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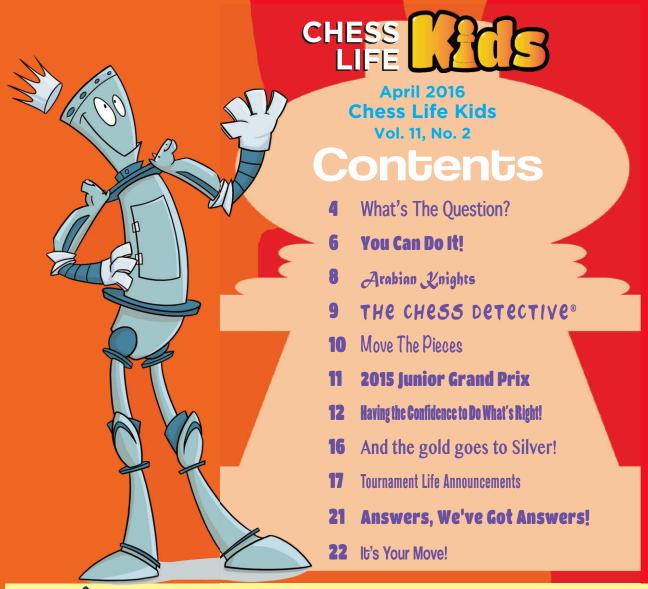
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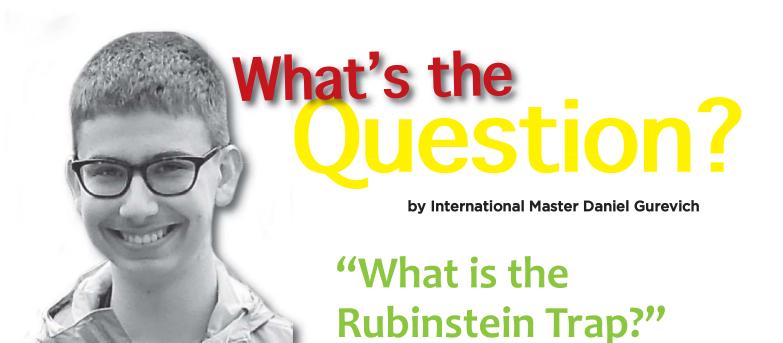
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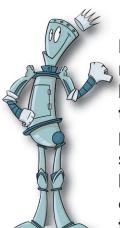
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here are many opening traps named after players who successfully used them to win games. However, as far as I know, the Rubinstein Trap is the only one named after somebody who fell right into it!

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.

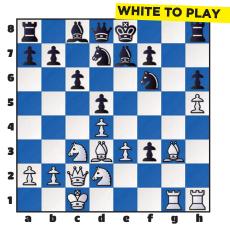
11. ... Ne4?

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. Ob3.

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



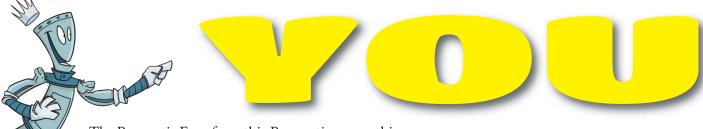
White evidently has a big lead in development. In fact, Black's pieces (except his pawns) were placed the exact same way after move 7! He then castled kingside, came under a strong attack, and played Kg7, Rh8,

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!





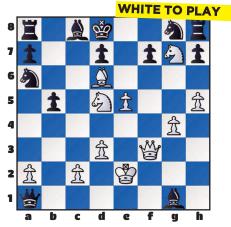
The Romantic Era of the 19th century is best remembered for its art, its music, its architecture, and for its

> 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

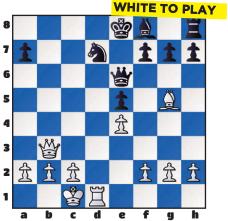
The "Immortal Game" was played in 1851 between Adolf Anderssen and Lionel Kieseritzky. Despite the many inaccuracies in

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



22. Qf6+ Nxf6 23. Be7#

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



16. Qb8+ Nxb8 17. Rd8#









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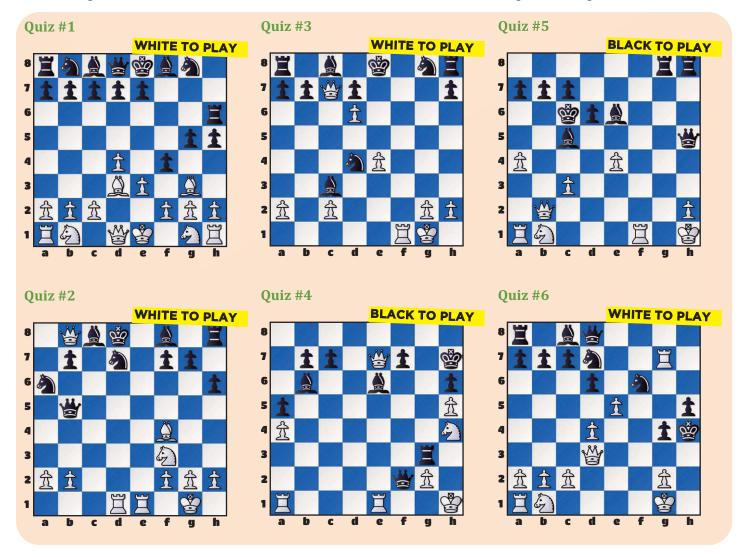


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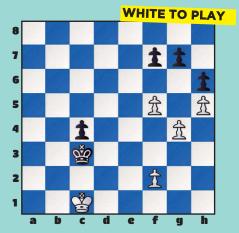
All of the positions in this month's quiz are from games played in the Romantic Era.

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





"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 fpawn, and see if I can unlock the kingside." With that he played

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 fxg5 4. fxg5

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

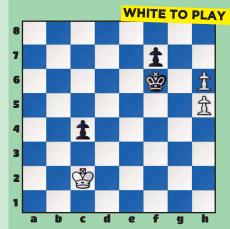
4. ... Ke5 5. gxh6 Kf6

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.









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!



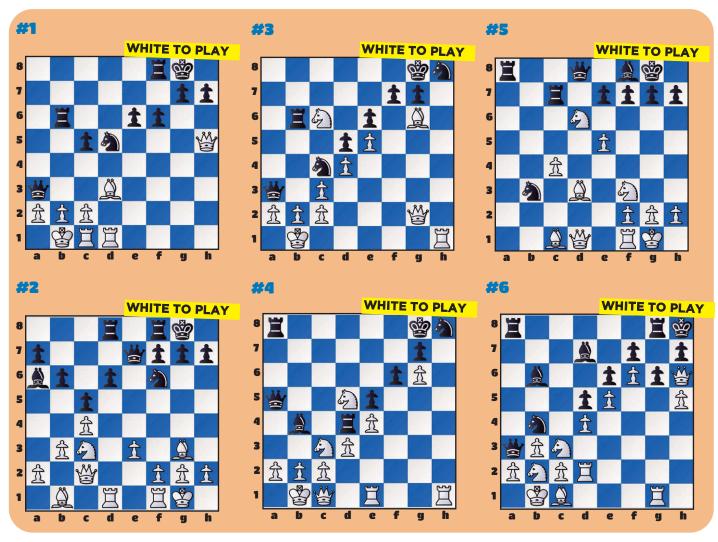
Position after 14. Rc1 Position after 23. ... Rcd8 Solutions on page 21

Position after 38. Red2

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).



by

NM

Atulya Vaidya

US Chess Junior Grand Prix

Final 2015 Junior Grand Prix Standings



Official standings for events received and processed by February 23, 2015. The top prize for 2015 will be a Chess.com one-year Diamond membership valued at \$100, a Chess.com gear/merchandise package valued at \$100, a US Chess plaque, free entry into the 2016 U.S. Open, and \$1,000 of expense money from US Chess to offset the trip. For the top five players on the overall list and to each state winner, Chess.com will also award a choice of a one-year ChessKid.com gold membership (valued at \$50/annually) or a one-year Chess.com Gold membership (valued at \$40/annually). US Chess gratefully acknowledges the participation of Chess.com!

Overall Winners STATE **EVENTS PTS** NAME SILVER, JACK NJ 10951 17 **GUO, ARTHUR** GA 9924 18 **NAIR, SIDDHANT** VA 8434 14 SINGHAL, SANAT CA-N 7871 12 **CHINNAMBETI, ABHINAV SAI**

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

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WU, ROCHELLE	AL	3635	12
SHE, CHENGYUE	AR	5094	10
KRUNZ, EYAD	ΔZ	6106	3
KONDAKOV, ADRIAN	CA-N	7226	16
KOPELIOVICH, JONATHAN	CA-S	5542	10
HEMMAT, ALEXANDER	CO	5151	9
LOMELI, CHRISTOPHER	CT	4075	8
PAN, ZACHARY STIER	DC	3646	4
IRVING. NICHOLAS	DE	2034	1
ORTEGA, VALENTINA LARA	FL	6778	10
DEVALAPALLI, PRANAV	GA	6523	11
KIM, GYUYUN	HI	3818	2
TAKAHASHI, MICHAEL JOHN	IA	5791	11
RIPLEY, RYAN DANIEL	ID	2322	1
RAO, PATRICK	IL	6284	12
XU, GRACE D	IN	4612	4
JOSEPH, RITA MARY	KS	5303	6
COLE, CHRISTOPHER J	KY	2789	5
BRICKMAN, DHIREN	LA	3532	5
ISAKOV, MICHAEL GREGORY	MA	4807	11
HENDRIX, WYATT MICHAEL	ME	2849	2
NARAYANAN, AKASH L	MI	5692	12
WEBER, SHANE MATHIAS	MN	3940	1
YE, LUKE SICONG	MO	5343	4
JOHNSON, JORDAN	MS	1908	1
MCGLENN, SIMON BLAISE	MT	700	1
VENKATARAJA, TRIYAKSHARI	NC	3795	9
WOLF, STUART	ND	1886	1
LE, HARRY	NE	4043	5
ROGERS, NOAH	NH	3134	3
KUMAR, ARAVIND	NJ	6530	17
ROMERO, JONAH ANTHONY	NM	3579	6
BATTSETSEG, BAYASGALAN	NV	2450	1
DEDONA, MARK	NY	7027	14
WANG, JASON YUYANG	ОН	7017	14
PATEL, ADVAIT	OK	4789	10
DALTHORP, MARK	OR	2774	1
TRIFALE, SHARVIL	PA	6710	13
LIN, ETHAN	RI	2227	3
DIAS, NEHA ALISHA	SC	4243	4

State Winners

SJORENBY, JOSIAH ISRAEL	SD	1290	1
DAVILA BLANCO, JUAN JOSE	TERR	4325	4
GOUGH, TURNER CHRISTIAN	TN	5478	13
POLAVARAM, RITHIK SAI	TX	6454	14
ROACH, AUSTIN	UT	3580	3
VONTERU, VARUN REDDY	VA	7699	15
MONTFORT, JOHN A	VT	1398	1
TIEN, SOPHIE	WA	6425	5
LIANG, AWONDER	WI	5116	14
MALE, PRESTON JOSEPH	wv	2100	1
MC LNERNEY, BRYAN C	WY	1418	2





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

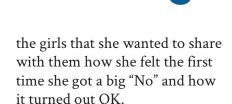
welfare of every sailor and ship in the U.S. Navy. She has also achieved many "firsts" in her career. She was the first female graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy to be selected for flag rank. She was the first African-American woman to command a U.S. ship, the USS Rushmore, and to achieve three-star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



"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



... telling them work ...

"But you need to understand that

'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.

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

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

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 ...



up.



the people you're responsible to."

answering questions, everyone

gathered together for a group

After Admiral Howard finished

Admiral

down on

one knee.

took off the

Howard got

... has its own rewards ...

... maybe even a trophy!

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

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 yearlong program and it is easy to participate. Just play in JGPdesignated events (usually a slower time control) and vou

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

goes to 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. It's a great blog and a great way to raise money for children's charities.



Michael Silver and ... Jack?!

Tournament Life Announcements

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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 \$\$h/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

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.

Bye:

dx: Time delay, x = number of seconds.

+XX: Time increment, xx = number of seconds added

after ecach move. Entry fee.

EF: Ent: Where to mail entries.

FIDE: Results submitted to FIDE for possible rating.

G/: Game in. For instance, G/75 means each side has 75

minutes for the entire game.

GPP: Grand Prix Points available

HR: Hotel rates. For example, 60-65-70-75 means \$60

single, \$65 twin, \$70/3 in room, \$75/4 in room.

JGP: Junior Grand Prix

Memb. Membership required; cost follows. Usually refers to

req'd: Open:

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

learning experience.

Ouad: 4-player round robin sections; similar strength

players

RBO: Rated Beginner's Open.

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

first day, 9 a.m. & 3 p.m. on the second day.

Reg: Registration at site.

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

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

SS: Swiss-System pairings (preceded by number of

rounds). Unr: Unrated.

W: Site is accessible to wheelchairs.

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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/ 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. One1/2 point bye available (limit one) any round (except Round 7) if requested prior to the start of Rd. 1. Team score = total of top four (minimum two) finishers from each school per section. K-9 Championship first place individual and team, including ties, will be the National Junior High School Champion. **Schedule:** Opening ceremony Fri. 12:30 pm. Rds.: Fri. 1 pm and 7 pm, Sat. 9 am, 2 pm and 7 pm, Sun. 9 am-2 pm. Awards Ceremony Sun., approx. 7 pm. EF: \$50/participant postmarked or online by 3/21, \$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. Questions: Susan Kantor at 931.78.7.1234 ext. 136. Entries: U.S. Chess Federation, Attn.: 2016
JHS Championship, PO. Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557 or online at
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, II. 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: 555 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 - guad \$149 Reservations: (888) 421-1442. Reserve early rate may increase. **Entries:** online/info at: http://rknights.org/regis-tration/tournaments/all-girls-nationals/ or mail to RKnights. Atto: 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 735, 4120 US (14 79 US) - (34) of US) replaid Resort and Convenional 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 Ul1000, K-6 Unrated, K-5 Championship, K-5 U900, K-3 Championship, K-3 U800, K-3 Unrated, K-1 Championship. April Rating Supplement will be used. One1/2-point bye available (limit one) any round (except Round 7) if requested prior to the start of Rd. 1. Team score = total of top four (minimum two) finishers from each school per section. K-6 Championship first place individual and team, including ties, will be the pionsinp first place individual and team, including ues, will be the National Elementary School Champion. **Schedule**: Opening ceremony Fri. 12:30 pm. Rds.: Fri. 1 pm and 7 pm, Sat. 9 am, 2 pm and 7 pm, Sun. 9 am-2 pm. Awards Ceremony Sun., approx. 7 pm. **Special Schedule** for **K-1** Rounds: Fri. 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm, Sat. 9:30 am, 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm, Sun. 9:30 am and 1:30 pm. Awards Ceremony Sun., approx. 5:30 pm. **EF:** \$50/participant postmarked or online by 4/4, \$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 co memorative 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. 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/. 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, GÀME/40 d5; 4 rounds, Entry fee \$15; Quick 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". IMFO: Karen Pennock, 520-261-3176, email: 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 . 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 Régistration: Saturday, May 28, 9:30-10:45 am. Rounds: 12-6:15, 11-5:15, 9-3:15. 2-Day Registration: Sunday, May 24, 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** box Notifies 10,1 2-13,2 3.5. insteadies integer in found + 1712es with 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 1200, 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 postmarked 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. 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 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 Biltz Tournament: 5-min. Biltz 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 Int'l. 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. **SECTS (based on** Player's Age as of 1/1/2016): U21 (FIDE Rated); U15; U11; 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-Yam & 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**, or mail entry form to Cajun Chess, 12405 Hillary Step Dr., Olive Branch, MS 38654. Info or Phone Ent: 504-208-

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9596 or 504-905-2971. Major credit cards accepted (no checks at site). Please bring your own chess boards, sets and clocks; chess vendor will be on site. FIDE.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix! June 22-23, Nevada

Plus Grand Prix Points: 30 (Enhanced) 2016 U.S. Women's Open

5SS, G/90 +30, Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino, 3000 Paradise Rd., 89109. \$\$2,000 Guaranteed Prize Fund. \$500-300-200, U2000 \$200, U1800 \$200, U1600 \$200, U1400 \$200, U1200 \$200. **EF:** \$50 by 6/3, \$70 later. **REG.:** 9-9:30 a.m. **RDS.:** 10-2:30-7, 10-2:30. 1/2 point bye available in any round (limit 1). **HR** \$69 (\$89 Friday and Saturday nights). (800) 732-7117 – be sure to ask for the **CHESS** rates. This event kicks off the LAS VEGAS INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL on Wednesday before the **National Open. ENT** Vegas Chess Festivals, PO Box 90925, Henderson, NV 89009-0925 or **www.VegasChessFestival.com**.

An American Classic! A Heritage Event! US Chess Junior Grand Prix! June 24-26 or 25-26, Nevada

hies Plus Grand Prix Points: 300 (Enhanced)

2016 National Open

26-SS, 4()-9(), SD/30 + 30 (2-day rounds 1-3 and unrated G/40 + 5). Westgate Resort & Casino, 3000 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas 89109. **\$100,000 Guaranteed Prize Fund** will not be reduced! In 8 sections, top 2 FIDE rated. Open: \$8,000-4,000-2,000-1,000-600-500-400-300-300-300, top under 2500 \$2,500, top under 2400 \$2,400, **EXTRA** \$2,500 for perfect score. The winner of the Open section also receives a replica of the Edmondson Cup. **Under 2300:** \$6,000-3,000-1,500-750-400-350-300-250-250-250. **Under 2100:** \$6,000-3,000-1,500-750-400-350-300-250-250-250. **Under 1900:** \$5,000-2500-1250-600-350-300-250-250. **Under 1700:** \$4,000-2,000-1,000-500-300-250-250-250-250. **Under 1500:** 3000-1500-700-350-300-250-250-250-250-250. **Under 1300:** \$2000-1,000-500-300-250-250-250, top under 1000 (no provisional) \$900. Unrated or Provisional Under 1000: 3 schedules with 6 rounds per day \$200-125-75 each day plus \$300 overall (best 2 results). **Plus Score Bonus** (\$12,000 guaranteed) in addition to any other prizes, every player with 3-1/2 points or more wins a \$50 gift certificate. Plus score certificates will be awarded on site only. Players age 14 and under are eligible for best game prizes including the Freddie Award and \$400 in cash prizes (donated by Fred Gruenberg). **Mixed Doubles:** best male/female combined 2-player team score: \$1,500-750-350-250-150. Teammates may play in different sections but must have average rating below 2200. **The Freddie:** Players age 14 and under are eligible for best game prizes including the Freddie Award and \$400 in cash prizes (donated by Fred Gruenberg). Unrated players may play only in Unrated or Open Section. Provisionally rated players may not win more than 40% of top prize in any under section; balance goes to next player(s) in line. CCA minimum ratings or other ratings may be used if higher than US Chess June Supplement. EF: \$225 by 6/3, \$250 by 6/22, \$280 later. \$40 less for seniors 65 and over. \$125 less for players in only 1 unrated schedule, \$60 less for 2 schedules. Add \$125 for adults rated under 2200 or juniors under 2100 playing in the Open Section. **Reg** 2 p.m.-10 p.m. Thursday, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Friday. **Rds.:** 11-5:30, 10-4:30, 10-4:30. 2-day schedule: **Reg.:** 8:30-9 a.m. Saturday. **Rds.:** 10-12-2 then merge with 3-day in round 4 at 4:30. Half point byes available in any round; round 5 or 6 byes must be requested before the start of round 2 and may not be cancelled. Chess sets and boards provided for tournament play only, not for skittles. Please bring digital chess clocks! The LAS VEGAS INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL features the National Open, the U.S. Game/10 Championship, the U.S. Women's Open, the International Youth Championship, and other events. **Many free extras and surprises!** Free parking. Free raffles with great prizes. Free GM Lectures. Free GM analysis of your games. Free Daily Bulletins and free commemorative DVD mailed to all participants. **Grandmaster Simuls and Chess Camp** for all ages on Thursday. **U.S. Women's Open** Wednesday and Thursday. Walter Browne Memorial Blitz Thursday 7:00 p.m. U.S. Game/10 Championship Monday morning. **Youth Tournaments** Friday, Saturday & Sunday. **Blitz** Tournaments Saturday & Sunday. **Poker Tournament** Thursday afternoon. Don't be shut out - make your reservations early and be sure to ask for the CHESS rates — \$69 single or double (\$89 Friday and Saturday nights) guarantees a premium room with new furniture, refrigerator, flat screen TV and more. The optional resort package including access to the Fitness Center, free WI-FI, and more is substantially discounted for our group. Cutoff for special hotel rate is June 3rd. (800) 732-7117 or www.VegasChessFestival.com/hotel. ENT Vegas Chess Festivals, PO Box 90925, Henderson, NV 89009-0925, on line at www.VegasChessFestival.com. Info: (702) 930-9550 and leave a message. FIDE.

A Heritage Event! US Chess Junior Grand Prix! July 30-Aug. 7, Aug. 2-7 or Aug. 4-7, Indiana and Prix Points: 300 117th Annual U.S. Open

Includes Traditional one game per day schedule (9 days), also 6-day slow-time control option, and 4-day option. 9SS, 40/90, SD/30; inc. 30 (4-day option, Rds. 1-6, G/60 d5). **Playing and Meeting Areas:** Marriott Indianapolis East, 7202 East 21st St., Indianapolis IN 46219. Guest Rooms: Indianapolis Conference Center (formerly La Quinta Inn & Suites), 7304 East 21st St., Indianapolis, IN 46219, Hr. 884, Call (317) 359-1021, mention "US Chess". Fairfield Inn & Suites, 7110 East 21st St., Indianapolis, IN 46219, HR: \$99, Call (317) 322-0101, mention "US Chess". Free parking - All three hotels are next to each other (Marriott at the center) and share same parking lot. Reserve by July 1 or rate may increase. \$50,000 in prizes based on 500 paid entries, else proportional, \$40,000 (80% of each prize) minimum guaranteed. A one-section tournament with Class prizes. Top US player not otherwise qualified qualifies for 2017 US Championship. **Choice of three schedules: Traditional:** 40/90, SD/30; inc. 30. One round daily at 7 PM, except Rd.

9, 3 PM 8/7. 6-Day Option: 40/90, SD/30; inc. 30. 7 PM 8/2, 12 NOON 8,7 PM 8/3-8/5,7 PM 8/6,3 PM 8/7. **4-Day Option**: Rds. 1-6: G/60 d5; then 40/90, SD/30; inc. 30. 12 NOON, 3 PM, 7 PM, 10 PM 8/4; 12 NOON, 3 PM, 7 PM 8/5; 7 PM 8/6; 3 PM 8/7. **All** schedules merge after Round 6 & compete for same prizes. **Projected prizes**: Top places \$8000-4000-2000-1500-1000-800-600-500, clear winner or playoff \$200 bonus. If tie for first, top two on tiebreak play Armageddon game (White 5 minutes, 2-sec delay, Black 3 minutes, 2-sec delay and gets draw odds) for bonus and title. Class Prizes: Top Master (2200-2399) \$2500-1200-800-500, Expert (2000-2199) \$2500-1200-800-500, Class A (1800-1999) \$2500-1200-800-500, Class B (1600-1799) \$2500-1200-800-500, Class C (1400-1599) \$2000-1000-600-400, Class D (1200-1399) \$1500-700-500-300, Class E or below (under 1200) \$1500-700-500-300, Unrated \$800-400-200. Half-Point Byes: must commit before Round 4; up to 3 byes allowed for 2000/up, 2 byes for 1400-1999, one bye for Under 1400/Unr. Limit 1 bye in last two rounds. Zero-point byes are always available in any round if requested at least two hours before the round(s) in question. **Entry Fee:** Online, \$145 by 6/20, \$165 by 7/18, \$185 after 7/18. By mail, \$147 postmarked by 6/20, \$167 postmarked by 7/18, \$187 after 7/18; do not mail after 7/25! By phone, \$150 by 6/20, \$170 by 7/18, \$185 after. No phone entries after 7/29 (by the close of business at the Office)! At site, all \$190; Free entry for GMs and WGMs for main event. All entries must be made at least two (2) hours prior to the player's first game. Current US Chess membership required. **July Rating Supplement** used; unofficial ratings (at least four games) used if otherwise unrated. CCA ratings used if above US Chess. Foreign player ratings: usually 100 points added to FIDE or FQE, 200+ added to most foreign national ratings, no points added to CFC. Highest of multiple ratings generally used. **Entries:** US Chess, ATTN: 2016 US Open, PO Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557. Online entry available soon. Phone entry: 800.903.8723. **Not** FIDE rated, **No cell phones.** Bring a clock — none supplied. Sets/boards supplied for tournament but not for skittles. Many meetings, workshops and seminars, including: US Chess Committee Meetings 8/3-8/5, US Chess Awards Luncheon 8/6 NOON, US Chess Delegates Meeting 8/6-7. Many side events and other championships, including: US National Blitz Championship 7SS Double, G/5 d0, Rd. 1 at 12 NOON 8/6; **Weekend Swiss** 5SS, G/60 d5, 12-3 Sat 7/30, 10-12:30-3 Sun 7/31; **US Open Scholastic** (see sepus, 12-3 Sat // 30, 10-12:30-3 Sull // 31; 0s open Ganastic (see sey arate TLA for the Scholastic event); US Open Quads G/30 d5 except on Wed (G/60 d5) 12-1:30-3 Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri; Wed 10-12:30-3. US National G/15 Championship 12-1-2:3-4 Wed B/3; US Open Bughouse Sat 10:30 AM 7/30. 18th Annual Golf Tournament for the US Open Chess Players, (see tournament website for details). US Open Tennis Tournament (see tournament website for details). In addition, three other championships will also take place: the **2016 Denker Tournament of** HS Champions (see website for participants' list), the 2016 Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions (see website for participants' list) and the 2016 National Girls' Tournament of Champions (see website for participants' list). Please check the US Open website often for undates, new information and corrections and other useful documents! (Information webpage coming soon)

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US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Apr. 29-May 1 or Apr. 30-May 1, California, Northern Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 30 (Enhanced)

Bay Area Chess Championship

1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. 5SS, G/90+30, 2-day rds. 1-2 G/60 d5. Park free. **Prize**: 5,000 b/90 (60% 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. Únr max \$100 exc Open. Apr 16 Supp & TD disc. **Reg.**: F 6:30-6:45p & Sa 9:30-9:45a. **Rds.**: F 7p, Sa 10a, 3p Su 10a 2:30p. (2-day Sa 10a 12:30 & merge). **EF:** 99, Econ EF: 79 w 60% prz, after 4/25 + 20. Playup +35. Rated 2250+ \$0 by 4/18 (prize - EF). Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/

US Chess Junior Grand Prix! May 14-15, Wisconsir

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Chula Vista Resort, 2501 River Rd., Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965. 855-388-4782, **HR:** \$85 (mention chess). In 3 Sections, **Open:** EF \$45 received by 5-12, \$5 more at site. \$\$b/25 \$400-\$225-A \$150- U1800 \$140. **Reserve(U1800):** EF \$30 received by 5-12, \$5 more at site. \$\$b/25 \$110-\$95-C \$75-U1400 \$75. **RB0:** (U1200) \$15 received by 5-12, \$5 more at site. 1st \$50, trophies to 1-2-U900-U700. **TC:** RD. 1 G/90 d10, RDS. 2-5 30/90, SD/60 d10. **RDS.:** 10-2:00-7:30, 10-3:30. **ENT:** Guy Hoffman, 1305D Tompkins Dr., Madison, WI 53716, 920-279-0701. INFO: schachfuhrer@hotmail.com, www.wischess.org, WCA Tour Event! W.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix! May 27-30 or 28-30, Virginia

phies Plus Grand Prix Points: 50 (Enhanced)

4th Cherry Blossom Classic

Warriot Dulles Airport Hotel, 45020 Aviation Dr., Dulles, VA 20166. A VCF Cup Event. 5 Sections - 7-SS in 4 sections (4-day or 3-day): Open, U2200, U1900 and U1600; 6-SS in U1300 (2-day only — Sat and Sun). Open & U2200 FIDE Rated - Strictly follows FIDE Laws of Chess; USCF Ratings used for Pairings and Prizes in all sections. **Prizes \$\$7500** b/140 (re-entries count as half, U1300 count as 3/4 entry), **Open Section** \$2400 Unconditionally Guaranteed, Minimum \$5970 GTD (70% each prize gtd in Other Sections). **Open:** (100% GTD) \$1000-500-300-150 U2300 \$300-150. Minimum USCF/FIDE 2100 Rating (Juniors/K-12 Min 2000) to play in Open Section. **U2200**: \$800-400-200 U2000 \$300-150. USCF/FIDE Minimum 1800 to play in U2200 Section. **U1900**: \$600-300-150 U1700 \$200-100 Unrated limit \$200. **U1600**: \$500-250-125, U1400 \$150-75 Unrated limit \$150. **U1300**: \$400-200-100 U1100 \$100 Unrated limit \$100. **Entry Fee: All Sections except U1300** \$89 by May 13, \$94 by May 20, \$99 by May 26, \$104 later and at site. Re-entry \$52 for all players, except no re-entry in FIDE Sections. GMs free; IMs/WGMs \$10

less; FMs/WIMs \$20 less; \$10 less to seniors age 65/over & Siblings, except in U1300 Section. **U1300 Section** entry fee \$20 less. **Time control**: Open/U2200/U1900/U1600: 4-day Schedule: May 27-30: 7SS 40/90;SD/30;+30sec inc. 3-day Schedule: May 28-30 Rd. 1 G/45;+30, Rds. 2-3 Sat G/90;+30, Rds. 4-7 Sun/Mon 40/90; SD/30;+30sec inc. U1300 plays only 2-day G/90 d5. Round times: 4-day schedule: Reg. ends Fir 7 pm, Rds. Fir 8 pm, Sat 11am - 5:30pm, Sun 10am - 4:30pm, Mon 9:30am - 3:30pm. 3-day schedule: Reg. ends Sat 10am, Rds. 1-3 Sat 11am-2pm-7pm and Rd. 4-7 follows 4-day schedule. Under 1300 2-day schedule only (Reg. ends 10am, Rds. Sat 11am-3pm-7pm, Sun 9:30am-1:30pm-5:30pm). **Byes:** Up to two 1/2pt byes available in all sections, must commit 1 hour before start of rd. 4 (by Sun 8:30am). HR \$80/night if reserved by May 13th. Reservations 1-800-228-9290 or 703-471-9500, mention Chess Tournament. More information/Online registration: www.cherryblossomchess.com. Mail.checks.(navable.to. Capital Area Chess.) to CHERRY BLOSSOM CLASSIC/ Attn. Capital Area Chess, PO Box 223582, Chantilly, VA 20151. Email info only: Anand Dommalapati, cbc2016@capitalareachess.com. Boards and sets provided in ALL sections. Clocks supplied in the Open section. Two Side Events: Sat May 28. 4th Cherry Blossom Classic Scholastic. 4-or-5-SS. Sections: K-3 U600, K-5 U800, K-8 U1000, K-12 U1200. K-3 and K-5 plays 4-or-5 Rounds G/30 d5. K-8 and K-12 plays 2-or-3 Rounds G/30 d5 and 2 Rounds G/45 d5. \$30 by May 20 online, \$35 by May 26, \$40 after May 26 and onsite. Trophies to Top 5 in each section and other Class Trophies, Medals to 2.5 points and above. Onsite Reg. closes 9:30am. Rounds 10am and ASAP. Awards approx 5:30pm or after that section finishes.

Sun Night Blitz May 29 – 4th Cherry Blossom Classic FIDE Blitz Class Let Talk for this Charty Blossom Classic Flora Blitz Alexandra Classic Scand Bird 1.5 Expected. (see also TLA for this Cherry Blossom Classic Grand Prix 10 Enhanced tnmt.) G/3; +2; 5 Round Double Swiss. \$\$200-100 Top U2400/U2200/ U2000/U1800: \$50 each, Highest USCF rating (regular, guick or blitz) used for pairings & prizes. **EF:** Enter online \$25 by May 27 online or onsite; \$30 after May 27th and onsite by 9:15pm. Rounds start 9:30pm Max 1 byes allowed, req at entry.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

May 28-30 or 29-30, California, Northern Plus Grand Prix Points: 80 (Enhanced)

Best of the West Championship 6SS, 40/120 sd30 d5 (2-day rds. 1-3 G/61 d5 merge in rd4). Marriott, oss, 40/120 sou to (2-day fres. 1-3 G/61 os merge in fray). Marriott, 2700 Mission College BI, Santa Clara, CA 95054. Prize: \$16,000 h/250 (60% Guar). 6 sections. **0pen** (2000 + FIDE rated): 2000 1200 700 300 100, 1200 1200 300 150. 1800-1999, 1600-1799: 1,500-800-500-200-100. 1400-1599: 1,000-500-300-200-100. u1400: \$800, 500, 300, 150, 100 u1200 \$300-200-100. Unr.capped at 300 exc in Open. **EF** by 5/23: 129, Onsite +25, Play-up +30 (max 100 rating diff). Reentry: 50. Econ Opt: 99 & 50% calc prize (not avail in Open). GMs/IMs free: prize-EF. May 2016 Supp, CCA min & TD disc to place players. Sched: 3-day Reg. Sa 10-10:45a, Rds. Sa/Su 11a 5p, M 10a 3:30p; 2-day Reg. Su 8:30-9a, Rds. Su 9:30a 12n 2:30p 5p M 10a, 3:30p. Max three 1/2-pt byes, Rd. 5-6 byes must commit bef rd. 1. **Ent:** Bay Area Chess, 2050 Concourse Dr. #42, San Jose, CA 95131. Rfnd fee 20. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/bestwest. E: ask@BayAreaChess.com. W.

June 22-23, Nevada

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 30 (Enhanced) 2016 U.S. Women's Open

See Nationals

June 24-26 or 25-26. Nevada

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 300 (Enhanced) 2016 National Open

See Nationals.

July 30-Aug. 7, Aug. 2-7 or Aug. 4-7, Indiana Grand Prix Points: 300

117th Annual U.S. Open See Nationals

REGIONAL Alabama

Apr. 16, Tuscaloosa Scholastic Chess Championship (5SS, G/25

University Church of Christ, 1200 Julia Tutwiler Dr., Tuscaloosa, AL 35404. Eff: \$20 by April 11; on site \$30. **Sections**: k-3, k-6, k-12. **Prizes**: Trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd in each section. **Reg.**: 8:15 – 8:45 am; **Rds**.: 9:10-10:20-12:30-1:45-3:00. **Ent**: Online at www.freedomchessacademy.org or mail to Freedom Chess Academy, PO Box 2356, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403. **Info:** www.freedomchessacademy.org. All proceeds to charity.

Arizona

May 28-30, 2016 U.S. Amateur Championship West

California, Northern

Apr. 17, Cupertino DuperSwiss75 (3SS, G/75 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Prizes:** \$1,300 b/50. 60% guar. 1900+: \$200-100-100, u2000 50-50. 1500-1899: \$200-100, u1600 50-50. u1500: \$200-100, u1200 50-50. Apr 16 Supp & TD disc. **Reg.:** 8-8:45. Rds.: 9-11:45-2:40. EF: 48 Econ 33 w 1/2 prz, after 4/13 +15, playup +25, Rtd 2200+ \$0 by 4/7. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/grand-

Apr. 17, San Jose Kids Quads (PK-12; 3XG/30 d5) 2050 Concord Drive #42, San Jose, CA 95131. Trophies: players w + score. Sched: Required Check-in 1:30-2p. Games: 2-5p. EF: 29, 44 after 4/14. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Apr. 17, San Jose Kids Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)

2050 Concord Drive #42, San Jose, CA 95131. **Trophies:** players w + score. **Sched:** Reg. 9:30-9:45a. **Games:** 10a - 1:30p. **EF:** 34, 49 after

4/14. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Apr. 24, Bay Area San Ramon Quads (PK-12; 3XG/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, 18090 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon, CA 94583. **Trophies:** Players w + score. **Sched:** Regrd Check-in 1:30-2p. Games: 2:15-5p. EF: 29, 44 after 4/21. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/ signature, W.

Apr. 24, Bay Area San Ramon Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, 18090 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon, CA 94583. **Trophies:** players w + score. **Sched:** Reg 9:30-9:45a. Games: 10a - 1:30p. EF: 34, 42 after 4/21. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Apr. 24, San Jose \$uper\$wiss (4SS, G/61 d5)

BAC Office, 2050 Concord Drive #42, San Jose, CA 95131. **Prizes:** \$1,300 b/50.60% guar.1900+: \$200-100-100, u2000 50-50.1500-1899: \$200-100, u1600 50-50. u1500: \$200-100, u1200 50-50. Apr 16 Supp & TD disc. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:15. Rds.: 9:30 11:50 2:30 5. EF: 48, Econ 33 1/2 prz., after 4/21 +15, playup +25, Rated 2200+ \$0 by 4/14. **Info:** http://BavAreaChess.com/grandprix. W.

Apr. 29-May 1 or Apr. 30-May 1, Bay Area Chess Championship

May 1, Bay Area Cupertino Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** players w + score. **Sched:** Reg. 9:30-9:45a. **Games:** 10a - 1:30p. EF: 34, 49 after 4/28. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

May 1, Bay Area Cupertino Quads (PK-12; 3XG/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** Players w +score. **Sched:** Regrd. Check-in 1:30-2p. **Games:** 2:15-5p. EF: 29, 44 after 4/28. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

May 8, Milpitas Luper\$wiss (3SS, G/90 d5)

1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Prizes:** \$1,300 b/50. 60% guar. 1900+: \$200-100-100, u2000 50-50. 1500-1899: \$200-100, u1600 50-50. 50. u1500: \$200-100, u1200 50-50. May 16 Supp &TD disc. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:15. Rds.: 9:30-12:50-4:15. EF: 48, Econ 33 w 1/2 prz. after 5/4 +15, playup +25, Rtd 2200+ \$0 by 4/28. Info: http://BayAreaChess. com/grandprix.

May 8, Mother's DAY Special: Mon & Daughter/Son Championship (PK-12; 5SS, G/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Fremont, CA 94538. Special commemorative trophies to players w + score & all teams. **Sched**: Reg. 9:30-9:45a. **Games**: 10a - 5p. **EF**: 44 (mother & child team), 54 after 5/4. **Info**: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

May 14, Bay Area KIPP Heartwood Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)

KIPP Heartwood Academy, 1250 S. King Rd., San Jose, CA 95122. **Tro-phies:** Players w + score. **Sched:** Regrd Check-in 9:30-10a. Games: 10a-2p. EF: 25, 40 after 5/8. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature.

May 14, Sacramento Chess4Less Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. **Trophies:** players w + score. **Sched:** Reqrd. Check-in 1:30-2p. Games: 2:30-5p. EF: 24, 39 after 5/8. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

May 14, Sacramento SuperSwiss (4SS, G/90 d5) Courtyard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Prize: \$600 b/36.

1700+: \$150-100, u1900 50. u1700: \$150-100, u1600 50. May 16 Supp & TD disc. **Reg.**: 9-9:15. Rds.: 9:30 11:50 2:40 5. EF: 45, Econ 29 1/2 prz., after 5/8 +15, playup +15, Rated 2200+ \$0 by 5/4. **Info**: http://BayAreaChess.com/grandprix. W.

May 15, Cupertino DuperSwiss75 (3SS, G/75 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Prizes:** \$1,300 b/50. 60% guar. 1900+: \$200-100-100, u2000 50-50. 1500-1899: \$200-100, u1600 50-50. u1500: \$200-100, u1200 50-50. May 16 Supp & TD disc. **Reg.**: 8-8:45. **Rds.:** 9-11:45-2:40. EF: 48 Econ 33 w 1/2 prz. after 5/11 +15, playup +25, Rtd 2200+ \$0 by 5/5. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/

May 15, San Jose Kids Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)

2050 Concord Drive #42, San Jose, CA 95131. **Trophies:** players w + score. **Sched:** Required Check-in 1:30-2p. **Games:** 2-5p. EF: 29, 44 after 5/12. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

May 15, San Jose Kids Swiss (PK-12: 4SS, G/30 d5)

2050 Concord Drive #42, San Jose, CA 95131. **Trophies:** players w + score. **Sched:** Reg. 9:30-9:45a. **Games:** 10a - 1:30p. **EF:** 34, 49 after 5/12. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

May 22, Bay Area San Ramon Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, 18090 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon, CA 94583 Trophies: Players w + score Sched: Regrd Check-in 1:30-2n Games: 2:15-5p. EF: 29, 44 after 5/18. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/ signature. W.

May 22, Bay Area San Ramon Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5) Courtyard Marriott, 18090 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon, CA

94583. **Trophies:** players w + score. **Sched:** Reg. 9:30-9:45a. Games: 10a - 1:30p. EF: 34, 42 after 5/18. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/sig-

May 28, San Jose Kids Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)

2050 Concord Drive #42, San Jose, CA 95131. **Trophies:** players w + score. **Sched:** Required Check-in 1:30-2p. **Games:** 2-5p. EF: 29, 44 after 5/24. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

May 28-30 or 29-30, Best of the West Championship See Grand Prix.

May 30, Best of the West Kids' Championship

Marriott, 2700 Mission College Blvd., Santa Clara, CA 95054. **Trophies:** Top 5 schools & Top 5 clubs in all sections combined & Top 10 players w

+ score in ea section. 5 sects based on Grade: K, Gr1-2, Gr3-5, Gr6-8, Gr9-12 **Sched**: Reg. 8:30-9a. 5xG/30d5, 9:30-11-12:50-2:10-3:30. **EF**: \$42. After 5/24 +15, Play-up 10. **Info**: http://BayAreaChess.com/

US Chess Junior Grand Prix! June 4, Pleasanton Pawn Promotion - G/61 (4SS, G/61 d5)

Sheraton Pleasanton, 5990 Stoneridge Mall Rd., Pleasanton, CA 94588. **Prizes:** \$1,300 b/50. 60% guar. 1900+: \$200-100-75, u2000 75-50. 1500-1899: \$200-100, u1600 50-50. u1500: \$200-100, u1200 50-50. Jun 16 Supp & TD disc. **Reg.:** 8-8:45. **Rds.:** 9a-9a, 11:30a, 2p-4:30p. **EF:** 48, Econ 33 w 1/2 prz. after 6/1 +15, playup +25, Rtd 2200 + \$0 by 5/25. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/grandprix. W.

June 5, Bay Area Cupertino Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** Players w + score. Sched: Reqrd. Check-in 1:30-2p. Games: 2:15-5p. EF: 29, 44 after 6/1. Info: http://BavAreaChess.com/signature, W.

June 5, Bay Area Cupertino Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** players w + score. **Sched:** Reg. 9:30-9:45a. **Games:** 10a - 1:30b. EF: 34, 49 after 6/1. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

California, Southern

The Los Angeles Chess Club

The Most Active Club on the West Coast! (310) 795-5710. * LACC: www.LAChessClub.com; VCC: www.ValleyChessClub.com; Contact email: Mick@LAChess-Club.com; Saturdays: 10am-10 pm (Beg & Interinclasses + 3 Tournaments). Sundays: 11 am -7 pm (Junior class + 2 Tournaments) – Details on our web site. Tuesdays: 7:30-9:30 pm (Advance Lecture). 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90025. (4 blocks W of 405, SW corner of Santa Monica & Butler * 2nd Floor – above Javan Restaurant) Group Classes * Tournaments of the statement Club.com; Saturdays: 10am-10 pm (Beg & Interm. Floor – above Javan Restaurant) Group Classes * Tournaments * Private (1:1) Lessons. Note: We added a new club in the valley!

Alec's Chess Club

www.alecschessclub.com. 818-220-0257. Tournaments for KIDS on Saturdays or Sundays 12-4pm weekly. Includes free class! Tournaments for ADULTS on Saturdays 5-9pm (G/30 d5) and 9-11pm (Blitz). Private Classes available by appointment. Located at 4418 Simpson Ave., #5, Valley Village, CA 91607, YOUR FIRST TOURNAMENT IS FRFF! Please contact Alec with any questions at alecnspencer@hotmail.com or on our website at www.alecschessclub.com.

Apr. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, LACC Every Saturday & Sunday Chess 4 JRS

9 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 4. Prizes: Trophies & medals; All players receive prizes! Parking: Free on streets & BoA. Free healthy refreshments. Info: (310) 795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com or Mick@LAChessClub.

Apr. 24, Palm Springs Chess Festival: Adults (18+)

5SS, G/30 d5. Palm Springs Pavilion, 401 S. Pavilion Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262. Sects of 16 players each based on age/rating. Choice of cash or trophy prize sections. Cash Prize b/16 player sect (EF \$44): \$150-100-50. Trophy Prize (EF \$35): players w + score. Sched: Reg. 9-9:45, Rds.: 10a 11:20a 1p 2:20p 3:40p. EF after 4/18 +10. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/palms. W.

Apr. 24, Palm Springs Chess Festival: Youth (under 18)

5SS, G/30 d5. Palm Springs Pavilion, 401 S. Pavilion Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. 5 sects b/ age: 4-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 14-18. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:45, Rds.: 10a 11:20a 1p 2:20p 3:40p. EF: \$25, after 4/20 +10. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/ palms, W.

Aug. 12-14 or 13-14, 21st annual Pacific Coast Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Connecticut

July 22-24 or 23-24, 21st Annual Bradley Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

Aug. 5-7 or 6-7, 22nd Annual Northeast Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Florida

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July 22-24 or 23-24, 24th annual Southern Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Apr. 22-24, 2016 All-Girls National Championships presented by the Kasparov Chess Foundation in association with the Renaissance Knights Chess Foundation & US Chess

May 26-30, 27-30, 28-30 or 29-30, 25th annual Chicago Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

July 15-17 or 16-17, 9th annual Chicago Class See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

Apr. 15-17, 2016 National Junior High School (K-9) Championship

July 30-Aug. 7, Aug. 2-7 or Aug. 4-7, 117th Annual U.S. Open

Iowa

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

May 13-15, 2016 Ice Harbor Scholastic Open

Weekend Scholastic Tournament with Friday Night Blitz, Saturday Open & Reserve Bughouse. 164 Individual and 54 Team Awards. Where: The Grand River Center / Grand Harbor Resort & Waterpark, 500 Bell St., Dubuque, IA 52001. **Reg:** Online: www.onlineregistration.cc. On-Site: 8:00am-9:30am. 6 **Scholastic Sections** Master/Expert (M/X) G/90 +30, 4 Rds: Sat 10-3 Sun 9-2; K-12 Open 8 K-6 Open: G/75 d5, K-12 U1200, K-6 U800, K-3 Open G/45 d5, 6 Rds: Sat 10-12:30-2:30, Sun 9-11-1:30. **Entry Fee**: \$45 by 4/13, \$50 by 5/1, \$55 after 5/1, \$60 on site. Prize Info: Trophies for Top 10 Individuals all sections, Class **Trophies** (6 each section) K-12 Open: Top 3 U1600 & U1400 each. K-12 U1200: Top 2 U900, U600, Unrated each. K-6 Open: Top 2 U1000, U800, U600 each. K-6 U800: Top 2 U600, U400, Unrated, each. K-3 Open: Top 2 U400, U200, Unrated, each. *Club Team Awards* (Total of top 3 individual scores): Plaques for Each Player of Top 3 Teams: K-3, K-6 Open & Reserve, K-12 Open & Reserve, Teams may be of common school or chess club per USCF current regulations. Entry Fee: Mail checks payable to "Chess in Iowa," c/o James Hodina, 3411 Blue Pt. Ct. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. Include name, USCF ID, Section, Team & Email address. **Hotel:** Grand Harbor Resort and Waterpark, \$119 chess rate includes 4 passes to waterpark. Rate guaranteed through April 13. Reservations: Phone (866) 690-4006 and ask for the Ice Harbor Chess Group rate. **Side Events:** Entry Fee = \$5.00 per player per event. Unrated K-6 Scholastic Touranment (same registration details as K-6 U1200). Blitz Chess Tournament Fri 7 pm; Bughouse Reserve Tournament Sat 4:30 pm; Bughouse Open Tournament Sat 7:30 pm; Friends and Family, Sat – Sun, 4 Rds., Rated & Unrated Sections. **Additional Info:** Visit www.iceharborchess.com for details on tournament, playing site, hotel, and area attraction or email: james.hodina@chessiniowa.org.

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June 17-19, 2016 U.S. Junior Open See Nationals

Maryland

Maryland Chess Association Tournaments

MCA runs scholastic tournaments (almost every other Saturday from mid-September to late May) & open tournaments (usually 10+ annually) throughout Maryland. 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

Apr. 22-24 or 23-24, 25th annual Eastern Class Championships See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

May 28-30 or 29-30, 85th Massachusetts Open

See Chess Life or www.MassChess.org.

Aug. 11-14, 12-14 or 13-14, 46th annual Continental Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

Nevada

Reno Scholastic Chess Quadz

University of Nevada, Reno FH19 PK-College. G/30 d5 Sched: 12:00-3pm. EF: 10. Weekly event on designated Saturdays. Info: www.chesskidz. org/quadz.html or chesskidz@chesskidz.org

June 22-23, 2016 U.S. Women's Open

June 24. Youth Trophy Tournament

5-SS, G/25 d5. Westgate Las Vegas Resort. Open to players age 14 & under. **3 sections**: Open, U1000, U700. **Trophies** top 5 in each section, top 2 in each 200 point rating group and unrated. Must be 3 players eligible for each prize to be awarded. **EF:** \$39 by 6/3, \$50 later. **Reg.:** 8:30-9 a.m. Rds.: 10-11:30-1-2:15-3:30. www.VegasChessFestival.com

June 24-26 or 25-26, 2016 National Open See Nationals

June 25-26, International Youth Championship

6-SS, G/60 d5. Westgate Las Vegas Resort, 3000 Paradise Road, 89109. In 4 Sections by age: 14 & Under, 14 & Under Reserve (under 1000), 9 & Under, 9 & Under Reserve (under 800). Trophies to top 10 in each section plus class and team trophies. 1st Place in each section wins a **Computer** loaded with valuable Chess Software and hundreds of Videos, 2nd-4th win chess prizes valued at 250-150-100. Unrated players may not win 1st in Reserve sections. **EF:** \$89 by 6/3, \$99 by 6/22, \$120 later. 1/2 point bye in any round (limit 2) if requested in advance. Reg.: 8:30-9 a m **Rds**.: 10-1-3:30, 10-1-3:30, Youth Blitz 6/24 6:00 n m (\$20 by 6/3 \$25 later). **HR:** \$69, \$89 Friday and Saturday. (800) 732-7117 – be sure to ask for the CHESS rates. ENT: Vegas Chess Festivals, PO Box 90925, Henderson, NV 89009-0925 or www.VegasChessFestival.com.

Tournament Life

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/PC\$ChessProgram.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!

Apr. 17, Westfield Spring Scholastic

Westfield V, 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, Bill Cohen: 732-548-8432 or 848-219-1358, www.westfieldchessclub.com and westfieldchessclub.blogspot.com

May 14, Princeton Charter School

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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 . 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. 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 NJSCE, No phone entries. Online entries \$32 at www.niscf.org after 4-15-15 until 5-26-16 at midnight. W.

May 28-30 or 29-30, 72nd Annual U.S. Amateur Championship -Fast

See Nationals

A State Championship Event! June 5, 2016 NJ State Girls Championship

48S, 6/55 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 Davisson, 6 Red Barn Ln., Randolph, NJ 07869. **Entry fee:** \$35, onsite: \$45. **Registration**: 9:00-9:45am. Rounds: 10:00am & ASAP. Email Noreen@deanofchess.com

June 11, Princeton Charter School

for more information.

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!

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 Davisson, 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@deanof chess.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.

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 homeschooled 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. 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. Contact: Alan Hodge 513-600-9915, a.hodge195 @gmail.com

Pennsylvania

MasterMinds Scholastic Summer League Info at www.mastermindschess.org

June 30-July 4, July 1-4 or 2-4, 44th Annual World Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

July 5-7, World Open Under 2100

See Chess Life or 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 by 7/7, \$45 mailed by 6/15, \$50 at site. **US Chess membership required.** Special 1 year dues with magsite. US Criess 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 or Continental Chess, PO Box 8482, Pelham, NY 10803, Questions: chesstour.com, chesstour.info, DirectorAtChess.US, 347-201-2269. \$15 service charge for refunds.

Tennessee

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

Virginia

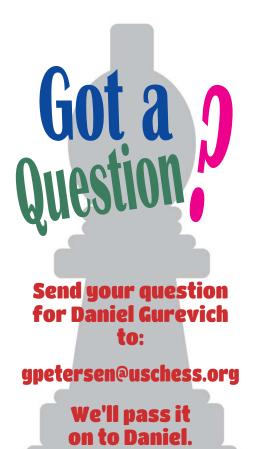
May 27-30 or 28-30, 4th Cherry Blossom Classic See Grand Prix.

June 17-19 or 18-19, 5th annual Continental Class Championships See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Wisconsin

May 14-15, 2016 Arpad Elo See Grand Prix.





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. Od8+ Kxd8 2. Rf8#

Quiz #4

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

Quiz #5

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

Quiz #6

1. Qh3+ gxh3 2. g3#

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(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 g1a7 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. Oxb6 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. fxg7+ 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#

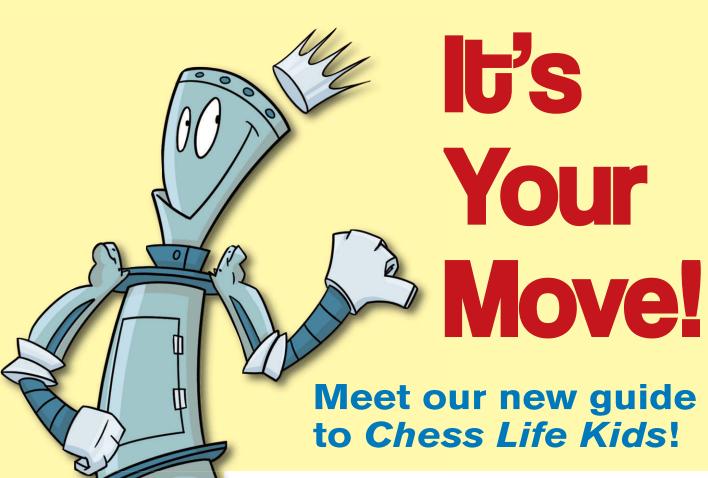
#2 – 1. Nd5! and Black must give up the queen as Nxd5 is met with 2. Qxh7#

#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. hxg6+ Rxg6 (2. ... Kh6 3. Rh2#; 2. ... Kh8 3. Rh2#) 3. Rh2+ Kg8 4. Rgh1!! Kf8 5. Rh8+ Rg8 6. Bh6+ Ke8 7. Rxg8#



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, 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. 0-0 Rc8

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

10. a3 Ng6 11. Nc3 Be7 12. Re1 0-0 13. Qd3 Rfd8 14. h4

My plan was to advance the hpawn 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).

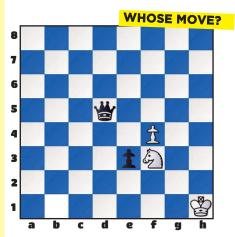
- Carlos de Leon

Forsyth - Edwards Notation

Last issue we asked you to look at the cover and write it down in Forsyth Notation, and you did! K7/8/2Np4/2P5/4q3/8/88
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.**





