Open Chess Festival. See 2012 Southern Rocky FIDE Open in Grand Prix for more information.

Grand Prix

Dec. 27, District of Columbia Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 6
Eastern Open Warmup Tourney

4-Rd-SS. TC: G/45. \$2,500 in Prizes based on 60 entries. 2 Sections Open Section: \$400-200-100, U2200 \$200-100, U2000: \$200-100.
 Under 1800 Section: \$400-200-100, U1500 \$200-100, U1200 \$200.
 On-Site Reg: Tues 12/27: 9-10:15am. Rds.: 12/27: 10:30, 1pm, 2:45, 4:30. Entries: \$50 if postmarked by 12/19. Entries \$65 at site! \$10 service charge for refunds. Make checks or money orders payable to: Eastern Open. Mail entries to Tom Beckman, PO Box 42225, Washington, DC 20015-2225. See Eastern Open TLA this issue or easternopenchess.com for details.

Dec. 27-30, District of Columbia

hies Plus Grand Prix Points: 120 (enhanced)

38th Annual Eastern Open

7 round-SS. TC: 40/2, SD/1 (3-day option, rds 1-3, G/60). Westin Washington DC City Center Hotel, 1400 M St. NW, Washington, DC. **\$16,500** prize fund! Over 60 prizes! Open section prizes guaranteed, others based on 200 entries. 4 Sections – Open Section: \$2,000-1,250-650-350, U2350 \$500-250. FIDE Rated. Under 2200 Section: \$1,000-750-500-250, U2100 \$500, U2000 \$500. Under 1900 Section: \$1,000-750-500-250, U1800 \$500, U1700 \$500. Under 1600 Section: \$1,000-500-250-150, U1450 \$250, U1300 \$250, U1150 \$250, U1000 \$250. For UR prize limits, see Web site. **Special Prizes!** Winners selected from any section. **Upset:** For each rd: \$50-25 & 2 book prizes. Max 2 prizes per player. **Best Played** Game: \$250-125-75. Brilliancy: \$100-75-50. Opening Innovation: \$100-75-50. Selected winning games, positions, and openings must be annotated and will be submitted for publication in Chess Life. **4-Day Reg:** Tues 12/27: 4-6:30pm. **Rds.:** 12/27: 7pm, 12/28-30: 10-5. Make Metro connections after evening rds. **3-day Reg**: Wed 12/28: 3-5pm. Rds 1-3: Wed 12/28: 5:30pm, 7:45, 10:00. **Byes** available any rd but rds 4-7 must commit before rd 3 and are irrevocable. Limit 2 byes for class prizes. **Free** Lecture on 12/27 4-6pm. Warmup Tourney: 12/27, 10:30-6pm, see TLA this issue. Blitz Championship: 12/28 at 10:30pm, see TLA this issue. HR: Only \$79!! To reserve, go to easternopenchess.com or call 888-627-9035 by 12/15. **Entries:** If postmarked by Dec 19: Open \$125; U2200 \$120; U1900 \$110; U1600 \$100; U1300/UR \$85. Entries \$25 more at site! Reentry \$100 and limited to rounds 1-3. GMs: free entry, but \$125 deducted from prize; IMs: \$65 advance entry, but \$60 deducted. \$10 service charge for refunds. No credit cards. **Make checks or money orders payable to:** Eastern Open. Mail entries to Tom Beckman, PO Box 42225, Washington, DC 20015-2225. For entry forms and info, easternopenchess.com or tombeckman@rcn.com. Chess Magnet School JGP.

Tournament Life

Dec. 28, District of Columbia

Eastern Open Blitz Championship (QC)

5-Rd Double Swiss. TC: G/5. In One Section: \$1200 in prizes based on 40 entries. Open \$350-250-100, U2200 \$150; U1900 \$150; U1600 \$100; U1300 \$100. **EF:** \$35 if postmarked by 12/19. \$45 at site, only cash entries. **On-Site Reg:** At any time during tournament and 12/28 until 10:15pm. Rds begin at 10:30pm promptly and successive rds posted as soon as ready. For late entry, one bye allowed for two-1/2 points. Higher of USCF and Quick used for pairings and prizes. See Eastern Open TLA this issue or easternopenchess.com for details.

A Heritage Event! Dec. 31, New York

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 (enhanced)
Your Last Blunder Of 2011! Ring In The New Year With An Annual NY

Tradition - Now In its 25th Year!!

5-SS, G/30. Chess Center at the Marshall Club, 23 West 10 St., between 5-6 Ave., NYC: 845-569-9969. EF: \$40, Club membs. \$30, GMs free (\$25 from prize). \$\$1,000 b/50 paid entries, minimum half each prize Gtd: \$\$ 300-200-100, top U2200/unr \$150, U22001\$130, U1800\$120. Limit 2 byes (1 bye if U2000), commit by 1:30. Re-entry \$20. CCA ratings may be used. Reg. ends 15 min before game. Rds. 121:30-245-45:20 pm. Online entry at www.chesscenter.cc thru 12/29. Phone entry a Big Mis-

Dec. 31-Jan. 1, Texas

ohies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 (enhanced)

DCC Insanity

10-double SS (Play white and black against each opponent). G/30. Dallas Chess Club, 200 S. Cottownwood Dr., #C, Richardson, TX 75080. **EF:** \$49 (\$34 Jr/Sr/Hcap), plus \$5 non-DCC membership fee. House players welcome for \$1 per game. Reg.: 11:45-12:10 pm. Round 1 at 12:30 pm rest ASAP with hour breaks at around 6:30 pm, 12:30 am and 7:30 am. 4 (double) rounds of 1/2 point Byes allowed. Byes for rounds 9 and 10 must be requested before round 6. \$\$ 350 GTD, \$200-\$100-\$50, class prizes based on entries. **Ent:** Dallas Chess Club, see address above. **Info:** 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com, www.dallaschess.com. NS. NC.

Dec. 31-Jan. 2 or Jan. 1-2, California, Northern

New Year Open

6SS, 30/90 sd/60 (2-day rds 1-3 G/60 merge in rd 4). Hyatt Regency, 5101 Great America Pkwy., Santa Clara, CA. Hotel \$79! free parking. \$6,000 b/97 (80% guar). 3 sects. **Open** (2000 + FIDE rated): \$6td 1000-500-200, top u2300 200-100, top u2100 100-100. **1500-1999:** 700-300-100, top u1800 400-200, top u1600 200-100. **Under1500:** 700-300-100, top u1300 300-200, top u1100 100. Unr max \$200 except in Open. **EF:** \$99 3-day, \$98 2-day mail by 12/27, online by 12/28, Onsite +\$25, Play-up +\$20. Reentry \$40. EF Econ Opt: EF-20 & 2/3 of calc prize (not avail in Open). GMs/IMs free: prize-EF. Dec 2011 Supp, CCA min & TD discr to place play-Reg Su 9-9:30, Rds Su 10-12:30-2:50-5:30, Mo 10-3:30; 2-day Reg Su 9-9:30, Rds Su 10-12:30-2:50-5:30, Mo 10-3:30. Max two 1/2-pt byes & commit bef rd 3. Ent: BayAreaChess, 1590 Oakland Rd., Ste B213, San Jose, CA 95131. Rfnd fee \$20. T:408-786-5515. E: ask@Ba-yAreaChess.com, Info/Form: BayAreaChess.com/ny12. NS, NC, W. **Chess** Magnet School JGP.

Jan. 13-15 or 14-15, Florida

lus Grand Prix Points: 20

Central Florida Class Championships 5SS, G/120 (2-day: Rd.1 G/60). DoubleTree Hilton Orlando Downtown, 60 South Ivanhoe Blvd., Orlando, FL 32804. **\$7,000**/ b130, 70% Guaranteed. 6 Sections: **Mast/Exp:** \$1000-400-200, U2200 \$250. **Class A:** \$600-300, U1900 \$150. **Class B:** \$600-300, U1700 \$150. **Class B:** \$600-300, U1700 \$150. **Class B:** \$600-300, U1700 \$150. **Class D:** \$600-300, U1700 \$150. **Class D:** \$600-300, U1300 \$150. **U1200:** \$500-300, U1000 \$100, U800 \$50. Rated players may play up one class only. Unrateds limited to \$70 unless Place prize in Mast/Exp. **EF:** 3-day \$75, 2-day \$74 by Jan 2, both \$80 later and on-site. Re-entry \$40. \$15 less to students in grades K-8 in U1200 section. CFCC memb discount: \$10 (\$5 for Jr/\$7 rearb). Tenble to the incorporation (\$Class A) less Class E. G. H. I. memb). Trophies to top in each section (& Class X) also Class F, G, H, I, J & Unr in U1200 having more than one entry. Trophies and titles limited to Florida residents. **Reg.:** ends 1/2 hr before 1st rd. Rd.1: 8pm Fri (2-day: 10am Sat at G/60). **Rds.:** 2-5: Sat 1 & 6, Sun 9 & 2. 1/2 pt. byes if req'd before rd. 2 (max 2). **HR:** \$89 (No Resort Fee) (407) 425-4455; (Mention "Chess"); or at http://tinyurl.com/Jan2012Hotel. (24-hr Cancellation or Checkout penalty) Reserve by Dec 23. Hot Breakfast Buffet at \$5/per-son/day with room at checkin. Complimentary parking, Fitness Cen-ter, and Internet with sleeping rooms. Other covered Day parking available at \$5 per day. Ent: CFCC, c/o Harvey Lerman, 921 N. Thistle In., Maitland, FL 32751; or online: 2012CFclass.eventbrite.com by Jan 11. Info: 407-629-6946 or www.centralfichess.org. Chess Magnet School

Jan. 17, New York

Plus Grand Prix Points: 15 (enhanced)

Marshall Masters!

4-SS, G/25d5. Third Tuesday of every month. Marshall CC, 23 W 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. Open to players rated over 2100 (plus all players scoring over 50% in any MCC Open or U2300 tournament since the prior month's Masters). EF: \$40, members \$30, GMs free. \$\$6250-150-100. Prizes to U2400, U2300 and biggest upset. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45 pm. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available (Rd 1 or 4 only), request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Jan. 27-29 or 28-29, California, Northern

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 (enhanced)
Bay Area Chess Winter Open

6SS, 6/90 (2day rds 1-2 G/40). 1590 Oakland Rd., Ste B213, SanJose. Park free. **Prize** \$2,400 b/55. 3 secs. **1900+:** \$300-200-100 u2100:100-80. **1500-1899:** \$300-200-70 u1700:100-70-70. **U1500:** \$300-200-70 u1300:100-70-70. Unr max \$100 exc Open. EF: \$67 (2day \$66) by 1/25, Onsite +15 Playup +20 R/E 33 EconOpt: EF-20, 1/2 of calc prize. GMs/IMs free: prize-EF abn 12 Supp, CCA min 8 TD discr used. **Sched:** Reg Fr 6-6:30p, Rds Fr 7, Sa 9 12:15 3:30, Su 9 12:15 (2 day Reg Sa 8-8:30am Rds Sa 9 10:35 merge in rd 3). Max two 1/2-pt byes bef rd 3. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/winter12. E: ask@BayAreaChess.com, NS, NC, W. Chess Magnet School JGP.

A Heritage Event! Jan. 27-29, North Carolina

and Prix Points: 100 (enhanced)

Land of the Sky XXV

SSS, 40/2, SD/30 (U12 G/90). Crowne Plaza Resort, One Resort Dr., Asheville, NC 28806. Weekend before Super Bowl. In 4 Sections. \$\$20,000 b/320, \$11,000 gtd. **Open (FIDE-rated, 2/3 gtd):** \$2400-1200-600-500-400. U2300 \$600-300. **Asheville (U2200):** \$1600-800-400. 1999-1900, 1899-1800, U1800 \$600-300 each; Unr: \$75. **Buncombe (U1700):** \$1600-800-400. 1599-1500, 1499-1400, 1399-1300, U1300 \$600-300 each; Unr: \$75. **U12 (U1200):** \$800-400-200. U1000: \$300-150 Unr: \$75. **Upset:** \$25. EF (Open, Asheville, Buncombe): \$84 by 1/20. EF (U12): \$42 by 1/20. Discounts (pre-reg or on-site, one per player): \$10 off for players new to Land of the Sky, 2nd family member, or under age 18. All Sections: "No-prize" EF for under age 18 or Unrated EF in Asheville, Buncombe, U12: \$21 (no discounts, unr elig for unr prizes only). All on-site entres \$10 more. **Rds.**: 1st rd either Fri 7pm or Sat 9am (G/90), then Sat 1pm-7pm, Sun 9am-3pm. **ENT**: WW, PO Box 1123, Weaverville, NC 28787. **Info**: Wilder Wadford, wwadford48@gmail.com 828-645-4215. HR: \$89 for up to four occupants. 828-254-3211 or 800-733-3211. More details and spe-cial events like chess360, blitz, lectures, and simuls at www.ncchess.org. Chess Magnet School JGP.

Jan. 28-29, Florida

Plus Grand Prix Points: 6

Central Florida Chess Club Championship

5SS, G/120. Wirz Park, 806 Mark David Blvd., Casselberry, FL 32707. **EF:** \$40. CFCC mem reg at \$20(\$10 Jr/Sr). **\$\$GTD 450:** 150-90-60, U1800, U1600, U1400 each 50, plaques (if mem as of Dec 28) to Club Champion, U1800, U1600, U1400, & top under age 16. **Reg.:** Sat 9:30am. **Rds.:** 10-2:30-7, 9-2. CFCC elections 1pm Sun. **Ent:** CFCC, 921 N. Thistle Ln., Maitland, FL 32751. Info: (407) 629-6946 or www.centralfichess.org. Chess Magnet School JGP.

A Heritage Event! Feb. 4, New York

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 (enhanced) 25th Annual Super Saturday In New York!

6-SS, G/25 + td/5 or G/30 + td/0, Chess Center at the New Yorker Hotel, 481 8th Ave at 34th St., across from Penn Station, NYC: 845-569-9969. EF: \$40, \$35 online at **www.chesscenter.cc thru 2/2,** GMs free (\$25 from prize), free to specified Greater NY Scholastic prizewinners! \$\$1.000 b/50 naid entries, minimum half each prize Gtd; \$\$ 300-200-100, top U2200/unr. \$150, U2000 \$130, U1800 \$120. Limit 3 byes (2 byes if U2000), commit by 1:30. Re-entry \$20. CCA ratings may be used. Reg. ends 15 min before game. Rds.: 12-1:30-2:45-4-5:15-6:30 pm. **Bring sets**,

Feb. 24-26, lowa

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 6 Quad Cities Chess Championship at The Lodge

55S, 30/60, 5D/60. The Lodge, 900 Spruce Hills Dr., Bettendorf, IA 52722. **lowa Qualifier** \$\$500 gtd. \$150-100-50, U1600, U1400, U1200, U1000 \$50 each. **EF:** \$20 by Feb 22 (\$5 more if on-site). **Rds.:** 1st rd either Fri 8pm or Sat 9am, then Sat 2:30pm-8pm, Sun 9am-2:30pm. **Info**: Kevin Hyde, hyde@ioa.com, 828-674-6073. **HR:** \$89 www.lodgehotel.com. Chess Magnet School JGP.

Feb. 26, New Mexico

Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 (enhanced)

2012 U.S. G/15 Championship (QC)

Regional California, Northern

Capital City Chess Club Monthly (Sundays)
LOCATION: Thee Upper Crust Pizza, "13th" & "K", Sacramento. TOURNA-MENT/ENTRY FEES: Open Swisses, Quick (\$3) & Slow (&\$15). GUARAN-TEED: 100% Return in Cash & Plaques. Schedule: Sundays 11am-4pm. DETAILS: capitalcitychessclub.com. DIRECTOR: John C. Barnard (209)

A State Championship Event!

A State Championsnip Event:

Dec. 3 (Gr. 4-12)-4 (KG-3), CalChess State Scholastics

Hyatt Regency, 5101 Great America Pkwy, Santa Clara, CA. Free parking.

Hotel \$89. Main Event: Trophies to top 20 players w/ winning record & top 10 teams in each section of Grades 1-12. Medals to others. Trophies to all players in KG. Sections based on grade. KG-3 Su 12/4, **5SSxG/30:** Reg. 8-8:30am. Games 9 10:30-12-1:30-3. Grades 4-12 12/3-4, **6SSxG/60**: Reg Sa 8-8:30am. Games Sa/Su 9-11:30-2. **Side events 5:30-8**: Blitz (Sat), Bughouse (Sun), in 3 sects (K-3 4-6 7-12). **EF by 11/24:** K-3 \$37, 4-12 \$47, Blitz/Bughse:\$12 ea. Add \$20 11/25-11/30, \$40 11/30-onsite.
USCF & CalChess Mem reqd. Dec 2011 Supp & TD disc to place players.
Info: BayAreaChess.com/stategrade11. E. ask@BayAreaChess.com, T: 408.786.5515. NS, NC, W.

Dec. 10, SCS Weibel Fall Scholastic Chess Quads #3 Weibel Elementary School, 45135 S. Grimmer Blvd, Fremont, CA. Info &

Entry Form at: www.calnorthyouthchess.org/Applications/FallQuads11-GP/. Open to all scholastic players who are USCF members. Trophies to winners of each Quad. Chess medals to all who do not win a trophy. Info: Alan M. Kirshner, Ph.D., Alan@CalNorthYouthChess.org, (510) 659-0358.

Dec. 17. San Jose Quads

Trophies: Players w/winning record. Check-in 4p. Games: 4:30-6:30p. 3xG/30. Chess Center, 1590 Oakland Rd., Ste B213, San Jose, CA 95101. EF: Pre-reg \$25, Onsite \$40. Info: BayAreaChess.com/kids. NS. NC.

Dec. 17. San Jose Swiss

Trophies: Players w/winning record & teams with 2+ players. Medals to others. **Games:** 10a-2p. **3 Sections:** u500, u900, 900+. u900: 5xg30, 900+: 4xg45. Chess Center, 1590 Oakland Rd., Ste B213, San Jose, CA 95101. EF: Pre-reg \$33, Onsite \$48. Info: BayAreaChess.com/kids. NS.

Dec. 31-Jan. 2 or Jan. 1-2. New Year Open

Jan. 2, NorCal Team Championship Prepare for USATW! 5SS, 6/30. Hyatt Regency, 5101 Great America Pkwy, Santa Clara. Hotel \$79, free parking! Prizes: Trophies to each player in top 3 teams & top team u1000, u800, u600, u400 (based on top 4 avg rating), & top player on each board. Team is 4 or 5 players (4 play/round), EF: \$33/player, \$132/team mail by 12/27, online by 12/28, Onsite +\$16/player +\$32/team. Dec 2011 Supp &TD discretion for rating. Sched: Reg. 9-9:30, Rds. 10, 11:30, 1, 2:30, 4. Ent: Bay Area Chess, 1590 Oakland Rd., Ste B213, San Jose 95131. E: ask@BayAreaChess.com, Info/Form: BayAreaChess.com/nyteam12, T: 408-786-5515. NS, NC,

Jan. 7, Mar. 10, Bay Area Chess 4 Less Kids Quads

1590 Oakland Rd., Ste B213, San Jose. Trophies for winning record. Sched: Check-in by 3:15p, 3xG30 Games 3:45-6. EF: \$19 by Wed before tourney. Info/flyer: BayAreaChess.com/chess4less. NS. NC.

Jan. 7, Mar. 10, Bay Area Chess 4 Less Swiss

1590 Oakland Rd., Ste B213, San Jose. **Trophies:** Players w/winning record, teams w/2+ players. **Sched: Reg.:** 8:30-9a. **Games:** 9:30a-2p. 3 Sections: u500 5xG30, u900 5xG30, 900 + 4xG45. **EF:** \$27 by Wed before tourney. Info/flyer: BayAreaChess.com/chess4less. NS. NC

Jan. 13-16, 14-16 or 15-16, 3rd annual Golden State Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

Jan. 22, Alameda County Elementary School Championship Hilton, 7050 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton. Trophies: Top 7 players & Top 5 teams in each section. **7 based on grade KG-6. Sched:** Reg 8:30-9am. KG, Gr 1 2 3: 5xG30 games 9:30, 10:45, 12:30, 1:45, 3:00. 4 5 6: 4xG45 games 9:30, 11:15, 1:15, 3. EF: \$37 by 1/18. Info/flyer: BayAreaChess. com/alameda12. NS, NC, W.

Jan. 22, Contra Costa County Elementary School Championship Hilton, 7050 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton. Trophies: Top 7 players & Top 5

teams in each section. 7 sections based on grade 6. Sched: Reg 8:30-9am. KG, Gr 1 2 3: 5xG30 games 9:30, 10:45, 12:30, 1:45, 3. Gr 4 5 6: 4xG45 games 9:30, 11:15, 1:15, 3. **EF:** \$37 by 1/18. **Info/flyer:** BayAreaChess.com/contracosta12. NS, NC, W.

Jan. 27-29 or 28-29, Bay Area Chess Winter Open See Grand Prix.

Feb. 11, Pleasanton Taco Bell Quads at Hilton

Hilton, 7050 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton. **Trophies:** Players w/winning record. Sched: Check-in 4p, Games 4:30-6:30p. 3xG/30. EF: \$25 by 2/9, Onsite +\$15. Info/flyer: BayAreaChess.com/tacobell12. NS. NC.

Feb. 11, Pleasanton Taco Bell \$uper\$wiss at Hilton
Hilton, 7050 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton. Prize: \$1,000 b/44. Sched: Reg 9-9:30 4ssxg60 10 12:30 2:50 5:10. 2 Sects: u1700, 1700+. EF: \$44 by 2/9. Info: BayAreaChess.com/superswiss12. NS, NC, W.

Feb. 11, Pleasanton Taco Bell Swiss at Hilton

Hilton, 7050 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton. Trophies: Players w/winning record, teams w/2+ players. Sched: Reg 9-9:30a. Games 10a-2p. 3 Sections: u500 5xG30, u900 5xG30, 900+ 4xG45. EF: \$33 by 2/9, Onsite +\$15. Info/flyer: BayAreaChess.com/tacobell12. NS. NC.

Feb. 18-20, 29th Annual U.S. Amateur Team Championship West

A State Championship Event Apr. 20, 21,22 or 21-22, CalChess State Scholastics Championship 2012

Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Pkwy. Park free. Hotel \$109: Hyatt Regency, 5101 Great America Pkwy., Santa Clara. **Main Event:** Trophies to all KG, top 20 players (winning record read), & top 10 teams in each section. Medals to others. K-3 u900 sections: Sat 9a. K, 4-6 u750: Sun 9a. Other sections Sat + Sun 9a. **Blitz** Fr 6-8:30p. **Bughouse** Sa 6-8:30). EF by 4/10: 1-day \$48, 2-day \$60. Onsite + \$40. Blitz/Bughse: \$12. Apr 2012 Supp & TD disc to place players. Info/reg: CalChessS-cholastics.org. Quest: ask@BayAreaChess.com. USCF+CalChess Mem regd. NS, NC, W.

California, Southern

Dec. 384, 10&11, 17&18, 24&25, LACC - Sat & Sun G/61 6SS, G/61. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA 90025, 2nd fl. EF: \$45 (\$35 LACC memb). Reg.: 11-12 pm. Rds.: 12, 2, 4 pm each day. Prizes: 1/2 collections. Parking: Free at BoA and streets (\$3 basement). Info: 310/795-5710 or Mick@LAChessClub.com. Chess Magnet School JGP.

Dec. 4, 11, 18, 25, LACC - Every Sunday Chess 4 Jrs. 4 separate events - 2 Sections: 1000+ & U1000 (latest rtgs used), 4SS, G/30. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA, 90025, 2nd fl. 4 blocks W 405. **EF:** \$25 (\$20 LACC memb, \$10 off siblings, Free new LACC memb). **Reg.:** 12-1 pm. **Rds.:** 1, 2, 3, 4 pm. **Prizes:** Trophies (Top 3) & Medals (rest); each player receives a prize! **Parking:** Free at BoA and streets. Free snacks & free class (12-1). **Info:** (310) 795-5710 or Mick@LAChessClub.

Dec. 9-11, 2011 National Youth Action (West)

Jan. 15, Grade Level Championship

Hyatt Regency, 17900 Jamboree Rd., Irvine, CA 92614. **Trophies:** Top 7 players & Top 5 clubs in each section. **8 sections** based on grade KG 1 2 3 4 5 6 7-12. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:30am. KG-Gr3: 5xG30 games 10, 11:30, 1, 2:15, 3:30. Gr4-12: 4xG45 games 10, 11:45, 1:45, 3:30. **EF:** \$20 by 1/10, \$30 onsite. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/scgrade. NS, NC, W.

Mar. 9-11 or 10-11, 19th annual Western Class Championships

District of Columbia

Dec. 27, Eastern Open Warmup Tourney See Grand Prix.

Dec. 27-30, 38th Annual Eastern Open

Dec. 28, Eastern Open Blitz Championship (QC)

Jan. 14-15, DC Junior Open

U.S. Chess Center, 1501 M Street, NW. Washington, DC 20005 Open to all under age 21. 4-SS. **EF:** \$30 if by 1/8, \$20 at door. 6 Sections, Under Age 21, Under Age 21 and rated Under 1000, Under Age 13, Under Age 13 and rated Under 800, Under Age 13 and rated Under 600, Under Age 13 and rated Under 400. \$100 Savings Bond prize for Teen Champion. Trophies in all sections. Reg.: 12-12:45. Top Section: G/90. Rds.: 1-4, 12:30-3:30 This section determines the DC Scholastic male and female Champions. **Other 5 Sections TC:** G/30 with all games played on Saturday. Info: (202) 857-4922. www.chessctr.org/DCJunior.php. Chess Magnet School JGP for Top Section.

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.**

Dec. 3, December OCG Open

Orlando Chess and Games Center, 4SS, G/75. **EF:** \$30. **PF:** \$650 b/30 \$250-\$150-\$100 best U-1600, U-1200, \$75 each. **Reg.:** 9:15-9:45 am. RDS.: 10am-1pm-4pm-7pm, www.orlandochess.com. Info: call 407-248-0818 or email alex@orlandochess.com. Chess Magnet School JGP.

Dec. 9-11, 2011 National Youth Action (East) See Nationals.

Dec. 17, December Scholastic Tournament

Orlando Chess and Games Center, 5SS, 6/30. EF: \$30. Trophies and medals to all players, awards at 3:30 pm. Reg.: 9:15-9:55 am. RDS.: 10-11-12-1:30-2:30, www.orlandochess.com. Info: call 407-248-0818 or email alex@orlandochess.com

Dec. 27-29, 13th Annual Jr. Orange Bowl International Scholastic Chess Championship

7SS, G/60. Embassy Suites Hotel, Miami Int'l Airport, 3974 NW South River Dr., Miami, FL 33142. In 4 Sections: Ages 9 and under, 10-12, 13-15, 16-20. Players must have a USCF membership. EF: \$50 individual, \$160 team (4 players in a team). **Prizes:** Trophies to top 10 individuals and top 5 teams. **HR:** \$129.00, 1-800-EMBASSY or 305-634-5000, reserve by 11/29 or rate may increase. ENT: Make checks payable to JOB. Send checks and registration forms to Junior Orange Bowl Committee, 1390 S. Dixie Hwy, Suite 2202, Coral Gables, FL 33146. For info and registration forms go to www.jrorangebowl.com/chess, email to chess@jrorangebowl.com or call 305-662-1210, fax 305-669-8745.

Jan. 13-15 or 14-15, Central Florida Class Championships See Grand Prix.

Jan. 28, The Weiss School Fourth Annual Scholastic

Located at 4176 Burns Rd., Palm Beach Gardens, Fl. 33410. K-12, 5 Divisions, 5-SS, G/30. Trophies for Top 5 Players and Top 5 Teams in each Division. COFFEE, DRINKS, BREAKFAST & LUNCH ITEMS AND SNACKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FREE CHILD CARE FOR AGES 6 AND UP FOR SIBLINGS OF PLAYERS. For more info see: www.palmbeachchess club.info or call President/TD John Dockery at 561-762-3377.

Jan. 28-29, Central Florida Chess Club Championship

Feb. 17-19 or 18-19, 2012 U.S. Amateur Team Championship - South See Nationals.

Mar. 30-Apr. 1 or Mar. 31-Apr. 1, 10th Annual Southern Class Cham-

See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Jan. 7, Winter Open Individual Scholastic Tournament
DoubleTree Hotel, 1909 Spring Rd., Oakbrook, IL 60523, (630) 472-6020, (630) 472-6000. Early EF: \$25, \$30 at door by 11:30, \$35 after that. Rds.: 12-1-2-3-4, G/25 Delay 0, Open to under 18 years of age, 2 sections: U1200, U700, 10 individual trophies per section (team trophies not available). Participation award to each player. Bring sets-boards-clocks, **none provided.** Ent: Tim Just, 37165 Willow, Gurnee, IL 60031. Info only 847-773-7706 before 6 PM. E-mail for info only (sorry, e-mail entries not available): timjust@chessforlife.com. Checks payable to: Chess For Life, LLC, info and **PayPal early entries until 6 PM 1-6-12**: http://chessforlife.com. NS, NC, W. Scheduled Book Dealer: Checkmate Chess Supply.

Feb. 17-19 or 18-19, 2012 U.S. Amateur Team Championship - North

Feb. 24-26, Quad Cities Chess Championship at The Lodge (IA) Across the river from Moline, IL. See Grand Prix.

May 24-28, 25-28, 26-28, 27-28 or 25-26, 21st annual Chicago Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

Feb. 24-26, Quad Cities Chess Championship at The Lodge See Grand Prix.

Maryland

Dec. 17, Scholastic Quads (VA)

Our Lady of Good Counsel School, 8601 Wolftrap Rd., Vienna, VA 22182. See: www.silverknightschess.com for complete information or to regis-

Feb. 4, Kasparov Chess Foundation Presents 4th Annual Greater Mid-Atlantic Scholastic Chess Championships

Poly High School, 1400 W. Cold Spring Ln., Baltimore, MD 21209. Open to K-12 players. **8 Sections. 4 sections** are 5-SS, G/40, D/5: **HS Championship** (grades K-12, any rating or unrated, trophies to top 10 players + 5 teams), MS Championship (grades K-8, any rating or unrated, trophies to top 10 players + 5 teams), **ES Championship** (grades K-5, any rating or unrated, trophies to top 10 players + 5 teams), **PS Champi** onship (grades K-3, any rating or unrated, trophies to top 10 players +

3 teams). 4 sections are 5-SS, G/30, D/5: HS Junior Varsity (grades K-12, rated Under 1000 or unrated, trophies to top 7 players + 3 teams), 12, rated Under 1000 or unrated, trophies to top 7 players + 3 teams), MS Junior Varsity (grades K-8, rated Under 800 or unrated, trophies to top 10 players + 5 teams), ES Junior Varsity (grades K-5, rated Under 600 or unrated, trophies to top 10 players + 5 teams), PS Junior Varsity (grades K-3, rated Under 400 or unrated, trophies to top 10 players + 3 teams), Rds.: Rd 1 for all sections: 9:30 AM; subsequent rounds ASAP. Number of rds, time control, + number of trophies may change, based on number of players. EF: \$30 by 1/31, \$40 by 7 PM on 2/2, \$50 the door (8:30 - 10 AM, anaddator 1/2 point bye in Round 1) Entry: Onthe door (8:30 - 10 AM, mandatory 1/2 point bye in Round 1). **Entry:** Online registration at www.mdchess.com/tourneyreg. Mail registration: \$30, if rcv'd by 1/31. Include: player's name, USCF ID #, USCF exp. date, section, grade, school, phone #, email address, + check (made payable to Maryland Chess Association). Mail to: Maryland Chess Association, c/o Mike Regan, 1827 Thornton Ridge Road, Towson, MD 21204. Sets + boards provided; bring chess clock. Food available for purchase. **Info:** John D. Rockefeller V, JohnDRockefellerV@mac.com, 443-621-4557.

Massachusetts

Jan. 6-8 or 7-8. Continental Amateur

See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Mar. 2-4 or 3-4, 21st annual Eastern Class Championships

Mar. 16-18 or 17-18, 16th annual Mid-America Open

See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Dec. 26-29 or 27-29, 21st annual North American Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

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Jan. 7, 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 (K-12), **NEAR MASTERS** (K-12 over 1400) and **FUTURE MASTERS** (Players K-12 over 1200) G/50, 3 rds. **CLOSED** did Proble Majers (Players N-12 over 1200) G/03 + 74s. ALC JOHN (K-12 1000-1200) G/03 + 74s. ALC JOHN (K-12 1000-1200) G/03 + 74s. ALC JOHN (R-12 U-1000) G/03 + 74s. ALC JOHN (R-12 U-1000), RESERVE (K-12 U-1000), NOVICE II (K-8 U-600), NOVICE II (K-8 U-6000), NOVICE II (K-8 NOVICE I (unrated K-6), K-1 (unrated) NO SCORE K-1 (unrated). PAR-ENTS OF PLAYERS rated G/30 3 rounds. Pre-registration online, pay at the door \$35. Parents play free. On-site 11-12 noon \$45. Info and register online: www.pds.org/chess. Inquires to Bonnie Waitzkin Chess teach@gmail.com.

Jan. 22. Westfield Winter Scholastic

Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, NJ 07090. K-12 3 Sections Open, Under 1250, Under 750. **Open** 3 SS, G/40 T/D Ss, G/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** 4 SS, G/25 T/D 5s, G/30 Trophies to top 5 in each section. **EF:** \$20, \$15 members, at site \$30, \$25 members. **Reg.:** 2-2:30 p.m. **Rds.:** 2:45-4:00-5:15-6:30 p.m. **Under 750** 4 SS, G/25 T/D 5s, G/30 Trophies to top 5 in each section. **EF:** \$20, \$15 members, at site \$30, \$25 members. **Reg.:** 2-2:30 p.m. **Rds.:** 2:45-4:00. 5:15. 6:30 p.m. Tiebreaks for trophies. **Info:** Todd Lunna 732-526-7163, lunnaco@aol.com, www.westfieldchessclub.com. Send advance entries to Todd Lunna, 36 Maple Dr., Colts Neck, NJ 07722 by January 18, 2012. Make checks payable to Westfield Chess Club.

A Heritage Event! Feb. 18-20, 42nd Annual World Amateur Team & U.S. Team East See Nationals

A State Championship Event! Feb. 26, 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 2/18, \$45 at site. USCF memb. redd. **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

A State Championship Event!

Mar.3-4, New Jersey High School Chess Championships 5SS, G/90. Union County Vocational-Technical School, 1776 Raritan Rd., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076, (732) 356-1700, Exit #10 off I-287, at Easton Avenue. 3 sections: Varsity Championship (9-12): 5 player teams with one alternate allowed. Coaches set order by player strength. Order must not be changed. Team avg. based on top 5 highest ratings. Trophies to top 10 NJ teams. Trophies for top three players, boards 1-5. **Rds.**: Sat. 10-2-6, Sun. 10-2. **EF:** \$150-/team before 2/18. \$185/team at site. \$5 per change on site. Junior Varsity (9-12): 4 player teams with one alternate allowed. Team avg. based on top 4 highest ratings. Trophies to top 10 NJ teams. Trophies for top 3 players, boards 1-4. **Rds.:** Sat. 10-2-6, Sun. 10-EF: \$120/team before 2/25, \$150/team on site. \$5 per change on site. Booster (K-12): Trophies to top 15 individuals, top 5 teams, top 2 JHS teams, & top 2 elementary teams (K-6). Rds.: Sat. 10-2-6, Sun 10-2. Top 4 scores constitute team score. EF: \$30 before 2/18, \$37 at site. All: USCF memb. required. **Reg.**: Sat. 8-9:00am. After 9:00am, 1/2 Point bye for round one. **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. Chess Magnet School JGP.

A State Championship Event! Mar. 4, New Jersey Junior High School 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. 5SS, G/30. Section: JHS (K-9). ALL: Trophies to top 15 individuals, top 5 teams. **Rds.**: 10am then ASAP Top 4 scores constitute team score. **EF:** \$30 before 2/25, \$45 at site. USCF memb. req'd. **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. Entries must include name, grade, school, date of birth, USCF ID #, & expiration date, mailing address, phone number & entry fee. Checks made out to NJSCF.

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Feb. 26, 2012 U.S. G/15 Championship (QC) See Nationals

New York

Dec. 17, Marshall Saturday U1400! 4-SS, G/45. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212 477-3716. (\$300 b/20): \$160-80, U1100 \$60. EF: \$40, members \$20. Reg.: 12:15-12:45. Rds.: 1-2:45-4:30-6:15PM. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Dec. 17-18 or 18, Marshall December U2100!

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Dec. 24, Marshall Saturday G/60!

4-SS, G/60. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. (\$360/24): \$160-80, U2000 \$65, U1700 \$55. EF: \$40, members \$20. Reg.: 11:15-11:45 am. **Rds.:** 12-2:30-4:45-7. One bye available, request at entry. www. marshallchessclub.org.

Dec. 25, Marshall Open & U1500 Christmas Game/45!4-SS, G/45. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **Two sections**-you play only those in your section: **A. Open (\$360/24):** \$160-80, U2100 \$65, U1800 \$55. **B. U1500 (\$240/16):** \$120-65, U1200 \$55. **EF:** \$40, members \$20. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45 pm. **Rds.:** 12-1:45-4:00-5:45. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Dec. 27-29 or 28-29, 30th annual Empire City Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

Dec. 28-Jan. 25, Marshall Wednesday U2000! 5-SS, 30/90, SD/1. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$40, members \$20. **(\$300/20):** \$160-80, U1700 \$60. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45 pm. Rds.: 7 pm each Wednesday. Limit 2 byes, request by Rd 3. www.marshall chessclub.org. Chess Magnet School JGP.

A Heritage Event!

Dec. 31, Your Last Blunder Of 2011! Ring In The New Year With An Annual NY Tradition - Now In its 25th Year!! See Grand Prix.

Jan. 7, Marshall Saturday U1800!

4-SS, G/40d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212 477-3716. **(\$300 b/20)**: \$160-80, U1500 \$60. **EF:** \$40, members \$20. **Reg.**: 12:15-12:45. **Rds.**: 1-2:45-4:30-6:15PM. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org

Jan. 14, Marshall Open & U1500 Saturday Game/25d5! 5-SS, G/25d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. Two sections-you play only those in your section: A. Open (\$360/24): \$160-80, U21.00 \$65, U1800 \$55. **B. U1500 (\$240/16):** \$120-65, U1200 \$55. EF: \$40, members \$20. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45 pm. **Rds.:** 12-1:45-4:00-5:45. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Jan. 15, Marshall Sunday G/60!

4-SS, G/55d5. Marshall CC, 23 W 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **(\$360/24):** \$160-80, U2000 \$65, U1700 \$55. **EF:** \$40, members \$20. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45 am. **Rds.:** 12-2:30-4:45-7. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org

Jan. 16, Martin Luther King Day Madness 6-SS, G/25d5. Marshall CC, 23 W 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$45, members \$25. **(\$480/24):** \$200-100, U2000 \$70, U1700 \$60, U1400 \$50. Reg.: 10:15-10:45. Rds.: 11-12:15-1:30-3:00-4:15-5:30. Two byes available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Jan. 16-Feb. 13, Marshall Monday U1600!

PRIZES INCREASED BY 50%! 5-SS, G/85d5. Marshall CC, 23 W 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. EF: \$50, members \$30. (\$450/20): \$240-120, U1300 \$90. Reg.: 6:15-6:45pm. Rds.: 7 pm each Monday. Limit 2 byes, request by Rd 3. www.marshallchessclub.org. Chess Magnet School JGP.

Jan. 17, Marshall Masters! See Grand Prix.

Jan. 21, Marshall Saturday U1600! 4-SS, G/40d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212 477-3716. (\$300 b/20): \$160-80, U1300 \$60. EF: \$40, members \$20. Reg.: 12:15-12:45. Rds.: 1-2:45-4:30-6:15PM. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Jan. 28, Kasparov Chess Foundation presents the 33rd Annual Greater NY Primary Championship! 5-SS, G/30, open to all born after 1/28/02 in grades 3/below, New Yorker

Hotel, 481 8th Ave & 34th St, NYC. 3 sections: Varsity, open to all. EF: \$46.60 postmarked by 1/06/12. Trophies to top 12, top rated U900, top 3 unrated, top 6 school teams. Free entry to specified Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 8/1/12 to 1st, thru 8/1 to 2nd, thru 7/1 to 3rd. Novice: open to Under 700 or unrated. EF: \$46.50 postmarked by 1/6. Trophies to top 12, top 3 unrated. Free entry to specified Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 7/1/12 to 1st, thru 6/1 to 2nd, thru 5/1 to 3rd. K-1, open to

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grade 1/below. EF: \$46.40 postmarked by 1/6. Trophies to top 12, top rated U500, top 3 unrateds, top 6 schools. Free entry to specified Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 7/1/12 to 1st, thru 6/1 to 2nd, thru 5/1 to 3rd. **All:** EF's \$7 extra per player postmarked 1/7-13, all \$65 at site. Mail entries \$5 less per player if 4 or more from same school in SAME ENVELOPE! All substitutions from advance entry list charged late fee. \$15 extra to switch sections, \$15 charge for each player refund. All players scoring 4 or more who don't win a trophy will receive a medal! 8 weeks free entry, except quads, to 1st team each section, 4 weeks free, except quads, to 2nd team (top 4 scores from same school = team core). Speed playoff for 5-0. Limit 2 byes (rds. 4-5 commit before rd. 3). Mail entries: list name, rating, ID# (proof of current USCF membership required, enclose dues if necessary), school, grade, birthdate, address. Checks to (specify section): Chess Center of NY, PO Box 4615, New Windsor, NY 12553. To confirm receipt, enclose SASE. No mail postmarked after 1/13. **Phone entries:** \$59 by credit card thru 1/23: 845-569-9969 (or 406-896-2191, 24 hours, entries only). **Online entries at www.chess center.cc:** \$46 thru 1/13, \$53 1/14-1/23. No phone or on-line entries after 1/23. **On-site entry fee:** \$65. On-site reg. ends 9:15 am. Rds. 10-12-2-3:30-5:15. Questions, team rooms: chesscentr@aol.com (Jan 27-28 only: 212-971-0101). Bring sets, clocks, boards!

Jan. 28, Kasparov Chess Foundation presents the 46th Annual Greater NY Junior High Championship - USCF's Longest-Running Scholastic!

5-SS, G/30, open to all born after 1/28/96 not yet in 10th grade. New Yorker Hotel, 481 8th Ave & 34th St, NYC. 3 sections: Varsity, open to all. EF: \$48.60 postmarked by 1/06/12. Trophies to top 12, top U1500, top 3 unrated, top 6 school teams. Free entry to specified Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 8/1/12 to 1st, thru 7/1 to 2nd, thru 6/1 to 3rd. **Junior**-Varsity: open to *Under 1200* or unrated. EF: \$48.50 postmarked by 1/6. Trophies to top 12, top 3 unrated, top 6 schools. Free entry to specified Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 7/1/12 to 1st, thru 6/1 to 2nd, thru 5/1 to 3rd. **Novice**, open to Under 700 or unrated. EF: \$48.40 postmarked by 1/6. Trophies to top 12, top 3 unrateds, top 6 schools. Plaques to top 2 by 270. Hopinis of the 124 year of the death grade: 4-6 (you can win both plaque & trophy). Free entry to specified Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 6/1/12 to 1st, thru 5/1 to 2nd, thru 4/1 to 3rd. **All:** EF's \$7 extra per player postmarked 1/7-13, all \$65 at site. Mail entries \$5 less per player if 4 or more from same school in SAME ENVELOPE! All substitutions from advance entry list charged late fee. \$15 extra to switch sections, \$15 charge for each player refund. All players scoring 4 or more who don't win a trophy will receive a medal! 8 weeks free entry, except quads, to 1st team each section, 4 weeks free, except quads, to 2nd team (top 4 scores from same school = team score). Speed playoff for 5-0. Limit 2 byes (rds. 4-5 commit before rd. 3). Mail entries: list name, rating, ID# (proof of current USCF membership required, enclose dues if necessary), school, grade, birthdate, address. Checks to (specify section): Chess Center of NY, PO Box 4615, New Windsor, NY 12553. To confirm receipt, enclose SASE. No mail postmarked after 1/13. **Phone entries:** \$59 by credit card thru 1/23: 845-569-9969 (or 406-896-2191, 24 hours, entries only). **Online entries at www.chesscenter.cc:** \$46 thru 1/13, \$53 1/14-1/23. No phone or on-line entries after 1/23. **Onsite entry fee:** \$65. On-site reg. ends 9:15 am. Rds. 10-12-2-3:30-5:15. Questions, team rooms: chesscentr@aol.com (Jan 27-28 only: 212-971-0101). Bring sets, clocks, boards!

Jan. 28, Marshall Open & U1500 Saturday Game/45!

5-SS, G/40d5. Marshall CC, 23 W 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **Two sections**-you play only those in your section: **A. Open (\$360/24):** \$160-80, U2100 \$65, U1800 \$55. B. U1500 (\$240/16): \$120-65, U1200 \$55. EF: \$40, members \$20. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45 pm. **Rds.:** 12-1:45-4:00-5:45. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

A Heritage Event!

Jan. 29, Kasparov Chess Foundation presents the 46th Annual Greater NY Elementary Championship - USCF's Longest-Running

5-SS, G/30, open to all born after 1/29/99 not yet in 7th grade, New Yorker Hotel, 481 8th Ave & 34th St, NYC. **3 sections: Varsity,** open to all. EF: \$47.60 postmarked by 1/06/12. Trophies to top 12, top U1200, top 3 unrated, top 6 school teams. Free entry to specified Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 8/1/12 to 1st, thru 7/1 to 2nd, thru 6/1 to 3rd. Junior-Varsity: open to Under 1000 or unrated. EF: \$47.50 postmarked by 1/6. Trophies to top 12, top 3 unrated, top 6 schools. Free entry to specified Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 7/1/12 to 1st, thru 6/1 to 2nd, thru 5/1 to 3rd. Novice, open to Under 700 or unrated. EF: \$47.40 postmarked by 1/6. Trophies to top 12, top 3 unrateds, top 6 schools. Free entry to specified Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 6/1/12 to 1st, thru 5/1 to 2nd, thru 4/1 to 3rd. All: EF's \$7 extra per player postmarked 1/7-13, all \$65 at site. Mail entries \$5 less per player if 4 or more from same school in SAME ENVELOPE! All substitutions from advance entry list charged late fee. \$15 extra to switch sections, \$15 charge for each player refund. All players scoring 4 or more who don't win a trophy will receive a medal! 8 weeks free entry, except guads, to 1st team each section, 4 weeks free, except quads, to 2nd team (top 4 scores from same school = team score). Speed playoff for 5-0. Limit 2 byes (rds. 4-5 commit before rd. 3). **Mail entries:** list name, rating, ID# (proof of current USCF membership required, enclose dues if necessary), school, grade, birthdate, address. Checks to (specify section): Chess Center of NY, PO Box 4615, New Windsor, NY 12553. To confirm receipt, enclose SASE. No mail postmarked after 1/13. Phone entries: \$59 by credit card thru 1/23: 845-569-9969 (or 406-896-2191, 24 hours, entries only). **Online entries at www.chesscenter.cc:** \$46 thru 1/13, \$53 1/14-1/23. No phone or online entries after 1/23. On-site entry fee: \$65. On-site reg. ends 9:15 am. Rds. 10-12-2-3:30-5:15. **Questions, team rooms: chesscentr@aol.com** (Jan 27-29 only: 212-971-0101). Bring sets, clocks, boards!

A Heritage Event!

Jan. 29, Kasparov Chess Foundation presents the 46th Annual Greater NY High School Championship - USCF's Longest-Running Scholastic!

5-SS, G/30, open to all grades 12/below born after 1/29/92, New Yorker Hotel, 481 8th Ave & 34th St, NYC. **3 sections: Varsity,** open to all. EF: \$49.60 postmarked by 1/06/12. Trophies to top 12, top U1700, top 3 unrated, top 6 school teams. Free entry to specified Chess Center tmts, except quads thru 8/1/12 to 1st, thru 7/1 to 2nd, thru 6/1 to 3rd. Junior-Varsity: open to Under 1600 or unrated. EF: \$49.50 postmarked by 1/6. Trophies to top 12, top U1400, top 3 unrated, top 6 schools. Free entry to specified Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 7/1/12 to 1st, thru 6/1 to 2nd, thru 5/1 to 3rd. Novice, open to Under 1000 or unrated. EF: \$49.40 postmarked by 1/6. Trophies to top 12, top 3 unrateds, top 6 schools. Plaques to top 2 each grade: 7-9 (you can win both plaque & trophy). Free entry to specified Chess Center tmts. except quads thru 6/1/12 to 1st, thru 5/1 to 2nd, thru 4/1 to 3rd. All: EF's \$7 extra per player postmarked 1/7-13, all \$65 at site. Mail entries \$5 less per player if 4 or more from same school in SAME ENVELOPE! All substitutions from advance entry list charged late fee. \$15 extra to switch sections, \$15 charge for each player refund. All players scoring 4 or more who don't win a trophy will receive a medall 8 weeks free entry, except quads, to 1st team each section, 4 weeks free, except quads, to 2nd team (top 4 scores from same school = team score; no combined schools, even if one school "feeds" another). Speed playoff for 5-0. Limit 2 byes (rds. 4-5 commit before rd. 3). **Mail entries:** list name, rating, ID# (proof of current USCF membership required, enclose dues if necessary), school, grade, birthdate, address. Checks to (specify section): Chess Center of NY, PO Box 4615, New Windsor, NY 12553. To confirm receipt, enclose SASE. No mail postmarked after 1/13. Phone entries: \$59 by credit card thru 1/23: 845-569-9969 (or 406-896-2191, 24 hours, entries only). **Online entries at www.chesscenter.cc:** \$46 thru 1/13, \$53 1/14-1/23. No phone or online entries after 1/23. On-site entry fee: \$65. On-site reg. ends 9:15 am. Rds. 10-12-2-3:30-5:15. Questions, team rooms: chesscentr@aol. **com** (Jan 27-29 only: 212-971-0101). Bring sets, clocks, boards!

Jan. 29, Marshall Sunday G/60!

4-SS, G/55d5. Marshall CC, 23 W 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **(\$360/24)**: \$160-80, U2000 \$65, U1700 \$55. **EF:** \$40, members \$20. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45 am. **Rds.:** 12-2:30-4:45-7. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Feb. 1-29, Marshall Wednesday U1400!

A NEW REGULAR MARSHALL CHESS CLUB TOURNAMENT! 5-SS, G/85d5. Marshall CC, 23 W 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. EF: \$50, members \$30. (\$450/20): \$240-120, U1100 \$90. Reg.: 6:15-6:45pm. Rds. 7 pm each Wednesday. Limit 2 byes, request by Rd 3. www.marshallchess-club.org. Chess Magnet School JGP.

Feb. 1-29, Marshall Wednesday U2000!

PRIZES INCREASED BY 50%! 5-SS, 30/85d5, SD/1d5. Marshall CC, 23 W 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. EF: \$50, members \$30. (\$450/20): \$240-120, U1700 \$90. Reg.: 6:15-6:45 pm. Rds. 7 pm each Wednesday. Limit 2 request by Rd 3. www.marshallchessclub.org. Chess Magnet School JGP.

A Heritage Event! Feb. 4, 25th Annual Super Saturday In New York!

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Feb. 4, Marshall Saturday U1400!

4-SS, G/40d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212 477-3716. **(\$300** b/20): \$160-80, U1100 \$60. **EF:** \$40, members \$20. **Reg.:** 12:15-12:45. Rds.: 1-2:45-4:30-6:15PM. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Feb. 4-5 or 5, Marshall February U2100!

4SS, 30/85d5, SD/1d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212 477-3716. EF: \$45, Members \$25. (\$540 b/36): \$240-120, U1850 \$95, U1600 \$85. **Reg.**: ends 12:15PM. **Rds.: 2 schedules: 2 day**, Rds. 12:30-5:30 PM each day; **1 day**, (Rds 1-2 G/35) 9:40-11:05AM-12:30-5:30 PM Sun; both merge rd.3. Limit 2 byes, request at entry. NO RE-ENTRY. www.marshallchess-club.org. Chess Magnet School JGP.

Feb. 5, Super Rated Beginners' Open!

4-SS, G/45 + td/5 or G/50 + td/0, Chess Ceglor, and New Yorker Hotel, 481 8th Ave at 34th St., across control Peln Sanot, AYC: 845-569-9969, for Under 12/90 or Tips and taled analycountry, EF \$25, specified Greater NY Scholastic articlements free. **\$\$200 b/20 paid**; \$100-60-40. Reg. ends 10:30 am. Rds.: 11-1:15-3:15-5:15 pm. Bring sets, clocks!

Feb. 11, Marshall Saturday U1800!

4-SS, G/40d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212 477-3716. **(\$300 b/20)**: \$160-80, U1500 \$60. **EF:** \$40, members \$20. **Reg.**: 12:15-12:45. Rds.: 1-2:45-4:30-6:15PM. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Feb. 14, Marshall Valentine's Day Action!

4-SS, G/25d5. Marshall CC, 23 W 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. (\$360/24): \$160-80, U2000 \$65, U1700 \$55. **EF:** \$30, members \$20. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45 pm. Rds.: 7-8:15-9:30-10:45pm. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Mar. 3-4, 45th annual New York State Scholastic Championships

Open to grades K-12 in any state (top NYS player & team in each section are NY champions). Saratoga Hilton, 534 Broadway (I-87 Exit 13-N, 4 miles north on US 9), Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Free parking. Team prizes based on top 4 scores from same school; no combined school teams allowed even if one school "feeds" another. Teams of 2 or 3 players allowed, but are at a disadvantage. In 8 sections, each is a 6SS, G/61 except K-1 is 5SS, G/30 playing Mar 4 only. No 5 minute time control deduction. **High** School, open to all in grades K-12. EF \$38.20 mailed by 2/10. Top NYS grade 9-12 qualifies for Denker Tournament of HS Champions. **High** School Reserve, open to K-12 under 1200 or unrated. EF \$38 mailed by 2/10. **Junior High,** open to all in grades K-9. EF \$37.90 mailed by 2/10. The higher rated (post-tournament) of the top NYS K-8 in JHS or top NYS K-8 in HS qualifies for Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions. **Middle** School Reserve, open to K-8 under 1000 or unrated. EF \$37.80 mailed by 2/10. **Elementary,** open to all in grades K-6. EF \$37.60 mailed by 2/10. **Elementary Reserve,** open to grades K-5 under 800 or unrated. EF \$37.50 mailed by 2/10. **Primary**, grades K-3. EF \$37.30 mailed by 2/10. **K-1**, grades K-1. EF \$37.10 mailed by 2/10. **Postmarked 2/11-21:** All EF \$10 more. Do not mail entry after 2/21. **Online at chesstour.com**, all sections: EF \$40 by 2/10, \$50 by 2/27. No online entry after 2/27. Phoned to 406-896-2038, all sections: EF \$55 per player by 2/27. No

phone entry after 2/27. Entry at site: all \$60. Special 1 year USCF dues with magazine if paid with entry. Online at chesstour.com, Young Adult \$20, Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or paid at site, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20. **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 2012 (Albany), to top player each section. **Schedule**: Late reg. ends Sat 10 am, rds Sat 11, 2, 5, Sun 9, 12, 2:30, awards 5 pm. **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: \$117-117, 888-999-4711, 518-584-4000, reserve by 2/18 or rate may increase. 48 hours notice required for room cancellation. Backup hotel: Courtyard by Marriott, 2 blocks away, 518-226-0538. Special Car Rentals: Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD #657633. **Mail entry:** Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. Include name, rating, USCF ID, USCF expiration (non-members enclose dues), section, school, grade, birth date, address of each player. Checks payable to Continental Chess. \$15 per player service charge for refunds. \$10 extra to switch sections, all substitutions from advance list charged \$60. Questions: chesstour.com, 845-496-9658. Bring set, board, clock if possible- none supplied. Chess Magnet School JGP (except K-1).

Mar. 16-18 or 17-18, Long Island Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

North Carolina

Jan. 27, Land of the Sky Chess960

3SS, G/30. Start 8pm at Land of the Sky XXV (see GP TLA). Free entry, plaque to first. www.ncchess.org.

A Heritage Event! Jan. 27-29, Land of the Sky XXV

See Grand Prix.

Jan. 28, Land of the Sky Blitz (QC)

G/5, unrated. Start 10am at Land of the Sky XXV (See GP TLA). EF: \$20. 100% of entries paid as prizes. www.ncchess.org.

Pennsylvania

Jan. 13-16, 14-16 or 15-16, 44th annual Liberty Bell Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

Mar. 23-25 or 24-25, 13th annual Pittsburgh Open

See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

Apr. 4-8. 5-8. 6-8 or 7-8. 6th annual Philadelphia Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Dec. 10, Steven Grubbs Memorial

5SS, G/30. Student Union Galaxy Rooms at The University of Texas at Dallas, 800 West Campbell Rd., Richardson, TX 75080. Three rated sections Opened to all in grades preK - 12th: **HS/MS(K-12), Elem (K-6), Pri**mary(K-3). One Not Rated section: Elem Not Rated (K-6). This section is opened to all players in grades K-6 including rated players. \$\$Trophies: HS/MS: Top 10 ind., top 3 teams; Elem: Top 10 ind., top 5 teams; Primary: Top 10 ind., top 3 teams; Elem Not Rated: Top 10 Ind, top 5 teams. EF: \$19 if nostmarked by 12/3: \$28 thereafter and on site. Add \$5 for phone entries. On site registration may result in 1/2 point first round bye. **Reg.:** 8:00-8:45am, Rd 1 pairing posted at 9:20am, all others ASAP with 45-minute lunch break. One 1/2 pt. bye if requested before end of Rd 2. Tour-nament is not elimination, play all 5 rounds. Pre-Registration requires prepayment with complete information. All changes after 12/8/11 to be made on site only. Make Checks payable to Dallas Chess Club, US Chess Federation Membership is required for all Rated sections. Not Rated sections do not require US Chess Federation membership. **Enter:** Dallas Chess Club, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. www.dallaschess.com, www.utdallas.edu/chess. E-mail: info@dallaschess.com, 214-632-9000. Note that seating is limited and is on a first come first serve basis. Park on metered parking by Student Union or get visitors pass at guard shack on University Drive and park on visitor's parking. Due to construction, check website for parking updates. All proceeds from this tournament will go to the Steven M Grubbs Memorial Scholarship Fund at the University of Texas at Dallas. NS. NC. W.

Dec. 27-30, 2011 Pan American Class Championships

Location: DFW Airport Marriott South, 4151 Centreport Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76155. HR: \$84/84/84. www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/dfwam- $\label{eq:dfw-airport-marriott-south/?toDate=12/31/11&groupCode=paipaia&fromDate=12/26/11&app=resvlink , or call 800-228-9290 reserve by the source of the control of the$ 12/5 (or rate could go up) and ask for Pan American Intercollegiate Chess rate. Free Parking. Tournament Dates: December 27-30, 2011. Tournament Format: 6 round Swiss System, Game/90 with a 30 second increment. 7 Sections. **Open:** Open to all, **U2000:** Open to 1999 & under. Unrateds may play in this section but not be eligible for prizes. **U1800**: Open to 1799 & under. Unrateds may play in this section but not be eligible for prizes. **U1600/Unrateds**: Open to 1599 & under. Unrateds play in this section. Unrated may only win unrated prizes that are determined by unrated entry fees. The unrated entry fees do not apply for U1600 prizes. **U1400:** Open to 1399 & under. Unrateds may not play in this section. **U1200:** Open to 1199 & under. Unrateds may not play in this section. **U1000:** Open to 999 & under. Unrateds may not play in this section. *Rounds:* **Rd. 1:** 12/27 6 pm, **Rd. 2:** 12/28 10 am, **Rd. 3:** 5 pm, **Rd 4:** 12/29 10 am, **Rd 5:** 5 pm, and **Rd 6:** 12/30 9 am. **Entry Fees:** Priority Registration by December 14, 2011: \$60. After December 14, 2011: \$75. **Prizes:** Open: 1st \$600, 2nd = \$300, 3rd = \$200, 1st U2200 = \$400, 2nd U2200 \$200. For all other sections (U2000, U1800 etc.) 60% returned as prizes (30% for 1st, 20% for 2nd and 10% for 3rd). Additional Info: One bye available if requested by end of round 2. However players in the Pan Am Intercollegiate may have byes any time as long as requested 45 min-utes before round starts AND as long as they are paired in the Pan American Intercollegiate. Open section is Fide rated but uses USCF rules. Sections may be combined if there is a low turnout in one of the sections. **More Info:** www.swchess.com or contact Barbara Swafford, 214-6329000, info@dallaschess.com. **Ent:** Dallas Chess Club, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. FIDE. NS. NC. W. **Chess Magnet School JGP.**

Dec. 27-30, 2011 Pan American Under 20 Scholastic Chess Championships

Location: DFW Airport Marriott South, 4151 Centreport Blvd., Fort Worth, Texas, 76155. HR: \$84/84/84/84. www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/dfwam-dfw-airport-marriott-south/?toDate=12/31/11&groupCode= paipaia&fromDate=12/26/11&app=resvink or call 800-228-9290 reserve by 12/5 (or rate could go up) and ask for Pan American Intercollegiate Chess rate. Free Parking. Tournament Dates: December 27-30, 2011. Under 20 years old Scholastic Tournament Format: Open to players under 20 years old who are not yet enrolled in college. This is a 6 round Swiss, Game/90 with a 30 second increment. Rounds: Rd. 1:

12/27 6 pm, **Rd. 2**: 12/28 10 am, **Rd. 3**: 5 pm, **Rd 4**: 12/29 10 am, **Rd 5**: 5 pm, and **Rd 6**: 12/30 9 am. **Entry Fees:** Priority Registration by December 1, 2011: \$45. After December 1, 2011: \$60. **Prizes:** Four-year scholarship to The University of Texas at Dallas to winner. UT Dallas Chess II Scholarship as the first prize. The Chess II scholarship is worth approximately \$105,000 to an out of state (Texas) student and \$45,000 to an In-State student. For some more details about the UTD Chess Scholarships please see www.utdallas.edu/chess/scholarships/chess-program-scholarships.html Winner must meet UTD entrance requirement and follow team rules. UTD is sole judge as to who wins the scholarship. Top 10 trophies, medal to all participants. **For Additional information or on** Inner **eristration go to:** www.swchess.com or contact Barbara Swafford, 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com. Ent: Dallas Chess Club, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. **Chess Magnet**

Dec. 31-Jan. 1, DCC Insanity See Grand Prix.

Virginia

Dec. 17, Scholastic Quads

Our Lady of Good Counsel School, 8601 Wolftrap Rd., Vienna, VA 22182. See: www.silverknightschess.com for complete information or to register.



what's the Answer?

I have been volunteering in Atlanta schools teaching chess, and I've gotten quite a few good questions from students. Some of these questions are one of a kind, while others can be grouped together. I will answer them all in this issue's column. You can help by sending in your own questions. Every good question has a good answer, so the more you ask, the more you learn. Whether you want advice or you're just curious, you can count on me. Bring on the questions! Send your questions to: gpetersen@uschess.org.

Raymond

How many grandmasters are there in the world?

As I write this, there are 1,363 grandmasters. Since there are around seven billion people on earth, that means grandmasters are extremely rare: only one out of around five million people is a grandmaster. In December 2005, there were eight grandmasters in the city of Reykjavik, Iceland, out of 110,000 people. With a grandmaster for every 13,750 people, Reykjavik outdid the world average by a factor of three hundred sixty! Russia has by far the most grandmasters, with over 200.

Justin

How did chess start out?

Andrew L.

Who played the first chess game?

Stephen L.

When was the first chess tournament played?

To get to the roots of chess, we need to start from the beginning. First, there was not chess but chaturanga. Back in the sixth century, the people of India played chaturanga, a game very similar to modern chess, but with many critical differences. Although the king, rooks, knights, and pawns moved just like their modern counterparts, the queen, referred to as the Minister, and the bishop, which was called the Elephant, were much weaker. Moreover, the kings were not on the same file.

Chaturanga was soon replaced by Shatranj, which had very similar rules. Still, there was no castling, and stalemate was a win for the side delivering stalemate. The Minister could move only one square diagonally, while the Elephant could move only exactly two squares diagonally, and so each Elephant could reach only eight squares on the board.

By National Master Daniel Gurevich

Capturing all of the opponent's pieces was enough to win, even if there was no way to checkmate. Promotion was possible, but the only piece you could promote to was the Minister. With less powerful pieces, piece development was much slower than in modern chess.

By the 16th and 17th centuries, the rules of chess were almost exactly the same as they are today. Still, until even the second half of the 19th century, such innovations as chess clocks were still unknown to mankind.

Tournaments and matches were relatively common in the times of Shatranj, but the first modern chess tournament is widely considered to have been played in London in 1851. The prize fund was five hundred pound sterling, which is about \$550,000 in 2011 dollars. This was a huge amount for even a modern tournament.

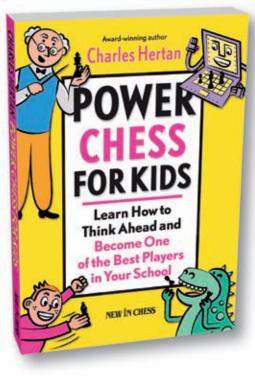
This was the first tournament that raised concerns about the unlimited time players had to make their moves; one of the players had spent two hours and twenty minutes on just one move! The first timed match was played 10 years later. The chess we play today is the chess that was played back in 1861. Since then, the rules of chess have remained the same.

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