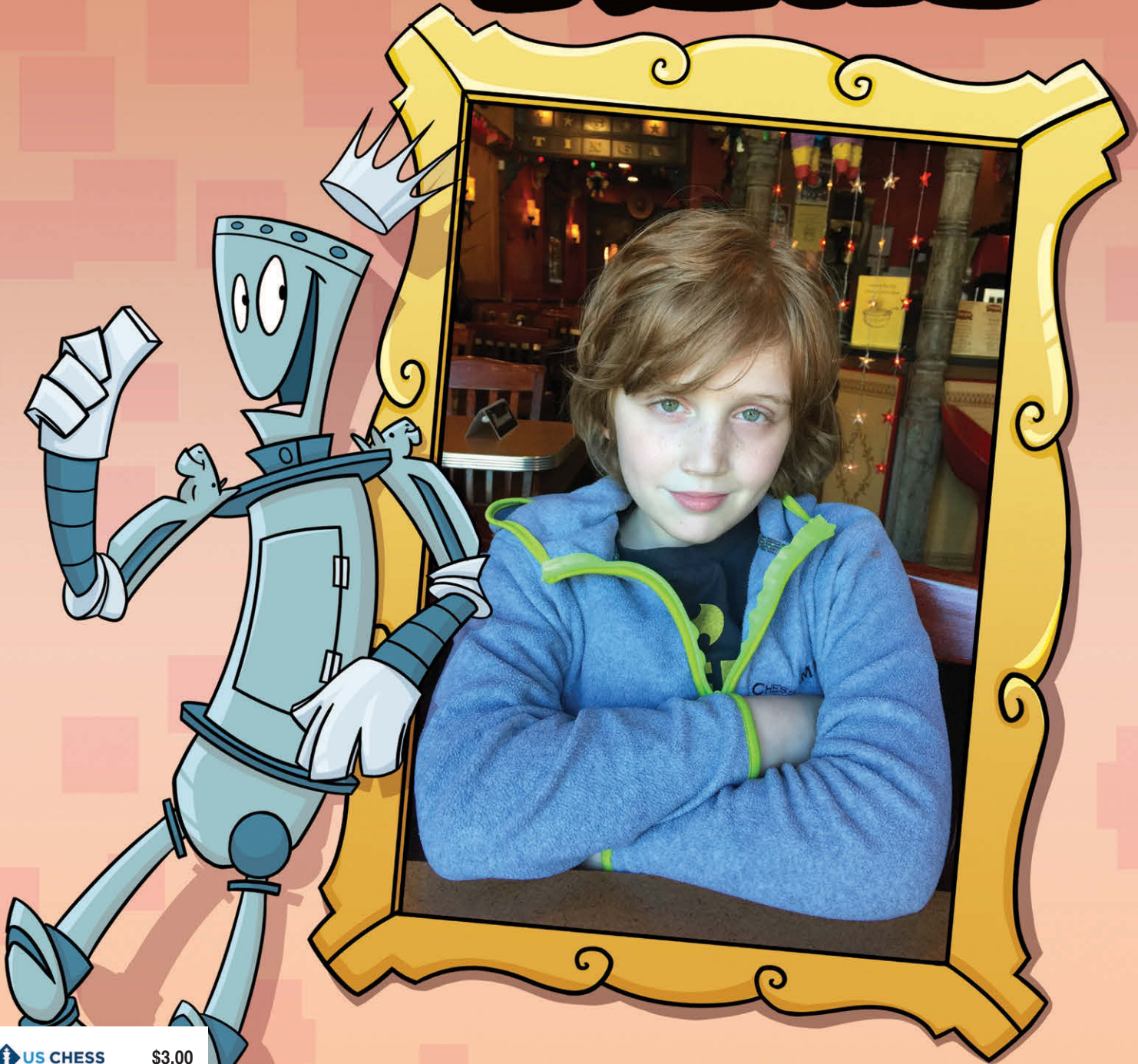


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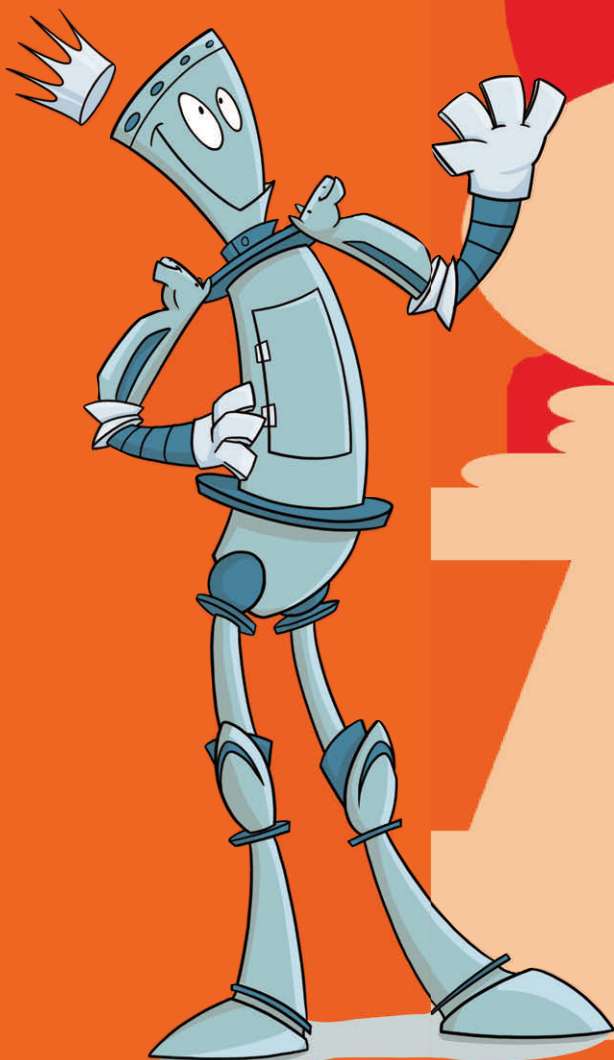
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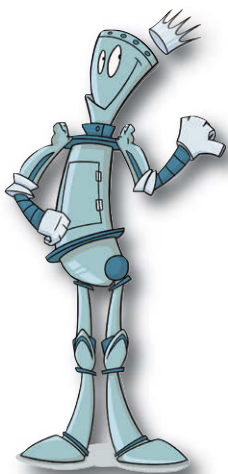
# What's the Question?

by International Master Daniel Gurevich

## “What is the Rubinstein Trap?”

There are many opening traps named after players who successfully used them to win games. However, as far as I know, the Rubinstein Trap is the only one named after somebody who fell right into it!

Many believe that, at his peak, Grandmaster Akiba Rubinstein was even stronger than reigning World Champion Emanuel Lasker. Unfortunately, he never got the chance to play a world championship match that would prove it. Rubinstein's games are worth a look:

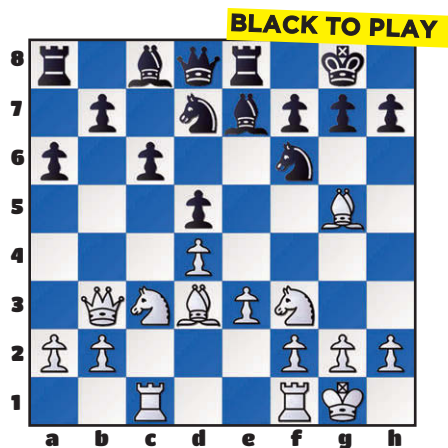


**you can learn very much from his exceptionally solid positional style and brilliant endgame technique.**

But GM Rubinstein did have one weakness. Quite a few of his games were ruined by his blunders. Still, it

is amazing that he fell for the Rubinstein Trap *twice* in the same variation of the Queen's Gambit Declined, in games just two years apart!

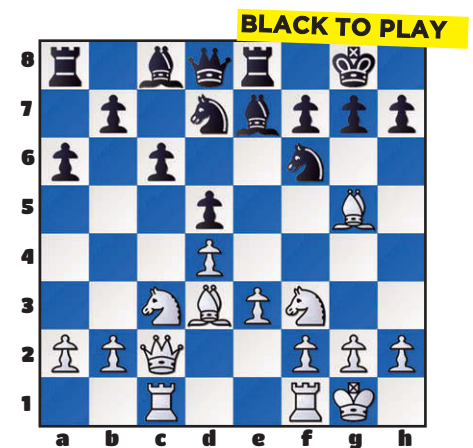
### Euwe-Rubinstein, 1928



Here, in order to make his position less cramped, Rubinstein hatched a plan to trade off White's dark-squared bishop. **11. ... h6 12. Bf4!** Max Euwe, who would later become the fifth world champion, correctly chooses to keep his bishop alive. The weaker retreat **12. Bh4?! would have been met with 12. ... Ne4!, allowing Black to untangle his pieces. 12. ... Nh5?**

Rubinstein blunders, thinking that he is about to accomplish his goal. Instead, after **12. ... Nf8**, his position would have been only slightly worse. But now Euwe struck with **13. Nxd5!** Since **13. ... cxd5** allows **14. Bc7**, trapping the queen, Black was forced to go through with **13. ... Nxf4**. Despite tenacious efforts, down a critical pawn, Rubinstein could not save the game after **14. Nxf4**; he finally resigned on move 55.

### Alekhine-Rubinstein, 1930



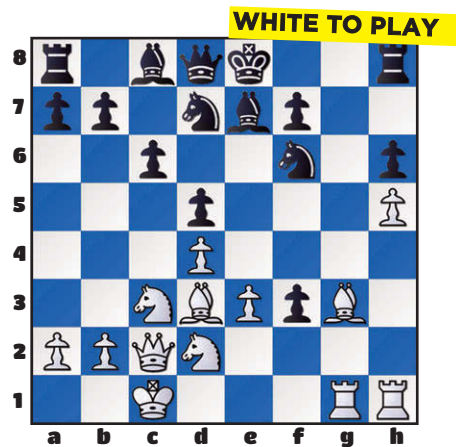
Does this position look familiar? This time, Black did not opt for **11. ... h6. 11. ... Ne4?**

Black should lose a pawn now: 12. Bxe4! dxe4 13. Nxe4 Bxg5 14. Nexg5. Perhaps then-World Champion Alexander Alekhine wasn't sure how to disentangle his knights after 14. ... Nf8. The way to do that would have been 15. Ne4! Bf5 16. Nfd2 Bg6 (or 16. ... Qe7 17. f3) 17. Rfe1! (17. f3? f5 wins the e3-pawn) followed by 18. f3 and 19. Qb3.

The game continuation was 12. **Bf4? f5?** (It was not too late to correct the mistake and return with 12. ... Nef6, with a passive but solid position.) 13. **Nxd5!** The Rubinstein Trap again! 13. ... **Bd6** 14. **Bxd6** (14. Qb3! Kh8 15. Bxe4 Bxf4 16. Bxf5 or 14. ... Bxf4 15. Nf6+! Kh8 16. Nxe8 was even stronger, with a completely winning position.) 14. ... **Nxd6** 15. **Nf4** and White eventually converted his extra pawn into a full point.

Sometimes the Rubinstein Trap can look a bit different. Consider the following position from my game against an expert-level player.

### Gurevich-Regue Farran, 2015



White evidently has a big lead in development. In fact, Black's pieces (except his pawns) were placed the exact same way after move 7! He then castled kingside, came under a strong attack, and played Kg7, Rh8,

Kf8, and Ke8! So how do I punish my opponent for his strange play? Take a moment to figure it out!

Remembering the Rubinstein Trap, I found 19. **Nb5!** As usual, 19. ... cxb5 loses the queen after 20. Bc7, but now ignoring the pesky knight is even harder: I have twin threats of Nc7+, winning the Exchange, and Bc7. Black should have played 19. ... Nb6, allowing the fork and losing eventually. The alternative he chose was even worse: 19. ... **Kf8?! 20. Bc7! Qe8 21. Nd6 1-0** Black resigned since there is no way to save the queen (if 21. ... Bxd6, then just 22. Bxd6+).

In its various forms, the Rubinstein Trap has claimed hundreds of victims. I hope that my explanation will ensure that some of your future opponents join that list! But in the meantime, do be careful—you could be next!

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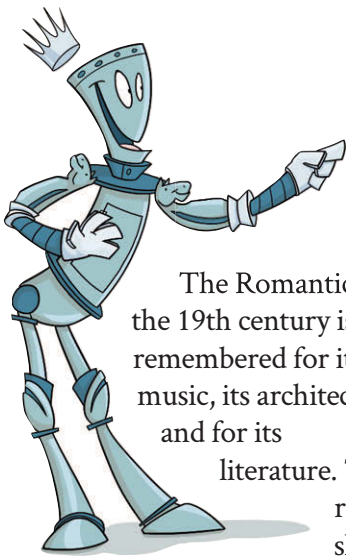
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The Romantic Era of the 19th century is best remembered for its art, its music, its architecture, and for its

literature. That's a real shame,

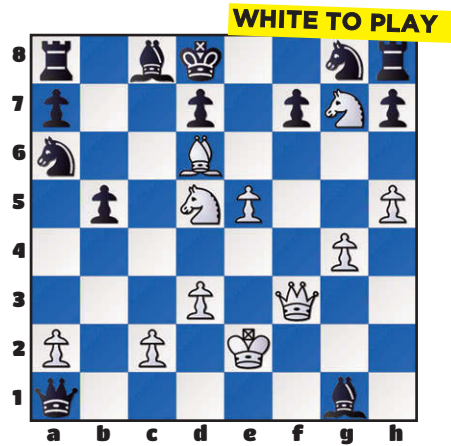
because its chess is also remarkable. The stars of the period, Paul Morphy and Adolf Anderssen, produced chess for the ages.

The "Immortal Game" was played in 1851 between Adolf Anderssen and Lionel Kieseritzky. Despite the many inaccuracies in

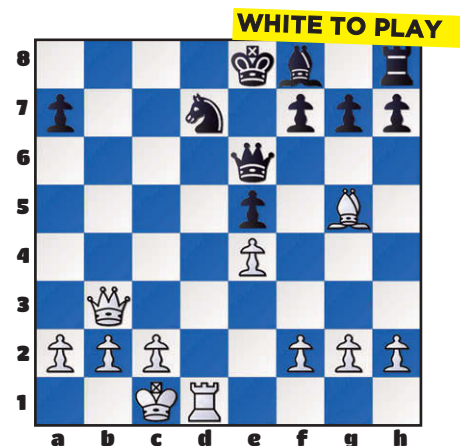
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this Romantic game, this game inspired generations. Here's the wonderful finish, a mate in two led by a spectacular queen sacrifice.

And here is the end of one of Morphy's creations, once again a mate in two:



22. Qf6+ Nxf6 23. Be7#



16. Qb8+ Nxb8 17. Rd8#



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by Jon Edwards

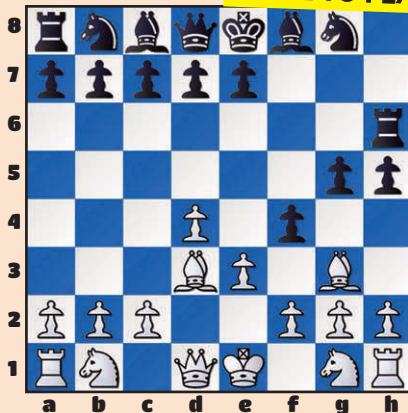
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All of the positions in this month's quiz are from games played in the Romantic Era.

In each position, there's a mate in two moves. And each solution features a spectacular queen sacrifice.

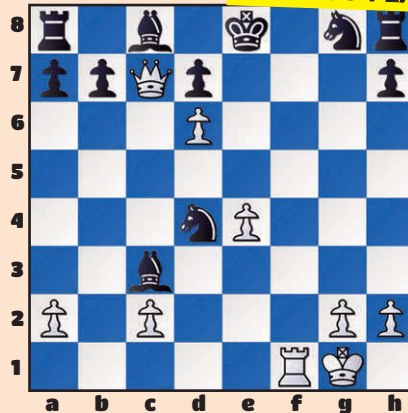
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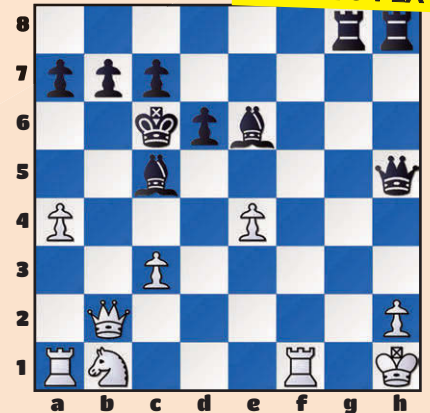
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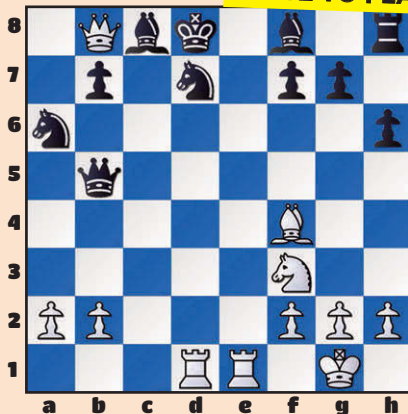
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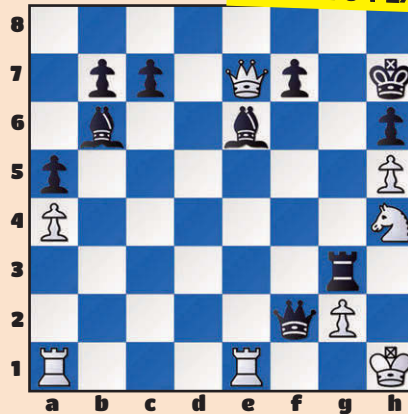
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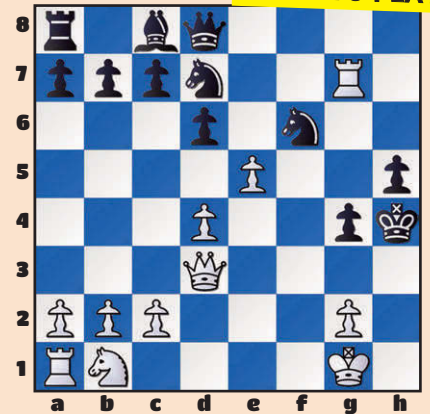
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Quiz #6

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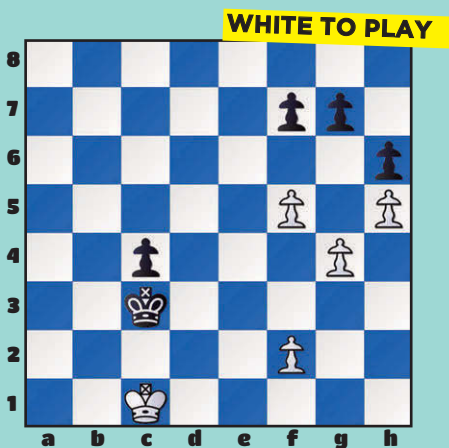


# Arabian Knights

## Unlocked

By Rick Kennedy

“Now I’ve got you,” snarled the King’s brother across the chessboard, which was set up as follows:



“Push your pawn up to f4 to try and make something on the kingside, and I will lock it up by pushing my pawn to f6. Then my passed pawn on c4 will win for me.”

The King stared at the board, and then responded in mock horror, “Then I had better move the other f-pawn, and see if I can unlock the kingside.” With that he played **1. f6!**

It was easy to see the next few

moves after the forced capture, as the King moved his pawns for a breakthrough.

**1. ... gxf6 2. f4 Kd4 3. g5 fxe5 4. fxe5**

Here, the King’s brother realized that making another pawn capture would free White’s h-pawn to advance and be promoted to a queen. He hurried his own king back to help out on defense.

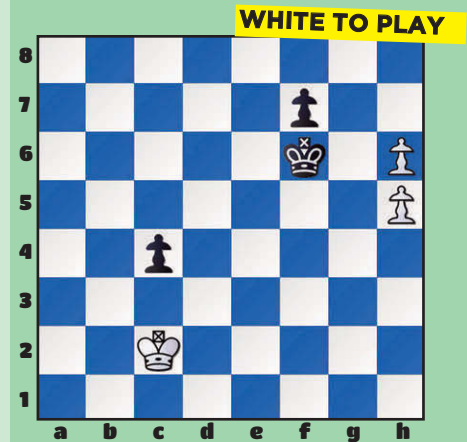
**4. ... Ke5 5. gxh6 Kf6**

Now the King let his pawns protect each other, and advanced toward his brother’s c-pawn with

**6. Kc2!**

*See diagram, top of next column.*

“What?” sputtered the brother. “If I move my king, one of your pawns will make its way to its queening square.” In frustration he

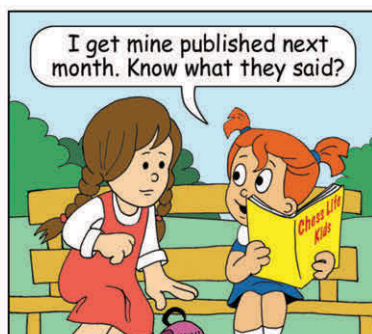
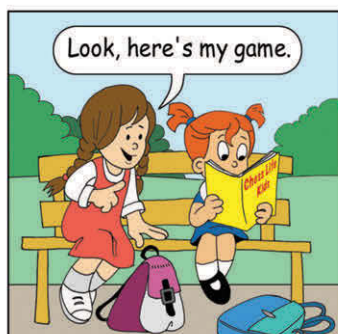


played **6. ... c3**

The King then captured the c-pawn.

His brother realized that nothing had changed. “Your pawns can go nowhere, as long as my king sits still,” he said. “But you must move” came the reply, “and that will unlock the kingside and I will gain a queen.”

With that, the brother resigned the game.





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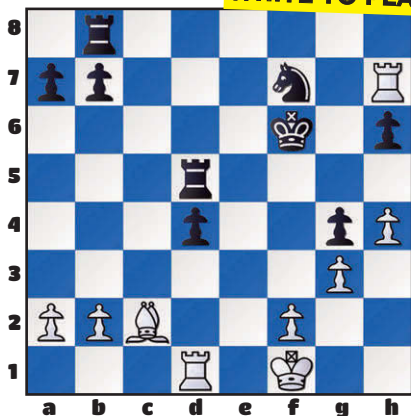
## PINS AND SKEWERS -- What did you learn?

by NM Todd Bardwick

In the February 2016 edition of *Chess Life Kids*, we looked at some examples of pins and skewers. Now it is your turn to try to be a good detective and figure out how to win games when you observe that pieces are lined up!

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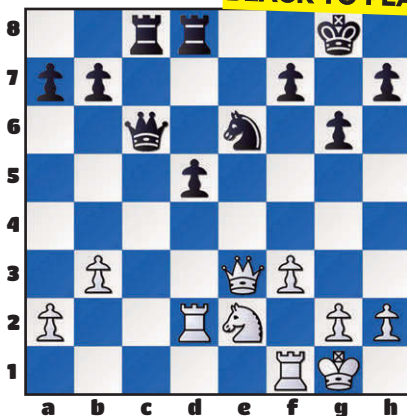
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Position after 36. ... Rd5

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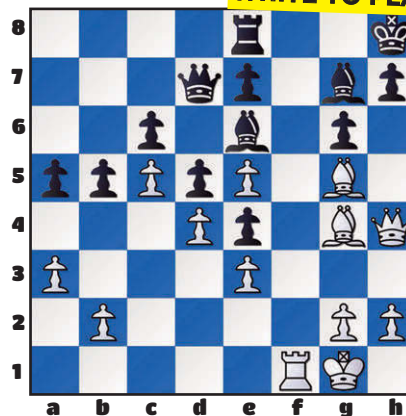
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Position after 22. Rd2

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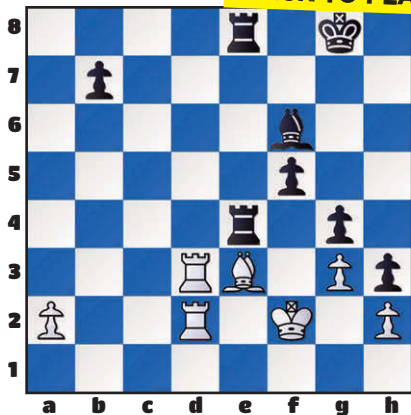
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Position after 23. ... Qd7

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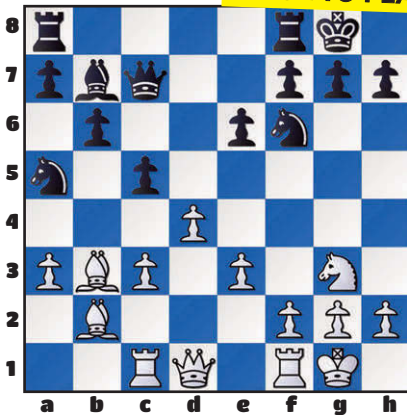
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Position after 38. Red2

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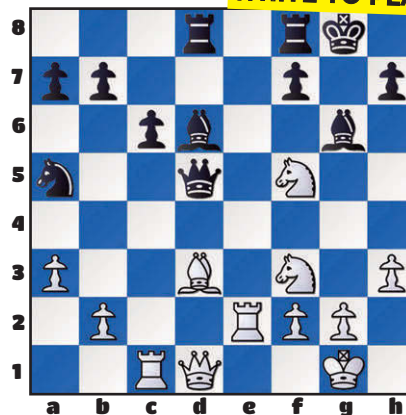
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Position after 14. Rc1

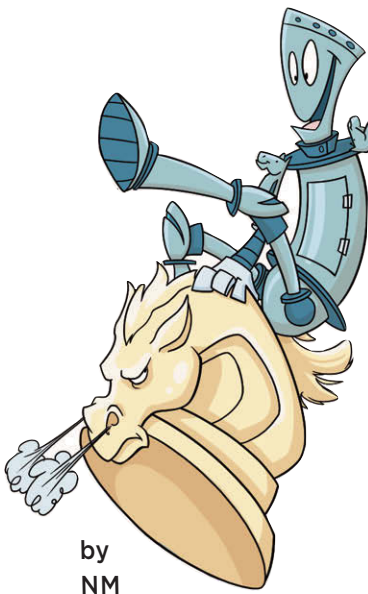
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Position after 23. ... Rcd8

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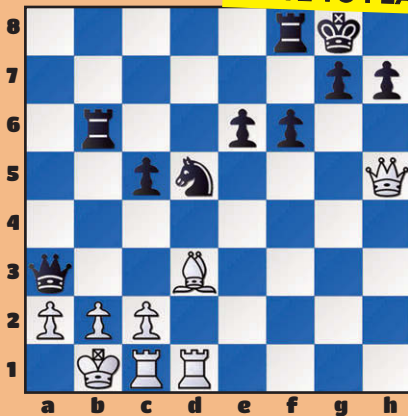
# MOVE THE PIECES

## Deadly h7-square

Here in all six puzzles White will either sacrifice or deliver the checkmating blow on the h7-square. The h7-square is the most common location for major attacks once Black has castled, and mate can occur through a variety of motifs including the Greek gift (or classical bishop sacrifice).

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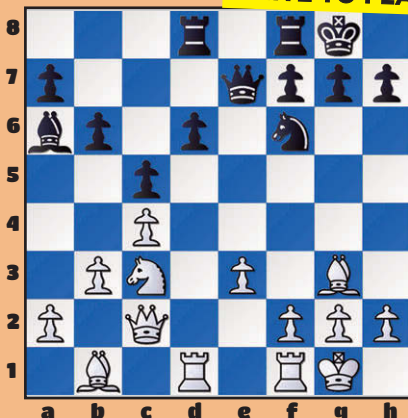
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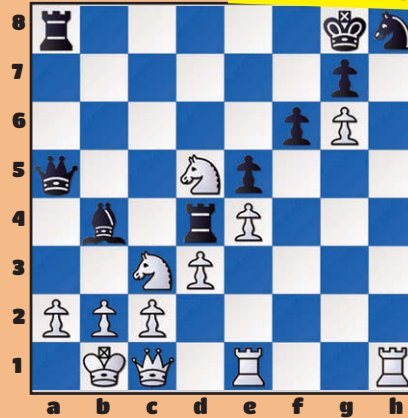
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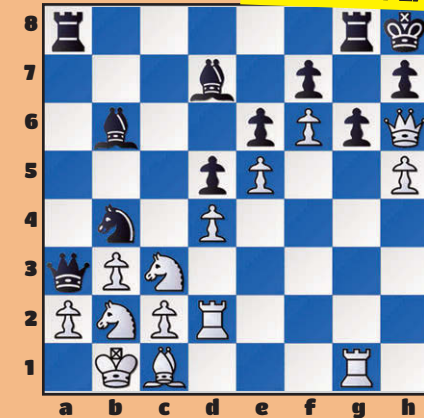
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# US Chess Junior Grand Prix

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8,137 kids took part in the Junior Grand Prix last year! We thank them for their participation, and we thank the organizers of the 502 qualifying events.



When not inspiring her troops ...

# Having the Confidence to Do What's Right

by Jim Doyle

On October 19th, “Chess Girls DC” was honored to have Four Star Admiral Michelle Howard pay them a visit. “Chess Girls DC” is an all-girls chess club founded by Robin Ramson and Quito Swan, Ph.D. Robin’s husband Rob is also an active supporter of the club, serving as an advisor to its Board of Directors.

Robin has been sponsoring a “Women in Leadership” series and trying to get women in leadership positions in the area to come to speak to the girls about how “commitment and focus to your goals gets you so far in so many areas of life.” Robin tells the girls that, “In chess, you have to be focused and committed to the goal of checkmate.”

## Saving Captain Phillips

Admiral Howard has had an extremely distinguished career. She is currently the 38th Vice Chief of Naval Operations (VCNO) making her the U.S. Navy’s second-highest ranking officer. As the VCNO, she is responsible for the safety and

welfare of every sailor and ship in the U.S. Navy. She has also achieved many “firsts” in her career. She was the first female graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy to be selected for flag rank. She was the first African-American woman to command a U.S. ship, the USS Rushmore, and to achieve three-star rank and the rank of Admiral in the U.S. Navy.

In 2009, she led the rescue mission to save Captain Richard Phillips and his cargo ship from Somali pirates in the Indian Ocean. Tom Hanks would later star as Capt. Phillips in the movie about the incident and rescue.

## NO!

Admiral Howard began her visit by telling

the girls that she wanted to share with them how she felt the first time she got a big “No” and how it turned out OK.

“When I was 12 years old, I saw this documentary on television and it was about a service academy,” she began. “It was about people doing leadership things and marching around. Wow, that is a neat

... Admiral Howard takes the time to inspire D.C. Girls Chess ...





thing and I think I want to go to school there when I get to about college age,” she said.

“I was just really energized by this television show and then I went to see my older brother who was also my good friend and I said, ‘Hey, I saw this documentary on TV and I think I want to go to the service academy when I get older.’ My older brother said, ‘No, you can’t.’” “What do you mean I can’t?” I asked. “Girls aren’t allowed, it’s against the law,” he said.

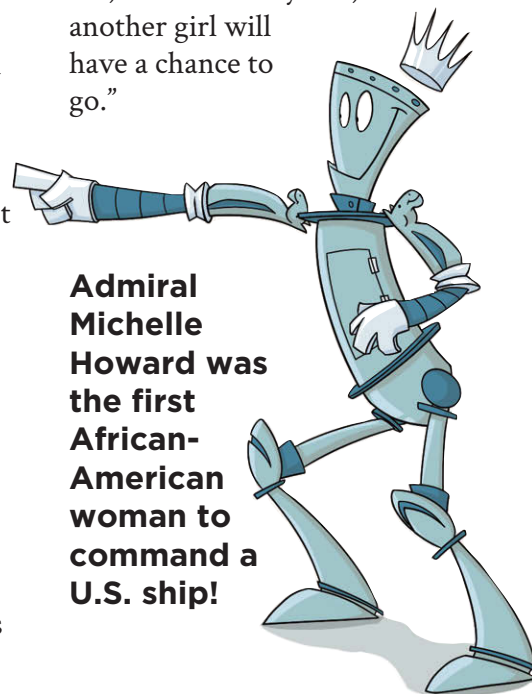
“I thought it was strange that there would be a law that wouldn’t allow women to do what men could do,” said Admiral Howard. “I went to my mother and she said, ‘Yes, honey its true. It’s the law.’ I don’t



understand,’ I told my mother. ‘Well, here’s what I think,’ my mother said, ‘You’re twelve so you’re young and you may change your mind, but I’ll tell you what, as you get older, if you don’t change your mind, I think you should try. I think you should try and if the military school doesn’t accept you because you’re a girl, we’ll sue the government,’ my mother said. I was really taken back by this—that we’d have to sue the government so that I’d be able to go,” Admiral Howard told the girls. “First of all, if you think something’s right, you need to do it,” said Admiral Howard’s mother.

... telling them work ...

“But you need to understand that if we actually have to go down this path, it could take a long time and you might, by the time a Supreme Court agrees that what you’re saying is right and the world changes, you might be too old, but somebody else, another girl will have a chance to go.”



**Admiral Michelle Howard was the first African-American woman to command a U.S. ship!**



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... with a little fun ...

## Building Confidence

Admiral Howard then talked about how being in a chess club, working towards your goals, and practicing were important. "It is the practice of doing things that gives you confidence," she told the girls.

After she had finished addressing the girls, Admiral Howard asked them if they had any questions. Immediately, most of the hands in the room went up.

"How does it feel to come here and see us?" one girl asks. "It makes me feel

inspired,"  
said Admiral

Howard. "It's wonderful to see you here ready to play chess and willing to take on something that's mentally hard and will make you mentally tough. I think that's just wonderful," she said.

"How does it feel when you're like, in the Navy?" another girl asked. "I think it's the best

thing in the world," answered Admiral Howard. "I get to go to sea. I get to work with the best people." Smiling with her arms outstretched, she continued, "I get to see the world. I have been in 33 years and it's the travel, but mostly the sailors, the people I work with, that make me stay in," she said proudly.

"How did it feel when you got your first 'stripe'?" a third girl asked. "That was a little overwhelming," answered Admiral Howard. "The ceremony was done very publicly because I was one of the first women to reach that rank, but it also felt very good because my family and friends were there, but I also understood that I needed to continue to take on more responsibility and take care of my sailors. So sometimes when you get a new job you realize that you're going to have to work

... and good friends ...







... has its own rewards ...

... maybe even a trophy!



harder to prove yourself and to prove yourself to the people you're responsible to."

After Admiral Howard finished answering questions, everyone gathered together for a group picture. After that, one little girl named Sarah, the daughter of one of the club's founders, approached Admiral Howard and asked for one of her

"Personal Challenge Coins" that she had given out to some of the other girls.

Admiral Howard got down on one knee, took off the "Command at Sea" pin off her own uniform, handed it to Sarah and said, "We're given this the first time we

command a ship so that everyone knows who's in charge. I want to give this to you so that you'll remember me, and I want you to think about what you'd like to be in charge of in the future." It was quite a moment!

## Thank you Admiral Howard!

We'd like to thank Admiral Howard again for meeting with the girls. The U.S. Navy has been very supportive of scholastic chess clubs and events in the area. Last spring, a group of elementary school students from Washington County, Maryland, were able to travel to the U.S. Naval Academy to play chess with the midshipmen. The purpose of the trip was "to get the kids to start thinking about college while still in elementary school." The visit included a tour of the Naval Academy before the kids sat down at the boards to play. The midshipmen were wonderful with the kids and talked to them about not only what it took to get into the U.S. Naval Academy, but what it will take them to get into college. This year, the Naval Academy would like to expand the event to include 100 K-12 students. Look for a future story in *Chess Life Kids* with photos about the event.

Admiral Howard's visit kicked off a full day of chess at the Girls D.C. Chess Club, which meets at Catholic University. It was their first unrated chess tournament, with about 30 girls participating. The event was won by Kitana Olson of Delaware.



# And the gold goes to Silver!

Ten and a half year old Jack Silver of New Jersey amassed 10,951 points in

just 17 events and that was enough to give him first place in the 2015 US Chess Junior Grand Prix.

The US Chess Junior Grand Prix is a year-long program and it is easy to participate. Just play in JGP-designated events (usually a slower time control) and you earn points every time you draw or beat a higher rated player.

Jack played in just 17 JGP events in 2015, but if US Chess still had most active lists, Jack would certainly be at the top of that list as well, since he has played in over 140 events in just over a year!

Jack and his brother Charlie (9) both learned the game from their father, Michael, a school teacher. Charlie is more interested in music and art, but Jack caught the chess bug when his afterschool chess coach Robert Kraynik invited then third grader Jack to play an unrated tournament with their middle school team—and Jack won fourth place! Jack, Charlie and their dad played at the World Amateur Team Championship (USATE) for various teams



**Jack Silver**



sponsored by Chessmates in Rahway, where Jack takes lessons from rotating teachers including owner and LM Arthur Macaspac, GM Leonid Yudasin,

GM Michael Rohde, John Moldovan, and Errol Singh.

Last year Jack's team won the best costume award as "Saturday Knight Fever" and this year at the USATE, his team won the best chess gimmick as "The Knockout Knights".

## No One Trick Pony!

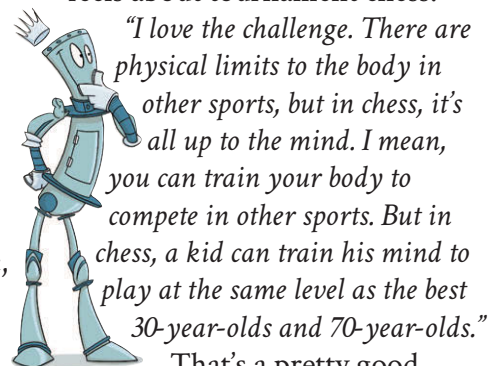
Jack is by no means a one trick pony. He is currently on a "sabbatical year", taking the fifth grade off from the Wardlaw-Hartridge School. Why? In order to finish his novel—why else!

That's right. He is finishing his novel, learning the process of writing, re-writing and editing. The working title is Baby Lourde—about the adventures of babies who are actually super geniuses!

Grandmaster Yudasin stresses

# Silver!

creative thinking in his chess lessons and that fits right in with Jack's writing ambitions. Jack's mom, Francine, a licensed psychologist and personal/business coach, reports how Jack feels about tournament chess:



*"I love the challenge. There are physical limits to the body in other sports, but in chess, it's all up to the mind. I mean, you can train your body to compete in other sports. But in chess, a kid can train his mind to play at the same level as the best 30-year-olds and 70-year-olds."*

That's a pretty good observation by a ten-year-old! But after visiting Jack and Charlie's website, it isn't surprising at all. Check out [www.jackandcharliesmultiverse.com](http://www.jackandcharliesmultiverse.com). It's a great blog and a great way to raise money for children's charities.



**Michael Silver and ... Jack?!**



## Tournament Life Announcements

APRIL 15 THROUGH JUNE 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](http://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 Kids* for June 2016 (events to be held after June 14), the deadline for submitting your announcements is April 10th. The deadline for the August 2016 issue is June 10th. The processing fee is \$1.00 per line for the first eight lines, \$2.00 for every line thereafter. Send your announcements to Joan DuBois, [tda@uschess.org](mailto:tda@uschess.org). **Display advertising is also available.** Advertising rates are posted on the US Chess website, [www.uschess.org](http://www.uschess.org), or you may email: [tda@uschess.org](mailto:tda@uschess.org) for complete details.

## ABBREVIATIONS & TERMS

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

<b>BLZ:</b>	Blitz rated.
<b>QC:</b>	Quick Chess events.
<b>\$\$\$Gtd:</b>	Guaranteed prizes.
<b>\$\$b/x:</b>	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.
<b>Bye:</b>	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.
<b>CC:</b>	Chess club.
<b>dx:</b>	Time delay, x = number of seconds.
<b>+xx:</b>	Time increment, xx = number of seconds added after each move.
<b>EF:</b>	Entry fee.
<b>Ent:</b>	Where to mail entries.
<b>FIDE:</b>	Results submitted to FIDE for possible rating.
<b>G/:</b>	Game in. For instance, G/75 means each side has 75 minutes for the entire game.
<b>GPP:</b>	Grand Prix Points available.
<b>HR:</b>	Hotel rates. For example, 60-65-70-75 means \$60 single, \$65 twin, \$70/3 in room, \$75/4 in room.
<b>JGP:</b>	Junior Grand Prix.
<b>Memb. req'd:</b>	Membership required; cost follows. Usually refers to state affiliate.
<b>Open:</b>	A section open to all. Often has very strong players, but some eligible for lower sections can play for the learning experience.
<b>Quad:</b>	4-player round robin sections; similar strength players.
<b>RBO:</b>	Rated Beginner's Open.
<b>Rds:</b>	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.
<b>Reg:</b>	Registration at site.
<b>RR:</b>	Round robin (preceded by number of rounds).
<b>SD/:</b>	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.
<b>SS:</b>	Swiss-System pairings (preceded by number of rounds).
<b>Unr:</b>	Unrated.
<b>W:</b>	Site is accessible to wheelchairs.
<b>WEB:</b>	Tournaments that will use a player's online rating.

## NATIONALS

### US Chess Junior Grand Prix Apr. 15-17, Indiana

**2016 National Junior High School (K-9) Championship**  
7SS, G/120 d5. Indianapolis Marriott East, 7202 East 21st St., Indianapolis, IN 46219. Hotel Chess Rate \$119. Guest rooms may be booked, NLT 3/18/2016 by calling (800) 228-9290 or (317) 352-1231, mention "US Chess" or see [www.uschess.org/tournaments/2016/jhs/](http://www.uschess.org/tournaments/2016/jhs/) to book now!  
**6 Sections:** K-9 Championship, K-9 U1250, K-9 Unrated, K-8 Championship, K-8 U1000 and K-8 U750. April Rating Supplement will be used. One 1/2-point bye available (limit one) any round (except Round 7) if requested prior to the start of Rd. 1. Team score = total of top four (minimum two) finishers from each school per section. K-9 Championship first place individual and team, including ties, will be the National Junior High School Champion. **Schedule:** Opening ceremony Fri. 12:30 pm. Rds.: Fri. 1 pm and 7 pm, Sat. 9 am, 2 pm and 7 pm, Sun. 9 am-2 pm. Awards Ceremony Sun., approx. 7 pm. **EF:** \$50/participant postmarked or online by 3/21, \$70 postmarked or online by 4/4, \$85 online by 4/13, \$90 on site; \$5.00 extra for all phone registrations; \$20 fee for roster or section changes after 4/4 or any onsite changes. Onsite registration Thurs. 9 AM - 9 PM & Fri. 8 AM - 11 AM. Players who register or change sections after 11 am on Friday will receive a 1/2-point bye for Rd. 1. Players must disclose any other, non-USCF, over-the-board (OTB) ratings. **Awards:** Trophies to top individuals & top teams in each section. Every player receives a commemorative item! Full list of trophies on tournament Info Page. **Side Events:** Bughouse: Thurs. 11 am, Reg. onsite only Thurs. 9-10 am, \$25/team. Blitz Section: K-9, Thurs. 5 pm, Reg. onsite until 4 pm. Blitz EF: \$15 by 4/4, \$20 after or at site. Class trophies will be awarded in main event and in Blitz. Full list of trophies on tournament Info Page. Team Rooms are limited. Contact Susan Kantor at 931.787.1234 ext. 136 or by email: [skantor@uschess.org](mailto:skantor@uschess.org). Questions: Susan Kantor at 931.787.1234 ext. 136. **Entries:** U.S. Chess Federation, Attn.: 2016 JHS Championship, P.O. Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557 or online at [www.uschess.org/tournaments/2016/jhs/](http://www.uschess.org/tournaments/2016/jhs/). See web site for additional information about the event, advance entries, awards, meetings, updates, corrections, and registration forms.

### US Chess Junior Grand Prix! Apr. 22-24, Illinois

**2016 All-Girls National Championships presented by the Kasparov Chess Foundation in association with the Renaissance Knights Chess Foundation & US Chess**  
**First place winners of each section will qualify to represent the USA at the 2016 World Youth/Cadets Championships.** 6SS, G/90 d5. Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, 2233 S. Martin Luther King Dr., Chicago, IL 60616, (free Wi-Fi). **6 Sections:** Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16 & Under 18. **Age as of 1/1/2016.** **EF:** \$55 mail/online by 3/28, \$75 by 4/11, \$95 after. Do not mail after 4/15. \$20 fee for roster or section changes after April 15. \$10 fee for refunds. **Opening Ceremony:** 2:30pm, Friday. **Rounds:** Rd. 1 - 3:00pm Fri; Rounds 2-4 - Sat 10am, 2:30pm, 6:30pm; Rounds 5-6 - Sun 9am & pm. **Awards Ceremony:** Sun. 5pm. **Trophies:** top 15 individual players and top 4 teams in the Under 8, 10, 12 & 14 Sections; top 8 individual players and top 3 teams in the Under 16 & 18 Sections. (top 3 players added for team scores). **Bye:** One 1/2-pt bye available, any round, if requested before end of Rd. 2 and if player has not received a full-point bye. **Side Events:** Bughouse Tournament - Fri. 11:00 am, EF \$30/team. **Blitz Tournament** - Fri. 7pm, G/5 d0, EF \$20 by 4/11, \$25 after or on site. **HR:** single - quad \$149 Reservations: (888) 421-1442. Reserve early rate may increase. **Entries:** online/info at: <http://rknights.org/registration/tournaments/all-girls-nationals/> or mail to RKnights, Attn: All-Girls, PO Box 1074, Northbrook, IL 60065, include name, section, rating, USCF ID#, date of birth, grade, school name city & state.

### US Chess Junior Grand Prix! May 6-8, Tennessee

**2016 National Elementary (K-6) Championship**  
7SS, G/120 d5 (K-1 G/90 d5). Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center, 2800 Opryland Dr., Nashville, TN 37214. Hotel Chess Rate \$148. Guest rooms may be booked, NLT 4/11/2016 by calling (888) 777-6779 or (615) 889-1000, mention "US Chess" or book online at: <https://aws.passkey.com/g/53584332>. **9 Sections:** K-6 Championship, K-6 U1000, K-6 Unrated, K-5 Championship, K-5 U900, K-3 Championship, K-3 U800, K-3 Unrated, K-1 Championship. April Rating Supplement will be used. One 1/2-point bye available (limit one) any round (except Round 7) if requested prior to the start of Rd. 1. Team score = total of top four (minimum two) finishers from each school per section. K-6 Championship first place individual and team, including ties, will be the National Elementary School Champion. **Schedule:** Opening ceremony Fri. 12:30 pm. Rds.: Fri. 1 pm and 7 pm, Sat. 9 am, 2 pm and 7 pm, Sun. 9 am-2 pm. Awards Ceremony Sun., approx. 7 pm. **Special Schedule for K-1 Rounds:** Fri. 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm, Sat. 9:30 am and 6:30 pm, Sun. 9:30 am and 1:30 pm. Awards Ceremony Sun., approx. 5:30 pm. **EF:** \$50/participant postmarked or online by 4/4, \$70 postmarked or online by 4/25, \$85 online by 5/4, \$90 on site; \$5.00 extra for all phone registrations; \$20 fee for roster or section changes after 4/25 or any onsite changes. Onsite registration Thurs. 9 AM - 9 PM & Fri. 8 AM - 11 AM. Players who register or change sections after 11 am on Friday will receive a 1/2-point bye for Rd. 1. Players must disclose any other, non-USCF, over-the-board (OTB) ratings. **Awards:** Trophies to top individuals & top teams in each section. Every player receives a commemorative item! Full list of trophies on tournament Info Page. **Side Events:** Bughouse: Thurs. 11 am, Reg. onsite only Thurs. 9-10 am, \$25/team. Blitz Sections: K-6 and K-3, Thurs. 5 pm, Reg. onsite until 4 pm. Blitz EF: \$15 by 4/25, \$20 after or at site. Class trophies will be awarded in main event and in Blitz. Full list of trophies on tournament Info Page. Team Rooms are limited. Contact Susan Kantor at 931.787.1234 ext. 136 or by email: [skantor@uschess.org](mailto:skantor@uschess.org). Questions: Susan Kantor at 931.787.1234 ext. 136. **Entries:** U.S. Chess Federation, Attn.: 2016 Elem Championship, P.O. Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557 or online at [www.uschess.org/tournaments/2016/elem/](http://www.uschess.org/tournaments/2016/elem/). See web site for additional

information about the event, advance entries, awards, meetings, updates, corrections, and registration forms.

### US Chess Junior Grand Prix! May 28-30, Arizona

**2016 U.S. Amateur Championship West**  
Hilton Tucson El Conquistador Golf & Tennis Resort, 10000 N. Oracle Rd., Tucson, AZ 85704, 1-800-325-7832. **SECTIONS:** Championship (U2200), Reserve (U1600), Booster (U1200), **SCHEDULE:** (Championship & Reserve) 6/SS; 40/90, G/30, Inc/30; Rds.: 10-4, 10-4, 9-3. (Booster) 6/SS, Game/60, Inc/30; Rds.: (Sat) 10-1:30-5, (Sun) 10-1:30-5 **PRIZES:** (Championship) Digital Clock + plaque to Top 3; Digital clock to 1st + Plaque to Top 2 1800-1999, 1600-1799, and U1600; Plaque to top Senior 50+, Junior U20 and Junior U14. (Reserve) Digital clock + plaque to Top 3, Digital clock to 1st + Plaque to Top 2 1200-1399 and U1200; Plaque to top Senior 50+ and Junior U14. (Booster) Digital clock + trophy to 1st; Trophy to 2nd - 5th, Top Unrated and Junior U11. **SPECIAL PRIZES:** 1st Place in Championship and Reserve will receive a FREE ENTRY to the 2016 National Open. Top 2 Family Pairs in combined sections. Biggest Upset of each round (Rds. 1-5). **EF:** (Championship & Reserve) \$60 if rec'd by 5/25, \$70 if after 5/25. (Booster) \$40 if rec'd by 5/25, \$50 if after 5/25. **SIDE EVENTS:** Blitz tournament Friday 5/22 at 6:00pm, Reg. 5:00 - 5:45 at site, G/5 d0, 5 Rounds, Double SS; Entry Fee: \$10 (\$15 to non-tournament players); **Saturday Scholastic tournament** (K-6 and U1000 rating), Saturday 5/28 at 10:00am, Reg: 8:30 - 9:30, GAME/40 d5; 4 rounds, Entry fee \$15; **Sunday Scholastic tournament** (K-6 and U1000 rating), Sunday 5/29 at 10:00am, Reg: 8:30 - 9:30, GAME/40 d5; 4 rounds, Entry fee \$15; **Quiz tournament Monday** 5/30 at noon, Reg: 10:30 - 11:30, GAME/10 d2; 5 rounds, Entry Fee: \$10 (\$15 to non-tournament players). **ENTER:** <http://events4chess.com> or mail to (make checks payable to "Rookery Chess"); 2016 US Amateur West, PMB 215, 4729 E. Sunrise Dr., Tucson, AZ 85718 or at site. **HR:** 1-800-325-7832, \$99 (2 Queen), \$139 (jr. suite), or \$179 (casita), mention "Amateur West". **INFO:** Karen Pennock, 520-261-3176, email: [kpennock\\_83@yahoo.com](mailto:kpennock_83@yahoo.com). W.

### A Heritage Event!

### US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

### May 28-30 or 29-30, New Jersey

### 72nd Annual U.S. Amateur Championship - East

6-SS, 40/2 d5, SD-1. Hyatt Morristown, 3 Speedwell Ave., Morristown, NJ 07960. For chess rate (\$119 per night), please make reservations at [www.njscf.org](http://www.njscf.org). Phone: 973-647-1234, mention NJ Chess. Free parking, public transportation to NYC, Philadelphia. Walking distance to 30 restaurants, shops and parks within 5 minute stroll. In 3 sections: Championship (under 2200); Reserve (under 1800); Booster (under 1400); 2-day and 3-day schedules available. **3-Day Registration:** Saturday, May 28, 9:30-10:45 am. Rounds: 12-6:15, 11-5:15, 9-3:15. **2-Day Registration:** Sunday, May 29, 8:30-9:30 am. **2-Day Schedule:** First 3 games, May 29, G/60 d5. Rounds: 10, 12:15, 2:30. All schedules merge in round 4. **Prizes for each section:** trophies to top 5 and top Senior 55/over and Juniors under 16 and 13. **Additional Prizes** - Championship Section: Trophies to top Under 2000, Under 1900, Under 1800. Reserve Section: Trophies to top Under 1600, Under 1500. Booster Section: Trophies to top Under 1200, Under 1100, Under 1000, Under 900, Under 800. **EF:** \$49, if post-marked by May 16. EF at site \$60 cash. Byes: 3 half-point byes allowed in rounds 1-5. Sets and clocks NOT provided. Entries to Aaron Kiedes, 4 Seymour Terrace, Hackettstown, NJ 07840. Call 973-343-3260 for information or email [akiedes@gmail.com](mailto:akiedes@gmail.com). Entries must include name, USCF ID and expiration date, mailing address, email address, phone number, Section and entry fee. Checks made out to NJSCF. **No phone entries.** Online entries \$52 at [www.njscf.org](http://www.njscf.org) after 4-15-16 until 5-26-16 at midnight. W

### US Chess Junior Grand Prix

### June 17-19, Louisiana

### 2016 U.S. Junior Open

6SS, G/90 i30 (Game in 90 min. with 30-second increment.) All Sections are USCF-rated and the U21 Section is also FIDE rated using FIDE Rules. **SIDE EVENT: 2016 U.S. Junior Blitz Tournament:** 5-min. Blitz Tournament on Sat., 6/18, at 7pm (details below). Hilton New Orleans Airport Hotel, 901 Airline Dr., Kenner, LA 70062, Ph: 504-469-5000 (hotel is directly across from the New Orleans Intl. Airport with free hotel/airport shuttle service). **HR:** \$117 for single, double, triple or quad - mention Cajun Chess Tournament and reserve by May 23 to assure group rate. Free parking and free basic internet in each room. **SECTIONS (based on Player's Age as of 1/1/2016):** U21 (FIDE Rated); U15; U8. Ratings used will be from June 2016 USCF Supplement. **INDIVIDUAL PLAYER PRIZES:** U21: \$500 cash prize awarded to eligible qualifier of the 2017 U.S. Junior (Closed) Championship; Individual plaque to top five overall; Plaque for top player age 18, 17, 16, 15 and under 15. U15: Individual trophies to top ten overall; Trophies to top player age 14, 13, 12, 11 and under 11. U11: Individual trophies to top ten overall; Trophies to top player age 10, 9, 8, and under 8. U8: Individual trophies to top ten overall; Trophies to top player age 7, 6, and under 6. **SCHOOL TEAM INFO:** A team will consist of a minimum of THREE players from the same school or home-school district. No maximum limit of number of players on a team; the top FOUR scores will count for final team standings. **TEAM PRIZES:** Trophies to top three school teams in each of the four sections. In the event of a tie, plaque/trophy winners for individuals and teams will be determined by USCF computer tiebreaks. **EF:** \$50 by 6/1/16; \$60 by 6/8/16; \$70 thereafter and at site; **On-site Reg:** Fri. 6/17 from 9-10am. Rds: Fri. 11am & 4pm; Sat. 9am & 2pm; Sun. 10am & 3pm; **BYES:** 1/2-point bye may be taken for any round; limit of 2 half-pt. byes allowed, but must commit to any byes prior to the start of Round 3. **U.S. JUNIOR BLITZ EVENT:** Sat., 6/18, 1st Round at 7pm. 5DSS, G/5 d0 - USCF Blitz Rated (June 2016 Supplement Blitz Ratings used). Two Sections Only: U21, U11. **PRIZES:** Trophies to top 3 in each section. Blitz EF: \$15 by 6/8; \$20 thereafter and at site. **ENTRIES:** Online registration, printable entry form, and more detailed info at [www.cajunchess.com](http://www.cajunchess.com), or mail entry form to Cajun Chess, 12405 Hillary Step Dr., Olive Branch, MS 38654. Info or Phone Ent: 504-208-







## New Jersey

**Apr. 16, 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/PCSCheProgram.htm](http://www.ChessKidsNY.com/PCSCheProgram.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](mailto:migini@gmail.com) **Results will be posted online the same day of the event!**

**Apr. 17, Westfield Spring Scholastic**

Westfield, 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 USCF Rule 34E. **Register:** 1:15-2:00 p.m. **Information:** John Moldovan: [westfieldchessclub@gmail.com](mailto:westfieldchessclub@gmail.com), Bill Cohen: 732-548-8432 or 848-219-1358, [www.westfieldchessclub.com](http://www.westfieldchessclub.com) and [westfieldchessclub.blogspot.com](http://westfieldchessclub.blogspot.com)

**May 14, 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/PCSCheProgram.htm](http://www.ChessKidsNY.com/PCSCheProgram.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](mailto:migini@gmail.com) **Results will be posted online the same day of the event!**

**May 28, US Amateur K-8 East Under 1200**

5-SS, G/30 d5. Hyatt Morristown, 3 Speedwell Ave., Morristown, NJ 07960. If staying, for chess rate (\$119 per night), please make reservations at [www.njscf.org](http://www.njscf.org). Phone: 973-647-1234, mention NJ Chess. Free parking, public transportation to NYC, Philadelphia, walking distance, 30 restaurants, shops and parks within 5 minute stroll. In three sections: Under 1200, Under 900, Under 600. Trophies to Top Ten. Others win chess medallions. Unrated may not win first place. **Registration:** Saturday,

May 28, 11am -12noon. **Rounds:** 12:30pm, then ASAP with lunch break after Round Two. **EF:** \$30 if postmarked by May 16th. \$40 cash at site. One 1/2 point by allowed if requested with entry fee. April Rating Supplement used. **Entries:** to Aaron Kiedes, 4 Seymour Terrace, Hackettstown, NJ 07840. Call 973-343-3260 for information or email [akiedes@gmail.com](mailto:akiedes@gmail.com). Entries must include name, USCF ID and expiration date, mailing address, email address, phone number, section, grade level and entry fee. Checks made out to NJSCF. **No phone entries.** Online entries \$32 at [www.njscf.org](http://www.njscf.org) after 4-15-15 until 5-26-16 at midnight. W.

**May 28-30 or 29-30, 72nd Annual U.S. Amateur Championship - East**  
See Nationals.

**A State Championship Event!**

**June 5, 2016 NJ State Girls Championship**

4SS, G/55 d5. Dean of Chess Academy, 3322 Route 22 West, Building 15, Suite 1501, Branchburg, NJ 08876. (973) 219-6877. **2 Sections. Open:** Trophies to Top 8 players. First place player is New Jersey's representative for the National Girls Tournament of Champions during the U.S. Open 2016. NJSCF will provide a stipend to defray the costs of the attendee if she plays in the NGTOC 2016. **U1400:** Trophies to Top 8 players. Entries postmarked by 5/27/16 to Noreen Davison, 6 Red Barn Ln., Randolph, NJ 07869. **Entry fee:** \$35, onsite: \$45. **Registration:** 9:00-9:45am. **Rounds:** 10:00am & ASAP Email [Noreen@deanofchess.com](mailto:Noreen@deanofchess.com) for more information.

**June 11, 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/PCSCheProgram.htm](http://www.ChessKidsNY.com/PCSCheProgram.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](mailto:migini@gmail.com) **Results will be posted online the same day of the event!**

**US Chess Junior Grand Prix!**

**A State Championship Event!**

**June 11-12, NJ State Junior Championship**

5SS, G/75 d5. Dean of Chess Academy, 3322 Route 22 West, Building 15, Suite 1501, Branchburg, NJ 08876. (973) 219-6877. **2 Sections. Grades 9-12:** Trophies to Top 8 players. First place player is New Jersey's representative for the Denker Tournament during the U.S. Open 2016. NJSCF will provide a stipend to defray the costs of the attendee if s/he plays in the Denker 2016. **Grades K-8:** Trophies to Top 8 players.

First place player is New Jersey's representative for the Dewain Barber Tournament during the U.S. Open 2016. Entries postmarked by 6/6/16 to Noreen Davison, 6 Red Barn Ln., Randolph, NJ 07869. **Entry fee:** \$35, onsite: \$45. **Registration:** 11:30am-12:30pm. **Rounds:** 1:00pm and 4:00pm Saturday, 9:00am, 12:00pm and 3:00pm Sunday. Email [Noreen@deanofchess.com](mailto:Noreen@deanofchess.com) for more information.

## New York

**May 20-22 or 21-22, 24th annual New York State Open**

See *Chess Life* or [www.chesstour.com](http://www.chesstour.com).

## Ohio

**US Chess Junior Grand Prix!**

**A State Championship Event!**

**Apr. 23-24, Ohio High School and Middle School Championships**

6SS; **Sections:** High School Championship (9-12 Open), High School Reserve (9-12 U1000), Middle School Championship (K-8 Open), Middle School Reserve (K-8 U800). Championship sections rds. 1-3 G/60 d5, rds. 4-6 G/90 d5; Reserve sections all rds. G/60 d5. Championship sections open only to students residing in Ohio or enrolled in Ohio schools or home-schooled in Ohio. **Venue:** Roberts Centre, 123 Gano Rd., Wilmington, OH 45177 (at I-71 exit 50). Connected Holiday Inn, reservations 937-283-3200, specify chess for \$119 room rate. **EF:** \$39 through Apr. 8, then \$44. Enter by mail or online at [www.chesscincinnati.com](http://www.chesscincinnati.com). No onsite registration. All entries must be received by April 21. **Awards:** Trophies to all players scoring at least 4.0; team trophies to top 5 teams in each section. **Complete information** at [www.chesscincinnati.com](http://www.chesscincinnati.com). **Contact:** Alan Hodge 513-600-9915, [a.hodge195@gmail.com](mailto:a.hodge195@gmail.com).

## Pennsylvania

**MasterMinds Scholastic Summer League**

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

**June 30-July 4, July 1-4 or 2-4, 44th Annual World Open**

See *Chess Life* or [www.chesstour.com](http://www.chesstour.com).

**July 5-7, World Open Under 2100**

See *Chess Life* or [www.chesstour.com](http://www.chesstour.com).

**US Chess Junior Grand Prix!**

**July 9-10, 8th annual World Open Under 13 Championship**

6SS, G/60 d10. Philadelphia Marriott Downtown (see World Open for location, rates). Open to all born after 7/10/03. In 4 sections. **Open Section:** Trophies to top 10, 1st C, Under 1400/Unr; free entry in all CCA tournaments 7/15/16-12/31/16 to 1st. **Under 1400 Section:** Trophies to top 10, 1st Under 1200, Unrated; free entry in all CCA tournaments 7/15/16-9/30/16 to 1st. **Under 1000 Section:** Trophies to top 10, 1st Under 800, Unrated; free entry in all CCA tournaments 7/15/16-9/30/16 to 1st. **Under 600 Section:** Trophies to top 10, 1st Under 400, top 3 Unrated; free entry in all CCA tournaments 7/15/16-9/30/16 to 1st. **EF:** \$42 online at [chessaction.com](http://chessaction.com) by 7/7, \$45 mailed by 6/15, \$50 at site. **US Chess membership required.** Special 1 year dues with magazine: Online with entry, \$22 with Chess Life, \$15 with Chess Life for Kids. Mailed or at site, \$25 with Chess Life, \$17 with Chess Life for kids. **Reg.** 7/9 to 10 am, rds. Sat. 11-2-5, Sun. 10-1-4. Up to 2 half point byes allowed, must commit before rd. 3. **Ent:** [chessaction.com](http://chessaction.com) or Continental Chess, PO Box 8482, Pelham, NY 10803. Questions: [chesstour.com](http://chesstour.com), [chesstour.info](mailto:chesstour.info), [DirectorATChess.US](mailto:DirectorATChess.US), 347-201-2269. \$15 service charge for refunds.

## Tennessee

**May 6-8, 2016 National Elementary (K-6) Championship**

See Nationals.

## Virginia

**May 27-30 or 28-30, 4th Cherry Blossom Classic**

See Grand Prix.

**June 17-19 or 18-19, 5th annual Continental Class Championships**

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## Wisconsin

**May 14-15, 2016 Arpad Elo**

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**We'll pass it on to Daniel.**



# Answers, We've got Answers.

**You Can Do It!** (from page 7)

## Quiz #1

1. Qxh5+ Rxh5 2. Bg6#

## Quiz #2

1. Qxc8+ Kxc8 2. Re8#

## Quiz #3

1. Qd8+ Kxd8 2. Rf8#

## Quiz #4

1. ... Qxg2+ 2. Nxg2 Rh3#

## Quiz #5

1. ... Qf3+ 2. Rxf3 Rg1#

## Quiz #6

1. Qh3+ gxh3 2. g3#

## THE CHESS DETECTIVE®

(from page 9)

### #1

Black just played 36. ... Rd5? lining up his rook and knight on a light-squared diagonal and White has a light-squared bishop. White plays **37. Rxf7+!, Black resigned.** If Black would have continued playing, White would have simplified the position after 37. ... Kxf7 38. Bb3 Ke6 39. Rxd4 Rbd8 40. Ke2 Ke5 41. Rxd5+ Rxd5 42. Bxd5 Kxd5 43. f3 gxf3+ 44. Kxf3 and White would win the king and pawn ending. This position is from a game that took place in the 2007 World Chess Cup between Shakhriyar Mamedyarov and Zdenko Kozul.

### #2

Black notices that White has his pieces lined up on dark-squared diagonals and looks for ways to take advantage with his bishop. He played **38. ... Rxe3!, Black Resigned.** After 39. Rxe3 Rxe3 40. Kxe3 Bg5+ skewers the king and rook and wins back the Exchange. Black would win the king and pawn ending after 41. Ke2 Bxd2 42. Kxd2 f4. This position is

from a game between Alexey Shirov and Garry Kasparov in Linares, Spain, in 1997.

### #3

This position is from a game between Vassily Ivanchuk and Alexey Shirov from Sofia, Bulgaria, in 2009. Shirov played **22. ... d4** gaining space in the center and realizing that even though the pawn was attacked three times and defended only twice, White couldn't take it because of a pin on the g1-a7 diagonal. After **23. Nxd4 Qb6** **24. Rfd1** (24. Nc2 Qxe3+ 25. Nxe3 Rxd2 wins because the knight on d4 was also pinned to the rook.)

**24. ... Rd5, White resigned,** because Black can play 25. ... Rcd8 bringing an extra attacker on the pinned knight. If White plays 25. Nc2, then 25. ... Rxd2 26. Rxd2 Rxc2 27. Qxb6 Rc1+ and 28. ... axb6.

### #4

Donato Rivera played White in this game against Bobby Fischer in Varna, Bulgaria, 1962. Fischer noticed that White's bishops are lined up on the b-file and took advantage by gaining a tempo to attack them with the queen by threatening mate with **14. ... Qc6** **15. f3 Qb5** **16. Ba4 Qxb2, White resigned.**

### #5

Black's last move with his queen walked her into a pin, a dangerous plan. Be extra careful when you voluntarily walk into a pin! White took advantage of the pin by playing **24. Rf7! Bxg4** **25. Bf6 exf6** (Notice the g7-bishop can't capture on f6 because it is pinned to a mate on h7.) **26. Rxd7** Taking advantage of another pin! **26. ...**

**Bxd7 27. exf6 a4** **28. fxd7+ Kxg7** **29. Kf2 and White went on to win.**

This position is from 2008 in Sofia, Bulgaria, between Teimour Radjabov and Bu Xiangzhi.

### #6

Amsterdam, The Netherlands, was the site for this game where this position occurred between Garry Kasparov and Jan Timman in 1994. **24. Re5!** Skewering the queen and the knight. **24. ... Bxe5** (24. ... Qxd3 25. Qxd3 Bxe5 26. Qc2 with the advantage.) **25. Ne7+ Kg7** **26. Nxd5 Bxb2** **27. Nf4 Bxd3** **28. Nxd3 Bxc1** **29. Qxc1 Rxd3** **30. Qg5+, Black resigned** as Kasparov forks the king and knight.

**Move The Pieces** (from page 10)

**#1** – 1. Bxh7+ Kh8 2. Bg6+ Kg8 3. Qh7#

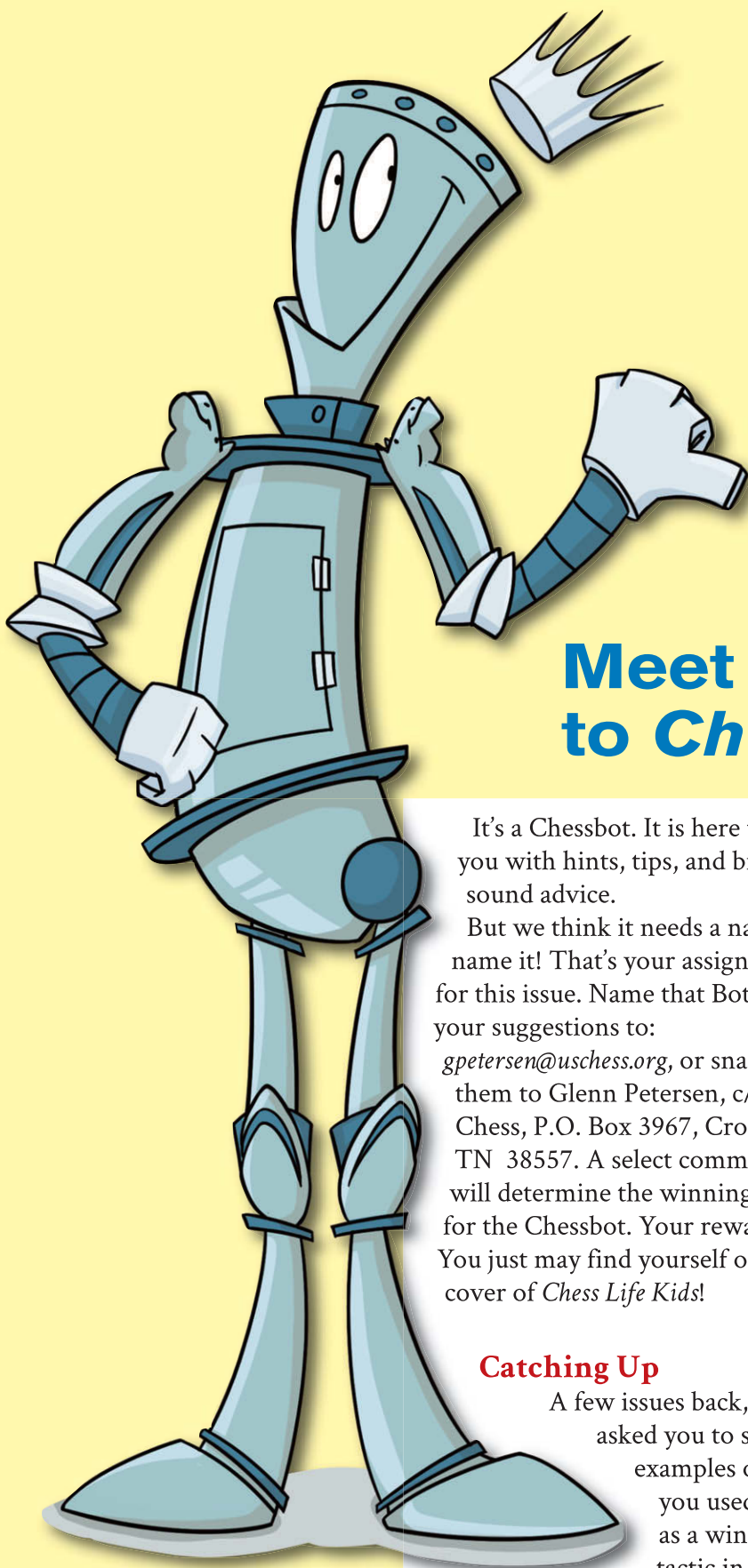
**#2** – 1. Nd5! and Black must give up the queen as Nxd5 is met with 2. Qxh7#

**#3** – 1. Rxh8+!! Kxh8 2. Qh1+! Kg8 3. Qh7+ Kf8 4. Qh8#

**#4** – 1. Rxh8+!! Kxh8 2. Rh1+ Kg8 3. Rh8+!! Kxh8 4. Qh1+ Kg8 5. Qh7+ Kf8 6. Qh8#

**#5** – 1. Bxh7+ the Greek Gift sacrifice Kxh7 (1. ... Kh8 2. Nxf7+ wins) 2. Ng5+ Kg6 (2. ... Kg8 3. Qh5 and mate on h7; 2. ... Kh8 3. Qh5+ Kg8 4. Qh7#; 2. ... Kh6 3. Ngxf7+ Kg6 4. Qg4+ Kh7 5. Qh5+ Kg8 6. Qh8#) 3. Qd3+ f5 4. exf6 e.p.+ Kxf6 (4. ... Kh5 5. Qh7+ Kg4 6. h3#) 5. Qf5#

**#6** – 1. Qxh7+!! Kxh7 2. hxc6+ Rxc6 (2. ... Kh6 3. Rh2#; 2. ... Kh8 3. Rh2#) 3. Rh2+ Kg8 4. Rgh1!! Kf8 5. Rh8+ Rg8 6. Bh6+ Ke8 7. Rxc8#



# It's Your Move!

## Meet our new guide to *Chess Life Kids*!

It's a Chessbot. It is here to help you with hints, tips, and bits of sound advice.

But we think it needs a name. So name it! That's your assignment for this issue. Name that Bot! Send your suggestions to:

[gpetersen@uschess.org](mailto:gpetersen@uschess.org), or snail mail them to Glenn Petersen, c/o US Chess, P.O. Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557. A select committee will determine the winning name for the Chessbot. Your reward? You just may find yourself on the cover of *Chess Life Kids*!

### Catching Up

A few issues back, we asked you to send in examples of how you used a pin as a winning tactic in one of your games. We didn't get any responses! But we did

get this neat game from 12-year-old Carlos de Leon of Texas. Never give up! Sometimes a blunder isn't a blunder at all.

### French Defense, Advance Variation

**White: Carlos de Leon (1571)**

**Black: Jonathan Wilson (1770)**

**1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Nc6 5. Nf3 Qb6 6. Bd3 Bd7 7. Bc2 cxd4 8. cxd4 Nge7 9. O-O Rc8**

I've played this position many times before, and I'm comfortable with it.

**10. a3 Ng6 11. Nc3 Be7 12. Re1 O-O 13. Qd3 Rfd8 14. h4**

My plan was to advance the h-pawn and move his knight back to f8

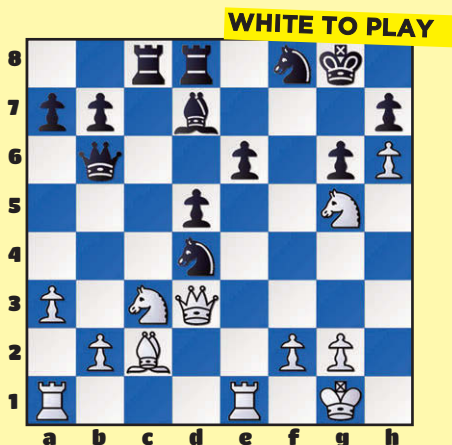
**14. ... Nf8 15. h5**

I still moved the pawn to h5 so if he moved to g6, I would go to h6. I think that I'm better at this point



because I have a positional advantage and his pieces are all clogged up.

**15. ... f6 16. h6 g6 17. exf6 Bxf6  
18. Bg5 Bxg5 19. Nxg5 Nxd4**



When my knight took his bishop, the d4-pawn was hanging and he took it with his knight—which I didn't see.

**20. Qe3?**

It was a bizarre move for me. I was thinking of ... Nxc2, Qe5, but Black has ... Qd4. Then I saw a much better move. As I pressed the clock, I barely realized that 40 minutes had passed.

**20. ... Nxc2 21. Nxd5!!**

If he didn't take the knight, then I would play Nf6 or Ne7, Kh8, Nf7 checkmate. So he had to take with the pawn.

**21. ... exd5 22. Qe7**

He only had two options, ... Qxb2 or ... Qd4.

**22. ... Qxb2 23. Rab1 Qc3 24. Re5**

The main reason for Nxd5 was to move Qe7 then Re5, blocking the black queen from protecting the g7 square.

**24. ... Qxe5 25. Qxe5 Ne6 26. Nxe6 Kf7 27. Ng5+, Black resigned.**

He resigned because in two moves it was checkmate (27. ... Kf8 28. Qg7+ Ke8 29. Qf7 mate).

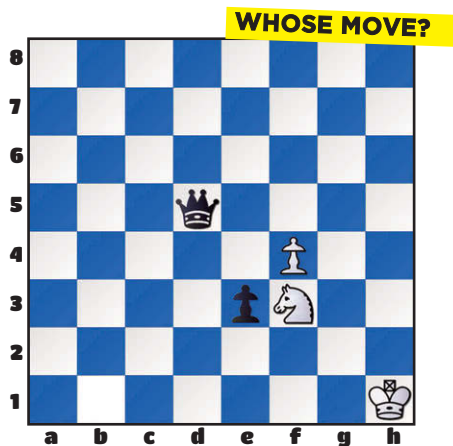
- Carlos de Leon

## Forsyth – Edwards Notation

Last issue we asked you to look at the cover and write it down in Forsyth Notation, and you did! K7/8/2Np4/2P5/4q3/8/8/8 That's the proper way to do it. Two of you gave it a good effort and will receive a copy of *The Complete Chess Course* by Fred Reinfeld, 21st century edition: 11-year-old **Oluwafemi Olosunde** and 12-year-old **Gabriel Kramer-Griffith**, both of New York.

## Pin It and Win It!

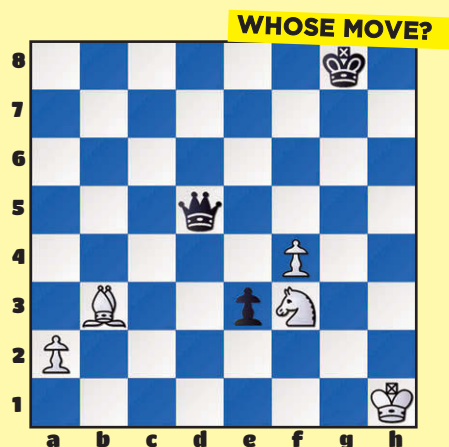
We also asked you to try and determine who's move it was in the position on the cover. Maybe that was too much like homework, because no one answered! It's really simple if you set up the pieces.



It really has to be Black to move. He has already "pinned" it and will now "win" it. If it were White to move, the king could simply advance to g2 and while the knight is still pinned, it isn't "won."

We also asked you to exercise your little grey cells to see if you could come up with a position where Black can't "win" the knight. If you are weasly, underhanded, sneaky, conniving, and prone to thinking outside the box (being creative), you might have come up

with the following or something similar:



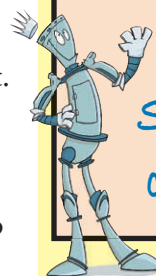
Pin and counterpin! All part of the game. There are dozens of books out there on tactics and just as many websites. If you want to be a good chessplayer—weasly, underhanded, sneaky, and conniving—and successful, you have to know your tactics. Make the effort and pretty soon you'll be finding the right moves, just like **Carlos de Leon**.



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(K-6)**

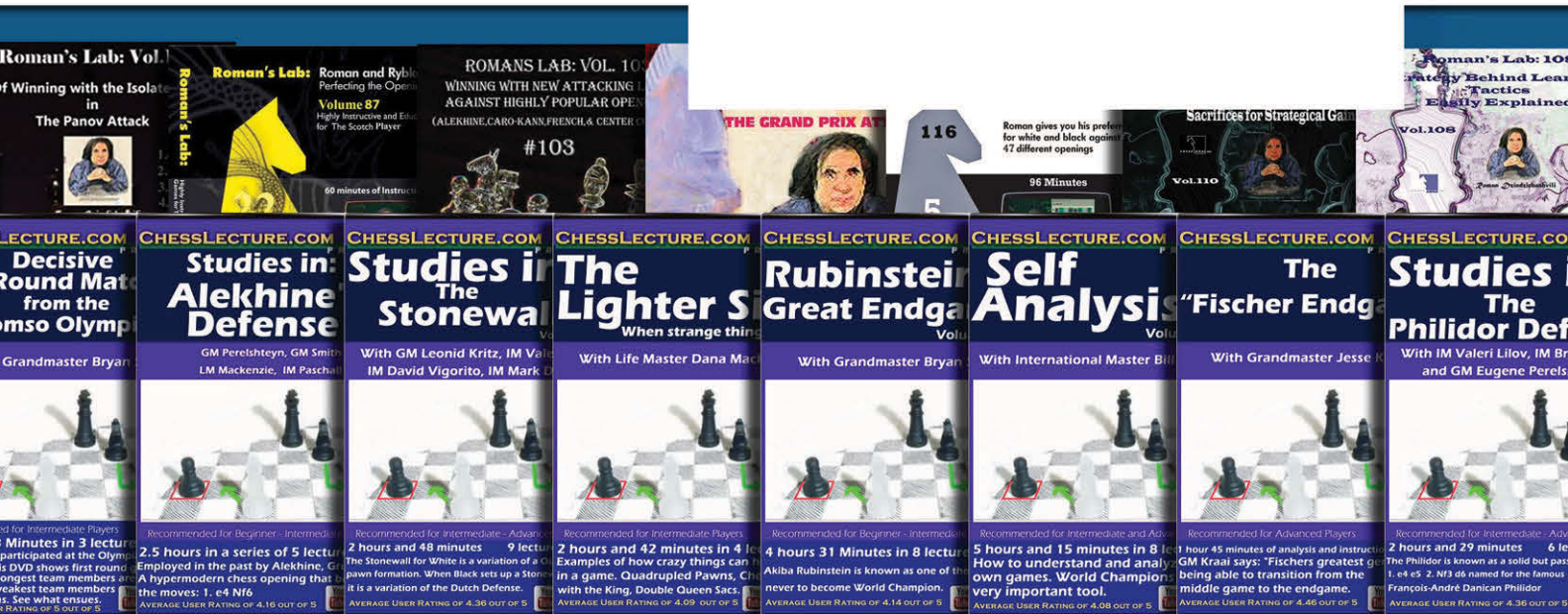
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