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ON THE COVER

What is correspondence chess? It's the very same game of chess but played at a very slow pace. That explains the various phases of the moon that show up on our cover to indicate the passage of time.

You might be used to playing at standard tournament time controls or at blitz speed, but have you considered giving yourself days to consider a move?
Read our cover story by the 10th United States Correspondence Champion Jon Edwards (you probably already are familiar with Mr. Edwards' writing as he is the "You Can Do It" columnist for our magazine) beginning on page 10 and running through page 15.

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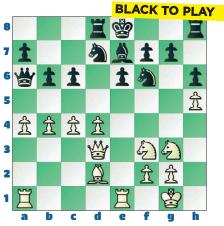
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Q: Can you analyze another modern Morphy-style attack as in your April column?
A: Absolutely! Here is one last brilliant game:

GM Konstantin Landa – GM Evgeny Shaposhnikov, 2005



There are a few signs that Black has misplayed the opening. It is move 18 and his king is still stuck in the center. His position is cramped by White's advanced pawns. Also, his queen on a6 is completely inactive and far from the kingside where the action is about to happen.

18. ... 0-0 19. Nf5!

White must act fast before his

advantage disappears! After a calm continuation like 19. Bc3 Rfe8, Black would be fine.

19. ... Rfe8

Maybe Black's best bet was 19. ... exf5 20. Rxe7 Rfe8. By trading pieces, he would reduce the danger to his king, but the tradeoff is that the f5-pawn is probably too weak to survive.

20. Nxg7! Kxg7 21. Rxe6!

A dazzling series of sacrifices! GM Landa understands that maintaining the pressure is more important than holding on to his material. However, the most precise move order was 20. Rxe6!! fxe6 21. Nxg7!, completely blowing apart Black's defenses. For instance, after 21. ... Bf8!? 22. Nxe8 Rxe8 23. Qg6+ Bg7 24. Ne5, White should be winning; he has a powerful attack and regains most of his sacrificed material.

21. ... fxe6?!

Now Black loses by force. It was not too late to curl into a ball and defend. After 21. ... Ng8! (reinforcing the h6-pawn and preparing Bf6), White would have nothing better than 22. Rxc6 Qb7 23. d5. White would have a

powerful center and a lasting advantage, but Black's king would stay relatively safe.

22. Bxh6+! Kh8

If 22. ... Kxh6, then 24. Qg6 mate.

23. Bg7+!

While White's first sacrifices opened up Black's king, now White gives up his bishop for just a tempo—the chance to play Qg6 with check.

23. ... Kxg7

Or 23. ... Kg8 24. Qg6 Nf8 25. Bxf8+ Kxf8 26. Ng5, with mate coming on f7.

24. Qg6+, Black resigned.

The attack could have finished with 24. ... Kh8 25. Ng5 Rf8 26. h6.

There is no defense against all three checkmates: 26. ... Rg8 27. Nf7 mate; 26. ... Ne8 27. Qh7 mate; or 26. ... Qxc4 27. Qg7 mate.

Notice how White's pieces zoomed across the board, threatening something every move, while Black could barely move. Most of Morphy's attacks worked the same way. Remember: a well-timed sacrifice lets you create more threats using fewer pieces.



Tales of The



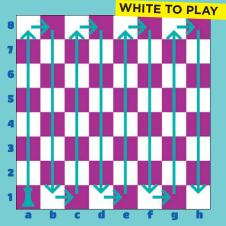
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More Lessons

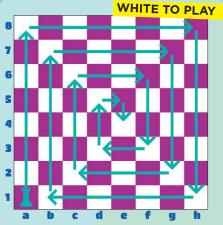
"The rook marches up and down across the board like a good soldier," the King said.

"The rook sails straight to the four points of the compass like a fine ship," said the King's friend."

"Show me," giggled the King's nephew.



"Here," said the King.



"Here," said his friend.

"Covering all the squares!" the nephew applauded.

"The rook dominates the board," said the King.

"Almost as much as the queen," she said, winking, "who can actually travel further."

The King frowned.

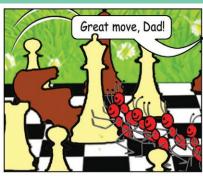
The nephew smiled. "The rook can travel from one end of the board to the other" he said, "covering eight squares. However, if the queen goes along the diagonal from a1 to h8, she travels on eight squares too, but she moves along the hypotenuse of a right triangle, and that is longer than either side!"







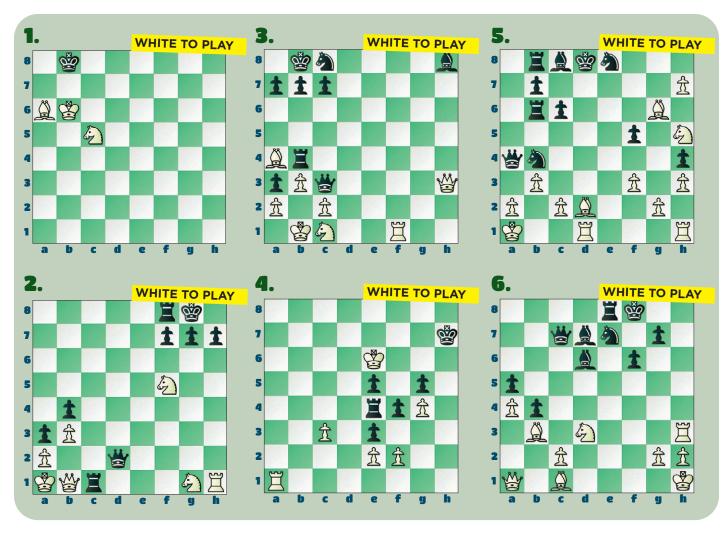




THEPIECES

The Crushing One-Two

Playing a mate over the board at the end of a long combination is one thing, but defeating your opponent with a quick one-two punch is another story in and of itself. All the following problems are mate in two and white is to move.





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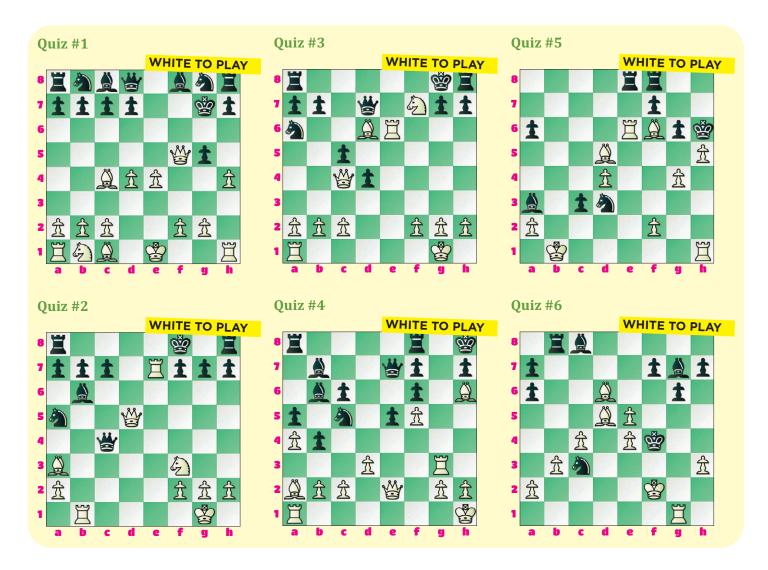


by Jon Edwards

10th United States Correspondence Chess Champion

DISCOVERED CHECK

Discovered checks are beautiful. Every position in this quiz is White to move and mate in two. Every solution involves a discovered check. Sound like fun? Sound hard? Do not be afraid! You Can Do It!





THE WSS DETRUITED TO A ROCK LIFT

Todd Bardwick is the author of *Chess Strategy Workbook:*A Blueprint for Developing the Best Plan. He can be reached at www.ColoradoMasterChess.com

A rook lift is when a rook moves forward, usually to the third rank, and then slides in front of its own pawns (which are still on the second rank) where it can attack on a file into the opponent's territory—usually aiming directly at the king. Since the rooks are the second-most powerful piece (and normally the last to develop), having them attack in the middle game can provide enough force to win the game.

Here is an example from one of the most famous games of all time. It involves a double-bishop sacrifice (!) from a game played in 1889 in Amsterdam, Netherlands between Emanuel Lasker and Johann Hermann Bauer. The bishop sacrifices are justified because of the rook lift that follows.



15. Bxh7+! Kxh7 16. Qxh5+ Kg8 17. Bxg7! Kxg7 18. Qg4+ Kh7



19. Rf3! The rook lift provides mating threats on h3. 19. ... e5
Forced. Black must give up his queen to avoid mate. 20. Rh3+
Qh6 21. Rxh6+ Kxh6 22. Qd7
Bf6 23. Qxb7 Kg7 24. Rf1
Bringing in the other rook and renewing the mate threat with a second rook lift after 25. Qd7. 24. ... Rab8 25. Qd7 Rfd8 26. Qg4+
Kf8 27. fxe5 Bg7 28. e6 Rb7 29.
Qg6 f6 30. Rxf6+ Bxf6 31. Qxf6+
Ke8 32. Qh8+ Ke7 33. Qg7+
Kxe6 34. Qxb7 and White went on to win.

Here is a position from a game between Valery Salov and Anatoly Karpov in Wijk aan Zee, Netherlands, in 1998, where White employs a rook lift to put pressure on the weak a-pawn.

by NM Todd Bardwick



15. Re3! Nd7 16. Rb3 Qa7 17. Rba3 Bb7 18. b4 Qb6 19. Qa4 Be7 Because of all the pressure on the queenside, Black hasn't had time to castle. 20. Bb2 Bf6 21. e5! Bxe5 22. c5 Qc7 23. Bxe5 dxe5 24. Bxb7 Rxb7 25. c6 Nb6 26. Qxa6 Qxc6 27. Nc4 Rb8 28. Nxb6 and White went on to win.

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Correspondence Chess:

What is it?

Why should I play it?

How do I get good at it?

by 10th United States Correspondence Chess Champion Jon Edwards

You love playing in chess tournaments. But unless you live in or near a big city, you might not be able to play in chess tournaments very often.

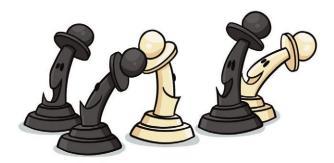
Of course, you can still play online. There are many websites where you can play a quick game. There you can play against folks all around the world at any time of the day or night. Finish your homework and head over to the Internet Chess Club (ICC) or Playchess, or Chess 24. These are just small samplings of the wonderful chess sites on the Internet.

Playing three- and five-minute chess is great fun, but it won't improve your chess much. Most masters will tell you that.

It turns out that quite a few masters first got good when they started playing correspondence chess. Many still play correspondence chess to test out new opening ideas. The best example is Paul Keres, who improved rapidly by playing correspondence chess. Today, Krishnan Sasikiran, India's third

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strongest player, is a regular correspondence player.

So just what is correspondence chess (CC)?

It's the very same game of chess, but played at a very slow pace. In CC, you have days, not seconds or minutes, for every move. Imagine thinking about a move for five minutes, or perhaps an hour, or even for a day or more.

Correspondence games might last months—or even a year! If you have no patience, then you might not be interested.

But first answer some questions: With more time to think, would you play better? Would you make better moves? Would you consider more than one candidate move? Would you more likely plan well ahead? Do you think that, with more time, you might play really well? That's the idea!

You can even use books or databases on the web. Just don't get help from your friends or use a computer engine unless the playing site says that it's OK to do so.

We used to call it "postal chess" because all moves were sent on postcards. Today, most correspondence moves are sent using email or through special websites that correspondence chess clubs provide.

Imagine now being able to play

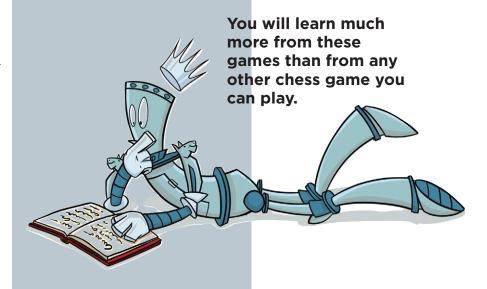
so carefully that you no longer blunder and hang pieces. You will have the time to think deeply. Some of your games might even be worthy of being printed in magazines. For many of you, the real advantage is that you will now be able to learn your chess openings. You will be able to avoid opening traps and obvious mistakes. You may not win every game or every event, but you will learn much more from these games than from any other chess game you can play.

It's a bit like taking a test with an open book. You may not remember opening lines in great detail. But with correspondence chess, you can enjoy good positions out of your openings.

Imagine being in real middlegames with chances and plans and cool choices.

My Uncle Joe was a lifelong doctor, but he still found time to play chess through the mail. I helped to run computing at Princeton University for 24 years, but I always made time for my correspondence games.

So how do you get started?
For most of you, US Chess is a great place to start! When I was a child, I started playing there using postcards to send the moves back and forth. You can still do that, but the cost of postage can sure add up. So, think about playing through email! That way, sending your moves is free! Trust me, you and your parents will be happy not



having to spend money on stamps and running to the post office to mail your cards.

At US Chess, newcomers are welcome to play in most events. You will need to let US Chess know your approximate rating or class and they will get you started! There are class tournaments, trophy quads, prize tournaments, and even challenge matches. When you get good, you might even consider entering the Golden Knights, which is the US Chess national championship for correspondence chess!

Always make your moves, even when you are losing. Being a good sport matters here too (See the April *Chess Life Kids* cover story)!

When your games end, you will get a correspondence chess rating. You are all busy with school, but it's so much fun when you get home to check your email and receive new moves. Imagine planning some neat strategies to try out.

Be careful not to play too many games at the same time. Your homework comes first, so limit yourself to no more than 20 correspondence games. That way, you are likely to get at least one new move every day. I personally never play more than 15 at the same time.

I recommend that you use correspondence chess to test out the openings that you will later play in your over-the-board tournament games. You will be amazed how quickly you will learn what you need to know to succeed in your regular games. I started out in correspondence chess with

that idea: to get ready to play in over-the-board tournaments. In the end, I discovered that I loved correspondence chess so much that I never stopped. I started as a very young player. I continued through high school, college, marriage, and now into my retirement.

I have discovered real opening novelties, won national and international events, and "e-met" folks from around the whole world!

Here are some simple hints on getting good at correspondence chess: Take your time! That advice works over-the-board too, but there's just no reason to rush in correspondence chess. Unless your reply is absolutely forced, always consider more than one move. To avoid clerical errors, always be

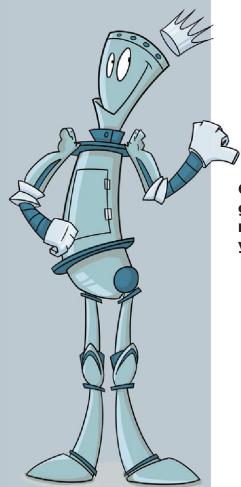
Correspondence Chess Quotables

"Correspondence chess has made valuable contributions to our knowledge of opening theory. Few realize though that chess played by mail also produces a goodly amount of miniature games." ~Irving Chernev

"The technique of good corresspondence chess lies in playing good moves."

~ Graham Mitchell

"Postal chess players depend less on intuition than on genuine analytical ability. "~Irving Chernev



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careful that the position you are considering is correct and that you are making the move you actually want to play.

Let me end with an old correspondence chess game of mine. It's not very long, but it sure was fun to play.

Laren, P (2305) Edwards, J (2480) Nimzo-Indian, Rubinstein Variation (E42)

Correspondence, 1993

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e3 c5 5. Nge2 cxd4 6. exd4 d5 7. a3 Be7 8. c5 b6 9. b4 a5 10. Na4 bxc5 11. dxc5 axb4 12. axb4 Nc6 13. Bd2 Ne4 14. Nb6



How cool was this game? The above diagram just appeared in

Amatzia Avni's book, *The Amazing Chess Adventures of Baron Munchausen*. The story goes: I brought this position to the folks in my local club. I asked them to find the move I played to end the game. They found all sorts of winning ideas.

14. ... Nxb4 (threat: ... Nd3 mate)
15. Bxb4 Oxb6!

There's also the move I played: **14. ... Bxc5** (threat: 15. ... Bxf2 mate) 15. bxc5 Qf6 attacking both f2 and a1.

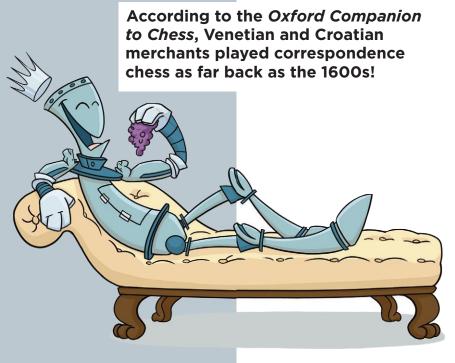
The folks at the club also found 14.... Bh4 (15. g3 Qf6).

As you can see, almost everything wins beautifully.

My opponent resigned after 14. ... Bxc5. On the final postcard, which for me became a neat trophy, he wrote:

"I am now out of the chess hospital after the cardiac arrest caused by 14.... Bxc5."

As I said, there's nothing like the thrill of correspondence chess.





Where to Play?

Are you ready to try CC? There are many possible correspondence clubs to join. You can get a slow game at ChessKid.com. You might start there and see if you like it.

It's very different from playing over-the-board. There's no pressure from a ticking clock, you can write down your thoughts and key lines, you can move the pieces around when you analyze, and of course, you can use books and databases during the game! If you win, you feel great. If you lose, you will have learned so much without risking your over-the-board rating!

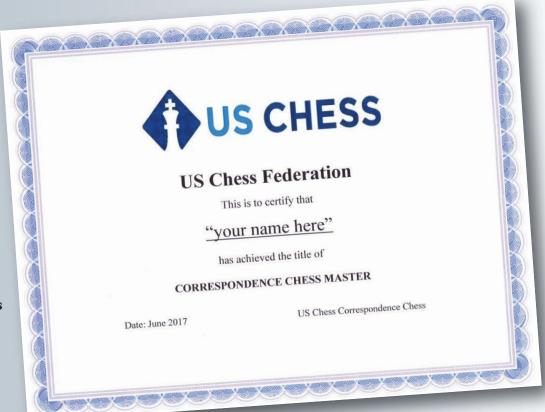
US Chess maintains a lot of information about CC on our website. You can find it here: www.uschess.org/content/blogcategory/82/393/

LiChess.com has a correspondence section for longer time limits. At Chess.com, you can play at a pace of three- or five- or even seven-days-per-move. Just be sure not to use a computer for help at this site! They will catch you and bar you forever from playing again on their site.

When you get a bit older, be sure to check out the CCLA, the Correspondence Chess League of America. The tournaments there are serious, but so is the play!

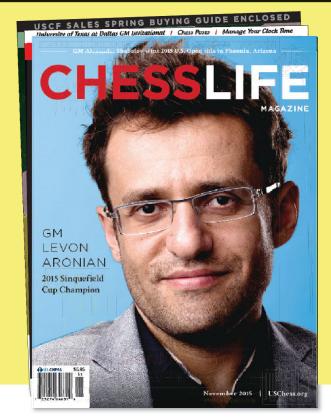
And for those of you who are rated over 1600, know that the single most important source for sharp, theoretical opening work is the database maintained in the Games Archive at the International Correspondence Chess Federation at iccf.com.

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must make 30 moves in 90 minutes, then complete the

NATIONALS

US Chess Junior Grand Prix! June 10-11, Tennessee 2017 U.S. Amateur South Championship 5SS, G/90 dS. Lausanne Collegiate Sch., 1381 West Massey Rd., Memphis, TN 38120. **3 Sections: Championship (U2200),** 1st: "River Cup" Championship trophy plus commemorative hat, 2nd-5th places: plaque plus commemorative hat. Reserve (U1600) & Booster (U1200), 1st: Championship trophy plus commemorative hat, 2nd-5th places: plaque plus commemorative hat. **EF:** \$40, \$10 less to juniors under age 18 or seniors over age 60, \$50 at site. **Reg.:** 9 -9:45 am. **Rds.:** Sat. 10-2-6, Sun. 10-2. **Byes:** One requested half-point bye allowed, any round, must request before start of round 2. **HR:** \$119/suite, 7855 Wolf River Blvd, Germantown, TN 38138, 901-751-2500, reserve by May 17 to ensure discounted rate. Additional details and Online Entry at: www.shelbycounty chess.com. Info: Email Arlene Kleiman at midsouthchess@hotmail.com or mail registration to Shelby County Chess, Attention: Amateur South, 1614 Vance Ave., Memphis, TN 38104.

An American Classic! A Heritage Event! US Chess Junior Grand Prix! June 16-18 or 17-18, Nevada

hess Grand Prix Points: 300 (Enhanced)

2017 National Open

+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:** \$5,000-2500-1250-600-350-300-250-250-250-250. **Under 1700:** \$4,000-2,000-1,000-500-300-250-250-250-250-250. **Under 1500:** 3000-1500-700-350-300-250-250-250-250-250. **Under 1300:** \$2000-1,000-500-300-250-250-250. **Under 1300:** \$2000-1,000-500-300-250-250-250, top under 1000 (no provisional) \$900. **Unrated/Under 1000:** 3 schedules with 5 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. 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:** \$199 by 1/31, \$225 by 5/26, \$250 by 6/14, \$280 later. Add \$125 for adults rated under 2200 or juniors under 2100 playing in the Open Section. \$40 less for seniors 65 and over. Unrated section only: \$125 less for players in only 1 schedule, \$60 less for 2 schedules. **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. 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 7:30 p.m. Youth Tournaments Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Blitz Sectionals Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Poker Tournament Monday Morning. Don't be shut out - make your reservations early and be sure to ask for the CHESS rates - \$69 single or double (\$89 Friday and Saturday nights) guarantees a 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 May 26; after that rates will increase significantly and there may not be any rooms available. (800) 732-7117 or www.VegasChessFestivals.om/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.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix! July 21-23, Minnesota 2017 U.S. Junior Open

6SS, G/90+ inc 30. St. Olaf College, Buntrock Commons, 1520 St. Olaf Ave., Northfield, MN. \$45 chess rate dorm single, \$72 double; see www.chessweekend.com for rates for nearby hotels. Please reserve early. July supplement used. **EF:** \$60 USPS or online by 6 pm July 7, \$70 USPS or online by 6 pm July 14, \$80 online until 6 pm July 20 and at door until 12:30pm. **Sections** (based on age as of 1/1/17): U21, U15, U11, U8. **www.chessweekend.com for more info and complete** details. Prizes (based on age as of 1/1/17): U21 \$500 cash plus entry in the 2018 U.S. Jr. Closed Championship; plaques to top 5 overall; plaque to top age 18, 17, 16, 15, U15; U15 trophies to top 10 overall, trophies to top age 14, 13, 12, 11, U11; U11 trophies to top 10 overall, trophies to top age 10, 9, 8, U8; <u>U8</u> trophies to top 10 overall, trophies to top age 7, 6, U6. **Team prizes:** Trophies to top 3 club or school teams in each section, top 3 scores will count toward team total. One 1/2 point bye available for any round, must commit before end of round 2. Rounds: Friday 1:00pm & 6:00pm, Saturday 9:30am & 3:00pm,

Sunday 9:30am & 3:00pm. Side events: Thursday evening GM Simul, Blitz Saturday after R4. Entries: Make checks payable and send to: Chess Weekend, 21694 Doud Ct., Frankfort, IL 60423. Info: www.chessweekend.com, 815-955-4793 before 8 pm. Chess Weekend will provide sets, boards; please bring clocks.

A Heritage Event! US Chess Junior Grand Prix! July 29-Aug. 6, Aug. 1-6 or Aug. 3-6, Virginia US Chess Grand Prix Points: 300 (Enhanced) 118th Annual U.S. Open

Includes Traditional one game per day schedule (9 days), a 6-day slow time control option, and 4-day option. 9SS, 40/120, SD/60; d5 (4-day option. Rds. 1-6. G/60 d5; then 40/120. SD/60 d5). Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel, 777 Waterside Dr., Norfolk, VA 23510, HR: \$114, Call (866) 716-8134, mention "US Chess". Reserve by July 7 or rate may increase. **\$50,000 in prizes based on 500 paid entries, else pro**portional, \$40,000 (80% of each prize) minimum guaranteed. A one-section tournament with Class prizes. Top U.S. player not otherwise qualified qualifies for 2018 U.S. Championship. Choice of three schedules: **Traditional**: 40/120 SD/60; d5. One round daily at 7 PM, except Rd. 9, 3 PM 8/6. **6-Day Option**: 40/120, SD/60; d5. 7 PM 8/1, 12 NOON 8. 7 PM 8/2-8/4, 7 PM 8/5, 3 PM 8/6. **4-Day Option**: Rds. 1-6: G/60 d5; then 40/120, SD/60 d5. 12 NOON, 3 PM, 7 PM, 10 PM 8/3; 12 NOON, 3 PM, 7 PM 8/4; 7 PM 8/5; 3 PM 8/6. **All** schedules merge after Daugh 4.6 compart for comparison. **Producted arrians**: Tablesco Round 6 & compete for same prizes. Projected prizes: Top places \$8000-4000-2000-1500-1000-800-600-500, clear or playoff winner \$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 6/26, \$165 by 7/17, \$185 after 7/17. By mail, \$147 postmarked by 6/26, \$167 post-marked by 7/17, \$187 after 7/17; do not mail after 7/24! By phone, \$150 by 6/26, \$170 by 7/17, \$185 after. No phone entries after. FPM Central 7/28 (close of business at the US Chess Office)! At site, all \$190; Free entry for GMs and WGMs for main event only. 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 no points added to CFC. Highest of multiple ratings generally used. **Entries:** US Chess, ATTN: 2017 U.S. Open, PO Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557. Online entry available, see website. 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 8/2-8/4, US Chess Awards Luncheon 8/5 Noon, US Chess **Delegates Meeting** 8/5-6. Many side events and other championships, including: U.S. National Blitz Championship 7SS Double, G/5 d0, Rd. 1 at 12 NOON 8/5; U.S. Open Weekend Swiss 5SS, G/60 d5, 12-3 Sat 7/29, 10-12:30-3 Sun 7/30; U.S. Open Scholastic (see separate TLA for the Scholastic event); Mon-Wed-Thu-Fri July 31, August 2, 3, 4 U.S. Open Quads (one-day events) G/30 d5. Entry fee \$20. Registration 9:30-11:30 a.m., Rounds at noon, 1:30 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. \$50 to first in each quad. Tue August 1 U.S. Open Quads (Tuesday Quads Only) G/60 dS. Entry Fee \$20. Registration 9 a.m.-10:00 a.m., Rounds at 10:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. \$50 to first in each quad. U.S. Open Bughouse Sat. 10:30 AM 7/29. 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 2017 Denker Tournament of HS Champions (see website for participants) list), the 2017 Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions (see website for participants' list) and the 2017 National Girls' Tournament of Champions (see website for participants' list). Please check the U.S. Open website often for updates, new information and corrections and other useful documents! www.uschess.org/tournaments/ 2017/usopen/

2017 U.S. Open G/15 National Championship 5-SS, G/15 d5. Quick rated, higher of regular or quick rating used. Entry

fee: \$40. Registration: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM. Rounds: at noon, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00. **Prizes:** 80% of entries as returned as cash prizes. 1st 30%, 2nd 15%, U2100 12%, U1800 10%, U1500/Unrated 8%, U1200 5%. See 118th Annual U.S. Open TLA for venue details.

Aug. 5, Virginia

Grand Prix Points: 15

U.S. Open National Blitz Championship (BLZ)

7 Double Round (14 games) Swiss, 1 section, G/5 d0. Blitz rated, higher of Regular or Blitz rating used for pairings and prizes. Entry fee: \$40, free to Unrated players if paying US Chess dues. Registration: 9-11:30 a.m., round 1 begins at noon. \$2000 Guaranteed Prizes! \$\$400-200-1000 Guaranteed Prizes! 150, U2200 \$200-100, U2000 \$200-100, U1800 \$180-90, U1600/Unrated \$140-70, U1400 \$100, U1200 \$70. (See U.S. Open Chess Championship TLA for venue details.)

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Aug. 23-27, North Carolina
US Chess Grand Prix Points: 200 (Enhanced)

2017 U.S. Masters Championship

9-SS, 40/90; G/30, inc.30 from move one. Embassy Suites Hotel, 204 Centreport Dr., Greensboro, NC 27409, (336) 668-4535, mention chess

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tournament (code CCI) for discounted hotel rate of \$101 until Aug. 9, 2017. Reserve hotel online: http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/G/GSOGBES-CCI-20170822/index.jhtml?WT.mc_ =POG. GM, IM, WGM, and WIM norms may be possible. 2013-16 tournaments were super swiss with 15 norms achieved! \$17000 in prizes UNCONDITIONALLY GUARANTEED! \$5000-3000-1800-1100-650-550-500-450-400-350 Class prizes: U2400 501-301, U2300 501-301, U2200 501-301, U2100 501-301. **EF:** \$249 if received by August 20, 2017, \$299 later or on site. \$50 discount for NC residents. GM's and foreign IM's free with no deduction from winnings for entry fee (contact organizer for possible additional conditions). **Elgibility:** Must have FIDE or USCF Masters title or juniors (under age 21) must be previously rated over 2000. **RDS.:** Aug 23rd: 7:00PM then 11-6, 11-6, 11-6, 14.6. **HR:** \$101 all rooms are suite style. Free made to order breakfast daily, free manager's reception nightly, and free airport shuttle available. **Advance Entry:** www.carolinaschessinitiative.com. Alternately, checks may be sent to: CCI, c/o Walter High, 105 N. Crabtree Knoll, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. Make checks payable to: Carolinas Chess Initiative (CCI). On site entry will be available on August 23 from 5-6:30PM. BYES: A maximum of three byes allowed. Byes must be requested before round paired. Players receiving conditions must play all nine rounds. INFO: Walter High (Organizer) wmhigh@nc.rr.com. More info including pre-entry lists may be available at: carolinaschessinitiative.com. FIDE rated. Hotel has a no smoking policy which includes electronic cigarettes. FIDE electronic device rules in effect.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix! Sept. 15-16 (Fri & Sat), Kansas Grand Prix Points: 20

2017 U.S. Blind Chess Championship in Lindsborg, KS Lindsborg is a small safe community of 3,000 people. 4 SS or 4 RR (depends on #of players), G/135 d0. EF: Free. Playing site: Karpov School, 106 S. Main St., Lindsborg, KS 67456. **Reg.:** must be received by Sept. 1, 2017: **Contact:** Anna James 785-227-7555, akarpovks by sept. 1, 2011 Strington and Prize. All players: \$100 scholarship toward Summer Chess Camp at the Karpov Chess School in Lindsborg. Thurs. Sep. 14, 5-6 pm Reg. for Blindfold exhibition with GM Timur Gareyev. 6pm Lecture, 6:45 Clock Blindfolded Simul-7 boards. Participants of the Championship get the free spots in the simul and priority in registration, for others \$20. Award Ceremony in Swedish Country Inn, 8pm, with Swedish dance-music with smorgasbord, NOTE: All players must be classified as Legally Blind and bring proof. You must also be a current member of USCF for \$18 a year. You can join to USCF at the event! Swedish Country Inn, with the traditional Swedish breakfast buffet, lunch and dinner. Free shuttle to/from airport Wichita/Salina. HR: \$130/night: tax and meals included. Contact: Anna James 785-227-7555, akarpovkschess@

Sept. 23, California, Northern

US Chess Grand Prix Points: 30 (Enhanced)
2017 U.S. Game/30 National Championship
5SS, G/30 d5 - \$8,000 b/199 fully paid entries - 60% guaranteed. Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Pkwy., CA 95054. Park free. Hotel Room \$99 at Biltmore. Info: http://BavAreaChess.com/ usg60g30. In 4 sections: Open Section (1900+): \$1,500, 700, 300, 100, Top u2100 \$200 100. **1600-1899 Section:** \$1,000, 400, 200, 100. **1300-1599 Section:** \$1,000, 400, 200, 100. **Under 1300 Sec**tion: \$1,000, 400, 200, 100. Unr capped at 200 exc in Open. EF: \$84, after 9/17 \$109. Play-up: \$25. GM free, IM free before 9/13 (EF subtr from prize for all free entries). **DISCOUNT:** \$139 if registering for both U.S. G/30 (9/23) and U.S. G/60 (9/24). **Byes:** One 1/2 pt bye allowed must commit by start of Rd 2. Reenter with 1/2pt bye in Rd. 1 for \$44. Sept 2017 Supp, CCA min, TD discr used to place players accurately. SIDE EVENT for KIDS for K-12 students rated under 1000: 5SSxG/30 d5 in 4 sections based on rating: 800-999, 600-799, 400-599, 200-399 u200. **Prizes:** Trophies to Top 15 players in each section and Top 5 Clubs & Top 5 Schools in each section. Min 2, Top 3 players count for team score **EF:** \$54, after 9/17 \$69. **DISCOUNT:** \$94 if registering for both U.S. G/30 (9/23) and U.S. G/60 (9/24). Play-up: \$10. **Schedule for all** sections: On-site Reg: 8-8:30am. Rounds: 9a, 10:30a, 12:30p, 2p, 3:30p. **Blitz Event:** Reg: Sat 9/23 Reg: 4:30-5pm, Rounds 5:30-7p, total 8-10 rounds. EF: \$14, \$16 onsite. 75% of EFs returned as prizes. **Reg.** online: http://BayAreaChess.com/my/usg60g30 or Mail payments to BayAreaChess, 2050 Concourse Drive #42, San Jose, CA 95131, Rfnd fee: \$25. **Organizer**: Dr. Judit Sztaray. **Email:** ask@BayAreaChess.com.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix! Sept. 24, California, Northern

T: 408-409-6596, W.

Grand Prix Points: 30 (Enhanced)

2017 U.S. Game/60 National Championship 4SS, G/60 d6 - \$10,500 b/240 fully paid entries - 60% guaranteed.

Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Pkwy., CA 95054. Park free, Hotel Room \$99 at Biltmore, Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/ usg60g30. In 6 sections: **Open Section (2000+):** \$1,200 600 300 100 100 Top u2200 \$200, 100, 1800-1999 Section; \$1,000 400 200 100, 1600-**1799 Section:** \$1,000 400 200 100. **1400-1599 Section:** \$1,000 400 200 100. 1200-1399 Section: \$800 400 200 100. Under 1200 Section: \$700 300 200 100. Unr capped at 300 exc in Open. EF: \$84, after 9/18 \$1.09. Play-up: \$25. GM free, IM free before 9/14 (EF subtr from prize for all free entries). DISCOUMT: \$139 if registering for both U.S. G/30 (9/23) and U.S. G/60 (9/24). Byes: One 1/2 pt bye allowed must commit by start of Rd. 2. Reenter with 1/2pt bye in Rd. 1 for \$44. Sept 2017 Supp, CCA min, TD disc used to place players accurately. SIDE EVENT for KIDS for K-12 students rated under 1000: 4SSxG/60 d5 in 5 sections based on rating: 800-999, 600-799, 400-599, 200-399, u200. **Prizes:** Trophies to Top 15 players in each section and Top 5 Clubs & Top 5 Schools in each section. Min 2, Top 3 players count for team

score. EF: \$54, after 9/18 \$69. DISCOUNT: \$94 if registering for both U.S. G/30 (9/23) and U.S. G/60 (9/24). Play-up: \$10. Schedule for all sections: On-site Reg: 8-8:30am, Rounds: 9a, 12p, 2:30p, 5p, Blitz Event: Reg: Sat 9/23 Reg: 4:30-5pm, Rounds 5:30-7p, total 8-10 rounds EF: \$14, \$16 onsite. 75% of EFs returned as prizes. Reg. online: http://BayAreaChess.com/my/usg60g30 or mail payments to BayAreaChess, 2050 Concourse Drive #42, San Jose, CA 95131. Rfnd fee: \$25.**0rganizers**: Dr. Judit Sztaray. **Email:** ask@BayAreaChess.com.

GRAND PRIX

June 16-18 or 17-18, Nevada ness Grand Prix Points: 300 (Enhanced) 2017 National Open See Nationals.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix! June 16-18 or 17-18, California, Northern hess Grand Prix Points:

Bay Area Beat the Heat Championship 1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. 5SS, G/90+30 2-day rds. 1-2 G/60 d5. Park free. **Prizes:** 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: Playup +25. Rated 2250+ \$0 by 6/3 (prize - EF). Info: http://BayArea Chess.com/champs.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix! July 14-16 or 15-16, California, Northern

ss Grand Prix Points: 50 (Enhanced)

2017 Peoples Tournament

6SS, 40/120 sd30 d5 (2-day opt rounds 1-3 G/61 d5). The Faculty Club Minor Lane, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720. **Prize: \$12,000 b/197 60% guart. Open (2000+ FIDE):** \$2000-1000-400-200 u2300 300-100, u2100 100 **A:** \$1000-500-200-100-100. **B:** \$1000-500-200-100. **100. C:** \$1000-500-200-100. **D/E:** \$800-300-100, u2200 600-300-100. 100. **C.** \$1000-3007-2007-1007-100. **Dr.:** \$000-3007-100, 012200-000-3007-100. Unr capped at 300 exc in Open. **EF:** 99 by 7/7. Econ 79 w 50% prz. After 7/8 +25. Play-up +20. Reentry: \$49, Rfnd fee 25. GM/IM free by 7/1 (prz-EF). USCF mem regrd. **Sched:** 3-day Reg. F 6-6:30p, Rds. F 7p, Sa 11:30a 5:30p, Su 10a 3:30p; 2-day Reg. Sa 8-8:30a, Rds. Sa 9a 11:30a 2p 5:30p Su 10a 3:30p. Max two 1/2-pt byes, commit bef rd. 3. Jul 17 Supp, CCA min & TD disc to place players accurately. Bring clocks. Info/Flyer/Reg: http://BayAreaChess.com/ppl. W.

July 29-30, Virginia

Weekend Swiss (at the 118th Annual U.S. Open)

5SS, G/60 d5 **\$1,150 Guaranteed Prizes:** \$200-100-50, U2200/Unrated \$160, U2000 \$150, U1800 \$140, U1600 \$120, U1400 \$100, U1200 \$80, Unrated \$50, Entry fee: \$40, Unrated players free if paying US Chess dues. On-site Registration: 10:00-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Rounds at noon & 3:00 p.m. Saturday, 10:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. Sunday. (See U.S. Open Chess Championship TLA for venue details.)

July 29-Aug. 6, Aug. 1-6 or Aug. 3-6, Virginia d Prix Points: 300 (Enhanced) 118th Annual U.S. Open

Aug. 5, Virginia

s Grand Prix Points: 15 U.S. Open National Blitz Championship (BLZ)

See Nationals.

A State Championship Event! Aug. 5, Pennsylvania

ess Grand Prix Points: 6

2017 PA State Game/45 Championship 4SS, G/45 d5. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pitt., 5th & Bigelow, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. 3 Sections, \$\$ (695G): **Champ:** EF: \$30 by 7/28, \$40 later. \$200-100, U2000 \$75, U1800 \$50. **Premier:** U1600. EF: \$25 by 7/28, \$35 later. \$90-60, U1400 \$50, U1200 \$40, U1000 \$30. Trophies to Top 2, Top 2 U1400, Top 2 U1200, Top 2 U1000. Scholastic: Grades K-12 U900. EF: \$15 by 7/28, \$25 later. Trophies to Top 7, Top 3 U600. **All:** Trophies: Top 2 Schools, Top 2 Clubs. PSCF \$5, OSA. Reg ends 9:30am. Rds.: 9:45-11:30-1:15-3. Ent/Info: PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 25 Freeport St., Pittsburgh, PA 15223, 412-908-0286, martinak tom m@hotmail.com.

Aug. 23-27, North Carolina

s Grand Prix Points: 200 (Enhanced) 2017 U.S. Masters Championship

See Nationals

US Chess Junior Grand Prix! Aug. 25-27, North Carolina

Chess Grand Prix Points: 60 (Enhanced)

North Carolina Open

5-SS, G/120 d5; 2-day schedule: Rd. 1: G/90 d5. Embassy Suites Hotel, 204 Centreport Dr., Greensboro, NC 27409. (336) 668-4535, mention chess for \$101 rate (code CCI) until Aug. 9, 2017. Reserve hotel online: http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/G/GSOGBE S-CCI-20170822/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG. 4 sections: Open, U2000, U1700, U1400, plus Saturday scholastic (U1000) see below. GMs and IMs encouraged to enter concurrent US Masters tournament rather than the NCO. Open section is FIDE rated. **\$12000** in total prizes **UNCON- DITIONALLY GUARANTEED!** Prizes in all 4 sections: \$1,000-500-300-250-150-125-125-100-100-100; Class prizes (U2100, U1850, U1550, U1250): \$251-101 each section. Can play up if within 100 points of next section in Aug. 2016 supplement. **EF:** \$79 if received by Aug. 20; \$95 thereafter; RDS.: Round 1: Friday at 7:00 pm or Saturday at 10:00 am

(G/90 d5); then Saturday 2-7, Sunday 9-2. Two half-point byes allowed, must be requested before Rd. 2 is paired. Advance Entry: Online registration available at www.carolinaschessinitiative.com. Alternately: mail checks to CCI, c/o Walter High, 105 N. Crabtree Knoll, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. Onsite entry: Aug. 25 from 5-6:30 pm and Aug. 27 from 8:00-9:30 am. No smoking including electronic cigarettes. **Saturday Scholastic** Open to K-12 rated U1000. 4 Rd-SS, G/30 d5. EF: \$20 by Aug. 20, \$25 thereafter. Rounds: 10:30 am-12:30 pm-1:45 pm-3:00 pm. Trophies: top 5 in two sections. Sections based on rating. INFO: Walter High wmhigh@nc.rr.com.

9SS International section only or 7SS G/90 with 30 sec inc. Rd. 1 of 3

A Heritage Event! US Chess Junior Grand Prix! Aug. 31-Sept. 4, Sept. 1-4 or Sept. 2-4, Texas

rand Prix Points: 150 (Enhanced) 83rd Annual Southwest Open

day is G/60 d5 and is not Fide rateable for U2400 section. Sheraton DFW Airport Hotel, 4440 W. John Carpenter Fwy, Irving, TX 75063. 4 Sections and scholastic side events: *International Section*: (This section is Fide Rated and uses Fide Rules. USCF rules used for awarding prizes. GM & IM norms possible! Min. 2000 FIDE or 2200 USCF required. Prizes \$7,500 G: \$\$3000-1500-1000, U2500 \$\$1000, U2300 \$\$1000. EF: GMs, foreign IMs, 2500+: Free; 2450-2499: \$100; 2400-2449 \$150; 2350-2399; \$200; 2300-2349 \$250; 2250-2299; \$300: 2200-2249 \$350; 2100-2199: \$400; 2000-2099 \$450; U2000: \$500; Unr: \$700; \$75 discount to all non-US Federation players who do not get free entry. FIDE ratings used for EF / pairings /prizes. Tournament will be run using FIDE Rules. Non-USA Federation players must have/provide a FIDE ID number or they cannot play. (New players can get a FIDE ID number for their Country's Federation.) This section is open to players with FIDE Ratings above 2000 (a few special exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Organizers.) Note that anyone rated USCE 2200 and above is also eligible to play but must pay Entry Fees according to their FIDE Ratings. To improve chances to make GM Norms, a maximum of approximately one-third of the total field will be permitted to be U2200 FIDE. May use accelerated pairings if in the opinion of the Chief Arbiter, IA Francisco Guadalupe, this would improve norm chances, Req.: 8/31 6:00pm - 6:55 pm, Rds.: Thurs. 8/31 at 7:20pm, Fri. 9/1 at 1 pm - 7:20 pm, Sat. 9/2 at 2:10 pm - 7:20 pm, Sun. 9/3 at 11:30 am - 5:20 pm, and Mon. 9/4 at 9:20 am - 3:00 pm. **U2400 Section:** (This section is FIDE rated and uses FIDE rules. USCF rules/ratings used for awarding prizes. USCF ratings used for pairing purposes. Players not at the board within 60 minutes of the start of the round will forfeit game unless arbiter decides to grant more time.) Please check tournament website for rules about FIDE registration. \$\$ 800-400, U2200 \$600-300 base on 200 players in U2400, Reserve and Novice. International and scholastic sections do not count toward based on. **Reserve Section:** U2000. \$\$ 800-400-200. B \$600-300-150, U1600 \$500-250-125. based on 200 players in 112400. Reserve and Novice sections. International and scholastic sections do not count toward based on. **Novice Section**: U1400 and Unrated. \$\$ \$500-250-125, E \$400-200, U1000 \$300-150 Unrated \$200 base on 200 players in U2400, Reserve and Novice sections. International and scholastic sections do not count toward based on. All 3 (U2400, Reserve and Novice); Except for approved Electronic scorekeeping devices, no electronics are allowed in the playing area during the round. This includes rest rooms by the playing area. This rule applies to players, parents, coaches. TCA membership required. Other states accepted. EF: \$89 if received by 8/25, else \$99. \$82 Junior(U19) if received by 8/25 else \$90 (juniors count as 90% toward base). Senior (over 65)/Handicap/Additional family participant /Birthday during event, \$53 if received by 8/25 else \$65 (Senior/Handicap/Additional family participant counts 60% toward base). Add \$5 for CC phone entries; prereg. requires pre-payment. After 8/29/17 all registration and changes on site only; all changes including withdrawals, \$10 after 8/29/17. 4 day: Reg. Friday 9/1, 6:15 pm-6:50. Rds. Fri.: 7:20, Sat.: 2:10 pm - 7:20, Sun: 11:30 am - 5:20 pm, Mon.: 9:20 am - 3:00 pm. 3 day: Reg. Sat. 9/2, 8-8:25 am, Rd. 1 at 9 am then merge with 4 day. Foreign Unrated must play in U2400 section. Tournament may use CCA rules for foreign ratings and for minimum ratings. Registrations that do not indicate 4 or 3 day schedule will be put in the 3 day. Hotel rates: \$89 for 1 person, \$99 for two people, \$109 for 3 people and \$119 for 4 people in a room. Rooms includes breakfast buffet. Call 972-929-8400 or 1-888-627-8190 and reserve by 8/7 and ask for the Chess rate. After 8/7 the rate will not be honored. Note that the hotel has a \$50 fee for guests who check out earlier than their schedule departure date. Hotel has complimentary hotel shuttle to/from DFW airport. Up to two 1/2-pt byes available if requested before end of rd. 2, but byes for both rd. 6 AND 7 not permitted. Tournament reserves the right to use an analog clock with equivalent time control under special circumstances (not in U2400 section). Texas Chess Association meeting on Sunday 9/3 at 8:30 am. K-12 Scholastic on Saturday, 9/2. 5-SS, G/30 d5, EF: \$31 by 8/25, \$46 thereafter; Pre-reg. requires pre-payment. After 8/29/17 all registration and

Sept. 15-16 (Fri & Sat), Kansas ness Grand Prix Points: 20

2017 U.S. Blind Chess Championship in Lindsborg, KS See Nationals Sept. 23, California, Northern US Chess Grand Prix Points: 30 (Enhanced) 2017 U.S. Game/30 National Championship

changes on site only; all changes \$10 after 8/29/17. No refunds after

8/29/17, \$10 handling fee for refunds before 8/30/17. Entries do not count toward base in Open, Reserve and Novice. Registration: 9:15-

9:45 am, Rd. 1 at 10:20 am, rest ASAP with small lunch break. Sections: K-12 Championship and K-12 U1000. Prizes: Trophies to top

12 individuals, five teams in each section. K-12 U1000 also top three unrateds. Medals to Players who do not win a trophy. ALL: Ent: Dallas

Chess Club, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX

76036. Info: Barb Swafford, 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com www.dallaschess.com. W. FIDE. JGP for Non scholastic side events.

Tournament Life

Sept. 24, California, Northern

s Grand Prix Points: 30 (Enhanced) 2017 U.S. Game/60 National Championship

REGIONAL California, Northern

June 10. Sacramento Chess4Less Quads (PK-12: 3xG/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Trophies: players w + score. Sched: Regrd. Check-in 1:30-2p. Games: 2:30-5p. EF: 24, 39 after 6/4. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

June 10, Sacramento LuperSwiss (3SS, G/90 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. **Prizes:** \$600 b/36. 1700+: \$150-100, u1900 50. u1700: \$150-100, u1600 50. Jun 17 Supp 8 TD disc. **Reg.:** 9-9:15. Rds. 9:30-12:30-3:30 EF: 45, Econ 29 1/2 prz., after 6/4 +15, playup +15, Rated 2200 + \$0 by 6/1. **Info:** http://BayArea Chess.com/grandprix. W.

June 11, Bay Area Fremont Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Fremont, CA 94538. **Trophies:** Players w + score. **Sched:** Regrd. Check-in 1:30-2p. **Games:** 2:15-5p. **EF:** 29, 44 after 6/4. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

June 11, Bay Area Fremont Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Fremont, CA 94538. **Trophies:** players w + score. Sched: Reg.: 9:30-9:45a. Games: 10a - 1:30p. EF: 34, 49 after 6/4. Info: http://BavAreaChess.com/signature. W.

June 11, Fremont DuperSwiss75 (3SS, G/75 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Fremont, CA 94538. **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. Jun 17 Supp & TD disc. **Reg.**: 8:30-8:45. Rds.: 9-11:45-2:40. **EF:** 49, Econ 34 w 1/2 prz. after 6/5 +15, playup +15, Rtd 2200 + \$0 by 6/1. Info: BayAreaChess.com/grandprix. W.

June 16-18 or 17-18, Bay Area Beat the Heat Championship

June 18, Father's Day Special: Father & Child Championship (PK-12: 5SS, G/30 d5)

12, 353, 030 u30 u30 u2050 Concord Drive #42, San Jose, CA 95131. Special **commemorative trophies** to players w + score & all teams. **Sched:** Reg.: 9:30-9:45a. **Games:** 10a - 5p. **EF:** 44 (father & child team), 54 after 6/12. Info: http://BavAreaChess.com/parentsday. W.

June 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 6/19. Info: http://BayAreaChess. com/signature. W.

June 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:** Req.: 9:30-9:45a. Games: 10a - 1:30p. EF: 34, 49 after 6/19. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/sig-

June 24, Pleasanton Quick\$wiss - G/45 (4SS, G/45 d5)

3p. EF: 49, Econ 34 w 1/2 prz. after 6/19+15, playup +25, Rtd 2200+\$0 by 6/14. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/grandprix. W.

June 25, 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 6/20. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

June 25, 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 6/20. Info: http://BavAreaChess.com/signature. W.

June 25, Foster City LuperSwiss90 (3SS, G/90 d5)

Foster City Courtyard Marriott, 550 Shell Blvd., 94404. **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. Jun 17 Supp & TD disc. Reg.: 9-9:15, Rds.: 9:30-1-4:30, EF: 49, Econ 34 w 1/2 prz. after 6/20 +15, playup +15, Rtd 2200+ \$0 by 6/15. **Info:** http://BayArea Chess.com/grandprix. W.

July 9, Milpitas Duper\$wiss (3SS, G/75 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. u1500: \$200-100, u1200 50-50. Jul 17 Supp & TD disc. **Reg.:** 8-8:45. **Rds.:** 9-11:45-2:40. **EF:** 49 Econ 34 w 1/2 prz. after 7/4 +15, playup +15, Rtd 2200+ \$0 by 6/29. Info: http://BayAreaChess. com/grandprix. W.

July 9, Bay Area Pleasanton Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)

Pleasanton Courtyard, 5059 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton, CA 94588. **Trophies:** Players w + score. **Sched:** Regrd. Check-in 1:30-2p. Games: 2:15-5p. EF: 29, 44 after 7/4. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature.

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July 14-16 or 15-16, 2017 Peoples Tournament

Aug. 11-13 or 12-13, 8th annual Central California Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Sept. 23, 2017 U.S. Game/30 National Championship

Sept. 24, 2017 U.S. Game/60 National Championship See Nationals.

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July 14-16 or 15-16, 22nd annual Pacific Coast Open

See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

June 9-11 or 10-11, 23rd Annual Northeast Open

See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

June 10, 23rd annual Robert Musicant/Donald Yazgoor Memorial

5SS, G/30 d0. Norwalk Library, 2nd Flr Auditorium, 1 Belden Ave., Norwalk, CT 06850. Near Exit 1 from US-7. Open to all players finishing 12th grade or younger. EF: \$10 postmarked by 6/3/17. ALL-\$15 after or at door. **Prizes:** Trophies to Top 3 overall, Top 3 U-1200/UNR, Top overall in grade categories K-2, 3-5, 6-8, Top U-1200/UNR in grade categories K-2, 3-5, 6-8. Name of first overall is engraved on the Musicant Cup. Name of first U-1200/UNR is engraved on the Yazgoor Cup. Both cups are on permanent display in the Norwalk Library Main Branch Children's Library. Reg. 9:15-9:45 Sat 6/10: Rd 1-10:00am, others ASAP. Lunchroom facility available for bag lunch. Pizza/desserts will be provided. Boards and sets will be provided. Please bring a clock if you have one. For more information contact: norwalknights@optonline.net. Chks payable to: Christopher Potts, mail to: Christopher Potts, 73 Nursery St., Norwalk, CT 06850. Include player's full name, grade finishing and USCF ID number. Include SASE for confirmation if wanted.

July 21-23 or 22-23, 22nd Annual Bradlev Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Sept. 22-24 or 23-24. 8th Annual Hartford Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Florida

Boca Raton Chess Club

Friday night tournament games, one game a week for 4 weeks. www.bocachess.com, 561-302-4377.

July 21-23 or 22-23, 25th annual Southern Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Idaho

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Illinois

July 14-16 or 15-16, 10th annual Chicago Class See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

Oct. 6-8 or 7-8, 26th annual Midwest Class Championships See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Aug. 25-27 or 26-27, 12th annual Indianapolis Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

Sept. 15-16 (Fri & Sat), 2017 U.S. Blind Chess Championship in Lindsborg, KS 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

Aug. 10-13, 11-13 or 12-13, 47th annual Continental Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Minnesota

July 21-23, 2017 U.S. Junior Open

Nevada

June 16, 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 5/26, \$50 later. **Reg.:** 8:30-9 a.m. **Rds.:** 10-11:30-1-2:15-3:30. **Youth Blitz:** 6:30 p.m. (\$20 by 5/26 \$25 later). www.VegasChessFestival.com

June 16-18 or 17-18, 2017 National Open

June 17-18, 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 5/26, \$99 by 6/14, \$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: 6/16 6:30 p.m. (\$20 by 5/26 \$25 later). HR \$69, \$89 Friday and Saturday (800) 732-7117 Cutoff for special hotel rate is May 26; after that rates will increase significantly and there may not be any rooms available. ENT Vegas Chess Festivals, PO Box 90925, Henderson, NV 89009-0925 or www.VegasChessFestival.com. (Note: Date correction from what appeared in February 2017 Chess Life Kids.)

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June 4, Children's Chess - First Sunday Quads

3-RR, G/35 d0. NJ Children's Chess School, 862 DeGraw Ave., Newark, NJ 07104. Rds.: 3-4:15-5:30. EF: \$25, free to members. Prizes: Trophies to ALL. Reg.: 2-2:50. Info: Arkady Geller chesscamp1@yahoo.com, Website: kidschesscamp.com, 973-483-7927.

June 10. Princeton Charter School

TOURNAMENT LOCATION: Princeton Charter School at 100 Bunn Dr., Princeton, NJ 08540. TIME CONTROL: G/30 d0 Swiss to 4 rounds. SEC-TIONS: Open above 1000; U1000; U700; U300/Unrated (sections might be combined. Awards will be given to the top 3 in each section) 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 thru Fourth Rounds ASAP Award Ceremony: ASAP (4:05 the latest). (*) 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. Restocking fee of \$4 for cancellation. Restocking waived if we are forced to cancel due to tournament site weather conditions. Information: email to Miguel Iniquez at: migini@ gmail.com. Results will be posted online the same day of the event!

June 17, King's Chess Club Quads

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

July 16, Westfield Spring Scholastic

July 16, Westined July 2016/184, 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. Prizes: Trophies to Top 5 in each section. Tiebreaks used. See USCF Rule 34E. **EF:** \$25, \$20 members. **Register:** 1:15-1:50 p.m. **Information:** John Moldovan: westfieldchessclub@gmail.com. NEW WEB SITE: www.westfieldchessclub.org.

New York

July 28-30 or 29-30, Peter Henner Memorial See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Aug. 18-20 or 19-20, 16th annual Manhattan Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Sept. 1-4, 2-4 or 3-4, 139th annual NY State Championship Out of state welcome. See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

North Carolina

Aug. 23-27, 2017 U.S. Masters Championship See Nationals

Aug. 25-27, North Carolina Open

Aug. 11-13 or 12-13, Cleveland Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Pennsylvania

MasterMinds Scholastic Summer League Info at: www.mastermindschess.org

June 4, Main Line Chess and Games G/45 Quads

3 RR, Game/40 d5. Main Line Chess and Games, 7 South Valley Rd., Paoli, PA 19301. **EF:** \$20. \$40 to first, \$50 for 3-0 result. **Reg.:** 12-12:30 p.m. **Rounds:** 12:45, 2:30, 4:15 PM. **Info:** Bring a chess clock. mainlinechessandgames@gmail.com, mainlinechessandgames.net, Tom Bartell 610-240-8900.

June 11, Main Line Chess and Games G/60 Quads

3RR, G/60 d5. Main Line Chess & Games, 7 South Valley Rd., Paoli, PA 19301. **EF:** \$20. \$40 to first, \$50 for 3-0 result. **Req.:** 12-12:30 p.m. Rounds: 12:45, 3:00, 5:15 p.m. Info: Bring a chess clock. mainlinechessandgames@gmail.com, mainlinechessandgames.net, Tom Bartell 610-240-8900.

June 18, Main Line Chess and Games G/45 Quads

3 RR, Game/40 d5. Main Line Chess and Games, 7 South Valley Rd., Paoli, PA 19301. **EF:** \$20. \$40 to first, \$50 for 3-0 result. **Reg.:** 12-12:30 p.m. Rounds: 12:45, 2:30, 4:15 P.M. Info: Bring a chess clock. mainlinechessandgames@gmail.com, mainlinechessandgames.net, Tom Bartell 610-240-8900.

June 23-25, 6th annual World Open Women's Championship See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

June 25, Main Line Chess and Games G/60 Quads

3RR, G/60 d5. Main Line Chess & Games, 7 South Valley Rd., Paoli, PA 19301. **EF:** \$20. \$40 to first, \$50 for 3-0 result. **Reg.:** 12-12:30 p.m. Rounds: 12:45, 3:00, 5:15 p.m. Info: Bring a chess clock. mainlinechessandgames@gmail.com, mainlinechessandgames.net, Tom Bartell 610-240-8900.

June 26-28, World Open Warmup

See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

June 28-29, 9th annual World Open Under 13 Championship 6SS, G/60 d10. Philadelphia Marriott Downtown (see World Open for location, rates). Open to all born after 6/29/04. In 4 sections. **Open Section:** Trophies to top 7, top 2 Under 1600/Unr; free entry in all CCA tournaments 7/14/17-12/31/17 to 1st. **Under 1400 Section:** Trophies to top 7, top 2 Under 1200, free entry in all CCA tournaments 7/14/17-9/30/17 to 1st. **Under 1000 Section:** Trophies to top 7, top 2 Under 800, free entry in all CCA tournaments 7/14/17-9/30/17 to 1st. Under **600 Section:** Trophies to top 7, top 2 Under 400, top Unrated; free entry in all CCA tournaments 7/14/17-9/30/17 to 1st. **EF:** \$43 online at chessaction.com by 6/26, \$48 mailed by 6/12, \$60 at site. Late reg. 6/28 to 10 am, rds. Wed 11-2-5. Thu 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.

June 29-July 4, June 30-July 4, July 1-4 or 2-4, 45th Annual World

See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

July 2, Main Line Chess and Games G/45 Quads

3 RR, Game/40 d5. Main Line Chess and Games, 7 South Valley Rd., Paoli, PA 19301. **EF:** \$20. \$40 to first, \$50 for 3-0 result. **Reg.:** 12-12:30 p.m. Rounds: 12:45, 2:30, 4:15 P.M. Info: Bring a chess clock. mainlinechessandgames@gmail.com, mainlinechessandgames.net, Tom Bartell 610-240-8900

July 9, Main Line Chess and Games G/60 Quads

3RR, G/60 d5. Main Line Chess & Games, 7 South Valley Rd., Paoli, PA 19301. **EF:** \$20. \$40 to first, \$50 for 3-0 result. **Reg.:** 12-12:30 p.m. **Rounds:** 12:45, 3:00, 5:15 p.m. Info: Bring a chess clock. mainlinechessandgames@gmail.com, mainlinechessandgames.net, Tom Bartell 610-240-8900.

July 16, Main Line Chess and Games G/45 Quads

3 RR, Game/40 d5. Main Line Chess and Games, 7 South Valley Rd., Paoli, PA 19301. **EF:** \$20. \$40 to first, \$50 for 3-0 result. **Reg.:** 12-12:30 p.m. Rounds: 12:45, 2:30, 4:15 P.M. Info: Bring a chess clock. mainlinechessandgames@gmail.com, mainlinechessandgames.net, Tom

July 23, Main Line Chess and Games Summer Scholastic

Main Line Chess and Games, 7 South Valley Rd., Paoli, PA. **K-12** 3 Sections - Open, U1250, U750. **Open:** 3 SS, G/40 d5, Rounds 1:00, 2:45, 4:30 p.m. **U1250 & U750**: 4 SS, G/25 d5, Rounds 1:00, 2:15, 3:30, 5:00 p.m. **Prizes:** Trophies to top 5 in each section, tiebreakers used USCF rule 34E. EF: \$20. Register: 12-12:30 p.m. Info: bring a chess clock mainlinechessandgames@gmail.com, mainlinechessandgames.net.Tom Bartell 610-240-8900.

July 30, Main Line Chess and Games G/60 Quads

3RR, G/60 d5. Main Line Chess & Games, 7 South Valley Rd., Paoli, PA 19301. **EF:** \$20. \$40 to first, \$50 for 3-0 result. **Reg.:** 12-12:30 p.m. Rounds: 12:45, 3:00, 5:15 p.m. Info: Bring a chess clock. mainlinechessandgames@gmail.com, mainlinechessandgames.net, Tom Bartell 610-240-8900.

Aug. 5, 2017 PA State Game/45 Championship See Grand Prix.

Tennessee

June 10-11, 2017 U.S. Amateur South Championship See Nationals

June 22 & 29, Ice Cream and Chess Rated Beginners Open (RBO) 4SS, G/30 d0. Dairy Queen, 760 North Main St., Crossville, TN 38555. Open to Under 1200 or unrated. EF: \$10. Prizes: Trophies, US Chess pen de order 1200 de directe. Er. 310. Filzes. Indpinies, los cheses, de membership to all scoring 3 points. Reg.: 06/22/2017 6:30-7:00 pm. Rds. 06/22/2017 7:15-8:30, 06/29/2017 7:15-8:30. ENT: Alan Kantor, 575 Livingston Road, Apt. 19, Crossville, TN 38555, (931) 200-9038, carokantor05@yahoo.com. INFO: Alan Kantor (931) 200-9038.

Texas

Aug. 31-Sept. 4, Sept. 1-4 or Sept. 2-4, 83rd Annual Southwest Open

See Grand Prix

US Chess Junior Grand Prix! Aug. 31-Sept. 5, 2017 North American Junior (U20) Chess Championships
9 rounds using Swiss pairing system. 90 minutes per player for the

whole game with the addition of 30 seconds per move from the first move. 2 Sections: Open and Girls. Tournament is open to players born on or after January 1st 1997. Players must be from USA, Mexico, or Canada. Each National Federation may register as many players as it wishes. All participants (except USA players) must be endorsed by their FIDE recognized National Chess Federation. In addition, each National Federation may register one official player per category plus a Head of Delegation (HoD). Official players and HoD's receive free lodging for up to two, breakfast, and hotel restaurant coupons for lunch and dinner. **EVENT SCHEDULE:** Arrival Day: Aug 31. Player's meeting 6 pm on 8/31. Round 1: 8/31 at 7:20 pm. Round 2: 9/1 at 7:20 pm. Round 3: 9/2 at 2:10 pm, Round 4: 9/2 at 7:20 pm, Round 5: 9/3 at 11:30 am, Round 6: 9/3 at 5:20 pm. Round 7: 9/4 at 9:20 am. Round 8: 9/4 at 3:00 pm. Round 9: 9/5 at 9 am. Closing ceremony (attendance is Optional): 9/5 1:45 pm. TIEBREAKS: In event of equal scores, the following tiebreaks will be used: 1. Direct encounter, 2 Median Bucholz, 3 Most wins, and 4 Younger player. Note that it is possible that direct encounter may not apply if not all tied players have played each other. APPEALS: The Appeals Committee shall consist of 3 members plus 2 reserves. The Appeals Committee shall be determined at the players meeting on August 31. If possible, three Federations shall be represented on the Appeals Com mittee. An appeal against the decision of an Arbiter must be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter, within two hours after the end of the

playing session. The appeal must be accompanied by a fee of \$100 US. This fee shall be refunded if the anneal is successful. The Anneals Committee may also decide to refund the fee if it considers that the appeal was not frivolous. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final, binding and takes immediate effect. **AWARDS:** The winners of the Girls and Open Divisions will earn the following awards from FIDE: Gold/Clear first = 9 round GM or WGM norm and IM or WIM title. Equal first after tiebreaks = WIM or IM title, Silver and Bronze = 9 round WIM or IM norm and WFM/FM title. These awards are subject to FIDE Title regulation 1.23. The winners, if still eligible, shall be considered official players in the North American U20 in 2018. In addition, the winners shall also have the right to participate in the 2018 Pan-Am U20 as official players. EVENT FEES: All event fees are payable in US Dollars. Tournament Fee: Official players \$100, additional players \$150. Organizer fee: \$25 for all accompanying persons. The fee for all registration received after 4 pm on 8/31 will be \$180. Non Hotel Fee: \$65 for all players not staying at the host DFW Sheraton for at least 5 days. **LOCATION/ACCOMMO**-DATION: Sheraton DFW Airport Hotel, 4440 W. John Carpenter Fwy, Irving, TX 75063. Hotel rates: \$89 for 1 person, \$99 for two people, \$109 for 3 people and \$119 for 4 people in a room. Room includes breakfast buffet, reserve by 8/7 and ask for the Chess rate. After 8/7 the rate will not be honored. Note that the hotel has a \$50 fee for guests who check out earlier than their schedule departure date. Hotel has complimentary hotel shuttle to/from DFW airport. WEBSITE and **CONTACTS:** Registration details can be found on the official website www.dallaschess.com Should you have any questions please feel free to contact: IA, IO Francisco Guadalupe, flguadalupe@aol.com or FA, IO Luis Salinas, Luis.Salinas.Chess@gmail.comThis tournament is FIDE rated and uses FIDE rules. The tournament will also be US Chess rated. Note that for USA players, the official representative is the highest FIDE rated player on the July list who has contacted Francisco Guadalupe by July 10, 2017. Francisco Guadalupe will announce the official USA representatives by July 15.

Virginia

June 16-18 or 17-18, 6th annual Continental Class Championships See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

July 29-30, Weekend Swiss (at the 118th Annual U.S. Open)

July 29-Aug. 6, Aug. 1-6 or Aug. 3-6, 118th Annual U.S. Open

July 30, U.S. Open Scholastic Championships

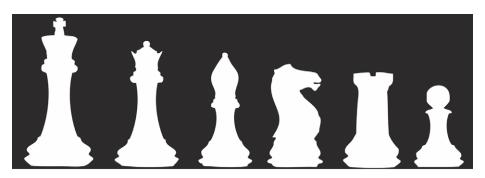
Open to all US Chess members entering Grade 12 and below [including new members]. 4 Round Swiss in Four Sections: **Junior High - High** School Championship: Open to players entering Kindergarten through the 12th Grade in the fall. Open to all ratings. Junior High — High **School Under 1200:** Open to players entering Kindergarten through the 12th Grade in the fall. Open to players rated below 1200. *No Unrat*eds! Elementary Championship: Open to players entering Kindergarten through the 6th Grade in the fall. Open to all ratings. **Elementary Under 1000:** Open to players entering Kindergarten through the 6th Grade in the fall. Open to players rated below 1000. No Unrateds! If the sections are larger than expected, they may be split into multiple sections. Prizes: Trophies to the Top 3 in each section. Schedule: Round One at 12 NOON Round Two at 1:30 PM Round Three at 3:00 PM Round Four at 4:30 PM. Awards Ceremony at 6:00 PM. **Time Control:** Game/30 d5. Entry Fee: Online at https://secure2.uschess.org/webstore/tournament.php?wkevent=2017USOPEN, \$25 by 7/10, \$35 after. By mail – U.S. Chess, Attn: U.S. Open Scholastic, PO Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38555, \$27 postmarked by 7/10; \$37 postmarked by 7/17. Do not mail after 7/17 – it will not be received in time to be processed! By phone – 931-787-1234, ext. 136 Susan Kantor, \$30 by 7/10, \$40 after until 7/22 by 5 PM CDT. Notes: July Rating Supplement will be used. All refunds will be mailed from the US Chess Office following the conclusion of the U.S. Open. Accelerated pairings may be used. For venue details please see U.S. Open Chess Championship TLA.

Aug. 2, 2017 U.S. Open G/15 National Championship See Nationals

Aug. 5, U.S. Open National Blitz Championship (BLZ)

Aug. 25-27 or 26-27, 49th annual Atlantic Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

Oct. 6-9 or 7-9, 9th annual Washington Chess Congress See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.



Answers

Move The Pieces (from page 6)

#1 – **1. Nd**7+ (Be careful, 1. Bb7 puts the black side in stalemate) 1. ... Ka8 2. Bb7 mate.

#2 - 1. Ne7+ Kh8 2. Rxh7 mate.

#3 - 1. Oxc8+!! Kxc8 2. Rf8 mate.

#4 - 1. Kf7! and Black is defenseless to 2. Rh1 mate.

#5 - 1. **Bg5**+ (White is also winning after 1. Bxb4+ but the text move is the fastest win) 1. ... Kc7 2. Bd8 mate.

#6 - 1. Qxf6 + # (1. Rh8 + allows for theking to momentarily escape) 1. ... gxf6 2. Bh6 mate.

You Can Do It! (from page 7)

Solution #1: 1. Qf7+ Kh6 2. hxg5 mate.

Solution #2: 1. Rxf7+ Kg8 2. Rf8 mate. 1600

Solution #3: 1. Nh6+ gxh6 2. Rg6

mate. Or, 1. ... Re8+ Oxe8 2. Nh6 mate.

Solution #4: **1. Bg7+ Kg8 2. Bxf6 mate.**

Solution #5: 1. hxg6+ Kxg6 2. Be4 mate.

Solution #6: 1. e6+ Be5 2. Rg4 mate.

It's Your Move (from page 22)

Don't peak at these answers until you've seen the quiz on page 22!

1200

The opposing king!

1400

The "Fool's Mate" requires White to assist Black, and only Black can mate in two:

1. f3 e5 2. g4?? Qh4 mate.

1988. HiTech won a match against Grandmaster Arnold Denker 3½-½.

1800

30

Expert

Menial laborer

Master

318,979,564,000

International Master

Kasparov became the youngest ever undisputed world chess champion in 1985 at age 22 by defeating thenchampion Anatoly Karpov.

Grandmaster

Perpetual check is not an official way to declare a draw. Practically, however, it often becomes three-fold repetition.



US Chess Junior Grand Prix



2017 Junior Grand Prix Standings

State Leaders

Official standings for events received and processed by May 9, 2017 are unofficial and subject to change during the year or until year-end tabulation is complete. The top prize for 2017 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 2018 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 par-

Top 5 Overall Standings

NAME	STATE	PTS	EVENTS
KOKA, ABHINAV	CA-N	5117	2
LALWANI, JAY	VA	4719	7
DORASZELSKI, ALEXANDER	PA	4433	4
FONG, BRANDON	CA-N	4131	4
PETERS, AARON	OK	3937	3

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

Check out www.uschess.org for rules and prizes.

How to earn Points:

Eligible US Chess members earn points by winning or drawing against higher rated players, based on the pre-event ratings for both players. (If a player does not have a US Chess rating yet, or has a provisional rating based on less than 4 games, that player's post-event rating from that event is used to compute JGP points.)

For a win against a higher rated player, the number of JGP points earned is 2X the ratings difference, up to a maximum of 700 points per game.

Example: A 1200 player who defeats a 1350 player earns 2X the difference in ratings (150) or 300 points.

For a draw, the number of JGP points earned is the ratings difference, up to a maximum of 350 points per game.

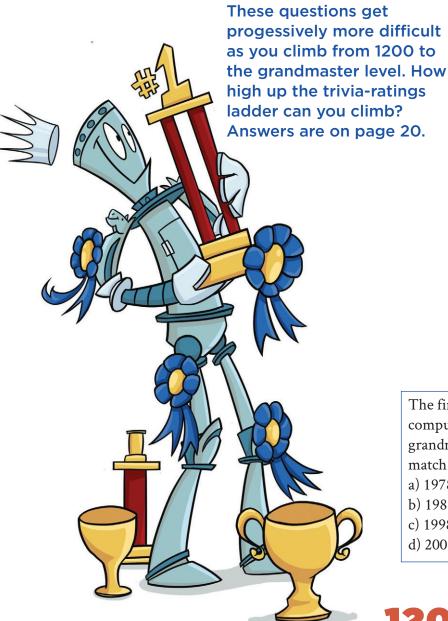
Example: A 1200 player who draws a 1350 player earns the difference in ratings, or 150 points.

The US Chess Executive Director has the authority to review events for compliance with these rules.

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It's Your Move!

How high can you climb the trivia-ratings ladder?



International Master

Who was the youngestever world chess champion?

Expert

In English, we tend to think of a pawn as a foot soldier. The Spanish word for pawn is "Peón." It means:

- a) Future queen
- b) Foot soldier
- c) Menial laborer
- d) It does not translate into English.

The first year that a computer beat a grandmaster in a chess match was:

- a) 1978
- b) 1988
- c) 1998
- d) 2008

What piece cannot put a king in check?

Grandmaster

Only one of the following is not a draw as listed in the rules of chess. Which one is it? Stalemate, three-fold repetition, perpetual check, 50-move rule; impossibility of checkmate, mutual agreement.

Master

The total number of possible ways of playing the first four moves for both sides in a game of chess is:

- a) 64
- b) 10,000
- c) 1,000,000
- d) 318,979,564,000

1800

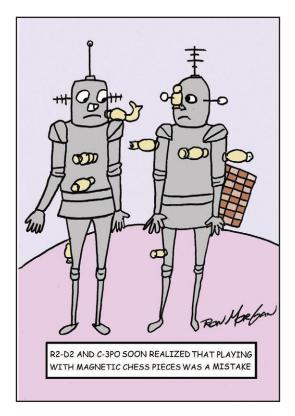
How many women in total have been awarded the grandmaster title?

- a) 3
- b) 30
- c) 300
- d) 3000

1400

From the starting position, what are the fewest possible number of moves to reach checkmate?







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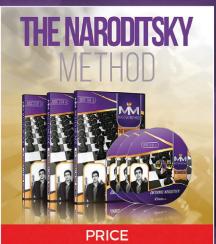








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