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What's the Question?

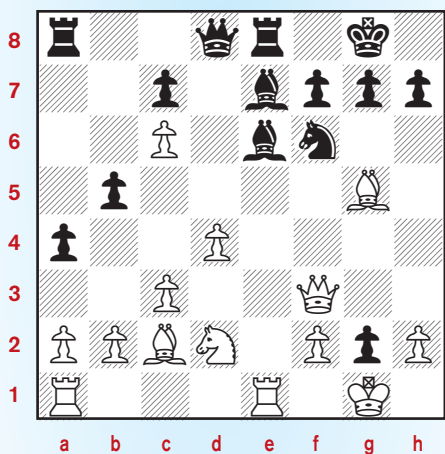
by National Master Daniel Gurevich

Q: What's a king hunt?

A: There are many ways to win a game of chess. One method is the slow, calm, and careful grind. For example, when he was world champion, Grandmaster Anatoly Karpov racked up hundreds of victories by using his superior technique to outplay the opponent, building up his advantage move by move.

Other players take an opposite approach. GM Alexei Shirov has won many brilliant games by stirring up complications and then outsmarting his opponents in the resulting unclear positions. His specialty is the king hunt—Shirov forces the enemy king into the open with a well-timed sacrifice and finishes him off with a swift checkmate.

Here is a typical king hunt by Shirov:



Alexei Shirov – Kateryna Lahno, 2008

Here, after a complex opening, White stands slightly better. One possible continuation is 16. Ne4 Nd5 17. Bxe7 Qxe7 18. a3!, immobilizing Black's queenside pawns and preparing to target them later.

Instead, Shirov decides to strike with a risky Exchange sacrifice: 16. Rxe6! fxe6 17. Qh3 g6 (White was threatening

18. Bxf6 Bxf6 19. Qxh7+) 18. Re1 White has enough compensation: his pieces are very active and he has good attacking chances on the kingside.

18. ... Qd6? In such a sharp position, just one mistake can be fatal. Black cannot afford to give her opponent time to continue his attack.

There was one way for Black to equalize. She needed to find the counterintuitive move 18. ... Nd5!, with a forced draw after 19. Qxe6+ Kh8 20. Bxg6!. For example, after 20. ... hxg6 21. Qxg6 Bxg5, White has 22. Qh5+ Kg7 23. Rxe8 Qxe8 24. Qxg5+ Kh7 25. Qxd5 Qe1+ 26. Kxg2 Rg8+ 27. Kh3 Qxd2 28. Qe4+ with perpetual check.

Now you might be thinking that 16. Rxe6 must have been an error. After all, had Black found the best continuation, White would have lost all of his advantage. However, in practice, Black was more likely to instead miscalculate and lose quickly. In general, **creating complications may be risky, but it often pays off.**

Indeed, in the game, the gamble worked out for White. After just one misstep, GM Kateryna Lahno could do nothing to stop her king from being hunted down.

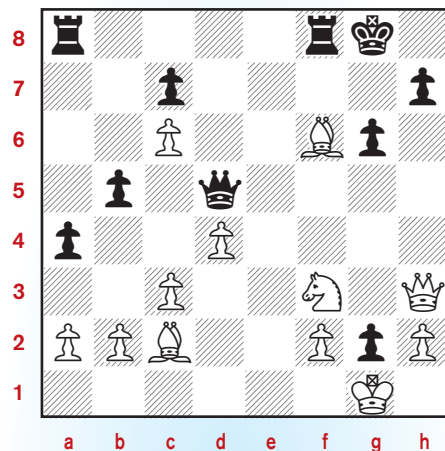
19. Rxe6 Qd5 20. Nf3!

White activates the knight in preparation for the upcoming action. Note that 20. Bxf6? Bxf6 21. Rxf6 loses to 21. ... Re1+ with checkmate.

20. ... Bd8 21. Rxf6 Bxf6 22. Bxf6 Rf8?!

Black could have tried holding on for a bit longer with 22. ... Qxc6, but 23. Bxg6! Qxf6 (23. ... hxg6 24. Qh8+ Kf7 25. Ng5#) 24. Qxh7+ Kf8 25. Bxe8 Rxe8 26. Ne5 is completely win-

ning for White: he has far too many pawns for the Exchange while the black king is still very weak.

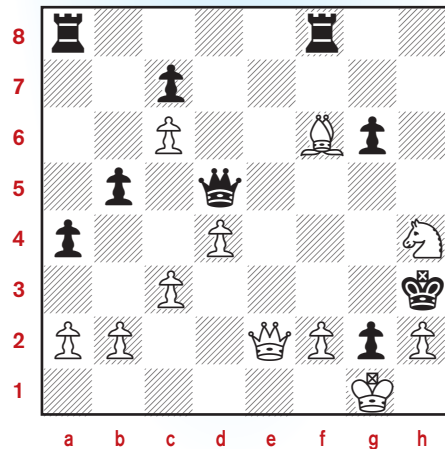


How does White win now? Take some time to think about it, trying to calculate as far as possible. Ready?

23. Bxg6! This sacrifice wins here, too!

23. ... hxg6 No better is 23. ... Rxf6 24. Qxh7+ Kf8 25. Ne5! with the unstoppable twin threats of 26. Nd7+ and 26. Qh8+ Ke7 27. Qg7+.

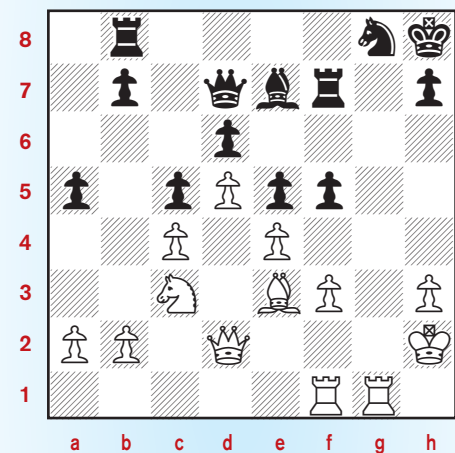
24. Qh8+ The rest is all forced. 24. ... Kf7 25. Qg7+ Ke6 26. Qe7+ Kf5 27. Nh4+ Kg4 28. Qe2+ Kh3 This position certainly deserves another diagram.



29. Qe3+ Black resigned because, after 29. ... Kg4 30. Qg3+ Kh5 31. Qxg6 mate, the black king's long journey comes to an end.

Note that Shirov did not start the hunt immediately. First, he took the time to gather all of his pieces around the weak enemy king before finally playing the crushing bishop sacrifice 23. Bxg6!. Such preparation is essential for a successful king hunt.

In Shirov – Lahno, White's active pieces were a clear threat to the black king. Sometimes, the danger is not so obvious. In the next example, in a winning position, White underestimates his opponent's attacking potential and suddenly the tables are turned.



Yuri Averbakh – Alexander Kotov, 1953

There is no doubt that Black is busted. His pieces are scattered with little purpose around the board, unlike their active counterparts. Black's light squares are very weak and the d6-pawn is a potential target.

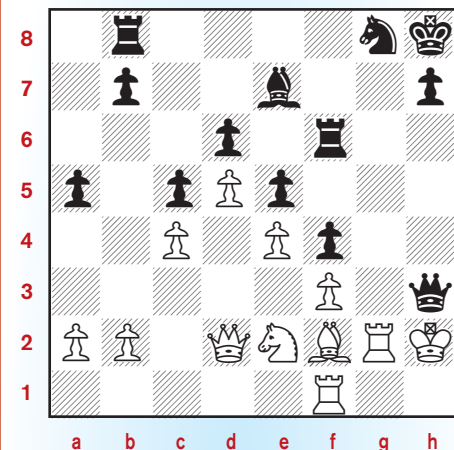
Black does have one trump card. He threatens 28. ... f4, disrupting the coordination of White's pieces and preparing to attack the h3-pawn via Rf6-h6. However, it is still White's move. Thus 28. f4! is devastating, stopping all of Black's counterplay and ripping open the position so that Black's weaknesses become clear.

Alexander Kotov must have been very pleasantly surprised by White's next move, **28. Rg2?**, allowing **28. ... f4!** after all.

29. Bf2 Rf6! This is the most logical continuation of Black's plan.

30. Ne2? White wants to play 31. Ng1 next move, defending the h3-pawn for good. Of course, had he known what would happen next, Averbakh would have been happy to give it away with 30. h4! Rh6 31. Rh1 Bxh4 32. Kg1 to keep his king safe. (In fact, White would still have enough positional compensation for the pawn.)

30. ... Qxh3+!!



Black starts a king hunt at the cost of a queen! Because of the closed pawn structure, none of the white pieces can do anything to help the king as it is forced to march forward to its doom.

31. Kxh3 31. Kg1 Rh6 is also winning for Black but not nearly as beautiful.

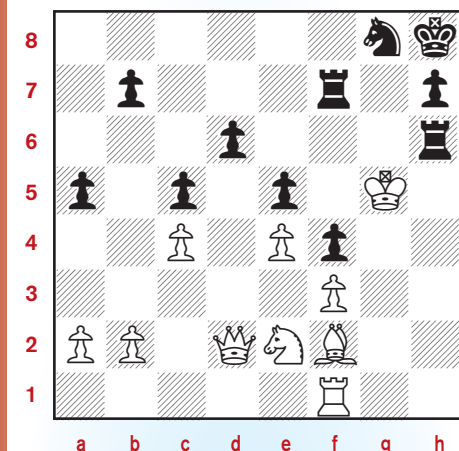
31. ... Rh6+ 32. Kg4 Nf6+ 33. Kf5 Nd7! This move stops the king from escaping through e6 and threatens 34. ... Rf8+ 35. Kg4 Rg8+ 36. Kf5 Rf6#.

34. Rg5 If 34. Rg7, then 34. ... Rf8+ 35. Kg4 Nf6+ 36. Kf5 Kxg7 37. Rg1+ Ng4+! 38. Kxg4 Kh8! again threatens mate in two. White can save the king only by surrendering the rest of his pieces.

34. ... Rf8+ 35. Kg4 Nf6+ 36. Kf5 Ng8+ Black repeats the position to get closer to the next time control. This is a nice trick to keep in mind for dealing with time trouble. Just make sure not to repeat the position three times if you want to win!

37. Kg4 Nf6+ 38. Kf5 Nxd5+ 39. Kg4

Nf6+ 40. Kf5 Ng8+ 41. Kg4 Bxg5 42. Kxg5 Rf7!



Now the threat is 43. ... Rg7+ 44. Kf5 Rf6#. Black still needed to be careful: 42. ... Rff6? leads to an equal endgame after 43. Nxf4! Rxf4 44. Qxf4! Rg6+ 45. Kh4 exf4.

43. Bh4 Rg6+ 44. Kh5 Rfg7 45. Bg5 Rxg5+ 46. Kh4 Nf6 47. Ng3 Rxg3 48. Qxd6 R3g6 49. Qb8+ Rg8, White resigned.

Even though there is no immediate checkmate after 50. Qxg8+, White would simply be down a piece.

Hunting down the enemy king is one of the most impressive ways to win a game of chess. However, forcing the king into the open does not always lead to victory. If the conditions are right, he may survive a journey across the board and even start a counterattack!

Got a Question?

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We'll pass it on to Daniel.

TALES OF THE ARABIAN KNIGHTS

BY RICK KENNEDY ILLUSTRATIONS BY PAMELA KEY



A Willingness to Solve

"WHEN I WAS STILL QUITE YOUNG," THE KING SAID, "MY FATHER TAUGHT ME HOW TO PLAY CHESS. HE BELIEVED THAT A KNOWLEDGE OF STRATEGY AND TACTICS WOULD HELP ME WHEN I ASCENDED TO THE THRONE."

"From what I have seen," she said, "your father was correct."

"He even believed," the King continued, "that the ability to solve chess problems would be helpful to me. In times of crisis, a cool, critical mind would be very useful."

She nodded.

"In fact," said the King, "I still remember the first problem he put before me, shortly after I had learned the rules of the game. It was a checkmate in six moves."

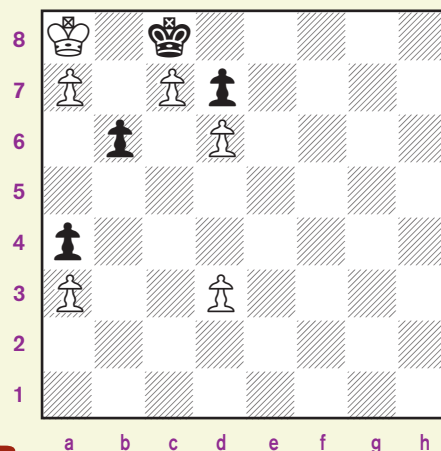
"That must have been quite a challenge, Your Majesty!" she said.

"Judge for yourself," said the King. "I was worried, at first, but I believe that my father wanted me to understand that the first thing necessary to solving any problem was—a *willingness to solve it.*"

She looked puzzled, but as she examined the problem a broad smile crossed her face.

"Your father, too, was a very wise man."

White to mate in six moves



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The Chess Detective

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CHESS BLINDNESS LEADING TO RESIGNATION

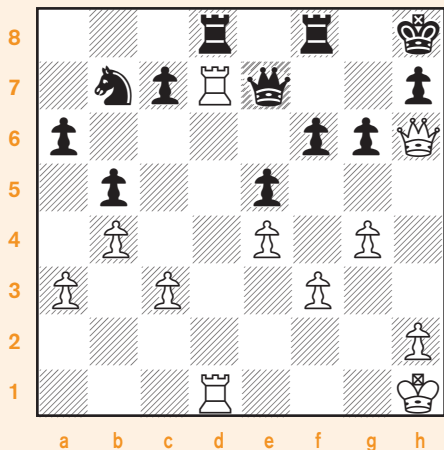
"Chess blindness" is a term coined by Dr. Siegbert Tarrasch which refers to the situation where a player fails to make a normally obvious good move or see an obvious threat.

Without a doubt, the ultimate mistake a chess player can make is to resign in a winning position! When this happens, chess blindness is often involved.

Usually, a player resigns in a position where he thinks he is losing and doesn't see a way to save himself. If you are considering resigning, *never do it when the position is complicated*—there is sometimes a surprise move that can be made to save your position or you may discover something obvious you assumed was in the position that was actually a ghost.

Even simple combinations can be tricky—if you play on, you may discover some unexpected resource.

Here is a position from the 1985 Reggio Emilia II tournament in Italy between Antonio Martorelli and Antonio Antunes.



Martorelli-Antunes
Position after 39. Rd7 (from d5)

Even though Black is ahead a knight,

he looks to be in big trouble as White threatens to win his queen and, if she moves to either e6 or e8, 40. Qg7 and 40. Qxh7 are both mate. 39. ... Rxd7 40. Rxd7 Qxd7 41. Qxf8 is also mate. Also the idea of 39. ... Rf7 40. Rxe7 Rxd1+ 41. Kg2 Rxe7 42. Qf8 is a similar mate.

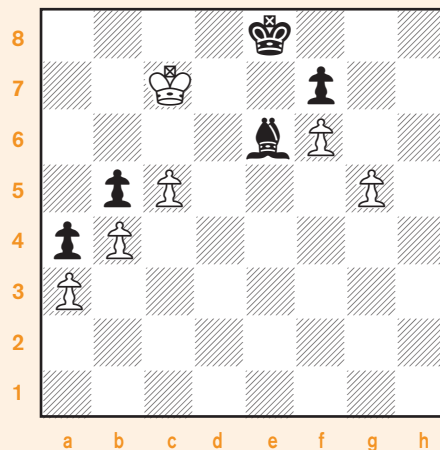
Finding no defense to these threats, **Black resigned.**

Black missed the saving resource, 39. ... Qf7! 40. R1d5 (40. Rxf7 Rxd1+ 41. Kg2 Rxf7 leaves Black ahead in material) 40. ... Qg8 41. Rxc7 Rf7 leaves Black ahead in material.

In a position like this that appears totally hopeless, it is definitely worth spending extra time looking for any idea that might somehow allow you to escape.

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Here is a position from a 1943 Women's Championship in Vienna, Austria.



Schlemmer-Keller
White to Move

White, who would tie for the championship with a win, **resigned!**

She probably saw no other option than moving the king to the b-file, allowing Black's king and bishop to work together to stop the c-pawn.

White wins after 1. c6 (threatening 2. Kb8) 1. ... Bd5 2. Kb6 Kd8 (2. ... Bc4 3. c7) 3. Kxb5 Kc7 4. Kc5 (threatening 5. b5) 4. ... Bxc6 5. g6 and Black can't stop the kingside pawns.

Never give up ... even relatively simple looking positions often contain some resource that could save what looks like a losing position.

The Texas Two-Step

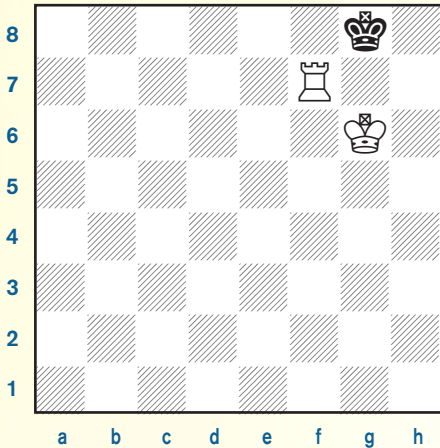
Or

Can You Triangulate?

by Jon Edwards



In one of my first tournaments, I reached this rather simple rook endgame.



White to move

With White to move, I thoughtfully hatched a fun way to end the game.

I knew that if it were Black to move, Black's king would have to move into the corner with 1. ... Kh8 and then, of course, 2. Rf8 is checkmate.

With White to move, I figured, I had to lose a move. And so I came up with 1. Kf6 Kh8 2. Kg5 Kg8 3. Kg6 reaching the very same position in the diagram, but now with Black to move instead of White.

My Texas Two-Step or *triangulation* with Kf6, Kg5, and Kg6 (the king's movement forms a triangle) works quite well and it does show a nice though not complete understanding of the position.

My opponent resigned rather than be mated and all might have ended there, except that a local master who happened to be watching my game started to laugh right at me.

"Why are you laughing?" I asked, annoyed that my victory was being spoiled.

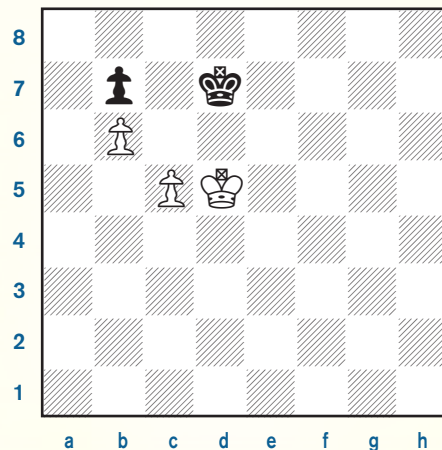
"Well," he replied, "You missed a

mate in two!"

And, sure enough, White mates more quickly from the diagram with 1. Rf6 or indeed any rook move down the f-file since after 1. ... Kh8 2. Rf8 is checkmate.

I suppose that the master was right to point out my error (though I wish he hadn't laughed so long and hard), but I remained very proud that I had used a triangulation.

Such triangulations can be very helpful and are often the only way to win a game.



White to move and win

Max Euwe (White) was the first to reach this position in a 1922 tournament against van Hartingsvelt. Can you finish off the win? Here's a hint. Think about triangles!

Some of you started with 1. c6+ seeing that White regains the pawn and then wins after 1. ... bxc6+ 2. Kc5 Kd8 3. Kd6 Kc8 (On 3. ... c5 4. b7 and the pawn queens) 4. Kxc6 Kb8 seeing now that the pawn advances without giving check 5. b7 Ka7 6. Kc7.

But Black can draw after 1. c6+? with 1. ... Kc8! 2. c7 (2. Kd6 Kb8 3. Kd7 bxc6 4. Kxc6 Kc8 5. b7+ Kb8 6. Kb6) 2. ... Kd7 and White cannot force progress.

The key to the win is seeing that you can win by using triangulation to lose a move, reaching the same position with Black to move!

There are many solutions. Here's my favorite line:

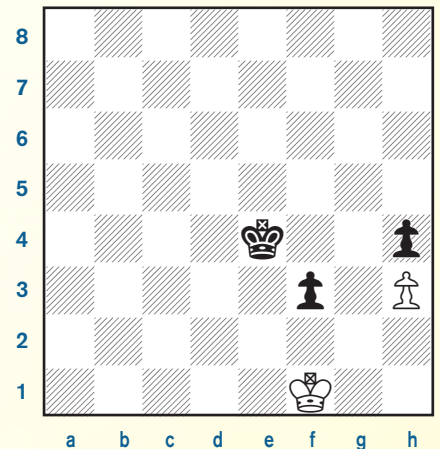
1. Ke5 Kc6 2. Kd4 Kd7 3. Kd5 Kc8
4. Ke6 maintaining the opposition
5. ... Kd8 6. Kd6 Kc8 (Black must stay near the pawns since 5. ... Ke8 6. c6 bxc6 7. b7)
6. Ke7 Kb8 7. Kd7 Ka8
8. c6 Avoiding 8. Kc7 with a stalemate.
8. ... bxc6 9. Kxc6 (or simply 9. Kc7 c5 10. b7+ Ka7 11. b8=Q+ Ka6 12. Qb6#)
9. ... Kb8 10. b7.

Here's how Max Euwe did it:

1. Kd4 Kd8 2. Ke5 Kc8 3. Ke6 Kd8
4. Kd6 Kc8 5. Ke7 Kb8 6. Kd7 Ka8
7. c6, Black resigns.

And here's how Kabanov - Khliastikov continued in 2007:

1. Ke5 Kc6 2. Kd4 Kd7 3. Kd5 Kd8
4. Kd6 Kc8 5. Ke7 Kb8 6. Kd7 Ka8
7. c6 bxc6 8. Kc7, Black resigns.



Black to move and win

Here's a fun example from Albur - Kasparov 1978:

It's Black's move, but the immediate 1. ... Ke3 meets 2. Ke1 f2+ 3. Kf1 Kf3 with a stalemate.

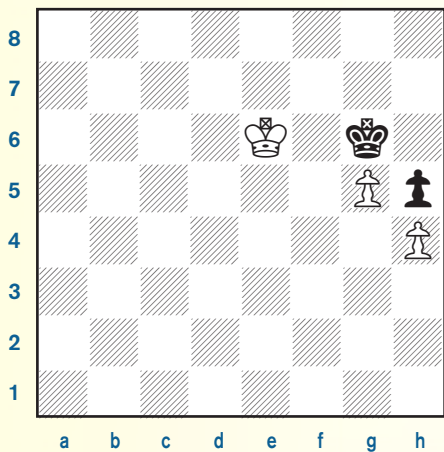
Once again, the key is to use triangulation to reach this diagrammed position but with White to move.

White could not then play 1. Kf2 Kf4 when, after the king retreats, Black enters with ... Kg3.

Kasparov correctly played 1. ... Kf5! Taking the distant opposition 2. Kg1 (avoiding 2. Kf2 Kf4) 2. ... Ke5 3. Kf1 Ke4 reaching the diagrammed position but now with White to move. Albut now resigned.

The key here is that Kasparov can triangulate with his king, but White cannot triangulate in response because the pawn on f3 controls e2 and g2, squares that would normally be part of the triangle.

Not all masters remember to triangulate! The exact same position was reached in Rukavina-Topalovic, two strong masters, in 2001, and Black failed to win: 74. ... Kd3 75. Kf2 Ke4 76. Kf1 Ke3 77. Ke1 Ke4, Draw agreed.



White to move and win

Once again, White would win quickly if only it were Black to move. Black's king would then have to retreat: 1. ... Kg7 2. Kf5 Kh7 3. Kf6 and White's king will now reach g6.

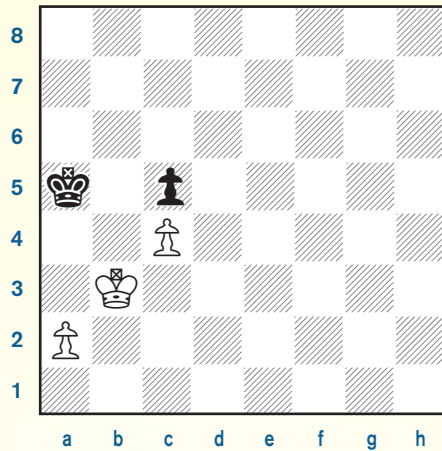
With White to move, normally aggressive moves achieve nothing: 1. Ke7 Kg7 2. Ke6 Kg6 brings us right back to the diagram and it's still White to move.

Triangulation once again to the rescue.

1. Kd5 Kf5 2. Kd6 Kg6 3. Ke6 (or 3. Ke5) and the deed is done. *We are back at the original position but now with Black to move!*

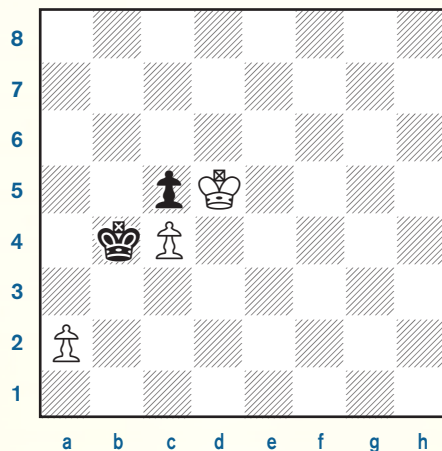
It's easy now, but not all masters succeeded here either. Monov-

Peneva, 2008 continued: 1. Ke5 Kf7 2. Kf5 Kg7 3. g6? Kh6 with a draw since 4. Kf6 is a stalemate.



White to move and win

It's important to have a goal. In this position, White needs to get to the following position:



Analysis

Here, with White to move, a3+ effectively ends the game because White will then capture the c5-pawn and then rapidly advance the c-pawn.

But how to get there? In the starting diagram, simple tries simply make no progress:

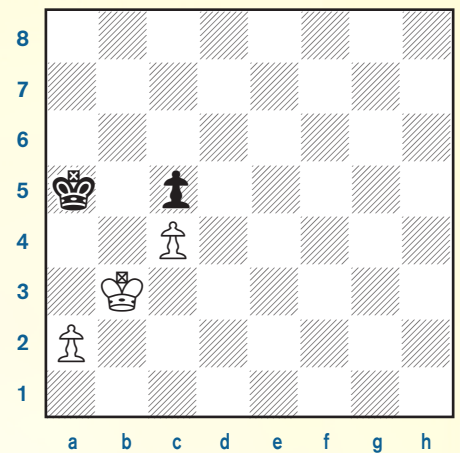
Neither 1. Kc3 Ka4 2. Kd3 Kb4 nor 1. a4 Kb6 2. Kc3 Ka5 wins for White.

Step 1: Triangulate.

Reach the position with Black to move:

1. Ka3 Kb6 2. Kb2 (Not 2. Ka4 Ka6 3. a3 Kb6) 2. ... Ka5 3. Kb3

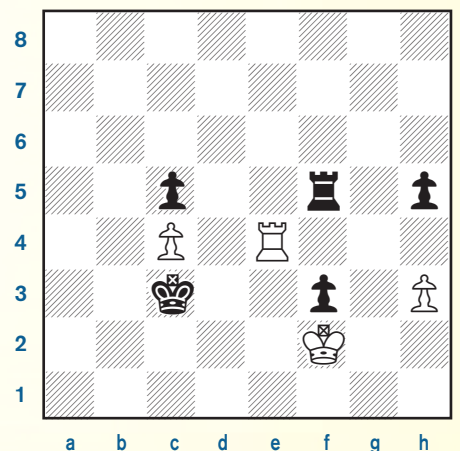
So far, so good. But now what?



Now it's Black to move.

Step #2: Triangulate again!

3. ... Kb6 4. Kc3 Ka5 5. Kd2! Triangulating a second time! (Not 5. Kd3 Kb4=) 5. ... Ka4 6. Ke3 Kb4 (There's no hope in 6. ... Ka3 7. Ke4 or in 6. ... Ka5 7. Ke4 Ka4 8. Kd5 Kb4 9. a3+) 7. Kd3 Ka3 8. Ke4 Ka4 9. Kd5 Kb4 10. a3+ White wins.



Black to move and win

Triangulations are possible in other endgames as well.

Tal - Spassky Candidates final, 1965 reached this very interesting position. White's king cannot move without releasing the f3-pawn, and White's rook must continue to defend the pawn on c4. And so, Tal is left only with a rook to move back and forth.

63. ... Kd3 64. Rh4 Kd2 65. Re4 Kc3 Arriving at the diagrammed position, but this time, it's White to move! 66. Rh4 Kd3 and White resigned here since even the rook has no safe moves.

END OF THE LINE

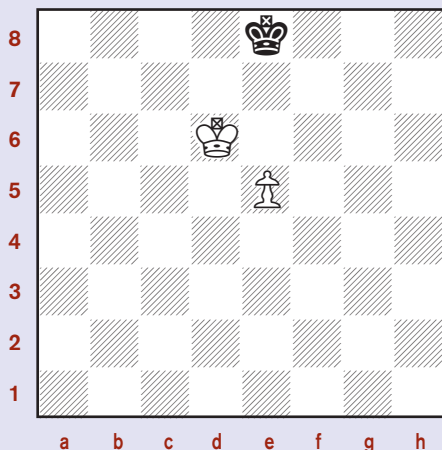
THE POWER OF THE KING

Often in endings (and sometimes in middlegames) the king is the most powerful piece. In the following positions, try to find the right move or moves that make the king more powerful (it is White to move in all positions)!

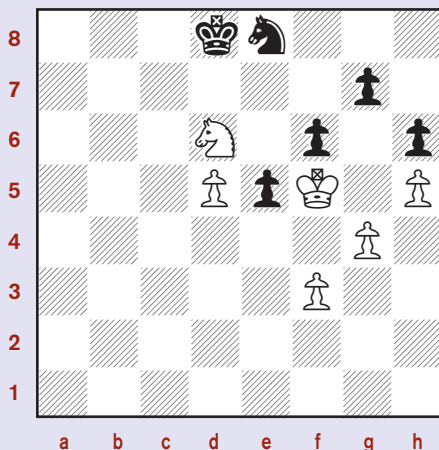


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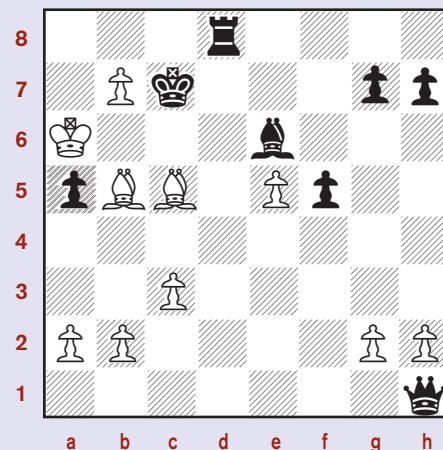
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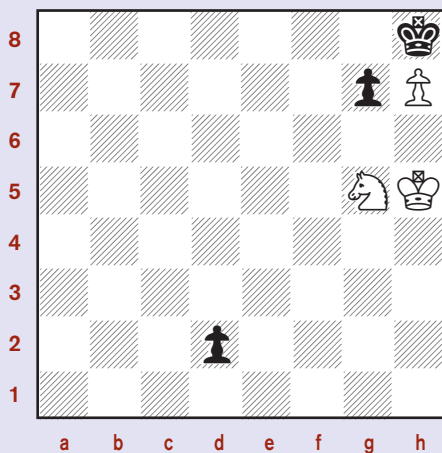
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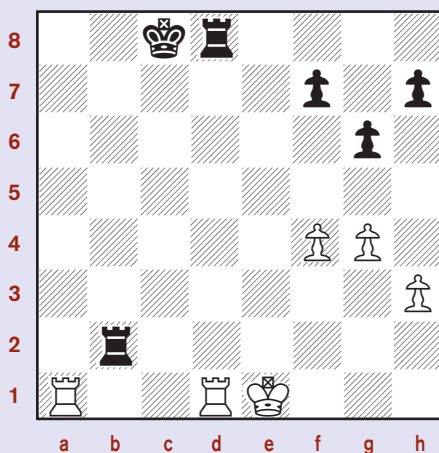
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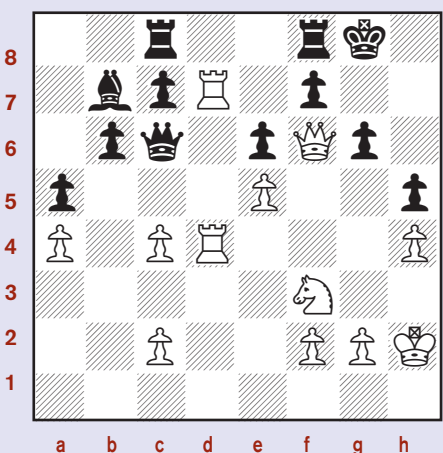
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2014 Junior Grand Prix Standings



This unofficial list is based on USCF records and tournament director reports as of Tuesday, September 2, 2014. There are 6,384 players with JGP points and 370 JGP-eligible events have resulted in points earned. For a complete list of overall leaders, go to www.uschess.org.

Top 25 Overall Standings

NAME	STATE	PTS	EVENTS
DASARI, SRIHITHA	GA	9529	11
GUO, INGRID	GA	8561	16
PREM, PRANAV	VA	8414	12
KUMAR, NAMAN	FL	8084	11
PENG, ANDREW	CA-N	7561	14
GUO, ARTHUR	GA	7227	16
ALAMPALLI, SANDEEP	NY	7059	11
YOO, CHRISTOPHER WOJIN	CA-N	6305	13
DOMMALAPATI, AASA	VA	6248	12
KUMAR, ARAVIND	NJ	6174	16
DASARI, SAMHITHA	GA	5699	11
LYONS, BENJAMIN CARTER	VA	5688	4
AVIRNENI, SAITHANUSRI	GA	5571	11
GU, ETHAN	NY	5546	11
PISINI, DAKSHIN	OH	5525	7
MENON, VISHAL	VA	5501	18
GHATTI, SANJAY	GA	5500	13
FALBO, PAUL	KS	5472	5
NAIR, SIDDHANT	VA	5407	12
WU, LOGAN	TN	5367	8
SOMALWAR, ANAIY	CA-N	5358	8
ORTOLANO, ALDEN	WA	5343	4
WU, OLIVER	CA-N	5262	12
JOSEPH, RITA MARY	KS	5223	6
RAJ, AKSHAY	GA	5163	5

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



Playing chess from Georgia to New York has helped **INGRID GUO** to second place in the *ChessMagnetSchool.com* Junior Grand Prix race.

State Leaders

NAME	STATE	PTS	EVENTS
WU, ROCHELLE	AL	2786	4
BALLINGER, NOAH HENRY	AR	1400	1
LI, ETHAN	AZ	4873	4
RICHTER, PAUL	CA-N	4576	5
SHLYAKHTENKO, ROBERT	CA-S	5115	12
AKHAVAN, EVAN MEHRAN	CO	3150	1
BOWMAN, JOSEPH, JR	CT	5143	3
ZHURAVSKIY, SEVA	DC	3141	6
HIGGIN, SHANEA	DE	2605	2
KUMAR, NIKHIL	FL	4807	12
MAHAPATRA, SAMARTH	GA	5122	3
OSHIRO, COEL TADASHI	HI	1885	3
KALIL, VICTOR	IA	2118	3
HARMON-VELLOTTI, CARL HONOR	ID	3320	5
VENKAT, ABHYUDHAYA	IL	3557	7
TSAI, TEDDY	IN	3343	5
QIAN, BILL NINGYUAN	KS	4797	3
CREECH, AUSTIN MURPHY	KY	2045	1
ROBINSON, TY	LA	2432	2
SEVIAN, SAMUEL	MA	3058	7
SINHA, SAHIL	MD	5142	15
ALLEN, PARKER S	ME	2402	1
LI, BEN	MI	3749	11
ROBINSON, SPENCER C	MN	2486	1
ZHOU, IRIS YI-XIAN	MO	4799	6
BARTLETT, BRYNNA	MS	2044	2
LEE, CONRAD CHRISTOPHER	MT	775	2
DEHPANDE, NEIL	NC	4947	5
SOORI, ISAIAH C	ND	1050	2
SURESH, ABHINAV	NE	884	3
VIJAY, UDHAY	NH	4278	2
HUA, DAVID	NJ	4229	5
ROMERO, JONAH ANTHONY	NM	2731	5
MIKOLIC, JONATHAN C	NV	1740	2
MIYASAKA, MATTHEW SHOJI	NY	4853	12
WANG, JASON YUYANG	OH	4272	9
DUNBAR, KALEB	OK	3414	1
LIN, MU	OR	2837	5
TRIFALE, SHARVIL	PA	5077	13
MC GUINNESS, ALANA	RI	2634	2
DIAS, ADITYA N	SC	4106	5
FUHS, ALEXANDER	SD	1125	2
VAZQUEZ MACCARINI, DANITZA	TERR	2259	2
KOTHAPALLE, TANISH	TN	3947	9
LE, COLLIN KHOI	TX	5160	9
ROACH, ANDREW	UT	3158	5
GORTI, AKSHITA	VA	4873	12
YANG, ANDY	VT	1880	4
CHANDRASEKAR, SIDDHARTH	WA	4076	3
LIANG, AWONDER	WI	4631	77
TUSTIN, JASMINE RUTH	WV	972	2

THE FOOLISH KING

by Samir Sen



“Though this be madness, yet there is method in’t.”
- Polonius in Hamlet, Act. 2, Scene 2

One Grain of Wheat

“I would like one grain of wheat for the first square on the board, two grains for the second, four for the third, and so on doubled for each of the 64 squares on the chessboard,” requested Sessa.

Astounded and perplexed the king replied, “Is that all? Why ask for a few grains of wheat when you can be asking me for all the glitters and gold you desire?”

“The grains will be quite enough for me, I can assure you” answered Sessa, who could not mask his ever expanding grin running alongside his cheeks.

“Very well, your wish shall be granted ...”

What a foolish king! Soon after the king accepted the deal, his court advisors calculated that the grains requested (18,446,744,073,709,551,615 of them!) would exceed the kingdoms’ total reserves of wheat and that even if all the oceans were dried up and used to harvest wheat, there still would not be enough to meet those accumulated on the 64 squares of the chessboard.

However, unlike King Varangunan, the king on the chess board does not have to be so foolish! In fact, His Majesty can provide just the right amount of winning wisdom to finish off his opposing majesty!

Let’s take a look at the game between Lasker and Thomas, which I like to call “Clash between the Foolish and Wise Kings”. Which king is foolish? Which is wise?

How foolish can a king be? Let’s journey back 1,000 years to when our cherished game was first created ...

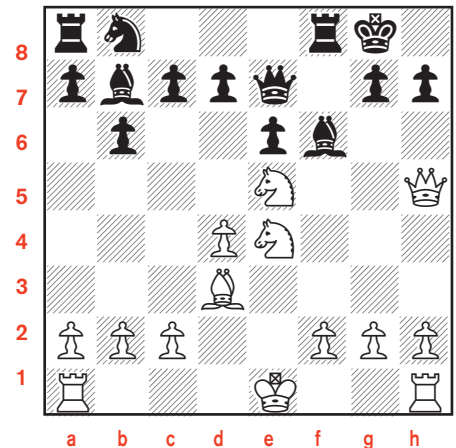
In ancient India, there once lived a Brahmin named Sessa. For many years, Sessa kept to himself as he lived in solitude on the outskirts of the kingdom, introspecting upon the choices he made in life and solemnly searching for its divine meaning.

One day, out of bare curiosity, Sessa decided to revisit the kingdom and see how it was doing. He observed the common interactions between the villagers and merchants. He overheard the conversations between the daily laborers during their mid-day tea. Of all the talk and all the jive, Sessa found the one thing troubling everyone’s minds - the rivalry with the neighboring kingdom and the possibility of a series of wars.

The story then goes on to describe how the Brahmin tirelessly struggled to invent a game that calm the people’s apprehension and restore peace back to the kingdom. When Sessa introduced his game (chess, of course) to King Varangunan, the king was thoroughly impressed. Now he had a game where two rivaling armies could engage in war without any blood shed! A stunning success! Varangunan loved the game so much that he offered to give the Brahmin anything he wished for.

W: Edward Lasker

B: George Alan Thomas
London, 1912



Position after 10. ... Qe7

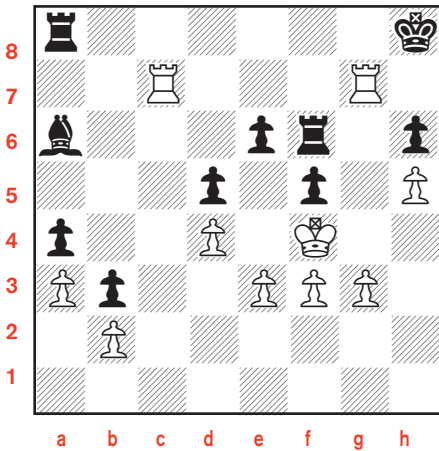
At first, it seems clear that White is dominating. One might say that all White needs to do is move the e4 knight and deliver checkmate on h7! But, it’s not that easy. If 11. Nxf6+, then 11. ... gxf6 defends and if White plays 11. Nd6 11. Nc5 11. Ng5 (double attack!), Nc5, or Ng5, black plays 11. ... g6! So what did White play?

11. O-xh7+!! Kxh7 12. Nxf6+ Kh6 The foolish king gets hunted! **13. Neg4+! Kg5 14. h4+! Kf4 15. g3+ Kf3 16. Be2+ Kg2 17. Rh2+! Kg1** Find the winning move! **18. 0-0-0#!!** (or Kd2#) The wise king captures the hunted!

Why was Black’s king foolish? It meandered aimlessly, *unsupported* by other active pieces which allowed it to be hunted. This should be avoided! However, when the king has sufficient protection and is well-surrounded by

active pieces (like in the endgame ...), it can prove itself quite wise and powerful.

W: Alexander Alekhine
B: Fred Dewhurst Yates
 London, 1922



Position after 37. ... Rf6

White's dream is to checkmate the Black king. If one of Black's rooks were to end up on f8, he could finally achieve his dream with Rh7+, Kg8, Rcg7#. So White played ... **38. Ke5!** He uses his king to push Black over the edge! Now the rook has nowhere to go and so Black resigned. Again if **38. ... R6f8**, **39. Rh7+ Kg8** **39. Rcg7** is checkmate!

You might be thinking, "Yeah, yeah ... I already know to activate my king in the endgame. Show me a wise and active king in the middlegame!" All right then, you got it!

But before we proceed, a quick disclaimer is necessary. Most of the time, moving your king out in the middle game is highly dangerous. There's simply not enough protection and other active pieces to support His Majesty which, as I said earlier, is the most important part of activating the king!

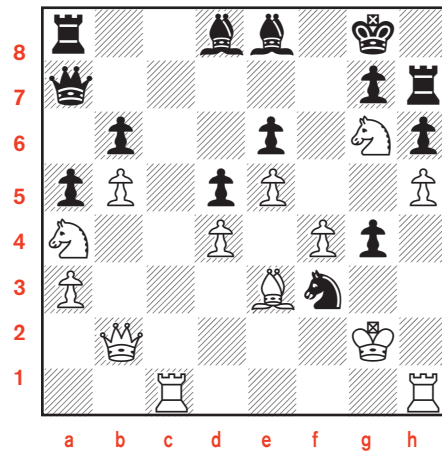
Knight in Shining Armor

However, in the few rare cases where the king does have enough support, it can be the knight in shining armor, the marvelous attacking piece of the middle game!

Take a look at the following position from a famous Alekhine – Capablanca

match. How did White finish off Capablanca?

W: Alexander Alekhine
B: Jose Raoul Capablanca
 Avro, 1938

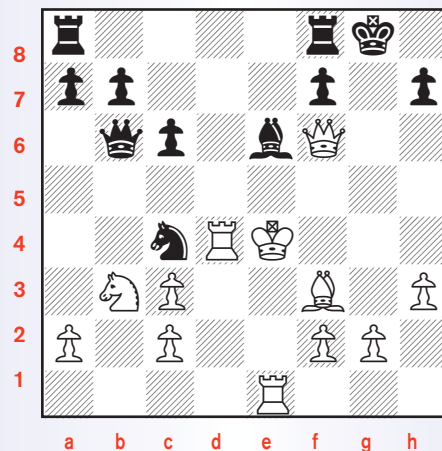


Position after 30. ... Be8

In this scenario, White clearly dominates the kingside while Black's major pieces are nicely tucked away on the queenside. This sort of kingside protection allows the White king to move in for the kill ... **31. Kg3!** There's nothing the Black knight can do! **31. ... Qf7** **32. Kxg4!** Fearless! The White king is well guarded by his active kingside knight and pawns. **32. ...Nh4!** The only try **33. Nxh4 Qxh5+** **34. Kg3** and Black soon lost.

In this bizarre position, what would you play?

W: Henri Weenink
B: Louis Gans
 Haarlem, 1930



Position after 24. ... Qb6

Okay. At first, it seems like White's king has gone completely bonkers. It is sitting in the middle of the board and there are still queens looking for blood! However, looking a little closer, all of White's other pieces are centralized and active and, at least for the moment, protecting the king. So the king is not so vulnerable after all and this lets White decisively move his king even further into the heat of battle!

25. Kf4! The wise and valiant king is headed right for h6! **25. ... Qc7+** **26. Kg5!** There is nothing Black can do! White's centralized rook stops Qd8 and Nd6 (if **25. ... Nd6** headed to f5, **26. Rxd6!!** ends the game). The only other option for Black, then, is **26. ...Rfe8** and if **27. Kh6**, **27. ... Kf8**. Do you see White's best continuation?

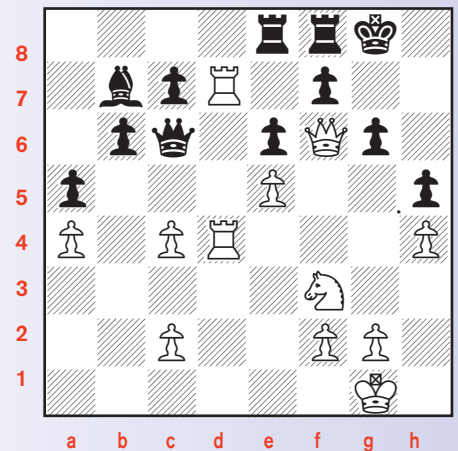
It is **28. Qg7+!** **Ke7** **29. Nc5!!** is strongest, but also look at **29. Rxe6+!** **Kxe6** **30. Bg4+** and checkmate is soon to come.

In the game, Black played **26. ... Bd5** **27. Kh6** and Black resigned. What happens if Black plays **27. ... Qd6**, pinning White's queen?

The hunt is over with **28. Rg4#!**

To end, here is a "short" and (hopefully) fun tactic in which Short lets his king go on a little stroll.

W: Nigel Short
B: Jan Timman
 Tilburg, 1991



Position after 30. ... h5

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Right off the bat, it's clear that White is dominating. With rooks doubled on the d-file and a dangerously imposed queen on f6, all White needs is a pawn on h6 to finish Black off. Short looked and looked for the way to place the jewel on his crowning position: g4, Ng5, ... nothing. And then it struck him, "Why does it have to be a pawn?"

31. Kh2!! The king goes on a stroll. **31. ... Rc8 32. Kg3! Rce8 33. Kf4!** Amazing! Black can't do anything! White is off to mate, king leading the way. **33. ... Bc8 34. Kg5! Black resigns** (34. ... Kh7 35. Rxf7+)

And so, we see that the king is not so foolish and weak as we might have thought. In fact, His Majesty has been the champion

of numerous rivalries in every stage of the game, even the middlegame!

While we must, in most cases, keep our king safe and guarded behind pawns when there are many pieces on the board, it's important to not overlook the opportunity to use the king's latent power and march onward! For in those rare cases, ordinary games suddenly become extraordinary. Don't underestimate the power of a king!

Spotlight On . . .

My name is Samir Sen. I am currently a senior at Skyview High School located in Vancouver, Washington. Like many of you, I love chess! I started playing chess when I was about six years old when my dad brought home my first chessboard. I would lose every day, but one day when I came back to the board position on which I had lost, it finally clicked. It was not checkmate! I could simply take my dad's queen. Since then, I was hooked and became heavily involved with chess. **[National Master in 2012, highest rated player by age in Washington, 2009-2014. -Ed.]**

Living in the small town of Vancouver, I found it hard to find chess coaches to help me improve. In about the sixth grade, there were almost no coaches who could help me improve further. But I wanted to improve and continue to develop my chess! I commuted 160 miles (one way) about once a month to train with GM Gregory Serper for four years.

Boys and Girls Clubs

Fast forward a couple more years. Now I am in high school. With school work, extracurricular clubs, and sports, it is hard to find time to play chess! But despite the lack of time, I still absolutely loved chess and wanted to share my passion.

Before high school I had spent some of my days at my local Boys and Girls Club and really loved the fun-filled atmosphere. But, there was one problem - there was no chess club! So, during my freshman year I made it my goal to start the Boys and Girls Club O.K. Clubhouse's first chess team.

Many of the first members didn't even know how to move the pieces, but in no time they would. Soon, there were enough members to start tournaments internally and as word got out about these exciting chess, bughouse, and blitz tournaments, more Boys and Girls Clubs in other parts of Vancouver began to start their own chess clubs. By the end of my sophomore year, I was thrilled to see chess as part of the end-of-year "Boys and Girls Club Olympic Games"!

What's cookin'?

Aside from chess, I actually love to cook ... and eat! Ever tried a succulent, oh-so delicious "Goat Biryani"? Well if we ever meet, I'll be sure to make us some! The dish is a tender, roasted goat leg served on aromatic rice with a hint of rose water and lime. Yum!

Of course, my chess and life adventure would not have been possible without the support of my parents who have been there for me at all times. I'm truly grateful for the advice



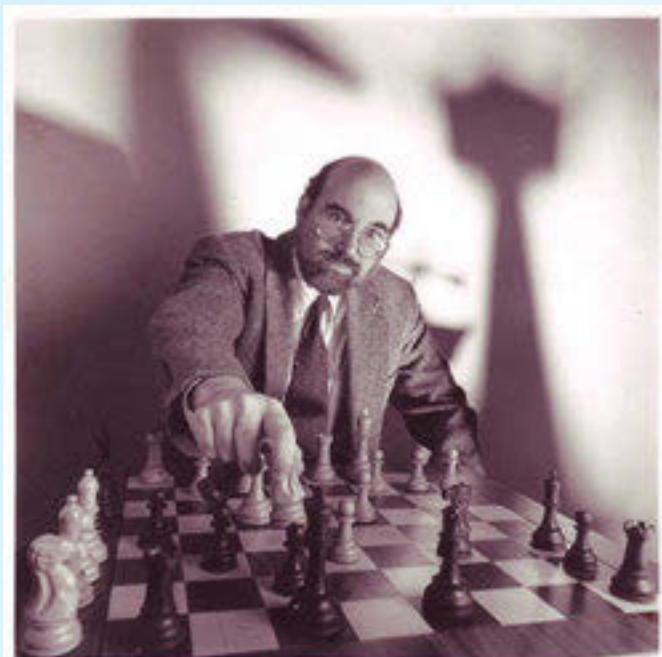
and guidance they have given me every step of the way and especially when at times I found myself lost and confused.

[Toss in a little fund raising (Free Humanity Hospital, India), research (*Fabrication of Polymer Nanostructures with Responsive Characteristics* at the Physics Department of Portland State University), volunteer work (Nursing Home Manor Care), travel (Bangladesh to field test a Bangla-to-English book co-authored with Dr. Questad), and I'm the one who is lost and confused, trying to keep us with this remarkable young man. We are truly thankful for his submission to CL4K. - Ed.]

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

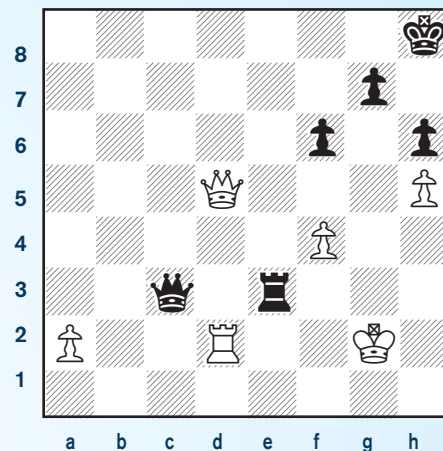
by Jon Edwards

Okay, you've had TWO MONTHS to mull over these positions, selected by Jon Edwards. It's time to find out if you ARE smarter than the average Grandmaster!



Jon Edwards, author of ChessBase Complete: Chess in the Digital Age, Mastering Mates: 1,111 One Move Mates, and Mastering Mates: 1.111 Two-Move, Three-Move & Four-Move Mates.

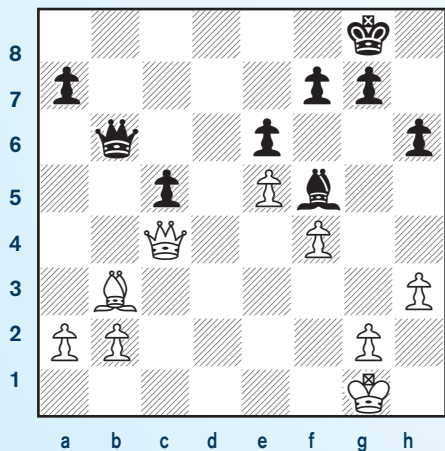
#3: Bronstein-Rajkovic, Vrsac 1979



Black to move

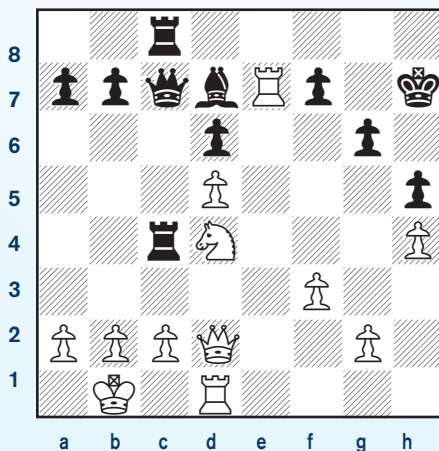
41. ... Rg3+ and White resigned since 42. Kf1 (or 42. Kh1 Qc1+ 43. Rd1 Qxf4) 42. ... Qe3 when White must give up material to delay the mate.

#1: Xie-Adams, Donner Mem.-A Amsterdam, 1994



Black to move

#2: Adams-Granville, simultaneous, 1998

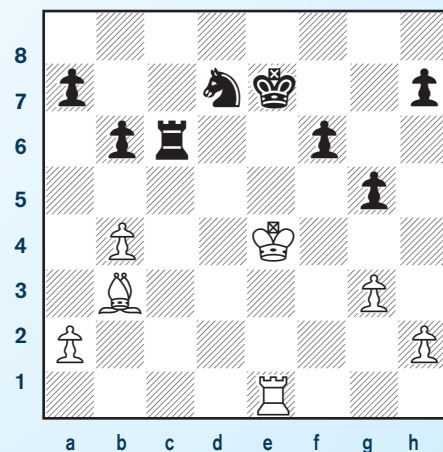


Black to move

32. ... Bd3!! 33. Qc3 [On 33. Qxd3 c4+ wins the queen!] 33. ... c4+ 34. Kh2 Qf2. White resigned rather than face 35. Bd1 when White has too many loose units. (No better is 35. Bxc4 Qxf4+ 36. Kg1 Bxc4) 35. ... Qxf4+ 36. Kg1 Qf1+

White's last move was 21. Rxe7?? allowing 21. ---... Rxd4! winning the knight since 22. Qxd4 Qxc2+ 23. Ka1 Qc1+ 24. Rxc1 Rxc1 checkmate.

#4: Browne-Arnason, Reykjavik 1990



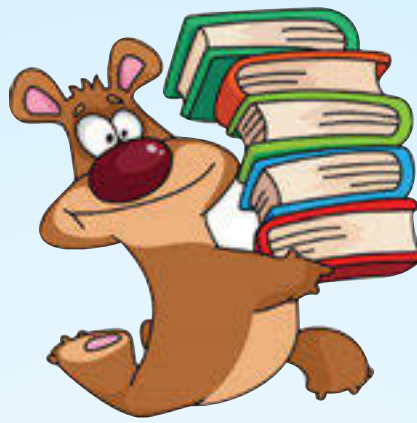
White to move

38. Kd5+! Ne5 39. Rxe5+ wins a piece.

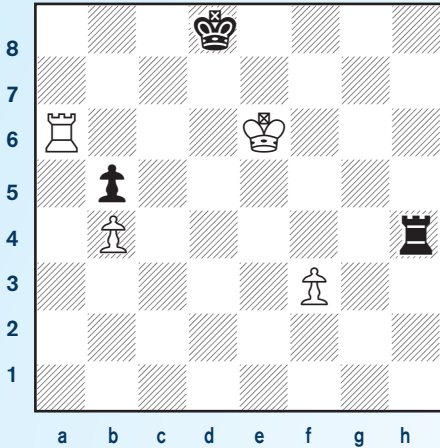
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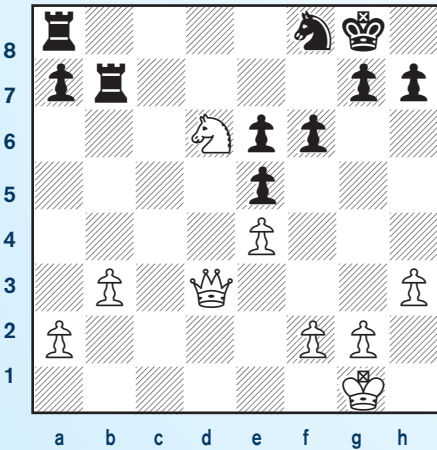
#5: DeFirmian-Arnason,
Oslo 1984



Black to move

Of course Black ought to play 54 ... Rh6+ picking off White's rook with a skewer. But Black was also in severe time trouble and played 54. ... Rf4?? 55. Kd6?? and only now picked off the rook 55. ... Rf6+ 56. Kc5 Rxa6 57. Kxb5 Rf6 58. Ka5 Rxf3 59. b5 Kc7 White resigns.

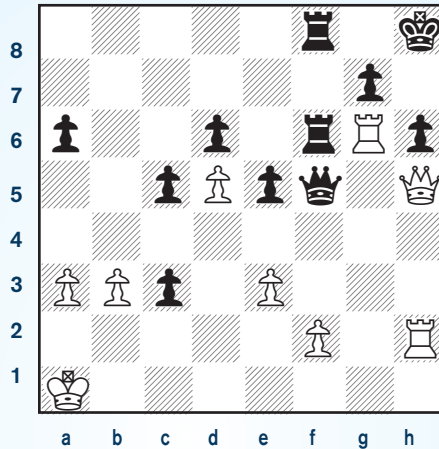
#6: Dvoirys-Sale,
Berlin 1995



Black to move

Black wins the knight with 32. ... Rd8 The threat is 33. ... Rbd7 33. Qa6 Rb6

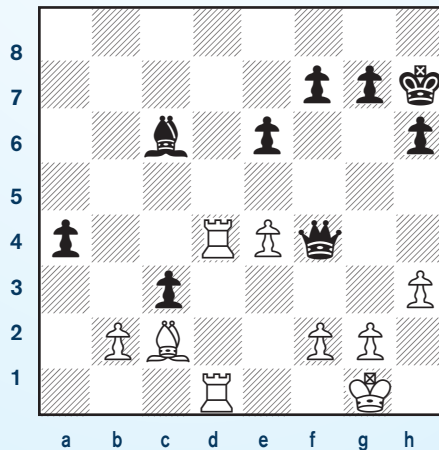
#7: Gurevich, Mikhail-Short,
Rotterdam 1990



White to move

34. Qxh6+! gxh6 [34. ... Kg8 35. Rxg7#] 35. Rhxh6#.

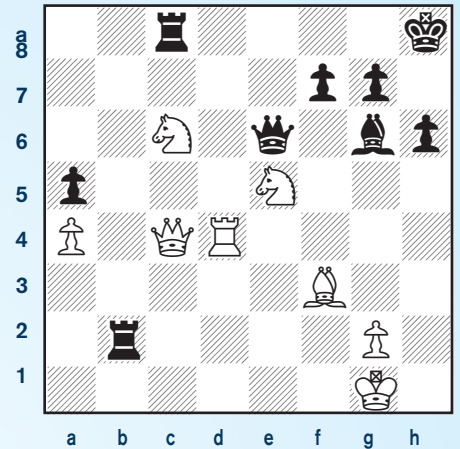
#8: Kasparov-Gelfand,
Paris rapid 1991



White to move

36. e5+ winning Black's queen!

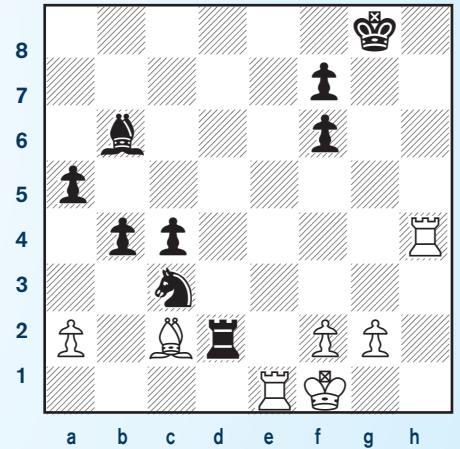
#9: Larsen-Olafsson,
Las Palmas, 1978



White to move

White quickly wins a piece with 40. Qxe6 fxe6 41. Nxg6+.

#10: Nikolic-King,
Bundesliga 1998

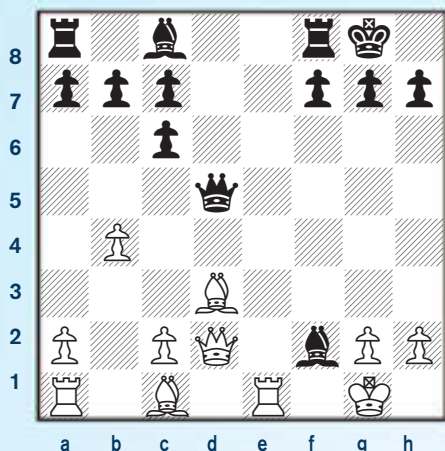


White to move

It's mate in two moves with 40. Re8+ Kg7 41. Rh7#.



#11: Nisipeanu-Ivanchuk,
Las Vegas rapid 1999



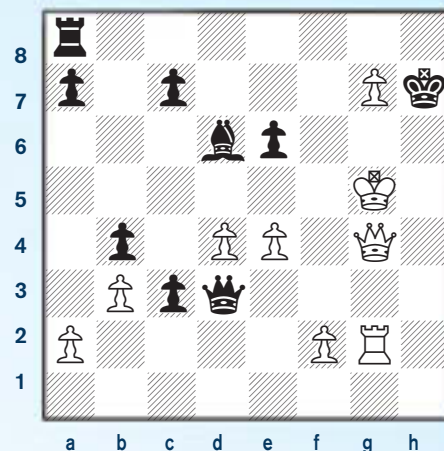
White to move

#13: Sokolov-Portisch,
Rotterdam 1989



White to move

#15: Spassky-Polugaevsky,
Moscow 1960



White to move

GM Ivanchuk must have expected 14. Kxf2 when 14. ... Qd4+ picks up the Ra1.

I expect that you all found 14. Qxf2 leaving Black a piece down for two pawns.

Sokolov continued with 36. Bxa6! winning a pawn because 36. ... Bxa6 allows 37. Nd5+ snagging the Rc7.

34. Kf6! White threatens checkmate with g8(Q) as well as with Rg2-g1-h1-h8. If 34. ... Rf8+, White has 35. gxf8(N)+! and on 34. ... Qxd4+ 35. Kf7! with mate soon to follow.

#12: Shirov-Topalov,
Eurotel rapid 2002



White to move

Shirov replied with 40. d7!, a move that carries two threats, the promotion on d8 as well as Nd6+ forking Black's king and bishop.

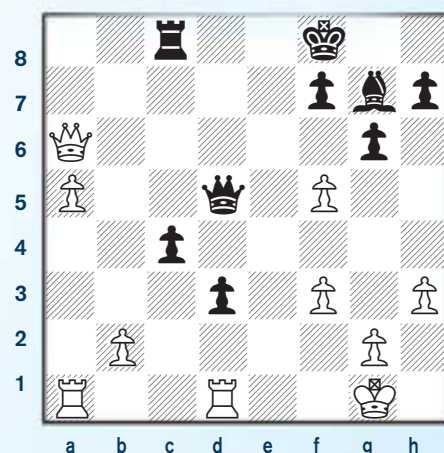
#14: van der Sterren-Ribli,
Bundesliga 1999



Black to move

9. ... Ng4! not only with the threat of 10. ... Bxc3 but also 10. ... cxb4 and then 11. ... Qb6 targeting the b-pawn and the weak f2-square.

#16: Ravinsky-Bronstein,
Moscow 1944



Black to move

Black can trap White's queen with either 37. ... Ra8, or with 37. ... Bd4+ and then 38. ... Ra8.

So, I hope your little gray cells have been properly exercised!
Good luck at your state championship and the Spring Nationals!

ON THE COVER

Kyiv and L'viv

No, they aren't Ukrainian Bobsey Twins. Kyiv (Kiev) is the capital of Ukraine and L'viv is the chess capital of Ukraine. Both cities have well-known gathering places for chessplayers of all strengths and ages.

In Kyiv, you go to Shevchenko Park to get your chess fix. In L'viv, you just have to visit Svobody Avenue and move the pieces.

Eight year old Danil McQuillin of Georgia (USA), got the chance to visit the land of his birth, with his father (Tim) and mother (Luda), on their summer vacation. Danil took on all comers, got his chess fix and moved the pieces!

Chess truly is a universal language.

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\$\$\$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 wheelchairs.
WEB:	Tournaments that will use a player's online rating.

NATIONALS

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
Oct. 24-25, Pennsylvania

2014 U.S. Blind Chess Championship - NOTE DATE CHANGE
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. 23: 6-8pm, Fri. Oct. 24: 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.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
Oct. 31-Nov. 2 or 1-2, California, Northern

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 100 (Enhanced)
2014 U.S. Class Championship
6SS, G/120 +30 (2.5 day: rds. 1-3: G/90 d5, 2day rds. 1-3 G/61 d5). Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Pkwy., Santa Clara, CA 95054. Park free & watch 49ers host the Rams on Sunday. **Hotel:** \$99 at Biltmore (see link at <http://BayAreaChess.com/usclass> or call 408-988-8411 with group ID 1269063). **Prize Fund:** 20,000 b/277 (73% guar). **Sections & Prizes: 2200+ (FIDE rated)** \$3,000-1,500-700-300, **2000-2199:** \$1,500-700-300-200 **1800-1999:** \$1,500-700-300-200, **1600-1799:** \$1,500-700-300-200, **1400-1599:** \$1,500-700-300-200, **1200-1399:** \$1,000-500-200-150, **1000-1199:** \$1,000-500-200-150. Unr max \$300 exc Open. Oct 2014 Supp, CCA min, and TD discretion used to place players accurately. **Reg.:** Fri 10-11am, Fri 6-6:30pm, & Sat 8:30-9am. **Rds.:** 3-day: Fri 11:30a, 5:30p, Sat 11:30a, 5:30p, Sun 9:30a 3p, 2.5-day: Fri 7p, Sat 10a, 1:45p, 5:30p, Sun 9:30a 3p, 2-day: Sa 9:30a, 12:15p, 2:45p, 5:30p, Su 9:30a 3p. **Byes:** Two 1/2 pt bye allowed must commit by start of Rd. 3. **EF:** \$39, after 10/21 \$134. **Playup:** +\$25. GM free, IM free before 10/15 (EF submit for prize for all free entries).
KIDS 1-DAY SIDE EVENT ON NOV 2 for K-12 students rated under 1000: 5SS x G/30 d5 in 5 sections based on rating: 800-999, 600-799, 400-599, 200-399, u200. **U1000 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:** \$39, after 10/21 \$54. **Playup:** +\$10. **Change fee:** +\$20. **U1000 Rds:** Reg: 8:30-9am. **Rounds:** 9:30a, 11a, 12:30p, 2:00p, 3:30p. **Blitz Side Event:** G/5 d0; Reg: Sun, 9/28, 8-8:15pm, Rounds 8-10:30p, total 8-10 rounds. **EF:** \$12, \$15 onsite. 75% of EFs returned as prizes. **Reg. online:** <http://bayareachess.com/my/usclass> or **Mail** payments to BayAreaChess, 1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Rfnd fee:** \$20. **Organizers:** Dr. Judit Sztaray and Dr. Salman Azhar. **TDS:** NTD Tom Langland and NTD John McCumiskey, and others. **Info:** <http://bayareachess.com/usclass>. ask@BayAreaChess.com. T: 408-409-6596. W.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
Dec. 12-14, Florida

2014 National K-12 Grade Championships
7SS, G/90 d5. Rosen Shingle Creek, 9939 Universal Blvd., Orlando, FL 32819. Guest rooms can be booked, NLT 11/17/2014, by calling (866) 996-6338, mention "USCF" or online at: <https://bookings.ihotelier.com/Rosen-Shingle-Creek/bookings.jsp?themeId=12821&hotelID=6840&groupID=1288956>. **HR:** \$125 Single/Quad. **13 Sections.** Play only in your grade section. December Rating Supplement will be used. One 1/2-point bye available (limit one) any round (except Round 7) if requested prior to the start of Rd. 1. Team score = total of top three (minimum two) finishers from each school per grade. First place individual and team, including ties, will be the National Champion for their grade. **Schedule:** Opening ceremony Fri. 12:30 pm. **Rds:** Fri. 1 pm-6 pm, Sat. 10 am-2 pm-6 pm, Sun. 9 am-1 pm. **Awards Ceremony Sun.**, approx. 5 pm. **Special round times for K-1 sections:** Fri. 1:30 pm-5:30 pm, Sat. 9:30 am-1:30 pm-5:30 pm, Sun. 9:30 am-1:30 pm. **K-1 Awards Ceremony Sun.** approx. 4:30 pm. **EF:** \$50/participant postmarked or online by 11/10, \$70 postmarked or online by 12/1, \$85 by 12/11, \$90 on site; \$5.00 extra for all phone registrations; \$20 fee for roster or section changes after 12/7 or any onsite changes. **Onsite registration Thurs.** 9 AM - 9 PM & Fri. 8 AM - 11 AM. **Players who register or change sections after 11 am on Friday will receive a 1/2-point bye for Rd. 1.** **Awards:** Trophies to top individuals & top teams in each grade. Every player receives a commemorative item! Full list of trophies on tournament Info Page. **Side Events:** Bughouse: Thurs. 11 am, Reg. onsite only Thurs. 9-10 am, \$25/team. **Blitz Sections:** K-6 and K-12, G/5 d0, Thurs. 5 pm, Reg. onsite until 4 pm. **Blitz EF:** \$15 by 12/1, \$20 after or at site. **Blitz Awards:** Trophies in K-6 and K-12 sections. Full list of trophies on tournament Info Page. **Bughouse Awards:** Top 5 Teams. **Team Rooms** are limited. **Contact:** Susan Houston at 931.787.1234 ext. 136 or by email: shouston@uschess.org. **Questions:** Susan Houston at 931.787.1234 ext. 136. **Entries:** U.S. Chess Federation, Attn: 2014 K-12 Championship, P.O. Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557 or online at <https://secure2.uschess.org/webstore/tournament.php?wkevent=2014K12>. See website for additional information about the event, advance entries, awards, meetings, updates, corrections, and registration forms, www.uschess.org/tournaments/2014/k12/.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
Feb. 6-8 & 7-8, Georgia

2015 U.S. Amateur Team South Championship
Crown Plaza Atlanta-Airport, 1325 Virginia Ave., Atlanta, GA 30344. **Right off** of I-85. 1-404-768-6660. **Rate:** \$89 for room. **Parking:** \$6 a day, unlimited in and out privileges for all guests and players. **Main Event:** 5-SS, G/120 d5 (2-day Rd. 1 G/60 d5, 4-player teams with one

optional alternate. Team average (4 highest ratings-January list) must be under 2200. Winning team qualifies for National Online Playoff. **Entry Fee:** per player \$45 by 2/02; \$54 later. **Special Entry Fee:** \$170 by 2/02; \$195 later (any team changes \$10). **Scholastic teams \$15 less.** **Prizes:** Top 1st - 3rd place teams, Top class teams, under 2000, under 1800, under 1600, under 1400, under 1200, under 1000, top Senior team, top Female team, top College Team, top High School team, top Middle School team, top Elementary team receives a trophy plus plaques to each board plus alternate. (Same School) Digital Clocks awarded to top two overall teams. A trophy to the top four boards. **3-day schedule:** Reg.: ends 6:45 p.m. on 2/06. **Rounds:** 7:30 p.m., 1:30 - 6:45, 10 - 2:45. **2-day schedule:** Reg.: ends 9:30 a.m. Rd. 1 at 10, then merges with 3-day. **Scholastic Event:** (February 7th only!) 5-SS, G/25 d5. **Entry Fee:** \$140 per team by 2/02; \$155 later (any team changes \$10). (4-player teams, same school). **Must average under 1100.** **Trophies to top 3 teams,** top under 900 team, under 700 team, under 500 team. **Trophy to each board on each winning team.** **Registration:** 8:30 - 9:45 a.m. **Rounds:** 10:30 - 12 - 1:30 - 3:30 - 5-15. **Info:** (478)-973-9389 or www.americanchesspromotions.com/. **Enter:** American Chess Promotions, 3055 General Lee Rd., Macon, GA 31204 or at website above.

GRAND PRIX

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
Oct. 25-26, Texas

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 20 (Enhanced)
2014 DCC Fide Open IX
5SS, G/90 inc/30. Dallas Chess Club, 200 S. Cottonwood Dr. #C, Richardson, TX 75080. **Two sections:** Open and Reserve. **Open:** \$875G. **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. **\$\$ \$500-\$250-\$125.** **EF:** \$80, Senior/Hcap/Additional Family Member \$55. **Small appearance fee** to the First three GM/IM's 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: 10/25 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@dallasschess.com. FIDE.

A State Championship Event!
Oct. 26, Pennsylvania

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 6
2014 PA State Game/45 Championship
4SS, G/45 d5. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pitt., 5th & Bigelow, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. 3 Sections, \$\$ (695G). **Prize:** \$30 by 10/18, \$40 later. \$200-100, U2000 \$75, U1800 \$50. **Prize:** U1600. **EF:** \$25 by 10/18, \$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 10/18, \$25 later. **Trophies to top 7,** Top 3 U600. **All:** Trophies: Top 2 Schools, Top 2 Clubs. **PSCF \$5, OSA.** Reg ends 10:30am. **Rds.:** 11-1-2:45-4:30. **Ent/Info:** PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 25 Freepost St., Pittsburgh, PA 15223, 412-908-0286, martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com. W.

Oct. 26, 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. **Oct 14 Supp & TD disc.** **Sched:** Reg.: 8:30-9. **Rds.:** 9:30-1-4:30. **EF:** 45, econ 35 2/3 prz. after 11/23 +15, Rtd 2200 + \$0 by 11/16 (Prize - EF). **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/grandprix. W.

Oct. 31-Nov. 2 or 1-2, California, Northern

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 100 (Enhanced)
2014 U.S. Class Championship
See Nationals.
Nov. 1, Connecticut
Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 15
2014 Greater New Haven Open!
At Hopkins School, **Open, U1600:** 4/SS, SD60 d5, Rds: 9-11-1:30-3:30, Rds. 1 & 2 acc/Prtd prngs. **U1200, U1000, U800/UNR:** 5SS, SD30 d5, **Rds.:** 10am then ASAP, **Open:** \$300, \$200, \$100, \$100, 5th-10th \$50 each. **Trophies to top 5** U1600, U1200, U1000, U800/Unrated, top 3 teams. **EF:** \$40 Online, \$50 by 10/27, \$75 on site. **Reg.:** 8:30-9:30, \$5 CSCA Memb. req'd, OSA. **EF:** Educational Technologies, 343 Beach St. #404, West Haven, CT. 06516. **Online EF.** More info www.edutechchess.com or www.CTChess.com.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
Nov. 8, 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. **Prize:** \$1,500 b55. 70% guar. **1800+:** \$300-200-100, u2000 150-50. **u1800:** \$200-100-50, u1600 150-50, u1400 100 u1200 50. **Nov 14 Supp & TD disc.** **Sched:** Reg.: 8-9. **Rds.:** 9:30-11:50-2:40-5. **EF:** \$45, Econ \$35 2/3 prz. after 11/6 + \$15, **Playup** \$15, **Rated 2200 + \$0 by 11/1 (prize - EF).** **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/grandprix>.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
Nov. 8-9, Texas

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 20 (Enhanced)
2014 DCC Fide Open X
5SS, G/90 inc/30. Dallas Chess Club, 200 S. Cottonwood Dr. #C, Richardson, TX 75080. **Two sections:** Open and Reserve. **Open:** \$875G. **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. \$5 \$500-\$250-\$125. **EF:** \$80, Senior/Hcap/Additional Family Member \$55. Small appearance fee to the first three GM/IM's who play. 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. 11/8 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. FIDE.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! Nov. 14-16 or 15-16, Florida

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 20 13th Annual Turkey Bowl

5SS, All sections but U1100 G/120 d5, U1100 Section G/90 d5 (2-day Option all sections Rd. 1 G/60 d5). La Quinta Inn and Suites, 3701 N. University Dr., Coral Springs. **\$7,200** b/200 paid entries, 60% min. Gtd. **Open:** \$800/Trophy-500-400, U2300 \$300, U2200/Unr. \$200. **FIDE:** U2050:\$600/Trophy-300-200, U1950 \$150. **U1800:** \$600/Trophy-300-200, U1700 \$150. **U1600:** \$600/Trophy-300-200, U1500 \$150. **U1350:** \$600/Trophy-300-200, U1250 \$150. **U1100:** Trophies for 1st to 4th & 1st U900, Medals to all others. Unr. may enter Open, U1350 or U1100 only. **EF:** \$74 by Nov. 11, \$10 more later and on-site, GMs & IMs free (\$74 deducted from prize). U1100 section \$35 by Nov. 11, \$10 more later and on-site. Re-entry cash prize sections \$40. **Reg.:** Ends 1/2 hr before 1st rd. **Rds.:** 3-Day 1st Rd. Fri. 7:30; 2-Day 1st Rd. Sat 10; 2nd Rd. Sat. 1:15; 3rd Rd. all sections but U1100 6:30, 3rd Rd. U1100 5:45; 4th Rd. Sun. 9:30; 5th Rd. all sections but U1100 2:30, 5th Rd. U1100 1:45. 2 1/2 pt. byes, if req'd before rd. 2. **HR:** \$84 by Cut-off Date, Includes free breakfast & Internet, 954-753-9000, Ext. 6. **Ent:** Boca Raton Chess Club, 2385 Executive Ct. 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 JGP for G/120 rds.**

Nov. 16, 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. Nov 14 Supp & TD disc. **Sched:** Reg. 8-8:30. **Rds.:** 9-11:45-2:40. **EF:** 45, econ 35 2/3 prz. after 11/13 +15, Rtd 2200+ \$0 by 10/6 (Prize - EF). **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/grandprix. W.

A State Championship Event!

Nov. 23, Pennsylvania

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 6 2014 PA State Game/15 Championship (GC)

7SS, G/15 d3. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pitt., 5th & Bigelow, Pittsburgh PA 15213. **2 Sections: Champ:** EF: \$25 by 11/15, \$35 later. \$\$ (690G): \$200-100, U2000 \$90, U1800 \$80, U1600 \$70, U1400 \$60, U1200 \$50, U1000 \$40. **Trophies:** Top 3 U1400, Top 3 U1200, Top 3 U1000. **Scholastic:** Grades K-12 unrated or U900. **EF:** \$15 by 11/15, \$25 later. **Trophies:** to Top 7, Top 3 U600. **ALL:** Trophies: Top 2 Schools, Top 2 Clubs. **PSCF \$5, OSA, Reg.:** 11-11:30am. **Rds.:** 12-12:45-1:30-2:15-3-3:45-4:30. **Ent/Info:** PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 25 Freeport St., Pittsburgh, PA 15223-2245, 412-908-0286, W.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

Nov. 28-30 or 29-30, North Carolina

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 40 (Enhanced) ACC Cash Your Checks Championship (Thanksgiving Weekend)

5SS, G/120 d5 (2-day Rd. 1 G/90 d5). Convention Center, 301 W. Morgan St., Durham, NC 27701. Hotel: Marriott City Center \$99 (919-768-6000). **Prize:** \$10,000 b155 (60% of ea prize guar). 4 sects. **Open** (2000+ FIDE rated): \$1200-600-300-100-100, u2300 \$400-100, u2100 \$200-100. **u2000:** \$1,000-500-200-100-100, u1850 \$300-100-100, **u1700:** \$1,000-500-200-100-100, u1550 \$300-100-100. **U1400:** \$800-400-200-100, u1200 \$300-100-100, u1000 \$100. Unr cap \$200 exc in Open. **EF:** \$89 by 11/24. \$99 by 11/26, \$109 onsite. RE \$50. Rfnd fee: \$20. GM/IM free (prize - EF). **Reg:** Fr 6-6:40p, Sa 10:15-10:30a. **Rounds:** Fr 7p, Sa 2:15p 7p, Su 10:2-4:5p. (2-day Sa 10:45a, merge in Rd. 2). Max two 1/2pt byes, commit by rd. 3. Nov 14 Supp, CCA min, & TD disc used. **Info/Entry/Flyer:** http://BayAreaChess.com/cash, ask@bayareachess.com, W.

Dec. 7, 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. Dec 14 Supp & TD disc. **Sched:** Reg. 8-8:30. **Rds.:** 9-11:45-2:40. **EF:** 45, econ 35 2/3 prz. after 12/14 +15, Rtd 2200+ \$0 by 11/28 (Prize - EF). **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/grandprix. W.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

Dec. 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. **Prize:** \$1,500 b/50. 70% guar. **1800+:** \$300-200-100, u2000 150-50. **u1800:** \$200-100-50, u1600 150-50, u1400 100 u1200 50. Dec 14 Supp & TD disc. **Sched:** Reg. 8-9. **Rds.:** 9:30-12:30-5. **EF:** \$45, Econ 35 2/3 prz. after 12/11 + \$15, playcup \$15, Rated 2200+ \$0 by 12/3 (Prize - EF). **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/grandprix. W.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

Dec. 19-21 or 20-21, California, Northern

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 40 (Enhanced)

Bay Area Chess Lawless Winter 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. **Prize:** \$5,000 b/93 (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. Dec 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 12/16 + \$20. **Playcup** + \$20. **Econ EF:** \$69 w/ 2/3 prz. **Rated 2250+ \$0 by 12/9 (Prize - EF).** **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/champs.

REGIONAL Alabama

Oct. 18, Gulf Coast Classic - 4th Annual

4SS, TC: G/45 d5. UMS Wright Prep School, 65 Mobile St, Mobile, AL 36607. **Classic** (PF: \$750, \$b/20): \$225-175-A/B-150-C/D-125-U1200-75. **Rds.:** 9-11-2-4. **EF:** \$40; if mailed by OCT 11th; \$50 at site. **Scholastic:** **5SS, TC: G/30 d5. EF: \$15. Trophy:** Top 3. **Rds.:** 9:15-10:30-12:30-1:45-3. **Late REG.:** OCT 18th at 8am. Checks payable to: **Caesar Chess. ENT:** Caesar Chess LLC, 5184 Caldwell Mill Rd., Suite 204 - 202, Birmingham, AL 35244. **Info:** CaesarChess@yahoo.com, **www.CaesarChess.com, www.AlabamaChess.com.**

Arizona

Nov. 22-23 or 23, 2014 American Open Scholastic (CA-S)

See California, Southern.

California, Northern

Oct. 12, 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 10/9 \$40. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Oct. 12, 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 10/9 \$48. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Oct. 18, 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 10/15 \$35. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Oct. 18, Bay Area Chess4Less Kids Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)

1639A South Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Trophies:** to all teams & players w + score. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:45a. **Games:** 10a-2p. **Disc EF:** \$20, after 10/15 \$35. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Oct. 19, Bay Area Foster City Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Foster City, CA 94404. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Check-in by 2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** \$20, after 10/16 \$35. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Oct. 19, Bay Area Foster City Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Foster City, CA 94404. **Trophies:** all teams & players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:45a. **Games:** 10a-2p. **EF:** \$27, after 10/16 \$40. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Oct. 26, 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 10/23 \$40. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Oct. 26, 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 10/23 \$48. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Oct. 26, Foster City Grand Prix LuperSwiss (3 x G/90 d5)

See Grand Prix.

Oct. 31-Nov. 2 or 1-2, 2014 U.S. Class Championship

See Nationals.

Nov. 2, Bay Area Fremont Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Fremont, CA 94538. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Check-in by 2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** \$25, after 10/30 \$40. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Nov. 2, Bay Area Fremont Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Fremont, CA 94538. **Trophies:** all teams & players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:45a. **Games:** 10a-2p. **EF:** \$33, after 10/30 \$48. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Nov. 8, Bay Area Chess Grand Prix SuperSwiss (4SS, G/61 d5)

See Grand Prix.

Nov. 8, Bay Area Sacramento Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Check-in by 2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** \$20, after 11/5 \$35. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

Nov. 8, Sacramento Junior Grand Prix Super Swiss (4SS, G/61 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. **Prize:** \$1,000 b/35. 70% guar. **1800+:** \$200-100, u2000 100-50. **u1800:** \$200-100-50, u1600 100, u1400 50 u1200 50. Nov 14 Supp & TD disc. **Reg.:** 9-9:15. **Rds.:** 9:30 11:50 2:40 5. **EF:** 45, Econ 35 2/3 prz. after 11/5 +15, playcup +15, Rated 2200+ \$0 by 10/26 (Prize - EF). **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/grandprix. W.

Nov. 8, Weibel Fall Scholastic Chess Youth Grade #2

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/FallQuads14-06 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.

Nov. 9, 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 11/5 \$40. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Nov. 9, 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 11/5 \$48. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Nov. 15, 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 11/12 \$35. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Nov. 15, Bay Area Chess4Less Kids Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)

1639A South Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Trophies:** to all teams & players w + score. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:45a. **Games:** 10a-2p. **Disc EF:** \$20, after 11/12 \$35. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Nov. 16, Bay Area Foster City Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Foster City, CA 94404. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Check-in by 2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** \$20, after 11/13 \$35. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Nov. 16, Bay Area Foster City Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Foster City, CA 94404. **Trophies:** all teams & players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:45a. **Games:** 10a-2p. **EF:** \$27, after 11/13 \$40. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Nov. 16, Cupertino Grand Prix DuperSwiss (3SS x G/75 d5)

See Grand Prix.

Nov. 22-23 or 23, 2014 American Open Scholastic (CA-S)

See California, Southern.

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

See Grand Prix.

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

See Grand Prix.

Dec. 13, Bay Area Sacramento Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Check-in by 2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** \$20, after 12/9 \$35. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

Dec. 13, Sacramento Junior Grand Prix Super Swiss (4SS, G/61 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. **Prize:** \$1,000 b/35. 70% guar. **1800+:** \$200-100, u2000 100-50. **u1800:** \$200-100-50, u1600 100, u1400 50 u1200 50. Dec 14 Supp & TD disc. **Reg.:** 9-9:15. **Rds.:** 9:30 11:50 2:40 5. **EF:** 45, Econ 35 2/3 prz. after 12/9 +15, playcup +15, Rated 2200+ \$0 by 12/1 (Prize - EF). **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/grandprix. W.

Dec. 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 12/10 \$40. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Dec. 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 12/10 \$48. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Dec. 19-21 or 20-21, Bay Area Chess Lawless Winter Championship

See Grand Prix.

Dec. 21, Bay Area Fremont Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Fremont, CA 94538. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Check-in by 2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** \$25, after 12/18 \$40. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Dec. 21, Bay Area Fremont Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Fremont, CA 94538. **Trophies:** all teams & players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:45a. **Games:** 10a-2p. **EF:** \$33, after 12/18 \$48. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Dec. 27, 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 12/24 \$35. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Dec. 27, Bay Area Chess4Less Kids Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)

1639A South Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Trophies:** to all teams & players w + score. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:45a. **Games:** 10a-2p. **Disc EF:** \$20, after 12/24 \$35. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Jan. 16-19, 17-19 or 18-19, 6th annual Golden State Open

See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

California, Southern

(1:1) Lessons.

Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, LACC - Every Saturday Chess 4 Jrs. - New Event!
3 separate events- 5SS, G/30 d0. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd. & Butler LA, 90025, 2nd fl. 4 blocks West of 405. **EF:** \$30 (\$20 LACC memb, No prize 1/2, 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 streets, BoA, or basement. Free pizza & juices. **Info:** (310) 795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com or Mick@LAChessClub.com.

Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26, LACC - Every Sunday Chess 4 Jrs.
3 separate events- 5SS, G/30 d0. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd. & Butler LA, 90025, 2nd fl. 4 blocks West of 405. **EF:** \$30 (\$20 LACC memb, No prize 1/2, 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 streets, BoA, or basement. Free pizza & juices. **Info:** (310) 795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com or Mick@LAChessClub.com.

Nov. 22-23 or 23, 2014 American Open Scholastic
Doubletree Anaheim/Orange County, 100 City Dr, Orange, CA 92868. **(714) 634-4500.** Hotel rate is \$99, mention SCF Chess Computer for each 1st place winner per section. **Trophies to top 10 places** and top 3 in teams, in each section. **Finalist medals** to all above-average scorers. **9 Sections** based on grade and rating: **Varsity** K-3, K-6, K-12; **Junior Varsity** K-1, K-3 rated U600, K-6 rated U600, K-6 rated U800, K-9 rated U1000, K-12 rated U1200. Pre-Registration only (onsite reg. pay more and receive 1st round bye). **Rds.:** Saturday & Sunday 9am, 12:15, 3:15 for Varsity sections; and Sunday 9am, 10:45, 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 4:45 for Junior Varsity sections. **Time Controls:** All rounds will be G/75 d5 in Varsity and G/30 d5 in Junior Varsity sections. **EF:** Varsity \$80, Junior Varsity \$60, register by 11/20 save \$5, by 11/20 save 10%, by 10/31 save 20%, by 9/30 save 30%. Play-up +\$5. Limited space for onsite registration! USCF Membership required for all sections. November Supplement & TD discretion to place players accurately. National Tournament Director: Randall Hough. **Info:** <http://americanopen.org/juniortournament>. Inquire: play@americanopen.org. **Chess Magnet School JGP for Varsity Sections.**

Connecticut

Nov. 1, 2014 Greater New Haven Open!
See Grand Prix.

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

Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 48th annual New York State Scholastic Championships (NY)
See New York.

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.

Epicure Grand Prix Series at Miami Country Day
Scholastic and Non-Scholastic sections. More info at: www.bocachess.com or call 561-479-0351.

Franklin Academy Grand Prix Series in Boynton Beach
More info at: www.bocachess.com or call 561-479-0351.

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Nov. 14-16 or 15-16, 13th Annual Turkey Bowl
See Grand Prix.

Dec. 12-14, 2014 National K-12 Grade Championships
See Nationals.

Georgia

Feb. 6-8 or 7-8, 2015 U.S. Amateur Team South Championship
See Nationals.

Idaho

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Illinois

Oct. 10-12 or 11-12, 23rd annual Midwest Class Championships
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).

Massachusetts

Oct. 26, 81st Greater Boston Open
See Chess Life or www.MassChess.org.

Dec. 14, Harry Nelson Pillsbury Memorial
See Chess Life or www.MassChess.org.

Jan. 9-11 or 10-11, 3rd annual Boston Chess Congress
See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 48th annual New York State Scholastic Championships (NY)
See New York.

Nevada

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

New Jersey

Oct. 18, King's Chess Club Quads

Morning quads and afternoon quads, G/30 d5, Kindergarten-undergraduate (scholastic, youth, and young adult member memberships). Bethlehem Church, 758 Route 10, Randolph, NJ 07869. **EF:** None. **Reg.:** 9-9:20 am., 1st rd. 9:40. Arr. by noon to reg. only for afternoon quads. Medal to each quad winner. **Info:** Bethlehem Church 973-366-3434 or Bob McAdams 973-694-3988, rwm@fambright.com.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

Oct. 31-Nov. 2 or Nov. 1-2 (NEW DATES), 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, Halsprechman@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.

Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 48th annual New York State Scholastic Championships (NY)
See New York.

New York

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

Dec. 26-28 or 27-28, 33rd annual Empire City Open
See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

A Heritage Event!

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

A State Championship Event!

Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 48th annual New York State Scholastic Championships

6SS, G/60, d10, open to grades K-12 in any state (top NYS player & team in each section are NY champions). Saratoga Hilton, 534 Broadway (I-87 Exit 13-N, 4 miles north on US 9), Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Team prizes based on top 4 scores from same school; no combined school teams allowed even if one school "feeds" another. Teams of 2 or 3 players allowed, but are at a disadvantage. In 9 sections. **Online entry fee at chessaction.com, all sections:** \$43 until 2/7, \$53 2/8-2/24, \$60 2/25 to 9 am 2/28. **Entry fee at site,** all sections: \$60. **High School,** open to all in grades K-12. **EF:** \$46.20 mailed by 2/7. Top NYS grade 9-12 qualifies for Denker Tournament of HS Champions, top NYS grade K-12 girl qualifies for National Girls Invitational. **High School Reserve,** open to K-12 under 1200 or unrated. **EF:** \$46 mailed by 2/7. **Junior High,** open to all in grades K-9. **EF:** \$45.90 mailed by 2/7. Top NYS grade K-8 qualifies for Barber tournament of K-8 Champions. **Middle School Reserve,** open to K-8 under 1000 or unrated. **EF:** \$45.80 mailed by 2/7. **Elementary,** open to all in grades K-6. **EF:** \$45.60 mailed by 2/7. **Elementary Reserve,** open to grades K-5 under 800 or unrated. **EF:** \$45.50 mailed by 2/7. **Primary,** open to grades K-3. **EF:** \$45.30 mailed by 2/7. **Primary Reserve,** open to grades K-3 under 600 or unrated. **EF:** \$45.20 mailed by 2/7. **K-1,** open to grades K-1. **EF:** \$45.10 mailed by 2/7. **Postmarked 2/8-18:** All EF \$10 more. Do not mail entry after 2/18. **Special 1 year USCF dues** with magazine if paid with entry. Online at chessaction.com, Young Adult \$20, Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or paid at site, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20. **Trophies** to top 15 players and top 7 teams each section, top 3 unrated in Primary, K-1, and each reserve section, and top U1500, U1300 (HS), U900, U700 (HS Reserve), U1200, U1000 (JHS), U700, U500 (MS Reserve), U1000, U800 (Elem), U500, U300 (Elem Reserve), U500 (Primary), U200 (Primary Reserve, K-1). Speed playoff if perfect score tie. **Free entry** to NY State Championship, Labor Day weekend 2015 (Albany), to top player each section, if not already qualified for free entry from another event. **Schedule:** Late reg. ends Sat 10 am, rds. Sat 11, 2, 5, Sun 9, 12, 3,

awards 5:30 pm. **Half point byes** OK all, limit 2, must commit before rd. 2. **HR:** \$129-129, 888-999-4711, 518-584-4000, two nights minimum, reserve by 2/6 or rate may increase. Free parking for overnight guests. 7 days notice required for room cancellation. Backup hotel: Courtyard by Marriott, 2 blocks away, 518-226-0538. **Special car rentals:** Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD #657633. **Online entry:** www.chessaction.com. **Mail entry:** Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. Include name, rating, USCF ID, USCF expiration (non-members enclose dues), section, school, grade, birth date, address of each player. Checks payable to Continental Chess. **\$15 per player** service charge for refunds. **\$10 extra to switch** sections, all substitutions from advance list charged \$60. **Questions:** DirectorAtChess.US (At = @), 347-201-2260. **Bring set, board, clock** if possible- none supplied.

North Carolina

Nov. 28, Atlantic Coast Kids Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)

Convention Center, 301 W. Morgan St., Durham, NC 27701. 3 sections b/ rating (800+, u800, u400) **Trophies:** players w/plus score, all schools, and all clubs. **Sched:** Reg. 10-10:15a. **Games:** 10:30a-3:30p. **EF:** 25 by 11/24, 35 afterwards. **Bughouse Side Event:** 8xG/5 d0, trophies to all teams w/plus scores. **Reg.:** 3-4p. **Games:** 4:30-6:30pm. **EF:** 10 ea (20/team) by 11/24, 13 ea (23/team) afterwards. **Info/Entry/Flyer:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/kidsnc>. ask@bayareachess.com, W.

Nov. 28, Atlantic Coast Open Swiss (4SS, G/30 d5)

Convention Center, 301 W Morgan St., Durham NC 27701. 2 Sects b/ent. **Prizes:** 75% of EFs. **Reg.:** 10-10:15a. **Games:** 10:30a-4p. **EF:** 33 by 11/24, 43 afterwards. **Info/Entry/Flyer:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/cash>, ask@bayareachess.com, W.

Nov. 28-30 or 29-30, ACC Cash Your Checks Championship (Thanksgiving Weekend)
See Grand Prix.

Jan. 23-25, Land of the Sky XXVIII

See Chess Life - Grand Prix; uschess.org or ncchess.org for more details.

Ohio

Oct. 25, 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 Oct 22nd then \$30.00. Trophy awards only. Tournament limited to sixty participants. **More information contact:** Kay Stanley 937-477-1267 or email dcc15w5@sbcglobal.net.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

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

Pennsylvania

Oct. 19, PCL October Quick Quads (QC)

3RR, G/15 d3. Wm. Pitt Univ, Univ of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15213. **EF:** \$10, \$7 Jrs. \$20 to 1st/quad. **Reg.:** 11-11:15am. **Info:** martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com, 412-908-0286. W.

Oct. 24-25, 2014 U.S. Blind Chess Championship - NOTE DATE CHANGE
See Nationals.

Oct. 26, 2014 PA State Game/45 Championship
See Grand Prix.

Oct. 29, Oct. Scholastic Quads - Sponsored by the Downingtown Regional Chess Club

Lions Share Restaurant, 812 N. Pottstown Pike (Route 100), Exton, PA 19341. 3 round Quads, G/25 d5. **EF:** \$25, \$20 each for two prepaid Quad Tournaments. Trophies for 3-0 records in each section, medals for all other Quad winners. **Rds.:** Begin promptly, 5 pm, preregistration required, no byes, no refunds. Full menu available throughout the tournament.

Nov. 15, 13th Annual Horizons for Youth Scholastic Fall Chess

5SS, G/30 d5. Northampton Community College, 3835 Green Pond Rd., Main Campus, College Center Building, Bethlehem, PA 18020. **Reg.:** 7:30-8:45am. **Rds.:** 9:30, 11, 12:30, 2, 3:30. Two Tournaments: 1) USCF Rated Section Age 18 and under with two sections, Open and U1200. 2) Age-Based, Non-Rated Sections ages 14 and under and all 5 rounds done by 3pm. **EF:** \$30 by 11:59 pm on Thursday November 13, \$35 later & on site. **Prizes:** Rated- Cash Open Section - \$200 1st place, \$100 2nd place guaranteed, U1200 \$75 1st place guaranteed. Trophies Open Section - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th U1400; Trophies U1200 Section - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, U1000, U800, U600, UNR. Non-Rated Trophies b/o age. For rated section, please bring chess equipment. Random draw prizes at end of tournament. Sudden death, if necessary for 1st-4th - G/10, tie breaks determine color and clock placement. **Ent:** Online registration only: www.northampton.edu/Community-Programs/Horizons-For-Youth/Special-Events-and-Partnerships.htm or call Horizons for Youth at 610-861-4120 for assistance. **Info:** Jane 610-861-4120, Scott Zrinski (TD), sazrinski@gmail.com or Bruce Davis (Chief TD), BDavis@lehighvalleychessclub.org.

Nov. 16, PCL November Quick Quads (QC)

3RR, G/15 d3. Wm. Pitt Univ, Univ of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15213. **EF:** \$10, \$7 Jrs. \$20 to 1st/quad. **Reg.:** 11-11:15am. **Info:** martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com, 412-908-0286. W.

Nov. 23, 6th Annual Southern PA Fall Scholastic

Yoders Family Restaurant, 14 South Tower Rd., New Holland, PA 17557. **2+ Sections:** Under 600, Open. 4SS, G/25 d5. **EF:** \$35 online until 11/21, \$40 on site until 10 am on 11/23/14. Trophies to top five in each section. Numerous other awards. Game analysis by experts onsite. **INFO:** mwood@woodservices.org **Rds.:** 11am, 12 pm, 1pm, 2pm. 1/2 pt. bye allowed before 10 am. **ENT:** Wood Enrichment Services (<http://woods-services.org>). **DIR:** Located in New Holland on Route 23,

one mile west of Route 322. **Sunday Buffet Brunch is available until 2 pm for an extra cost.**

Nov. 23, 2014 PA State Game/15 Championship (QC)
See Grand Prix.

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

Jan. 16-19, 17-19 or 18-19, 47th annual Liberty Bell Open
See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 48th annual New York State Scholastic Championships (NY)
See New York.

Texas

Oct. 25-26, 2014 DCC Fide Open IX
See Grand Prix.

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

Oct. 31-Nov 2, Oct. 31 or Nov. 1-2, 18th Annual Texas Grade and Collegiate Championships

Sheraton DFW Airport Hotel, 4440 W. John Carpenter Freeway, Irving, TX 75063. HR: \$94/\$94/\$99/\$104. 972.929.8400 Mention Texas Grade or mention code TGJ30A to get rate. Reserve by Sept 29 or rate may not be honored. **Collegiate:** Oct 31-Nov 2. 5SS, G/90, with 30 sec inc. Collegiate is open to any college player. Only Texas players/Colleges can be Texas Collegiate Champs. **\$\$ \$400-\$200-\$100, 1st '1600-1800' \$200, 1st '1200-1599' \$200, 1st U1200 \$200, Unrated eligible for U1200 prize or 1st-3rd overall only. Plaques to top 5 Individuals, Plaques to top 5 Teams (top four players added for team scores, no more than 2 teams per school.)** **EF:** \$49 by 10/17/14, \$69 thereafter. Do not mail after 10/25 as your entry may not be received in time. **Reg.:** Fri 10/31 from 7:00 pm-7:30 pm. **Rds.:** Rd. 1 at 10/31 at 7:45pm. Sat 12:15pm-5:30pm. Sun. 9 am and 1:45 pm. One 1/2 pt bye available, any round, if requested before end of rd. 2 and if player has not received a full point bye. Team pairings will be turn off for later rounds, probably for round

3. Fide rated and USCF rated and uses Fide Rules. USCF ratings/rules will be used for pairings and prizes. Default late forfeiture time is one hour. TD may extend this time at TD's discretion. Online registration and team room information on website at www.dallaschess.com. **Grades 9-12:** Oct 31 or Nov 1 - Nov 2. 5SS, G/90 with 30 sec inc. (Round 1 of 2 day is G/60 d5). **Each grade is Open to TX residents or players attending Texas schools.** Players must play in their own grade. Note that small 9-12 sections may be merged with a bigger 9-12 section. Trophies to top 10 ind. & top 5 teams (top three players added for team scores, no more than 2 teams per school in each grade.) **EF:** \$35 if postmarked by 10/17/14, \$59 thereafter or on site. Do not mail after 10/25 as your entry may not be received in time. **Schedule:** 3 day or 2 day. **Reg.:** 3day: Fri 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm. 3day Rd.1 is on Fri at 7:45 pm. **Reg.:** 2day on Sat on 7:30 am - 8:30 am. 2 day Rd. 1 is at 9 am. Sections merge then rds. Sat 12:15pm-5:30pm., Sun. 9 am and 1:45 pm. Sat. registration may require a 1/2 pt. 1st rd. bye. One 1/2 pt bye available, any round, if requested before end of rd. 2 and if player has not received a full point bye. Team pairings may be turn off for later rounds. **Grades K-8:** Nov 1 - Nov 2. 6SS, Rds. 1-3 G/45 d5; Rds. 4-6 G/60 d5. **Each grade is Open to TX residents or players attending Texas schools.** Players must play in their own grade. Trophies to top 10 ind. & top 5 teams (top three players added for team scores, no more than 2 teams per school in each grade.) **RDS.:** Sat. rds. 9:30-12:05-2:10-4:15. Sun. rds. 10-1:15. **ALL: EF:** \$35 if postmarked by 10/17. \$59 thereafter or at site. Do not mail after 10/25 as your entry may not be received in time. **All: Entries to:** Dallas Chess Club, c/o Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. Entry must include Name, USCF ID (or new/pending), grade & school and school location. Incomplete entries will be charged at site entry fee. No refunds after 10/29. Email: info@dallaschess.com, 214-632-9000. Do not call after 10/29 as we are traveling. Online registration and team room information on website at www.dallaschess.com. **Side events:** Unrated Blitz open tournament on 10/31 at 7:45 pm. **EF:** \$15, Trophy prizes. Bughouse Open Tournament Sat. 8:35 pm. **EF:** \$20/team. Trophy prizes. Registration for side events online or onsite only. W.

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See Grand Prix.

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

Vermont

Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 48th annual New York State Scholastic Championships (NY)
See New York.

Virginia

Oct. 8-13, Washington Chess Congress
See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Wisconsin

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! Nov. 8-9, 2014-2015 Wisconsin Junior Open

Gruenhagen Conference Center, UW-Oshkosh, Corner of High and Osceola St., Oshkosh, WI 54901. HR: \$40 Full Service, \$30 Student Service; (dorm room) 920-424-1106. 2015 Denker/Barber/NGIT qualifier; Open to youth born after 11/8/1993. In 5 Sections, **Open:** 5SS, G/120 d5, **EF:** \$17 in advance by 11/4; \$22 at site. **Prizes:** Top 5, Top 2 each 1600, 1500, 1400, 1300, 1200, 1100, Under 1100 and Unrated. **Girl's Junior Open:** 5SS, G/120 d5, **EF:** \$17 in advance by 11/4; \$22 at site. **Prizes:** Top 3 and top ages 15-16, 13-14, 11-12, 9-10 and Under 9. **Reserve (U1100 or Unrated):** 5SS, G/120 d5, **EF:** \$17 in advance by 11/4; \$22 at site. **Prizes:** Top 5, Top 2 each 900, 800, 700, 600, 500 and Under 500 and top 3 Unrated. **Non-Rated Beginner's Grade 7-12:** 5SS, G/ 120 d5, Open to Grades 7-12. **EF:** \$16 in advance by 11/4; \$21 at site. **Prizes:** Top 5 and top 3 Grade 7-9. **Non-Rated Beginner's Grade K-6:** 5SS, G/120 d5, Open to Grades K-6. **EF:** \$16 in advance by 11/4; \$21 at site. **Prizes:** Top 5 and top 3 Grade K-3. **ALL: Reg.:** 11/8 8:45-9:30 A.M. **Rds.:** 10:15-2:30-7:15; 10:00-3:00. **ENT:** Mike Nietman, 2 Boca Grande Way, Madison, WI 53719. **INFO:** Mike Nietman, 608-467-8510 (before 11/7), mike.nietman@charter.net. www.wischess.org. W.

Kyiv and L'viv

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Answers. We've got Answers.

ARABIAN KNIGHTS (from page 6)

Answer: White only has one move possible at each step along the way!
So: 1. d4 b5 2. d5 b4 3. axb4 a3 4. b5 a2 5. b6 a1=Q 6. b7 checkmate

End of the Line (from page 10)

#1 - 1. Ke6 Kf8 (if Black plays 1. ... Kd8 then 2. Kf7 with the same idea) 2. Kd7 followed by e6 e7 e8=Q (NOTE: not 1. e6 after which 1. ... Kd8 2. e7+ Ke8 3. Ke6 is a draw by stalemate)

#2 - 1. Kg6 and after black promotes 2. Nf7#

#3 - 1. Nxe8 is the fastest way to win 1. ... Kxe8 2. Kg6 Kf8 3. d6 Kg8 (if 3. ... Ke8 then 4. Kxg7 wins) 4. d7 and d8=Q#

#4 - 1. Rxd8+ Kxd8 2. 0-0-0+!! Wins the rook - sometimes the king doesn't have to move far to be a force!

#5 - This position occurred in my favorite game of all time between

Robert Steele and an unknown player (I highly encourage you guys to check this game out) - Here, Steele played 1. Ka7!! after which Black is unable to stop Bb6# without letting White Queen his b-pawn

#6 - This is the most famous king march of all time - between Nigel Short and Jan Timman, the game went 1. Kg3 Rce8 2. Kf4 Bc8 3. Kg5 and Black resigned because he cannot stop Kh6 and Qg7#

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