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## ON THE

Photographer Sidney M. Grapey grew up and played chess in Chicago. So it makes sense that one of his photographic essays would be "Chess Players" at the Morris Chess Pavilion located on the Chicago lakefront.

His work has been shown in group exhibitions at the Bergman Gallery at the University of Chicago, and at the Ward Gallery at the University of Illinois.



## What's the Question?

by National Master Daniel Gurevich

What's an outpost?

Chess players still disagree on what exactly an outpost is. For instance, I have seen it defined as "a defended piece on the opponent's half of the board" and "a square that is controlled by one side's pawn but cannot be defended by the opponent's pawns," but neither description really explains why outposts are important. Here is what I think: an outpost is a square where a certain piece is especially well-placed and cannot be chased away (at least, not without making the position even worse).

Here is an instructive example of an outpost at work:

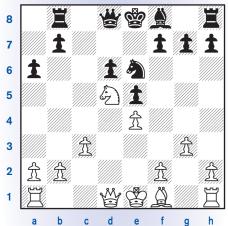
Mikhail Tal-Robert Wade, 1964



At first, it seems that Black is better. He has three pieces developed to White's two, and his knight is especially active. But in just a couple of moves, it becomes clear that White is in control.

11. Nb6! This is the correct move order. After the immediate 11.

Nd5? Bxd5! 12. exd5 Qq6, White has no outposts and no advantage. 11. ... Rb8 12. Ncd5! Already, the position has changed dramatically. White's knights now occupy excellent outposts. 12. ... Qd8 13. c3 Tal proves that the d4-square is no outpost: it is easy to kick out the black knight. 13. ... Bxd5 White's knights have grabbed a stranglehold on the position, and Black just cannot take it any longer. Unfortunately, trading off one of the knights barely improves the situation. 14. Nxd5 Ne6 15. g3 (taking control of the f4-square and preparing to develop the bishop to h3).



This position is a typical Sicilian nightmare for Black. White's monster knight dominates the center and is firmly defended by the e4-pawn. The white bishop commands the light squares, while White's pawns control many of the important dark squares. (Later, White might play a4-a5, b4, and h4 to seize the b6, c5, and g5-squares as well.)

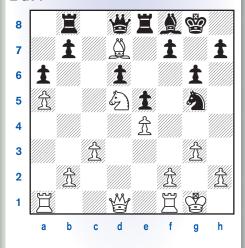
Black's best piece is also his knight, but the poor thing does not

hold a candle to its counterpart. The black knight has no good squares. The best it can hope for is getting exchanged for White's knight, which seems unlikely at the moment. (If 15. ... Nc7?, 16. Qa4+b5 17. Nxc7+ Qxc7 18. Qxa6 wins a pawn.)

But, even with the knights off the board, Black's prospects are bleak—while the black bishop is blocked in by its own pawns, the white bishop can then replace the knight on d5, where it will pressure the f7-pawn and the king once it castles, as well as the queenside.

In a nutshell, a long and painful loss probably awaited Black at this point. However, he lasted only 11 more moves.

15. ... Be7 16. a4! White prepares a5, fixing the pawn on b7, where it will eventually become weak. 16. ... 0-0 17. Bh3 Re8 18. 0-0 Bf8 19. a5 Ng5 20. Bf5 g6?! Black misses a nice tactical shot in an already difficult position. 21. Bd7!



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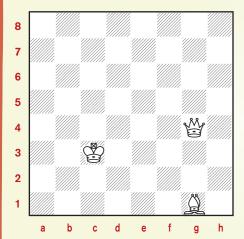


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ree Puffs of Smoke

The King sat at his chess table, in his night clothes. He yawned a giant yawn. "Are you unwell, Your Majesty?" she asked.

The King rubbed his eyes. "Just a dream," he said. "Actually, three of them." She noticed that the board in front of him was set up with a chess position.



"Where is the black king?" she asked.

"Indeed, that is the question," the King said, somewhat puzzlingly.

She leaned closer to the board.

"In my first dream," said the King, "I saw this position, and I heard my opponent say 'Ha! With your last move you have stalemated me!' but before I could check to see if it were true, the black king vanished in a puff of smoke."

"Interesting," she said.

"In my second dream," said the King, "I still had the white pieces, and the position was the same, but I heard my opponent say 'Well played! You have checkmated me!' Again, before I could confirm that, the black king again disappeared in a puff of smoke."

"Curious," was all she could add.

"In my third dream," said the King, "the position was the same, but my opponent said 'Alas! I must resign, as you will checkmate me on the move.'"

"The black king vanished in a puff of smoke?" she asked.

"Indeed," said the King, as he nodded his head.

"Three questions," she recounted. "Where can the black king sit on the chessboard so that he is stalemated? Where can it be so that it is checkmated? Where can it be so that White has a checkmate in one move?"

"Exactly," said the King.

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Since 21. ... Qxd7 loses the queen because of the family fork 22. Nf6+, Black is forced to give up the Exchange. 21. ... Re6? Black has resigned himself to his grim fate. Best was 21. ... Re7, getting rid of the monster knight and getting a pawn for the Exchange: after 22. Nxe7+ Bxe7 23. Qa4! Nxe4 24. Qxe4 Qxd7 25. Qd5, White now occupies the outpost with his queen and is probably winning, but at least Black can keep fighting.

After the move in the game, Black's position is hopeless. 22. Bxe6 fxe6 23, Nb6 h5 24, Qe2 Be7 25. f4 Nf7 26. f5 Now that his king's defenses are about to be ripped open, Black resigned.

In that game, White's outpost was the whole reason he won so easily. The monster knight had a global effect, paralyzing all of Black's forces and stopping him from generating even a scrap of

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counterplay. Meanwhile, White had plenty of time to gradually advance his pawns and maneuver his pieces into position, slowly suffocating his opponent. Of course, it did not hurt that Black helped out at the end with a few errors, as players often do in tough positions.

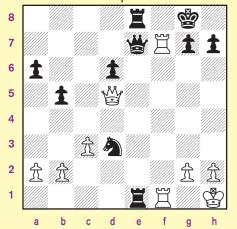
You should always be on the lookout for squares that might become outposts for your pieces. If you do manage to establish one, it may very well be your trump card.

## YOU CAN DO IT!

Before we get to this issue's mating quiz, I'd like to offer a remarkable position from one of Mikhail Tal's greatest ening

Abram Khasin-Mikhail Tal, Leningrad, 1956 reached this position:

games.

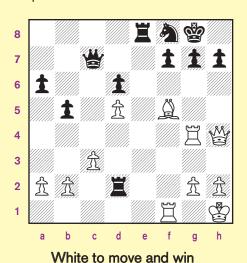


It's Black to move, and Tal uncorked a wonderful combination. Notice that Black would love to play ... Rxf1+, but White would then have Rxf1 with a discovered check!

The solution is right here, so don't peek if you want to try to solve it:

33. ... Oxf7!! 34. Oxf7+ Kh8 A king retreat in the middle of the combination, but now Tal really threatens ... Rxf1+. 35. Kg1 Rxf1+ 36. Oxf1 Re1, 0-1 winning the queen and with a very easy endgame.

But earlier in the game, White could have reached the following position. Can you find an easy win for White in the position below?



#### by Jon Edwards

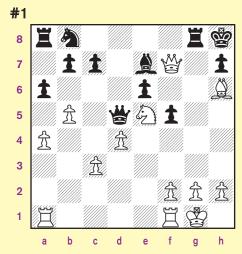
The answer, of course, is Qg5 threatening mate on g7 as well as the unanchored rook on d2. Generally speaking, watch out when active pieces have no anchors.

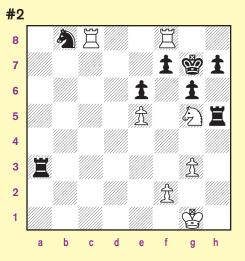
In this case, the queen can make one move to attack both d2 and g7, the two key squares on the board.

Black would have resigned instantly. Of interest is that Tal and his opponent missed this possibility during analysis, as did generations of commentators who so fell in love with the ending that they failed to consider the possible complication.

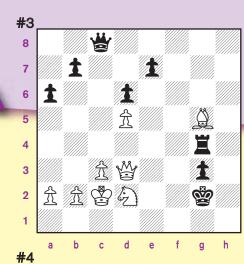
The quiz this month involves checkmates in two moves that involve fun knight maneuvers. Don't forget. You can do it!

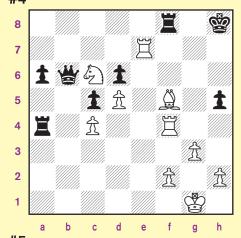
White to move in all quiz positions



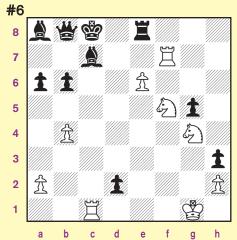


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# Chess Detective®

by NM Todd Bardwick

## OPPOSITE COLOR BISHOPS IN THE MIDDLEGAME

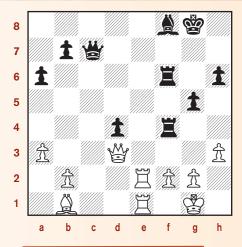
When most chess players hear the words "opposite color bishops" they automatically think draw. A draw is often the result in the opposite color bishop endgame when the weak side succeeds in blockading his opponent's pawns on the color of his bishop to prevent a promotion.

In the middlegame, however, opposite color bishops heavily favors the player with the better placed bishop as it relates to attacking the opponent's king. The reason is that the aggressor, by definition, has an extra attacker on the color of his bishop because the defensive bishop is of little or no use defending those colored squares.

Back in the early 1990s the late IM Igor Ivanov came to town to give a simultaneous exhibition. He played white on all boards. I noticed after about a dozen moves or so that a third of the games had opposite color bishop middlegames with Igor on the attack as White (I don't recall which specific opening, but it came after 1. e4 e5). Igor cleverly found an opening line where the local players voluntarily traded for opposite color bishops in the middlegame—thinking they would have chances to draw—but ended up getting crushed before they could reach the endgame!

This position occurred in the 2009 World Cup in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia, between Victor Bologan and Ahmed Adiv.

Because his bishop has great access to the light squares around



Position after 35. ... Kg8
White to move

Position after 34. Rg1
Black to move

Black's king, Bologan calculates a successful rook sacrifice that forces Black's king toward his side of the board by playing, 36. Re7! Bxe7 37. Qh7+ Kf8 38. Qh8+ Kf7 39. Ba2+ Kg6 40. Qe8+ Rf7 41. Qg8+ Rg7 (41. ... Kf5 42. Be6+ Kf6 43. Qxf7 mate or 41. ... Kh5 42. Bxf7+ Kh4 43. Qg6 with mate soon) 42. Bb1+ d3 43. Bxd3+ Kh5 44. Qxg7 Rxf2 (nothing else works) 45. Rxe7 (45. Bg6+ or 45. Qg6+ lead to quicker mates) 45. ... Qc5 46. Qxh6+! (A nice queen sacrifice to finish him off!) 46. ... Kxh6 47. Rh7 mate

Here is a position from a game between Claus Toerber and Ludwig Roedl played in Luneburg, Germany, in 1947.

Black played, 34. ... Rh5+ 35. Oxh5 Oxh5+ (An interesting opposite color bishop middlegame with a queen

versus two rooks. White's exposed king is a problem.) 36. Kg2 Qg5+ 37. Kh2 Qh6+ 38. Kg3 f5 39. exf6 e.p. Bd6+ (White is in trouble on the dark squares. Black will be looking to continue with forcing checks so that White cannot coordinate his pieces, hide his king, or have time to attack Black's king. Note that White's bishop on b7 does not play a role.) 40. Kf3 Qh3+41. Ke2 Qd3+42. Ke1 Qb1+43. Kd2 Qxb2+44. Ke3 Bc5+45. Kf4 Qf2+, White resigned.

The player with the initiative and the better placed bishop usually wins the opposite color bishop middlegame.

It is important to keep in mind that opposite color bishop middlegames can end up as drawish opposite color bishop endgames, if neither player mounts a successful attack on the king.

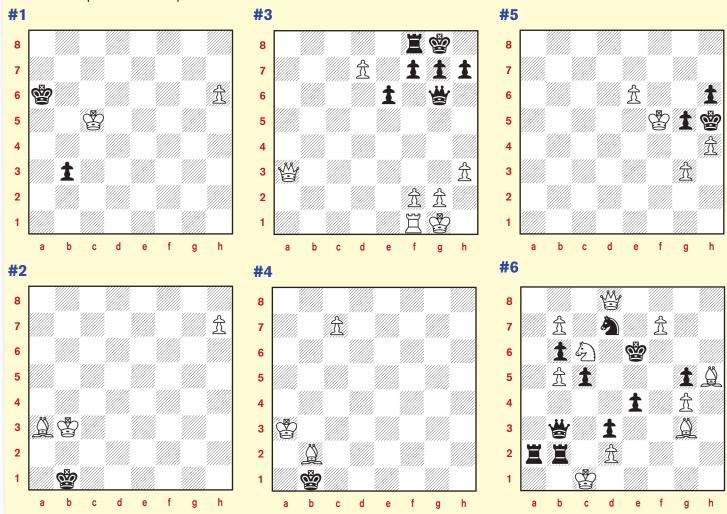
## END OF THE LINE

# PUSHING PAWNS

NM Atulya Vaidya



Often in endings, and sometimes earlier, you have the ability to promote a pawn. However, upon promotion, you can make your pawn into a knight, bishop, rook, or queen. Making the pawn into either a knight, rook, or bishop is called underpromotion. All puzzles are White to move.



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Gabriel Eidelman of California, worked hard to earn his 1934 rating and a spot on the 2015 Trophies Plus All America Team, and we regret the omission of his photo last issue.





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## A TALE OF TWO CITIES

### The Bridge From Both Sides Now

By Don Maddox, Chess Coach, Madison City Schools, Alabama WIM Huahua Xu, ChessOcean School Coach FM Bradley Denton, Madison City Middle School Coach

#### Final match score: Xiamen 61/2 - Madison 51/2

You can't build a bridge without learning something, both on and off the chessboard. In this issue, Xiamen Coach WIM Huahua Xu will select an interesting game from her team and analyze it for us, Madison Coach FM Bradley Denton will present notes to instructive positions from other games, and I will try to frame the entire event for coaches and players who are interested in building their own bridges.

Case in point: We were very proud of ourselves for testing our Internet connections several weeks ahead by having two players from each team conduct practice matches in advance. But on the morning of the actual match with all 24 players poised to start, only two boards from the Xiamen side were able to connect.





Xiamen players were connecting via a single wireless hotspot, and bandwidth issues restricted their access to two-at-a-time. We were able to correct the problem, but it took about an hour of anxious troubleshooting.

Lesson learned: Test your Internet connection in advance from both sides under actual match conditions.

Once the breakdown occurred on Saturday morning, neither side gave any thought to canceling the match. Players on both sides relaxed and practiced. Coaches looked over their shoulders and offered encouragement. Technicians worked to resolve the issues, and everyone cheered when the connection finally came up.

Lesson learned: Stuff will go wrong. Be patient, be persistent, be determined—the same advice I give students over the chessboard. Most importantly, attack problems as a team, from both sides of the bridge.

Once Dr. Yeqing Bao established connection between Madison and ChessOcean School, it became clear that there were significant differences between the schools. Madison's Rainbow Elementary School is a successful program from a single school that won the Alabama State Elementary School Championship in 2013-2014. USCF ratings ranged from 250 to 1100. ChessOcean School, chartered in 2011, draws its players from 10 primary schools and kindergartens.

Since its beginning, around 3,000 students have cycled through Chess Ocean School, with 30 kids training with WIM Xu in their General Training Center. Their top 20 players range from 1600 to 2000 FIDE. Their top player is a Woman's Candidate Master (WIM) who played top board in the

match—a game Discovery Middle School's Michael Guthrie won. Rainbow Coach Ranae Bartlett shared our roster and ratings with Coach Xu who promised to field an appropriately balanced team.

Lesson learned: Get to know your playing partners in advance. Talk about shared reasons and goals for the match. Negotiate a mutual understanding that ensures both sides get something from the event – a unique cultural exchange, a competitive contest, and an opportunity to share their love of the game with the larger community.

Coach Xu has selected an interesting game from the match to analyze.

King's Indian Defense, Classical Variation (E93) Lawrence Zhang - Juchen Zhang Madison vs Xiamen October 18, 2014 Notes by WIM Huahua Xu After a month's anxious preparation and anticipation, ChessOcean School finally met its American opponents online. Everyone concerned was excited. The success of this encounter promised to be the beginning of a long friendship.

## 1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. Nf3 d6 5. e4 0-0 6. h3

The King's Indian Defense. Many high-level players prefer aggressive openings like the King's Indian.

#### 6. ... e5 7. d5 Nbd7 8. Be2

This f1-bishop is better placed on d3: 8. Bd3 Nc5 9. Nd5 10. g4 is very popular.

#### 8. ... Nc5 9. Qc2 a5 10. Be3 Ncd7?

Black makes a simple mistake, moving the knight a second time. Stronger is 10. ... b6 solidifying the queenside.

#### 11.0-0 Re8?!

Better is 11. ... Nh5, preparing to play ... f7-f5.

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#### 12. Rfe1 Nf8 13. b3?!

Missing the opportunity to press on to the enemy capitol with 13. c5!

13. ... Nh5 14. Qd2

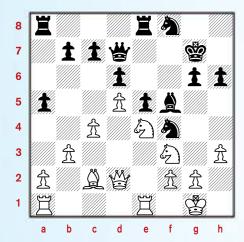
White can still play 14. c5.

14. ... f5 15. Bh6 fxe4 16. Nxe4 Bf5 17. Bd3 Qd7 18. Bxg7 Kxg7 19. Nfg5?!

White should defend the kingside immediately with 19. Bf1 Nf4 20. Ng3. 19. ... Nf4 20. Bc2?

White still fails to see the threatened sacrifice. The best way to defend is 20. Re3 h6 21. Nf3, since after 21. ... Bxh3? 22. gxh3 Qxh3 23. Ne1, Black has no compensation.

20. ... h6 21. Nf3



Look carefully at this position. Black has a great opportunity! See if you can find it.

#### 21. ... Bxh3!

A great sacrifice!

#### 22. g3

If 22. gxh3??, then 22. ... Qxh3-+.

#### 22. ... Bg4!

Offense is the best defense! We don't have to retreat the knight.

## 23. gxf4 Bxf3 24. Bd1 Qg4+ 25. Ng3 exf4

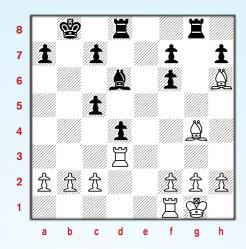
Even better is 25. ... Bxd1! 26. Qxd1 Qxf4 when Black has two pawns and a nice kingside attack.

26. Bxf3 Oxf3 27. Ne2 Og4+ 28. Kh2 Oh4+ 29. Kg1 f3 30. Ng3 Oh3, 0-1

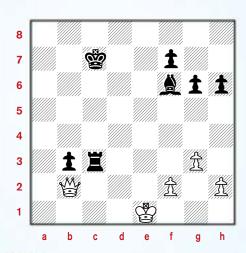
White resigned—he can try to retrieve a pawn with 31. Qc3+, but it's too little too late.

#### **Lessons Learned**

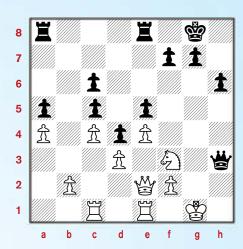
Position 1
(Xie-Billman, White to move)



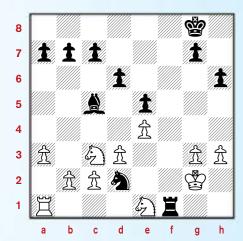
Position 2 (Sun-Guthrie, Black to move)



Position 3 (Wang, C-Qiu, Black to move)



Position 4 (Wang, H-Limaye, Black to move)



#### ChessOcean School Coach WIM Huahua Xu

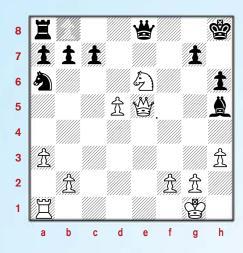
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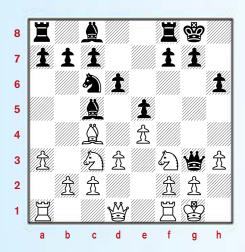
#### Main sports achievements:

2004—4th place Age-10 in World Youth Chess Championship 2009—Chinese National Master and qualification for Women World Championship Chinese Championship Zonal. 2012—Woman International Master title.

## Position 5 (Edwards-Huang, White to move)



## Position 6 (Wang, H-Limaye, White to move)



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#### The Endgame

The good news is that there's life after the match. So many good things have happened for our kids! On November 20th, the Madison city school board issued awards to each player and coach who participated in the match, and the state legislature issued two resolutions honoring the city, the schools, the players, and the coaches for their contributions to chess in Alabama.

State Representatives Mac McCutcheon and Mike Ball handdelivered copies of the resolutions. Hitachi Consulting was singled out for contributing training facilities and volunteer support to Madison kids.

Two weeks after the match, Rainbow Elementary Coach Bill Nash went into the hospital for open-heart surgery. The awards ceremony on November 22nd was his first public appearance after the operation.

When Ranae Bartlett asked me to coach Madison school children, I thought long and hard. I expected to start from scratch with a roomful of raw beginners, the way I had more than 20 years ago in New Jersey. I was amazed to find that "scratch" in Madison was a far cry from the "scratch" I started from in New Jersey. I had entered a community of serious players.

Time and time again I found myself asking, "Who taught you that?" Time and time again, the answer was, "Coach Nash." I found, to my great relief, that Bill Nash had already done the hardest part of my job—turning out raw beginners into serious, organized, committed, and knowledgeable players.

But the most impressive thing about Coach Nash is the simple respect and affection the kids have for him. They know what they have learned from him, and they're grateful.

So am I-thank you, Bill.

#### Best is yet to come

We have a return match scheduled with Xiamen in the February time-frame, and Wellington, New Zealand, has agreed to a match in March or April. We have contacted England's Chess in Schools program and fully

expect to set up a match with them. As we negotiate future matches, we are already applying our lessons learned—and looking forward to learning new ones.

#### Post Mortem

Glenn Petersen and I talked while I was preparing these articles, and we agree that this sort of cross-cultural Internet competition between schools is an important part of the chess future. I have agreed to serve as a combination Clearing House/Facilitator/Reporter for other bridge-builders. If you will email me your questions, games from Internet scholastic events, stories, results, etc., I will report them periodically in CL4K. I am especially interested in input from kids—together we can build bridges around the world. You can reach me at ddmaddox@hotmail.com.

#### Madison Middle School Coach FM Bradley Denton

Born: June 1986

Titles: FIDE Master, U.S.

National Master

#### Main sports achievements:

2009—Alabama State

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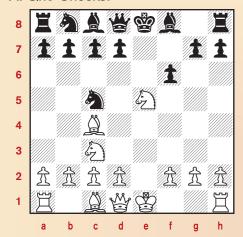
"A first-rate account of this event which has come to mean so much for Australian chess. **Recommended**" (Full review: http://tinyurl.com/llfnppa)



## That Was No Lady...

by Pete Tamburro (author of Openings for Amateurs)

A. Qh5 Checks:



In this game, Black forgot White could sacrifice his knight on e5 and then check with Qh5+. Key lines lead to mate. Play them out to see how White did it!

Taylor-A.N. Other: 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Bc4 Nxe4 4. Nc3 Nc5 5. Nxe5 f6?? (see above diagram) 6. Qh5+ g6 (6. ... Ke7 7. Qf7+ Kd6 8. Nb5+ Kxe5 9. Qd5+ Kf4 10. g3+ Kg4 11. h3#) 7. Bf7+ Ke7 8. Nd5+ Kd6 9. Nc4+ Kc6 10. Nb4+ Kb5 11. a4+ Kxb4 12. c3+ Kb3 13. Qd1#



In the above position, Black made that very dangerous f6 move to defend the e5-pawn. White made the very

dangerous knight sacrifice. Watch this king hunt:

Schulz-Langier, Cologne, Germany, 1992: 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Bc4 Nxe4 4. Nc3 Nxc3 5. dxc3 f6 6. 0-0 Bc5 (see diagram) 7. Nxe5 d5 (7. ... fxe5 8. Qh5+ g6 [8. ... Kf8 9. Qf7#; 8. .. Ke7 9. Qf7+ Kd6 10. Qd5+ Ke7 11. Bg5+ Kf8 12. Qf7#] 9. Qxe5+ Qe7 10. Qxh8+ Qf8 11. Re1+ Be7 12. Rxe7+ Kxe7 13. Qe5+ Kd8 14. Bg5+ Qe7 15. Qxe7#) 8. Qh5+ g6 9. Nxg6 hxg6 (9. ... Rg8 10. Re1+ Kd7 11. Qxd5+ Bd6 12. Qf5+ Kc6 13. Qb5# Another fun king hunt!)

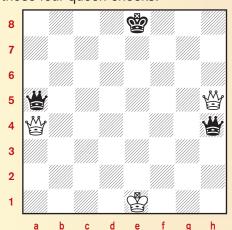


Here's a warning: not all Qh5+moves are good. I have seen this line happen a lot: 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 f5 4. Bxc6 dxc6 5. Nxe5 Qd4 (see above diagram) 6. Qh5+ (Better is to take equality with: 6. Nf3 Qxe4+7. Qe2 Qxe2+ 8. Kxe2) 6. ... g6 7. Nxg6 hxg6.

And only now does White realize the black queen is defending the rook, so: **8. Oxg6+ Kd8 9. d3 Ne7 10. Og3** (10. Bg5 Oxb2; 10. 0–0 Nxg6) **10. ... fxe4 11. 0-0 exd3 12. cxd3 Bd7 13. Nc3 Nf5 14. Of3 Bd6** and Black's pieces are ready to attack the white kingside.

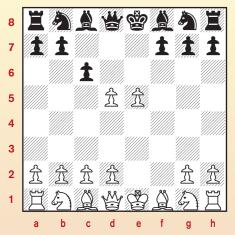
One thing you always see at scholastic chess tournaments is the early queen check that wins (or sometimes, loses) the game. One of the first lessons you learn in chess is the "two move checkmate" that goes like this: 1. f4 e6 2. g4 Qh4 mate.

Although that's pretty silly, young and old chess players fall into different versions of this very basic mate. We're going to look at the four basic queen checks that can cause early problems. Here's an unusual diagram to show those four queen checks:



The above position isn't legal, but it does show four troublesome checks—two for each side. Let's look at how they caused problems in real games.

#### B. Qh4 Checks:



This is another opening line I've seen played dozens of times by White. That pawn on e5 was just too tempting on move 4. They were so greedy that they didn't even see the Qh4 check. White either loses material or gets mated.

1. e4 e5 2. f4 d5 3. exd5 c6 4. fxe5 (see above diagram) 4. ... Qh4+ 5. Ke2 (5. g3 Qe4+ 6. Qe2 Qxh1 7. Qf2 Qe4+ 8. Be2 Qxe5) 5. ... Qe4+ 6. Kf2 Bc5+ 7. d4 Bxd4+ 8. Kg3 Qg6+ 9. Kh4 Bf2+ 10. g3 Qe4+ 11. Kh5 (11. Bf4 Qxf4+) 11. ... g6+ 12. Kg5 h6#

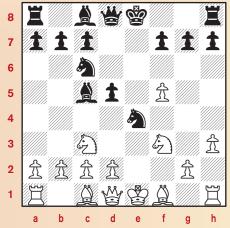


The idea of ... Nxg3 or Nxg6 after ... Qh4+ or Qh5+, respectively, is an important one to know and to look at in a position, but you still have to figure out if it works!

The above position was reached, with Black to play in Reeders-Nauta, Amsterdam, 1917. What you have to figure out is what to do after 9. ... Nxg3 10. Nf3. Many times, players will not cooperate by taking the knight. You must think about that as well.

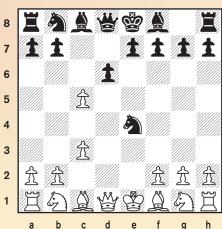
1. e4 e5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. f4 d5 4. fxe5 Nxe4 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. Be2 Bc5 7. d4 Nxd4 8. Nxd4 Qh4+ 9. g3 (see diagram) 9. ... Nxg3 10. Nf3 Bf2+ (This doesn't work: 10. ... Ne4+ 11. Nxh4 Bf2+ 12. Kf1 Bh3+ 13. Ng2) 11. Kxf2 Ne4+ 12. Ke3 Qh6+ (This works, but not nearly as well as the main line: 12. ... Qf2+ 13. Kd3 Bf5 14. Nxe4 dxe4+ 15. Kc3 exf3 16. Bd3) 13. Kd3 Nf2+ 14. Kd4 Qb6+ 15. Kxd5 Be6#.

For players that risk the Qh4+ because they think they have the square covered, look at what happened to White in this game:



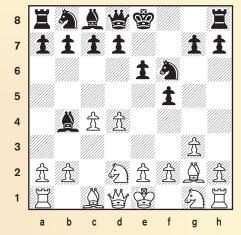
White must have been very surprised by Black's eighth move! Kulmala-Lechtonen, Helsinki, 1938: 1. e4 e5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. f4 Bc5 4. Nf3 d6 5. f5 Nf6 6. h3 d5 7. Nxe5 Nxe4 8. Nf3 (see diagram) 8. ... Qh4+ 9. Nxh4 Bf2+ 10. Ke2 Nd4+ 11. Kd3 Nc5#.

#### C. Qa4 Checks:



You would be amazed at how many players miss this check. Here's one —Akmentysh-Eklon, Riga, Latvia 1959:

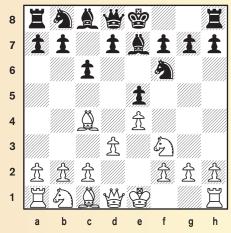
1. e4 c5 2. c3 d6 3. d4 Nf6 4. dxc5 Nxe4 (see diagram) 5. Qa4+ Black resigned as he loses the knight on e4.



The above position is another example of a player thinking he's got everything covered. **Boksinski-Koehn, 2006**:

1. d4 e6 2. c4 f5 3. g3 Bb4+ 4. Nd2 Nf6 5. Bg2 d6 6. Qa4+ (Black resigned as he now realized that he protected against d5, but forgot about the bishop on g2 which now removes the guard of the bishop on b4) 6. ... Nc6 7. Bxc6+ bxc6 8. Qxb4 wins the piece.

#### D. Qa5 Checks:



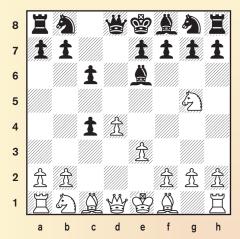
The Qa5+ is just like the Qa4+ in that people take things in the center and forget a check by the queen can lose a piece. It can happen quickly:

1. e4 e5 2. Bc4 Nf6 3. d3 c6 4. Nf3 Be7 (see diagram above) 5. Nxe5 Qa5+

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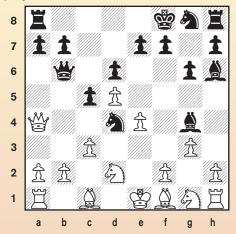
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IM Andrew Martin, in British Chess Magazine last year, pointed out that many strong players have fallen into the above cheap trap. I looked it up. A dozen players over 2400 played 5. Ng5 (in order to double Black's pawn by playing Nxe6), completely overlooking Qa5+!

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 c6 3. c4 dxc4 4. e3

Let's close this lesson with another warning. Don't think you always accomplish something by Qa4+. A major shock greeted White after he played 10. Qa4+ and 11. Nd2.



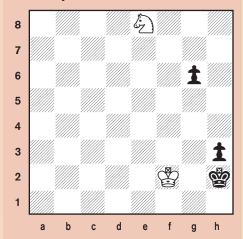
Gliksman-Popovych, 1979: 1. e4 g6 2. d4 Bg7 3. Nc3 d6 4. g3 Nc6 5. d5 Nd4 6. Be3 c5 7. Nb1 Qb6 8. Bc1 Bh6 9. c3 Bg4 10. Qa4+ Kf8 11. Nd2 (see diagram) 11. ... Qa5!!, White resigned. There is no place to put the queen without it being taken, and if White takes Black's queen, 12. Oxa5 Nc2 is mate! If you thought the first diagram was funny looking with queens right next to each other, look how we finished!

Remember, with all these queen check possibilities, you first have to notice that they are there, and then you have to see if they work!



## Look Before You Leap!

Here's a little gem from the year 1634, by A. Salvio.



Winning Position!

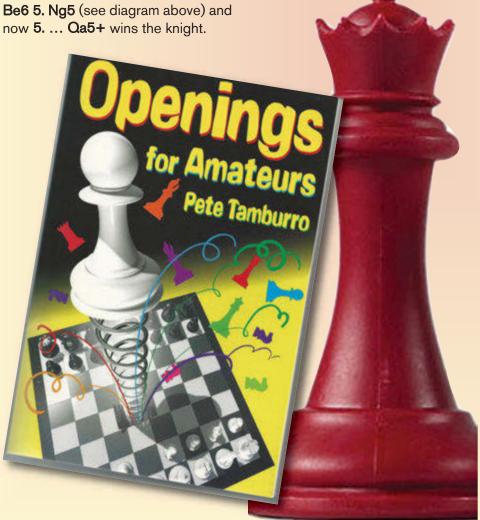
And it doesn't matter who moves first! Black's king is already trapped; it's just a matter of counting.

If White moves first: 1. Nf6 g5 2. Ng4+ Kh1 3. Kf1! h2 4. Nf2 mate.

And if Black moves first: 1. ... g5 2. Nf6 g4 3. Nxg4+ Kh1 4. Kf1 h2 5. Nf2 mate.

Or if Black tries 1. ... Kh1 2. Nf6 Kh2 (2. ... h2 3. Ng4 g5 4. Ne3 g4 5. Nf1 g3+ 6. Nxg3 mate) 3. Ng4+ Kh1 4. Kf1 h2 5. Nf2 mate.

Look before you leap with that knight—it matters!



## The Amazing Game

Pieces lined up for battle
Two kings plotting against each other
Hoping to win

Black and White Want to rule the board

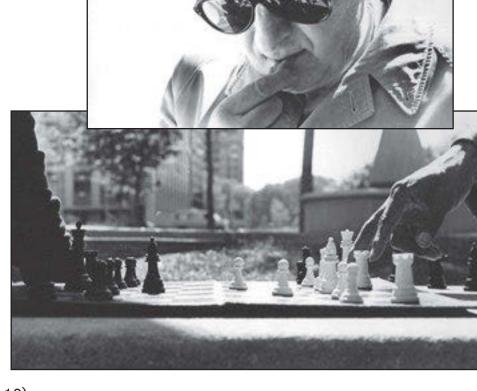
The kings' littlest men
Face off first
Eating away at the other side

Older and Wiser Step on to the board Capturing all they can

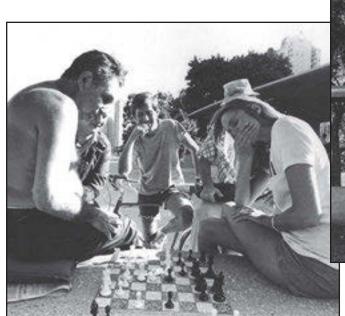
They have paved the way
For the king and queen
Who shall conquer all in
Their path

Then White has Cornered the black king

The game is done Now White shall rule the board



~ Angelika Grace Demetrick (Age 10)





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#### Tournament Life Announcements

**FEBRUARY 15 THROUGH APRIL 14** 

#### **Scholastic Members:**

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

#### **Organizers and Tournament Directors:**

If you would like your tournament listed here in Chess Life for Kids for April 2015 (events to be held after April 14), the deadline for submitting your announcements is February 10th. The deadline for the June 2015 issue is April 10th. The processing fee is \$1.00 per line for the first eight lines, \$2.00 for every line thereafter. Send your announcements to Joan DuBois, tla@uschess.org. Display advertising is also available. Advertising rates are posted on the USCF website, www.uschess. org, or you may email: tla@uschess.org for complete

#### ABBREVIATIONS & TERMS

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

**RI 7:** Blitz rated. UC:

Quick Chess events. \$\$Gtd: Guaranteed prizes.

\$\$b/x: Based-on prizes, x = number of entries needed to pay full prize fund. At least 50% of the advertised prize fund of \$501 or more must be awarded.

Bye: Indicates which rounds players who find it inconvenient to play may take 1/2-point byes instead. For example, Bye 1-3 means 1/2-point byes are available in

Rounds 1 through 3.

CC: Chess club.

dx: Time delay, x = number of seconds.

+XX: Time increment, xx = number of seconds added after ecach 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. Membership required; cost follows. Usually refers to req'd:

Open: A section open to all. Often has very strong players, but some eligible for lower sections can play for the learning experience.

Ouad: 4-player round robin sections; similar strength players.

RBO: Rated Beginner's Open.

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

SS: Swiss-System pairings (preceded by number of rounds)

Hnr: Unrated

W: Site is accessible to wheelchairs.

Tournaments that will use a player's online rating.

#### **NATIONALS**

A Heritage Event!
Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
Feb. 14-16, New Jersey
World Amateur Team & U.S. Team East - 45th Annual

CELEBRATE 45 Years of Chess! 6SS, 40/2, SD/1 d5. Parsippany Hilton, 1 Hilton Ct., Parsippany, NJ 07054. Chess Rate valid until 1/16. Reserve early 973-267-7373 or 1- 800-HILTONS. Morris/Essex train to Morris Plains 1.5 miles. Open to 4- player teams with one optional alternate. Team average (4 highest ratings—2015 January Rating list) must be under 2200. EF: \$160 postmarked by 2/5/15. ALL-\$200 after or at door.—all teams, any changes at site \$25 charge. FREE ENTRY TEAMS from West Virginia. South Carolina. North Carolina. Check out official website www.njscf.org. Prizes: 1-5th Place teams, plaque and 4 digital clocks; Top Team (*Denis Barry Award*) U2100, 2000, 1900, 1800, 1700, 1600, 1500, 1400, 1300, 1200, 1000 each plaque and 4 Digital Clocks; Top college team (same school) 4 Digital Clocks & plaque; Top HS team (grades 9-12 same school), Top Middle School (grades 5-9 same school), Top Elementary School (grades K-6 same school), Top 2 Scholastic Teams (mixed schools okay) (*Collins Award*), Mixed Doubles (2 males, 2 females-no alternates), Seniors (all players over age 50), Military, each plaque & 4 Digital Clocks to top team; Company Team (same employer), Family (4 family members), State teams—CT, DE, MD, MA, NJ, NY (*Benjamin Award*), PA, VA, NC, RI each plaque top team; Special Plaque to **Top College** (NJ, NY, Pennsylvania) Special Plaque **Top High School** NJ, NY, PA, Plaque **Top Coaches** (four chess teachers), **Top** Blind team, Top Future team, (all players under age 10), Top Military College, Top New England team (mixed players CT, MA, ME, VT, NH. RI. **Top Parent/Child** (2 pairs, one parent, one child), **Top Historic** Club (four members on team from Boyleston, Franklin Mercantile, Marshall). Best Player 1-4 and top alternate, All 6-0 scores each Digital shall). Best Player 1-4 and top alternate, All 6-1 scores each Digital clock. Biggest Individual upset each round Engraved Cross pen; Entry fee refunded to team with Best "Chess related" name, Sunday night—Best "Chess Related costumes or gimmick"—Lst-gourmet dinner for 0ur. 2nd—Gourmet dinner for 4. Reg.: 9-12. Sat 2/14: Rds. 1-7:30, 11-6, 9-3:30. Special Events!! Surprises and special give-aways each round. Sunday night—Bughouse \$20 per team. Cash prizes. HR: Parsippany Hilton **NEWLY RENOVATED!** NEW LIGHTS! chess rates expire 7.16/2015. Rates \$119 (single double) \$121 (Triple, Quad) 2nd hotel attached to Hilton \$126 per night (single-double) \$128 (triple, Quad)-Hampton Inn—includes breakfast each day. For help forming teams and more information contact: **noreen@deanofchess.com**. Chks payable to **NJSCF**, mail by 2/05 to: **E.Steven Doyle**, **17 Stonehenge** Road, Morristown, NJ 07960. (Include Team name, Captain, players full names, USCF Expiration, ID numbers and ratings in board order). No team can include more than two GM's. Include SASE for confirmation if wanted, No registered or certified mail accepted. W.

#### Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! Feb. 14-16 or 15-16, California, Southern 2015 U.S. Amateur Team West Championship

6SS, 30/90, SD/60 d5 (2-day option, rds. 1-3, G/60 d5). Hilton Irvine, 18800 MacArthur Blvd., Irvine, CA 92612. **Individual:** 1st: Commemorative Clocks to Top Scorer on Boards 1-4, and Reserve Board; 2nd & 3rd:Trophies to 2nd and 3rd Best Scorer for Boards 1-4. Team: Commemorative Clocks to Top 4 Players and Trophy to Team: Top 3 Teams, Top Team U2100, U2000, U1800, U1600, U1400, U1200; Trophies to Top Team for Categories: College, High School, Family, Club, All Female Team (College, HS, players must all be from same school). Other: \$75 MetroChess Gift Certificate to best named team **EF**: Team: \$215 by Jan 25th, \$235 after Jan 25th, \$295 on site, team with all age U18 or HS/below, \$40 discount; Individual: \$54 by Jan 25th, \$64 after Jan 25th, \$74 on site. Reg until 1 hour before round. Teams must be rated under 2200 avg based on Jan 2015 supplement. **3-day Schedule:** Sat, Sun 11:30-5:30 PM, and Mon 10-3:30 PM **2-day Schedule:** Sun 10-12:30-2:45-5:30 PM, Mon 10-3:30 PM **Byes:** Up to 2, byes for rd 4-6 must be requested before rd 3. **HR**: Up to Quad Occupancy, \$109, call 800-445-8667, use code "MetroChess" reserve by Jan 7 or rate may increase. Parking: \$7 Ent: Metropolitan Chess, PO Box 25112, Los Angeles, CA 90025 Online Entry: www.metro

#### Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! Feb. 20-22 or 21-22, Illinois 2015 U.S. Amateur Team North Championship

Open: 5SS, G/90+30/increment, 2-day: rd.1-2 G/60 d5. Hyatt Regency Schaumburg, 1800 E. Golf Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60173. 847-605-1234 \$89.00 chess rate single-double-triple-quad until 2/6/15, Free WiFI included with Room! Please reserve early. Open to 4 player teams with one optional alternate. Team average (4 highest ratings - January Rating List) must be under 2200. EF: 3-day \$160, per team if received USPS or on-line 6 PM by February 6th, \$180 if received USPS or on-line 6 PM by Feb. 14th, \$200 on-line until Feb. 19th 6 PM and at door. Individuals wishing to play, send \$45 and request to be put on a team by USPS and on-line by 2/14 6 PM, \$50 thereafter. Team changes on site or after 2/19 6 PM \$20. Check out official website www.chessweekend.com for more info and complete prize list. Prizes: Awards to top two teams, top teams with average rating u1900, u1600, and u 1300. Winning team qualifies for national play-offs. Awards for Best Team Name, best team composed of juniors (high school and younger), Top College team, Top HS team, Top Senior team (50 and over), Best Coach and Students team, Best costume. Prizes to top score on each board. Prizes are players choice of a selected clock or equivalent book store credit. Rounds: 3-day: on-site registration/check-in 5:30-6:30pm, rds.: 7pm, 10:00am & 4:00pm, 10:00am & 3:30pm. **2-day:** on-site registration/check-in from 8:00-9:30am, rds. 10:00am & 1:00pm then merge with 3-day. Northern Blitz Championship on Saturday night, Game 3 with 2 second increment, \$25 by 2/14 USPS or on-line, \$30 at site. First round 8 PM, 2 games with each opponent, 5 rounds, see www.chessweekend.com for details. All: Checks made payable to and sent to: ChessWeekend, 21694 Doud Ct., Frankfort, IL 60423. Please include

Team's name and roster (plus ID#), captain's email and phone number, and desired schedule. Info: www.chessweekend.com, 815-955-4793 before 8 PM, ChessIQ will provide Sets-Boards-Clocks.

#### **Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!**

Apr. 10-12, Ohio 2015 National High School (K-12) Championship

7SS, G/120 d5. Hyatt Regency Columbus, 350 N. High St., Columbus, OH 43215. Hotel Chess Rate \$127. Guest rooms can be booked, NLT 3/13/2015 by calling (888) 421-1442 or (402) 592-6464, mention "USCF or online at: https://resweb.passkey.com/go/USChessFederation2015. **5 Sections:** K-12 Championship, K-12 U1600, K-12 U1200, K-12 U800 and K-12 Unrated. April Rating Supplement will be used. One1/2-point bye available (limit one) any round (except Round 7) if requested prior to the start of Rd. 1. Team score = total of top four (minimum two) finishers from each school per section. K-12 Championship first place individual and team, including ties, will be the National High School Champion. **Schedule**: Opening ceremony Fri. 12:30 pm. Rds.: Fri. 1 pm and 7 pm, Sat. 9 am, 2 pm and 7 pm, Sun. 9 am-2 pm. Awards Ceremony Sun., approx. 7 pm. **EF:** \$50/participant postmarked or online by 3/9, \$70 postmarked or online by 3/30, \$85 by 4/8, \$90 on site; \$5.00 extra for all phone registrations; \$20 fee for roster or section changes after 3/30 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. Players must disclose any other, non-USCF, over-the-board (OTB) ratings. **Awards:** Trophies to top individuals & top teams in each section. 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 Section: K-12, Thurs. 5 pm, Reg. onsite until 4 pm. Blitz EF: \$15 by 3/30, \$20 after or at site. Blitz time control: G/5 d0. Class trophies will be awarded in main event and in Blitz. Full list of trophies on tournament Info Page. 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.: 2015 HS Championship, PO. Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557 or online at www.uschess.org/tournaments/2015/hs/. See web site for additional information about the event, advance entries, awards, meetings, updates, corrections, and registration forms

#### **Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!** Apr. 17-19, Illinois

2015 All-Girls National Championships presented by the Kasparov Chess Foundation in association with the Renaissance Knights Chess Foundation & USCF

First place winners of each section will qualify to play at the 2015 World Youth Championships. 6SS, G/90 d5. Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, 2233 S. Martin Luther King Dr., Chicago, IL 60616, (free Wi-Fi). 6 Sections: Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16 & Under 18. *Age as of 1/1/2015*. EF: \$55 postmarked/online by 3/23, \$75 by 4/6, \$95 after/on-site. Do not mail after 4/10. **Opening Ceremony:** 6pm, Friday. **Rounds:** Rd. 1 – 6:30pm Fri; Rounds 2-4 – Sat 10am, 2:30pm, 6:30pm; Rounds 5-6 – Sun 9am & pm. **Awards Ceremony:** Sun. 5pm. Trophies top 15 individual players and top 4 teams in the Under 8, 10, 12 & 14 Sections; top 10 individual players and top 3 teams in the Under 16 & 18 Sections. (top 3 players added for team scores). 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. **Side Events: Bug-house Tournament** – Fri. 1pm, EF \$30/team. **Blitz Tournament** – Fri. 3pm, G/5 dd, EF \$20 by 4/6, \$25 after or on site. **HR:** single – quad \$144 Reservations: (888) 421-1442. Reserve early rate may increase. Entries: online/info at: www.rknights.org/allgirls or mail to RKnights. Attn: All Girls, PO Box 1074, Northbrook, IL 60065, include name, section, rating, USCF ID#, date of birth, grade, school name city & state.

#### **Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!** Apr. 24-26, Kentucky

2015 National Junior High School (K-9) Championship

7SS, G/120 d5. Galt House, 140 North Fourth St., Louisville, KY 40202. Hotel Chess Rate \$125. Guest rooms can be booked, NLT 3/30/2015 by calling (800) 843-4258 or (502) 589-5200, mention "USCF" or online at: https://resweb.passkey.com/go/USCF15. **6 Sections**: K-9 Championship, K-9 U1250, K-9 Unrated, K-8 Championship, K-8 U1000 and K-8 U750. April Rating Supplement will be used. One1/2-point bye available (limit one) any round (except Round 7) if requested prior to the start of Rd. 1. Team score = total of top four (minimum two) finishers from each school per section. K-9 Championship first place individual and team, including ties, will be the National Junior High School Champion. Schedule: Opening ceremony Fri. 12:30 pm. Rds.: Fri. 1 pm and 7 pm, Sat. 9 am, 2 pm and 7 pm, Sun. 9 am-2 pm. Awards Ceremony Sun., approx. 7 pm. EF: \$50/participant postmarked or online by 3/23, \$70 postmarked or online by 4/13, \$85 by 4/22, \$90 on site; \$5.00 extra for all phone registrations; \$20 fee for roster or section changes after 4/13 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. Players must disclose any other, non-USCF, over-the-board (OTB) ratings. Awards: Trophies to top individuals & top teams in each section. 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 Section: K-9, Thurs. 5 pm, Reg. onsite until 4 pm. Blitz EF: \$15 by 4/13, \$20 after or at site. Blitz time control: G/5 d0. Class trophies will be awarded in main event and in Blitz. Full list of trophies on tournament Info Page. 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.: 2015 JHS Championship, PO. Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557 or online at www.uschess.org/tournaments/2015/jhs/. See web site for additional information about the event, advance entries, awards, meetings, updates, corrections, and registration forms.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! May 8-10, Tennessee

#### 2015 National Elementary (K-6) Championship

7SS, G/120 d5 (K-1 G/90 d5). Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center, 2800 Opryland Dr., Nashville, TN 37214, Hotel Chess Rate \$152. Guest rooms can be booked, NLT 4/16/2015 by calling (888) 777-6779 or (615) 889-1000, mention "US Chess Federation or UC1" or online at: https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome\_ei\_new&eventID=11337636. **9 Sections:** K-6 Championship, K-6 U1000, K-6 Unrated, K-5 Championship, K-5 U900, K-3 Championship, K-3 U800, K-3 Unrated, K-1 Championship. April Rating Supplement will be used. One1/2-point bye available (limit one) any round (except Round 7) if requested prior to the start of Rd. 1. Team score = total of top four (minimum two) finishers from each school per section. K-6 Championship first place individual and team, including ties, will be the National Elementary School Champion. Schedule: Opening ceremony Fri. 12:30 pm. Rds. Fri. 1 pm and 7 pm, Sat. 9 am, 2 pm and 7 pm, Sun. 9 am-2 pm. Awards Ceremony Sun., approx. 7 pm. **Special Schedule for K-1** Rounds: Fri.  $1:\!30$  pm and  $6:\!30$  pm, Sat.  $9:\!30$  am,  $1:\!30$  pm and  $6:\!30$  pm, Sun.  $9:\!30$  am and 1:30 pm. Awards Ceremony Sun., approx. 5:30 pm. **EF:** \$50/participant postmarked or online by 4/6, \$70 postmarked or online by 4/27, \$85 by 5/6, \$90 on site; \$5.00 extra for all phone registrations; \$20 fee for roster or section changes after 4/27 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. Players must disclose any other, non-USCF, over-the-board (OTB) ratings. Awards: Trophies to top individuals & top teams in each section. 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-3, Thurs. 5 pm, Reg. onsite until 4 pm. Blitz EF: \$15 by 4/27, \$20 after or at site. Blitz time control: G/5 d0. Class trophies will be awarded in main event and in Blitz. Full list of trophies on tournament Info Page. 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.: 2015 Elem Championship, PO. Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557 or online at www.uschess.org/tour-naments/2015/elem/. See web site for additional information about the event, advance entries, awards, meetings, updates, corrections, and registration forms.

#### June 18, Nevada

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#### Plus Grand Prix Points: 80 (Enhanced)

2015 U.S. Game/10 Championship (QC)

8SS, G/10 +2. Riviera Hotel and Casino, 2901 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas 89109. **\$\$6,000 Guaranteed Prize Fund.** \$1700-850-500, Ú2300 \$500, U2100 \$500, U1900 \$450, U1700 \$400, U1500 \$350, U1300 \$300, U1000 \$250, unrated \$200, Must be 3 players eligible for each prize awarded. EF: \$69 by 5/25, \$79 by 6/9, \$100 later. REG.: 2-4 p.m. **Rds.:** 5-5:40-6:15-6:50-7:25-8-8:35-9:10. Higher of regular or quick rating used. Please bring digital chess clocks. 1/2 point by available in any round (limit 2). **HR:** \$69 single or double (\$89 Friday and Saturday nights). (800) 634-6753 or (702) 794-9412 — be sure to ask for the **CHESS** rates. **ENT:** Vegas Chess Festivals, PO Box 90925, Henderson, NV 89009-0925 or www.VegasChessFestival.com. W.

#### **Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!** June 18-19, Nevada

#### hies Plus Grand Prix Points: 30 (Enhanced) 2015 U.S. Women's Open

5SS, G/90 +30. Riviera Hotel and Casino, 2901 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas 89109. **\$\$2,000 Guaranteed Prize Fund.** \$500-300-200, U2000 \$200, U1800 \$200, U1600 \$200, U1400 \$200, U1200 \$200. EF: \$50 by 5/25, \$70 later. REG.: 8-9 a.m. Rds.: 10-2:30-7, 9-1:30. 1/2 point bye available in any round (limit 1). **HR:** \$69 single or double (\$89 Friday and Saturday nights). (800) 634-6753 or (702) 794-9412 – be sure to ask for the CHESS rates. ENT: Vegas Chess Festivals, PO Box 90925, Henderson, NV 89009-0925 or www.VegasChessFestival.com.

#### An American Classic! A Heritage Event! Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! June 19-21 or 20-21, Nevada

s Grand Prix Points: 200 (Enhanced)

2015 National Open 6-SS, 40/90, SD/30 +30 (2 day option rounds 1-3 G/40 +5). Riviera Hotel and Casino, 2901 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas 89109. \$80,000 Guaranteed Prize Fund will not be reduced. Open: \$6500-3300-1600-800-500-350-350-350-350-350-250-250-250-250-250, under 2500 1600, under 2400 1200, under 2300 1000, \$2,000 EXTRA for perfect score. The winner of the Open section also receives a replica of the Edmondson Cup. **Under 2200:** \$3500-1800-900-500-400-250-250-250-250-250-200-200-200-200-200. **Under 2000:** \$3500-1800-900-Under 1600: \$3000-1500-800-500-400-250-250-250-250-250. Under 1400: \$2000-1000-500-350-250-200-200-200-200. Under 1200: \$1200-600-400-300-200-200. Unrated: \$500-300-200. Plus Score Bonus (\$14,000 guaranteed) in addition to any other prizes, every player with 3-1/2 points or more wins a \$50 gift certificate. Plus score certificates will be awarded on site only. Players age 14 and under are eligible for best game prizes including the Freddie Award and \$400 in cash prizes (donated by Fred Gruenberg). Top 2 sections FIDE rated. **EF**: \$1.79 by 1/20, \$199 by 5/25, \$239 by 6/15, \$260 later. \$40 less for seniors 65 and over. Add \$125 for adults rated under 2100 or juniors under 2000 playing in the Open Section. This is an open tournament - you may play in any section at or above your rating level; unrated players may play only in Unrated or Open Section. Provisionally rated players may not win more than the amount of 3rd prize in any section except Open. CCA minimum ratings or other ratings may be used if higher than USCF June Supplement. **Reg.:** 2 p.m.-10 p.m. Thursday, 8-9:30 a.m. Friday. **Rds.:** 11-5:30, 10-4:30, 10-4:30. 2-day schedule: **Reg.:** 8-9 a.m. Saturday. Rds.: 10-12-2-4:30 merge with 3-day in round 4. Half point byes available

in any round, but round 5 or 6 byes must be requested before the start of round 2 and may not be cancelled. Chess sets and boards provided for tournament play only, not for skittles. Please bring digital chess clocks! The LAS VEGAS INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL features the National Open, the U.S Game/10 Championship, the U.S. Women's Open, the International Youth Championship, and other events. Many free extras and surprises! Free parking. Free raffles with great prizes Free GM Lectures, Free GM analysis of your games, Free Daily Bulletins Grandmaster Chess Camp for all ages on Thursday. U.S. Women's Open Thursday and Friday. U.S. Game/10 Championship and Grandmaster Simuls Thursday afternoon. Youth Tournaments Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Blitz Tournaments Saturday & Sunday. Poker Tournament Monday morning. Don't be shut out — make your reservations early and be sure to ask for the CHESS rates - \$69 single or double (\$89 Friday and Saturday nights) guarantees a *Signature* or remodeled room with new furniture, refrigerator, flat screen TV and more. The complimentary resort package includes access to the Fitness Center, free WI-FI, discounts on selected show tickets and more with no additional cost only if you are in our group. Cutoff for special hotel rate is May 25th. (800) 634-6753 or (702) 794-9412 or www.VegasChessFestival. com/hotel. ENT: Vegas Chess Festivals, PO Box 90925, Henderson, NV 89009-0925, on line at **www.VegasChessFestival.com**. **Info:** (702) 560-0955 and leave a message. W. FIDE.

#### **GRAND PRIX**

### Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! Feb. 7-8, Texas

Plus Grand Prix Points: 20 (Enhanced) 2015 DCC Fide Open II

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. Note that Foreign players must disclose their FIDE ID number before 1st round in order to play. \$\$ \$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 USCE This section is not Fide Rated but is USCF rated and uses USCF rules. **EF:** \$40. 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. In the reserve section, Tournament reserves the right to use Fide rules on electronic devices and on starting White's clock at start of a round Both: Reg.: 2/7 from 9:45-10:15am. Rds.: Sat 10:45am-3:10pm-7:16pm, Sun 9:45 am-2:10pm. 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: Make/mail Checks payable to Dallas Chess Club, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036-4719. Info: 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com, FIDE,

### Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! Feb. 14-15, Florida

ies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10

Central Florida Chess Club Championship 5SS, G/120 d5. University Unitarian Universalist Society, 11648 McCulloch Rd., Orlando 32817. **EF:** \$40. CFCC mem req at \$20(\$10 Jr/Sr). **\$\$GTD 800:** 250-150-100, U2000, U1800, U1600, U1400 each 75; **Plaques** (if mem as of Jan 25) to Club Champion, U2000, U1800, U1600, U1400, & top under age 16. Reg.: Sat 9:30am. Rds.: 10-2:30-7, 10:30-3. CFCC elections 2:30 pm Sun. Adv Ent: CFCC, 921 N. Thistle Ln., Maitland, FL 32751. Info: (407) 629-6946 or www.centralfichess.org.

#### A Heritage Event! Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! Feb. 14-16 or 15-16, California, Northern

80 (Enhanced) 2015 Peoples Tournament (Presidents Day Weekend)

6SS, 40/120 sd30 d5 (2-day opt rounds 1-3 G/61 d5). Convention Center, 5001 Great America Pkwy., Santa Clara, CA 95054. Biltmore \$95/night Prize: \$20,000 b/273 (60% Guar). 5 sections. Open (2100+) FIDE rated: \$3000-1500-700-300-150, u2200 \$500-200. **1900-2099**: \$1,500-700-300-200-150-140, u2000: 140. **1700-1899**: \$1,500-700-300-200. u1800: 140. **1500-1699**: \$1,500-700-300-200-150-140, u1600: 140. **1300-1499**: \$1,000-500-200-150-140. **u1300**: \$1,000-500-200-150-140. u1300-140. u1300: u1300-140. u1300: u1300-140. u1300: u1300-140. u1300-140 140-140. Unr capped at 300 exc in Open. **EF:** 123 by 2/11. Econ 85 w 50% prz. After 2/11 +25. Play-up +25. Rfnd fee 25. GM/IM free by 2/4 (prz-EF). USCF mem reqrd. Reg: Sa 9-9:30am, Su 8:30-9am. Rds: Sa/Su 11 5; Mo 10 3:30 (2-day Su 9:30 12 2:30 & merge Rd. 4). Rds. 5/6 byes locked bef Rd. 1. Feb 15 Supp & TD disc to place players accurately rately. Bring clocks. **Info/Flyer/Reg:** http://BayAreaChess.com/ppl. W.

#### Feb. 22. California, Northern

rophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 (Enhanced)

Cupertino Grand Prix DuperSwiss (3SS x G/75 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. Prizes: \$1,500 b/55. 60%
guar. **1900+**: \$300-100-100, u2000 50-50. **1500-1899**: \$200-100-50, u1600 50-50. **u1500**: \$200-100-50, u1200 50-50. Feb 15 Supp &TD disc. Reg. 8-8:45. Rds. 9-12:45-2:40. EF: 47, Econ 32 w 1/2 prz. after 2/19 +15, playup +15, Rtd 2200+ \$0 by 2/12. Info: BayAreaChess.com/

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! Feb. 27-Mar. 1 or Feb. 28-Mar. 1, Georgia

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 15 2015 Perdomo Class Championship

5SS, G/90 + 30s. Hotel Wyndham Atlanta Galleria, 6345 Powers Ferry Rd. NW, Atlanta, GA 30339. **\$3,510 based on 90 paid entries, 65%** payout. 6 sections. Premier: \$500-400-300, U2200 \$225-150-100. Class

A (1800-1999): \$200-125-75. Class B (1600-1799): \$200-125-75. Class C (1400-1599): \$200-125-75. Class D (1200-1399): \$200-125-75. **U1200/Unrated**: \$100-75, Unrated \$60. Trophy to top Georgia resident of each section and top U2200 in Premier section. U2200 is not a separate section, Ratings determined by March supplement, FF: \$60 pre-reg online by 2/26. \$70 on-site. GM/IM/WGM/WIM free. NMs and FMs free if registered by 2/13. On-site reg. Fri 5:30-6:30pm, Sat 8:30-9:30am. Rounds: **3-day:** Fri 7pm, Sat 2-7, Sun 10-4. **2-day:** Rd. 1 Sat 10am (G/90 d/5), then merge. **Simul with IM Carlos Perdomo**: 3/1, 2-3:45pm. Open to Class B and below, free to tournament participants, \$25 for non-participants, max 20 entries. One 1/2 point bye available in rounds 1-4, zero point bye available round 5, must commit when entering, no changes after close of registration. USCF membership required for all players, GCA membership required for GA residents. Reg/Info: www.georgiachess.org. Call 678-400-9016 for game-day changes.

#### **Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!** Feb. 28-Mar. 1, Texas

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 20 (Enhanced) 2015 DCC Fide Open III

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. Note that Foreign players must disclose their FTDE TD number before 1st round in order to play. \$\$ \$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:** \$40. 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. In the reserve section. Tournament reserves the right to use Fide rules on electronic devices and on starting White's clock at start of a round. Both: Reg.: 2/28 from 9:45-10:15am. Rds.: Sat 10:45am-3:10pm-7:16pm, Sun 9:45 am-2:10pm. 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: Make/mail Checks payable to Dallas Chess Club, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036-4719. Info: 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com. FIDE.

#### A State Championship Event! Mar. 13, Pennsylvania

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 6 2015 PA Quick Chess Championship (QC)

6SS, G/8 d3. Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center, 2300 Lincoln Highway East (Route 30), Lancaster, PA 17062. 3 sections Open in Lampeter Playing Hall spectators allowed; U1500 and U1100 in dow ballroom with no spectators. **EF rec'd by 3/1:** Open: \$12. U1500: \$11. U1100: \$10. **\$\$ (750G):** Open: 175-100-50, U1800 \$45, U1600 \$40. U1500: 125-75-50, U1300 \$40, U1200 \$30, Unr \$20. **U1100:** Trophies: 1-12, U800, U600, U400, 1-2 Unr. **All: EF:** \$20 after 2/28, PSCF \$5 OSA. Reg.: 6-6:30pm. Rd. 1: 7pm. Feb 2015 Reg rating used. Bye: limit 1, by rd. 2. **HR:** Mention "Chess Tournament" for best rate; 1-800-233-0121 \$75 - \$75 - \$80 - \$85. **Ent**: PSCF, c/o Joshua Anderson, 206 Locust Ln., Exton, PA 19341 or go to http://mindseyepress.webs.com/pastschol asticchamp.htm for online sign up (using Paypal or credit card through Paypal.) No online sign up after 3/11. Info: joshuamiltonanderson@ gmail.com, 484-948-5692 (email preferred.) W.

#### **Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!** Mar. 13-15 or 14-15, California, Northern

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 40 (Enhanced)

Bay Area Chess IM Kesav Viswanadha Championship 1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. 5SS, 40/90 sd30 d5. 2-day rds. 1-2 G/50 d5. Park free. **Prize:** 5,000 b/94 (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. Mar 15 Supp & TD disc. Reg: F 6-6:45p & Sa 8-8:45a **Rds:** F 7p, Sa 9 1:20, Su 10 1:30. (2-day Sa 9 11:10 & merge). **EF:** 89, Econ EF: 69 w/ 2/3 prz, after 3/10 +20. Playup +20. Rated 2250+ \$0 by 3/3 (prize - EF). **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/champs. (Tnmt. name was corrected from Bay Area Chess CM Azhar Memorial.)

#### **Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!** Mar. 14-15. Texas

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 20 (Enhanced)

2015 DCC Fide Open IV
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. Note that Foreign players must disclose their FTDF TD number before 1st round in order to play. \$\$ \$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:** \$40. 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. In the reserve section, Tournament reserves the right to use Fide rules on electronic devices and on starting White's clock at start of a round. **Both: Reg.:** 3/14 from 9:45–10:15am. **Rds.:** Sat 10:45am-3:10pm-7:16pm, Sun 9:45 am-2:10pm. 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: Make/mail Checks payable to Dallas Chess Club. C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036-4719. Info: 214-632-

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#### A State Championship Event! Mar. 28, Pennsylvania

Plus Grand Prix Points: 2015 PA State Game/29 Championship (QC)

5SS, G/29 d0. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pitt., 5th & Bigelow, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. **2 Sections: Championship:** EF: \$25 by 3/20, \$35 later. \$\$ (690G): \$200-100, U2000 \$90, U1800 \$80, U1600 \$70, U1400 \$60, U1200 \$50, U1000 \$40. Trophies: 1-3 U1400, 1-3 U1200, 1-3 U1000. Scholastic: Grades K-12 unrated or U900. EF: \$15 by 3/20, \$25 later. Trophies to Top 7, 1-3 U600. ALL: Trophies: 1-2 Schools, 1-2 Clubs, Teams of 4-7 players from both sections. PSCF \$5, OSA. **Reg.:** 10-10:30am. **Rds.:** 11-12:30-1:45-3-4:15. Ent/Info: PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 25 Freeport St., Pittsburgh, PA 15223, martinak\_tom\_m@hotmail.com.

#### Mar. 29, California, Northern

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 (Enhanced)

Cupertino Grand Prix DuperSwiss (3SS x G/75 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. Prizes: \$1,500 b/55. 60% guar. 1900+: \$300-100-100, u2000 50-50. 1500-1899: \$200-100-50, u1600 50-50. **u1500:** \$200-100-50, u1200 50-50. Mar 15 Supp & TD disc. Reg. 8-8:45. Rds. 9-12:45-2:40. **EF:** 47, Econ 32 w 1/2 prz. after 3/26 +15, playup +15, Rtd 2200+ \$0 by 3/19. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/

#### Apr. 5, California, Northern

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Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 (Enhanced)
Bay Area Chess Grand Prix LuperSwiss (3SS, G/90 d5) NEW DATE (NOTE DATE CHANGED FROM Jan. 11.) 1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, ČA 95035. **Prizes:** \$1,500 b/55. 60% guar. **1900+**: \$300-100-100, u2000 50-50. **1500-1899**: \$200-100-50, u1600 50-50. **u1500:** \$200-100-50, u1200 50-50. Apr 15 Supp & TD disc. Reg.: 9-9:15. Rds.: 9:30 1 4:30. **EF:** 43, Econ 29 w 1/2 prz. After 4/2 +15, playup +15, Rtd 2200+ \$0 by 3/26. Info: BayAreaChess.com/grandprix.

#### Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! Apr. 17-19 or 18-19, California, Northern

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 40 (Enhanced) Bay Area Chess GM Jesse Kraai Championship

1639A S Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. 5SS, 40/90 sd30 d5. 2-day rds. 1-2 G/50 d5. Park free. **Prize**: 5,000 b/94 (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. Apr 15 Supp & TD disc. **Reg.:** F 6-6:45p & Sa 8-8:45a. Rds.: F7p, Sa 9 1:20, Su 10 2:30 (u1600 1:30). (2-day Sa 9 11:10 & merge). **EF:** 89, Econ EF: 69 w/ 2/3 prz, after 4/14 + 20. Playup + 20. Rated 2250 + \$0 by 4/7 (prize - EF). **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/

#### **Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!** Apr. 18-19, Texas

Plus Grand Prix Points: 20 (Enhanced) 2015 DCC Fide Open V

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. Note that Foreign players must disclose their FIDE ID number before first round in order to play. \$\$ \$500-\$250-\$125. **EF:** \$80. Senjor/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:** \$40. 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. In the reserve section, Tournament reserves the right to use Fide rules on electronic devices and on starting White's clock at start of a round. Both: Reg.: 4/18 from 9:45–10:15am. Rds.: Sat 10:45am-3:10pm-7:16pm, Sun 9:45 am-2:10pm. 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: Make/mail Checks payable to Dallas Chess Club, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036-4719. **Info:** 214-632-

#### Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! May 9-10, Texas

9000, info@dallaschess.com. FIDE.

#### Plus Grand Prix Points: 20 (Enhanced)

2015 DCC Fide Open VI

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. Note that Foreign players must disclose their FIDE ID number before 1st round in order to play. \$\$ \$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: \$40. 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. In the reserve section, Tournament reserves the right to use Fide rules on electronic devices and on starting White's clock at start of a round. Both: Reg.: 5/9 from 9:45-10:15am. Rds.: Sat 10:45am-3:10pm-7:16pm, Sun 9:45 am-2:10pm. 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: Make/mail Checks payable to Dallas Chess Club, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036-4719. Info: 214-6329000, info@dallaschess.com. FIDE.

A Heritage Event! Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix! A State Championship Event! May 22-25 or 23-25, Texas

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 30 (Enhanced)
Toth Annual Texas State and Amateur Championships
7SS. DFW Airport Marriott South, 4151 Centreport Dr., Fort Worth, TX

76155. \$\$ 8,350 b/175, full entries in Championship and Amateur sections, 2 scholastic side events that do not count toward base. *Cham*pionship: This section is FIDE rated and uses FIDE rules. The tournament will use USCF ratings for pairings and prize purposes. Must be rated 2000 or above by either USCF or Fide to play in this section. Defending Texas State Amateur Champion may also play in this section. Texas Scholastic High School Champions may also play in this section. Foreign unrateds may play in this section and at TDs discretion may be required to play in Championship section. G/90 with 30 sec. increment. Foreign players must disclose their FIDE ID number before 1st round in order to play in Championship section. Default late forfeiture time is one hour. TD may extend this time at TD's discretion. \$\$ 1,000-500-250, 2200-2399 \$750, U2200 \$750. **Amateur**: U2000 & unrated. Rds. 1-7 G/90 with 30 sec increment. \$\$ 800-400-200. B \$\$ 600-300-150, C 500-250-125, U1400 \$500-250-125, U1200 \$400, U1000 \$300 Unrated \$200. Both: TCA membership required. Other states accepted. EF: \$88 if received by 5/14, else \$99. \$80 Junior(U19) if received by 5/14 else \$90 (juniors count as 90% toward base), Senior (over 65)/Handicapped/ additional family participant \$52 if receive by \$/14 else \$65 (Senior/Handicap/Additional family participant counts 60% toward base). Add \$5 for CC phone entries; pre-reg requires pre-payment. After 5/20/15 all registration and changes on site only; all changes including withdrawals, \$10 after 5/20/15. 4 day: Reg. Friday 5/22, 6:15 pm-7:15. Rds. Fri: 7:45, Sat: 2:45 pm - 7:30, Sun.: 11:00 am - 5:15 pm, Mon.: 9:30 am - 2:15 pm. 3 day: Reg. Sat. 5/23, 9-9:30 am, Rd. 1 at 10 am then merge with 4 day. Foreign Unrated must play in Championship section. Registrations that do not indicate 4 or 3 day schedule will be put in the 3 day. HR: \$94/94/94, \$94 rate includes up to four continental breakfast per room per day, can upgrade to full breakfast for \$5 per person, 817-358-1700 or 800-228-9290 reserve by 5/14/15 and ask for Dallas Chess Club rate. After 5/14 chess rate may not be honored. Free Parking. Up to two 1/2 pt byes available if requested before end of rd. 2 and before receiving full point bye, but byes for both rds. 6 AND 7 not permitted. **K-12 Scholastic** on **Saturday**, 5/23. 5-SS, Rds. G/30 d5, EF: \$29 by 5/14, \$45 after; Pre-reg. requires pre-payment. After 5/20/15 all registration and changes on site only; all changes \$10 after 5/20/15. No refunds after 5/20/15, \$10 handling fee for refunds before 5/20/15. Entries do not count toward base in Championship and Amateur. Registration 8:15-8:45 am, Rd. 1 at 9:30 am, rest ASAP with small lunch break. Sections: **K-12 Championship** and **K-12 U1000**. 5/23. 5-SS, Rds. G/30 d5. Prizes: Trophies to top 12 individuals, top five teams in each section. K-12 U1000 also top three unrateds. Medals to those who do not win a trophy. Ent: Dallas Chess Club, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. Info: Barb Swafford, 214-632-9000. info@dallaschess.com. W. FIDE.

#### June 18, Nevada

Plus Grand Prix Points: 80 (Enhanced) 2015 U.S. Game/10 Championship (QC)

See Nationals.

June 18-19, Nevada Plus Grand Prix Points: 30 (Enhanced) 2015 U.S. Women's Open

See Nationals.

June 19-21 or 20-21. Nevada

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 200 (Enhanced) 2015 National Open

#### REGIONAL Alabama

A State Championship Event! Mar. 14, Alabama Scholastic Championship

5 sections: **Open** (Grades K-12) and **Jr. High** (K-8), 4SS, G/45 d5; **Elementary** (4-6), **Elementary U600** (4-6, rating below 600), **Primary** (K-3) 5SS, G/30 d5. **Site:** Alabama School of Math and Science, 1255 Dauphin St., Mobile, AL 36604. **Reg.:** 8:30-9:30am. **Rds.:** Open & Jr. High 10:15, 1:00, 2:45, 4:30; others 10:15, 11:30, 1:30, 2:45, 4:00. **EF:** \$20 (\$45 family) recv'd by 3/10, \$40 on site. Prizes: Trophies to top 5 each section. Only Alabama students are trophy-eligible. Ent: Gerald A. Larson, 2909 Gallalee Rd., Huntsville, AL 35801. Alabama Chess Federation membership (other states OK) required. Info, forms: www.alabamachess.org.

#### A State Championship Event!

Mar. 15, Alabama Scholastic Team Championship

4SS, 4-board teams, match-point scoring. 6 sections: **Open** (Grades K-12) and **Jr. High** (K-9) G/45 d5; and **Elementary** (K-6), **Elementary** 12) allo J. High (x-9) ( Elementary & Primary trophies to top 3; Elementary Club and Primary Club trophies to top 2. Only Alabama schools, homeschools, and ACF affiliates. Ent: Gerald A. Larson, 2909 Gallalee Rd., Huntsville, AL 35801. Alabama Chess Federation membership required. More info, team eligibility, forms: www.alabamachess.org.

#### Arizona

**Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!** 

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, Finish Early on Monday Knights 4SS, G/60 +10. Starbucks, 13240 N. 7th St., Phoenix, AZ 85022. EF: \$15 if U1700; \$10 if 1700 +; Unr: \$0. No cards, checks or money orders onsite. \$\$80% Rtd: 1st: 40%, 2nd: 20%, Best U1700: 20%. Reg.: Until 6:00 p.m. Mondays. Rds: 6:10 p.m. Mondays. 2 byes available; last round bye must be determined before 2nd round. ENT: www.chessaz.blogspot. com INFO: rama.chess@yahoo.com DIR: Near 7th St. & Thunderbird Rd. Bring sets and clocks if you have them. W.

#### California, Northern

Feb. 14, Young People's Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5) Conv. Centr, 5001 Great America Pkwy, Santa Clara, CA 95054. Trophies: Winning rec. Sched: Reqrd. Check-in 4-4:45p. Games: 5-7. EF: 27, after 2/11 +15. Info: BayAreaChess.com/young.

Feb. 14, Young People's Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)

Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Pkwy., Santa Clara, CA 95054. **Prizes:** Top 10 w/plus score in ea sec, Top 10 schools & clubs (combined). **5 Secs:** 800-999, 600-799, 400-599, 200-399, u200. Sched: Reg. 9-9:15. Games: 10 11:30 1 2:20 3:40. EF: 39, after 2/11 +15, Playup +10. Feb 15 Supp. &TD disc. Rfnd fee 15. Info/Flyer/Reg: http://BayAreaChess.com/young. W.

Feb. 14-16 or 15-16, 2015 Peoples Tournament (Presidents Day Weekend)

See Grand Prix.

Feb. 15, Bay Area Cupertino Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5) Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. Trophies: Players w/plus

score. Sched: Reqrd. Check-in by 2p. Games: 2:30-5p. EF: 27 by 2/12, 42 after 2/12. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Feb. 15, Bay Area Cupertino Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies** to players w + score & all teams. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:45a. **Games:** 10a-2p. **EF:** 34 by 2/12, 49 after 2/12. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Feb. 16, Presidents' Day Chess4Less Kids Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30

1639A South Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. Trophies: Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Required Check-in 1:30-2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 22 by 2/18, 37 after 2/18. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature.

Feb. 16. Presidents' Day Chess4Less Kids Swiss (PK-12: 4SS, G/30

1639A South Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Trophies** to players w + & all teams. **Sched:** Reg. 9:30-9:45a. **Games:**  $10a - \sim 1:30p$ . **Disc EF:** 22 by 2/18, 37 after 2/18. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature.

Feb. 21, Chess4Less Kids Quads (PK-12; 3XG/30 d5)

1639A South Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. Trophies: Players w/plus score. Sched: Required Check-in by 2p. Games: 2:30-5p. EF: 22 by 2/18, 37 after 2/18. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature.

Feb. 21, Chess4Less Kids Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5) 1639A South Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. Trophies to players w + score & all teams. Sched; Reg. 9-9:45a. Games: 10a-2p. Disc EF: 22 by 2/18, 37 after 2/18. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature.

Feb. 22, Cupertino Grand Prix DuperSwiss (3SS x G/75 d5)

Feb. 28-Mar. 1, Susan Polgar Foundation Nationwide Open for Girls and Boys

6SS, G/60 d5. Qualifier for the SPF Girls Invitational, and FIDE World Youth Chess Championship 2015. **MAIN EVENT:** San Mateo Event Center, 1346 Saratoga Dr., San Mateo. Free Parking. \$100,000+ in prizes (trophies, chess prizes, & scholarships) to individuals. School team trophies awarded to top 3 teams in each section. **10 SECTIONS** based on age awarded to top 3 teams in each section. 10 SECTIONS based on age and gender: Boys and Girls: U8, U10, U12, U14, U16/18. ROUND TIMES: Saturday & Sunday 9am, 11:30am, 2:30pm. TIME CONTROLS: All games will be G/60 d5. ENTRY FEES: \$45 if registered by 12/10. \$60 if by 2/1. \$80 after 2/1. SIDE EVENTS: 2/27- Q & A and 25 board Simul against GM Susan Polgar 6:30pm \$25 if by 12/10, \$40 by 2/1, \$50 after 2/1. 2/28- Puzzle Competition (one section). 5-5:30pm Top 10 get trophies. \$10 if by 12/10, \$15 by 2/1, \$20 after 2/1. BIGE TOP SECTION \$20 after 2/1. USCF Membership required for all sections and blitz tournament. January 2015 Supplement used. TD discretion to place players accurately. HOTEL: Special Room Rate \$129. Sofitel San Francisco Bay, 223 Twin Dolphin Dr., Redwood City. Call (650) 598-9000 for reservations. \$1,000 Triple Crown Bonus for World Youth Qualifiers! — Please check for details on our website. ORGANIZER: Chris Torres chesslessons@aol.com. More Info & Flyer or Register Online: chesandmusic.com Or mail to: TCAMA, 16691 Colonial Trail, Lathrop,

Note: Players who qualify for the World Youth Championship but represent a FIDE Academy are not included in the official USCF delegation.

Mar. 1, Bay Area Chess Grand Prix LuperSwiss90 (Ages 18+, 3SS,

1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Prizes:** \$1,100 b/40. 50% guar. 1900+: \$250-100, u2100 50. **1500-1899**: \$200-100, u1700 50. **u1500**: \$200-100, u1250 50. Mar 15 Supp & TD disc. Reg. 9-9:15. Rds. 9:30 1 4:30. EF: 43, Econ 29 w 1/2 prz. after 2/26 +15, playup +15, Rtd 2200+ \$0 by 2/19. Ages 18+ only. Info: BayAreaChess.com/grandprix.

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

Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Required Check-in by 2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 27 by 3/5,

42 after 3/5. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Mar. 8, Bay Area Cupertino Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5) Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies** to players w + score & all teams. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:45a. **Games:** 10a-2p. **EF:** 34 by 3/5, 49 after 3/5. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Mar. 13-15 or 14-15, Bay Area Chess IM Kesav Viswanadha Cham-

See Grand Prix.

Mar. 14. Sacramento Chess4Less Quads (PK-12: 3xG/30 d5) Courtyard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Trophies: Player w/plus score. **Sched:** Required Check-in by 2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 22 by 1/7, 37 after 1/7. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature.

Mar. 14, Sacramento Junior Grand Prix LuperSwiss90 (3SS, G/90 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Prize: \$900 b/36. **1700**+: \$200-100, u1900 100-50. **u1700**: \$200-100, u1600 100, u1400 50. Mar 15 Supp & TD disc. Reg 9-9:15. Rds. 9:30 12:50 4:15. **EF:** 43, Econ 29 1/2 prz., after 3/11 +15, playup +15, Rated 2200+ \$0\$ by 3/4. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/grandprix. W.

Mar. 15, Bay Area Fremont Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Fremont, CA 94538. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Required Check-in by 2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 27 by 3/12, 42 after 3/12. Info: http://BavAreaChess.com/signature, W.

Mar. 15, Bay Area Fremont Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5) Courtyard Marriott, Fremont, CA 94538. **Trophies** to players w + score & all teams. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:45a. **Games:** 10a-2p. **EF:** 34 by 3/12, 49 after 3/12. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Mar. 21. Chess4Less Kids Quads (PK-12: 4SS, G/30 d5) 1639A South Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. Sched: Required Check-in 1:30-2p. Games: 2:30-5p. EF: 27 by 3/18, 42 after 3/18. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Mar. 21, Chess4Less Kids Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5) 1639A South Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Trophies** to players w + score & all teams. **Sched:** Reg. 9:30-9:45a. **Games:** 10a - 1:30p. **EF:** 34 by 3/18, 49 after 3/18. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Mar. 22, Bay Area Cupertino Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5) Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Regrd. Check-in by 2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 27 by 3/19, 42 after 3/19. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Mar. 22, Bay Area Cupertino Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5) Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies** to players w + score & all teams. **Sched:** Reg. 99:45a. **Games:** 10a-2p. **EF:** 34 by 3/19, 49 after 3/19. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Mar. 28, 2015 SF Scholastic Chess Championship

(4xG/30 d0). County Fair Building, San Francisco, CA 94122. **Prize:** Allexpense paid trip to the Nationals, free entry to the Mechanics Institute Summer Chess Camp, trophies. Sched: Check-in by 9:45a. Games: 10a-4p. EF: Free. Info: chessclub.org, (415) 393-0110.

Mar. 29, Cupertino Grand Prix DuperSwiss (3SS x G/75 d5)

Apr. 5, Bay Area Chess Grand Prix LuperSwiss (3SS, G/90 d5) NEW DATE

See Grand Prix.

Apr. 5, Bay Area Cupertino Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5) Courtyard Marriott, Fremont, CA 94538. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Required Check-in by 2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 27 by 4/2, 42

after 4/2. Info: http://BavAreaChess.com/signature, W. Apr. 5, Bay Area Fremont Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Fremont, CA 94538. **Trophies** to players w + score & all teams. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:45a. **Games:** 10a-2p. **EF:** 34 by 4/2, 49 after 4/2. Info: http://BavAreaChess.com/signature, W

Apr. 11, Chess4Less Kids Quads (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5) 1639A South Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Required Check-in 1:30-2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 27 by 4/8, 42 after 4/8. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Apr. 11, Chess4Less Kids Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5) 1639A South Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Trophies** to players w + score & all teams. **Sched**: Reg. 9:30-9:45a. **Games**: 10a - 1:30p. **EF**: 34 by 4/8, 49 after 4/8. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Apr. 11, Sacramento Chess4Less Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5) Courtyard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Regrd. Check-in 1:30-2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 

22 by 4/8, 37 after 4/8. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. Apr. 11, Sacramento Luper Swiss (3SS, G/90 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. **Prize:** \$900 b36. **1700+**: \$200-100, u1900 100-50. **u1700:** \$200-100, u1600 100, u1400 50. Apr 15 Supp & TD disc. Reg.: 9-9:15. Rds.: 9:30 1 4:30. **EF**: 43, Econ 29 4/8 prz., after 4/8 +15, playup +15, Rated 2200+ \$0 by 4/1. **Info:** http://Bay AreaChess.com/grandprix. W.

Apr. 12, Bay Area Fremont Quads (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5) Courtyard Marriott, Fremont, CA 94538. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Required Check-in 1:30-2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 27 by 4/9, 42 after 4/9. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Apr. 12, Bay Area Fremont Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5) Courtyard Marriott, Fremont, CA 94538. **Trophies** to players w & all teams. Sched: Reg. 9:30-9:45a. Games: 10a - 1:30p. EF: 34 by 4/9, 49 after 4/9. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W

Apr. 17-19 or 18-19, Bay Area Chess GM Jesse Kraai Champi-

See Grand Prix.

#### California, Southern

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

Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, LACC - Every Sunday Chess 4 Jrs.

4 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; everyone receives a prize! **Parking:** Free on streets & BoA. Free pizzas & juices. **Info:** (310) 795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com or Mick@LAChessClub.com.

Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, LACC - Every Saturday Chess 4 Jrs.

4 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; everyone receives a prize! Parking: Free on streets & BoA. Free pizzas & juices. Info: (310) 795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com or Mick@LAChessClub.com.

Feb. 14, USATW Side Event: Scholastic Tournament

5SS, G/30 d5. Hilton Irvine, 18800 MacArthur Blvd., Irvine, CA 92612. Individual: 1st. 2nd: Trophy to Top Scorer on Each Board, Incl Reserve: **Team:** Trophy to Team: Top 3 Teams, Top Team U800, U600, U400, U200; Trophies to Top Team for Categories: Club, All Female Team. Other: \$75 MetroChess Gift Certificate to best named team EF: Team: \$139 by Jan 25th, \$159 after Jan 25th, \$199 on site; Individual: \$35 by Jan 25th, \$45 after Jan 25th, \$55 on site. Reg until 1 hour before round. Teams must be rated U1200 avg based on Jan 2015 supplement. K-12 eligible only. **Schedule:** 10-11:30-1-2:30-4:15. **Byes:** Up to 1 bye, for rd. 4-5 must be requested before rd. 3. **HR:** Up to Quad Occupancy, \$109, call 800-445-8667, use code "MetroChess", reserve by Jan 7 or rate may increase. Parking: \$7 Ent: Metropolitan Chess, PO Box 25112, Los Angeles, CA 90025 Online Entry: www.metrochessla.com.

Feb. 14-16 or 15-16, 2015 U.S. Amateur Team West Championship See Nationals

Mar. 20-22 or 21-22, 22nd annual Western Class Championships See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

#### Colorado

Feb. 28. Denver Lake Rated & Nonrated Tournament (K-12 grades) 4SS, G/30 d0. Lake International Chess Club, 1820 Lowell Blvd., Denver, CO 80204. **Registration:** 8:00 to 8:30. **Rds:** begin at 9 am and asap. **Entry Fee:** \$5 by February 25 then \$10. Trophy awards only. Rated division limited to 50 participants. More information contact: Tony Frank, tonyfrank244@gmail.com or 303-961-8340.

#### Connecticut

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.

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More info at: www.bocachess.com or call 561-479-0351

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Feb. 14-15, Central Florida Chess Club Championship See Grand Prix.

Mar. 27-29 or 28-29, 13th annual Southern Class Championships See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

#### Georgia

Feb. 27-Mar. 1 or Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 2015 Perdomo Class Championship See Grand Prix.

#### Idaho

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#### Illinois

Feb. 20-22 or 21-22, 2015 U.S. Amateur Team North Championship See Nationals

Mar. 15, 111th Knights Quest

Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2875 Milwaukee Ave., Northbrook, IL (free Wi-Fi). Sections: U600 (K-8), U1000 (K-8), U1400 (K-12 & Adults) & Open (K-12 & Adults). Awards: Top 6 U600, U1000 & U1400 Sections, Open \$50 – 40 - 30 (based on 8 players). Top Team U600 & U1000. Players in U600 receive participation award. Time Control: U600 & U1000 4 Rds. G/25 d5; Open & U1400 4 Rds. G/40 d5. Reg.: 11:00-11:30am. Rds.: 1 at 12:00 pm, rest ASAP. **EF:** \$30 early, \$35 after Monday before, \$45 after Friday before. **Online Reg/info:** www.rknights.org.

Apr. 17-19, 2015 All-Girls National Championships presented by the Kasparov Chess Foundation in association with the Renaissance Knights Chess Foundation & USCF

See Nationals

May 21-25, 22-25, 23-25 or 24-25, 24th annual Chicago Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

#### **Kentucky**

Apr. 24-26, 2015 National Junior High School (K-9) Championship

#### 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

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

Mar. 29, 25th Massachusetts G/60 Championship See Chess Life or www.MassChess.org

Apr. 24-26 or 25-26, 24th annual Eastern Class Championships

#### Missouri

Mar. 13-15 or 14-15, 19th annual Mid-America Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

#### Nevada

A State Championship Event! Mar. 21, Nevada State Scholastic Championship

K-3 and K5: 6-SS, G/25 d5. K-8 and K-12: 5-SS, G/25 d5 round 1-2, G/45 d5 round 3-5. The Learning Village (next to Container Park), 727 East Fremont St., Las Vegas, NV 89101. Open to any Nevada school age resident. Trophies for top payers, top teams, and more. Every player wins! **EF:** \$30 received by 3/1, \$40 by 3/19, \$60 on site. **Reg.:** Nevada Chess, PO Box 90925, Henderson, NV 89009 or www.nevadachess.org. On site by 8:30, Late registrants may not be paired in round 1, Round 1 at 9:30. INFO: td0315@nevadachess.org.

June 18, 2015 U.S. Game/10 Championship (QC) See Nationals

June 18-19, 2015 U.S. Women's Open

June 19-21 or 20-21, 2015 National Open See Nationals

#### **New Jersey**

Feb. 14-16, World Amateur Team & U.S. Team East - 45th Annual

A State Championship Event!

Feb. 22, New Jersey Junior High School Championships

5SS, G/30 d5. Brookdale College, 765 Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft, NJ 07738. Student Life Center, use Parking Lot #7 or #6; 5 minutes from Garden State Parkway exit 109. Section: JHS (K-9). ALL: Trophies to top 15 individuals, top 5 teams. Rds.: 10am then ASAP Top 4 scores constitute team score. EF: \$30 before 2/15, \$45 at site. USCF memb. req'd. **Reg.:** 8-9:00 am. After 9:00 am, half-point bye for round one. **INFO:** 732-259-3881, hsprechman@characterkings.org. **ENT:** Hal Sprechman, 66 Cromwell Ln., Jackson, NJ 08527 or online by Feb 22 at www. NJSCF.org. Entries must include name, grade, school, date of birth, USCF ID #, & expiration date, mailing address, phone number & entry fee. Checks made out to NJSCF.

A State Championship Event!

Feb. 22, New Jersey State Elementary Championships

5SS, G/30 d5. Brookdale College, 765 Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft,

#### Tournament Life

NJ 07738. Student Life Center, use Parking Lot #7 or #6; 5 minutes from Garden State Parkway exit 109. **2 Sections:** Elementary (K-6) & Primary (K-3). **All:** Trophies to top 15 individuals, top 5 teams. Elementary & Primary: Top 5 in each grade. Rds.: 10am then ASAP. Top 4 scores constitute the team score for Elementary; top 3 for Primary. **EF**: \$30 before 2/15, \$45 at site. USCF memb. req'd. **Reg.:** 8-9:00am After 9:00am 1/2 point bye for round 1. Info: 732-259-3881. Ent: Hal Sprechman. 66 Cromwell Ln., Jackson, NJ 08527 or online by Feb 22 at www.NJSCF.org. Entries must include name, grade, school, date of birth, USCF ID and expiration date, mailing address, email address, phone number and entry fee. Checks made out to NJSCF.

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

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

Mar. 7-8, New Jersey High School Chess Championship

5SS, G/90 d5. Union County Vocational-Technical School, 1776 Raritan Rd., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076. 3 sections: **Varsity Championship (9**-12): 5 player teams with one alternate allowed. Coaches set order by player strength. Order must not be changed. Team avg. based on top 5 highest ratings. Trophies to top 10 NJ teams. Trophies for top three players, boards 1-5. **Rds.**: Sat. 10-2-6, Sun. 10-2. **EF:** \$150-/team before 3/2. \$185/team at site. \$5 per change on site. Junior Varsity (9-12): 4 player teams with one alternate allowed. Team avg. based on top 4 highest ratings. Trophies to top 10 NJ teams. Trophies for top 3 players, boards 1-4. Rds.: Sat. 10-2-6, Sun. 10-2. **EF:** \$120/team before **3/2**, \$150/team on site. \$5 per change on site. **Booster (K-12):** Trophies to top 15 individuals, top 5 teams, top 2 **JHS teams**, & top 2 **elementary teams** (K-6). **Rds.:** Sat. 10-2-6, Sun 10-2. Top 4 scores constitute team score. **EF:** \$30 before 2/25, \$37 at site. **All:** USCF memb. required. Reg.: Sat. 8-9:00am. After 9:00am, 1/2 Point bye for round one. Ent: Noreen Davisson, 6 Red Barn Ln., Randolph, NJ 07869. Entries must include name, grade, school, date of birth, USCF ID and expiration date, mailing address, email address, phone number and entry fee. Checks made out to NJSCF. Email inquiries: Noreen@deanofchess.com.

Mar. 14, King's Chess Club Quads

Morning quads and afternoon quads, G/30 d5, Kindergarten-undergraduate (scholastic, youth, and young adult memberships). Bethlehem Church, 758 Route 10, Randolph, NJ 07869. **EF:** None. **Reg.**: 99:20 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.

A State Championship Event! May 3, 2015 NJ State Girls Championship

4SS, G/55 d5. Kings & Queens Chess Academy, 1030 Stelton Rd., Piscataway, NJ (973) 219-6877. **2 Sections. Open:** Trophies to Top 8 players. First place player is New Jersey's representative for the National Invitational Girls Tournament during the U.S. Open 2015. NJSCF will provide a stipend to defray the costs of the attendee if she plays in the NGIT 2015. **U1400:** Trophies to Top 8 players. Entries postmarked by 4/17/15 to Noreen Davisson, 6 Red Barn Ln., Randolph, NJ 07869. **Entry fee:** \$35, onsite: \$45. **Registration**: 9:00-9:45am. **Rounds**: 10:00am & ASAP. Email Noreen@deanofchess.com for more information.

**Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!** A State Championship Event! May 30-31, 2015 NJ State Junior Championship

5SS, G/75 d5. ICA Fair Lawn, 9-10 Saddle River Rd., Fair Lawn, NJ (973) 219-6877. **2 Sections. Grades 9-12:** Trophies to Top 8 players. First place player is New Jersey's representative for the Denker Tournament during the U.S. Open 2015. **Grades K-8:** Trophies to Top 8 players. First place player is New Jersey's representative for the Dewain Barber Tournament during the U.S. Open 2015. Entries postmarked by 5/17/15 to Noreen Davisson, 6 Red Barn Ln., Randolph, NJ 07869. Entry fee: \$35, onsite: \$45. Registration: 9:00-9:45am. Rounds: 10:00am, 1:00pm and 5:00pm Saturday, 10:00am and 1:00pm Sunday. Email Noreen@deanof chess.com for more information.

#### **New York**

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

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

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. **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 Reserve, N-1. Speed playoff in perfect score let. **Free emily** to MY 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: Director AtChess. US (At = @)), 347-201-2269. Bring set, board, clock if possible- none supplied.

May 15-17 or 16-17, 23rd annual New York State Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

#### Ohio

Apr. 10-12, 2015 National High School (K-12) Championship See Nationals.

#### **Pennsylvania**

Feb. 8, PCL February Quick Quads (QC)

3RR, G/15 d3. Wm. Pitt Union, 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.

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

Mar. 1, PCL March Quick Quads (QC)

RR, G/15 d3. Wm. Pitt Union, 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.

Mar. 6-8 or 7-8, 16th annual Pittsburgh Open

See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

Mar. 13, 2015 PA Quick Chess Championship (QC)

A Heritage Event! Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

A State Championship Event! Mar. 14-15, 2015 PA State Scholastic Championship

5SS, 225+ Trophies!! (With 150+ Individual & 60+ Team) + Scholarships. Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center, 2300 Lincoln Highway East (Route 30), Lancaster, PA 17062. 10 sections (Sat & Sun 3/14 & **15 unless indicated): EF:** K-3 Open: (Sat 3/14 only) \$28. K-6 U800: (Sat 3/14 only) \$27. K-6 Unrated: (Sat 3/14 only) \$24. K-6 Unrated and K-6U800 scores combined for school and club trophies. K-9 U1000: (Sun 3/15 only) \$26. K-6 Open: \$31. K-8 Open: \$32. 7-12 Unrated: \$25. 7-12 U1000: \$29. 7-12 U1300: \$30. K-12 Open: \$33. K-12 Unrated and K-12U1000 scores combined for school and club trophies. **All:** EFs if rec'd by 2/28, \$10 more rec'd 3/1-3/7, \$20 more after 3/8. Feb 2015 ratings used. **Bye:** limit 1, ask by rd. 2. **Reg.:** Fri 3/13 6-10 pm, Sat 3/14 10-11 am, Saturday entries get 1/2-bye. \$5 charge for changes/refunds after 2/28. **Rds.:** (Sat. 3/14 1-day sections): G/40 d5; 10-Noon-2-4-6; (Sun 3/15 K-9 U1000): G/40 d5; 9-10:45-12:15-2:15-4; (2-day sections): G/90 d5; 10-2-5:30, 9-1. Bughouse: Reg on-site only until Sat 3/14 8:30pm. Rds. begin Sat 3/14 8:45pm. EF: \$20/team. HR: Mention "chess tournament" for best rate, 1-800-233-0121, \$75-\$75-\$80-\$85. **Ent:** PSCF, c/o Joshua Anderson, 206 Locust Ln., Exton, PA 19341 or go to http://mindseyepress.webs.com/pastscholasticchamp.htm for online sign up (using Paypal or credit card through Paypal.) No online sign up after 3/11. Info: joshuamiltonanderson@gmail.com, 484-948-5692 www.pscfchess.org/pascholasticchamp/ or http://mindseyepress.webs com/pastscholasticchamp.htm. W.

Mar. 28, 2015 PA State Game/29 Championship (QC) See Grand Prix.

Mar. 29, PCL Quick Quads (QC)

3RR, G/15 d3. Wm. Pitt Union, 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.

Apr. 1-5, 2-5, 3-5 or 4-5, 9th annual Philadelphia Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

#### Tennessee

May 8-10, 2015 National Elementary (K-6) Championship See Nationals.

#### Texas

Feb. 7-8, 2015 DCC Fide Open II See Grand Prix.

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

Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 2015 DCC Fide Open III

Mar. 14-15, 2015 DCC Fide Open IV

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

Mar. 27-29, 2015 Texas State Scholastic Championships
7SS, McAllen Convention Center, 700 Convention Center Blvd., McAllen,

TX 78501. **Primary Hotel:** Studio 6 Extended Stay, 700 Savannah Ave, McAllen, 78053. **HR:** 1 queen bed including breakfast \$75, 1 Queen bed without breakfast \$65, 2 full beds with breakfast \$88, and 2 full beds without breakfast \$75, Call 956-668-7829 for reservations at Studio 6. Please mention Texas Chess Association to get rates. Please check website for overflow hotel information. While most of the hotels in McAllen have a free shuttle to the convention center, it is prudent to not depend on the shuttle. Four championships in one great location: TX Primary Scholastic Championships; TX Elementary Scholastic Championships; TX Middle School Scholastic Championships; TX High School Scholastic Championships, EF: \$42 by 3/13; \$69 after 3/13 or on site. On Site Registration: Friday, 7-9pm, Saturday, 7-7:45am. Saturday registrants may receive a 1st Rd. 1/2-pt. bye. One 1/2-pt. bye (for any round) allowed if requested by the end of Rd. 2. **Sections:** K-1 Championship, Primary (K-3) Championship, Primary JV (K-3 w/Ratings Under 700), Elementary (K-5/6) Championship, Elementary JV (K-5/6 Under 800), Elementary Novice (K-5/6 Under 500), Middle School (6-8/9) Championship, MS JV (6-8/9 Under 900), MS Novice (6-8/9 Under 600), High School (9-12) Championship, HS JV (9-12 Under 1000). See Article IX, Section 1E, TCA Bylaws for each section's eligibility requirement, www.texaschess.org/2007/03/bylaws.html. Also www.swchess.com also has eligibility rules. Trophies for top 20 individuals and top 15 teams in each section plus participation medals for all, and plus Score Awards for players scoring 4 or more points that do not win an individual trophy. Note that trophies will not be given out in advance and must be picked up at awards ceremony. Please make arrangements for picking up trophies at award ceremony or to get trophy shipped. **Schedule:** Round times vary depending on the Section. For round times check website, note that the round times and time controls are the same as the 2013 event. Time controls: All High School and Middle School Sections: Rds. 1-4 G/60 d5, Rds. 5-7 G/75 d5. All Elementary and Primary and K-1 sections: rds. 1-4 G/45 d5, rds. 5-7 G/60 d5. **For round times see:** www.dallaschess.com. Side Events: See website for side events. Side event registration on site only. All registrations (except Side events) available on line: see www.dallaschess.com and you can download flyers and entry forms. Checks payable to Dallas Chess Club. Mail entries to Dallas Chess Club, c/o Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. For tournament info, visit our website or contact Barbara Swafford, info@dallaschess.com or 214-632-9000. Refunds will be given only up to 3/24 with a \$10 surcharge for withdrawing, after 3/24 there will be no refunds. There will be no substitution of team members. There will be a \$10 change fee for changes after 3/24. There will be a \$5 surcharge per player for phone registrations USCF membership is required. Proof of membership is required or player must join/renew their memberships. No registration/changes/or withdrawals by phone or email after 3/24/15 as we are driving to the site; after that date you must make changes at site (McAllen Convention Center). Note that the McAllen Convention Center has a strict policy of no outside food and beverages allowed, W.

Apr. 18-19, 2015 DCC Fide Open V

See Grand Prix

May 9-10, 2015 DCC Fide Open VI See Grand Prix

May 22-25 or 23-25, 70th Annual Texas State and Amateur Championships See Grand Prix.

#### Vermont

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

#### Virginia

Feb. 21, 2015 Annual Fairfax County Scholastic Team Championships (OPEN to other Counties/States)

McNair Elementary School, 2499 Thomas Jefferson Dr., Herndon, VA 20171. 4 or 5-Round Swiss, G/45 d5. Open to K-12 (Other Counties and States welcome); 4-Player Teams, Multiple Teams from same school allowed, No alternates; ONLY Teams from Same School are eligible for County Championship Team Awards. Mixed School teams allowed to play but only eligible for Special prizes. Proof of Eligibility such as Students Report card from school might be required to be shown onsite if requested. EF: \$80/team by 1/31, \$100/team by 2/17, \$120/team by 2/20 10pm. NO ONSITE REGISTRATIONS. Online Registration: www. mcnairpta.org. Mail Checks with Team Name, Team Member Names/ USCFID, School/Grade and County to "Attn: McNair Chess Tournament or Mrs. Georgina Chin, McNair PTA, McNair Elementary School, 2499 Thomas Jefferson Dr., Herndon, VA 20171". Rounds start sharp 9am with subsequent rounds ASAP. **Prizes**; Same School Teams eligible for Championship Team Awards: Trophies or Plaques to Top teams in Primary (Grades K-3), Elementary (Grades K-6), Middle School (Grades 6-8) and High School (Grades 9-12); **Special Team Prizes (For Mixed Schools)**: Top teams, Top Mixed Doubles team (2 males & 2 females); Trophies/Medals for players with 4.0 score.

**Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!** A State Championship Event! Mar. 14-15, Virginia Scholastic & College Championships

6SS, Rds. 1-3 G/60 d5; Rds. 4-6 G/90 d5. Organized by the VA Scholastic Chess Assn and hosted by **Monticello HS in Charlottesville, VA. Blitz Championships Friday** March 13 at 6PM. **Main tournament** Saturday

and Sunday, March 14-15. Players must be K-12 or College players attending school or college full time in Virginia as of Jan. 2014, or must be Virginia residents. Virginia residents NOT REQUIRED for the Blitz Tournament. Online registration, eligibility, hotel info and other details at: www.achess.org. Questions to: Mike Hoffpauir, mhoffpauir@aol.com, or 757-546-4805.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
June 27-28, 7th annual World Open Under 13 Championship
6SS, 6/60 d10. Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington (see World Open
for location, rates). Open to all born after 6/28/02. In 4 sections. Open
Section: Trophies to top 5, 1st C, Under 1400/Unr; free entry in all CCA
tournaments 7/16/15-12/31/15 to 1st. Under 1400 Section: Trophies

to top 5, 1st Under 1200, Unrated; free entry in all CCA tournaments

7/16/15-9/30/15 to 1st. **Under 1000 Section**: Trophies to top 5, 1st Under 800, Unrated; free entry in all CCA tournaments 7/16/15-9/30/15 to 1st. **Under 600 Section**: Trophies to top 5, 1st Under 400, top 3 Unrated; free entry in all CCA tournaments 7/16/14-9/30/15 to 1st. **EF**: \$42 online at chessaction.com by 6/23, \$45 mailed by 6/17 or phoned to 406-896-2038 by 6/16, \$50 at site. **Reg.** 6/27 to 10 am, rds. Sat. 11-2-5, Sun. 10-1-4. Up to 2 half point byes allowed, must commit before rd. 3. **Ent**: chessaction.com or Continental Chess, PO Box 8482, Pelham, NY 10803. Questions: chesstour.com, chesstour.info, DirectorAt Chess.US, 347-201-2269. \$15 service charge for refunds.

June 30-July 5, July 1-5, 2-5 or 3-5, 43rd Annual World Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

## Answers, We've got Answers.

#### ARABIAN KNIGHTS

(From page 5)

The answers: The black king at h1 is stalemated. The black king at e3 has been checkmated. The black king at a8 will be checkmated in one move.

### YOU CAN DO IT!

(From page 6)

#1: 1. Qf6+ Bxf6 2. Nf7#

#2: 1. Rg8+ Kh6 2. Nxf7#

#3: 1. Qf1+ Kh2 2. Nf3#

#4: 1. Rh7+ Kq8 2. Ne7#

#5: 1. Nb5+ Qxb5 2. Qd6#

#6: 1. Nd6+ Kd8 2. Rd7#

#### END OF THE LINE

(From page 8)

**#1:** 1. h7 b2 2. h8=Q b1=Q 3. Qa8#

**#2**: 1. h8=R (watch out 1. h8=Q is stalemate) 1. ... Ka1 2. Rh1#

#3: 1. Qxf8+ Kxf8 2. d8=Q#

#4: 1. c8=B is the easiest way to win by promotion as c8=R and c8=Q are both stalemate (make sure to work on your mating with two bishops and a bishop and a knight)!

**#5**: 1. e7 g4 2. e8=B# (or e8=Q#) If 1. ... gxh4 then 2. e8=B, e8=Q, and g4 are all mate.

#6: The most elegant finish is 1. Qxd7+ Kxd7 (if 1. ... Kf6 then 2. f8=Q+ will lead to mate) 2. f8=N#

#### LESSONS LEARNED!

(From page 13)

**#1.** Notice how all of Black's pieces on the queenside are on dark squares. White's light-squared bishop becomes a powerful piece as White is able to force checkmate in three moves starting with 18. Rb3!+ Ka8 19. Bf3+ c6 20. Bxc6#.

**#2.** Black is able to win the White queen with the discovered check after 63. ... Re3!+ 64. fxe3 Bxb2.

**#3.** White's king is boxed in on the kingside, and after 23. ... Qh3+24. ..., White's king has nowhere else to move. Black can win back some material with the rook lift ... Re6! threatening checkmate.

**#4.** All three black pieces are much better than their white counterparts, and Black is able to force checkmate with 22. ... Rg1+23. Kh2 Nf1#.

**#5.** White missed a chance to win the game with 23. Qxg7#.

#6. Black's queen certainly looks powerful on the g3-square since the f2-pawn cannot take it due to the pin from Black's dark-squared bishop. One way to get rid of a pin is to block it, and if White had played 13. d4!, the Black queen is in trouble ... Bxd4 14. Nxd4 Nxd4 15. fxg3; 13. ... Nxd4 14. fxg3 (the discovered check is harmless); 13. ... Qg6 14. dxc5.



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