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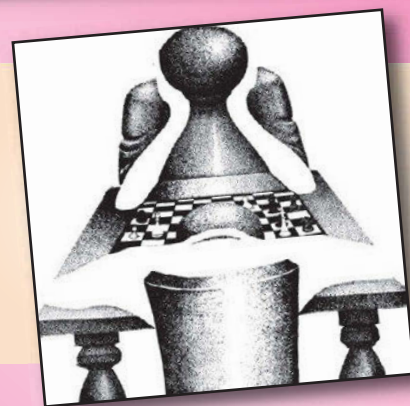
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ON THE COVER

"Pawn Pun" by the late E.B. Rothwell graced the cover of the March 1979 issue of *Chess Life & Review*. I thought it would be a great way to tie together the theme of our summer brain strain (page 12) and 40 years of Friendship and Chess (page 18). Prints of the original etchings are available at www.artbyrothwell.com.



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What's the Question?

by FIDE Master Daniel Gurevich

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Q: How do I learn to use chess psychology?

A: Your chess training—studying openings, endgames, strategy, and tactics—helps you perfect your skills and become a stronger player. However, pure chess ability is not all that matters in the heat of a tournament game. In practice, the winner is often the player that is more focused, better at controlling his emotions, or simply in a better frame of mind. That is where chess psychology comes in. Here are some psychological tips that can help you come out on top:

The turning point of a game can come as early as the opening, so you should already be mentally prepared before the game starts. It is a good idea to get to your board a few minutes before the round is scheduled to start, so you have time to clear your head and relax. Then, when the game does start, please don't blitz out the opening, even if you know it well; you risk overlooking an important detail in the position or missing the critical moment when you definitely need to think.

Of course, it is important to stay focused throughout the game. However, there can be many distractions: noise in the tournament hall, an interesting game at a nearby board, intrusive spectators, or misbehavior by your opponent. (To deal with those last two, see the tournament director!)

These annoyances can make staying immersed in your own game a difficult task. Just try your best to concentrate on your position and remember that, once you get more practice and maturity, it will be much easier not to get distracted.

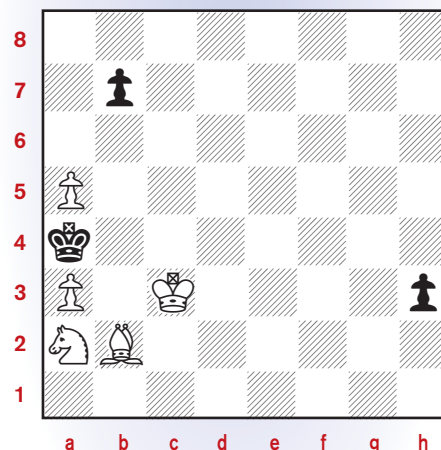
Sometimes your emotions can also get in the way of good chess. Maybe your opponent blundered right into your trap and now you are excited to win, or maybe you are disappointed that you missed a beautiful combination. Now you have to move on, but that's not so easy.

In such situations, if you have a bit of extra time on the clock, I recommend that you step away from the board for a few minutes to distract yourself from the past events of the game. Coming back to your board, try to get a fresh perspective on the position. This way, your decisions will less likely be biased by your initial emotional reaction.

Your opponents, no matter how strong, are only human, and they can fall for psychological tricks. There are quite a few you can try. In a position that looks bad for your opponent, confident body language is enough to make some players just about give up; on the contrary, if your opponent seems overly optimistic about his position, you might set a dangerous trap while keeping a poker face. Please do not intentionally annoy your opponent during the game, though. Good sportsmanship is more important.

In the end, no two minds think alike, so try experimenting with different psychological strategies and use your experience to figure out what best works for you. A better understanding of chess psychology can improve your results. Just don't forget that nothing can completely replace pure chess skill!

Speaking of which, here is a nice endgame study you might like, which was composed by Mikhail Platov.



WHITE TO MOVE AND WIN

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TALES OF THE ARABIAN KNIGHTS

BY RICK KENNEDY ILLUSTRATIONS BY PAMELA KEY



Half Measures

The King found his friend sitting alone in her room in the dark. Her cheeks showed signs of tears.

“You look troubled,” he said.

She nodded. “Oh, Your Majesty, I fear I may have embarrassed you and your household,” she said forlornly.

“Oh?” asked the King, his eyes widening.

“The Ambassador you played chess with this morning?” she started.

The King chuckled heartily. “He would have to become twice as good, to be considered only ‘half bad’.”

“The Ambassador took offense that I smiled at your quick win. He challenged me to a chess game—and because I ‘thought myself so wise’ he gave himself queen odds ‘to make things fair.’” Her frown was clear.

“Certainly you didn’t ...”

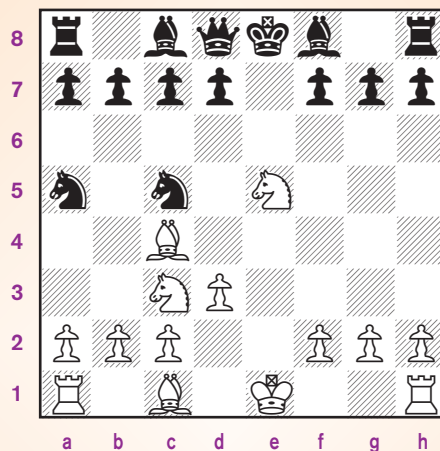
“I was leaving the room when the Ambassador announced my first move, 1. e4, and his reply, 1. ... e5, and then he played them on the chessboard.”

The King nodded.

“I refused to approach the chess board or even turn around. I announced my next few moves without even looking his way.”

“What happened?”

“The game lasted six moves,” she said, “continuing 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. Nc3 Na5 5. Nxe5 Nxe4 6. d3 Nc5.”



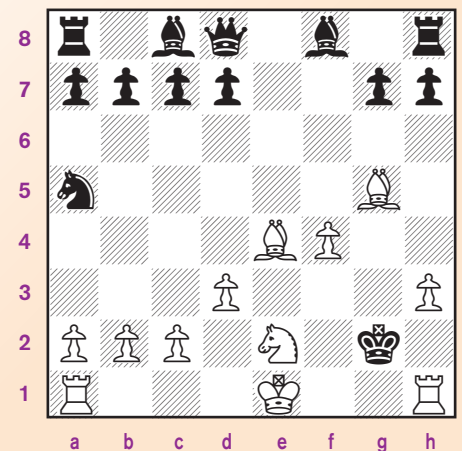
“You were down a queen,” the King consoled her. “There should be no embarrassment in resigning.”

“Perhaps I should have resigned,” she said. “That would have been the polite thing to do, to make the Ambassador feel welcome. Instead, I announced checkmate in nine moves: 7. Bxf7+ Ke7 8. Bg5+ Kd6 9. Nb5+ Kxe5 10. f4+ Kf5 11. Nd4+ Kg4 12. h3+ Kg3 13. Ne2+ Kxg2 14. Bd5+ Ne4 15. Bxe4 checkmate.”

The King was speechless, but a broad smile lit up his face. Almost half the game had been played without sight of the board—and more than half, afterward, had been “announced”.

“I hope Your Majesty is not offended by my lack of hospitality toward the Ambassador,” she said meekly. “I apologize for my brashness.”

“Nonsense,” said the King, giving his friend a hug. “If the Ambassador had been more than half a man, he would have apologized profusely, himself.”

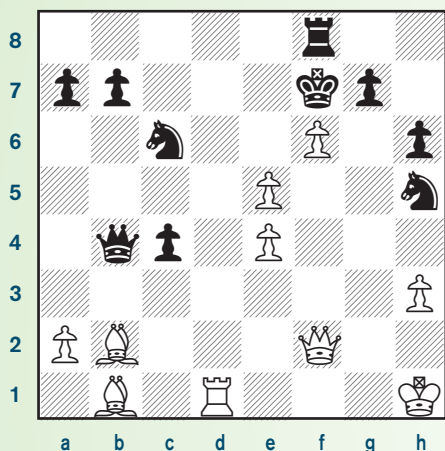


Based on a game by Norwood Potter versus Amateur.

YOU CAN DO IT!

by Jon Edwards
10th United States Correspondence
Chess Champion

I have played correspondence chess since the late 1960s and so, you might imagine, I've had more than a few remarkable games. Early on, I competed in the American Postal Chess Tournaments (APCT), whose long-time ladder leader was Fred Bender. I had looked forward to my game against Fred, and here's the wonderful finale.



There are a few obvious features here. Black's king is exposed on the soon-to-be opened f-file. White's wonderful bishops are, for a brief moment, blocked by White's central pawns. Black's pieces are not harmoniously developed. If it were Black's move, Black might retreat the king to g8 or advance on the queenside with ... c3, but it is instead White to move.

In my chess life, I have played through many thousands of games, but I have never seen the like of what now happened. The following sequence involves not one or two but four discovered checks!

32. fxc3

The first discovered check.

32. ... Kxg7 33. e6+

The second discovered check.

33. ... Kg8 34. Rg1+ Kh7 35. e5+

The third discovered check!

35. ... Kh8 36. e7

Showing off.

Another showy win is 36. Qf7+- Rxf7 37. exf7 Qf8 38. e6+ and another discovered check. 38. ... c3 39. Bxc3+ Nd4 40. Bxd4+ Ng7 41. Rxg7 Qxg7 42. f8=Q#.

36. ... Qxe7

Can you figure out how to win after 36. ... Rxf7?

37. e6+

The fourth and final discovered check!

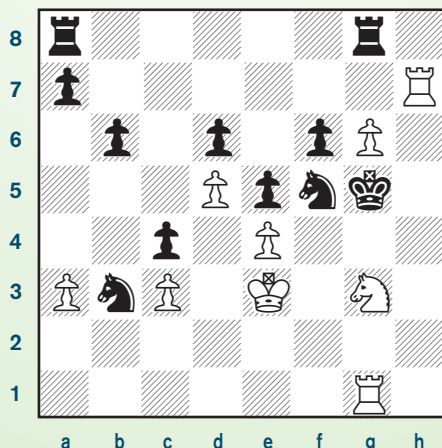
37. ... Nf6 38. Qd2

... and Black resigned because there's no safe way to prevent White's queen from capturing on h6.

In honor of that game, which I played 25 years ago, I offer the following quiz. In each position, it's White to move and deliver checkmate in one move. And in each position, mate comes by way of a discovered checkmate! All of these moves actually occurred in tournament play. You might imagine that the players with the black pieces did not see the mate coming!

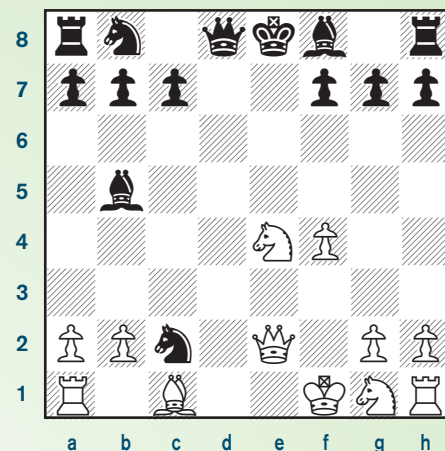
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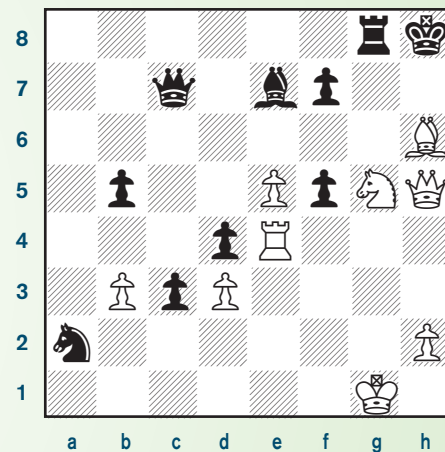
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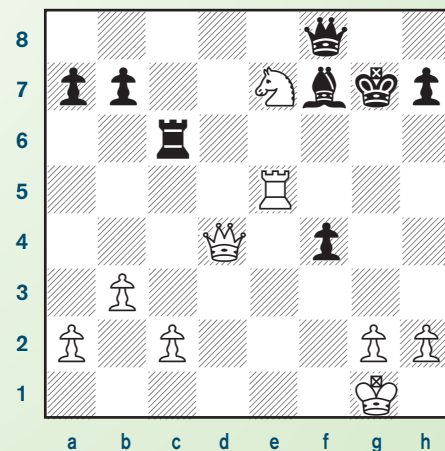
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White to move

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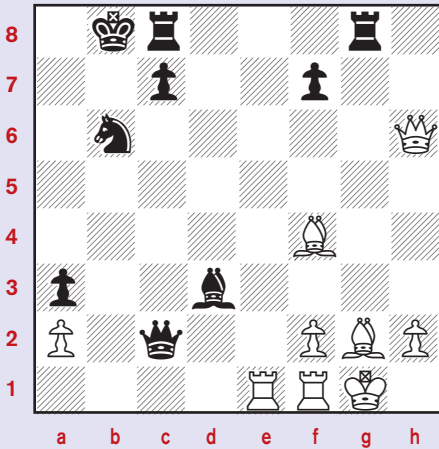
Two s are greater than one!



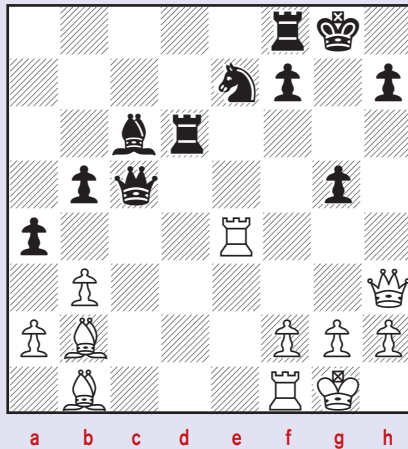
Bishops are not only good at delivering the winning blow, but they are also good at helping your other pieces checkmate your opponent. Now, you can use these menacing creatures to win. All are White to move. MAY THE DIAGONALS BE EVER IN YOUR FAVOR!

by
NM Atulya Vaidya

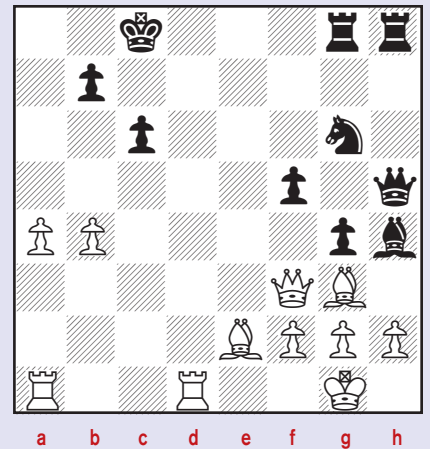
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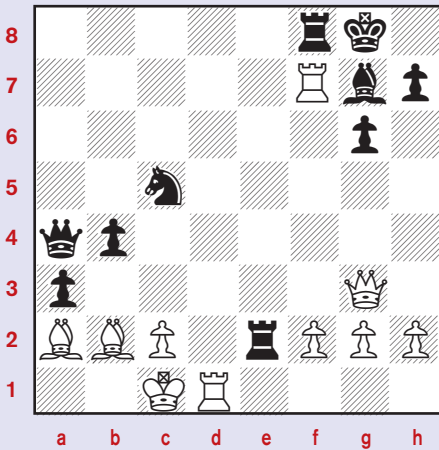
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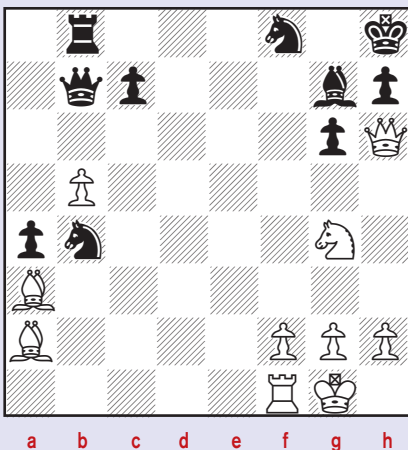
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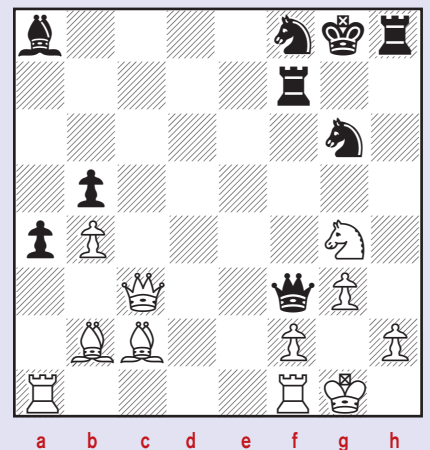
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KRUNZ, EYAD	AZ	6106	3
SILVER, JACK	NJ	5542	7
KANAPARTI, SREYAS	GA	5468	4
YE, LUKE SICONG	NE	5347	4
ORTEGA, VALENTINA LARA	FL	5328	6
PINNINTI, SAHAS R	NJ	5319	2
GORTI, AKSHITA	VA	5239	11
CHANG, ELIAM HUAI-YANG	CA-N	5080	8
EIDELMAN, GABRIEL	CA-S	4881	14
ZHANG, YUANCHEN		4798	5
RACE, ADAM	WA	4780	2
XU, GRACE D	IN	4611	4
BATTULA, RAHUL	TX	4606	4
ULRICH, RACHEL J	WI	4547	6
SINGHAL, SANAT, JR	CA-S	4534	7
MERCHANT, ALI ARMAAN	MD	4501	5
GHATTI, ANUJ	CA-N	4483	4
ULRICH, SUSANNA G	WI	4440	6
GUO, INGRID	GA	4357	7
CHEN, DAVID	PA	4341	3
DAVILA BLANCO, JUAN JOSE	TERR	4316	4
TAKAHASHI, MICHAEL JOHN	IA	4289	7
POLAVARAM, RITHIK SAI	TX	4208	9

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NAME	STATE	PTS	EVENTS
MILLER, TRAVIS JAMES	AK	694	2
ZHU, DIFEI	AL	2735	2
SHE, CHENGYUE	AR	2075	4
GROSS, NICHOLAS	AZ	2824	2
KONDAKOV, ADRIAN	CA-N	3215	7
HILBY, CRAIG	CA-S	3714	5
MARTINEZ, TARA R	CO	3098	2
GENGER, EITAN	CT	3032	7
PAN, ZACHARY STIER	DC	2355	2
IRVING, NICHOLAS	DE	2034	1
VARAK, VANSH	FL	3677	4
KELLY, SKYLER PATRICK	GA	3984	4
KIM, GYUYUN	HI	3818	2
CHEN, NATHAN	IA	3882	8
RIPLEY, RYAN DANIEL	ID	2324	1
KOTOWSKY, KENNETH	IL	3998	2
GODDIN, BOBBY	IN	2836	6
SCHUL, ALEX M	KS	2450	1
THOMAS, MICHAEL	KY	2160	1
WOODMAN, NICHOLAS	LA	1631	1
RUNNELS, WESLEY	MA	3414	3
WONG, NATHANIEL	MD	4064	2
ROMERO, RICARDO	ME	2344	1
BRADFORD, LAUREN	MI	3562	5
WEBER, SHANE MATHIAS	MN	3941	1
WILSON, ANDREW J	MO	2800	1
WILSON, SADIE L	MO	2800	1
JOHNSON, JORDAN	MS	1908	1
MCGLENN, SIMON BLAISE	MT	700	1
TRACY, MARY ELISABETH	NC	3279	3
LE, HARRY	NE	3179	3
ZHAO, DAVID	NH	2012	2
CHINNAMBETI, ABHINAV SAI	NJ	4166	5
SLOUGH, DANIELLE AI	NM	1937	2
ESTAVILLO, JESSTIN	NV	2450	1
GORE, VIVIAN YEAMANS	NY	3844	2
PISINI, DAKSHIN	OH	4128	6
BURGESS-SPRINKLE, RYLEE	OK	2772	1
LEE, DUANE	OR	1400	1
MALINSKY, ANDREW P	PA	4039	2
PAIK, JUSTIN	RI	965	1
QU, JAMES	SC	1099	1
JORENBY, JOSIAH ISRAEL	SD	1290	1
VAZQUEZ MACCARINI, DANITZA	TERR	1306	6
COLE, ALEHA	TN	3565	6
WU, LILLIAN	TN	3565	4
METPALLY, JASON	TX	3847	7
BINGHAM, NATHAN	UT	2450	1
NAIR, SIDDHANT	VA	4070	6
CAFIERO, MICHAEL	VT	1330	1
ANAND, VIGNESH, JR, MSTR	WA	3239	2
LIANG, AWONDER	WI	3669	10
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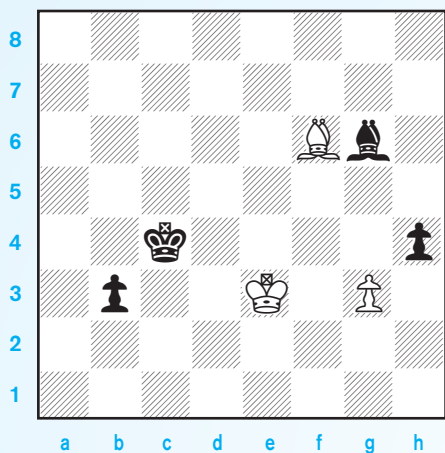
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WINNING OPPOSITE COLOR BISHOP ENDGAMES PROBLEMS

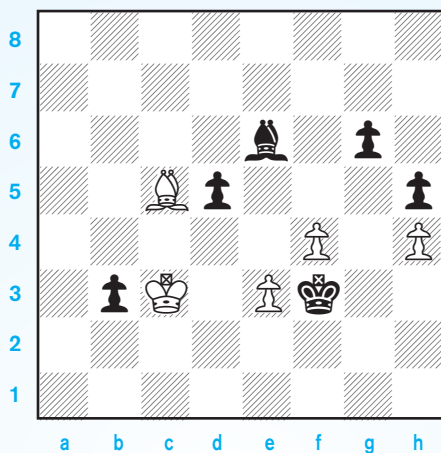
In the June 2015 edition of *Chess Life for Kids*, we looked at some examples of how to win opposite color bishop endgames. Now it is your turn to try to figure out how to win these complex endgames.

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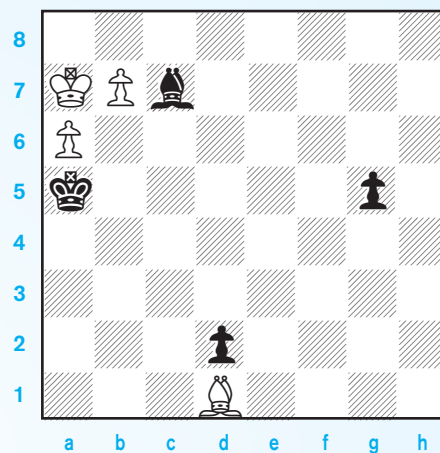
Position after 59. hxg3
Black to move

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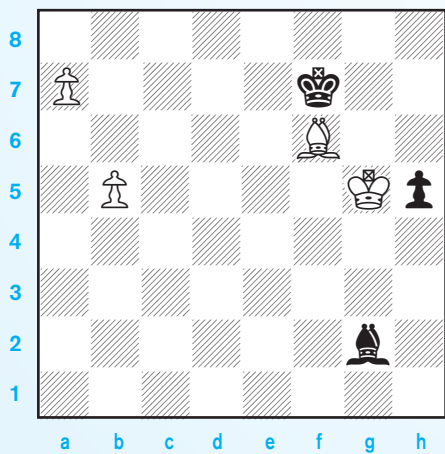
Position after 59. Bc5
Black to move

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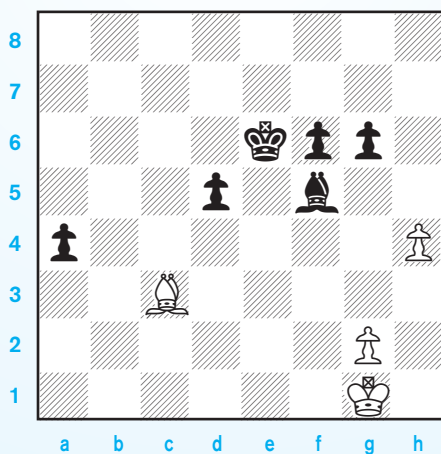
Position after 67. ... Ka5
White to move

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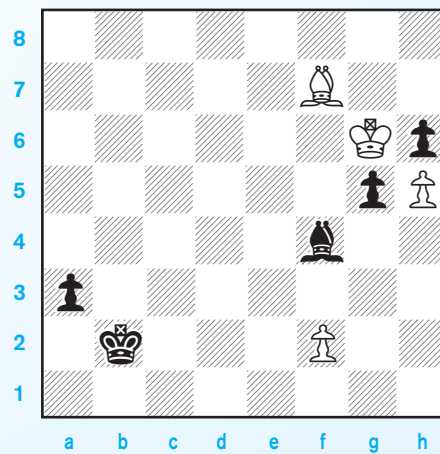
Position after 45. ... gxh5
White to move

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Position after 47. Kg1
Black to move

#6



Position after 69. Kg6
Black to move

ENDGAME

by Meera Trehan

When I am a simple pawn,
I chart out a steady course,
Clear the bishop's slanted path,
Duck under the jumping horse.

When I am a potent queen,
My enemies all fear attack.
I target my extended reach
While my careful king stands back.

When I am a cunning rook,
I hold tight. I lie in wait.
I let others fight it out,
Leaving me to force checkmate.



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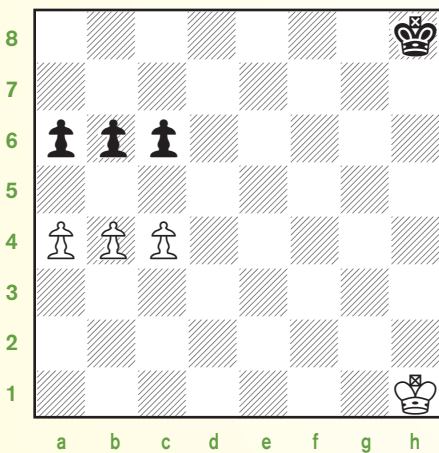
In the endgame, one of the most important skills for you to have is to know how to get one of your pawns to the eighth rank to promote (usually) to a queen.

It's not always as easy as it looks and sometimes, when it looks hard to do, it's easy!

We're going to look at positions where there are three or more pawns on each side.

There are a couple of positions that all chess players should know:

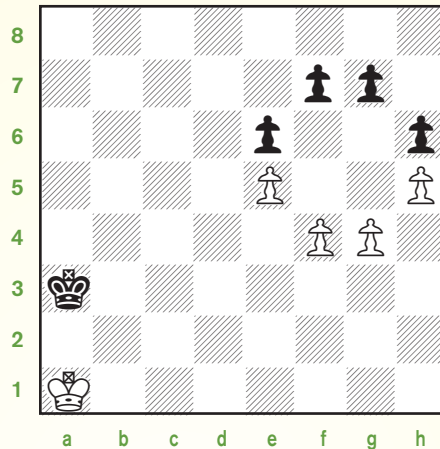
Position One: White to play



It's an equal number of pawns, all lined up against each other in the same way, yet White wins here by: **1. b5 axb5 2. c5 bxa4** (2. ... bxc5 3. a5 c4 4. a6 c3 5. a7 c2 6. a8=Q+) **3. cxb6 a3 4. b7 a2 5. b8=Q+ Kh7 6. Qb2.**

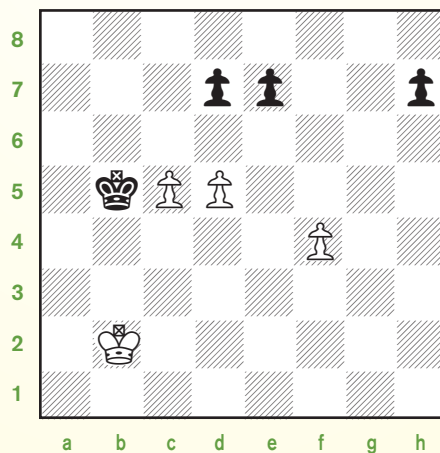
You should notice that it was very helpful for White to have a check when he promoted because otherwise Black would have gotten a queen, too. You have to remember to check those little details out!

Position Two: White to play



In some circles, this was known as the "quart grip." White can win by pushing either pawn at first, and the idea is similar to position one: **1. g5 Kb4** (1. ... hxg5 2. fxg5 Kb4 3. h6) **2. f5 Kc5** (2. ... exf5 3. g6 fxc6 4. e6 Kc5 5. e7) **3. f6 gxf6 4. gxh6** and will queen.

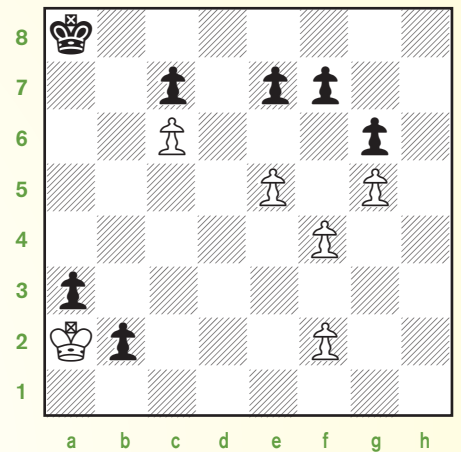
Position Three: White to play



In the first two positions, it mattered where the black king was. In 1943, the composer Fontana showed us that, even when the king was close, knowing how to break through with pawns can come in handy:

1. c6 dxc6 2. d6 exd6 3. f5 and wins.

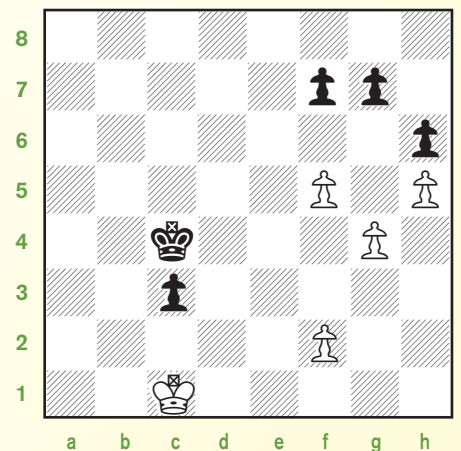
Position Four: White to play



In this study by Horwitz and Kling, which may look hard, White has five pawns and Black has six, but White uses the same break-through principles as with the smaller number of pawns: you figure out how to sacrifice your pawns so one little fellow can get through.

1. f5 e6 (1. ... gxf5 2. e6 fxe6 3. g6) **2. fxg6 fxc6 3. f4 Kb8 4. f5 exf5 5. e6 Kc8 6. e7.** That pawn on c6 sure came in handy!

Position Five: White to Play



You also have to know how to prevent break-throughs. This position is from an actual game, Edward Lasker-Molle, Berlin, 1904. You can learn more than one thing from this position.

Please notice that White has a pawn majority of four to three on the kingside, but two of his pawns are on the f-file. The way you stop that before it even starts is to put your pawns on f6, g7 and h6, and just sit there! There is no way Black can break through unless you cooperate. Remember that defensive setup!

In this position, if White plays f4, which he did, he makes a terrible mistake because Black can play 1. ... f6! and the blockade is all set up. Black can go over to the kingside and gobble up all the white pawns before the white king can get back from taking the black pawn on c3. What White had to do was play:

1. f6! gxf6 2. f4 Kd5 3. g5 fxg5 4. fxg5 Ke5 5. gxh6 Kf6 6. Kc2 and the black king is forced to move away and allow the h-pawn to queen. Do you see how playing f6 first and then playing f4 made such a big difference?

In this position, the pawns won it on their own with a little assist from the white king, who by playing Kc2, forced Black to move away because he had no other move (*Zugzwang!*).

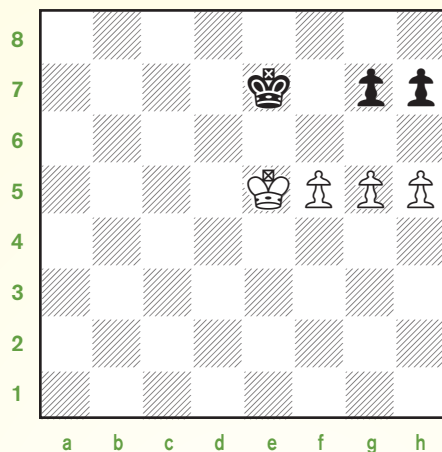
a little travelling music

Pawn Break-throughs—Part II
By Pete Tamburro

In Part I, we looked at pawn break-throughs where the king was not helping in the break-through. In Part II, the king plays an important role. We are still working with three pawns or more for each side as the major focus, although we will take a look at a lesser example because it's very important and it's a different type of break-through.

Our first example is one of the most important because many people, even strong players, don't pick the right way to go about achieving a win here. This is the position:

Example One: White to play



White has quite a few choices here—three pawn moves or a king move. Let's look at the one hasty people pick:

1. f6+ gxf6+ 2. gxf6+ Kf7 3. Kf5 Kg8 4. Ke6 Kf8 5. f7 h6, Draw.

Let's look at the farthest away pawn move:

1. h6 gxh6 2. f6+ Kf7 3. gxh6 Ke8 4. Ke6 Kf8 5. f7, Draw.

Now let's look at the best move:

1. g6 hxg6 2. hxg6 Kf8 (2. ... Kd7 3. f6; 2. ... Kd8 3. f6 gxf6+ 4. Kxf6 Ke8 5. g7) 3. Ke6 Ke8 4. Kd6 Kf8 5. Kd7 Kg8 6. Ke8 Kh8 7. f6 gxf6 8. Kf7.

There is another first move, but you end up in the previous line anyhow:

1. Kd5 Kf7 2. g6+ hxg6 3. hxg6+ Kf6 4. Ke4 Ke7 5. Ke5 Kf8 6. Ke6 Kg8 7. Ke7 Kh8 8. f6 gxf6 9. Kf7.

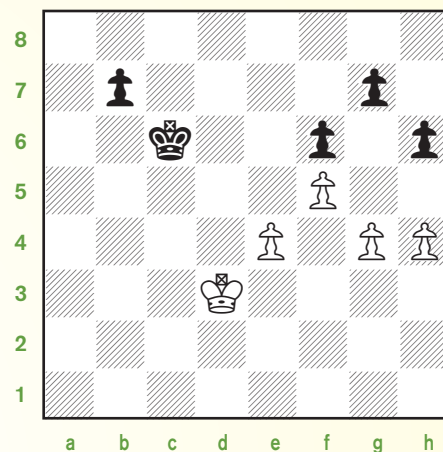
The important thing to remember is that you can't just push any pawn. You have to calculate what the result of the pawn exchanges is. You also have to be aware that these often reduce into lesser numbers of pawns and stalemates can occur.

The role of the king with more material is to almost be like a sheep dog herding the sheep in. The black king

is gradually forced back and the white pawn is escorted in.

In our next example, White is also a pawn up, but just on the kingside. Black has a passed pawn on the queenside that has not started its journey. If White does not act quickly, he can be in trouble because of that passed black pawn. This position arose in Averbakh-Bebchuk, USSR Championship Semi-Final, 1964.

Example Two: White to play



Does White play the king up to d4? Or c4? Does White push a pawn with e5? Or g5? Here's what doesn't work:

1. Kd4 Kd6 2. g5 hxg5 3. hxg5 fxg5 4. e5+ Ke7 5. Ke4 b5.

Or ...

1. g5 hxg5 2. hxg5 fxg5 3. e5 Kd5.

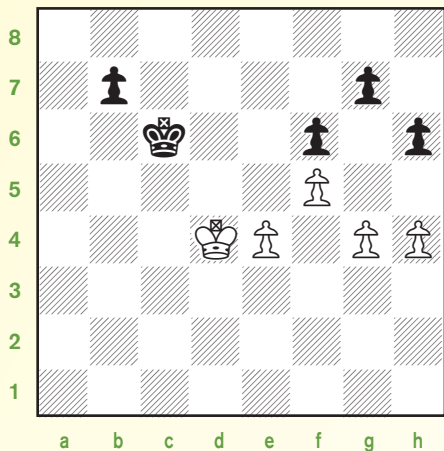
However, pushing the e-pawn forces the break-through:

1. e5 fxе5 (1. ... b5 2. e6 and the black king has to keep an eye on that pawn while White goes over, picks up the b-pawn and then heads back to drive the black king away.)

2. g5 hxg5 (2. ... Kd6 3. f6 gxf6 4. gxh6) 3. f6 gxf6 4. h5 g4 5. h6 g3 6. Ke2 (NOT 6. h7?? g2 7. h8=Q g1=Q is equal).

Just to show you how delicate king and pawn endings can be, watch what happens if we change the above position just a teeny, teeny bit: Let's move the white king up to d4. A better square, right? Wrong! Watch:

Example Three: White to play



1. e5 fx e5+ 2. Kxe5 (2. Ke4 Kd6! 3. g5 h5 4. f6 gxf6 5. g6 Ke6 and Black wins!).

2. ... b5 3. g5 hxg5 4. h5 (White can salvage a draw with: 4. hxg5 b4 5. f6 [5. Kd4 Kd6] 5. ... gxf6+ 6. Kxf6 b3 7. g6 b2 8. g7 b1=Q 9. g8=Q is drawn).

4. ... Kd7 5. f6 Ke8! and Black wins! If Black took the pawn, it would only be a draw: 5. ... gxf6+ 6. Kxf6 b4.

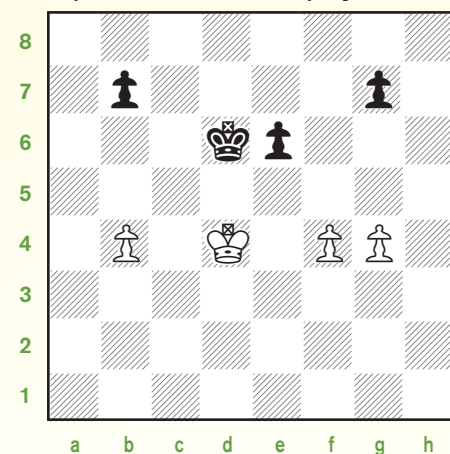
Hey! What happened? The key was that this time when White pushed the pawn to e5, Black captured with check, forcing the king to move forward, allowing the b-pawn to take off. If White then goes back to chase the b-pawn, the black king gets to the kingside and can even win if White makes a mistake.

It's little differences like this, that make studying king and pawn endings so important. There is no point in memorizing moves. There is a point in remembering the ideas.



Now let's look at break-throughs with equal pawns that are really separated. The key factor here is the more aggressively placed king for White. Most of the time, despite the last example, that works!

Example Four: White to play



1. Ke4 Kd7 2. Ke5 Ke7 3. b5 b6 4. f5 exf5 5. Kxf5! (NOT 5. gxf5? Kf7 and the position is equal) 5. ... Kf7 6. Kg5! (NOT 6. g5 g6+ 7. Ke5 Ke7 and progress can't be made).

However, 6. Ke5 Kg6 7. Kd5 Kg5 8. Kc6 Kxg4 9. Kxb6 g5 10. Kc7 Kf3 11. b6 g4 12. b7 g3 13. b8=Q g2 does win for White, but you have to know how to win with a queen against an opposition king on the seventh rank. Fortunately, here, it's a pawn on g2. A pawn on f2 or h2 here, would be a draw—that's another lesson!

6. ... g6 (6. ... Kf8 7. Kf4!! [getting the opposition right away] [7. Kg6 also works, but ends up in the same spot anyway] 7. ... Kg8 8. Kf5 Kf7 9. Kg5 Kf8 10. Kf4; 7. ... Kf7 8. Kf5 g6+ 9. Ke5 Ke7 10. g5 Kf7 11. Kd6).

7. Kh6 Kf6 8. Kh7 Kg5 9. Kg7 Kxg4 10. Kxg6 Kf4 11. Kf6 Ke4 12. Ke6 Kd4 13. Kd6 Kc4 14. Kc6 Kd4 15. Kxb6 Kd5 16. Kc7 is a clear win for White.

There are many more examples of break-throughs, but you have learned some important ideas about how to push a pawn to queen by means of a sacrifice, about how to avoid stalemate, about how important king moves and the opposition are, and making every

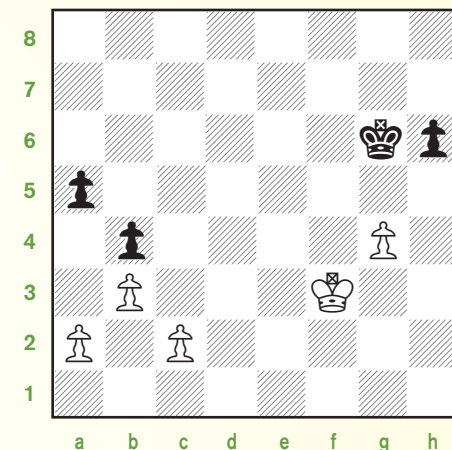
move count by calculating all the way out the variations.

it's magic!

Pawn Break-throughs—Part III
by Pete Tamburro

Getting a pawn through to become a queen often needs the help of the king as we saw in Part II. Sometimes, the king's help is a little less obvious than the ones in the previous lesson. Let's look at some examples:

Example One: White to play



In this position, White has some problems getting his extra pawn to promote. Black's two queenside pawns hold back White's three pawns. If the white king goes over to take the black pawns it looks like the black king can gobble up the white g4-pawn and queen before White does. So, White has to get creative!

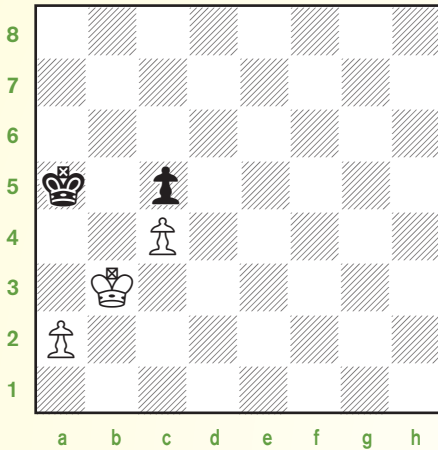
1. c4! The only move to win. White now threatens to queen at c8. If the black king rushes over, White will grab the h6-pawn. 1. ... bxc3 e.p. 2. Ke3 White has to move over one square to prevent Black from queening. 2. ... Kg5

It's at this point that you realize that White had to see this when he played 1. c4. He had to count the moves to queening his pawn against Black's move. You don't go "I go here. He goes there ... etc." You count to seven (the moves it takes to queen and realize that when you queen, your queen

is attacking h1 and preventing the promotion, whereupon winning is easy.

Watch: **3. a4 Kxg4 4. b4 axb4 5. Kd3 h5 6. a5 h4 7. a6 h3 8. a7 h2 9. a8=Q Kg3 10. Qh1 Kh3 11. Ke4 c2 12. Qf3+ Kh4 13. Kf5 c1=Q (13. ... h1=Q 14. Qg4#) 14. Qg4#** Why did White play 3. a4? Did that surprise you? Why not 3. a3 Kxg4 4. b4? It loses! 4. ... axb4 5. axb4 Kf5 and Black wins! It's little things like that you have to pay attention to!

Example Two: White to play



We talked about how important gaining the opposition is in the previous lessons, but this one is a little tougher and worth playing through. Here's the quickest way. You get the opposition: **1. Ka3 Kb6 2. Kb2**

Getting the distant opposition. Remember "odd squares apart." Why? White's plan is to win the c5-pawn.

2. ... Ka5 3. Kb3

3. Kc3 Ka4 4. Kd3 Kb4 doesn't work, so White "triangulates." He loses a move to make Black move.

3. ... Kb6 (NOW White can play Kc3!) 4. Kc3 Ka5 5. Kd2!! (Remember, it's all about White winning the c-pawn. Things can go horribly wrong with: 5. Kd3?? Kb4 6. a3+ Kxa3 7. Ke4 Kb3 8. Kd5 [8. Kd3 would at least draw.] 8. ... Kb4 and Black wins!)

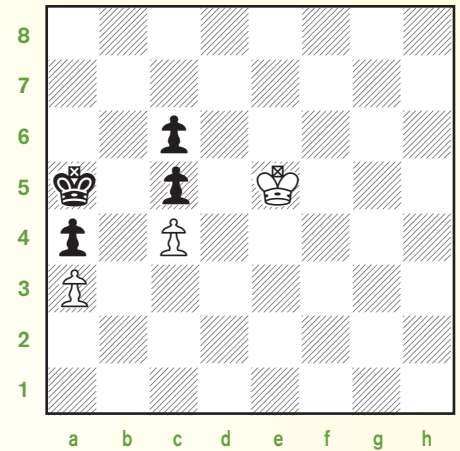
5. ... Kb4 6. Kd3

This was the same idea as to why White didn't play 3. Kc3 right away. He lost a move to get to this position. Now Black has to move away and White gets to win the c-pawn because

he gets to tickle the king with 9. a3+. **6. ... Ka4 7. Ke4 Ka5 8. Kd5 Kb4 9. a3+ and wins.**

A very instructive endgame. You learn how to use opposition, distant opposition and triangulation to lose a move. It's important to visualize where you want to end up. Then, figuring out how to get there is a little easier, if not always obvious.

Example Three: White to play



This example is an advanced form



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of the previous example.

1. Kf5!!

This move is what makes king and pawn endings so fascinating and drives us crazy all at the same time. Any other move draws. White loses the opposition to actually gain the opposition!

1. ... Ka6

1. ... Kb6 2. Kf6 Kc7 3. Ke7 Kc8 (3. ... Kb8 4. Kd6 Kb7 5. Kd7) 4. Kd6 Kb7 5. Kd7 wins.

2. Ke6 Ka7 3. Ke7 Ka6 4. Kd8 Kb7 5. Kd7 Kb6 6. Kc8 Ka6 7. Kc7

Try the other first moves:

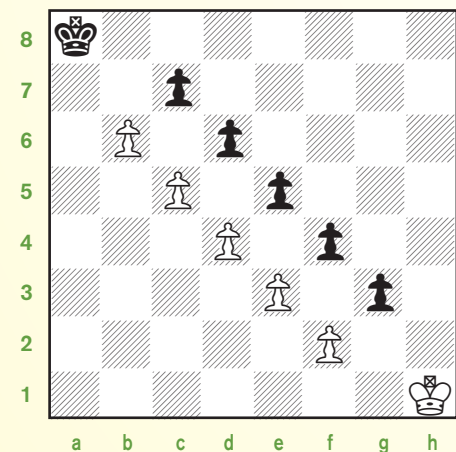
1. Ke6 Ka6 (1. ... Kb6 2. Kd6 and White wins.) 2. Ke7 (2. Kd7 Kb7 3. Kd8 Kb8) 2. ... Ka7 3. Kf6 Kb6 4. Kf5 Kb7 5. Ke6 Ka6 6. Ke7 (6. Kd7 Kb7) 6. ... Ka7, Draw, draw, draw.

OR

1. Kf6 Kb6 2. Ke7 Ka7 (Losing is: 2. ... Kc7 3. Ke6 Kc8 4. Kd6 Kb7 5. Kd7 Kb6 6. Kc8.) 3. Kd6 (3. Kd7 Kb7; 3. Kd8 Kb8; 3. Ke8 Ka8) 3. ... Kb6, Draw.

The value of the distant opposition (odd squares apart) came in useful in winning for White, and, if White didn't play the right moves, drawing for Black.

Example Four: White to play (Be careful. It's a doozy!)



This one is crazy. It's just here for fun! Not only that, but even the chess engine messed this one up!

Houdini gives this immediate incorrect winning line (+2.70 for White): 1. bxc7 Kb7 2. cxd6 gxf2 3. Kg2 f3+ 4. Kxf2 e4 5. d5 Kc8 6. Ke1 Kd7 and it's a draw.

The black king stops the pawns and the white king can't leave the f3-pawn alone.

The only winning line is: 1. fxc3 exd4.

Other tries for Black also lose: 1. ... fxc3 2. bxc7 Kb7 3. cxd6 exd4 4. exd4; 1. ... fxe3 2. Kg2 cxb6 3. cxd6 Kb7 4. dxe5 b5 5. Kf3 b4 6. Kxe3 b3 7. Kd3 b2 8. Kc2.

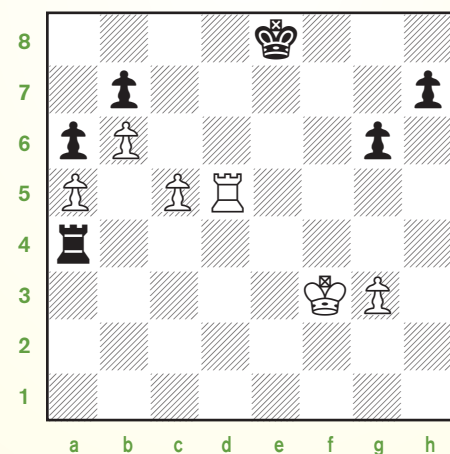
2. bxc7

Even is 2. cxd6 cxd6 3. exd4 fxc3. 2. ... Kb7 3. c6+ Kxc7 4. exd4 Kxc6 5. gxf4 Kd5 6. f5

P.S., Houdini eventually figures it out. The position was composed by M. Pastalaka in 2012. Ian Watson put it in his endgame column in the January 2013 *British Chess Magazine*.

Example Five:

Just to show you it's not all king and pawn endings, here are two rooks thrown in.



White wants to break through with his queenside pawn majority, so he uses his rook to great effect:

1. c6 bxc6 2. Rb5!! (Ouch! Interference to insure the pawn queens) 2. ... axb5 3. b7 Rxa5 4. b8=Q+ Kd7 5. Qb7+ Kd6 6. Qxh7 b4 7. Qxg6+ Kc5 8. g4 Rb5 9. Qc2+ Kb6 10. Qb3 c5 11. g5 and wins easily.

From these three lessons on break-

throughs, you learn some very important ideas: To queen a pawn, you often have to give up material to get a breakthrough. Understanding concepts like opposition, distant opposition and triangulation gives you important tools to make you a better endgame player. Believe it or not, you will find yourself in one of these positions, or one like it, sometime in the future.



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Canal Variation

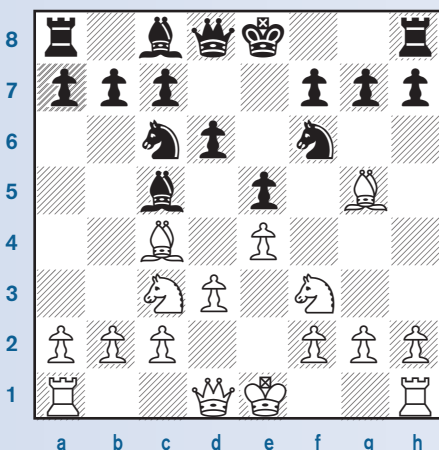
by Tony Palmer

The opening sequence 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Bc5 4. Nc3 Nf6 5. d3 d6 leads to a standard starting position which can be reached through the Giuoco Pianissimo or the Four Knights by transposition.

The Canal Variation 6. Bg5 was named after Grandmaster Esteban Canal from Peru and develops White's last minor piece to pin Black's knight against the queen. One main idea is 7. Nd5 intending a trade on f6 to double Black's pawns and weaken the kingside, since Black's bishop is outside the pawn chain at c5 so it cannot break the pin at e7.

Moreover, since the center is closed and the position is quiet, White holds off on castling for the moment and may decide to castle queenside for a more unbalanced game with greater winning chances.

After 6. Bg5, the *chessgames.com* database has 312 games, with these results for Black's sixth move reply: 6. ... h6 71%, 6. ... Na5 13%, and 6. ... Be6 10%. Such statistics should not be memorized but help you learn openings by considering the relative frequency of Black's responses.



Position after 6. Bg5

A) 6. ... h6

Black calls the question to White's bishop, inviting a trade of bishop for knight. White typically continues 7. Bxf6 Qxf6 8. Nd5 Qd8 (8. ... Qg6!? 9. Qe2) 9. c3 intending to advance d3-d4 with full command of the center. Black most commonly replies 9. ... a6 so the bishop has an escape square at a7 if White advances d3-d4 or b2-b4. Another plan is 9. ... Ne7 challenging White's strong centralized knight at d5.

White should avoid retreating 7. Bh4!? as Black scores well after 7. ... g5 8. Bg3 Bg4 gaining space on the kingside while pinning the knight against the queen to slow down White's development. If White wastes a move with 6. Bg5 h6 7. Be3, then Black gets a good game after 7. ... Bb6 or 7. ... Bxe3.

B) 6. ... Na5

Black moves the same piece twice in the opening yet gains time attacking White's bishop at c4, where recapturing would double White's pawns. After 7. Bb3 Black can trade 7. ... Nxb3 8. axb3 (toward the center) 8 ... Be6 with less pressure on the center along with the advantage of the two bishops. This line is thought to take much of the sting out of the Canal Variation.

C) 6. ... Be6

Here Black plans to trade bishop for knight after 7. Nd5 Bxd5 8. Bxd5 (all three database games featuring 8. exd5 instead are Black wins) 8. ... h6 9. Bh4. Now White has more space plus the two bishops, yet the closed position buys Black some time to defend and redevelop. White could try 7. Bxe6 fxe6 doubling Black's pawns yet this gives

Black greater control of the center.

D) Other

Black should avoid 6. ... Bg4 trying to copycat White as shown by Capablanca-NN, New York, 1918: 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bc4 Bc5 5. 0-0 0-0 6. d3 d6 7. Bg5 Bg4!? 8. Nd5 Nd4 9. Qd2 Qd7 10. Bxf6 Bxf3? 11. Ne7+ (The check spoils the symmetry) 11. ... Kh8 12. Bxg7+! Kxg7 13. Qg5+ Kh8 14. Qf6#.

The Canal Variation is a great choice for White, leading to more dynamic positions and greater winning chances out of a fairly quiet stock opening line. Black should learn the best defense which suits your style. Good luck!

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Years of Friendship and Chess

by Pete Tamburro

How many of you *Chess Life for Kids* (CL4K) readers who are playing scholastic chess have made friends with kids from other schools? Have you ever thought they may become lifelong friends?

I still have three chess friends from 50 years ago: Ed Allen, Mark Schwartz and Steve Stoyko. We met playing over the board at high school and junior tournaments. I treasure our friendships. Your editor of CL4K and I will be friends 50 years in 2018.

Three other New Jersey chess players, all masters, put out an e-book and a hardcover book called *40 Years of Friendship—100 Games of Chess*. **Gene Salomon, Steve Pozarek** and **Wayne Conover** put together their stories and games with lessons for young players as well.

86 Years Young!

The most interesting of the three—and the other two would agree!—is Gene Salomon. This great 86 year old gentleman tells of his youth in Spain where he not only played then world champion Alexander Alekhine in a simultaneous exhibition, but walked him home, arm-in-arm and still has the chess set he played him on. At the 2014 U.S. Amateur Team East, he met with another world champion, Garry Kasparov.

Gene has quite a chess history. He was one of the top players in Spain, went to Cuba and became one of their best players, but felt obliged to leave Cuba after Fidel Castro's revolution (he had met him, too) to search for freedom and opportunity in the United States.

The Westfield Connection

He, at that time in his life, had stopped playing chess in Cuba in order to make a living in business and continued that effort in the U.S. However, he decided, in 1968, after a 16-year layoff, to start playing chess again. He then met Wayne, who is a terrific correspondence player and FIDE master, and Steve, a New Jersey champion and life master. They were all members of the iconic Westfield Chess Club, along with former Texas State Champion Manfred Kramer, George Kramer, Edgar McCormick, Irving Ellner, State Champion Steve Stoyko, Todd Lunna, Eugene Shapiro, IM Michael Valvo, David Levin, and the list goes on.

It was a great training ground for soon-to-be U.S. Amateur Champion Mark Pinto, Scott Massey, and future GM John Fedorowicz, especially with people like IM Sal Matera and GM Pal Benko dropping in from time to time.

[When I was a young tournament director, I always looked forward to seeing Al Esposito from the great Dumont Chess Club. As I struggled with the pairings (no computers back then) late at night, Al would regale me with his stories about having played against Frank Marshall, Jose Capablanca and Emanuel Lasker—back when HE was a youngster! Al stopped driving at age 89 after wrecking his beloved Lincoln, but that didn't stop him from playing chess. He turned the driving chores over to his younger friend, Otto Gellert. Age 88! Friends are where you find them.— Editor]

Three Amigos

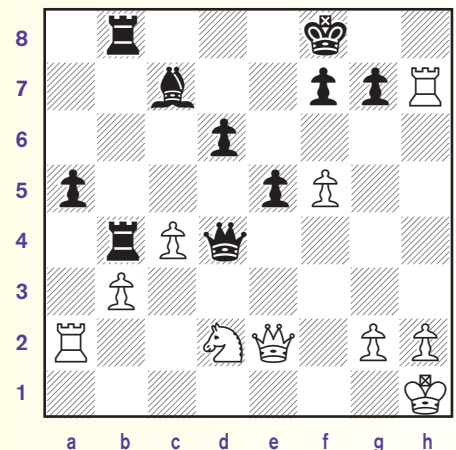
They share their thoughts and games and felt an obligation to give some important chess lessons to young people—their gift to the next generation of players. Their greatest gift is

that they show you that you can gain something very special from playing chess other than chess—lifelong friends.

Here are some positions from their games they give about tactics and combinations that are worth remembering: (Answers at the end, but don't peek! This time try to assess each position BEFORE you move the pieces!)

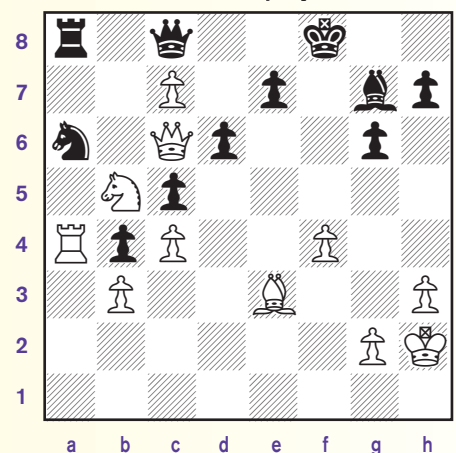
Position One:

Steve Pozarek - Leroy Dubeck,
U.S. Amateur Team East, 1985
White to play

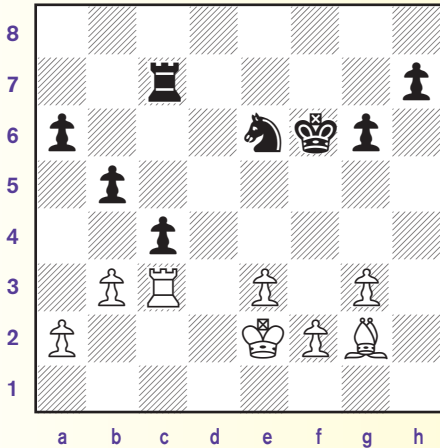


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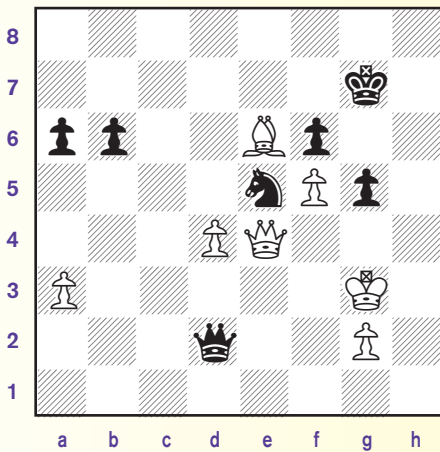
Wayne Conover - Baldwin,
Correspondence, 2006
White to play



Position Three:
Noah Siegel-Gene Salomon,
World Open, 1995
Black to play



Position Four:
Alexander Alekhine -
Gene Salomon, Spain, 1944
Black to play



ANSWERS

Position One: 1. f6!! (Threatens mate on h8!) 1. ... Ke8 (1. ... gxf6 2. Qh5) 2. fxg7 Ke7 3. Rh8 Bb6 4. Qf1 (NOT 4. g8=Q?? Qg1#) 4. ... Qg4 5. Rxb8 Qxg7 6. Rb7+ Ke6 7. Qf3 Bc5 8. Qh3+ f5 9. Rxg7, Black resigned.

Being alert to mate threats can help you win and help you avoid getting mated!

Position Two: A very alert knight sacrifice gives White a great position: 1. Nxd6!! exd6 2. Qxd6+ Kf7 3. Bxc5 Bf6 4. Qc6 Bc3 5. Bb6 Kg8 6. Ra5 Getting all his pieces into the action! 6. ... Bb2 7. Rd5 Nxc7 8. Bxc7 Ra6 9. Qc5 Bf6 10. Rd6 Rxd6 11. Bxd6

Qxc5 12. Bxc5 Bc3.

And now a three part plan: get the king into the center, create a passed pawn on the kingside, threaten to push both passed pawns. 13. Kg3 Kf7 14. Kf3 Ke6 15. Ke4 Bd2 16. g4 h6 17. f5+ gxf5+ 18. gxf5+ Kf7 19. Bd6, Black resigned.

Position Three: 1. ... cxb3!! 2. Rxc7 b2 3. Be4 Nxc7 4. Kd2 Nd5! (He had to see all these moves right to the end before he sacrificed his rook!) 5. Kc2 b1=Q+! 6. Kxb1 Nc3+ 7. Kc2 Nxe4, White resigned.

Pushing passed pawns can make life very interesting.

Position Four: A young Gene, after playing so well and being the last person playing (Alekhine just sat down opposite him to play!) missed a draw in this position against the world champ. The game went: 1. ... Qd3+ 2. Qxd3 Nxd3 3. Bc4 Ne1 4. Bxa6 Nc2? (4. ... Kf8 5. Kf2 [5. a4 Ke7 6. Bc4 Nc2 7. Kf2 Nxd4 8. Bd3] 5. ... Nc2 6. a4 Nxd4 7. Bd3 Ke7 8. Ke3 Nc6 9. Be4 Kd6 10. Kd3 Kc5 11. Bxc6 Kxc6 12. Kd4 Kd6=) 5. Kf3 Nxd4+ (5. ... Ne1+ 6. Ke4 [6. Ke3 Nxd4+] 6. ... Nxd4 7. d5 Kf8 8. d6 Ke8 9. Kd5 Ne3+ 10. Kc6 Kd8 11. Kxb6 g4 12. Kc5 g3 13. Bb7) 6. Ke4 Nc2 7. a4 Kf7 8. Bb7 Ke7 9. Kd3 Na3 10. Kc3 Kd6 11. Ba6 Nb1+ 12. Kc2 Na3+ 13. Kb2 b5 14. Kxa3 bxa4 15. g4 Ke5 16. Kxa4.

But Gene points out that it would have been much easier to play: 1. ... Nd3!

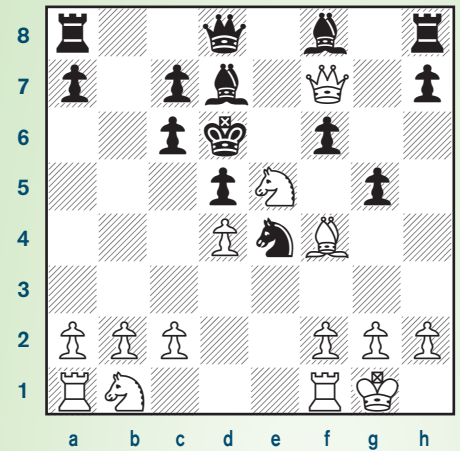
Some possibilities would be: 2. Bc4 (The world champ could get mated after 2. Qb7+ Kh6 3. Qf3 Ne1 4. Qe4 Nc2 5. d5 Ne3 6. Kh2 Qf2 7. d6 Nf1+ 8. Kh1 [8. Kh3 Qe3+] 8. ... Ng3+) 2. ... Qf2+ 3. Kh2 Nf4 4. Qe7+ Kh6 5. Qxf6+ Kh5 6. Qc6 (6. Qf7+? Kg4 7. Qb7 b5) 6. ... Qh4+ 7. Kg1 Qe1+ with a perpetual check.

He describes how he went into a panic and advises all young players to remain calm in tricky positions (even against world champions!).

YOU CAN DO IT!

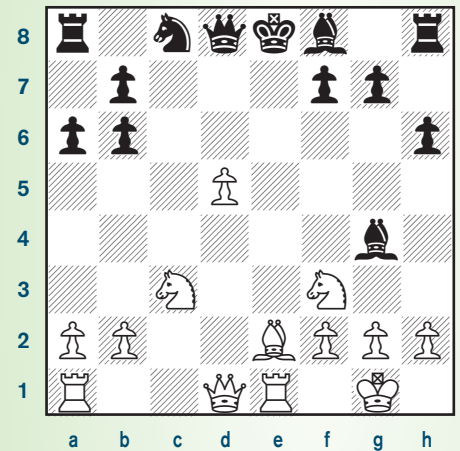
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White to move

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White to move

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Tournament Life Announcements

AUGUST 15 THROUGH OCTOBER 14

Scholastic Members:

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

Organizers and Tournament Directors:

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

ABBREVIATIONS & TERMS

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

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

NATIONALS

US Chess Junior Grand Prix! Aug. 27-31, North Carolina

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 200 (Enhanced)
2015 U.S. Masters Championship
9-SS, G/30, inc.30. Embassy Suites Airport, 204 Centreport Dr., Greensboro, NC 27409, (336) 668-4535, mention chess tournament for discounted hotel rate. GM, IM, WGM, and WIM norms may be possible. 2014 tournament was a super swiss with 8 norms achieved! \$17000 in prizes **UNCONDITIONALLY GUARANTEED!** \$5000-3000-1800-1100-650-550-500-450-400-350 U2400 500-300 U2300 500-300 U2200 500-300 U2100 500-300. **EF:** \$249 if received by August 14 \$299 later or on site. \$50 discount off either for NC residents. GM's and foreign IM's Free. No money taken out of winnings to reimburse for EF. This tournament is open only to players who have ratings 2200 or above, those who have ever been so rated, all foreign FIDE-rated players and juniors (under age 21) rated over 2000. **RDS.:** Aug 27 7:00PM then 12-7, 12-7, 12-7, 12-7. **HR:** \$99 All rooms are suite style. Free made to order breakfast daily, free manager's reception nightly, and free airport shuttle available for all guests. Hotel reservation: http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/G/GSOGBES-CCI-20150823/index.html?WT.mc_id=POG **Advance Entry:** Registration is available at www.carolinasschessinitiative.com. Alternately, checks can be sent to: Walter High, 105 North Crabtree Knoll, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. Make checks payable to: Carolinas Chess Initiative (CCI). On site entry will be available on August 27 from 2-6:30PM. **BYES:** A maximum of two byes allowed. Byes must be requested before round 2 is paired. **INFO:** Walter High wmlhigh@ncr.com, or gary.newsom@charlottechesscenter.org for Gary Newsom. More info including pre-entry lists may be available at: carolinasschessinitiative.com. FIDE rated. Hotel has a no smoking policy including electronic cigarettes. FIDE electronic device rules in effect.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix! Sept. 26, California, Northern

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 40 (Enhanced)
2015 U.S. Game/60 Championship
4SS, G/60 d6 - \$12,000 b/269 fully paid entries - 60% guaranteed. Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Pkwy, Santa Clara, CA 95054. Park free. **Hotel: \$119** at Hilton (408-330-0001) or **\$99** at Biltmore (408-988-8411). In 6 sections: **Open Section (2000+):** \$1,500 700 300 100 100 Top u2200 \$200, 100. **1800-1999 Section:** \$1,000 400 200 100 100. **1600-1799 Section:** \$1,000 400 200 100 100. **1400-1599 Section:** \$1,000 400 200 100 100. **1200-1399 Section:** \$1,000 400 200 100 100. **Under 1200 Section:** \$1,000 400 200 100 100. Unr capped at 300 exc in Open. **EF:** \$79, after 9/19 \$99. Play-up: \$25. GM free, IM free before 9/16 (EF subtr from prize for all free entries). **DISCOUNT:** \$129 if registering for both US G/30 (9/27) and U.S. G/60 (9/26). **Byes:** One 1/2 pt bye allowed must commit by start of Rd. 2. Reenter with 1/2pt bye in Rd. 1 for \$33. **SEPT 2015 Supp.** CCA min, TD disc used to place players accurately. **SIDE KIDS EVENT** for K-12 students rated under 1000: 4SSxG/60 d5 in 5 sections based on rating: 800-999, 600-799, 400-599, 200-399, u200. **Prizes:** Trophies to Top 15 players in each section and Top 10 Clubs & Top 10 Schools in each section. Min 2 players per team, Top 4 players count for team score. **EF:** \$49, after 9/19 \$59. **DISCOUNT:** \$89 if registering for both U.S. G/30 (9/27) & U.S. G/60 (9/26). Play-up: \$25. **Schedule for all sections:** On-site Reg: 8-8:30am. Rounds: 9a, 12p, 2:30p, 5p. **Blitz Event:** Reg: Sun, 9/27, 4:30-5pm, Rounds 5:15-7p, total 8-10 rounds. **EF:** \$14, \$16 onsite. 75% of EFs returned as prizes. **Reg. online:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/my/usg60g30> or **mail** payments to BayAreaChess, 1639 A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. Rfnd fee: \$20. **Organizers:** Dr. Judit Sztaray. **TDs:** NTD Tom Langland, NTD John McCumiskey, and others. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/my/usg60g30>. Email: ask@BayAreaChess.com. T: 408-409-6596.W.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix! Sept. 27, California, Northern

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 40 (Enhanced)
2015 U.S. Game/30 Championship
5SS, G/30 d5 - \$8,000 b/199 fully paid entries - 60% guaranteed. Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Pkwy, Santa Clara, CA 95054. Park free. **Hotel: \$119** at Hilton (408-330-0001) or **\$99** at Biltmore (408-988-8411). In 4 sections: **Open Section (1900+):** \$1,500, 700, 300, 100, Top u2100 \$200 100. **1600-1899 Section:** \$1,000, 400, 200, 100. **1300-1599 Section:** \$1,000, 400, 200, 100. **Under 1300 Section:** \$1,000, 400, 200, 100. Unr capped at 200 exc in Open. **EF:** \$79, after 9/20 \$89. Play-up: \$25. GM free, IM free before 9/17 (EF subtr from prize for all free entries). **DISCOUNT:** \$129 if registering for both U.S. G/30 (9/27) and U.S. G/60 (9/26). **Byes:** One 1/2 pt bye allowed must commit by start of Rd. 2. Reenter with 1/2pt bye in Rd. 1 for \$33. **Sept 2015 Supp.** CCA min, TD disc used to place players accurately. **SIDE KIDS EVENT** for K-12 students rated under 1000: 5SSxG/30 d5 in 4 sections based on rating: 800-999, 600-799, 400-599, 200-399, u200. **Prizes:** Trophies to Top 15 players in each section and Top 10 Clubs & Top 10 Schools combined. Min 2 players per team, Top 4 players count for team score. **EF:** \$49, after 9/20 \$59. **DISCOUNT:** \$89 if registering for both U.S. G/30 (9/27) & U.S. G/60 (9/26). Play-up: \$15. **Schedule for all sections:** On-site Reg: 8-8:30am. Rounds: 9a, 10:30a, 12:30p, 2p, 3:30p. **Blitz Event:** Reg: Sun, 9/27, 4:30-5pm, Rounds 5:15-7p, total 8-10 rounds. **EF:** \$14, \$16 onsite. 75% of EFs returned as prizes. **Reg. online:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/my/usg60g30> or **Mail** payments to BayAreaChess, 1639 A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. Rfnd fee: \$20. **Organizers:** Dr. Judit Sztaray. **TDs:** NTD Tom Langland, NTD John McCumiskey, and others. **Additional Information:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/my/usg60g30>. ask@BayAreaChess.com. T: 408-409-6596. W.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix! Oct. 23-24 (Fri & Sat), Pennsylvania

2015 U.S. Blind Chess Championship
US Chess & U.S. Braille Chess Association (USBCA) are sponsoring this US Chess National event. 4 SS or 4 RR (depends on # of players), G/135 d0. Holiday Inn Express Hotel (newly renovated), 5311 Campbells Run

Road (near airport), Pittsburgh, PA 15277, (412) 788-8400. Free shuttle to/from airport. **EF:** Free. **Reg.:** Onsite - Thurs. Oct. 22: 6-8pm, Fri. Oct. 23: 9-9:30am. **Rds.:** Fri. Oct. 23: 10-4, Sat. Oct. 24: 9-3. **Prize Fund:** \$1,400 GTD: 1st: \$400, 2nd: \$300, 3rd: \$200, 4th: \$100, \$100-Best player U1400, \$100- Class E (1000-1199), \$100- Class F (800-999), \$100-Upper Prize. **NOTE:** All players must be classified as Legally Blind and bring proof. You must also be a current member of the US Chess for \$18 a year. You can join the US Chess at the event! **HR:** \$119 nite; code: USB. **Contact:** Rick Varchetto, richard521@suddenlink.net. Phone: (h) 304-636-4034, (c) 304-614-4034 or Joan DuBois, ta@uschess.org, (c) 931-200-3412.

GRAND PRIX

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Aug. 21-23 or 22-23, California, Northern
Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 40 (Enhanced)
Bay Area Chess GM Nick de Firmian Championship
1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. 5SS, G/90+30; 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. Aug 15 Supp & TD disc. **Reg.:** F 6-6:45p & Sa 8:30-8:45a. **Rds.:** F 7p, Sa 9 1:20, Su 10 2:30. (2-day Sa 9 11:10 & merge). **EF:** \$89, Econ EF: 69 w 60% prf; after 8/17 +20. Playup +20. Rated 2250+ \$0 by 8/14 (prize - EF). **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/champs>.

Aug. 27-31, North Carolina

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 200 (Enhanced)
2015 U.S. Masters Championship
See Nationals.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Aug. 28-30 or 29-30, North Carolina
Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 60 (Enhanced)
The 2015 North Carolina Open

This tournament is being held in conjunction with the U.S. Masters. Come watch the stars of the chess world compete while playing in the NC Open! 5-SS, G/120 d5; 2-day schedule: Rd. 1. G/90 d5 then merges with 3-day Embassy Suites Airport, 204 Centreport Dr., Greensboro, NC 27409, (336) 668-4535, mention chess tournament for discounted hotel rate. **\$1300 in prizes UNCONDITIONALLY GUARANTEED!** In 4 sections, OPEN \$1000-500-300-250-150-125-125-100-100-100 U2100 250-150-100; U2000 \$1000-500-300-250-150-125-125-100-100-100 U1850 250-150-100; U1700 \$1000-500-300-250-150-125-125-100-100 U1550 250-150-100; U1400 \$1000-500-300-250-150-125-125-100-100 U1200 250-150-100. **EF:** \$69 if received by August 14. \$85 if received later or onsite. **SCHEDULE: 3-Day** registration ends at 7PM on 8/28 Round at 7:30PM. **2-Day** registration ends at 9:30AM on 8/29 Round at 10AM. Subsequent rounds are 8/29 at 2PM-7PM and 8/30 at 9AM-2PM. **HR:** \$99 All rooms are suite style. Free made to order breakfast daily, free manager's reception nightly, and free airport shuttle available for all guests. Hotel booking link: http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/G/GSOGBES-CCI-20150823/index.html?WT.mc_id=POG. **ADVANCE ENTRY** Registration is available at www.carolinasschessinitiative.com. Alternately, checks can be sent to Walter High, 105 North Crabtree Knoll, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. Make checks payable to Carolinas Chess Initiative (CCI). **OTHER:** One half-point bye available. Byes must be requested before round 2 is paired. Open section FIDE rated. **INFO:** Walter High wmlhigh@ncr.com or Gary Newsom gary.newsom@charlottechesscenter.org. More info including pre-entry lists may be available at carolinasschessinitiative.com. Hotel has a no smoking policy including electronic cigarettes. **Special Saturday-only U1000 Scholastic Tournament:** Saturday, August 29 4SS, G/30 d5. Rounds 10:30-12-2-3:30. In two sections, determined on-site based on entries. Trophies to top 5 in each section. US Chess rated. **EF:** \$20 in advance \$25 onsite.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Aug. 29-30, Texas
Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 20 (Enhanced)
2015 DCC Fide Open X

5SS, G/90 inc/30. Dallas Chess Club, 200 S. Cottonwood Dr. #C, Richardson, TX 75080. **Two sections:** Open and Reserve. **Open:** \$875G. FIDE and US Chess rated but uses FIDE rules. Will use US Chess 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. Note that USA Players with no FIDE ID must disclose their email address. \$5 \$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 (appearance fee might be deducted from prize). **Reserve:** Open to players rated below 2000 US Chess. This section is not FIDE Rated but is US Chess rated and uses US Chess 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 and to use FIDE pairing rules. **Both: Reg.:** 8/29 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 4th round. 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 US Chess 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.

Aug. 30, California, Northern

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 (Enhanced)
Cupertino Grand Prix DuperSwiss75 (3SS, 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, u200 50-50. Aug 15 Supp & TD disc. Reg.: 8-8:45. Rds.: 9-11:45-2:40. **EF**: 47, Econ 32 w/1/2 prz. after 8/27 +15, playup +15, Rtd 2200+ \$0 by 8/20. **Info**: BayAreaChess.com/grandprix. W.

A Heritage Event!
US Chess Junior Grand Prix!
A State Championship Event!
Sept. 4-6, Alabama

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 20
Alabama State Chess Championship - 62nd Annual
6SS, G/120 d5. Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Dr., Birmingham, AL 35209. **PREMIERE (1600+/UNR, \$1,950 \$\$\$Gtd)**: \$500-325-250-175, A: 225-150, B: 225-150. **RESERVE (U1600; \$1,300 \$\$\$Gtd)**: \$350-200-150-100, D: 150-100, U200: 150-100. **EF**: \$50, if Postmarked by **August 29, 2015**. Onsite Reg.: **\$60**. Rds.: Fri: 6pm; Sat: 9:15-2:30; Sun: 8:30-2. Bys: Rds. 1-5; request before Rd. 2. **Scholastic Side Events: Individual Tmt: 4 Sections, Trophies**: Top 2 Individuals; **Medals**: 3rd-5th; **EF**: \$20. **Team Tmt: 3 Sections, Trophies**: Top 2 Teams. **EF**: \$40, Late/On-Site: **\$20 more**, Rds.: 9:15-10:45-1-2:30-4. Checks payable to: **Caesar Chess**. **ENT**: Caesar Chess, LLC 5184 Caldwell Mill Rd., Suite 204-202, Birmingham, AL 35244. **Info**: CaesarChess@gmail.com; www.AlabamaChess.com; www.CaesarChess.com.

A Heritage Event!
US Chess Junior Grand Prix!
Sept. 4-7 or 5-7, Texas

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 40 (Enhanced)
81st Annual Southwest Open

7SS. Doubletree DFW Airport North, 4441 W. John Carpenter Fwy., Irving, TX 75063. \$5 8,950 b/175 full entries, 75% Gtd. 3 Sections and scholastic side events: **Open**: (This section is FIDE rated and uses FIDE rules. US CHESS rules/ratings used for awarding prizes. Players not at the board within 60 minutes of the start of the round will forfeit game.) Rounds 1-3 G/90 with 30 sec. increment, rounds 4-7 G/120 with 30 sec. increment. Note, please check tournament website for rules about FIDE registration. \$5 1,000-500-250, 2200-2399 \$700, U2200 \$700-350. **Reserve**: U2000. Rounds 1-3 G/90 with 30 sec. increment, rounds 4-7 G/120 with 30 sec. increment. \$5 800-400-200. B \$600-300-150, U1600 \$500-250-125. **Novice**: U1400 and Unrated. Rounds 1-3 G/90 with 30 sec. increment, rounds 4-7 G/120 with 30 sec. increment. \$5 \$500-250-125, E \$400-200, U1000 \$300-150 Unrated \$200. All 3: TCA membership required. Other states accepted. **EF**: \$89 if received by 8/21, else \$99, \$82 Junior(U19) if received by 8/26 else \$90 (juniors count as 90% toward base), Senior (over 65)/Handicap/Additional family participant \$53 if received by 8/26 else \$65 (Senior/Handicap/Additional family participant counts 60% toward base). Add \$5 for CC phone entries; pre-reg. requires pre-payment. After 9/2/15 all registration and changes on site only; all changes including withdrawals, \$10 after 9/2/15. 4 day: Reg. Friday 9/4, 6:15 pm-7:15. Rds. Fri.: 7:45, Sat.: 2:30 pm - 7:30, Sun.: 10:45 am - 5:00 pm, Mon.: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. 3 day: Reg. Sat. 9/5, 9:30 am, Rd. 1 at 10 am then merge with 4 day. Foreign Unrated must play in Open section. Registrations that do not indicate 4 or 3 day schedule will be put in the 3 day. **HR**: \$89/89/89/89, 972-929-8181 or 800-222-8733 peruse by 8/18 and ask for Dallas Chess Club rate. \$89 rate includes continental breakfast for up to 4 people staying in room. Upgrade to full Breakfast at special price of \$7.99 (upgrade must be done at hotel check in). Up to two 1/2-pt byes available if requested before end of rd. 2, but byes for both rd. 6 AND 7 not permitted. Tournament reserves the right to use an analog clock with equivalent time control under special circumstances (not in open section). Texas Chess Association meeting on Sunday 9/6 at 9:00 am. **K-12 Scholastic on Saturday, 9/5**. 5-SS, G/30 d5, **EF**: \$31 by 8/26, \$45 after; Pre-reg. requires pre-payment. After 9/2/15 all registration and changes on site only; all changes \$10 after 9/2/15. No refunds after 9/2/15, \$10 handling fee for refunds before 9/2/15. Entries do not count toward base in Open, Reserve and Novice. Registration: 8:15-8:45 am, Rd. 1 at 9:30 am, rest ASAP with small lunch break. Sections: **K-12 Championship and K-12 U1000**. Prizes: Trophies to top 12 individuals, five teams in each section. K-12 U1000 also to top three unrated. Medals to those who do not win a trophy. **ALL**: Ent: Dallas Chess Club, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. **Info**: Barb Swafford, 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com, www.dallaschess.com. FIDE. US Chess JGP for Non scholastic side events.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!
A State Championship Event!
Sept. 4-7 or 5-7, Florida

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 30
Arnold Denker Florida State Championship
Wyndham Orlando Resort, 8001 International Dr., Orlando 32819.
\$12,000/b180, 70% Guaranteed. 6SS, G/120 d5. **6 Sections: CHAMP**: \$1200-700-500, U2200: \$500-300; **U2000**: \$800-500-300, U1900: \$200; **U1800**: \$800-500-300, U1700: \$200; **U1600**: \$800-500-300, U1500: \$200; **U1400**: \$800-500-300, U1300: \$200; **U1200**: \$800-400-200, U1000: \$100, U800: \$100, Unrateds can enter any section, but only Unr under age 16 in U1200. Unrs limited to \$100 unless Place Prize in **CHAMP**. **EF**: \$99; Add \$11 after 8/29. **EF Discount**: \$20 off if under age 16 in **U1200** or Unr in any Under section. **EF Free** for GM, IM, WGM, WIM (\$100 deducted from any prize won.) Rated players can "play-up" one section from lowest allowed. **Re-entry**: \$50 by round 3, 1/2-pt byes for missing rounds. **Bys**: 1/2-pt available all rounds; max 2; Must commit before Round 3 paired. US CHESS and FCA memberships required; OSA. Trophies and Titles to top Florida player in each section. Upsets & other "special awards" TBD. **Reg.**: ends 1/2 hr before 1st Rd. (no credit cards). **Round 1**: 7:30pm Fri. (or 10am Sat at G/60 d5). **Rounds 2 thru 6**: Sat. 1:30-7, Sun. 1 & 7, Mon. 10am. **FL Blitz (G/5 d0) Championship**: Sun, 10am. **EF**: \$25. **FL Quick Chess (G/15 d3) Championship**: Mon, 3pm **EF**: \$25. **FCA: Board Meeting**: Sun. 6pm; **Annual Meeting**: Sun. 6:30pm. **HR**: \$102 No Resort Fee (by Aug. 5th) 407-351-2420. Code: **CFCC** Or online at <http://tinyurl.com/FCA2015Hotel>. 72 hour HR Cancellation charge. Free self-parking for all! **Ent**: CFCC, c/o Harvey Lerman,

921 N. Thistle Ln., Maitland, FL 32751. Or online <https://onlineregistration.cc> before Sept 4th. **Info**: centralfchess.org or 407-629-6946 (407-670-9304 for onsite cell).

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!
A State Championship Event!
Sept. 5-7 or 6-7, California, Northern

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 80 (Enhanced)
2015 CalChess State Championship (Labor Day)
6SS, 40/120 sd30 d5 (2-day opt rounds 1-3 G/61 d5). SFO Airport Hyatt Regency, 1333 Bayshore Hwy., Burlingame, CA 94010. Room: \$145. **Prize: \$20,000** b/249 (70% Guar). 6 sections. **Open** (2200+) FIDE rated: \$2500-1500-800-300-200, u2300 200 100. **Expert**: 1,500-1,000-600-200. **A**: 1,200-900-500-200. **B**: 1,200-900-500-200. **C**: 1,200-900-500-200. **DE**: \$1,000-500-300-100 u1200 \$500-200-100. Unr capped at 300 exc in Open. **Unr**: Trophy 1st. Trophy to top finisher (State Champion) in ea section. **EF**: \$134 by 9/1. 154 on site. Unr 50 in DE or in the Master section for reg. **EF**: \$5 disc to CalChess mems. US CHESS mem req. Play-up fee: \$25 per section above rating. Refund fee: \$25. GM/IM free by 8/28 (EF subtr from prize). Reg.: Sat 9-9:30am, Sun 8:30-9am. Rds.: **3-day** Sat 10 3:30; Sun 11 5; Mon 10 3:30. **2-day** Sun 9:30 12 2:30 5; Mon 10 3:30. Merge at Rd. 4. All compete for the same prizes. 1/2 pt by(e)s in any round(s) if requested in advance (byes Rds. 5 6 must be requested bef Rd. 1). 2015 Sept Supp, CCA min, & TD discretion will be used to place players as accurately as possible. Bring clocks. **Info**: <http://BayAreaChess.com/labor>, Richard Koepcke 650-224-4938. Ent: Online at BayAreaChess.com/my/labor or mail BayAreaChess 1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. No Phone entries. W.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!
Sept. 18-20 or 19-20, California, Northern

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 40 (Enhanced)
Bay Area Chess IM W. John Donaldson Championship
1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. 5SS, G/90+30, 2-day rds. 1-2 G/50 d5. Park free. **Prizes**: 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. Sep 15 Supp & TD disc. **Reg.**: F 6-6:45p & Sa 8:30-8:45a. **Rds**: F 7p, Sa 9 1:20, Su 10 2:30. (2-day Sa 9 11:10 & merge). **EF**: 89, Econ EF: 69 w 60% prz, after 9/14 +20. Playup +20. Rated 2250+ \$0 by 9/14 (prize - EF). **Info**: <http://BayAreaChess.com/champs>.

A State Championship Event!
Sept. 19, Pennsylvania

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 6
2015 PA State Game/60 Championship
4SS, G/60 d5. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pitt., 5th & Bigelow, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. 3 Sections, \$5 (695G): **Champ**: EF: \$30 by 9/11, \$40 later. \$200-100, U2000 \$75, U1800 \$50. **Prize**: U1600. **EF**: \$25 by 9/11, \$35 later. \$90-60, U1400 \$50, U1200 \$40, U1000 \$30. Trophies to Top 2, Top 2 U1400, Top 2 U1200, Top 2 U1000. **Scholastic**: Grades K-12 U900. **EF**: \$15 by 9/11, \$25 later. Trophies to Top 7, Top 3 U600. **All**: Trophies: Top 2 Schools, Top 2 Clubs. PSCF \$5. OSA. Reg ends 10am. Rds.: 10:30-1-15-5:45. Ent/Info: PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 25 Freeprest St., Pittsburgh, PA 15223, 412-908-0286, martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com. W.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!
Sept. 19-20, Texas

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

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 US CHESS rated but uses FIDE rules. Will use US CHESS 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. Note that USA Players with no FIDE ID must disclose their email address. \$\$\$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 (appearance fee might be deducted from prize). **Reserve**: Open to players rated below 2000 US CHESS. This section is not FIDE Rated but is US CHESS rated and uses US CHESS 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 and to use FIDE pairing rules. **Both**: **Reg.**: 9/19 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 US CHESS 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.

Sept. 26, California, Northern

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 40 (Enhanced)
2015 U.S. Game/60 Championship

See Nationals.

Sept. 27, California, Northern

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 (Enhanced)
Cupertino Grand Prix DuperSwiss75 (3SS, G/75 d5)

Courtyard Marriott Cupertino, CA 95014. **Prizes**: \$1,500 b55. 60% guar. **1900+**: \$300-100-100, u2000 50-50. **1500-1899**: \$200-100-50, u1600 50-50. **u1500**: \$200-100-50, u1200 50-50. Sep 15 Supp & TD disc. Reg.: 8-8:45. Rds.: 9-11:45-2:40. **EF**: 47, Econ 32 w/1/2 prz. after 9/24 +15, playup +15, Rtd 2200+ \$0 by 9/17. **Additional Information available at**: <http://BayAreaChess.com/grandprix>. W.

Sept. 27, California, Northern

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 40 (Enhanced)
2015 U.S. Game/30 Championship

See Nationals.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!
Oct. 3-4, Texas

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

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 US CHESS rated but uses FIDE rules. Will use US CHESS 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. Note that USA Players with no FIDE ID must disclose their email address. \$\$\$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 (appearance fee might be deducted from prize). **Reserve**: Open to players rated below 2000 US CHESS. This section is not FIDE Rated but is US CHESS rated and uses US CHESS 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 and to use FIDE pairing rules. **Both**: **Reg.**: 10/3 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 US CHESS 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.

REGIONAL Alabama

Sept. 4-6, Alabama State Chess Championship - 62nd Annual
See Grand Prix.

California, Northern

Aug. 14-16 or 15-16, 6th annual Central California Open
See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Aug. 15, 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**: 22, 37 after 8/12. **Info**: <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>.

Aug. 15, 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**: 22, 37 after 8/12. **Info**: <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>.

Aug. 16, Bay Area Cupertino Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies**: Players w/plus score. **Sched**: Reqr. Check-in 1:30-2p. **Games**: 2:30-5p. **EF**: 27, 42 after 8/13. **Info**: <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>. W.

Aug. 16, Bay Area Cupertino Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies** to players w + score & all teams. **Sched**: Reg. 9:30-9:45a. **Games**: 10a - 1:30p. **EF**: 34, 49 after 8/13. **Info**: <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>. W.

Aug. 21-23 or 22-23, Bay Area Chess GM Nick de Firmian Championship
See Grand Prix.

Aug. 23, Bay Area Cupertino Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies**: Players w/plus score. **Sched**: Reqr. Check-in 1:30-2p. **Games**: 2:30-5p. **EF**: 27, 42 after 8/20. **Info**: <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>. W.

Aug. 23, Bay Area Cupertino Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies** to players w + score & all teams. **Sched**: Reg. 9:30-9:45a. **Games**: 10a - 1:30p. **EF**: 34, 49 after 8/20. **Info**: <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>. W.

Aug. 24, Bay Area San Ramon Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, 18090 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon, CA 94583. **Trophies**: Players w/plus score. **Sched**: Reqr. Check-in 1:30-2p. **Games**: 2:30-5p. **EF**: 27 by 8/22, 37 onsite. **Information available**: <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>. W.

Aug. 24, Bay Area San Ramon Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, 18090 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon, CA 94583. **Trophies**: all teams & players w/plus score. **Sched**: Reg. 9:30-9:45a. **Games**: 10a - 1:30p. **EF**: 34 by 8/22, 42 onsite. **Information**: <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>. W.

Aug. 29, 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**: 22, 37 after 8/26. **Info**: <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>.

Aug. 29, 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**: 22, 37 after 8/26. **Info**: <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>.

Aug. 30, Cupertino Grand Prix DuperSwiss75 (3SS, G/75 d5)
See Grand Prix.

Sept. 5, Bay Area Chess Kids u1000 Class Championship
5SS, G/30 d5. SFO Airport Hyatt Regency, 1333 Bayshore Hwy, Burlingame, CA 94010. Room: \$145. **Prizes**: Top 10 players in ea section. Top 5 clubs & Top 5 schools in all sections combined (min 2/team, top 5 count). K-

12 kids only. 5 sections based on rating: F (800-999) G (600-799) H (400-599) I (200-399) J (under 200). **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:30a. Games 10-11:30-12:20-3:45. **EF:** \$39 by 9/3. **Onsite +\$20, Playup +\$10.** Sept 2015 Supp & TD disc to place players. **Info/Form:** <http://BayAreaChess.com> or <mailto:info@bayareachess.com>. **Ent:** Online or mail to Bay Area Chess, 1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. E: ask@BayAreaChess.com Rfnd fee: \$10. W.

Sept. 5-7 or 6-7, 2015 CalChess State Championship (Labor Day)
See Grand Prix.

Sept. 6, Bay Area Cupertino Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reqr. Check-in 1:30-2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 27, 42 after 9/3. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>. W.

Sept. 6, Bay Area Cupertino Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** to players w + score & all teams. **Sched:** Reg. 9:30-9:45a. **Games:** 10a - 1:30p. **EF:** 34, 49 after 9/3. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>. W.

Sept. 12, Sacramento Chess4Less Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reqr. Check-in 1:30-2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 22, 37 after 9/9. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>. W.

Sept. 12, Sacramento Luper\$wiss (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. **Sep 15 Supp & TD disc.** Reg.: 9-9:15. **Rds.:** 9:30 12:50 4:15. **EF:** 43, Econ 29 1/2 prz., after 9/9 +15, playup +15, Rated 2200+ \$0 by 8/1. **Information:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>. W.

Sept. 13, 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, 42 after 9/10. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>. W.

Sept. 13, Bay Area Fremont Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Fremont, CA 94538. **Trophies:** to players w + score & all teams. **Sched:** Reg. 9:30-9:45a. **Games:** 10a - 1:30p. **EF:** 34, 49 after 9/10. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>. W.

Sept. 13, Fremont DuperSwiss75 (3SS, G/75 d5)
Courtyard Marriott Cupertino, CA 95014. **Prizes:** \$1,250 b/40. 60% guar. **1900+:** \$200-100-50, u2100 50-50. **1500-1899:** \$200-100, u1700 50-50. **u1500:** \$200-100, u1200 50-50. **Sep 15 Supp & TD disc.** Reg.: 8:30-8:45. **Rds.:** 9-11:45-2:40. **EF:** 47, Econ 32 w 1/2 prz. after 9/9 +15, playup +15, Rtd 2200+ \$0 by 9/2. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/grandprix>. W.

Sept. 18-20 or 19-20, Bay Area Chess IM W. John Donaldson Championship
See Grand Prix.

Sept. 20, Bay Area Cupertino Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reqr. Check-in 1:30-2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 27, 42 after 9/17. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>. W.

Sept. 20, Bay Area Cupertino Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** to players w + score & all teams. **Sched:** Reg. 9:30-9:45a. **Games:** 10a - 1:30p. **EF:** 34, 49 after 9/17. **Info:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>. W.

Sept. 26, 2015 U.S. Game/60 Championship
See Nationals.

Sept. 27, Bay Area San Ramon Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, 18090 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon, CA 94583. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reqr. Check-in 1:30-2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 27 by 9/24, 37 onsite. **Additional Information:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>. W.

Sept. 27, Bay Area San Ramon Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, 18090 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon, CA 94583. **Trophies:** all teams & players w/plus score. **Sched:** Reg. 9:30-9:45a. **Games:** 10a - 1:30p. **EF:** 34 by 9/24, 42 onsite. **Information:** <http://BayAreaChess.com/signature>. W.

Sept. 27, 2015 U.S. Game/30 Championship
See Nationals.

Sept. 27, Cupertino Grand Prix DuperSwiss75 (3SS, G/75 d5)
See Grand Prix.

Oct. 10, Weibel Fall Scholastic Chess Quads #1 + National Chess Day Festivities
Weibel Elementary School, 45135 S. Grimmer Blvd., Fremont, CA. **Two Sections:** U900 G/30 d0; Over 900 G/45 d5. **Info & Entry Form:** www.CalNorthYouthChess.org/Applications/FallQuads15-GP Open to all scholastic players who are US Chess members. **Trophies:** to winners of each Quad. **Chess medals:** to all who do not win a trophy. **Info:** Alan M. Kirshner, Ph.D., Alan@CalNorthYouthChess.org, (510) 659-0358.

California, Southern

The Los Angeles Chess Club

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Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, LACC - Every Saturday Chess 4 JRS
5 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 5pm. **Prizes:** Trophies & medals; everyone receives a prize! **Parking:** Free on streets & BoA. Free pizzas & juices. **Info:** (310) 795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com or Mike@LAChessClub.com.

Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, LACC - Every Sunday Chess 4 JRS
5 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 5pm. **Prizes:** Trophies & medals; everyone receives a prize! **Parking:** Free on streets & BoA. Free pizzas & juices. **Info:** (310) 795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com or Mike@LAChessClub.com.

Connecticut

Sept. 25-27 or 26-27, 6th Annual Hartford Open
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Nov. 6-8 or 7-8, 19th Annual Eastern Chess Congress
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

District of Columbia

Aug. 28-30 or 29-30, 47th annual Atlantic Open
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Florida

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

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Sept. 4-7 or 5-7, Arnold Denker Florida State Championship
See Grand Prix.

Illinois

Oct. 9-11 or 10-11, 24th annual Midwest Class Championships
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Indiana

Aug. 28-30 or 29-30, 10th annual Indianapolis Open
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Massachusetts

Sept. 5-7 or 6-7, 75th New England Open
See *Chess Life* or www.masschess.org.

Nevada

Dec. 26-30, 26-29 or 27-29, 25th annual North American Open
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

New Jersey

A State Championship Event!

Sept. 5, New Jersey Scholastic K-8 Championship
5-SS, G/30 d5. Hyatt Morristown, 3 Speedwell Ave., Morristown, NJ 07960. If staying, for chess rate, please make reservations at <https://aws.passkey.com/event/13779489/owner/1459369/home>. Phone: 973-647-1234, mention NJ Chess. Free parking, public transportation to NYC, Phila. walking distance, 30 restaurants, shops and parks within 5 minute stroll. In three sections: Under 1200, Under 900, Under 600. **Trophies:** to Top Ten in each section. **Registration:** Saturday, September 5, 11am -12noon. **Rounds:** 12:30pm, then ASAP. **EF:** \$30 if postmarked by September 1st. \$40 cash at site. One 1/2 point bye allowed if requested with entry fee. September Rating Supplement used. **Entries:** Noreen Davission, 6 Red Barn Ln., Randolph, NJ 07869. Entries must include name, US Chess ID and expiration date, mailing address, email address, phone number, grade level and entry fee. Checks made out to NJSCF. Register online at register.njscf.org for \$32 by September 3, 2015. Questions to noreen@deanofchess.com. W.

Sept. 12, Princeton Charter School
Princeton Charter School at: 100 Bunn Dr., Princeton, NJ 08540. **TIME CONTROL:** G/30 d0 Swisss to 4 rounds. **SECTIONS:** Open above 1000; U1000; U700; U500/Unrated (sections might be combined when necessary for pairings). **PARENTAL Supervision Required:** The parents or another adult must be designated to supervise the student player between rounds. **Schedule** (will be accelerated if possible). **First Round:** 12:01 PM; **Second Round:** ASAP; **Third Round:** ASAP; **Fourth Round:** ASAP; **Award Ceremony:** ASAP (4:05 the latest). **Schedule will be accelerated if possible (*) Online Registration \$30 Only if register one week before: www.ChessKidsNY.com/PCSSchessProgram.htm (*) Fee will increase automatically to \$35 if register later. On site registration the date of the event: \$40 from 11:45 am to 12:00 noon. Information:** email to Miguel Iniguez at: migini@gmail.com. **Results will be posted online the same day of the event!**

Oct. 30-Nov. 1 or Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 6th annual Boardwalk Open
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

A State Championship Event!

Nov. 22, New Jersey K-12 Grade Championship
5SS, G/30 d5. Brookdale College, 765 Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft,

NJ 07738. Student Life Center, use Parking Lot #7 or #6; 4 miles from Garden State Parkway exit 109. **13 Sections:** Play only in your grade! Grades K-12: Trophies to top 10 individuals, top 3 teams - top 3 from each school/grade; 50% of players receive trophy or medal. **Rds.:** 10am and ASAP. **EF:** \$35 by 11/15, \$55 at site. US Chess mem req'd. **Reg.:** 8-9:00am After 9:00am 1/2 pt bye rd. 1. **Info:** 732 259-3881 Halsprechman@gmail.com. **Ent:** Please make checks payable to NJSCF and send to Hal Sprechman, 66 Cromwell Ln., Jackson, NJ 08527. Entries must include name, grade school, date of birth, US Chess ID # & expiration, mailing address, phone number & entry fee, please include email address. **Register online at:** www.njscf.org until 11/20.

New York

Aug. 21-23 or 22-23, 14th annual Manhattan Open
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Sept. 4-7, 5-7 or 6-7, 137th annual NY State Championship
Out of state welcome. See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Oct. 17-18, 2nd annual Central New York Open
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

North Carolina

Aug. 27-31, 2015 U.S. Masters Championship
See Nationals.

Aug. 28-30 or 29-30, The 2015 North Carolina Open
See Grand Prix.

Sept. 12, ACC All-Star Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)
Courtyard Durham RTP, 301 Residence Inn Blvd., Durham, NC 27713. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Check-in:** Reqr 9-9:15a. **Games** end 12pm. **EF:** 19, 30 onsite. **Info:** <http://bachess.org/durham>. W.

Sept. 12, ACC Super\$wiss (3SS, G/75 d5)
Courtyard Durham RTP, 301 Residence Inn Blvd., Durham, NC 27713. **Prizes:** \$1,000 b/37. 50% guar. **Open:** \$200-100-50, u2000 100, u1800 50. **u1600:** \$200-100-50, u1400 100, u1200 50. **Sep 15 Supp & TD disc.** Reg.: 12-12:15pm. **Rds.:** 12:30-3:30-6:30pm. **EF:** 39, Econ 29 w 2/3 prize, onsite +11, Rtd 2200+ \$0 by 9/2. **Info:** <http://bachess.org/durham>. W.

Oct. 10, ACC All-Star Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)
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Ohio

Oct. 10, National Chess Day Scholastic Swiss
Cincinnati Scholastic Chess Series season 9 begins on National Chess Day at Princeton High School, 100 Viking Way, Cincinnati, OH 45246. **4SS, 4 sections:** K-12 Open, K-12 U1000, K-6 U700, K-6 Non-Rated. **Time control:** G/30 d5. **Prizes:** Medals to top five in each section. Series trophies awarded in rated sections based on points scored; best five scores from six tournaments count toward trophies. **For other tournaments in series and additional information:** visit www.chess-cincinnati.com or contact Alan Hodge at 513-600-9915, a.hodge195@gmail.com.

Nov. 13-15 or 14-15, 24th annual Kings Island Open
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Pennsylvania

MasterMinds Chess Club

[Info at www.mastermindschess.org](http://www.mastermindschess.org).

Sept. 19, 2015 PA State Game/60 Championship
See Grand Prix.

Sept. 27, 56th Annual Pittsburgh Chess League
30/90, SD/60 d5. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Monthly 4-player team from Sept. to Apr. **EF:** \$50/team by 9/24. **Rds:** 2pm. **Info:** 412-908-0286, martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com, www.pitt.edu/~schach/. W. NOTE: You play one game per month and each month is rated separately.

Oct. 11, PCL October 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.

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Texas

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Sept. 4-7 or 5-7, 81st Annual Southwest Open
See Grand Prix.

Sept. 19-20, 2015 DCC Fide Open XI
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Oct. 3-4, 2015 DCC Fide Open XII
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Virginia

Oct. 7-12, 9-12 or 10-12, 2nd annual Washington Chess Congress
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Wisconsin

Aug. 15, 5th Annual BC Open!

Country Spring Hotel, 2810 Golf Rd., Pewaukee, WI 53072 (262) 547-0201. All Sections, **TC:** G/60 d5. **Rds.:** 10-1-3:30-6. **EF:** Open: \$35 by 8-13, \$40 after 8-13, U1800, U1400, U1000 \$25 by 8-13, after 8-13 \$30. Non Rated \$10 by 8-13, after 8-13 is \$15. **Prizes:** Open: b/30 1st \$350 - 2nd \$200 - 1st U2000 \$150. - Section (U1800) b/20 \$125-80. (U1400) b/20 \$115-570. (U1000) b/20 \$100-50. Non rated section: are book prizes. **Reg.:** Aug 15th 8:30 - 9:30. **Entries to:** (make payable to Benzo chess). Ben Corcoran, 2711 N. University Dr. #64, Waukesha, WI 53188. **Q&A:** Ask for Ben 262-506-4203 or benzochech@gmail.com also more info at www.benzochech.com.

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What's the Question?

(from page 4)

Solution: At first, it does not seem like White can even draw, let alone win: his pieces are too awkwardly placed to stop the h-pawn. But watch how White's pieces spring into action! **1. a6!** White begins to create a mating net. **1. ... bxa6 2. Kc2!!** The threat is **3. Be5**, so Black's reply is forced. **2. ... h2 3. Be5! h1=Q** Or **3. ... Kxa3 4. Nc3**, and Black cannot stop the twin threats of **5. Bxh2** and **5. Bd6#**. **4. Nc3+** Now everything becomes clear: it is checkmate after **4. ... Ka5 5. Bc7#** (and the a6-square is occupied, thanks to White's first move) or **4. ... Kxa3 5. Bd6#** (and the b2-square is defended, which is why **2. Kc2** was necessary). Game over.

You Can Do It!

(from page 6)

- #1 - 1. Nxf5#
- #2 - 1. Nf6#
- #3 - 1. Bf8#
- #4 - 1. Re6#
- #5 - 1. Nc4#
- #6 - 1. Bb5#

End of the Line

(from page 7)

- #1 - 1. Qxb6#
- #2 - 1. Rxc7+ Kh8 2. Rg8#
- #3 - 1. Qxh7+! Kxh7 2. Rh4+ Kg8 3. Rh8#

- #4 - 1. Qxg7+!! Kxg7 2. Bb2#
- #5 - 1. Qxc6+!! bxc6 2. Ba6#
- #6 - 1. Qxh8+!! Nxb8 2. Nh6#

The Chess Detective

(from page 10)

#1 This game took place between Aron Nimzowitsch and Jose Raul Capablanca in Riga, Latvia, 1913. Black played **59. ... h3! 60. Kf2 Bf5 61. g4 Bxg4 62. Kg3 Kd3** (Black will force White to sacrifice his bishop for the b-pawn and then march his king over to help out the h-pawn. Note that Black has the light-squared bishop to support the promotion square on h1.) **63. Kh2** (63. Kxg4 h2) **63. ... Kc2 64. Kg3 b2, White resigned.**

#2 **46. Kf5!, Black resigned.** (Of course, **46. Kxh5? Kxf6** and Black easily draws by marching his king to the queenside. **46. Kf5** wins for White because his king can move to the queenside to help his pawns. White must keep Black's king from reaching the queenside pawns first, where Black could easily draw by blockading the a- and b-pawns. With his bishop on the h4-d8 diagonal and his king reaching e6 or d6, White can keep Black's king boxed out.) This position is from a game between Max Euwe and Daniel Yanofsky played in Groningen, Netherlands, 1946.

#3 This game is from the 1955 USSR Championship in Moscow between Alexander Kotov and Mikhail Botvinnik. Botvinnik played the ingenious **59. ... g5! 60. fxc5 d4+ 61. exd4** (Black's bishop not only protects the b-pawn but also blockades both of White's pawns on the a2-g8 diagonal.) **61. ... Kg3 62. Ba3 Kxh4 63. Kd3 Kxg5 64. Ke4 h4 65. Kf3 Bd5+, White resigned.** (Black has the bishop that protects the promotion square (h1) of the rook pawn. Black can move his bishop to e6 to protect h3 and then to d7 to block White's passed pawn. Black's king can then march to the queenside to force ... b2 and eliminate White's bishop.)

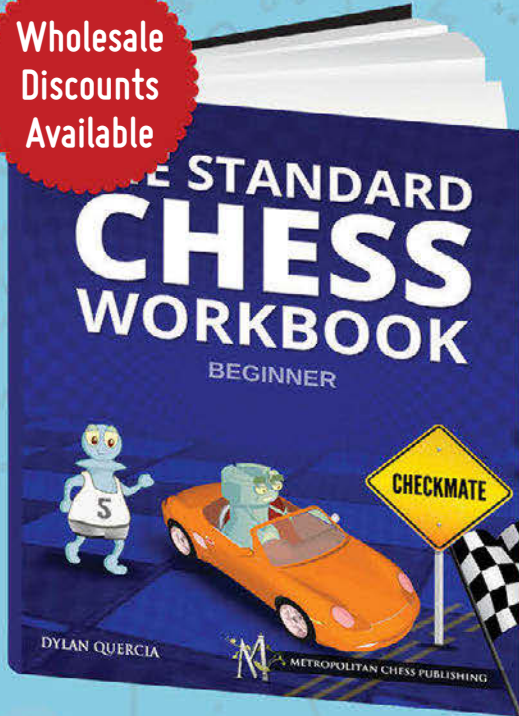
#4 Veselin Topalov played White against Alexey Shirov in this 1998 game from Linares, Spain. **47. ... Bh3!** (A brilliant sacrifice by Shirov. If he goes into the opposite color bishop ending with **47. ... Be4 48. Kf2 f5 49. g3 Kd6 50. Bd4 Kc6 51. Ke3 Kb5 52. Bb2 Kc4 53. Be5 Kb3 54. Kd2 a3 55. Bd4 Kc4 56. Ke3** and White can draw by blockading the queenside pawns on the dark squares.) **48. gxh3 Kf5 49. Kf2 Ke4 50. Bxf6 d4 51. Be7 Kd3 52. Bc5 Kc4 53. Be7 Kb3, White resigned.** (54. Ke2 Kc2 or 54. Bc5 d3 55. Ke3 Kc2 and White can't stop Black's pawns.)

#5 **68. b8=Q Bxb8+ 69. Kb7!** (Black's bishop is stuck on the short a7-b8 diagonal. If he leaves, a7 promotes the pawn. Black's king must stay in contact with the a6 pawn from a5 or b5 so White can't take the bishop. White's bishop will stay on the d1-h5 diagonal, preventing Black's pawns from advancing. White will be able to play **Be2** to keep Black's king off b5 at the right time and force him to a4 or b4.) **69. ... Kb5 70. Bg4, Black resigned.** (70. ... Ka5 71. Be2. Black is in *Zugzwang* and will have to give away both his pawns and then White's bishop can return to the f1-a6 diagonal to force a final *Zugzwang*.) This game was between Ricardo Calvo and Donald Byrne and took place in Palma de Mallorca, Spain, in 1968.

#6 This game took place in 1964 in Tel Aviv, Israel, between Owen Hindle and Guenther Moehring. **69. ... Be3!** (A nice bishop sacrifice. White cannot stop both the a- and g- pawns after **70. fxe3 g4**. If **70. f3**, then **70. ... a2 71. Bxa2 Kxa2** and **72. Kxh6 g4+** is easily winning for Black.) **70. Kxh6 g4+ 71. fxe3 g3 72. Kh7 g2 73. h6 g1=Q 74. Kh8 a2 75. Bxa2 Kxa2 76. h7 Qg6 77. e4** (It is too bad for White that he has the e-pawn. Without it, the position would be drawn.) **77. ... Qf7, White resigned.** (78. e5 Qf8 mate).

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