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What's the Question?

by FIDE Master Daniel Gurevich

Cole

I know that it is sometimes better to promote to a knight or even a rook instead of a queen, but is there any good reason to underpromote to a bishop?

When a player promotes a pawn to a bishop rather than a queen, it is almost always in jest. I bet you have seen more than one silly game where one of the players promoted all of his pawns to bishops to remind his opponent to resign. Since a queen can do anything a bishop can, there cannot be a serious reason to choose the bishop, right?

Not exactly. When stalemate is possible, underpromoting to a bishop can sometimes be the strongest move precisely because the bishop is not as powerful as a queen! Here is a simple example from a game played in the 2000 Hungarian Team Championship:

Merenyi – Bolvary, 2000

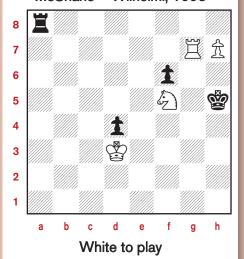
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White to play

The black pawn is very close to queening, but after 80. Rh7 Kc2 81.

Rb7 it would have been difficult for Black to make progress. Instead, White played **80.** Rxc1+?, hoping for 80. ... bxc1=Q or 80. ... bxc1=R. stalemate, or 80. ... bxc1=N+, with a theoretically drawn king and two knights versus king endgame. (For more information about two knights endgames, you can read my April 2015 column!) But after the only move 80. ... bxc1=B!, Black won very quickly: 81. Ka1 White would have lasted just one move longer after 81. Kb1 Ba3 82, Ka2 Kc2 83, Ka1 Kb3 84. Kb1 Nd2+ 85. Ka1 Bb2#. 81. ... Kb3 82, Kb1 Ba3 83, Ka1 Bb2+ 84, Kb1 Nd2# 0-1

A similar situation arose in a game between future Super Grandmaster Luke McShane and International Master Christian Wilhelmi:

McShane - Wilhelmi, 1998

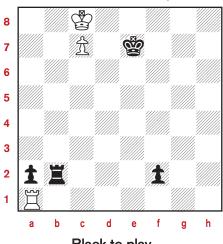


In this position, there are many ways to win. White chose the simplest and most beautiful one: 84. Rg8 Rxg8 85. hxg8=B! Again, promoting to a queen

or rook would be stalemate, so it is best to promote to a bishop! (Here promoting to a knight was winning as well, since Black's f6-pawn is firmly blockaded and not too far advanced. Of course, it is still much easier to checkmate with a bishop and knight than with two knights.) White eventually won.

In the next game, the bishop underpromotion was immediately decisive:

Goldstern - Jasnikowski, 1993



Black to play

Black played **54.** ... **Rb1 55. Rxb1 axb1=B!** and White resigned, since 56. Kb8 is met by 56. ... Bf5!, first stopping the white pawn and only then queening the f-pawn. Note that the position after 55. ... axb1=B 56. Kb8 f1=Q? 57. c8=Q or 55. ... axb1=N? 56. Kb8 f1=Q 57. c8=Q is a theoretical draw, since a queen and minor piece usually cannot win against a queen. Of course, 55. ... axb1=Q or 55. ... axb1=R would have just been stalemate.

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ALESOF THE RABIAN KNIGHTS

Much to their Misfortune

"I did not realize that you were such a strong chess player," the King said.

"Your Majesty," his friend stammered, lowering her eyes, "From the distant West to the farthest East it is known that you are the finest chess player, Conqueror of All, Terror of the Unprepared, Admonisher of the Haughty"

"Shhhhhhhhhhhh" said the King, with a smile that threatened to break into giggles. "When did you learn to play chess?"

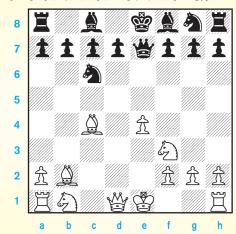
"When I was a little girl," she said. "Did you have trouble trying to succeed as a girl in a 'boy's game'?"

"At first," she said. "Sometimes I would play like I didn't know what I was doing, to take advantage of my opponents' attitude. I would play openings like 1. e4 e5 2. Bb5 and 1. d4 d5 2. Bg5, and win. It took a while before they understood what I was very strong attacking position," said doing."

"Much to their misfortune, I imagine," said the King.

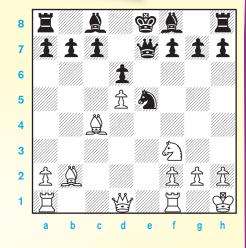
"There was one game I remember," she said, quickly setting up the chess board and pieces to demonstrate. "Let me show you."

1. c3 e5 2. d4 exd4 3. Nf3 dxc3 4. e4 cxb2 5, Bxb2 Nc6 6, Bc4 Qe7



"You seem to have stumbled into a the King.

7. 0-0 d6 8. Nc3 Nf6 9. Nd5 Nxd5 10. exd5 Ne5



11. Nxe5 dxe5 12. Bxe5

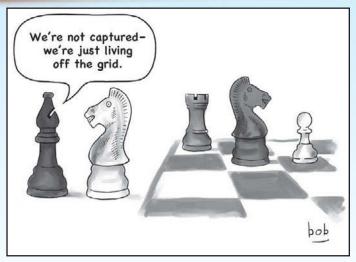
"Here my opponent was not willing to let me simply recover a pawn," she said. "I later realized that his 12th move was the best one available to him."

12. ... Oxe5 13. Re1, Black resigned.

"Facing the loss of his queen, my opponent resigned."

"I surely would like to see more of your chess games," said the King, "If they are all this entertaining!"







Chess Detective®

by NM Todd Bardwick

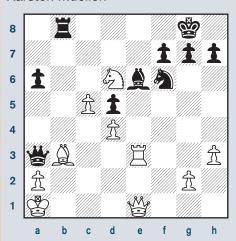
SMOTHERED MATE

A smothered mate is when a knight checkmates a king who can't escape because he is smothered (or totally surrounded) by his own pieces.

A piece sacrifice (usually the queen), after a double check, is normally part of the move sequence used to set up a smothered mate.

Most smothered mates occur in the corner of the board because the king's escape choices are most limited there.

This position occurred in 2004 at the 75th German Chess Championship between Klaus Bischoff and Karsten Mueller.



Position after 30. ... Rb8 White to move

31. Rxe6! (White first sacrifices the Exchange to set up the smothered mate.) **31.** ... fxe6 **32.** Oxe6+ Kh8 (32.

... Kf8 33. Qf7 mate) **33.** Nf7+ Kg8 **34.** Nh6+ (double check!) **34.** ... Kh8 **35.** Qg8+ Nxg8 (or 35. ... Rxg8 36. Nf7 mate) **36.** Nf7 mate.

This move sequence of a double check with a queen and knight, forcing the king into the corner, followed by a queen sacrifice to set up mate with the knight, is called Philidor's Mate.

This position was from a game between Paul Morphy and Thomas Jefferson Bryan played in New York City in 1859.



Position after 16. ... Kf8
White to move

17. e5 (White works to chase Black's queen away from protecting the critical e7-square.) 17. ... Qg5 18. h4 (Protected by the queen from a4,

the black queen is chased from the h4-d8 diagonal.) 18. ... Qg4 19. Qa3+ Kg8 (19. ... Ke8 20. Qe7 mate) 20. Ne7+ Kf8 21. Ng6+ (the double check) 21. ... Kg8 22. Qf8+ (the queen sacrifice) 22. ... Rxf8 23. Ne7 mate.

A clue to look for a smothered mate is when you observe that a king has only a few available squares where his choices are limited by his own pieces.

Remember that queens and knights are an extremely dangerous mating combination because both pieces can attack light and dark squares.

Always search for winning tactics when you notice pieces are on the same line (diagonal, rank, or file) and look for a Philidor's Mate pattern when you notice a queen and knight are lined up on the same diagonal with the enemy king.

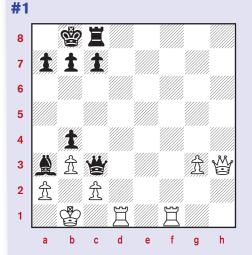
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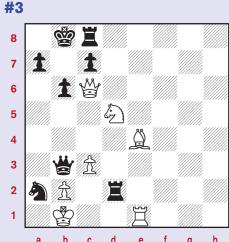
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Less Is More!

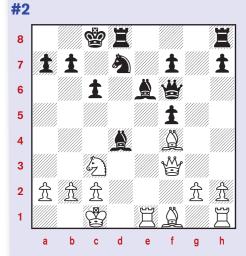
Sometimes the right continuation involves sacrificing material, as is the case in the puzzles that you will see here today. These puzzles are White to move and involve the sacrifice of a QUEEN (and sometimes even more) in order to win material or the game. Good Luck—4, 5, and 6 are really tough ones!

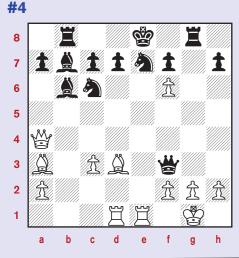
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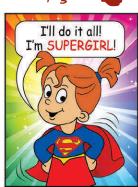


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YOU CAN DO IT!

by Jon Edwards 10th United States Correspondence Chess Champion

In 1985, Sweden issued a postage stamp with chess as a theme. The stamp shows off a pretty knight and rook checkmate in the corner of the

> SVERIGE 3KR VERIGE 3KR

board. Those of you who collect stamps will recognize that the stamp was printed in a coil or roll of stamps. Here is a pair of the stamps.

The position on the stamp comes from the immortal Swedish correspondence game played between Arvid Sundin and Erik Andersson, Sundin was well known in Sweden as a musician. He was actually not well known as a chess player and yet, before he died, Sundin declared "My chess games will survive my music."

Here is the game and, in honor of this fine effort, I offer a quiz that involves similar checkmates. I have no doubt that You Can Do It!

Sundin, Arvid - Andersson, Erik ICCF correspondence, 1964

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 Qd7 5. Bd2 b6 6. f4 Ne7 7. Qg4 g6 8. Bb5 c6 9. Bd3 Ba6 10. Bxa6 Nxa6 11. Qe2 Qb7 12. Nf3 Rb8 13. Kf2 Bxc3 14. bxc3 c5 15. Qb5+ Nc6 16. Rab1 0-0 17. q4 Na5 18. f5 Nc4 19. f6 Nc7 20, Qb3 Qc6 21, Bh6 Rfc8 22, h4 a5 23, h5 a4



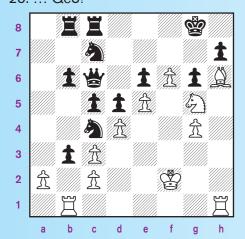
24. hxg6 fxg6

If 24. ... hxg6 25. Bg7 axb3 26. Rh8#; and if 24. ... axb3 25. gxh7+ Kxh7 26. Bg7+ Kg8 27. Rh8#



25. Ng5 axb3

It's tough not to take a queen, but Black missed the best defense with 25. ... Qe8!

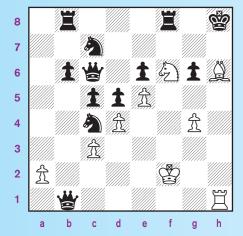


The finale is really beautiful!

26. f7+! Kh8 27. Nxh7 bxc2

27. ... Kxh7 28. Bf8#.

28. Nf6 cxb1=Q 29. f8=Q+ Rxf8



One more sacrifice, this time the bishop, ends the game with a forced mate in two moves.

30. Bg7+ Kxg7 31. Rh7#



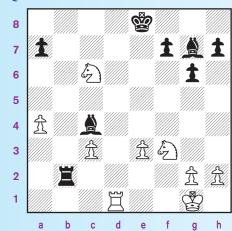
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In every position, it's White to move and deliver checkmate in one move:

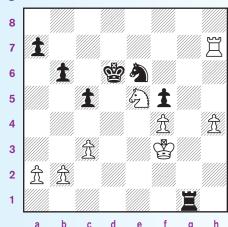
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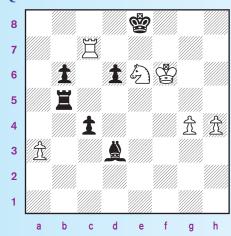
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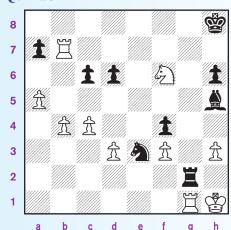
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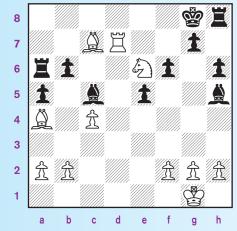
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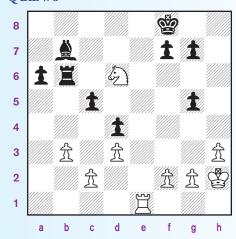
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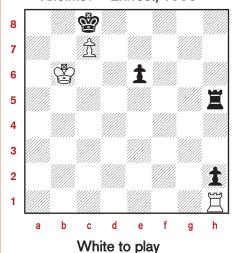
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Question?

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Now, here is my favorite example of a bishop underpromotion from a tournament game. Veteran grandmaster Ratmir Kholmov, who had been one of the strongest chess players in the world, had the white pieces. His opponent, Jaan Ehlvest, was still a rising star. Ehlvest had earned the international master title just months before this game, and he eventually became the fifth highest-rated player in the world. Anyway, here is how their game ended:

Kholmov - Ehlvest, 1983

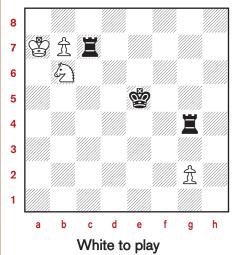


If White plays 72. Rd1, Black can simply defend from the mating threat Rd8# with 72. ... Rh8. After 73. Rh1 e5, Black is completely winning: White will lose his passed pawn after Rh6+ and Kxc7, and White's pieces are helpless against the power of Black's pawns.

Instead, GM Kholmov sets a trap. 72. Ra1! The obvious reply 72. ... h1=Q? leads to stalemate after 73. Ra8+! Qxa8, so Black has to be careful. 72. ... h1=B!! The only winning move! After 73. Rf1 Rh8 74. Rf7 Re8 75. Kc5 e5 76. Kd6 Bb7, White resigned, since the e-pawn is unstoppable. 0-1

In all of the previous games, the purpose of promoting to a bishop was to prevent stalemate. But in some positions, the idea of the bishop under-

promotion is instead to force stalemate! As far as I know, this kind of bishop underpromotion has not yet happened in a practical game, so here is the end of a 1914 endgame study by the Latvian master and study composer Herman Mattison that illustrates the idea:



1. Ka8 White simply threatens to queen. 1. ... Rxg2!? After 1. ... Rg8+2. b8=Q Rxb8+3. Kxb8, the endgame is a draw. For example, 3. ... Kd6 4. Nc8+! Kd7 5. Na7! Rc2 6. Kb7! and White survives.

Meanwhile, 1. ... Rg3? fails to 2. Nc4+! Rxc4 3. b8=Q+, winning the rook, or 2. ... Ke6 3. b8=Q, and the knight defends the a3-square.

2. Nc8! Preparing to meet Ra2+ with Na7. Here 2. Nc4+? Ke6 3. b8=Q (3. Na5 Ra2 is similar) 3. ... Ra2+! was losing for White. 2. ... Rg8 Now Black wins after 3. b8=Q Rxc8 (the g8-rook takes, since the c7rook is pinned!), so ... **3. b8=B!!** You guessed it! 3. ... Rxc8 is stalemate now, so White draws after all.

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SICILIAN OPOCENSKY

by Adam DeHollander and Tony Palmer

The Sicilian Najdorf begins with 1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 leading to a sharp game. The Opocensky Variation 6. Be2 is White's third most popular choice after 6. Be3 and 6. Bg5, then Black usually responds 6. ... e5 whereas 6. ... e6 transposes to the Scheveningen Variation. The game becomes more of a positional battle versus other double-edged Sicilian lines, largely because 6 ... e5 keeps the center closed, and also because both sides tend to castle kingside which is quieter than opposite side castling.

Anatoly Karpov popularized the Opocensky Variation for White in the 1970s, demonstrating its long-term positional ideas featuring control of the critical d5-square. Garry Kasparov showed that Black could get excellent play in the Opocensky Variation with rapid activity in the center and on the queenside.

Note Black plays 5. ... a6 before 6. ... e5 avoiding White's knight on d4 reaching b5. Compare to the Sicilian O'Kelly which starts 1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 a6, then 3. d4!? cxd4 4. Nxd4 e5 scores well for Black since White cannot play Nb5.



A) White Ideas

After 6. Be2 e5, White typically retreats the knight from d4 to b3 and castles kingside, with a potential f2-f4 advance to attack Black's center and open lines. Both sides want to control d5; a white knight would be very well placed on that outpost square, then White may redeploy the bishop from e2 to f3 increasing the pressure on d5. If Black plays ... b5, White can respond a2-a4 to gain space on the queenside, with access to the c4-square if Black advances ... b5-b4 or trades on a4.

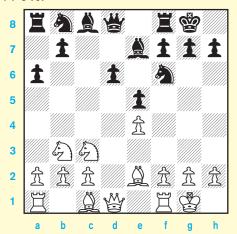
B) Black Ideas

The term hole refers to a square which cannot be guarded by pawns, so 6. ... e5 has the drawback of creating a hole on d5. Black uses the knight on f6 and the bishop on e6 to guard d5, hoping to take the initiative with a ... d6-d5 pawn break (the classic equalizing move for Black in the Sicilian). Black develops ... Be7 to castle kingside, then the queen knight may go to d7 and later c5, or else c6 and later d4. The black queen usually moves to c7 defending d6 and e5 while pressuring the half-open cfile. Black often gets good queenside play with ... b7-b5.

C) Main Line

The standard main line for the Opocensky Variation is **6. Be2 e5 7.**

Nb3 Be7 8. 0-0 0-0. The *chess* games.com database has 1,490 games with these results for White's ninth move: **9. Be3** 36%, **9. Kh1** 29%, **9. a4** 14%, **9. Re1** 12%, and **9. f4** 6%.



1) 9. Be3

The Karpov plan in the Opocensky starts with 9. Be3, preparing 10. Qd2 to connect the rooks. White follows up with a4-a5 gaining queenside space while restricting Black's counterplay. The king rook may go to d1 or c1, then the knight on b3 is repositioned to a more active square like b4 where it would help control d5.

2) 9. Kh1

This useful waiting move lets White view Black's set-up before playing anything committal, also avoiding any checks on the a7-g1 diagonal if the f-

"Adam DeHollander is an assistant coach at the Holland Chess Academy. One useful teaching technique with advanced students is having them prepare an opening presentation based on five of their games, along with using a reference database of master games, then I help convert their project into an article. They learn real expertise in that line, integrating theory with practice." –Tony Palmer

pawn advances. Since 9. ... b5 is answered well by 10. a4, 9. ... b6 was suggested by Boris Gelfand to develop the queen bishop on the long diagonal without the queenside pawns being undermined.

3) **9. a4**

White tries to prevent ... b7-b5, except an attack on the wing is best met by play in the center. Black gets a fine game after 9. ... Be6 10. f4 exf4 11. Bxf4 Nc6 12. Kh1 d5 with chances for both sides, or White could transpose to the Karpov plan with 10. Be3 and 11. Qd2.

4) 9. Re1

This move signals that White won't play f2-f4 but instead support the pawn on e4 and redeploy the bishop at f3, or potentially at g2. Black plays 9. ... Be6, then 10. Bf3 Nbd7 is a level position.

Surprisingly this line scores the worst for White by far. After 9. ... b5 10. a3 (10. fxe5 dxe5 frees Black's game) 10. ... Bb7 11. Bf3 Nbd7, Black wins 80% of the time.

The Opocensky Variation is a solid and safe choice if White wants to play a more positional game against the Sicilian, trying to accumulate small advantages and outmaneuver your opponent. Black hopes the weakness on d5 is compensated by dynamic piece activity, while also playing around the backward pawn on d6. Both sides fight over control of d5, and whoever wins that battle often wins the game. Good luck!

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5) 9. f4



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ARE YOU A MINNOW OR A SHARK?

by Jim Poyle

Depending on your skill level, at the Hampton Roads Scholastic Chess Club in Virginia Beach, Virginia, you'll fall into one of five groups—minnows, rockfish, dolphins, sharks, and orcas.

The club began in February 2014 as a place for US Chess rated players in grades pre-K through 12 to play tournament games on weeknights.

One of its primary founders, Christina Schweiss, had been teaching chess at Grace Academy and involved in a number of local clubs since 2007. When the club's season ended, they met in the park to play chess that summer and invited the public. The response was wonderful, but many of the parents asked if they offered "chess training."

So when the club started meeting again full time in September (initially at a volunteer rescue squad and then moving to Eastminister Presbyterian Church in May), Christina decided to use the curriculum that *ChessKid.com* had developed together with the wonderful online content that they offered



Minnow or shark ...

—video lessons, chess puzzles, and the opportunity to play online.

Impressive

The results have been impressive. When a child first enters, they're placed in one of the five groups according to ability where they then receive instruction from a chess coach assigned to that group. What makes the club so unique is not only the strength of the *ChessKid.com* curriculum they use, but the opportunity the kids have to work in small groups with their own chess coach!

"The kids get individualized attention.

Our goal here is to take the kids from 0 to 1200 in a year." says Jeff Forbes, one of the directors of the club.

And, it's working. The club signed up almost 30 new US Chess members this season, and the kids collectively raised their ratings almost 4,000 points in nine months!

"Once you get the kids to love the game, they'll get better," says Queenie Wu, one of the very proud "chess moms" at the club. Her two children Ethan & Allison Wu actively participated at the club before moving to Texas but still stay connected via ChessKid.com. Ethan is seven years



Christina at work ...



... Christina at play

old and is rated at 860. His sister Allison is nine years old and is rated at 570. They first found out about the club on Google and travelled about an hour to get there every week.

Gotta Love the results!

She loves what she's seen in them as a result of playing chess. "They're emotionally more stable. You experience a lot of things you don't experience in daily life. They're learning how to handle stressful situations," said

Mrs. Wu.

"Christina is very positive. It's a very complicated game and she's very good at recognizing any little improvement."

"She not only gave us a place to play, she really cares about each kid and tracks their progress. If you're absent for a



She's a shark with a booster seat

Welcome to Hampton Roads Scholastic Chess Club!

Here is a sample of what to expect at the Hampton School. It is from the introduction pamphlet:

About the Instructor: I am Tina Schweiss, and I'll be your instructor /coach this year, along with help from the adults of Hampton Roads Chess Club (HRSCC). I am very excited to be running the HRSCC and sharing my passion for chess with you! I wanted to let you know a bit about my qualifications to teach this class. My son Duncan has been playing competitive chess since 2007 and has played many local scholastic and adult tournaments. as well as traveled to other states to play in adult / professional and scholastic national events. I have been his "Chess Mom," traveling to all tournaments with him, and gaining the benefit of sitting in the room while he was being coached by our area's top beginner chess coach; a FIDE (world chess federation) master and a national master.

Using what I learned from being a Chess Mom tag-along, I ran the chess club for a private school and taught very young children (five and up) how to play from scratch. I assisted with the chess club for a public gifted elementary school, working one-on-one with the beginners. I am a certified Boy Scout chess merit badge counselor. I am also on the board of directors for the Virginia Scholastic Chess Asso-

ciation (VSCA) and have helped organize a number of tournaments in our area in the past few years, as well as to increase interest and participation in scholastic chess in our area. I am a US Chess certified club tournament director.

Why study/play chess? Chess has a proven positive effect on the behavior and academic performance of children. It improves focus/concentration, decision-making, analytical skills, creativity, critical thinking, evaluation skills, pattern recognition, problem solving, strategic planning, synthesis, and time management (when we begin to use a chess clock). There have been many studies that show these results. Chess, when played competitively, also gives kids who are not "into sports" a way to

participate in events for individual and team recognition, and to meet kids from all over the city /region/state/nation who are also chess enthusiasts. Playing good chess requires plenty of sleep, proper nutrition, and stamina for long games. Chess is a sport!

couple of weeks, she wants to know what's happening. She's also added a lot of coaches. She's the real soul of the club."

"After tournaments, Christina sends out lengthy detailed e-mails talking about how each group performed—these 20 kids improved their rating by so many points."

Chess Camp

In June, the club held a week long chess camp taught by FM James Schuyler. "It's a really fun chess camp," says 11-year-old **Josh Havens**, currently rated at 841. Josh just learned how to move the pieces at the club's park day in August. When asked what his ultimate goal was, he said "I'd like to become a grandmaster."





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MINNOW

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Nathan Ortiez, another participant in the summer camp, said that he'd liked to apply for a chess scholarship to college. "I'd like chess to continue The club held a one day mini-camp in August. In the morning, the summer minnows reviewed some critical concepts and talked about tournament preparation, and then finished up with a four-round Game/15 event in the afternoon.



Mrs. Minnow, a.k.a. Joan Schlich, one of many volunteers

to be a part of my life because it makes you smarter." Nathan just started playing competitively this season and has a current rating of 702.

"It's the driving force of chess in the area," said Cheryl Havens, one of the clubs' active parent supporters who also serves as its treasurer.

Speaking of her two children, she observed that, "Within nine months,

they've been winning tournaments. Their ratings have gone up hundreds of points and they've made lots of friends. Many of the kids meet for the first time on *ChessKid.com* and now we meet all the time."

She continued, "My kids have more confidence, more focus. They really enjoyed the two-day State Championships in Charlottesville. I feel that my kids have found a niche."

When asked about her experience with the club, she said, "I love it. It puts my kids in some great situations. They get to travel, learning and playing. I love being a chess mom."



Mr. Minnow, a.k.a. Ernie Schlich

The HRSCC wants to continue "to

serve every child who walks in the door without having to turn anyone away, no matter how big they get." They'd also like to get every "Minnow" ready to play in non-rated tournaments.

The club eventually hopes to open a perma-

Tina's Top Ten Tips For Beginners to Win at Chess

Opening

Control the center.

Develop your minor pieces first.

Protect your king.

Don't move your queen or rooks out too early.

Middlegame

Remember your piece value and don't make bad trades.

Always think at least two moves in advance.

Never "hang" a piece.

Endgame

Remember, if your king is in check, your only legal move is to get out of check.

Your king is a fighting piece in the endgame.

To checkmate the king, push him to the edge of the board.

nent chess center in Virginia Beach that will continue to serve the needs of children as they develop and expand programs for the elderly, handicapped, beginner adults, etc. They'd also like to continue to grow the talent in the area and "start to climb up the ladder at state championships." Christina and Jeff have a lot of vision for the club!



Shark!

is the Chess Hall of Fame. It's truly unique, originally being founded in 1984. Its mission is to "explore the relationship between art and chess."

"We've tried to create a place for people who say, I'm not a chessplayer. What's in it for me?" says Joy Bray, the museum's general manager.

The museum offers a holistic approach she explains, "Our most popular program is 'Toddler Tuesday' in which toddlers are invited to come in and participate in various arts and crafts projects. The kids have made chess masks and even an extra-large board on which they assume the roles of the various chess pieces as they move around the board playing kazoos." The cost is minimal, only \$5.00 for non-members, free for members.

Other programs include a concert once a month to get the kids interested in different types of music. The



cost for concerts is also very affordable, only \$10 for non-members and free for members.

Something for everyone

The museum offers something for

everyone. There are currently three exhibitions. "Marcel Dzama: Mischief Makes a Move" (May 14, 2015 -October 18, 2015) on the first floor, "Encore! Ivory Chess Treasures from the Jon Crumiller Collection" (May 14, 2015 - October 18, 2015) on the second floor, and, "Battle of the Board: Chess during World War II (June 25, 2015 - January 17, 2016) on the third.

Jesse Nenninger, a gallery attendant and formerly a stay-at-home dad, says of his experience working at the museum, "I've always enjoyed chess and its history and I believe the museum has broadened my love of the art of the game."

White Gold

The museum also currently has on display one of the most stunning ivory chess collections in the United States. Housed on the second floor, "Encore! Ivory Chess Treasures from the Jon Crumiller Collection" showcases a



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variety of chess sets made exclusively from ivory, currently a very controver-

dant who works on the third floor devoted to the exhibit, "Battle of the Board: Chess During World War II" says, "Part of what we do here at The Chess Hall of Fame is to connect chess with other aspects of culture. past, it's been through biographies. In the future, we'd like to focus on women."

One of the really fascinating features of the WWII exhibit is a small, hand-carved chess set created by First Lieutenant Harold Weachter of the U.S. Army Air Forces. He was a navigator held at Stalag I, a prisoner of war camp near Barth, Germany. During the 22 months that he was held captive, he meticulously carved the set only to have the Red Cross deliver numerous sets in the Christmas packages.

What does the museum have planned for the future? Emily Allred, the assistant curator of the museum and the person responsible for putting together this wonderful exhibit, when asked about the plans for future exhibits, smiled and said, "Women in Chess."

The World Chess Hall of Fame is located at 4652 Maryland Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63108. For more information, visit www.worldchesshof.org.



Jim Doyle visits the Hall of Fame

sial medium nicknamed "white gold" because of its monetary value.

Desiree Dixon, another gallery atten-

We explore different abstractions of chess. We always connect with history in some way. Now, it's WWII. In the





Tournament Life Announcements

OCTOBER 15 THROUGH DECEMBER 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 December 2015 (events to be held after December 14), the deadline for submitting your announcements is October 10th. The deadline for the February 2016 issue is December 10th. The processing fee is \$1.00 per line for the first eight lines, \$2.00 for every line thereafter. Send your announcements to Joan DuBois, tla@uschess. org.

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ABBREVIATIONS & TERMS

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

RI 7: Blitz rated.

UC: Quick Chess events

\$\$Gtd: Guaranteed prizes.

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

of \$501 or more must be awarded.

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

CC: Chess club.

dx: Time delay, x = number of seconds.

+XX: Time increment, xx = number of seconds added after ecach move.

EF: Entry fee.

Ent: Where to mail entries.

FIDE: Results submitted to FIDE for possible rating.

G/: Game in. For instance, G/75 means each side has 75 minutes for the entire game.

GPP: Grand Prix Points available

Hotel rates. For example, 60-65-70-75 means \$60 HR: single, \$65 twin, \$70/3 in room, \$75/4 in room.

JGP: Junior Grand Prix

Memb. Membership required; cost follows. Usually refers to req'd:

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

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

RBO: Rated Beginner's Open.

Rounds; scheduled game times follow. For example, 11-5, 9-3 means games begin 11 a.m. & 5 p.m. on the first day, 9 a.m. & 3 p.m. on the second day.

Reg: Registration at site

RR: Round robin (preceded by number of rounds).

SD/: Sudden-death time control (time for rest of game follows). For example, 30/90, SD/1 means each player must make 30 moves in 90 minutes, then complete the

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

Hnr: Unrated.

W: Site is accessible to wheelchairs.

Tournaments that will use a player's online rating.

NATIONALS

US Chess Junior Grand Prix! Oct. 23-24 (Fri & Sat), Pennsylvania 2015 U.S. Blind Chess Championship

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US Chess Junior Grand Prix! Nov. 13-15 or 14-15, Texas

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2015 U.S. Class Championships

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US Chess Junior Grand Prix! Dec. 4-6, Florida

2015 National K-12 Grade Championships
7SS, G/90 d5. Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, 1000 West Buena
Vista Dr., Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830. Guest rooms can be booked, NLT 11/6/2015, by calling (407) 939-4686, mention "US Chess" or online at www.mydisneymeetings.com/chess15/. **HR:** \$129 Single/Quad. Complimentary self-parking! Complimentary Orlando Airport (MCO) to Coronado Springs Resort (and return) transportation! Complimentary Wi-Fi in guest rooms and meeting rooms! 13 Sections. Play only in your grade section — No "playing up" allowed. November Rating Supplement will be used. Only 1/2-point bye available, any round except Round 7, if requested prior to the start of Rd. 1. Team score = total of top three (minimum two) finishers from each school per grade. First place individual and team, including ties, will be the National Champion for their grade. **Schedule:** Opening ceremony Fri. 12:30 PM. Rds.: Fri. 1 PM - 6 PM, Sat. 10 AM - 2 PM - 6 PM, Sun. 9 AM - 1 PM. Awards Ceremony Sun., approx. 5 PM. Special round times for K-1 sections: Fri. 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM, Sat. 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM, Sun. 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM. K-1 Awards Ceremony Sun. approx. 4:30 PM. **EF:** \$50/participant postmarked or online by 11/2, \$70 postmarked or online by 11/23, \$85 by 12/3, \$90 on site; \$5.00 extra for all phone registrations; \$20 fee for roster or section changes after 11/29 or any onsite changes. Onsite registration Thurs. 9 AM to 9 PM & Fri. 8 AM to 11 AM. Players who

register or change sections after 11AM on Friday will receive a 1/2point bye for Rd. 1. Awards: Trophies to top individuals & top teams in each grade. Every player receives a commemorative item! Full list of trophies on tournament info page. Side Events: Bughouse: Thurs. 11 AM, Reg. onsite only Thurs. 9 -10 AM, \$25/team. **Blitz:** K-6 and K-12, G/5 d0, Thurs. 5 PM, Reg. onsite until 4 PM. Blitz EF: \$15 by 11/23, \$20 after or at site. Blitz Awards: Trophies in K-6 and K-12 sections. Full list of trophies on tournament info page. Bughouse Awards: Top 5 Teams. Team Rooms are limited. Contact Susan Kantor at 931.787.1234 ext. 136 or by email: skantor@uschess.org. Questions: Susan Kantor at 931.787.1234 ext. 136. **Entries:** U.S. Chess Federation, Attn.: 2015 K-12 Championship, P.O. Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557 or online at https://secure2.uschess.org/webstore/tournament.php. See website for additional information about the event, advance entries, awards, meetings, updates, corrections, and registration forms, www.uschess.org/

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US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Oct. 16-18 or 17-18, California, Northern

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Plus Grand Prix Points: 10

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5SS, G/120 d5. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pitt., 5th & Bigelow, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. **\$\$**(2025 b/72, 2/3 gtd.) **3 Sections: Open:** \$500-250, U2000 \$125. **U1800:** \$300-150, U1600 \$125. **U1400:** \$300-150, U1200 \$125. Trophies to Top PA & Top PA Junior in each section. **Teams of 4 to 7** players from all sections: Trophies to top 3 schools & top 3 clubs. **EF:** \$40 by 10/9, \$50 later. PSCF req'd, OSA. **Reg.:** ends Sat. 9:30am. **Rds.:** Sat. 10-2:30-7, Sun. 10-2:30 **Info:** martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com, 412-908-0286. Ent: PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 25 Freeport St., Pittsburgh, PA

Oct. 25, California, Northern

Uct. 25, Janional 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. 1900-1: \$300-100-100, u2000 50-50. 1500-1889: \$200-100-50, u1600 50-50. u1500: \$200-100-50, u1200 50-50. Oct 15 Supp &TD disc.

Reg.: 8-8:45. Rds.: 9-11:45-2:40. **EF:** 47, Econ 32 w 1/2 prz. after 10/22 + 15, playup + 15, Rtd 2200+ \$0 by 10/15. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/ grandprix, W.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix! Oct. 31-Nov. 1, Texas

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 20 (Enhanced) Dallas Open

5SS, G/90 with 30 second increment. Dallas Chess Club, 200 S. Cottonwood Dr. Ste C, Richardson, TX 75080. **One Section \$\$2756.**: *Open*: This section is FIDE rated but uses US Chess Rules. Note that Foreign players must disclose their FIDE ID number before 1st round in order to play. Note that USA Players with no FTDE TD must disclose their email address \$\$ \$500-\$250-\$125. 'X' and U2000 prize(s) will be 40% of 'X' and U2000 entry fees respectively. EF: \$75, Senior/Hcap/Additional Family Member \$50, plus \$10 non-DCC membership fee if applicable. Registration: 9:45-10:15 am. Rds.: Sat 10:45-3:10-7:16, Sun 9:45-2:10. One Bye allowed if requested before the end of round 2, withdrawals and last round zero point byes are not eligible for prizes. **ENT:** Dallas Chess Club, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. Info: 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com www.dallaschess.com. FIDE.

Nov. 13-15 or 14-15, Texas

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 40 2015 U.S. Class Championships

US Chess Junior Grand Prix! Nov. 13-15 or 14-15, California, Northern

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 40 (Enhanced)
Bay Area Chess NTD Thomas Langland Championship

Hospa A rea cliess NID Homas Langiana unampionship 1639A S. Main St., Milipitas, 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 \$1.00 exc Open. Nov 15 Supp & TD disc. Reg. F 6-6:45p & 200. 6 m Hab 310 ex Open. 10 3 dpp d to 43. 1 neg. 1 o 4-3-p d 3 a 8:30-8:45a. **Rds.:** F 7 p, Sa 9 1:20, Su 10 2:30. (2-day Sa 9 11:10 & merge). **EF:** 89, Econ EF: 69 w 60% prz, after 11/9 +20. Playup +20. Rated 2250 + \$0 by 11/3 (prize - EF). **Info:** http://bayAreaChess.com/

US Chess Junior Grand Prix! Nov. 13-15 or 14-15, Florida

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 20

14th Annual Turkey Bowl

5SS, Open section G/90+30 sec. incr., All other sections but U1100 G/120 d5, U1100 section G/90 d5 (2-day Option all sections Rd. 1 G/60 d5). La Quinta Inn and Suites, 3701 N. University Dr., Coral Springs. \$\$7,300 b/200 paid entries, 60% min. Gtd. Open: \$800/Trophy-500-

Tournament Life

400, U2300 \$300, U2200/Unr. \$200. FIDE. U2050:\$700/Trophy-400-300, U1950 \$200-100. **U1750**: \$700/Trophy-400-300, U1650 \$200-100. **U1450**: \$600/Trophy-350-250, U1350 \$200-100. **U1100**: Trophies for 1st to 3rd, 1st U900, 1st U700, Medals to all others. Top Senior Prize (among all cash prize sections, must be at least 55 on November 13): \$200. Unr. may enter Open, U1450 or U1100 only. **EF:** \$79 by November 10, \$10 more later and on-site, GMs & IMs free (\$79 deducted from prize). U1100 section \$39 by November 10, \$10 more later and on-site. Re-entry cash prize sections \$40. Reg.: Ends 1/2 hr before 1st rd. Rds.: **3-Day** 1st Rd. Fri. 7:30; **2-Day** 1st Rd. Sat 10; 2nd Rd. Sat. 1:15; 3rd Rd. **all sections but U1100** 6:30, 3rd Rd. **U1100** 5:45; 4th Rd. Sun. 9:30; 5th Rd. **all sections but U1100** 2:30, 5th Rd. **U1100** 1:45, 2 1/2 pt. byes, if req'd before rd. 2. **HR:** \$85 by Cut-off Date, Includes free breakfast & Internet, 954-753-9000, Ext. 6. Ent. Boca Raton Chess Club, 2385 Executive Ctr. Dr., Ste. 100, Boca Raton, FL 33431. \$10 service charge for refunds. Online entry & add'l info: www.bocachess.com, 561-479-0351

Nov. 22, 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, u1200 50-50. Nov 15 Supp &TD disc. Reg.: 8-8:45. Rds.: 9-11:45-2:40. **EF:** 47, Econ 32 w 1/2 prz. after 11/19 +15, playup +15, Rtd 2200+ \$0 by 11/12. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/

A State Championship Event! Nov. 22, Pennsylvania

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 6 2015 PA State Game/15 Championship (QC)

7SS, G/15 d3. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pitt., 5th & Bigelow, Pittsburgh PA 15213. **2 Sections: Champ:** EF: \$25 by 11/14, \$35 later. \$\$ (690G): \$200-100, U2000 \$90, U1800 \$80, U1600 \$70, U1400 \$60, U1200 \$50, 1000 \$40. Trophies: Top 3 U1400, Top 3 U1200, Top 3 U1000. **Scholastic:**Grades K-12 unrated or U900. EF: \$15 by 11/14, \$25 later. Trophies to
Top 7, Top 3 U600. **ALL:** Trophies: Top 2 Schools, Top 2 Clubs. PSCF \$5, OSA. Reg.: 11-11:30am. Rds.: 12-12:45-1:30-2:15-3-3:45-4:30. Ent/Info: PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 25 Freeport St., Pittsburgh, PA 15223-2245, 412-908-0286, W.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix! Nov. 26-29 or 27-29, Texas

rand Prix Points: 20 (Enhanced) 2015 DCC Fide Open XIII

27SS, 6/90 with 30 sec inc. Dallas Chess Club, 200 S Cottonwood Dr. #C, Richardson, TX 75080. **Two sections:** Open and Reserve. Two Schedules, 4 day or 3 day. Open Section \$\$875G. FIDE and US Chess rated but uses FIDE rules. Use US Chess ratings and rules 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. **Open:** \$500-\$250-\$125. **EF:** \$80, Senior/Hcap/Additional Family Member \$55. Small appearance fee to the First three GM/IM's who apply. GM/IM must play all rounds to get appearance fee. Reserve: Open to US Chess U2000. 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:** Registration: **4 day** 4:45 - 5:30 on Thurs 11/26. Rds.: Thurs 6 pm, Friday 2:30 pm, 7:00 pm, Sat 11am -4:30pm, Sun 9:00am-2pm. Reg **3 day** on Friday 9 am - 9:30 am, Rd. 1 at 10 am then merge with 4 day. Two half point Bye allowed if requested before end of round rd. 2 and before getting full point bye, but half point byes for both rounds 6 AND 7 is not allowed. Withdrawals and zero point last round byes are not eligible for prizes. **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.

Dec. 12. Connecticut

Frophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 6

2015 Greater New Haven Open!

at Foote School, **\$\$1000 Prize Fund b/30. Open, U1700:** 4/SS, G/60 d5. Rds.: 9-11-1:30-3:30, Rds. 1 & 2 accl'rtd pairings if necessary. **U1200, U1000, U800/UNR:** 5SS, G/30 d5, Rds.: 10am then ASAP **Prizes:** Open: \$300 + trophy, \$200, \$100, \$100, 2 x \$50. U1700 \$100 + trophy, \$50, \$50 b/30. Trophies to top 5 U1200, U1000, U800/Unrated, top 3 school teams. **EF:** \$40 Online, \$50 by 12/4, \$80 on site. **Reg.:** 8:30-9:30 or EF to: Educational Technologies, 343 Beach St. #404, West Haven, CT. 06516. Online EF www.edutechchess.com or www.CTChess.com

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Dec. 12-13, Texas

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

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. 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/Birthday during tournament/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.: 12/12 from 9:45–10:15am. **Rds.:** Sat 10:45 am-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 eliqible 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.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Dec. 19-21, Texas

hies Plus Grand Prix Points: 50 (Enhanced) 2015 Dallas Absolute

5SS, G/90 with 30 sec increment. Dallas Chess Club, 200 S. Cottonwood Dr. #C, Richardson, TX 75080. FIDE and US Chess rated but uses FIDE rules. Use US Chess ratings and rules for awarding prizes. Note that Foreign players must disclose their FIDE ID number before 1st round in order to play Note that USA Players with no ETDE TD must disclose their email address. Default late forfeiture time is one hour. TD may extend this time at TD's discretion. **EF:** US Chess +2400 \$90, US Chess 2200-2400(or if you ever been rated 2200 US Chess) \$105, Fide rated 2000 and above is \$120, U2200 US Chess/U2000Fide \$150. US Chess Membership Required. Dallas Chess Club membership required, but players can pay a \$10 tournament membership. Note that highest finishing Dallas Chess Club member is Club Champion. **\$\$b/25:** 70% Guaranteed. \$1600-800-400-200. U2400 \$500. **Reg.:** 12/19: 11:00am-12:01 pm. **Rds.:** 12/19 12:30pm, 5:30 pm. 12/20: 11am, 4:30 pm. 12/21 9:30 am. 1 bye if requested before end of round 2. Players who withdraw or take a last round zero point bye are ineligible for prizes. ENT: Make/mail Checks payable to Dallas Chess Club, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX, 76036-4719. **INFO:** Barb Swafford, 214-632-9000 info@dallaschess.com, www.dallaschess.com. FIDE.

Dec. 30-31, Texas

rophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 (Enhanced) DCC New Year's Eve INSANITY

10 Rd. 2-SS (Play white and black against each opponent) G/30 d5. Dallas Chess Club, 200 S. Cottonwood Dr, #C, Richardson, TX 75080. EF: \$40. \$25 Junior/Senior/Hcap. Limited number of House players welcome for \$1 per game. Dallas Chess Club membership required or pay \$10 non member fee. **\$\$GTD:** \$200-100. Class prizes (if any) depend on entries. **Reg.:** 12/30 at 5pm - 5:45 pm. **Rds.:** Round 1 at 6:05 pm rest ASAP with hour breaks at around 12:30 am, 7:30 am and 12:30 pm. 4 points of 1/2 point Byes allowed. Byes for round 9 and 10 must be requested before round 6. **ENT:** Dallas Chess Club, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. **INFO:** Barbara Swafford, 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com. www.dallaschess.com.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Jan. 8-10 or 9-10, Florida Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 60 (Enhanced)

2nd Gulf Coast New Year's Open (In Memory of Eric Rosenthal) 5SS, Open section G/90+30 sec incr., All sections but U1100 G/120 d5, U1100 section G/90 d5 (2-day Option all sections Rd. 1 G/60 d5). Holiday Inn Fort Myers Airport at Town Center, 9931 Interstate Commerce Dr., Fort Myers. **\$\$15,000** b/200 paid entries, 50% min. Gtd. **Open:** \$2000/Trophy-1200-1000, U2400 \$600, U2300 \$500, U2200/Unr. \$400. FIDE. U2050:\$1100/Trophy-700-600, U1950 \$500-300. U1750:\$1100/ Trophy-700-600, U1650 \$500-300. U1450: \$1000/Trophy-600-500, U1350/Unr. \$400-200. **U1100:** Trophies for 1st to 3rd & 1st U900, 1st U700, Medals to all others. **Top Senior Prize** (among all cash prize sections, must be at least 55 on Jan. 8) \$200. Unr. may enter Open, U1450 or U1100 only. Unr. only eligible for Unr. Prizes in Open & U1450. EF: \$99 by Jan. 5, \$10 more later and on-site, GMs & IMs free (\$99 deducted from prize). U1100 section \$39 by Jan. 5, \$10 more later and onsite. Re-entry cash prize sections \$49. Reg.: Ends 1/2 hr before 1st rd. Rds.: 3-Day 1st Rd. Fri. 7:30; 2-Day 1st Rd. Sat 10; 2nd Rd. Sat. 1:15; 3rd Rd. all sections but U1100 6:30, 3rd Rd. U1100 5:45; 4th Sun. 9:30; 5th Rd. all sections but U1100 2:30, 5th Rd. U1100 1:45. With incr. Open section start times could be delayed. 2 1/2 pt. byes, if req'd before rd. 2. **Blitz Tourn:** G/5 d0, Sunday at 8:00 p.m.; EF \$15 for those in main tourn., \$25 for all others. **HR:** \$99, \$109 with breakfast, reserve by 12/20 or rate may increase, includes free Internet, refrigerator & microwave, free airport shuttle, free parking for all, 239-561-1550. Ent: Boca Raton Chess Club, 2385 Executive Ctr. Dr., Ste. 100, Boca Raton, FL 33431. \$10 service charge for refunds. Online entry & add'l info: www.bocachess.com, 561-479-0351.

IIS Chess Junior Grand Prix! Jan. 9-10, Texas

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 20 (Enhanced)

2016 DCC Fide Open I

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. 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/Birthday during tournament/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.: 1/9 from

9:45-10:15am. Rds.: Sat 10:45 am-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.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Jan. 16-18, Texas

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 50 (Enhanced) Texas Masters

5SS, G/90 inc/30. Dallas Chess Club, 200 S. Cottonwood Dr. #C, Richardson, TX 75080. FIDE and US Chess rated but uses FIDE rules. Will use US Chess ratings and rules for awarding prizes. Default late forfeiture time is one hour. TD may extend this time at TD's discretion. **EF:** US Chess $\pm 2400 \$90$, US Chess $\pm 2200 \$2400$ (or if you ever been rated 2200 US Chess) \$105, Fide rated 2000 and above is \$140, U2200US Chess/U2000Fide \$175. US Chess Membership Required. **\$\$b/25**: 70% Guaranteed. \$1600-800-400-200. U2400 \$500. Reg.: 1/16: 10:00-10:55 am. Rds.: Sat 11:30am, 5 pm; Sun 11:30am, 5 pm; Mon 10 am. One bye if requested before end of round 2 and before given a full point bye or forfeit win. Players who withdraw or take a last round zero point bye are ineligible for prizes. **ENT:** Make/mail Checks payable to Dallas Chess Club, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036-4719. INFO: Barb Swafford, 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com,

REGIONAL California, Northern

Oct. 11, 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 10/8. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Oct. 11, Fremont DuperSwiss75

Courtyard Marriott, Fremont, CA 94538. 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 10/9 +15, playup +15, Rtd 2200+ \$0 by 10/1. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/

Oct. 16-18 or 17-18, Bay Area Chess GM Samuel Shankland Cham-See Grand Prix.

Oct. 18, Bay Area Cupertino Quads (PK-12; 3XG/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. Sched: Reqrd. Check-in 1:30-2p. Games: 2:30-5p. EF: 27, 42 after 10/15. Info: http://BavAreaChess.com/signature, W.

Oct. 18, Bay Area Cupertino Swiss

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 10/15. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Oct. 24. Chess4Less Kids Quads (PK-12: 4SS, G/30 d5)

New Location: 2050 Concord Drive #42, San Jose, CA 95131. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. Sched: New Time: Required Check-in 12:30-1p. Games: 1-4p. EF: 22, 37 after 10/21 Info: BayAreaChess.com/signature.

Oct. 25, 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:** Required check-in 1:30-2p. Games: 2:30-5p. Entry Fee: 27, 37 after 10/22. Information/website: BayAreaChess.com/signature.W.

Oct. 25. 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, 42 after 10.22. **Information/website:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Oct. 25, Chess4Less Kids Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5) 1639A South Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Trophies** to players w +

score & all teams. Sched NEW Time: Reg 9-9:15a. Games: 9:30a -1:30p. EF: 22, 37 after 10/22. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature.

Oct. 25, Cupertino Grand Prix DuperSwiss75 (3SS, G/75 d5)

Oct. 31, Chess4Less Kids Quads (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5) - Halloween Special

New Location: 2050 Concord Drive #42, San Jose, CA 95131. Trophies: Players w/plus score. Sched: New Time: Required Check-in 12:30-1p. Games: 1-4p. EF: 22, 37 after 10/28 Info: BayAreaChess.com/signature.

Nov. 1, Bay Area Chess Luper Swiss (3SS, G/90 d5) 1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Prizes:** \$1,500 b/55. 60% guar. 1900+: \$300-100-50, u2100 75-50. 1500-1899: \$200-100-50, u1700 75 50. **u1500:** \$200-100-50, u1250 50-50. Nov 15 Supp & TD disc. Reg.: 9-9:15. Rds.: 9:30 1 4:30. **EF:** 43, Ecn 29 w 1/2 prz. after 10/28 +15, playup +15, Rtd 2200+ \$0 by 10/20. Info: BayAreaChess.com/grandprix

Nov. 1, Bay Area Cupertino Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5) Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. Trophies: Players w/plus score. Sched: Regrd. Check-in 1:30-2p. Games: 2:30-5p. EF: 27, 42 after 10/29. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Nov. 1, 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 10/29. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Nov. 7. Weibel Fall Scholastic Chess Quads #2

Weibel Elementary School, 45135 S. Grimmer Blvd., Fremont, CA. Two Sections: U900 G/30 d0; Over 900 G/45 d5. Info & Entry Form at: www.CalNorthYouthChess.org/Applications/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.

Nov. 8, 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 11/6. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Nov. 8. 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 11/6. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Nov. 13-15 or 14-15, Bay Area Chess NTD Thomas Langland Championship

See Grand Prix.

Nov. 14, Sacramento Chess4Less Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5) Courtyard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. **Trophies:** Players w/plus score. **Sched:** Regrd. Check-in 1:30-2p. **Games:** 2:30-5p. **EF:** 22, 37 after 11/11. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Nov. 14, 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. Nov 15 Supp & TD disc. Reg.: 9-9:15. Rds.: 9:30 12:50 4:15. $\bf EF$: 43, Econ 29 1/2 prz., after 11/11 +15, playup +15, Rated 2200+ $\bf \$0$ by 11/4. Information: http://BayAreaChess.com/grandprix. W.

Nov. 15, Bay Area Cupertino Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5) Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. Trophies: Players w/plus score. Sched: Reqrd. Check-in 1:30-2p. Games: 2:30-5p. EF: 27, 42 after 11/13. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Nov. 15, Bay Area Cupertino Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5) Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies** to players w + score & all teams. **Sched:** Reg. 9:30-9:45a. **Games:** 10a - 1:30p. **EF:** 34, 49 after 11/13. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Nov. 21. Chess4Less Kids Quads (PK-12: 4SS, G/30 d5) New Location: 2050 Concord Drive #42, San Jose, CA 95131, Trophies: Players w/plus score. Sched: New Time: Required Check-in 12:30-1p. Games: 1-4p. EF: 22, 37 after 11/18 Info: BayAreaChess.com/signature.

Nov. 22, Chess4Less Kids Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5) 1639A South Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Trophies** to players w + score & all teams. **Sched NEW Time:** Reg. 9-9:15a. **Games:** 9:30a - 1:30p. **EF:** 22, 37 after 11/19. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature.

Nov. 22, Cupertino Grand Prix DuperSwiss75 (3SS, G/75 d5)

Dec. 12, Weibel Fall Scholastic Chess Quads #3

Weibel Elementary School, 45135 S. Grimmer Blvd., Fremont, CA. Two Sections: U900 G/30 d0; Over 900 G/45 d5. Info & Entry Form at: www.CalNorthYouthChess.org/Applications/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.

Jan. 15-18, 16-18 or 17-18, 7th annual Golden State Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Feb. 27 or 27-28, 11th SPF Nationwide Open for Girls and Boys 6SS, G/60 d5. Official Qualifier for the SPF Girls' Invitational & FIDE World Youth 2016. MAIN EVENT: San Mateo Event Center, 1346 Saratoga Dr., San Mateo. Free Parking. \$100,000+ in prizes (lots of trophies, chess prizes & scholarships). \$1,000 Triple Crown Bonus! — All details on www.SPFNO.com. CHAMPIONSHIP SECTIONS: U8, U10, U12, U14, U16/18 in separate sections for Girls and Boys. **TIME CONTROLS**: All games will be G/60 d5. **ROUND TIMES**: Sat & Sun 9am, 11:30am, 2:30pm. EF: \$39 UNTIL 12/1, \$59 until 1/20, \$69 until 2/20, \$89 after. Unrated Reserve Sections: K-2 < 500 or UNR / 3-6 < 800 or UNR Rds. 2/27: 9, 10:30, 1, 3:30 & 5. **Reserve Sections Time Control:** G/25 d5 EF: \$29 UNTIL 2/20, \$49 after. ADDITIONAL EVENTS: Q & A and 25 board Simul against GM Susan Polgar 2/26 6:30pm (venue TBA) EF \$29 UNTIL 12/1, \$49 after. 2/27- Puzzle Solving Championship (one section) 5-5:30pm. EF \$19 UNTIL 12/1, \$29 until 2/20, \$39 after. **Blitz Championship. G/5+0** starts at 5:45pm. EF \$19 UNTIL 12/1, \$29 until 2/20, \$39 after. US Chess Membership required for all championship sections & blitz. January 2016 Supplement used. TD discretion to place players accurately. HOTEL: Special Room Rate. Sofitel San Francisco Bay, 223 Twin Dolphin Dr., Redwood City. Call (650) 598-9000 for reservations. **ORGANIZER:** Chris Torres chesslessons@aol.com **Or mail to:** TCAMA 16691 Colonial Trail, Lathrop, CA 95330. More Info & Flyer or Register Online: www.SPFNO.com.

NOTE: Players who qualify for the World Youth Championship but represent a FIDE Academy are not included in the official US Chess Federation Delegation.

California, Southern

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Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, LACC - Every Saturday Chess 4 JRS

4 separate events- 5SS, G/30 d0. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd. & Butler LA, 90025, 2nd fl. 4 blocks West of 405. EF: \$30 (\$20 LACC memb, No prize 1/2, siblings 1/2, Free new LACC members), Req.: 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 Mick@LAChessClub.com.

Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, LACC - Every Sunday Chess 4 JRS 4 separate events- 5SS, G/30 d0. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd. & Butler LA, 90025, 2nd fl. 4 blocks West of 405. EF: \$30 (\$20 LACC memb, No prize 1/2, siblings 1/2, Free new LACC members). **Reg.:** 12-1 pm. **Rds.:** 1pm & asap; done by 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 Mick@LAChessClub.com.

Oct. 24-25, LACC - Chess Camp & Tournament

3 Sections: >1000, <1000, <500. EF: 2 days \$199; 1 day \$100; second child 1/2, 25% off new LACC members. \$10 off if preregistered for 2 days by 10/23; \$5 for 1 day. Reg.: Sat 9-10 am; Register online for a free gift. **Schedule: Day 1 (Beginner/ Intermediate):** 12-1: Tactics I; 1-2: Tourney (Rd. 1, G/30 d0); 2-2:30: Pizza & juice break (free); 2:30-3:30: Tourney (Rd. 2, G/30 d0); 3:30-4:30: Tourney Rd. 3, G/30 d0); 4:30-5:30: Analyzing games. **Schedule: Day 2 (Intermediate/Advanced):** 12-1: Tactics II; 1-2: Tourney (Rd. 4, G/30 d0); 2-2:30: Pizza & juice break (free); 2:30-3:30: Tourney (Rd. 5, G/30 d0); 3:30-4:30: Tourney Rd. 6, G/30 d0; 4:30-5:30: Analyzing games. **Ent:** LACC, Box 251774, LA, CA 90025. **Prizes:** Certificate of Completion and an advance chess book! **Info:** Mick Bighamian: (310) 795-5710; Mick@LAChessClub. com or www.LAChessClub.com. Parking: Free in basement.

Connecticut

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

Dec. 12, 2015 Greater New Haven Open!

Florida

South Florida Grand Prix Series at Glades Middle

This is the former Epicure Grand Prix that took place at Miami Country Day. Scholastic and Non-Scholastic sections. More information at website: ww.bocachess.com or call 561-479-0351.

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

Dec. 4-6, 2015 National K-12 Grade Championships

Jan. 8-10 or 9-10, 2nd Gulf Coast New Year's Open (In Memory of Eric Rosenthal)

See Grand Prix.

Georgia

Dec. 30, Georgia Chess Festival Scholastic4-SS, G/30 d5. Interactive College of Technology, 5227 New Peachtree

Rd., Chamblee, GA 30341. In 3 sections: Middle School: K-8, Elementary: K-6, and Primary: K-3. **Entry Fee:** \$23 if received by 12/28; \$28 at site. Trophies to top 5, top girl, top unrated, top team of 3 same school. Medals to every participant who doesn't get a trophy. **Registration**: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. **Rounds**: 1st at 11 a.m., then as soon as possible. Awards right after last round is completed. Should be over by 6:00 p.m. **Special:** A master or expert will be on hand for FREE analysis. **Info:** americanchesspromotions.com or (478)-973-9389. **Enter:** American Chess Promotions, 3055 General Lee Rd., Macon, GA 31204 or preferred Register Online.

Illinois

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

Kentucky

Nov. 21-22, 11th SPF World Open for Girls and Boys in Memory of Steve Dillard

\$100,000 + in prizes (lots of trophies, chess prizes & scholarships) All details on www.SPFWO.com. 6SS, G/45 d5. The Brown Hotel, Louisville. uetains on www.sryrwo.com; 0.53, 0.749 US. The Brown Florier, Louisville, 355 West Broadway, Louisville, KY 40202. H0TEL: Special Room Rate \$129. 335 W. Broadway, Louisville, KY. Call (502) 583-1234 for reservations. EF: \$39 UNTIL 9/30, \$59 until 10/15, \$69 until 11/16, \$89 after. Prizes: Top Boy and Top Girl will receive a Scholarship to Webster University! Rds.: Sat & Sun 9am, 11:30am, 2:30pm. ENT: Chess Performance #187, 9462 BROWNSBORO RD., Louisville, KY 502-240-9325. INFO: Organizer - Ryan Velez 502-240-9325, chessperformance@gmail.com. www.SPFWO.com. Chief TD - Frank Niro.

Marvland

Maryland Chess Association Tournaments

MCA runs scholastic tournaments (almost every other

Saturday from mid-September to late May) & open tournaments (usually 10+ annually) throughout Mary-land. Listings & online registration at www.MDChess. org. Maryland scholastic players who compete in the Varsity section (which has a floor of 1600) of a Maryland-Sweet-16 Qualifier can qualify for the \$44,000 scholarship to UMBC (University of Maryland, Baltimore County) awarded each year.

Massachusetts

Oct. 18, 82nd Greater Boston Open See Chess Life or www.MassChess.org.

Dec. 6, Harry Nelson Pillsbury Memorial See Chess Life or www.MassC

Jan. 8-10 or 9-10. 4th annual Boston Chess Congress See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Nevada

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

New Jersev

Oct. 17, Princeton Charter School

Princeton Charter School at: 100 Bunn Dr., Princeton, NJ 08540. TIME CONTROL: G/30 d0 Swiss 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/PCSChessProgram.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. 18, Westfield Fall Scholastic

Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, NJ 07090. K-12. **3 Sections:** Open, U1250, U750. **Open:** 3-SS. G/40 d5 Rounds: 2:00, 3:45, 5:30 p.m. **U1250 & U750**: 4-SS. G/25 d5. Rounds: 2:00, 3:15, 4:30, 5:45 p.m. **EF:** \$25, \$20 members. Prizes: Trophies to Top 5 in each section. Tiebreaks used. See US Chess Rule 34E, Register: 1:15-2:00 p.m. Information: John Moldovan: westfieldchessclub@gmail.com, Bill Cohen: 732-548-8432 or 848-219-1358, www.westfieldchessclub.com and westfieldchessclub. blogspot.com

Oct. 24, King's Chess Club Quads

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

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

Nov. 21, Princeton Charter School

Princeton Charter School at: 100 Bunn Dr., Princeton, NJ 08540, TIME CONTROL: G/30 d0 Swiss 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/PCSChessProgram.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!

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. **Reg**ister online at: www.njscf.org until 11/20.

Dec. 12. Princeton Charter School

Princeton Charter School at: 100 Bunn Dr., Princeton, NJ 08540. TIME CONTROL: G/30 d0 Swiss 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

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before: www.ChessKidsNY.com/PCSChessProgram.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!

New York

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

Dec. 26-28 or 27-28, 34th annual Empire City Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

A Heritage Event! US Chess Junior Grand Prix! A State Championship Event!

Mar. 12-13, 49th annual New York State Scholastic Championships (out of state welcome)

6SS, G/60 d10 (Reserve & Intermediate sections, rds 1-3 G/30, d10 then rds. 4-6 G/60 d10), open to grades K-12; top NYS player & team in each section are NY champions. In 10 sections. **HS & JHS Champi**each section are nv champions. In 10 sections. In 3 and championships at Courtyard by Marriott, 11 Excelsior Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (2/5 mile from Saratoga Hilton). Other sections at Saratoga Hilton, 534 Broadway (1-87 Exit 13-IV, 4 miles north on US 9), Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Team prizes based on top 4 scores from same school; no combined school teams allowed even if one school "feeds" another. Teams of 2 or 3 players allowed, but are at a disadvantage.

Online entry fee at chessaction.com, all sections: \$44 by 2/19, \$54
2/20-3/5, \$60 3/6 to 3/11. Entry fee at site, all sections: \$70. High
School, open to grades K-12 born after 9/1/96. EF \$48.20 mailed by
2/19. Top NYS grade 9-12 qualifies for Denker Tournament of HS Champions, top NYS grade K-12 girl qualifies for National Girls Invitational. **High School Reserve,** open to K-12 under 1200 or unrated. EF \$48 mailed by 2/19. **Junior High,** open to all in grades K-9 . EF \$47.90 mailed by 2/19. Top NYS grade K-8 born after 9/1/00 qualifies for Barber tournament of K-8 Champions. **Middle School Reserve**, open to K-8 under 1000 or unrated. EF \$47.80 mailed by 2/19. **Elementary**, open to all in grades K-6. EF \$47.60 mailed by 2/19. **Elementary Inter**mediate, open to grades K-6 under 1200 or unrated. EF \$47.50 mailed by 2/19. Elementary Reserve, open to grades K-5 under 800 or unrated. EF \$47.40 milated by 2/19. Primary, open to grades K-3. EF \$47.30 mailed by 2/19. Primary, open to grades K-3. EF \$47.30 mailed by 2/19. Primary Reserve, open to grades K-3 under 600 or unrated. EF: \$47.20 mailed by 2/19. K-1, open to grades K-1. EF \$47.10 mailed by 2/19. Postmarked 2/20-3/2: All EF \$10 more. Do not mail of the 2/20 Second Law 18 of the 2/20 Sec entry after 3/2. **Special 1 year US Chess dues** with magazine if paid with entry. Online at chessaction.com, Young Adult \$22, Scholastic \$15. Mailed or paid at site, Young Adult \$25, Scholastic \$17. Trophies to top 15 players and top 7 teams each section, top 3 unrated in K-1 and each Reserve section, and top U1600, U1400, U1200 (HS), U900, U700 (HS Reserve Section, and top Journ, ULPOW, ULPOW (187), 2000, DVM, UTOW (1870), Reserve & Elem Intermediate), ULPOW, ULPOW, ULDOW (JUDOW, ULPOW, U entry from another event. **Schedule:** Reg. ends Sat 10 am, **Championship** rds. Sat 11, 2, 5, Sun 9, 12, 3, **Reserve & Intermediate** rds. Sat 11, 130, 3:30, Sun 9, 12, 3. **Awards** 5:30 pm. **Half point byes** Ok all, limit 2, must commit before rd 2. **HR:** \$129-129 at either hotel, Courtyard 866-210-9325, Hilton 888-999-4711, 518-584-4000, two nights minimum, reserve by 2/6 or rate may increase; hotels often sell out a few months before the deadline. Free parking at Courtyard; free parking for overnight guests at Hilton. 7 days notice required for room cancellation. **Special car rentals:** Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD #657633. **Online entry:** www.chessaction.com. **Mail entry**: Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Sal-isbury Mills, NY 12577. Include name, rating, US Chess ID, US Chess expiration (non-members enclose dues), section, school, grade, birth date, address of each player. Checks payable to Continental Chess. \$15 per player service charge for refunds. \$10 extra to switch sections, all substitutions from advance list charged \$70. **Questions**: DirectorAtChess.US (At = @)), 347-201-2260. **Bring set, board, clock** if possible-none supplied. **March official ratings used** (except unoffical web ratings usually used if otherwise unrated). TD reserves right to assign estimated rating to players with non-US Chess ratings.

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

See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

A State Championship Event! Nov. 21, 2015 Ohio Grade Level Championships

5SS, 13 separate Sections. Open to students enrolled in Ohio schools in grades K-12 or home schooled in Ohio, age 19 and under. **Sheraton**

Cleveland Airport Hotel, 5300 Riverside Dr., Cleveland, OH 44135. EF: \$30 if received by Nov 16 \$35 after. Low income students \$10 by Nov 16 \$15 after. **No on-site registrations. Awards:** Trophies to all scoring 3.5 or more, top three teams each section. Medals to all in sections K-8. See website for full details. **Contact:** Mike Joelson, 216-321-7000, email: mdjoelson@progresswithchess.org Info/Forms: www.progresswithchess.org

Pennsylvania

Oct. 17-18, 2015 Ira Lee Riddle Memorial PA State Championship See Grand Prix.

A State Championship Event!

Oct. 18, PA State Championship Scholastics
5SS, 6/40 d5. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow
Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15213. 2 Sections, open to grades K-12: Premier:
U1100 & unr. in grades 8-12. Reserve: U700 & unr. in grades K-7. All: Trophies to top 7 in each section. Teams of 4 to 7 players from all

sections: Trophies to top 3 schools & top 3 clubs, EF: \$15 by 10/9, \$25 later. PSCF req'd, OSA. Reg.: ends 9:30 am. Rds.: 10-Noon-1:30-3-5. Info: martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com, 412-908-0286. Ent: PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 25 Freeport St., Pittsburgh, PA 15223.

Oct. 23-24 (Fri & Sat), 2015 U.S. Blind Chess Championship

Nov. 15, PCL November 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.

Nov. 22, 2015 PA State Game/15 Championship (QC) See Grand Prix.

Nov. 27-29 or 28-29, 46th annual National Chess Congress See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

Dec. 6, PCL December Quick Quads (QC)

3RR, G/15 d3. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow 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.

Jan. 15-18, 16-18 or 17-18, 48th annual Liberty Bell Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Texas

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

A State Championship Event!
Oct. 23-25, 19th Annual Texas Grade and Collegiate Championships

Houston Marriott South Hobby Airport, 9100 Gulf Freeway, Houston, TX 77017. HR: \$92/\$92/\$92/\$92,713-943-7979. Mention chess to get rate. Or register online at www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/groupcorporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData = Texas%20Grade%20and%2 0Collegiate%20Chess%20Championships%20 ^ houhh%60DCCDCCA%609 2.00%60USD%60true%6010/21/15%6010/28/15%6010/2/15&app=resv link&stop_mobi=yes (link is also on tournament website www.dal-laschess.com). Breakfast for up to two adults and two children is included in rate. Reserve by Oct 2 or rate may not be honored. **Collegiate**: Oct 23 or 24 - 25. 5SS, G/90, with 30 sec inc. Collegiate is open to any college player. Only Texas players/Colleges can be be Texas Collegiate. Champs. **\$\$** \$400-\$200-\$100, 1st '1600-1800' \$200, 1st '1200-1599' \$200, 1st U1200 \$200, Unrated eligible for U1200 prize or 1st -3rd overall only. Plaques to top 5 Individuals, Plaques to top 5 Teams (top four players added for team scores, no more than 2 teams per school. **EF:** \$49 by 10/10/15, \$69 thereafter. Do not mail after 10/17 as your entry may not be received in time. **Reg.**: 3 day: Fri 10/23 from 6:00 pm-6:30 pm. **Rds.**: Rd 1 at 10/23 at 6:45 pm. Sat 1:45pm-5:45pm. Sun. 9 am and 1:45 pm. 2day: Reg. 10/24 8:00 -8:30 am. Rd 1 at 9 am then merge with 3 day. One 1/2 pt bye available, any round, if requested before end of rd. 2 and if player has not received a full point bye. Team pairings will be turn off for later rounds, probably for round 3. Fide rated and US Chess rated and uses Fide Rules. US Chess ratings/rules will be used for pairings and prizes. Default late forfeiture time is one hour. TD may extend this time at TD's discretion. 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. Online registration and team room information on website at address. Online registration and team room information on website www.dallaschess.com. FIDE. **Grades 7-12**: Oct 23-25. SSS, *G*/90 with 5 sec delay. **Each grade is Open to TX residents or players attending T24** sections may be merged with a bigger 7-12 section. Trophies to top 10 ind. & top 5 teams (top three players added for team scores, no more than 2 teams per school in each grade.) EF: \$35 if postmarked by 10/10/15, \$59 thereafter or on site. . Do not mail after 10/17 as your entry may not be received in time. **Schedule: Reg:** Fri 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm. Rds: Fri 6:45pm, Sat 9 am -1:45pm, Sun. 9 am -1:45 pm. Two 1/2 pt byes available as long as one of the byes is for round 1, else only one bye available. Byes must be requested before end of rd. 2 and before getting a full point bye. Team pairings may be turn off for later rounds. Players may also register on 10/24 from 8 - 8:30 am. These players would get 1/2 point bye for round 1. **Grades K-6**: Oct 23-25. 6SS. Rds. G/60 d5. Each grade is Open to TX residents or players attending **Texas schools.** Players must play in their own grade. Trophies to top 10 ind. & top 5 teams (top three players added for team scores, no more than 2 teams per school in each grade.) Reg: Fri. 10/23 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm. **RDS:** Fri 10/23 6:45 pm. Saturday 9:30am-1:00pm-3:45pm. Sun rds 10 am-1:15 pm. **ALL: EF:** \$35 if postmarked by 10/10 \$59 thereafter or at site. Do not mail after 10/17 as your entry may not be received in time. Two 1/2 pt byes available as long as one of the byes is for round 1, else only one bye available. Byes must be requested before end of rd. 2 and before getting a full point bye. Team pairings may be turn off for later rounds. Players may also register on 10/24 from 8 -8:45 am. These players would get 1/2 point bye for round 1. **All: Entries to:** Dallas Chess Club, c/o Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. Entry must include Name, US Chess ID (or new/pending), grade & school and school location. Incomplete entries will be charged at site entry fee. No refunds after 10/21. Email: info@dallaschess.com 214-632-9000. Do not call after 10/21 as we are traveling. Online registration and team room information on website at www.dallaschess.com. **Side events:** See website for side event information. All Side events will be on Saturday. W. (FIDE for Collegiate section)

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Oct. 31-Nov. 1, Dallas Amateur and Novice

5SS, G/90 with 30 second increment. Dallas CC, 200 S. Cottonwood Dr. Ste C, Richardson, TX 75080. EF: \$30 (\$25 Jr/Sr/Hcap), plus \$10 non-DCC mbr fee if applicable. \$\$ Prizes based on entries 60 % returned. Amateur: Open to U2000. Novice: Open to U1400 and unrated. **Reg.**: 9:45-10:15am. **Rds.:** 10:45-3:10-7:16, 9:45-2:10. One half-point bye if requested before rd 2 (and if requested before receiving a full point bye). 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. **Ent:** Dallas Chess Club, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. Info: 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.

Oct. 31-Nov. 1, Dallas Open

Nov. 13-15 or 14-15, 2015 U.S. Class Championships

Nov. 26-29 or 27-29, 2015 DCC Fide Open XIII See Grand Prix

Dec. 12-13, 2015 DCC Fide Open XIV

Dec. 19-21, 2015 Dallas Absolute See Grand Prix.

Dec. 30-31, DCC New Year's Eve INSANITY See Grand Prix

Jan. 9-10, 2016 DCC Fide Open I See Grand Prix

Jan. 16-18, Texas Masters

See Grand Prix.

Feb. 11-15, 12-15, 13-15 or 14-15, 7th annual Southwest Class Championships See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Virginia

Feb. 26-28 or 27-28, George Washington Open

See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Wisconsin

US Chess Junior Grand Prix! Nov. 14-15, 2015-2016 Wisconsin Junior Open

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Answers, We've got Answers.

End of the Line (from page 7)

#1 - 1. Qxc8+!! Kxc8 2. Rf8#.

#2 - 1. Qxc6+!! bxc6 2. Ba6# - Known as Boden's Mate.

#3 - 1. Qa8+!! Kxa8 2. Nxc7+ (or 2. Nxb6+ Kb8 3. Nd7#) 2. ... Kb8 3. Na6#.

#4 - This position is from the game Anderssen-Dufresne and White won with 1. Rxe7+!! Nxe7 2. Qxd7+!! Kxd7 3. Bf5+ Ke8 (if 3. ... Kc6 then 4. Bd7#) 4. Bd7+ Kf8 5. Bxe7#.

#5 - This position is from one of my favorite games of all time between Edward Lasker and George Thomas and White won with 1. Qxh7+!! Kxh7 2. Nxf6+ Kh6 (2. ... Kh8 would be met by 3. Ng6#) 3. Neg4+ Kg5 4. h4+ Kf4 5. g3+ Kf3 6. Be2+ Kg2 7. Rh2+ Kg1 8. Kd2# (or 8. 0-0-0#).

#6 – This position arose in the game Diemer-Ludwig and White won with 1. Qxc6+!! bxc6 (1.... Ke7 is met by 2. Qd7#) 2. Bxc6+ Ke7 3. Rd7+! Ke8 4. Rd5+ Ke7 5. Bc5+!! Qd6 6. Rxd6 and White won in a few moves because Black cannot defend against all of the discovered checks.

You Can Do It! (from page 9)

Solution #1 - 1. Rd8#

Solution #2 - 1. Re7#

Solution #3 - 1. Rxg7#

Solution #4 - 1. Rd7#

Solution #5 - 1. Rh7#

Solution #6 - 1. Re8#





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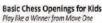
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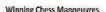
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