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What's the Question?

by FM Daniel Gurevich

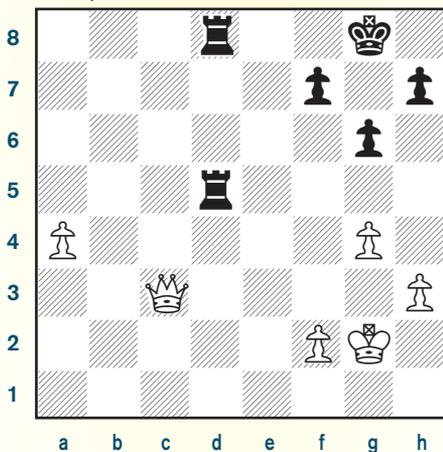
Rohan

Q: Are two rooks more powerful than a queen?

A: It is very important to understand when a queen is stronger than two rooks and when the opposite is true. Positions where one side can choose to exchange a queen for two rooks are very common in the games of chess players of all levels, from beginners to world champions. In such cases, making the wrong decision may have dire consequences. That is why knowing how to evaluate such positions accurately is crucial.

A queen and a pair of rooks are both very powerful, but they have different strengths. A pair of rooks is much better at ganging up on pawns. On the other hand, the clumsy rooks are no match for the nimble queen when it comes to hopping around the board. Which of these traits is more important? It depends on the position.

Here are a couple of games played by world champions that illustrate how the features of a position can determine whether two rooks are stronger than a queen:

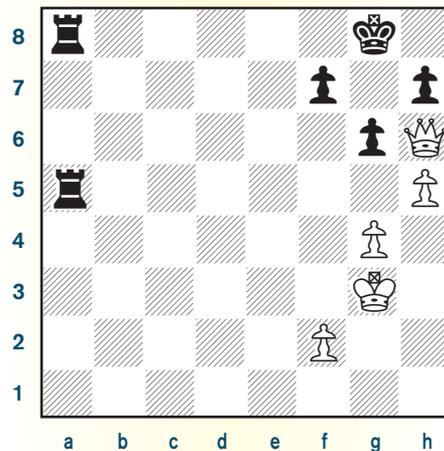


Peter Leko – Vladimir Kramnik
World Chess Championship, 2004
White to move

At first glance, White's passed a-pawn looks dangerous. It does not

seem like Black's rooks can create any counterplay. Based on these signs, many players would conclude that White is better. However, then-World Champion Vladimir Kramnik understood that this was just the type of position where the pair of rooks would thrive. In fact, White has no active plan: after ... Ra8 and ... Rda5, the a4-pawn will fall and the black rooks will be free to dominate the kingside. White is already hanging by a thread.

38. Qc6 Ra5 39. Kg3 Rda8 40. h4! White's only hope is to create an attack on the kingside, trying to trade off some of Black's pawns. **40. ... R5a6 41. Qc1 Ra5!** The rook eyes the kingside, stopping **42. h5.** (Black should not worry about the a4-pawn: he can pick it off at any time.) **42. Qh6 Rxa4 43. h5 R4a5**

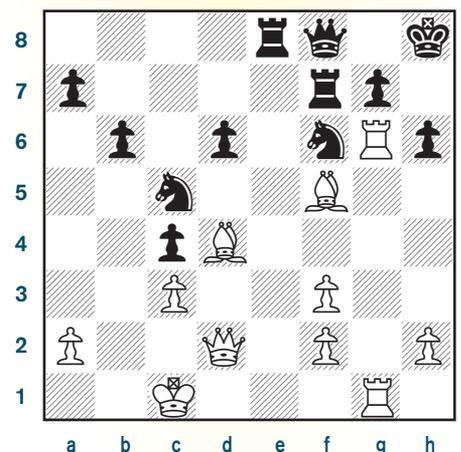


44. Qf4?! This was probably the losing mistake, but it is hard to blame Leko for missing Black's strong tactical idea. Correct was **44. hxg6! hxg6 45. g5 Rf5 46. f4 Ra4 47. Qh4=**, since the pawn endgame after ... Rxf4 is drawn. **44. ... g5! 45. Qf6 h6!** After **46. Qxh6 R8a6!**, the queen is trapped.

White's position is hopeless. The passive white queen cannot stop Black from executing his plan. Eventually, Black will exchange his two rooks for the queen and f-pawn and reach a winning pawn endgame. I rec-

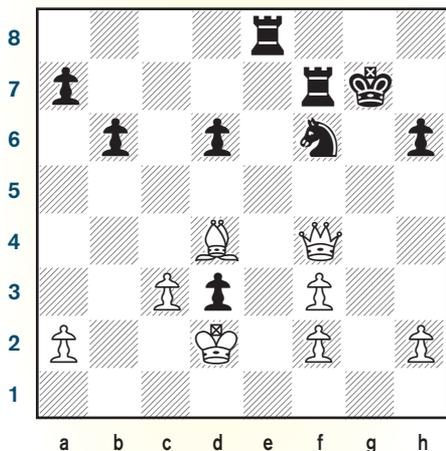
ommend that you get out your board and play through the rest of the game: it illustrates the power of the two rooks very well. **46. f3 R5a6 47. Qc3 Ra4 48. Qc6 R8a6 49. Qe8+ Kg7 50. Qb5 R4a5 51. Qb4 Rd5 52. Qb3 Rad6 53. Qc4 Rd3 54. Kf2 Ra3 55. Qc5 Ra2+ 56. Kg3 Rf6 57. Qb4 Raa6 58. Kg2 Rf4 59. Qb2+ Raf6 60. Qe5 Rxf3 61. Qa1 Rf1 62. Qc3 R1f2+ 63. Kg3 R2f3+ 64. Qxf3 Rxf3+ 65. Kxf3 Kf6, White resigned.**

As the previous game demonstrated, **two rooks are stronger than a queen when the position is calm.** In positions where not much is going on, there is enough time for the rook pair to gradually position itself for a decisive strike on a weak pawn or the enemy king himself. (Recall that it took the rook pair another 15 moves to capture the f-pawn after **46. f3** in the first example.) However, provided the queen can create counterplay, it is usually able to interrupt the rooks' lengthy maneuvers before they become well-coordinated. As the next game shows, **if the player with the queen has an active plan, the queen is usually stronger than the pair of rooks:**



Magnus Carlsen – Wang Hao
Biel Chess Festival, 2012
White to move

25. Rxc7! Carlsen correctly evaluates the position after he exchanges his two rooks for the black queen as winning for White. **25. ... Qxc7** If 25. ... Rxc7, then 26. Qxh6+ Kg8 27. Bh7+! wins immediately. **26. Rxc7 Kxc7** 27. Qf4 Nd3+ 28. Bxd3 cxd3 29. Kd2



White's bishop is perfectly placed on d4. It restricts Black's pieces and thus allows White to start an attack on the kingside. There is nothing Black

can do to stop White's simple plan of h4 and h5, taking control of the g6-square and making the h6-pawn a permanent weakness. **29. ... Kg6** **30. Kxd3 Re6** **31. h4 Rfe7?!** The ugly move 31. ... Rh7 keeps the h6-pawn defended, but, even so, it is only a matter of time until White converts the advantage. For example, after 32. a4!, Black's uncoordinated rooks will not be able to hold the position together on both flanks. **32. h5+! Kf7** Of course, 32. ... Nxh5? loses the knight after 33. Qg4+. **33. Qf5 Re5** **34. Qg6+!** Why win only an Exchange when you can get even more? **34. ... Ke6** **35. f4, Black resigned** because he loses a rook after 35. ... Rf5 36. Bxf6 Rxf6 37. f5+ Ke5 38. f4+!

What lessons can we learn from these two games? We now know that two rooks are generally stronger than a queen unless the side with the queen can start an attack in time to disrupt the rooks' plans. In particular, the queen is more likely to spark counterplay successfully if it is supported by minor pieces.

There is also a more general lesson. If we look deeper, the rules for evaluating two rooks versus queen positions are just specific applications of a key chess principle. When evaluating any position, do not underestimate the importance of piece activity. Piece play really can make the difference between winning and losing.

Don't be lazy!
Set up the diagram and move the pieces!

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The Chess Detective

by NM Todd Bardwick

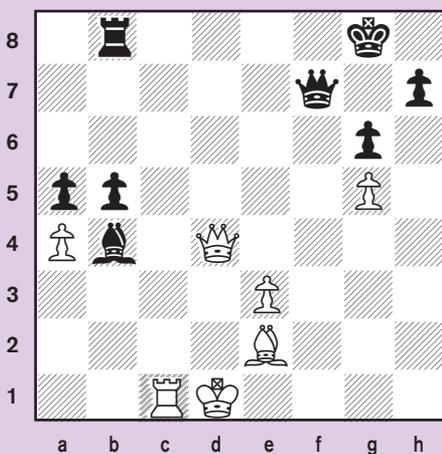
EVERY PAWN PUSH WEAKENS A SQUARE—PROBLEMS

In the June 2014 edition of *Chess Life for Kids*, we looked at some examples of where moving a pawn created problems that cost the player the game.

Now it is your turn to figure out to take advantage of weak pawn moves!

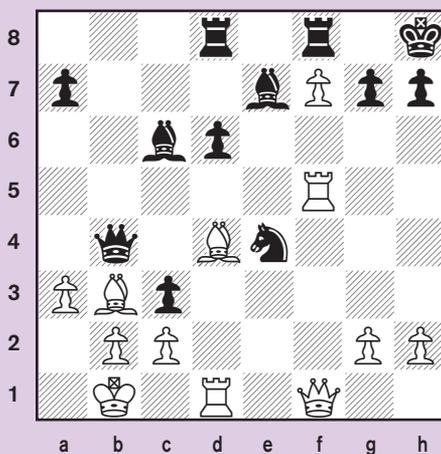
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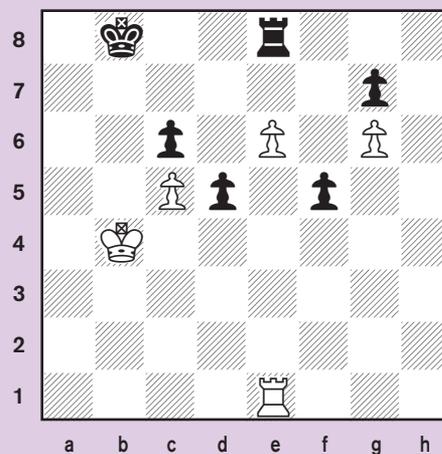
Position after 32. a4? (from a2)
Black to move

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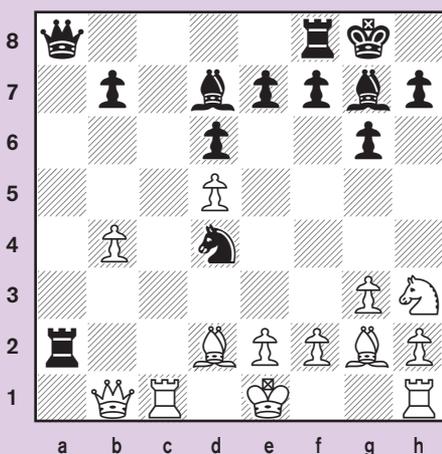
Position after 20. a3
Black to move

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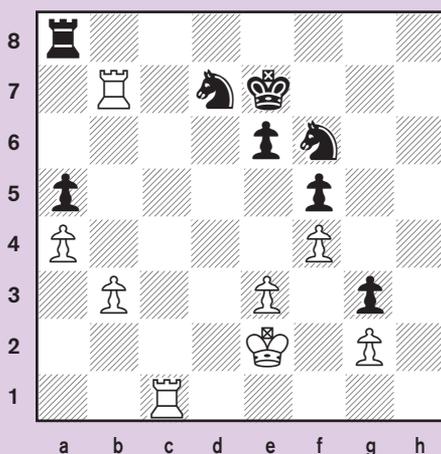
Position after 72. ... f5 (from f6)?
White to move

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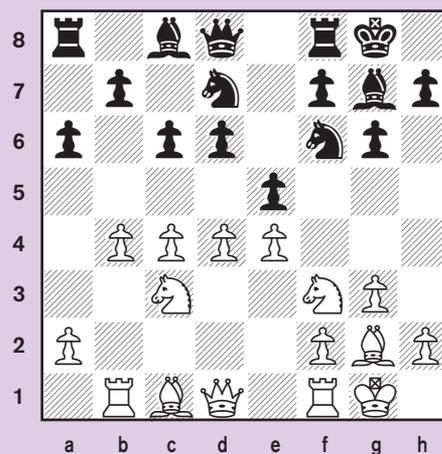
Position after 18. Rc1
Black to move

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Position after 39. f4 (from f3)?
Black to move

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Position after 10. b4?
Black to move

2014 Junior Grand Prix Standings



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Top 25 Overall Standings

NAME	STATE	PTS	EVENTS
DASARI, SRIHITHA	GA	7887	8
PREM, PRANAV	VA	7204	9
KUMAR, NAMAN	FL	6412	10
PENG, ANDREW	CA-N	5912	10
GUO, ARTHUR	GA	5745	13
GUO, INGRID	GA	5675	11
DOMMALAPATI, AASA	VA	5615	11
FALBO, PAUL	KS	5472	5
ORTOLANO, ALDEN	WA	5343	4
MAHAPATRA, SAMARTH	GA	5122	3
ALAMPALLI, SANDEEP	NY	4967	8
RAJ, AKSHAY	GA	4925	4
YOO, CHRISTOPHER WOJIN	CA-N	4887	8
LYONS, BENJAMIN CARTER	VA	4869	3
LI, ETHAN	AZ	4862	4
SHLYAKHTENKO, ROBERT	CA-S	4759	10
AVIRNENI, SAITHANUSRI	GA	4730	9
KUMAR, ARAVIND	NJ	4709	11
MENON, VISHAL	VA	4679	14
KUMAR, NIKHIL	FL	4591	11
GORTI, AKSHITA	VA	4584	10
DASARI, SAMHITHA	GA	4568	8
GHATTI, SANJAY	GA	4481	12
LEAL, LUIS ALBERTO	TX	4468	2
WU, LOGAN	TN	4401	7

For the top 200 overall, see www.uschess.org

State Leaders

NAME	STATE	PTS	EVENTS
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BALLINGER, NOAH HENRY	AR	1400	1
CANCIO, ZAK	AZ	3713	4
WHEELER, CAMERON	CA-N	3860	8
BARADARAN HOSSEINI, ARMAN	CA-S	3909	2
AKHAVAN, EVAN MEHRAN	CO	3150	1
BORGES, GABRIEL BERGAMINI	CT	3570	3
ZHURAVSKIY, SEVA	DC	2462	4
HIGGIN, SHANEA	DE	2605	2
SUNGA, JASPER	FL	3240	1
POTLURI, ADITYA	GA	4394	5
OSHIRO, COEL TADASHI	HI	63	2
KALIL, VICTOR	IA	1962	2
HARMON-VELLOTTI, CARL H	ID	3320	5
HOESLEY, ARIA	IL	3473	3
TSAI, TEDDY	IN	3343	5
BRICKER, GUTHRIE MCCABE	KS	4200	1
CREECH, AUSTIN MURPHY	KY	2045	1
TROSCLAIR, ROCCO	LA	2430	3
RAMANATHAN, SURAJ	MA	2324	4
HE, ERIC SIYUAN	MD	3993	4
ALLEN, PARKER S	ME	2402	1
NORWOOD, MAXIMUS ANDRE	MI	2924	2
ROBINSON, SPENCER C	MN	2486	1
BRENT, RAFAEL I	MO	3340	1
BARTLETT, BRYNNA	MS	1020	1
LEE, CONRAD CHRISTOPHER	MT	775	2
BEATTY, ROBERT JOSEPH, III	NC	3838	1
CANIGLIA, CARAVAGGIO DANTE	NE	668	1
FREGEAU, HARRISON	NH	1794	2
PYLYPOVYCH, GREGORY	NJ	3161	2
ROMERO, JONAH ANTHONY	NM	2725	5
SUN, TRISTAN	NV	1637	1
GU, ETHAN	NY	4350	9
PISINI, DAKSHIN	OH	3297	5
DUNBAR, KALEB	OK	3414	1
LIN, MU	OR	2839	5
TRIFALE, SHARVIL	PA	4313	10
ELGAR, ROBERT	RI	2532	1
DIAS, ADITYA N	SC	2289	3
CASTEEL, JERRY JOHN, III	SD	768	1
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ROACH, ANDREW	UT	3158	5
PANIAGUA, MATIAS	VA	4201	5
YANG, ANDY	VT	1460	3
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LIANG, AWONDER	WI	4071	5
PATEL, ADVAIT	WV	1528	7



SRIHITHA DASARI (TOP) AND PRANAV PREM (BOTTOM)
This month's one-two punch in the ChessMagnetSchool.com Junior Grand Prix race!

You can do it!

by Jon Edwards



Great players find great moves, but there's little chance or guess work involved. They find these moves because they train themselves to find them.

You can do it too! One of the keys to finding great moves is to make sure that you look at all forcing moves. In this quiz, each position involves a promising queen sacrifice on g7.

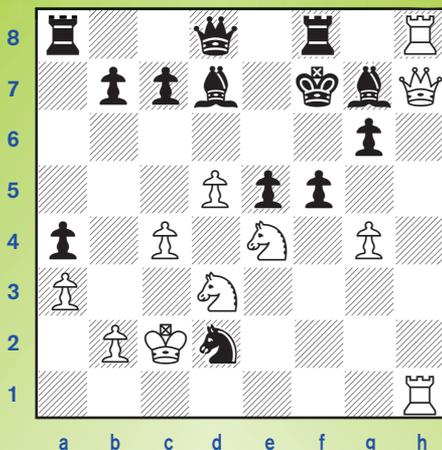
All great players would examine the sacrifice. If it works, they will play it! Of course, if the sacrifice does not work, they will not play it, but by looking at the move and its consequences, they will learn quite a bit about the position. Perhaps the move they actually play will help to make the sacrifice work.

For each position, examine Qxg7 and its possibilities. In each position, Black will be forced to play ... Kxg7. Does the queen sacrifice work? If so, what is the follow-up?

If you are a chess player who never looks at such moves because they obviously part with the queen, know that you can improve your chess simply by insisting that you look a bit more deeply into such positions. You are not required to play such moves, but you will be very unhappy if, after the game, you find that such a move would have won the game and that you did not even look at it.

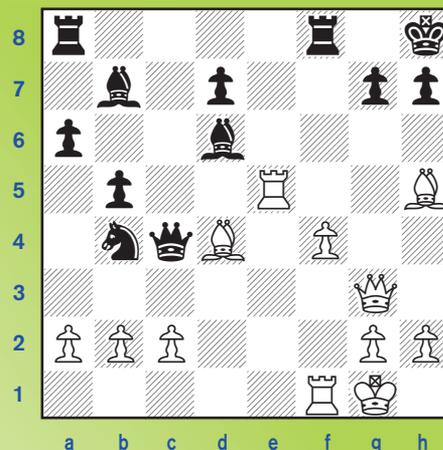
Never forget. You can do it!

Quiz #1



White to move

Quiz #4



White to move

Quiz #2



White to move

Quiz #5



White to move

Quiz #3



White to move

Quiz #6



White to move

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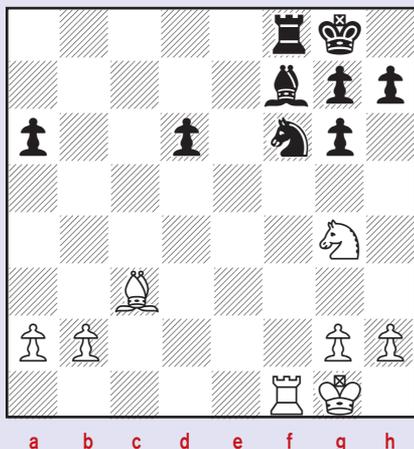
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NM Atulya Vaidya

Hope you got all of my previous puzzles correct—here's a tougher challenge, try to solve all of these correctly. It is White to move in all positions. HINT: look at all possible moves.

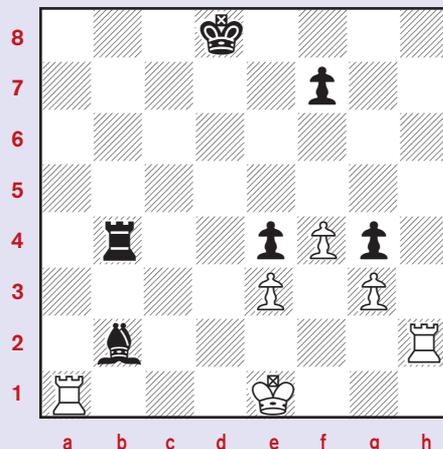
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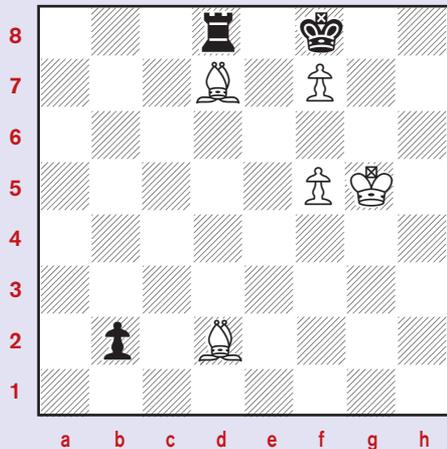
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Our newest columnist
Atulya Vaidya





TALES OF THE ARABIAN KNIGHTS

BY RICK KENNEDY ILLUSTRATIONS BY PAMELA KEY

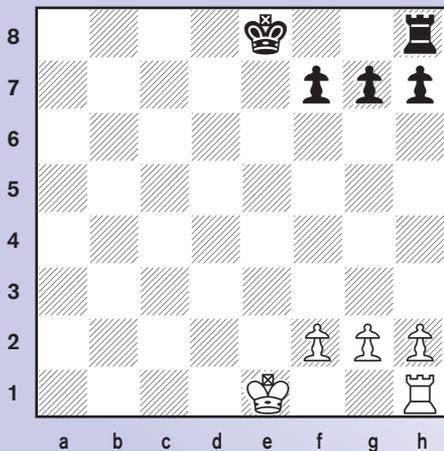


Impossible!

The King was chuckling as he entered the room.

"Your Majesty?" she asked.

"Oh," said the King, "I was just listening to my brother talk about a chess game he had played. He reached the following mundane position"—here the King arranged the pieces on the board—



"From here, my brother said that each player castled, and that the game was soon drawn. Of course, I told him that that was impossible!"

"I do not understand," she said. "Did you even know which color pieces your brother had, or whose turn it was to move?"

"I did not," replied the King, "But it was not necessary to know any of that

to prove the falsity of my brother's claim." He sat at the chessboard, and asked his friend to do so, as well.

"Consider the position," said the King. "Let us suppose, for the moment, that it is White's move. What, then, was his previous move in the game?"

She stared at the board with uncertainty.

"Previously," said the King, "White could have not have moved any of the pawns, as they are still on their home squares."

"True," she said.

"And," continued the King, "The king and rook are on their home squares. If White's previous move was to return either one of those pieces to the square upon which it now rests, having moved the piece would make castling now illegal."

"What if," she proposed, after some thought, "White's last move was to

put another piece en prise to Black's pieces—and Black's last move was to capture it?"

"Very good!" said the King. "Although we must then ask which black piece did the capturing? It could not have been one of the pawns, as they are still on their home squares. If either the black king or rook did the capturing, however, that would mean that Black could not then castle."

"So," she said, "Either White cannot castle, or, if he can, that means that Black cannot castle."

"If, instead, it is Black's turn to move," said the King, "For the very same reasons, it is clear that either Black cannot castle, or, if he can, it means that White cannot castle."

"So," she concluded, "Your brother's story about one side castling, and then the other, cannot be true."

"No matter which color pieces he played," said the King.

ON THE COVER

The kids at Cordley Elementary School in Lawrence, Kansas, rent a tent every week and set up shop to take on all comers at the local Farmer's Market. It's a great way for young and old to share a common love for the game. They hope to visit a local senior citizen housing facility in the near future. Turn the page for more globe trotting. -Photo submitted by Laura Diaz Moore



Where do you play chess?



Where do you play chess when you are hundreds of miles from home? On a trip to Cambridge, Massachusetts, Zachary and Edward Callinsky of Madison, Alabama, found a set to use at Harvard Square. Zachary and Edward are members of the chess club at Rainbow Elementary. *Photo submitted by Coach Ranae Bartlett.*



I hope YOU don't have to travel as far as Conrad Lee (Montana), to find a place to play chess! Conrad, age 12, is seen here with Madde, the champion of Amed, a small fishing village on the island of Bali. Madde is also the chef at The Grill, and makes a tasty plate of ribs!

But be forewarned! Local custom allows Black to move twice on his first move!

Photo submitted by Sabrina Ross Lee.



Alexander of Boston, age 6, sees nothing wrong with using the new living room rug! *Photo submitted by Amy Sobota.*



Roger Blaine reports that Studebaker Plaza was the site of the first outdoor tournament in South Bend, Indiana. The venue provided a good workout for the players, as the pieces weighed 10 pounds each! *Photo taken by Ben Dillon.*





Jerry Yang, age 9, was in chess heaven when his family recently visited Switzerland. There were TWO giant chess sets on the street corner near the hotel, one in back of the hotel, and one in the nearby park. *Photos submitted by Glenna Yang.*



Juliet McDonough (age 9) and Gracie Kennedy (age 11) play at the summer camp sponsored by the McKinney Performing Arts Center (MPA) in downtown McKinney, Texas. The MPA is dedicated to providing the community with a unique and professional venue in which cultural, artistic and educational opportunities are nurtured in a supportive environment. And the old courthouse is also air-conditioned!

Photo submitted by Susan Berger.



Oscar and Sarah Petrov take a break from their skateboarding regimen by pushing a little wood at the Woodinville Skate Park near Seattle, Washington. *Photos submitted by Sofia Petrov.*

Are You Smarter Than the Average Bear (or Grandmaster)?

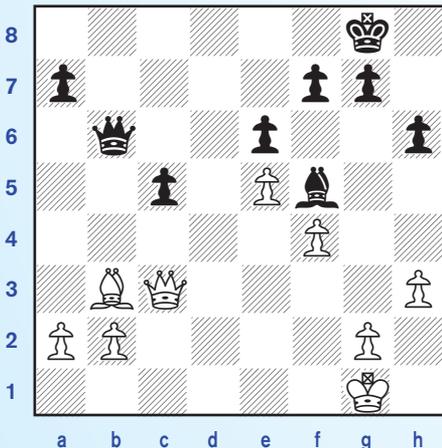
Young players and beginners to chess often make the mistake of making quickly the very first move they consider. As I often tell my students, chess is not math class. There, the questions and answers are often so easy that you get into the habit of raising your hand almost before the question is asked.

Unlike math, the quick answer is often the wrong answer in chess.

When your opponent makes a move, it's wise first to ask yourself whether that move is a blunder. In the positions here, the grandmasters are about to make moves that are simply horrible. Yes, they do it too, though obviously quite a bit less often than the rest of us!

Your job here is to find the reason why the move they made was so bad.

#1: Jun-Adams, Donner Memorial-A Amsterdam, 1994



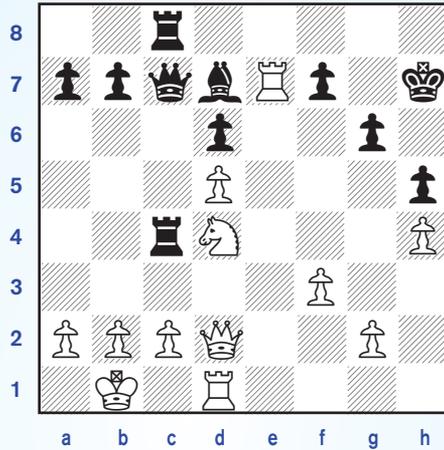
White to move

Black's threat here is 32. ... c4, a discovered check that snags White's bishop.

White should have played 33. Bc4 using the bishop to blockade the pawn, or brought the king off the g1-a7 diagonal. Instead, White played 33. Qc4??

The queen is a poor blockader because it can be easily distracted by a piece of lesser value. How should you best respond to 33. Qc4?

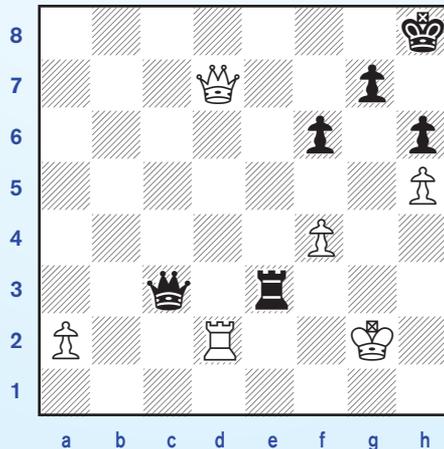
#2: Adams-Granville, simultaneous, 1998



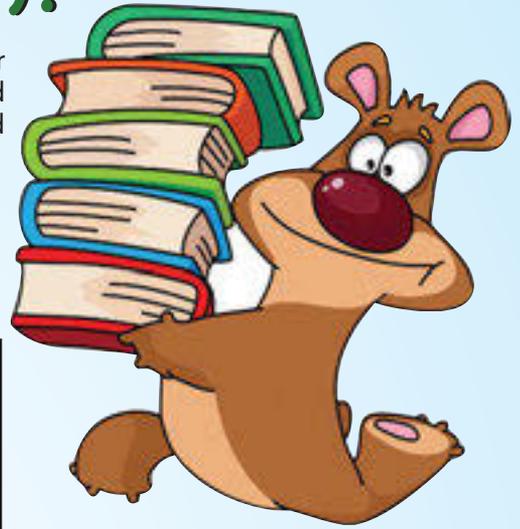
Black to move

In a simultaneous exhibition, grandmaster Michael Adams grabbed the pawn on e7 and, as a result, threatens to capture on f7 with check. Can you punish his greed?

#3: Bronstein-Rajkovic Vrsac, 1979



White to move



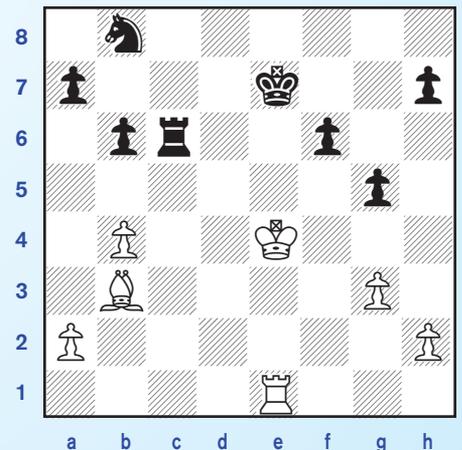
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The players have just reached the time control at move 40, but as is so often the case, David Bronstein continued to move quickly, perhaps not knowing that he had made his 40th move.

41. Qd5??

41. Qd8+ Kh7 42. Qd7 should hold. How did Black punish the error?

#4: Browne-Arnason, Match (team), 1990

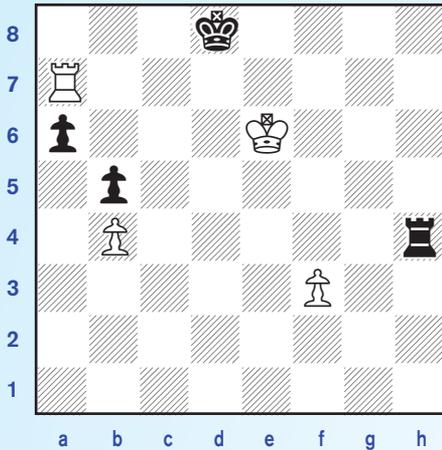


Black to move

Black should be able to hold the position with moves such as 37. ... Rd6,

37. ... Kf8, 37. ... Kd8, or even 37. ... b5, but instead GM Arnasan played 37. ... Nd7?? How did the American grandmaster, Walter Browne, respond?

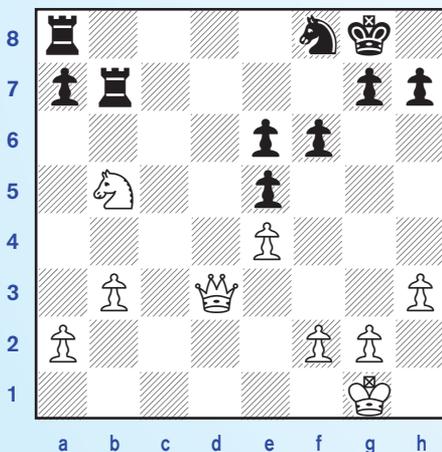
#5: de Firmian-Arnason, Oslo, 1984



White to move

Almost all moves by White should lead to a draw, but de Firmian, in time trouble, blundered here with 54. Rxa6. Can you take advantage of the grandmaster's blunder?

#6: Dvoirys-Sale, Berlin, 1995



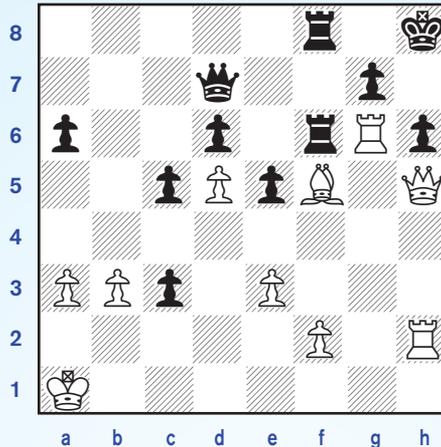
White to move

Black has two rooks for the queen, but White's pieces are active and White has a two-on-one pawn majority on the queenside.

32. Nd6??

But Dvoirys blunders. Can you find a convincing response?

#7: Gurevich-Short, Rotterdam, 1990



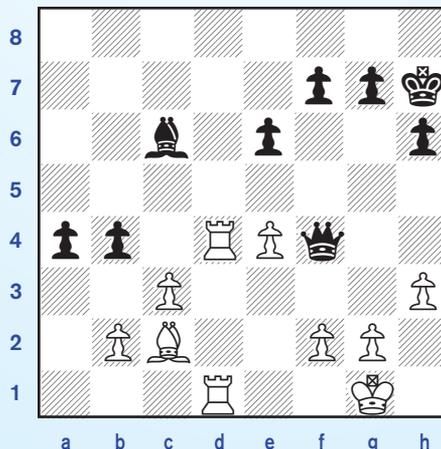
Black to move

Black should be able to hold but, once again time trouble causes the error.

33. ... Qxf5??

Black needed to play 33. ... Rxf5 since the sacrifice then with 34. Qxh6+?? fails to 34. ... gxh6 35. Rhxh6+ Qh7 and Black is winning. How does White win quickly after Black's error?

#8: Kasparov-Gelfand, Paris rapid, 1991

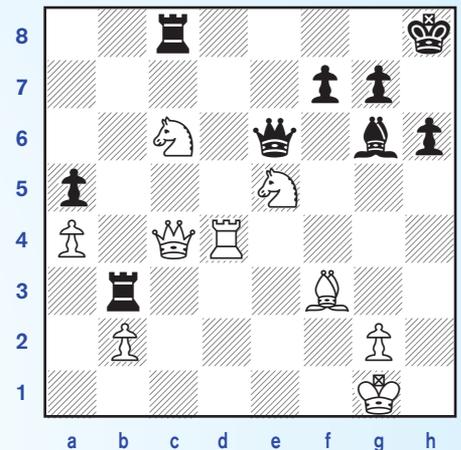


Black to move

In a rapid game, Kasparov has retreated his bishop to the dangerous b1-h7 diagonal. Black needed to respond with 35. ... b3! since 36. e5+ then meets 36. ... bxc2 winning because the c2-pawn attacks White's rook on d1.

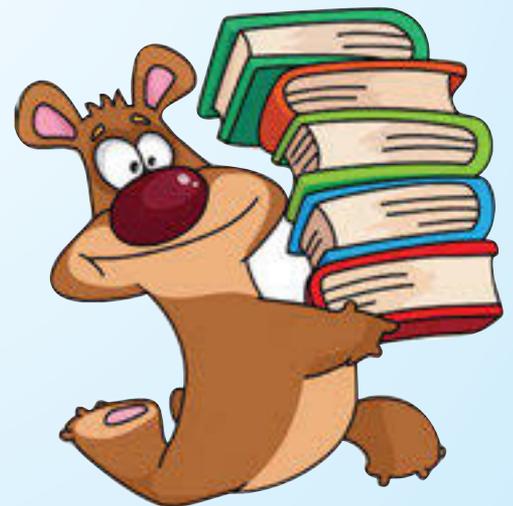
Instead, GM Gelfand blundered with 35. ... bxc3?? How did Kasparov punish the inaccurate move?

#9: Larsen-Olafsson, Las Palmas, 1978



Black to move

In a difficult position and nearing the time control, Black must have intended to play 39. ... Qxc4 40. Rxc4 Rxb2.



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But instead, Black captured first on b2 with **39. ... Rxb2**. How did GM Larsen then force a quick end to the game?

#10: Nikolic-King, Bundesliga, 1998

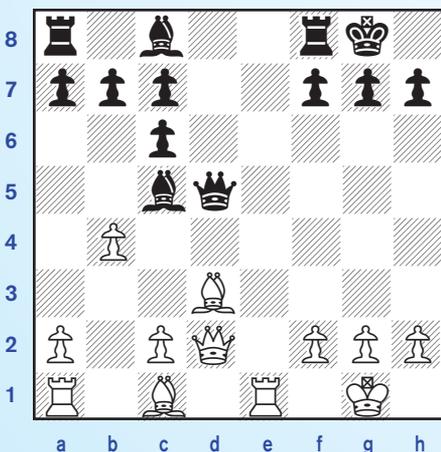


Black to move

GM Daniel King must still have nightmares about his one. Black certainly has a good game here with relatively even chances, but the grandmaster got ambitious in time trouble with **39. ... Rd2**.

Can you punish his overly aggressive approach?

#11: Nisipeanu-Ivanchuk, Las Vegas rapid, 1999



Black to move

In a rapid event, GM Ivanchuk lashed out here with **13. ... Bxf2+**. How would you respond?

#12: Shirov-Topalov, Eurotel rapid, 2002



Black to move

In another rapid game, GM Topalov has an advantage here with either **39. ... Be6** or **39. ... Nd7**.

Instead, he inched his king toward the center with **39. ... Kf7??** The king move was a terrible blunder that you can quickly hurt.

#13: Sokolov-Portisch, Rotterdam, 1989



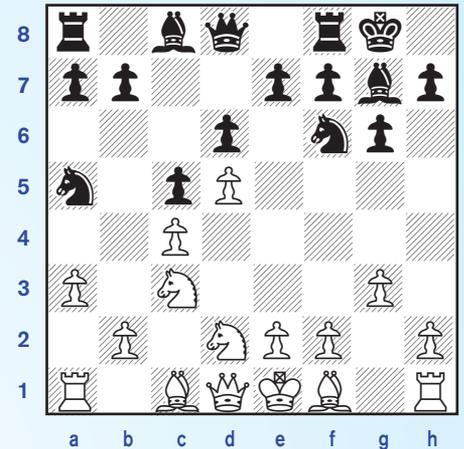
Black to move

Grandmaster Portisch was already in a difficult position thanks to the isolated pawn on a6 and the backward pawn on d6. Still, he might have tried **35. ... Bc8** or **35.**

... Ne8 to try to hold the position. Instead, he got ambitious, playing **35. ... Nd7** with the idea of continuing with **... Nc5**.

Do you see what's wrong with his knight move?

#14: Van der Sterren-Ribli, Bundesliga, 1998/99



White to move

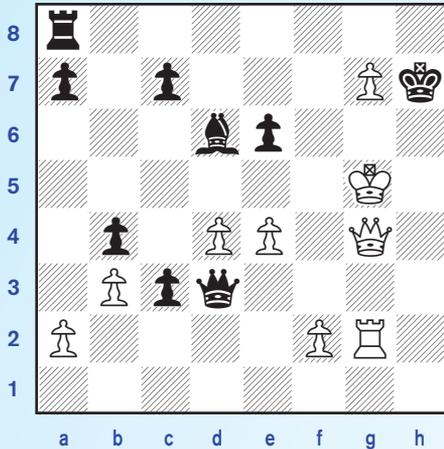
Not all grandmaster mistakes occur in rapid games or in time trouble. Here, White ought to complete the fianchetto with **9. Bg2**, or expand in the center with **9. e4**. Instead, GM Van der Sterren lashes out with **9. b4** attacking what he believed to be the vulnerable knight on a5.

How did Black proceed after **9. b4??**

Missed Opportunities

We move from outright blunders to situations in which our grandmasters missed opportunities to win the game. Once again, the cause may be time trouble, or fatigue. So settle in and take your time. Give the following positions the time needed to find the most accurate moves.

#15: Spassky-Polugaevsky, Moscow, 1963



White to move

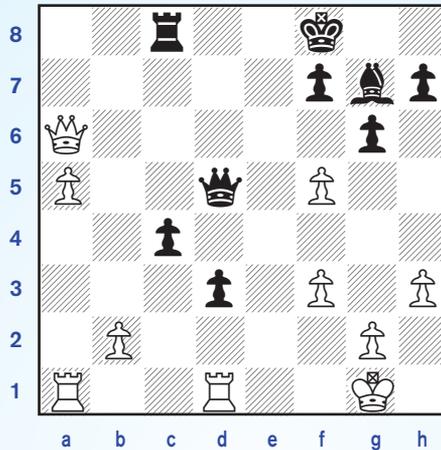
White's attack looks promising but Black is threatening to capture the advanced g7-pawn.

The game continued **34. Kh5?** and Spassky actually lost after **34. ... Qb5+ 35. Kh4 Be7+ 36. Kh3 Qg5**

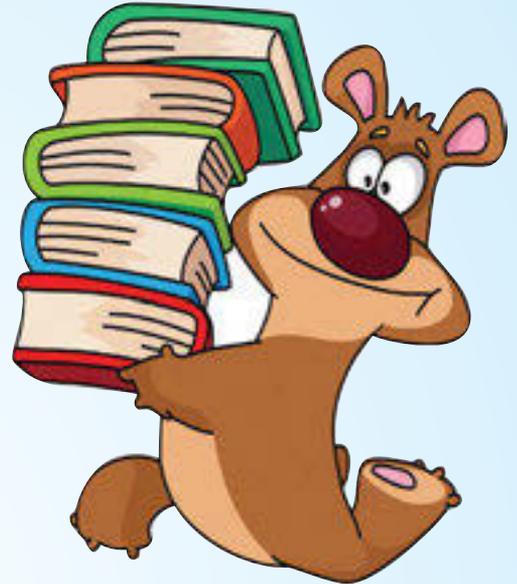
37. Qxg5 Bxg5 38. Rxg5 Rd8 39. f4 Kg8 40. Rc5 Rxd4 41. Rxc7 Rxe4 42. Kg4 e5 43. a3 Rxf4+ 44. Kg5 a5 45. Kg6 Rg4+ 46. Kf6 Kh7 47. g8=Q+ Kxg8 48. Kxe5 Rg1 49. Kf6 Rf1+ 50. Ke5 Rb1, White resigned. What did Spassky miss here?

White has just played 37. Qa7-a6, attacking Black's rook. GM David Bronstein responded with **37. ... Qc5+** but only managed to draw after **38. Kh1 Bxb2 39. Rab1 Bd4 40. Rb5 Qc7 41. Rd5**. What did Bronstein miss?

#16: Ravinsky-Bronstein, Moscow 1944



Black to move



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Tournament Life Announcements

AUGUST 15 THROUGH OCTOBER 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 & Tournaments." Then click on "Upcoming Tournaments" 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 October (events to be held after October 14), the deadline for submitting your announcements is August 10th. The deadline for the December 2014 issue is October 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, tda@uschess.org.

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ABBREVIATIONS & TERMS

All tournaments are non-smoking with no computers allowed unless otherwise advertised.

BLZ:	Blitz rated.
QC:	Quick Chess events.
\$\$\$Gtd:	Guaranteed prizes.
\$\$b/x:	Based-on prizes, x = number of entries needed to pay full prize fund. At least 50% of the advertised prize fund of \$501 or more must be awarded.
Bye:	Indicates which rounds players who find it inconvenient to play may take 1/2-point byes instead. For example, Bye 1-3 means 1/2-point byes are available in Rounds 1 through 3.
CC:	Chess club.
dx:	Time delay, x = number of seconds.
+xx:	Time increment, xx = number of seconds added after each move.
EF:	Entry fee.
Ent:	Where to mail entries.
FIDE:	Results submitted to FIDE for possible rating.
G/:	Game in. For instance, G/75 means each side has 75 minutes for the entire game.
GPP:	Grand Prix Points available.
HR:	Hotel rates. For example, 60-65-70-75 means \$60 single, \$65 twin, \$70/3 in room, \$75/4 in room.
JGP:	Junior Grand Prix.
Memb. req'd:	Membership required; cost follows. Usually refers to state affiliate.
Open:	A section open to all. Often has very strong players, but some eligible for lower sections can play for the learning experience.
Quad:	4-player round robin sections; similar strength players.
RBO:	Rated Beginner's Open.
Rds:	Rounds; scheduled game times follow. For example, 11-5, 9-3 means games begin 11 a.m. & 5 p.m. on the first day, 9 a.m. & 3 p.m. on the second day.
Reg:	Registration at site.
RR:	Round robin (preceded by number of rounds).
SD/:	Sudden-death time control (time for rest of game follows). For example, 30/90, SD/1 means each player must make 30 moves in 90 minutes, then complete the rest of the game in an hour.
SS:	Swiss-System pairings (preceded by number of rounds).
Unr:	Unrated.
W:	Site is accessible to wheelchairers.
WEB:	Tournaments that will use a player's online rating.

NATIONALS

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

Sept. 27, California, Northern

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 40 (Enhanced)
2014 U.S. Game/60 Championship

4SS, G/60 d6 - \$12,000 b/289 fully paid entries - 60% guaranteed. Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Pkwy., Santa Clara, CA 95054. Park free. **Hotel: \$99** at Hilton (408)330-0001 or **\$85** at Biltmore (408)988-8411. In 6 sections: **Open Section (2000+):** \$1,500 700 300 100 100 100. **U200 Section:** \$200, 100. **1800-1999 Section:** \$1,000 400 200 100 100. **1600-1799 Section:** \$1,000 400 200 100 100. **1400-1599 Section:** \$1,000 400 200 100 100. **1200-1399 Section:** \$1,000 400 200 100 100. **Under 1200 Section:** \$1,000 400 200 100 100. Unr capped at 300 exc in Open. **EF:** \$69, after 9/20 \$89. Play-up: \$20. GM free, IM free before 9/17 (EF subtr from prize for all free entries). **DISCOUNT:** \$119 if registering for both U.S. G/30 (9/28) and U.S. G/60 (9/27). **Byes:** One 1/2 pt bye allowed must commit by start of Rd. 2. Reenter with 1/2pt by in Rd. 1 for \$33. Sept 2014 Supp, CCA min, TD disc used to place players accurately. **SIDE KIDS EVENT** for K-12 students rated under 1000: **4SSxG/60 d6** in 5 sections based on rating: 800-999, 600-799, 400-599, 200-399, u200. **Prizes:** Trophies to Top 15 players in each section and Top 5 Clubs & Top 5 Schools in each section. Top 3 players count for team score. **EF:** \$49, after 9/20 \$69. **DISCOUNT:** \$79 if registering for both U.S. G/30 (9/28) and U.S. G/60 (9/27). Play-up: \$20. **Schedule for all sections:** On-site Reg: 8:30-9am. Rounds: 9:30a, 12:30p, 3p, 5:30p. **Blitz Event:** G/5 d0; Reg: Sun, 9/28, 5-5:45pm, Rounds 6-7:45p, total 8-10 rounds. **EF:** \$14, \$16 onsite. 75% of EFs returned as prizes. **Reg. online:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/my/usg60g30> or **mail** payments to BayAreaChess, 1639 A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. Rfnd fee: \$20. **Organizers:** Dr. Judit Szatary and Dr. Salman Azhar. **TDs:** NTD Tom Langland, NTD John McCumiskey, and others. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/my/usg60g30>. ask@BayAreaChess.com. T: 919-265-7560. W.

Sept. 28, California, Northern

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 40 (Enhanced)
2014 U.S. Game/30 Championship

5SS, G/30 d5 - \$8,000 b/193 fully paid entries - 60% guaranteed. Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Pkwy., Santa Clara, CA 95054. Park free. **Hotel: \$99** at Hilton (408)330-0001 or **\$85** at Biltmore (408)988-8411. In 4 sections: **Open Section (1900+):** \$1,500, 700, 300, 100, Top u2100 \$200 100. **1600-1899 Section:** \$1,000, 400, 100. **1300-1599 Section:** \$1,000, 400, 100, 100. **Under 1300 Section:** \$1,000, 400, 100, 100. Unr capped at 200 exc in Open. **EF:** \$69, after 9/20 \$89. Play-up: \$20. GM free, IM free before 9/17 (EF subtr from prize for all free entries). **DISCOUNT:** \$119 if registering for both U.S. G/30 (9/28) and U.S. G/60 (9/27). **Byes:** One 1/2 pt bye allowed must commit by start of Rd. 2. Reenter with 1/2pt bye in Rd. 1 for \$33. Sept 2014 Supp, CCA min, TD disc used to place players accurately. **SIDE KIDS EVENT** for K-12 students rated under 1000: 5SSxG/30 d5 in 4 sections based on rating: 800-999, 600-799, 400-599, 200-399, u200. **Prizes:** Trophies to Top 15 players in each section and Top 5 Clubs & Top 5 Schools in each section. Top 3 players count for team score. **EF:** \$49, after 9/20 \$69. **DISCOUNT:** \$79 if registering for both U.S. G/30 (9/28) and U.S. G/60 (9/27). Play-up: \$20. **Schedule for all sections:** On-site Reg: 8:30-9am. Rounds: 9:30a, 11a, 1p, 2:30p, 4p. **Blitz Event:** G/5 d0; Reg: Sun, 9/28, 5-5:45pm, Rounds 6-7:45p, total 8-10 rounds. **EF:** \$14, \$16 onsite. 75% of EFs returned as prizes. **Reg. online:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/my/usg60g30> or **Mail** payments to BayAreaChess, 1639 A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. Rfnd fee: \$20. **Organizers:** Dr. Judit Szatary and Dr. Salman Azhar. **TDs:** NTD Tom Langland, NTD John McCumiskey, and others. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/my/usg60g30>. ask@BayAreaChess.com. T: 919-265-7560. W.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

Oct. 24-25, Pennsylvania

2014 U.S. Blind Chess Championship - NOTE DATE CHANGE

Oct. 24-25 Not Oct. 10-11. USCF & U.S. Braille Chess Association (USBCA) are sponsoring this USCF National event. 4 SS or 4 RR (depends on # of players), G/135 d0. Holiday Inn Express Hotel (newly renovated), 5311 Campbells Run Road (near airport), Pittsburgh, PA 15277, (412) 788-8400. Free shuttle to/from airport. **EF:** Free. **Reg:** Onsite - Thurs. Oct. 9: 6-8pm, Fri. Oct. 10: 9-9:30am. **Rds.:** (tentative), Fri. Oct. 24 not Oct. 10: 10-4, Sat. Oct. 25 not Oct. 11: 9-3. **Prize Fund:** \$1,400 GTD: 1st: \$400, 2nd: \$300, 3rd: \$200, 4th: \$100, \$100-Best player U1400, \$100-Class E (1000-1199), \$100-Class F (800-999), \$100-Best Unrated players. **NOTE:** All players must be classified as Legally Blind and bring proof. You must also be a current member of the USCF for \$18 a year. You can join the USCF at the event! **HR:** \$128 nite; code: USB. **Contact:** Rick Varchetto, richard521@suddenlink.net. Phone: (h) 304-636-4034, (c) 304-614-4034 or Joan DuBois, tda@uschess.org, (c) 931-200-3412.

GRAND PRIX

Aug. 16, Wisconsin

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 6
4th Annual BC Open!

Country Inn & Suites Brookfield, 1250 South Moorland Rd., Brookfield, WI 53005, (262)782-1400. **All Sections, TC:** G/60 d5. **Rds.:** 10-1-3-30-6. **EF:** Open: \$35 by 8-14, \$40 after 8-14, Reserve (U1600) & RBO (U1000). Non Rated K-12 and Non Rated Adults \$25 by 8-14, after 8-14 \$30. **\$\$\$Guaranteed! Open:** 1st \$300 - 2nd \$175 - A \$110 - U1800 \$110. **Reserve (U1600):** 1st \$100 - 2nd \$75. **RBO (U1000):** 1st \$100 - 2nd \$75. Both Non rated sections are book prizes. **Reg.:** Aug 16th 8:30 - 9:30. **Entries to:** (make payable to Benzochess) Ben Corcoran, 2711 N. University Dr. #64, Waukesha, WI 53188. **Q&A:** Ask for Ben 262-506-4203 or benzochess@gmail.com also more info at www.benzo-chess.com.

Aug. 17, California, Northern

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 (Enhanced)

Foster City Grand Prix LuperSwiss (3 x G/90 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Foster City, CA 94404. **Prize:** \$1,210 b/44. 70% guar. **1900+:** \$200-130-100 **1500-1899:** \$200-100, u1700 45-45. **u1500:** \$200-100, u1300 45-45. Aug 14 Supp & TD disc. **Sched:** Reg. 8-8:30. Rds. 9-11:45-2:40. **EF:** 45, econ 35/2/3 prz. after 8/14 +15, Rtd 2200+\$0 by 8/7 (EF subtr from prize). **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/grandprix.w.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

Aug. 23, Florida

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 6

CFCC Tornados at UUU

4-SS, G/75 d5. University Unitarian Universalist Society, 11648 McCulloch Rd., Orlando 32817. Each event: **EF:** \$30, **CFCC mbr** \$25, **Masters free** (EF deducted from any prize). **\$\$\$750 b/30: (1st Place Guaranteed)** 200-120-80, U2000, U1800, U1600, U1400, U1200 \$70 ea. (Must draw/win a game to be eligible for prize.) **Reg.:** 9:30am. **Rds.:** 10, 1, 3:30, 6. **Drawings for FREE Tornados & HOTEL event EFs.** See centriflchess.org for details. **Info:** (407) 629-6946.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

Aug. 23-24, Texas

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 20 (Enhanced)

2014 DCC Fide Open VIII

5SS, G/90 inc/30. Dallas Chess Club, 200 S. Cottonwood Dr. #C, Richardson, TX 75080. **Two sections:** Open and Reserve. **Open:** \$587.5G. FIDE and USCF rated but uses FIDE rules. Will use USCF ratings and rules for pairings and for awarding prizes. Default late forfeiture time is one hour. TD may extend this time at TD's discretion. **EF:** \$500-\$250-\$125. **EF:** \$80, Senior/Hcap/Additional Family Member \$55. Small appearance fee to the First three GMs/IMs who apply. GM/IM must play all rounds to get appearance fee. **Reserve:** Open to players rated below 2000 USCF. This section is not FIDE Rated but is USCF rated and uses USCF rules. **EF:** \$35. The Reserve give back 10% in prizes and if at least 8 paid entries and if there is a clear winner, then that winner receives free entry to next DCC Fide Open. **Both: Reg.:** 8/23 from 9:45 - 10:15am. **Rds.:** Sat 10:45am/3:10pm/7:16pm, Sun 10:45 am/3:10pm. One half point Bye allowed if requested before end of round rd 2 and before getting full point bye. Withdrawals and zero point last round byes are not eligible for prizes. Note that house players (if required) must pay \$2 per round and be USCF members. **Ent:** Dallas Chess Club, see address above. **Info:** 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com.

Aug. 24, California, Northern

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 (Enhanced)

Cupertino Grand Prix DuperSwiss (3SS x G/75 d5)

Courtyard Marriott Cupertino, CA 95014. **Prize:** \$1,210 b/44. 70% guar. **1900+:** \$200-130-100 **1500-1899:** \$200-100, u1700 45-45. **u1500:** \$200-100, u1300 45-45. Aug 14 Supp & TD disc. **Sched:** Reg. 8-8:30. Rds. 9-11:45-2:40. **EF:** 45, econ 35/2/3 prz. after 8/21 +15, Rtd 2200+\$0 by 8/17 (EF subtr from prize). **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/grandprix.w>.

Aug. 29, New York

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 (Enhanced)

Marshall \$500 Friday Night Blitz! - FIDE Blitz Rated (BLZ)
9-SS, G/5 d0. **EF:** \$200-100, Top U2400/unr, U2200, U1800: \$50 Highest rating (regular, quick or blitz) used for pairings & prizes. **EF:** \$30, Mbr \$20. **Rds.:** 7-7:30-7:50-8:10-8:40-9:20-9:40-10pm. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45. Max three byes, req. at entry. Blitz rated. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. www.marshallchessclub.org, 212-477-3716.

A Heritage Event!

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

Aug. 29-Sept. 1 or Aug. 30-Sept. 1, Texas

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 40 (Enhanced)

80th Annual Southwest Open

7SS. Doubletree DFW Airport North, 4441 W. John Carpenter Fwy., Irving, TX 75063. \$8,950 b/175 full entries, 75% Gtd. 3 Sections and scholastic side events: **Open:** (This section is FIDE rated and uses FIDE rules. USCF rules/ratings used for awarding prizes. Players not at the board within 60 minutes of the start of the round will forfeit game.) Rounds 1-3 G/90 with 30 sec. increment, rounds 4-7 G/120 with 30 sec. increment. Note, please check tournament website for rules about FIDE registration. \$1,100-500-250, 2200-2399 \$700, U2200 \$700-350. **Reserve:** U2000. Rounds 1-3 G/90 with 30 sec. increment, rounds 4-7 G/120 with 30 sec. increment. \$800-400-200. B \$600-300-150, U1600 \$500-250-125. **Novice:** U1400 and Unrated. Rounds 1-3 G/90 with 30 sec. increment, rounds 4-7 G/120 with 30 sec. increment. \$500-250-125, E \$400-200, U1000 \$300-150 Unrated \$200. All 3: TCA membership required. Other states accepted. **EF:** \$88 if received by 8/21, else \$99. \$80 Junior(U19) if received by 8/21 else \$90 (juniors count as 90% toward base), Senior (over 65)/Handicap/Additional family participant \$52 if received by 8/21 else \$65 (Senior/Handicap/Additional family participant counts 60% toward base). Add \$5 for CC phone entries; pre-reg. requires pre-payment. After 8/27/14 all registration and changes on site only; all changes including withdrawals, \$10 after 8/27/14. 4 day: Reg. Friday 8/29, 6:15 pm-7:15. Rds. Fri.: 7:45, Sat.: 2:30 pm - 7:30, Sun.: 10:45 am - 5:00 pm, Mon.: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. 3 day: Reg. Sat. 8/30, 9-9:30 am, Rd. 1 at 10 am then merge with 4 day. Foreign Unrated must play in Open section. Registrations that do not indicate a 3 day schedule will be put in the 3 day. **HR:** \$96/96/96/96, 972-929-8181 reserve by 8/18 and ask for Dallas Chess Club rate. \$96 rate includes continental breakfast for up to 2 people staying in room. Additional Breakfast vouchers at special price of \$9.95. Up to two 1/2-pt byes available if requested before end of rd. 2, but byes for both rd. 6 AND 7 not permitted. Tournament reserves the right to use an analog clock with equivalent time control under special circumstances. Texas Chess Association meeting on Sunday 8/31 at 9:00 am. **K-12 Scholastic on Saturday, 8/30.** 5-SS, G/30 d5, **EF:** \$31 by 8/21, \$45 after; Pre-reg. requires pre-payment. After 8/27/14 all registration and changes on site only; all changes \$10 after 8/27/14. No refunds after 8/27/14, \$10 handling fee for refunds before 8/27/14. Entries do not count toward base in Open, Reserve and Novice. Registration: 8:15-8:45 am,

Rd. 1 at 9:30 am, rest ASAP with small lunch break. Sections: *K-12 Championship* and *K-12 U1000*. Prizes: Trophies to top 12 individuals, five teams in each section. K-12 U1000 also top three unratdeds. Medals to those who do not win a trophy. ALL: Ent: Dallas Chess Club, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. Info: Barb Swafford, 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com, www.dallaschess.com. W. JGP for Non scholastic side events.

**Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
A State Championship Event!
Aug. 29-Sept. 1 or Aug. 30-Sept. 1, Florida**

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 40
2014 Arnold Denker Florida State Championship
6SS, G/120 d5 (3-day Option Rd. 1 G/60 d5). The DoubleTree by Hilton Palm Beach Gardens, 4431 PGA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410. **\$510,000** b/200 paid entries, 70% min. Gtd. **Open:** \$1,100/Trophy-700-600-500, U2300 \$400, U2200 \$300. FIDE rated. **U2050:** \$700/Trophy-400-300, U1950 \$200. **U1800:** \$700/Trophy-400-300, U1700 \$200. **U1550:** \$700/Trophy-400-300, U1450 \$200. **U1300:** \$700/Trophy-400-300, U1200 \$200. Unr's ltd. to \$200 except in Open. **EF:** \$89 by Aug. 24, \$10 more later and on-site, GMs & IMs free (\$89 deducted from prize). Re-entry \$50. **Memb. Req'd:** FCA. **Reg.:** Ends 1/2 hr. before 1st rd. **Rds:** **4-Day** 1st Rd. Fri. 7:30, **3-Day** 1st Rd. Sat 10, Rds. 2-6 Sat. 1:15, 6:30, Sun. 12:15, 6:00, Mon. 10:00. 2 1/2 pt. byes, if req'd before rd. 3. Blitz Championship: G/5 d, Sunday at 10:00 a.m., EF \$20. Prizes based on entries. Quick Chess Championship: G/15 d3, Monday at 3:00 p.m., EF \$20. Prizes based on entries. FCA Board Mtg. Sun. at 4:45, FCA Annual Mtg. Sun. at 5:30. **HR:** \$89 by Cut-off Date, Includes free Internet and parking, 561-622-2260, mention group code FSC. **Ent:** Boca Raton Chess Club, 2385 Executive Ctr. Dr., Ste. 100, Boca Raton, FL 33431. \$10 service charge for refunds. **Online entry & add'l info:** www.bocachess.com, 561-479-0351.

**Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
A State Championship Event!**

Aug. 30-Sept. 1 or Aug. 31-Sept. 1, California, Northern
Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 100 (Enhanced)
2014 CalChess State Championship (Labor Day)
6SS, 40/120 G/30 d5 (2-day opt rounds 1-3 G/61 d5). Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Pkwy., Santa Clara, CA 95054. Hotel: Hilton \$99 (408-330-0001). **Price: \$24,000** b/297 (80% Guar). 6 sections. **Open** (2200+) FIDE rated: \$3000-1500-700-300-150. **Expert:** 2,000-1,000-500-200-140. **A:** 1500, 700-300-200-140. **B:** 1,500-700-300-200-140. **C:** 1,500-700-300-200-140. **DE:** \$1,000-500-200-150 u1200 \$700-300-140. Unr capped at 300 exc in Open. Unr: Trophy 1st. Trophy to top finisher (State Champion) in ea section. **EF:** \$129 by 8/28. 149 on site. Econ \$85 w/ 1/2 prize. Unr \$0 in DE or in the Master section for reg EF. \$5 disc to CalChess mems. USCF mem reqd. May play up 1 section for \$25 more. Refund fee: \$25. GM/IM free (EF subtr from prize). **Reg.:** Sat 9-9:30am, Sun 8:30-9am. **Rds.:** 3day Sat 10-3:30; Sun 11-5; Mon 10-3:30. 2-day Sun 9:30-12:20-3:30; Mon 10-3:30. Merge at Rd. 4. All complete for the same prizes. 1/2 pt bye(s) in any round(s) if requested in advance (byes Rds. 5-6 must be req bef Rd. 1). 2014 Aug Supp, CCA min, & TD discretion will be used to place players. Bring clocks. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/labor, Richard Koepcke 650-224-4938. **Ent:** Online at BayAreaChess.com/my/labor or mail R. Koepcke, PO Box 1432, Mountain View, CA 94042. No Phone entries. W.

Sept. 7, California, Northern

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 (Enhanced)
Cupertino Grand Prix DuperSwiss (3SS x G/75 d5)
Court yard Marriott Cupertino, CA 95014. **Price:** \$1,210 b/44. 70% guar. **1900+:** \$200-130-100-1500-1899; \$200-100, u1700 45-45. **u1500:** \$200-100, u1300 45-45. Sep 14 Supp & TD disc. **Sched:** Reg. 8-8:30. Rds. 9-11:45-2:40. **EF:** \$45, Econ 35 2/3 prz. after 9/4 +15, Rtd 2200+ \$0 by 9/1 (EF subtr from prize). **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/grandprix. W.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

Sept. 13, California, Northern
Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 (Enhanced)
Bay Area Chess Grand Prix SuperSwiss (4SS, G/61 d5)
1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Price:** \$1,500 b/50. 70% guar. **1800+:** \$300-200-100, u2000 150-50. **u1800:** \$200-100-50, u1600 150-50, u1400 100 u1200 50. Sept 14 Supp & TD disc. **Sched:** Reg. 8-9. Rds.: 9:30-12:20-3:30. **EF:** \$45, Econ \$35 2/3 prz. after 9/10 +\$15, play up \$15, Rated 2200+ \$0 by 9/3 (EF subtr from prize). **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/grandprix.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

Sept. 13-14, Maryland
Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 15
UMBC Championship
5SS, G/90, +30incr: University of Maryland, Baltimore County, 1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore (in Commons, 3rd floor). **Open:** (All) \$51260: \$400-300-200 Gtd., Class prizes \$120 ea. to top U2300, U2100, U1900. Top UMBC student awarded trophy & title of 2014-2015 UMBC Chess Champion. Certificates & UMBC Class titles to top UMBC students U2200, U2000, U1800, U1600, U1400, U1200, & Unr. All prospective members of any UMBC Chess Team for academic year 2014-2015 must play in this section. Free ent. to GMs, \$50 deducted from any prizes. **U1800:** (U1800-Unr) \$51080 b/40: \$350-250-150, Class prizes \$110 ea. to top U1600, U1400. No Unr. player may win more than \$250 in this section. See separate TLA for rated beginners tournament held 9/13. **All: EF:** \$50 if postmarked by 9/1, \$60 later, \$10 less if under age 20. **Reg.:** 8:30-9:30am Sat., **Rds.:** 10-3-7:30pm Sat, 10:30-3:30pm Sun. **Byes:** Up to three 1/2-pt. byes avail. in Rds. 1-5 if req'd at least 1 hr. before Rd. (before Rd. 2 for any Rd. 4-5 bye), but only at most one 1/2-point bye in Rds. 4-5. **HR:** La Quinta Inn and Suites, 1734 West Nursery Rd., Linticum, MD 21090, 410-859-2333, www.lq.com (From I-95, take Exit 47A onto I-195 towards BWI Airport. Take Exit 2A onto 295 north towards Baltimore; take first exit, bearing right onto West Nursery Road.) **Directions to UMBC:** Take Exit 47B off I-95 & follow signs to UMBC. Park in Lot 9 or 16. **Ent:** Dr. Alan T. Sherman, Dept. of CSEE, UMBC, Attn: Championship,

1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore, MD 21250. Make out check to UMBC. **For more information:** ChessClub@umbc.edu, (410) 455-8499, www.umbc.edu/chess. W.

Sept. 26, New York

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 (Enhanced)
Marshall \$500 Friday Night Blitz! - FIDE Blitz Rated (BLZ)
9-SS, G/3 d2. **\$500:** \$200-100, top U2400/unr, U2200, U2000, U1800: \$50 Highest rated (regular, quick or blitz) used for pairings & prizes. **EF:** \$30, Mbr \$20. **Rds.:** 7-7:30-7:50-8:10-8:40-9:20-9:40-10pm. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45. Max three byes, req. at entry. Blitz rated. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. www.marshallchessclub.org, 212-477-3716.

Sept. 27, California, Northern

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 40 (Enhanced)
2014 U.S. Game/60 Championship
See Nationals.

Sept. 28, California, Northern

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 40 (Enhanced)
2014 U.S. Game/30 Championship
See Nationals.

A State Championship Event!

Sept. 28, Pennsylvania
Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 6
2014 PA State Game/60 Championship
4SS, G/60 d5. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pitt., 5th & Bigelow, Pittsburgh PA 15213. 3 Sections, \$\$ (695G). **Champ:** EF: \$30 by 9/20, \$40 later. \$200-100, U2000 \$75, U1800 \$50. **Premier:** U1600. **EF:** \$25 by 9/20, \$35 later. \$90-60, U1400 \$50, U1200 \$40, U1000 \$30. Trophies to Top 2, Top 2 U1400, Top 2 U1200, Top 2 U1000. **Scholastic:** Grades K-12 U900. **EF:** \$15 by 9/20, \$25 later. Trophies to Top 7, Top 3 U600. **All:** Trophies: Top 2 Schools, Top 2 Clubs. PSCF \$5, OSA. Reg ends 10am. **Rds.:** 10:30-1:30-15:45. **Ent/Info:** PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 25 Freepost St., Pittsburgh, PA 15223, 412-908-0286, martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com. W.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

Oct. 10-12 or 11-12, Florida
Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 20
Orlando Autumn Open & National Chess Day Scholastic
5SS, G/120 d5 (2-day: Rd.1 G/60 d5). DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando at SeaWorld, 10100 International Dr., 32821. **\$7,500/b135** (Scholastic = 1/2-entry), 70% Guaranteed. **5 Sections: Premier [FIDE Rated]** \$1000-500-300, U2200 \$300-100. **Under 2000** \$700-300-200, U1800 \$300-100. **Under 1700** \$700-300-200, U1500 \$300-100. **Under 1400** \$700-300-200, U1300 \$200-100. **Scholastic Under 1200** \$250-150, U1000 \$100, U800 \$100. Trophies in Scholastic to top U1200, U1000, and U800. Special **OCA Awards** TBD. Rated players may play up one section only. Unratdeds limited to \$100 unless Place prize in Premier. **EF:** \$75 (Scholastic U1200 \$35) by October 1; \$85 later for (Scholastic \$45); plus \$5 if paid on-site. CFCC memb discount: \$10 (\$5 for Jr/Sr memb). Re-entry \$40. **Event part of CFCC \$600 GP. Reg.:** ends 1/2 hr before 1st rd. Rd.1: 7pm Fri (2-day and Scholastic: 10am Sat at G/60;d5). **Rds.:** 2-5: Sat 1 & 6, Sun 9 & 2. 1/2 pt. byes if req'd before rd. 2 (max 2). **HR:** \$99 (No Resort Fee) (407) 352-1100; (Mention "Chess" or CFCC); or online <http://tinyurl.com/october2014hotel>, (72-hr Cancellation fee); **RESERVE BY SEP 25.** Free parking, local shuttle and WiFi with sleeping rooms; other Self-parking at \$5/day/exit. **Ent:** CFCC, c/o Harvey Lerman, 921 N. Thistle Ln., Maitland, FL 32751; or online: <http://onlineregistration.cfcfc.com> by Oct 9. **Info:** Call 407-629-6946, (407-670-9304 for onsite cell) or www.centralflchess.org.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

Oct. 10-12 or 11-12, California, Northern
Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 40 (Enhanced)
Bay Area Chess GM Sam Shankland Championship
6SS, G/90 +30 (u1600 G/90 d5) 2day rds. 1-3 G/70 d5. 1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. Park free. **Price:** \$5,000 b/89 (70% guar). 3 sects: **2000+ (FIDE)** \$1,000-500-200, u2300: 250-125-100. **1600-1999:** \$700-300-100, u1800: 200-100, **u1600:** \$700-300-100 u1400: 125-100, u1200: 100. Unr max \$100 exc Open. Oct 14 Supp & TD disc. **Reg:** F 6-6:45p & Sa 8-8:45a. **Rds.:** F 7p, Sa 9 1:20, Su 9 1:30-6, (u1600: Su 9 1.5). 2-day Rds. 1-3: Sa 9 11:50 2:40 & merge. **EF:** \$89, after 10/6 +\$20. Play up +\$20. Econ EF: \$69 w/ 2/3 prz. Rated 2250+ \$0 by 10/1 (EF subtr from prize). **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/champs.

REGIONAL Alabama

Aug. 23, Back-2-School Scholastic *Birmingham (OC)
5SS, TC: G/25 d4. Alabama Power Company, 600 18th Street North, Birmingham, AL. **EF: FREE;** if mailed or emailed by Aug 16th. **Scholastic: 3 Sections - Rated and Not Rated.** Trophy: Top 3; Medals 4th - 6th. **Rds.:** 9:15-10:30-12:15-2:30. **1584 REG.:** N/A - Advance Registration Only! **ENT:** Caesar Chess LLC, 5184 Caldwell Mill Road, Suite 204-202, Birmingham, AL 35244. **Info:** CaesarChess@yahoo.com; www.CaesarChess.com; www.AlabamaChess.com.

Sept. 27, Alabama State Scholastic Tournament (5SS, G/25 d5)
Ferguson Center, 751 Campus Dr., Tuscaloosa, AL 35487. **EF:** \$20 by Sept 24; on site \$30. **Sections:** U1200, U800. Prizes: Trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd medals for 4th, 5th in each section. **Reg.:** 8:00 - 8:30 am; **Rds.:** 9:15-10:30-12:30-1:50-3:10. **Ent:** Online at www.freedomchessacademy.org or mail to Freedom Chess Academy, PO Box 2356, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403. **Info:** www.freedomchessacademy.org. All proceeds to charity.

Oct. 11, National Chess Day Scholastic - A Charity Event! (QC)
5SS, TC: G/25 d4. Brookwood Village Mall, 780 Brookwood Village, Birmingham, AL 35209. **Rated:** OPEN (K-12), MIDDLE (K-8). **EF: \$20. Not Rated:** NOVICE (K-6). **EF: \$15**, if mailed by Oct 4th. **Trophy:** Top 3, Medals 4th - 6th. **LA REG.:** Oct 11th at 8AM; **\$10 More.** **Rds.:** 9:15-

10:30-12-1:15-2:30. Checks payable to: **Caesar Chess.** All Proceeds goes to Children's of Alabama. **ENT:** Caesar Chess, LLC 5184 Caldwell Mill Road, Suite 204-202, Birmingham, AL 35244. **Info:** CaesarChess@yahoo.com; www.CaesarChess.com; www.AlabamaChess.com.

California, Northern

Aug. 15-17 or 16-17, 5th annual Central California Open
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Aug. 16, Bay Area Chess4Less Kids Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)
1639A South Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Check-in by 2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 20, after 8/13 35. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>.

Aug. 16, Bay Area Chess4Less Kids Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
1639A South Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Trophies:** all teams & players w+ score. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:45a. **Games:** 10a-2p. **Disc EF:** 20, after 8/13 35. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>.

Aug. 17, Bay Area Cupertino Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)
Court yard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Check-in by 2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 25, after 8/14 40. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>.

Aug. 17, Bay Area Cupertino Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
Court yard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** all teams & players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:45a. **Games:** 10a-2p. **EF:** 33, after 8/14 48. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>.

Aug. 17, Bay Area Foster City Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)
Court yard Marriott, Foster City, CA 94404. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Check-in by 2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 27, after 8/14 35. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>.

Aug. 17, Bay Area Foster City Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
Court yard Marriott, Foster City, CA 94404. **Trophies:** all teams & players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:45a. **Games:** 10a-2p. **EF:** 27, after 8/14 40. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>.

Aug. 17, Foster City Grand Prix LuperSwiss (3 x G/90 d5)
See Grand Prix.

Aug. 24, Bay Area San Ramon Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)
Court yard Marriott, San Ramon, CA 94583. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Check-in by 2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 20, after 8/20 35. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>.

Aug. 24, Bay Area San Ramon Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
Court yard Marriott, San Ramon, CA 94583. **Trophies:** all teams & players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:45a. **Games:** 10a-2p. **EF:** 27, after 8/20 42. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>.

Aug. 24, Cupertino Grand Prix DuperSwiss (3SS x G/75 d5)
See Grand Prix.

A State Championship Event!
Aug. 30, CalChess California Kids State u1000 Class Championship
5SS, G/30 d5. Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Pkwy., Santa Clara, CA 95054. Park free. **Prizes:** Top 20 players in ea section. Top 5 clubs & Top 5 schools in all sections combined (min 2/team, top 5 count). K-12 kids only. **5 sections based on rating:** F(800-999) G(600-799) H(400-599) I(200-399) J(under 200). **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:30a. **Games:** 10-11:30-1-2:20-3:45. **EF:** \$39, after 8/28 \$59, Play up +\$10. August 2013 Supp & TD disc to place players. **Ent:** Online or mail to Bay Area Chess, 1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. Rfnd fee \$150. T:408-786-5515. **Info/Form:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/labor>. E: ask@BayAreaChess.com. W.

Aug. 30-Sept. 1 or Aug. 31-Sept. 1, 2014 CalChess State Championship (Labor Day)
See Grand Prix.

Sept. 7, Bay Area Fremont Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)
Court yard Marriott, Fremont, CA 94538. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Check-in by 2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 25, after 9/4 40. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>.

Sept. 7, Bay Area Fremont Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
Court yard Marriott, Fremont, CA 94538. **Trophies:** all teams & players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:45a. **Games:** 10a-2p. **EF:** 33, after 9/4 48. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>.

Sept. 7, Cupertino Grand Prix DuperSwiss (3SS x G/75 d5)
See Grand Prix.

Sept. 13, Bay Area Chess Grand Prix SuperSwiss (4SS, G/61 d5)
See Grand Prix.

Sept. 13, Bay Area Foster City Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)
Court yard Marriott, Foster City, CA 94404. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Check-in by 2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 27, after 9/10 35. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>.

Sept. 13, Bay Area Foster City Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
Court yard Marriott, Foster City, CA 94404. **Trophies:** all teams & players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:45a. **Games:** 10a-2p. **EF:** 27, after 9/10 40. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>.

Sept. 13, Bay Area Sacramento Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)
Court yard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Check-in by 2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 20, after 9/10 35. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
Sept. 13, Sacramento Junior Grand Prix Super Swiss (4SS, G/61 d5)
Court yard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. **Price:** \$1,000 b/30. 70% guar. **1800+:** \$200-100, u2000 100-50. **u1800:** \$200-100-50, u1600 100, u1400 50 u1200 50. Sept 14 Supp & TD disc. **Reg:** 9-9:15. Rds. 9:30 11:50 2:40 5. **EF:** 45, Econ 35 2/3 prz. after 9/10 +15, play up +15, Rated 2200+ \$0 by 9/3 (EF subtr from prize). **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com>.

com/grandprix. W.

Sept. 14, Bay Area Cupertino Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Check-in by 2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 25, after 9/11 40. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>. W.

Sept. 14, Bay Area Cupertino Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** all teams & players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:45a. **Games:** 10a-2p. **EF:** 33, after 9/11 48. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>. W.

Sept. 20, Bay Area Chess4Less Kids Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)
1639A South Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Check-in by 2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 20, after 9/17 35. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>.

Sept. 20, Bay Area Chess4Less Kids Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
1639A South Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Trophies:** to all teams & players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:45a. **Games:** 10a-2p. **Disc EF:** 20, after 9/17 35. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>.

Sept. 21, Bay Area Cupertino Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Check-in by 2p. **Games:** 2:30-4:30p. **EF:** \$25, after 9/18 \$40. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>. W.

Sept. 21, Bay Area Cupertino Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** all teams & players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:45a. **Games:** 10a-2p. **EF:** \$33, after 9/18 \$48. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>. W.

Sept. 27, 2014 U.S. Game/60 Championship
See Nationals.

Sept. 28, 2014 U.S. Game/30 Championship
See Nationals.

Oct. 10-12 or 11-12, Bay Area Chess GM Sam Shankland Championship
See Grand Prix.

Oct. 11, Weibel Fall Scholastic Chess Youth Quads #1 + National Chess Day Festivities
Weibel Elementary School, 45135 S. Grimmer Blvd., Fremont, CA. **Two Sections:** U900 G/30 d0; Over 900 G/45 d5. **Info & Entry Form at:** www.CalNorthYouthChess.org/Applications/FallQuads14-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.

Jan. 16-19, 17-19 or 18-19, 6th annual Golden State Open
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

California, Southern

The Los Angeles Chess Club

The Most Active Club on the West Coast! (310) 795-5710 www.LAChessClub.com. Saturdays: 10am-10 pm (Intermediate class + 2 Tournaments). Sundays: 11-7 & 1-5 pm (Junior class + 2 Tournaments) – Details on our web site. Tuesdays: 7:30-9:30 pm (Intermediate/Advanced Lecture). 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90025. (4 blocks W of 405, SW corner of Santa Monica & Butler * 2nd Floor – above Javan Restaurant). Group Classes * Tournaments * Private (1:1) Lessons.

Aug. 2, 9, 30, LACC - Every Saturday Chess 4 Jrs.

3 separate events- 5SS, G/25 d5. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd. & Butler, LA, 90025, 2nd fl. 4 blocks West of 405. **EF:** \$30 (\$20 LACC memb, siblings 1/2, Free new LACC members). **Reg.:** 12-1 pm. **Rds.:** 1pm & asap; done by 5. **Prizes:** Trophies & medals; each player receives a prize! **Parking:** Free on st & basement. Free pizza & juices. **Info:** (310) 795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com or Mick@LAChessClub.com.

Aug. 3, 10, 31, LACC - Every Sunday Chess 4 Jrs.

3 separate events- 5SS, G/25 d5. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd. & Butler LA, 90025, 2nd fl. 4 blocks West of 405. **EF:** \$30 (\$20 LACC memb, siblings 1/2, Free new LACC members). **Reg.:** 12-1 pm. **Rds.:** 1pm & asap; done by 5. **Prizes:** Trophies & medals; each player receives a prize! **Parking:** Free on st & basement. Free pizza & juices. **Info:** (310) 795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com or Mick@LAChessClub.com.

Aug. 10, 2014 California Grade (K-12) Championship

5 Sections: 1) K-3, 2) K4-K6, 7) K7-K9 8) K10-K12; Checkmark the grades as of 1/1/2014, 5SS, G/25 d5. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd & Butler, LA, 90025, 2nd fl. 4 blocks West of 405. **EF:** \$35 (\$25 LACC memb, siblings 1/2, Free new LACC members). **Reg.:** 12-1 pm. **Rds.:** 1pm & asap. **Prizes:** Trophies (Top 3 each section) & medals; **Parking:** Free on streets & basement. **Info:** (310) 795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com or Mick@LAChessClub.com. Free Pizzas & Juices.

Aug. 23-24, Summer Chess Camp & Tournament II TOURNAMENT II: G/30 d5. **CAMP:** 3 Sections: Over 1000, U1000, U500 **EF:** \$199; Siblings 1/2, 25% off new LACC members; Free new LACC Life members! **\$10 (\$5) off** if preregistered by 8/21 for the 2-day (1-day). **1-Day option:** \$109. **Reg.:** Sat 9-10 am; **Schedule:** Day 1 (Beginner/ Intermediate) 10-11: Tactics I (theory); 11-12: Game I (practice); 12-1: Lunch & games analysis; 1-2: Opening I (theory); 2-3: Middle game I (theory); 3-4: Endgame I (theory); 4-5: Game 2 (practice); 5-6: Game 2 analysis. **Schedule:** Day 2 (Intermediate/ Advanced) 10-11: Tactics II (theory); 11-12: Game 3 (practice); 12-1: Lunch & games analysis; 1-2: Opening II (theory); 2-3: Middle game II (theory); 3-4: Endgame II (theory); 4-5: Game 4 (practice); 5-6: Game 4 analysis. **Ent:** LACC - Box 251774, LA, CA 90025. **Info:** Mick Bighamian: (310) 795-5710; Mick@LAChessClub.com or www.LAChessClub.com. **Parking:** Free in basement.

Connecticut

Sept. 26-28 or 27-28, 5th Annual Hartford Open
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Nov. 7-9 or 8-9, 18th Annual Eastern Chess Congress
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

District of Columbia

Aug. 22-24 or 23-24, 46th annual Atlantic Open
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Florida

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
Boca Raton Chess Club

Friday nights, G/85 d5 Tournament, one game a week for 4 weeks. www.bocachess.com, 561-479-0351.

Aug. 23, CFCC Tornados at UUU
See Grand Prix.

Aug. 29-Sept. 1 or Aug. 30-Sept. 1, 2014 Arnold Denker Florida State Championship
See Grand Prix.

Sept. 19-21 or 20-21, 22nd annual Southern Open
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Oct. 10-12 or 11-12, Orlando Autumn Open & National Chess Day Scholastic
See Grand Prix.

Idaho

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Illinois

Oct. 10-12 or 11-12, 23rd annual Midwest Class Championships
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Indiana

Aug. 22-24 or 23-24, 9th annual Indianapolis Open
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Maryland

Maryland Chess Association Tournaments

MCA runs several scholastic & open tournaments throughout Maryland each month. Listings & online registration at www.MDChess.com. Maryland scholastic players can qualify for a \$41,000 scholarship awarded each year that covers 4 years of tuition & fees at UMBC (University of Maryland, Baltimore County).

Sept. 13, UMBC Rated Beginner's Championship (RBO)

5SS, G/25 d5. UMBC, 1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore (in Commons, 3rd floor). Open to U1200/Unr. USCF membership required. Free USCF memb. to anyone scoring at least 3.5 pts. Certificate to anyone completing 5 rds. Top UMBC student awarded trophy & title of 2014-2015 UMBC Amateur Chess Champ. **EF:** \$20 if postmarked by 9/1, \$25 later. **Reg.:** 8:30-9:30am. **Rds.:** 10-11:30-1:30-3:40 Sat. 1/2 pt. bye avail. in any rd. if req'd before rd. 1. Held concurrently w/UMBC Champ. 9/13-9/14 (see separate TLA). **Ent:** Dr. Alan T. Sherman, Dept. of CSEE, UMBC, 1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore, MD 21250, ATTN: Beginners Champ. Cks payable to UMBC. Dir: Exit 47B off I95 & follow signs to UMBC. Park in Commons Drive garage. **For more info:** 410-455-8499, ChessClub@umbc.edu, www.umbc.edu/chess. W.

Sept. 13-14, UMBC Championship
See Grand Prix.

Massachusetts

Aug. 30-Sept. 1 or Aug. 31-Sept. 1, 74th New England Open (Scholastic Sections)
Scholastic sections: K-12 U1500 and K-12 U900 sects. play Sat. 8/30, G/45 d5; K-3 U1200 and K-3 U400 play Sun. 8/31, G/30 d5; K-6 U1400 and K-6 U500 play Mon. 9/1, G/30 d5. **For full details see Chess Life** or www.masschess.org.

Nevada

Dec. 26-30, 26-29 or 27-29, 24th annual North American Open
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

New Jersey

A State Championship Event!

Aug. 30, New Jersey Scholastic K-8 Championship
5-SS, G/30 d5. Hyatt Morristown, 3 Speedwell Ave., Morristown, NJ 07960. If staying, for chess rate, please make reservations at

https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&evenID=10891130. Phone: 973-647-1234, mention NJ Chess. Free parking, public transportation to NYC, Phila. walking distance, 30 restaurants, shops and parks within 5 minute stroll. In three sections: Under 1200, Under 900, Under 600. Trophies to Top Ten in each section. **Registration:** Saturday, August 30, 11am -12noon. **Rounds:** 12:30pm, then ASAP. **EF:** \$25 if postmarked by August 23rd. \$40 cash at site. One 1/2 point bye allowed if requested with entry fee. April Rating Supplement used. **Entries:** to Noreen Davission, 6 Red Barn Ln., Randolph, NJ 07869. Entries must include name, USCF ID and expiration date, mailing address, email address, phone number, grade level and entry fee. Checks made out to NJSCF. Questions to noreen@deanofchess.com. W.

Oct. 11, 2nd Annual Renaissance Chess Club National Chess Day Blitz (BLZ)

18 games, format(s) TBA per entries, G/3inc2 or G/5d0 (no delay). Renaissance Copy, 57 Main St., Hackensack, NJ 07601. **EF:** \$5. Numerous nice noncash prizes. **BLZ rated, but highest of regular/quick/blitz ratings used for pairings/prizes.** **Reg:** 5:30-6:10 PM, **mandatory player meeting 6:20**, 1st rd. 6:30. Please bring equipment. Free warmup blitz tmt. (unc.) 10/5. **Info:** epcc9299@juno.com. (201) 342-2442.

Oct. 12, Westfield Fall Scholastic

Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, NJ 07090. K-12. **3 Sections:** Open, U1250, U750. **Open:** 3-SS, G/40 d5. **Rds.:** 2:15, 4:00, 5:45 p.m. **U1250:** 4-SS, G/25 d5. **Rds.:** 2:15, 3:30, 4:45, 6:00 p.m. **U750:** 4-SS, G/25 d5. **Rds.:** 2:15, 3:30, 4:45, 6:00 p.m. **Prizes:** Trophies to Top 5 in each section. Tiebreaks used. **EF:** \$25, 200 members. No mail entries. No discount for advance entry. **Reg.:** 1:15-2:00 p.m. **Info:** www.westfieldchessclub.com, John Moldovan: westfieldchessclub@gmail.com, Bill Cohen: 732-548-8432 or 848-219-1358.

Oct. 24-26 or 25-26, 5th annual Boardwalk Open
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

A State Championship Event!

Nov. 23, New Jersey K-12 Grade Championship
5SS, G/30 d5. Brookdale College, 765 Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft, NJ 07738. Student Life Center, use Parking Lot #7 or #6; 4 miles from Garden State Parkway exit 109. **13 Sections:** Play only in your grade! **Grades K-12:** Trophies to top 10 individuals, top 3 teams - top 3 from each school/grade; 50% of players receive trophy or medal! **Rds.:** 10am and ASAP. **EF:** \$35 by 11:15, \$55 at site. USCF mem req'd. **Reg.:** 8-9:00am After 9:00am 1/2 pt bye rd. 1. **Info:** 732 259-3881 or email Halsprechmann@gmail.com. **Ent:** Please make checks payable to NJSCF and send to NJSCF, PO Box 1511, Jackson, NJ 08527. Entries must include name, grade school, date of birth, USCF ID # & expiration, mailing address, phone number & entry fee, please include email address. Register online at: www.njscf.org until 11/22.

New York

Aug. 15, Marshall U2000 Friday Night Rapid!

4-SS, G/25 d5. **(\$360 b/24):** \$160-80, U1800 \$65 U1600 \$55. **EF:** \$40, Mbr \$20. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45. Max one bye, req. at entry for round 1 or 4 only. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. www.marshallchessclub.org, 212-477-3716.

Aug. 16, Marshall Saturday G/60 (Open and U1500)

4-SS, G/55 d5 NOT G/40 d5. **Two sections: 1-Open** (\$360/30): \$160-80, U2100 \$65, U1700 \$55. **2-U1500** (\$300/25): \$160-80, U1200 \$60. **EF:** \$40, Mbr \$20. **Rds.:** 12-2:30-4:45-7. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45. Max one bye, req. at entry Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. www.marshallchessclub.org, 212-477-3716.

Aug. 17, Marshall Sunday G/45! (Open and U1800)

4-SS, G/40 d5. **Two sections: 1-Open** (\$360/30): \$160-80, U2200 \$65, U1900 \$55. **2-U1800** (\$300/25): \$160-80, U1500 \$60. **EF:** \$40, Mbr \$20. **Rds.:** 12-1:45-4:00-5:45. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45. Max one bye, req. at entry Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. www.marshallchessclub.org, 212-477-3716.

Aug. 21, Marshall 4 Rated Games Tonight! - FIDE Rapid Rated

4-SS, G/25 d5. **(\$530 b/35):** \$200-100-50, U2200 \$95 U2000 \$85. **EF:** \$40, Mbr \$25. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45. Max one bye, req. at entry for round 1 or 4 only. Free entry: GMs. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. www.marshallchessclub.org, 212-477-3716.

Aug. 23, Marshall Saturday G/40 U1600!

4-SS, G/40 d5. **(\$300/25):** \$160-80, U1300 \$60. **EF:** \$40, Mbr \$20. **Rds.:** Noon-1:45-4:00-5:45pm. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45. Max one bye, req. at entry Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. www.marshallchessclub.org, 212-477-3716.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

Aug. 25, Sep. 1, 8, 15, 22, Marshall Monday U1600!
5-SS, G/90 d5. **(\$450/25):** \$240-120 U1300 \$90. **EF:** \$50, Members \$30. **Rds.:** 7pm each Mon. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45. Max two byes, req. by Rd. 3. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. www.marshallchessclub.org, 212-477-3716.

Aug. 29, Marshall \$500 Friday Night Blitz! - FIDE Blitz Rated (BLZ)
See Grand Prix.

Aug. 29-Sept. 1, Aug. 30-Sept. 1 or Aug. 31-Sept. 1, 136th annual NY State Championship

Out of state welcome. See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Aug. 30, Marshall Saturday G/45! (Open and U1500)

4-SS, G/40 d5. **Two sections: 1-Open** (\$360/30): \$160-80, U2100 \$65, U1800 \$55. **2-U1500** (\$300/25): \$160-80, U1200 \$60. **EF:** \$40, Mbr \$20. **Rds.:** 12-1:45-4:00-5:45. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45. Max one bye, req. at entry Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. www.marshallchessclub.org, 212-477-3716.

Aug. 31, Marshall Sunday G/60! (Open and U1700)

4-SS, G/55 d5 NOT G/40 d5. **Two sections: 1-Open** (\$360/30): \$160-

80, U2100 \$65, U1800 \$55. **2-U1700** (\$300/25): \$160-80, U1400 \$60. **EF:** \$40, Mbr \$20. **Rds.:** 12-2:30-4:45-7. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45. Max one bye, req. at entry Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. www.marshallchessclub.org, 212-477-3716.

Sept. 2, Marshall Tuesday Rapid - First Tuesday - FIDE Rapid Rated 4-SS, G/25 d5. **(\$360 b/24):** \$160-80, U2100 \$65 U1800 \$55. **EF:** \$40, Mbr \$20. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45. Max one bye, req. at entry for round 1 or 4 only. Free entry: GMS. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. www.marshallchessclub.org, 212-477-3716.

Sept. 4, Marshall 4 Rated Games Tonight! - FIDE Rapid Rated 4-SS, G/25 d5. **(\$530 b/35):** \$200-100-50, U2200 \$95 U2000 \$85. **EF:** \$40, Mbr \$25. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45. Max one bye, req. at entry for round 1 or 4 only. Free entry: GMS. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. www.marshallchessclub.org, 212-477-3716.

Sept. 6, Marshall Saturday G/40 U1800! 4-SS, G/40 d5. **(\$300/25):** \$160-80, U1500 \$60 **EF:** \$40, Mbr \$20. **Rds.:** Noon-1:45-4:00-5:45pm. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45. Max one bye, req. at entry Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. www.marshallchessclub.org, 212-477-3716.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
Sept. 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8, Marshall Wednesday U1400!
5-SS, G/90 d5. **(\$450/25):** \$240-120 U1100 \$90. **EF:** \$50, Members \$30 **Rds.:** 7pm each Wed. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45. Max two byes, req. by Rd. 3. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. www.marshallchessclub.org, 212-477-3716.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
Sept. 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8, Marshall Wednesday U2000! NOW FIDE rated!
5-SS, G/120 d5. **(\$450/25):** \$240-120 U1700 \$90. **EF:** \$50, Mbr \$30. **Rds.:** 7pm each Wed. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45. Max two byes, req. by Rd. 3. USCF & FIDE rated! Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. www.marshallchessclub.org, 212-477-3716.

Sept. 11, Marshall 4 Rated Games Tonight! - FIDE Rapid Rated 4-SS, G/25 d5. **(\$530 b/35):** \$200-100-50, U2200 \$95 U2000 \$85. **EF:** \$40, Mbr \$25. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45. Max one bye, req. at entry for round 1 or 4 only. Free entry: GMS. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. www.marshallchessclub.org, 212-477-3716.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, Marshall Friday 1pm G/120! - FIDE Rated 5-SS, G/120 d5. **(\$300 b/24):** \$150-75, U2000 \$75. **EF:** \$30, Mbr \$20. **Rds.:** 1pm each Fri. **Reg.:** 12:15-12:45. Max two byes, req. by Rd. 3. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. www.marshallchessclub.org, 212-477-3716.

Sept. 19, Marshall U2000 Friday Night Rapid! 4-SS, G/25 d5. **(\$360 b/24):** \$160-80, U1800 \$65 U1600 \$55. **EF:** \$40, Mbr \$20. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45. Max one bye, req. at entry for round 1 or 4 only. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. www.marshallchessclub.org, 212-477-3716.

Sept. 20, Marshall Saturday G/60! (Open and U1500) 4-SS, G/55 d5. **Two sections: 1-Open** (\$360/30): \$160-80, U2100 \$65, U1700 \$55. **2-U1500** (\$300/25): \$160-80, U1200 \$60. **EF:** \$40, Mbr \$20. **Rds.:** 12-2:30-4:45-7. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45. Max one bye, req. at entry Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. www.marshallchessclub.org, 212-477-3716.

Sept. 21, Marshall Sunday G/45! (Open and U1800) 4-SS, G/40 d5. **Two sections: 1-Open** (\$360/30): \$160-80, U2200 \$65, U1900 \$55. **2-U1800** (\$300/25): \$160-80, U1500 \$60. **EF:** \$40, Mbr \$20. **Rds.:** 12-1:45-4:00-5:45. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45. Max one bye, req. at entry Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. www.marshallchessclub.org, 212-477-3716.

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Sept. 26, Marshall \$500 Friday Night Blitz! - FIDE Blitz Rated (BLZ)
See Grand Prix.

Sept. 27, Marshall Saturday G/45! (Open and U1500) 4-SS, G/40 d5. **Two sections: 1-Open** (\$360/30): \$160-80, U2100 \$65, U1800 \$55. **2-U1500** (\$300/25): \$160-80, U1200 \$60. **EF:** \$40, Mbr \$20. **Rds.:** 12-1:45-4:00-5:45. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45. Max one bye, req. at entry Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. www.marshallchessclub.org, 212-477-3716.

Sept. 28, Marshall Sunday G/60! (Open and U1700) 4-SS, G/55 d5. **Two sections: 1-Open** (\$360/30): \$160-80, U2100 \$65, U1800 \$55. **2-U1700** (\$300/25): \$160-80, U1400 \$60. **EF:** \$40, Mbr \$20. **Rds.:** 12-2:30-4:45-7. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45. Max one bye, req. at entry Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. www.marshallchessclub.org, 212-477-3716.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
Sept. 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Marshall Monday U1600!
5-SS, G/90 d5. **(\$450/25):** \$240-120 U1300 \$90. **EF:** \$50, Members \$30. **Rds.:** 7pm each Mon. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45. Max two byes, req. by Rd. 3. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. www.marshallchessclub.org, 212-477-3716.

Oct. 4, Marshall Saturday G/40 U1800! 4-SS, G/40 d5. **(\$300/25):** \$160-80, U1500 \$60 **EF:** \$40, Mbr \$20. **Rds.:** Noon-1:45-4:00-5:45pm. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45. Max one bye, req. at entry Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. www.marshallchessclub.org, 212-477-3716.

Oct. 7, Marshall First Tuesday Rapid! FIDE Rapid Rated 4-SS, G/25 d5. **(\$360 b/24):** \$160-80, U2100 \$65 U1800 \$55. **EF:** \$40, Mbr \$20. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45. Max one bye, req. at entry for round 1 or 4 only. Free entry: GMS. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. www.marshallchessclub.org, 212-477-3716.

Oct. 11, Marshall Saturday G/60! (Open and U1600) 4-SS, G/55 d5. **Two sections: 1-Open** (\$360/30): \$160-80, U2100 \$65, U1700 \$55. **2-U1600** (\$300/25): \$160-80, U1300 \$60. **EF:** \$40, Mbr \$20. **Rds.:** 12-2:30-4:45-7. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45. Max one bye, req. at entry Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. www.marshallchessclub.org, 212-477-3716.

Oct. 12, Marshall Sunday G/45! (Open and U1700) 4-SS, G/40 d5. **Two sections: 1-Open** (\$360/30): \$160-80, U2200 \$65, U1900 \$55. **2-U1700** (\$300/25): \$160-80, U1400 \$60. **EF:** \$40, Mbr \$20. **Rds.:** 12-1:45-4:00-5:45. **Reg.:** 11:15-11:45. Max one bye, req. at entry Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. www.marshallchessclub.org, 212-477-3716.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
Oct. 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, Marshall Wednesday U1400!
5-SS, G/90 d5. **(\$450/25):** \$240-120 U1100 \$90. **EF:** \$50, Members \$30 **Rds.:** 7pm each Wed. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45. Max two byes, req. by Rd. 3. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. www.marshallchessclub.org, 212-477-3716.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
Oct. 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, Marshall Wednesday U2000! NOW FIDE rated!
5-SS, G/120 d5. **(\$450/25):** \$240-120 U1700 \$90. **EF:** \$50, Mbr \$30. **Rds.:** 7pm each Wed. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45. Max two byes, req. by Rd. 3. USCF & FIDE rated! Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. www.marshallchessclub.org, 212-477-3716.

Oct. 18-19, Central New York Open
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

North Carolina

Sept. 13, Apples in Hendersonville
3SS, G/60 d5. Henderson County Athletics and Activity Center, 708 S. Grove St., Hendersonville, NC. Second Saturday of every month, September to May. **EF:** \$5, 80% returned. **Rds.:** 9:30 - 11:45 - 2:00. **Info:** Wayne Spon whspon@gmail.com.

Ohio

Aug. 15-17 or 16-17, Cleveland Open
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Aug. 16, DCC Scholastic Rated & Nonrated Tournament
4SS, G/30 d0. Dayton Chess Club, 18 W. 5th St., Dayton, OH. **Registration:** 9:00 to 9:45. **Rds.:** 10:00, 11:15, 12:30, & 1:45. **Entry fee:** \$20.00 by Aug 13th then \$30.00. Trophy awards only. Tournament limited to sixty participants. **More information contact:** Kay Stanley 937-477-1267 or email dcc15w5@sbcglobal.net.

Nov. 14-16 or 15-16, 23rd annual Kings Island Open
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Pennsylvania

MasterMinds Scholastic Summer League
Info at: www.mastermindschess.org.

A Heritage Event!
Sept. 14, 55th Pittsburgh Chess League
30/90, SD/60 d5. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Monthly 4-player team event from Sept. to Apr. **EF:** \$50/team by 9/11. **Rds.:** 2pm. **Info:** 412-908-0286, martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com, www.pitt.edu/~schach. W. Note: You play one game per month and each month is rated separately.

Sept. 28, 2014 PA State Game/60 Championship
See Grand Prix.

Oct. 24-25 NOT Oct. 10-11, 2014 U.S. Blind Chess Championship - NOTE DATE CHANGE
See Nationals.

Nov. 28-30 or 29-30, 45th annual National Chess Congress
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Texas

Aug. 23-24, 2014 DCC Fide Open VIII
See Grand Prix.

Aug. 29-Sept. 1 or Aug. 30-Sept. 1, 80th Annual Southwest Open
See Grand Prix.

Feb. 13-16, 14-16 or 15-16, Southwest Class Championships
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Virginia

Oct. 8-13, 10-13, 11-13 or 12-13, Washington Chess Congress
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Wisconsin

Aug. 16, 4th Annual BC Open!
See Grand Prix.

Answers. We've got Answers.

Chess Detective (from page 7)

#1 This position is from the 2011 Bilbao, Spain, Masters Tournament between Levon Aronian and Vassily Ivanchuk. **32. a4?** is a mistake because it opens up the b3-square for the queen and allows **32. ... Qb3+** **33. Rc2 Qb1+** **34. Rc1 Qb3+** **35. Rc2 Rc8 36. Bc4+ bxc4 37. Qd5+ Kf8 38. Qd7 Re8, White resigned.**

#2 Vasily Smyslov was playing White against Svetozar Gligoric in this game from the 1959 Bled-Zagreb-Belgrade Candidates Tournament. Black played **18. ... Bf5!**, **White resigned.** If White plays **19. e4 Bxh3 20. Bxh3 Nf3+** wins because of the hole created on f3 due to the e4-move. **19. Be4** loses, of course, to **19. ... Bxh3.**

#3 This position occurred between Bobby Fischer and Efim Geller in 1967 in Skopje, Republic of Macedonia. **20. a3** weakens the critical square on b3. Black skillfully takes advantage. The game continued, **20. ... Qb7 21. Qf4 Ba4 22. Qg4 Bf6 23. Rxf6 Bxb3, White resigned** (24. cxb3 Nxf6 25. Bxf6 gxf6 or 24. Bxc3 Nxc3+ 25. bxc3 gxf6).

#4 39. f4? leaves holes in White's position and allows Black's knights and rook to invade. The game continued, **39. ... Kd6 40. Kf3 Nd5 41. Kxg3 Nc5 42. Rg7 Rb8 43. Ra7 Rg8+ 44. Kf3 Ne4 45. Ra6+ Ke7 46. Rxa5 Rg3+ 47. Ke2 Rxe3+ 48. Kf1 Rxb3 49. Ra7+ Kf6 50. Ra8 Nxf4 51. Ra1 Rb2 52. a5 Rf2+, White resigned.** (This game was between Vladimir Kramnik and Veselin Topalov from their 2006 World Championship match in Elista, Kalmykia, Russia).

#5 72. ... f5? is a common type of mistake allowing a path for the white king into Black's position via e5. The game continued, **73. Kc3 Kc7 74. Kd4 Ra8** (If only the pawn could now retreat to f6!) **75. Ke5 Ra2 76. e7 Kd7 77. e8=Q+** Sacrificing the pawn to force the black king to retreat, allowing White's king to invade further. **77. ... Kxe8 78. Kd6+ Kd8 79. Re7 d4 80. Rxg7 Kc8 81. Rc7+ Kb8 82. g7 Rg2 83. Rf7 Rg6+ 84. Ke5 d3 85. Rf8+ Ka7 86. g8=Q Rxg8 87. Rxg8 Ka6 88. Kd4 d2 89. Rg1, Black resigned.**

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Say Yes2Chess!



The virtues of learning to play chess are well documented, as the Barclaycard Europe CEO David Chan put it, "Research has shown that learning how to play chess from a young age helps to develop key skills such as critical thinking and reasoning, and improves memory and concentration."

Last summer, an online global chess community, called Yes2Chess, was launched for elementary students. Barclaycard in conjunction with Chess in Schools and Communities launched this community to give children across the globe a place to safely play each other online.

The Championship

The high point of Yes2Chess was a global tournament that concluded on July 2014, in London, England. The tournament was the largest online



scholastic tournament to date. Preceding the finals were regional online tournaments in the USA, United Kingdom, Spain, Portugal, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Germany. The winning team of each region was invited by Barclaycard on a trip to London to participate in a live, final round against the other regional winners in a knockout style competition.

Denmark: **Skolen på Nylandsvej**
Germany: **Privates Gymnasium Brecht**
Norway: **Lassa School**
Portugal: **Associação Escola 31 de Janeiro A**
Spain: **Zola Villafranca M**
Sweden: **The English School, North**
United Kingdom: **St. Bridget's C.of.E Primary School A**
United States: **Columbia Grammar**

Answers (continued from pg. 21)

This position is from the 2009 World Junior Championship in Puerto Madryn, Argentina, between Maxime Vachier-Lagrave and Aleksandr Lenderman.

#6 This position is from the Second Piatigorsky Cup in 1966 in Santa Monica, California, between Jan Hein Donner and Bobby Fischer. **10. b4?** critically weakens the c4-square. Black takes advantage by playing, **10. ... exd4 11. Nxd4 Re8 12. h3 Ne5 13. Qe2 b5! 14. cxb5 cxb5 15. Rd1 Bb7 16. f4 Nc4** and Black went on to win the game 12 moves later as a result of his nice knight outpost on c4.

You Can Do It! (from page 9)

#1 Paehtz-Van Wely, Bad Mondorf, 1991
33. Qxg7+ Kxg7 34. R1h7#.

#2 Cramer-Zilverberg, Leeuwarden, 1992
16. Qxg7+ Kxg7 17. Nf5+ Kg8 18. Nh6#.

#3 Kremer-Krebs, Kleinschmalkalden, 1993
18. Qxg7+ (18. Nxd5 first, is stronger) 18. ... Kxg7 19. Nxd5+ Kg8 (19. ... Kh6 20. Rh3#; 19. ... e5 20. Nxc7 wins at least two pawns) 20. Ne7#.

#4 Bozzo-Madsen, Gausdal, 1992
23. Qxg7+ Kxg7 24. Rg5+ Kh6 25. Bg7#.

#5 Stahlberg-Barckhahn, Santiago, 1946
26. Qxg7+ Kxg7 27. Rg4+ Kh7 28. Rg7#.

#6 Bohatirchuk-Kopaev, Kiev, 1938
24. Qxg7+ Kxg7 25. Nxe6+ Kh6 26. Bg7+ Kg6 27. Ne7#.

End of the Line (from page 10)

#1 - 1. g6 a3 2. g7 a2 3. g8=Q a1=Q 4. Qb8+ Ka4 5. Qa8+ Kb3 6. Qxa1 wins.

#2 - 1. Kf6! b1=Q 2. Bh6# (not 2. Bb4+?? Qxb4!).

#3 - White wins a piece with 1. Rxf6! because 1. ... gxf6 (1. ... h5 is necessary to avoid mate) 2. Nxf6+ Kg7 (or 2. ... Kh8) 3. Ng4+! Kg8 4. Nh6#.

#4 - 1. Ng6+!! hxg6 2. Rh4#.

#5 - 1. Rxb2! Rxb2 2. 0-0-0+! wins the rook.

Summer Brain Strain

Gotcha! You may be smarter than the average bear—or grandmaster—but you'll have to wait until the next issue of *CL4K* to confirm your assessment. Exercise those little gray cells, and move the pieces! Strain your brain as you prepare for the 2015 Yes2Chess season!

And if you need a little help with your mating tactics, Jon Edwards has two new books recently released by Russell Enterprises: *Mastering Mates: 1,111 One-Move Mates* and *Mastering Mates 1,111 Two-Move, Three-Move, and Four-Move Mates*.

Preparatory

Here in the United States, 757 users and 98 teams from across the country were registered for the double-elimination tournament. Teams consisted of five players and one alternate, aged between seven and 12 years old. The semi-finals in the United States included teams from Nevada, New York, and Texas.

But it came down to two New York City teams in the final vying to represent the USA in London. After an opening-round defeat to the Lions of Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School (CGPS), Yung Wing Academy from New York's Chinatown breezed on through the second part of the tournament. They had a chance to exact revenge against CGPS

in the final round, but once again the students from CGPS checkmated Yung Wing capturing the U.S. title.

CGPS is located on the Upper West Side of New York City. The students, Harris Lencz, Theo Kogan, Moses Weintraub, Merlin Gogolin and Julian Daniels, have been playing together since kindergarten. Chess is actually part of the curriculum for grades K-2, and the school fosters pre-hour chess clubs and employs professional chess coaches.

Prior to leaving for England, the Lions were able to meet the Barclaycard employees in New York for a congratulatory luncheon.

The Finals

The final round commenced with a weekend full of activities, including a trip to meet members of Parliament (Britain's version of the U.S. Congress), a squaring off against Grandmaster and British chess champion David Howell, a trip to London's West End to see the Lion King, and human chess games—where actors, dressed as

kings, queens, bishops and knights acted as chess pieces on a giant chessboard, with children directing the moves.

Then came the final round. The last two teams standing were the USA and German delegations. The Ameri-



can team ended up falling to the Germans in an exciting final round.

The tournament was a wild success, with family members noting that this was an exceptional opportunity, thanking the Barclaycard CEO, and noting that their families will remember the event for the rest of their lives.

And next year ...

Barclaycard is excited to expand the reach of Yes2Chess next year. To this point, Malcolm Pein, CEO of Chess in Schools and Communities, said: "There is a growing awareness amongst education professionals that learning to play chess at a young age can improve educational outcomes. The game crosses the barriers of age, sex, culture and language and we look forward to expanding Yes2Chess next year and to bring this wonderful game to more children around the world."

Barclaycard encourages anyone who wants to be a part of Yes2Chess to let their teachers know, as registration is simple and free. The company

encourages everyone to check out Yes2Chess.org, where students can continue to play chess online against their global peers.

Future communications regarding tournaments and registrations and other chess related announcements will be made at Yes2Chess.org.



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