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GM Awonder Liang and FM Carissa Yip win in St. Louis



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GM Awonder Liang, 15, won the U.S. Junior Championship for the second year in a row, while FM Carissa Yip, 14, captured the U.S. Junior Girls' crown. GM Robert Hess, a commentor for the events, offers game highlights from both tournaments in his cover story beginning on page 12. Cover photo: Austin Fuller, courtesy of the Saint Louis Chess Club.

It's Your Move

Draw Fabi!

Fabiano FeVeT is everywhere! Chess Life Kids received many worthy submissions for our Draw Fabi! contest in the July 2018 issue. Though it was a tough decision, the judges selected the following winner and four honorable mentions. Congratulations to all!



WINNER:

Ayawyn Conner

Age: 12

Home state: Wisconsin

Ayawyn likes practicing chess with her brother and her chess club, as well as competing in chess tournaments. Last year she won first place in the novice section at the Wisconsin G/60 Championship! Two of the biggest tournaments she has participated in are the 2017 SuperNationals VI and the 119th U.S. Open this past summer.





HONORABLE MENTIONS:



Laya Srinivas Age: 12 Home state: Texas



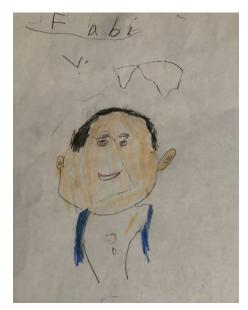
Velid Hot Age: 10 Home state: New York



Sriniketh Ganti Age: 10 Home state: Arizona



The World Championship takes place from November 9-28 in London, England. Be sure to cheer on Fabiano Caruana as he challenges the current world champion, Magnus Carlsen, for the title.



Srivatsa Ganti Age: 5 Home state: Arizona

Photos of Fabiano Caruana (opposite page) and Caruana and Carlsen (this page) courtesy of Saint Louis Chess Club. All other photos and drawings courtesy of entrants.





STOCKAN DO IT!

by ICCM Jon Edwards

10th United States Correspondence Chess Champion

A few months back, I played the following game in a simultaneous exhibition. My opponent bravely allowed the Fried Liver Attack, and I accepted the invitation. I missed the best continuation (12. Qg3+) but the following attack was fun to play.

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. Ng5 d5 5. exd5 Nxd5 6.Nxf7 Kxf7 7. Qf3+ Ke6 8. Nc3 Nb4 9. 0-0 c6 10. d4 exd4 11. Re1+ Kd6 12. Nxd5 Nxc2 13. Bf4+ Kc5



14. b4+ Kxc4 15. Qb3+ Kb5 16. a4+ Ka6 17. Qc4+ b5 18. Qxc6+ Qb6 19. axb5 mate (or 19. Nc7 mate).

This month's quiz involves positions in the Fried Liver Attack. If you play this variation, you should enjoy these positions. A few are tough, but I know that ...

YOU CAN DO IT!

QUIZ #1



QUIZ #3



QUIZ #5



QUIZ #2



QUIZ #4



QUIZ #6



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Rachael

Plano, Texas



"BEATING ANYONE BIGGER IS FUN!"

Ruifeng Li, just 17, earned the highest title in chess two years ago. He's already an international grandmaster. You might think he's the only chess star in his family people talk about. But he has an eight-year-old sister named Rachael.

Rachael started playing in official tournaments when she was only four years old. "I didn't start until I was six," her brother says. Now Rachael's US Chess rating is better than 95 percent of all the official tournament players in the United States, no matter what age they are. She will soon lead not just the girls' top 100, but also the overall list of both girls and boys her age.

"But I've not reached any goals yet," she said. Her goals are nothing short of the grandmaster title and a world championship crown.

Rachael belongs to the Dallas Chess Club, a training ground for many champions. The club is led by Luis Salinas. Luis also works with the championship University of Texas at Dallas chess program. "The club produced many strong chess players, like Grandmaster Jeffery Xiong and my brother Ruifeng," Rachel said. "Also, many UT-Dallas grandmasters and international masters play at this club."

She also plays online at *Chess.com* and *lichess.com*. She solves about 40 tactical problems each day. "I don't have any formal coach," Rachael said. "Instead, my dad and brother train me every day." Having a famous big brother helps in other ways too. Rachael travels with him when he plays in the U.S. Junior Championships in St. Louis. There she's met some of the most famous chess players in the world, like former World Champion Garry Kasparov.

Besides chess, Rachael likes drawing, badminton and ping-

pong. "I like to compete with my brother in *everything*! And I want to beat anyone who's bigger or older than me. It's fun!"

In November, Rachael travels

to Spain to represent the USA in the World Cadet Championship. She will have a chance to reach one of her goals—a world championship title!

Right, Rachael with her brother, GM Ruifeng Li (seated) and her father, Zhenjiang Li. Below: Rachael blitzes with ex-NFL football player John **Urschel** while a starstudded crowd looks on.





Photo (top) by Al Lawrence. All other photos courtesy of Saint Louis Chess Club.



This column teaches you openings by helping you learn to avoid opening traps. Set up your board and pieces and play through the game below. Have paper and pen by your side. When you reach a question, write down your answer. After you are done with all 10 questions, check your answers on page 17. Total your points and see how you did against the scoring scale at the end!

It happens to all of us, at least as introductory players. We learn the importance of playing for the center. It quickly becomes clear that we should develop our pieces, preferably toward the middle. We should also castle rapidly, or at least prepare to castle fairly soon. We should seize open lines, and certainly we should answer all direct and indirect threats. What's more, we should play with a plan. That's a lot of things to consider. As we're doing all of that, going from one principled action to the next, we may forget that conditions on the board are constantly subject to change. For example, just because we've developed bishops and knights

toward a fairly safe middle doesn't mean that that region will remain safe. Indeed, centralized pieces may suddenly become engulfed by a rolling, protected pawn mass once it gets going. For the tactic presented here, it takes two pawn moves to set it up. The first pawn move gains time by threatening a bishop. After the bishop moves to safety, a further pawn advance gives the winning fork. Enough of this vagueness. Let's get specific and see what we've been talking about.

1. e2-e4

White starts with a king-pawn opening, but the ensuing idea can happen just as fluidly after White begins with a queen-pawn opening. To be sure, though a move behind, Black can muster similar trappy attacks.

1. ... e7-e5

Black gets a fair and equal share of the center with a symmetrical reply. A slightly more popular response these days is 1. ... c7-c5, the asymmetrical Sicilian Defense.

2. Ng1-f3

This move develops a knight toward the middle, while menacing the e5-pawn. The move also supports the subsequent advance, d2-d4, which creates the possibility of opening the center.

Q1) WHAT DETERMINES WHETHER A LINE IS OPEN OR CLOSED? (10 POINTS)

Q2) GENERALLY, HOW DOES ONE OPEN THE CENTER? (10 POINTS)

2. ... Nb8-c6

Black develops toward the center and thereby guards the e5-pawn.

Q3) INSTEAD OF 2. ... NB8-C6, WHAT ARE TWO REASON-ABLE ALTERNATIVES FOR BLACK? (10 POINTS)?

3. Bf1-e2

This is a safe, but rather passive move. It's certainly not very ambitious.

Q4) INSTEAD OF THE QUIET 3. BF1-E2, WHITE HAS FOUR OTHER MOVES THAT ARE MORE ACTIVE: WHAT ARE THEY? (10 POINTS)

3. ... Bf8-c5

Black plays a logical developing move. It attacks the d4-square, making it more difficult for White to play a subsequent d2-d4.

4.0-0

Time to castle and get ready for business.

Q5) INSTEAD OF CASTLING, COULD WHITE HAVE SATIS-FACTORILY PLAYED 4. NF3XE5? (10 POINTS)

4. ... d7-d6

Black bolsters the king-pawn by this pawn advance. The move 4. ... d7-d6 also clears the way for the queen-bishop.

Q6) INSTEAD OF 4. ... D7-D6, WHAT OTHER PLAUSIBLE MOVE COULD BLACK HAVE PLAYED? (10 POINTS)

5. c2-c3

By playing this move, White momentarily takes away the possibility of putting a white knight on c3. However, the move does contain a dash of potential poison.

Q7) WHAT IS THE MAIN PUR-POSE OF THE ADVANCE 5. C2-C3? (10 POINTS)

5 ... Bc8-e6?



This last move, 5. ... Bc8-e6, is an egregious blunder. Even if it didn't wind up losing material, it's merely development for development's sake, without regard to what's really happening.

Q8) ON MOVE FIVE, IF BLACK HAD TOUCHED THE C8-BISHOP, AND THEREFORE WAS COMPELLED TO MOVE IT, WHERE COULD THE BISHOP SAFELY GO TO? (10 POINTS)

6. d2-d4

The killing aspect of this move is that it gains time by threatening the c5-bishop. No matter how Black responds, he is going to lose a piece.

6. ... Bc5-b6 7. d4-d5

The pawn fork wins a minor piece for a pawn.

Q9) COULD BLACK HAVE SAVED THE POSITION BY PLAYING 6. ... E5XD4? (10 POINTS)



White wins a minor piece for a pawn!

Q10) WHAT WAS THE LAST PLACE BLACK COULD HAVE AVOIDED THE TRAP? (10 POINTS)

ILLUSTRATIVE GAME:

Max Euwe versus J. Graafland, Netherlands, 1925 (A12)

1. c4 Nf6 2. g3 c6 3. Bg2 d5 4. b3 Bf5 5. Bb2 e6 6. Nf3 Bd6 7. 0-0 Nbd7 8. d3 0-0 9. Nbd2 Qe7 10. Re1 Rfe8 (Now White has a double pawn advance, resulting in a pawn fork at e5.) 11. e4 dxe4 12. dxe4 and Black resigned. After the f5-bishop moves to safety, White wins material by 13. e4-e5.



Answers are on page 17



The score is based on the US Chess rating system and is intended only as a fun way to monitor your progress each issue as you Avoid The Trap!

100: 1800+

90: 1600

80: 1400

70: 1200

60 or lower: 1000



On paper, the higher the rating, the better the player and the more likely they are to win. In practice, though, high ratings often don't translate into winning results, as we saw at the 2018 U.S. Junior Championship and U.S. Girls' Junior Championship, held from July 12th-21st at the Saint Louis Chess Club.

Ten elite juniors in each tournament vied for the title, a precious qualification spot in the 2019 U.S. Championship or U.S. Women's Championship, and a portion of the generous prize fund that totaled over \$30,000. An impressive five grandmasters competed in the Junior, while five of the junior girls boasted FIDE ratings above 2200 (six if you count Annie Wang, the runner-up at the 2018 U.S. Women's Championship and the wildcard in this year's Junior).

Tournament favorites GM Awonder Liang and FM Carissa Yip

won their respective events, but they each took different paths to get there. Awonder-who came in as the defending champion and who had scored U.S. Championship draws against world top 10 players Fabiano Caruana, Hikaru Nakamura, and Wesley So-started slowly with three draws and was a bit frustrated with his play before winning four of his next five games. Carissa—who was at her peak rating of 2364 FIDE and had just earned an IM norm at the Charlotte Chess Center Invitational in June—pulled into the lead as early as round four and never relinquished the top spot.

Over the course of nine rounds, some big upsets occurred. Alex Bian, the lowest rated player in the U.S. Junior, defeated two grandmasters (in the first two rounds!) and finished with an impressive 5/9. He said that having a lower rating was an advantage because it made his

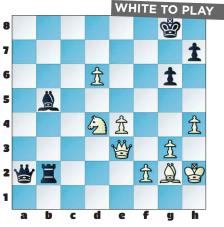
opponents underestimate him. Carissa was 4½/5 when she lost to Sophie Morris-Suzuki, who had lost all five of her previous games and was over 300 points lower-rated. Sophie gave some great advice to people who may be struggling in a tournament: treat every game as if it is a new tournament. I'll add that ratings represent past performance; in any one round, a 2000 is equally likely to play like a 2400 as a 1600.

Without further ado, let's let the players' moves do the talking!

GM Akshat Chandra (2486) FM Alex Bian (2291) 2018 U.S. Junior Championship (1), St. Louis, Missouri, 07.12.2018 (see diagram at top of next column)

Akshat Chandra had spent most of the game with a huge advantage, but under time trouble things started to go wrong.

52. Nxb5?



Position after 51. ... Rb2

The white king avoids mate with the knight on d4: 52. Qg5 Rxf2 53. Qxb5 Rxg2+ 54. Kh3 Rh2+ 55. Kg4 and there's no attack with the knight covering e6. 55. ... Qf7 56. Qb8+ Kg7 57. Qc7 leads to a won ending.

52. ... Rxf2

Now it's equal, but mistakes often come in pairs.

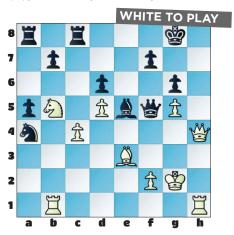
53. Nc3?

53. Nd4 Rxg2+ 54. Kh3 Rh2+ 55. Kg4 Qf7 56. Qb3 is equal.

53. ... Rxg2+

Now Black wins by force.

54. Kh3 Rh2+ 55. Kg4 Qe6+ 56. Kg5 Qe5+ 57. Kg4 h5+ 58. Kf3 Qf6+, White resigned, since he was to lose his knight. GM Akshat Chandra (2486) IM Advait Patel (2461) 2018 U.S. Junior Championship (6), St. Louis, Missouri, 07.18.2018



Position after 33. ... Be5

Black is under a huge attack and his bishop is overloaded. Akshat takes advantage with ...

34. Nxd6! Qd7

34. ... Bxd6 35. Qh8#.

35. Bd4 Rxc4 36. Qh8+!, Black resigned.

Advait, who led with four out of five before the round, resigned before the rook took the queen's place on h8.

GM Andrew Tang (2507) GM John Michael Burke (2524) 2018 U.S. Junior Championship (6), St. Louis, Missouri, 07.18.2018



Position after 40. ... Nf6

The players had just received more time by reaching move 40 when Andrew blundered. Even grandmasters make huge mistakes!

41. Qc8+?

41. Bf3 Re1+ 42. Kh2 Bxf3 43. gxf3 is approximately equal, despite the material imbalance.

41. ... Re8, White resigned.

Andrew resigned because John would deliver a forced checkmate after 42. Qxc6 Re1+ 43. Kh2 Nxg4+ 44. Kh3 Nxf2+ 45. Kh2 Rh1 mate.

IM Praveen Balakrishnan (2411) GM Awonder Liang (2569) 2018 U.S. Junior Championship (8), St. Louis, Missouri, 07.20.2018



Position after 66. ... Kh7

67. Ne2



67. e5 was the only way to avoid a loss. Because Ng3-e4-f6 threatens a nice checkmate, Black should play 67. ... Nc5. If 67. ... b2 68. Ne4 b1=Q. Promoting a pawn typically results in victory, but mate is more important than material! 69. Nf6+ Kh8 70. Rg8 mate.

67. ... b2

The only way for Praveen to stop the passed pawn was to sacrifice his rook.

68. Rg1 Ra3 69. e5 Ra1 70. e6 Rxg1, White resigned.

A very important win that helped Awonder secure the title.

FM Alex Bian (2291) IM Praveen Balakrishnan (2411) 2018 U.S. Junior Championship (9), St. Louis, Missouri, 07.21.2018



Position after 16. ... Rfd8

Praveen's king may look safe, but there are few pieces there to protect it. Can you see how Alex pulled off another big upset?

17. Rdg1 Qd5 18. Rxg7+! Kh8

No better is 18. ... Kxg7 19. Qg5+ Kh8 20. Qf6+ Kg8 21. Rg1+ Bg4 22. Rxg4 mate.

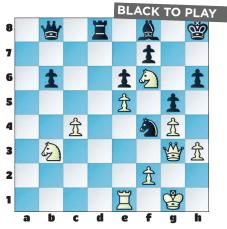
19. Rhg1 Bf5 20. Qh6 Qxe5 21. Be7!

The bishop can't be captured: 21. ... Qxe7 22. Rxh7+! Bxh7 23. Qg7 mate.

21. ... Rd6 22. Rg8+!, Black resigned.

A beautiful last touch. 22. ... Rxg8 23. Rxg8+ Kxg8 24. Qf8 forced mate.

FM Carissa Yip (2364) Sophie Morris-Suzuki (1980) 2018 U.S. Girls' Junior Championship (6), St. Louis, Missouri, 07.18.2018



Position after 43. Qg3



Sophie had previously found a brilliant tactic, and here she finds another. Can you figure out which piece is overloaded?

43. ... Rd3 44. Re3 Rxb3!

It's the rook! If 45. Rxb3 Ne2+ wins the queen.

45. Qf3 Qxe5!

Sophie spots a really nice win!

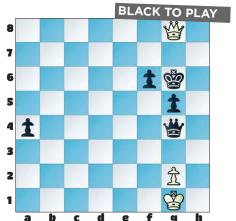
46. Rxb3 Qa1+ 47. Kh2 Bd6 48. Rb1

48. Ne4 attacks the bishop but does not stop the attack: 48. ... Ne2+ 49. Nxd6 Qg1#.

48. ... Ng6+, White resigned.

Carissa resigned since 49. Kg2 Nh4 is mate.

WFM Thalia Cervantes Landeiro (2208) FM Jennifer Yu (2358) 2018 U.S. Girls' Junior Championship (5), St. Louis, Missouri, 07.16.2018



Position after 92. Qg8+

Jennifer had been better for most of the game, but her advantage is gone.



92. ... Kf5 93. Qc8+ Kf4 94. Qc4+ Kg3??

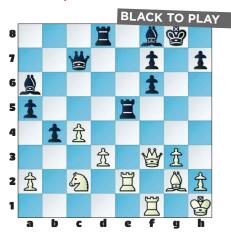
94. ... Kf5 95. Qc8+ Kf4 96. Qc4+ is a draw by repetition.

95. Qc7+!

Jennifer must have calculated only 95. Qd3+ Kh4 96. Qh7+ Qh5 when White has to find a tricky draw with 97. g3+.

95. ... Qf4 96. Qc3+ Kg4 97. Qh3 mate.

FM Maggie Feng (2236) FM Carissa Yip (2364) 2018 U.S. Girls' Junior Championship (8), St. Louis, Missouri, 07.20.2018



Position after 27. Qf3

Your attention should be on the light squares with so many pieces on the diagonal.

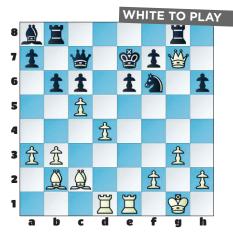
27. ... Rxd3! 28. Qg4+

28. Qxd3 Bxc4 Black wins material, as 29. Rxe5 Bxd3 attacks two rooks and a knight. Other moves for White give back the rook on e2, and Black will be up two pawns.

28. ... Rg5 29. Qe4 Qxc4, White resigned.

GM Awonder Liang strikes a confident pose. Carissa went on to easily convert her advantage.

FM Jennifer Yu (2358) WFM Nastassja Matus (1960) 2018 U.S. Girls' Junior Championship (6), St. Louis, Missouri, 07.18.2018



Position after 27. ... Rg8

White is up a pawn and has a strong attack, but it's important to finish the job before your opponent can escape.

28. Rxe6+!

A rook sacrifice that forces the king into the open where it has nowhere to run.

28. ... Kxe6 29. Re1+ Kd5

29. ... Kd7 30. Bf5+ Kd8 31. Qxf6+ Qe7 32. Qxe7 mate.

30. Qxf6 Rbe8 31. Qf3+ Re4 32. Qxe4 mate.

WIM Emily Nguyen (2215) FM Maggie Feng (2236) 2018 U.S. Girls' Junior Championship (7), St. Louis, Missouri, 07.19.2018



Position after 13. ... Qc4+

One of the more incredible moves in the entire tournament happened in a normal-looking position. 14. Ke1 looks like a safe response, but then White has to deal with 14. ... Rc8 attacking the bishop on c1 with tempo. Emily found the great ...

14. Ke3!

... and won after a long struggle. Don't be afraid to move up the board if your king does not get in danger and the retreat is inferior.

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Answers, We've got Answers.

AVOID THE TRAP

A1) A line is considered closed to the friendly side if blocked by a friendly pawn. A line is considered open to the friendly side if no friendly pawns obstruct piece movement along that line.

A2) Usually, the center is opened by pawn advances that lead to at least one exchange. Thus, after an earlier e2-e4, White would seek to open the center by playing d2-d4.

A3) Black could try the solidifying 2. ... d7-d6, Philidor's Defense, or counter with 2. ... Ng8-f6, Petroff's Defense.

A4) White could more actively play 3. Bf1-c4, 3. Bf1-b5, 3. d2-d4, or 3. Nb1-c3. All four are stronger than Bf1-e2.

A5) White indeed could have played 4. Nf3xe5, a discombobulating tactic known as the "Fork Trick." If Black continues, 4. ... Nc6xe5, White regains the piece with a central pawn fork, 5. d2-d4. White is also okay if instead of 4. ... Nc6xe5 Black tries to interpolate 4. ... Bc5xf2+. Even though the king moves, 5. Ke1xf2, losing the castling privilege, White comes away with the center and the initiative after 5. ... Nc6xe5 6. d2-d4.

A6) It would be entirely reasonable for Black to continue with 4. ... Ng8-f6, developing a knight toward the center, attacking the e4-pawn, and also clearing the home rank for kingside castling.

A7) The advance c2-c3 does a number of things (it opens the d1-a4 diagonal for the white queen and it keeps black pieces out of d4), but it's main purpose is to support the subsequent advance d2-d4.

A8) If called for "touch move," Black should have placed the light-square bishop back on c8 and thought about the move for at least five minutes. Then he might have found the composure to calmly play 5. ... Bc8-d7 or 5. ... Bc8-g4, both of which are much better than 5. ... Bc8-e6.

A9) It would come to the same thing. Black would still lose a piece after 6. ... e5xd4 7. c3xd4, and if 7. ... Bc5-b6, then 8. d4-d5.

A10) Black didn't have to fall for the trap on move five by playing 5. ... Bc8-e6. He could have played 5. ... Ng8-f6 or 5. ... Bc5-b6, both of which would surely have held the position.

YOU CAN DO IT

Solution #1: White mates in three after both **Bxd5+ and Qxd5+**.

Solution #2: Kamoga-Gonza, 2012: 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. Ng5 d5 5. exd5 Nxd5 6. Nxf7 Kxf7 7. Qf3+ Ke6 8. Nc3 Bb4 White wins quickly after Nxd5, but the most accurate path is Bxd5+. The game ended with 9. Bxd5+ Ke7 10. Qf7+ Kd6 11. Ne4 mate.

Solution #3: Torres Herrero-Pascual de la Fuente, 1985: 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. Ng5 d5 5. exd5 Nxd5 6. Nxf7 Kxf7 7. Qf3+ Ke6 8. Nc3 Nd4 9. Bxd5+ Ke7 White mates in two with 10. Qf7+ Kd6 11. Ne4 mate.

Solution #4: Shivacheva-Eglite, 2007: 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. Ng5 d5 5. exd5 Nxd5 6. Nxf7 Kxf7 7. Qf3+ Ke6 8. Nc3 Kd6 White mates in three. 9. Qxd5+ Ke7 10. Qf7+ Kd6 11. Ne4 mate.

Solution #5: Esenov-Lau, 1998: 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. Ng5 d5 5. exd5 Nxd5 6. Nxf7 Kxf7 7. Qf3+ Ke6 8. Nc3 Kd7 9. Qxd5+ Ke7 (9. ... Bd6 10. Qe6 mate) 10. Qf7+ Kd6 11. Ne4 mate.

Solution #6: Cochrane-Bonnerjee, 1856: 1. e4 e5 2. Bc4 Nf6 3. Nf3 Nc6 4. Ng5 d5 5. exd5 Nxd5 6. Nxf7 Kxf7 7. Qf3+ Ke6 8. Nc3 Nce7 9. d4 c6 10. Bg5 h6 11. Bxe7 Bxe7 12. 0-0-0 Rf8 13. Qe4 Rf4 14. Qxe5+ Kd7 15. Nxd5 cxd5 16. Bb5 mate.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix

2018 Junior Grand Prix Standings



Standings for events received and processed by September 4, 2018 are unofficial and subject to change during the year or until year-end tabulation is complete. The top prize for 2018 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 2019 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/anvalued at \$100, a Chess.com gear/merchandise package valued at \$100, a US Chess plaque, free entry into the 2019 nually) or a one-year Chess.com Gold membership (valued at \$40/annually). US Chess gratefully acknowledges the participation of Chess.com!

Top 5 Overall Standings

NAME	STATE	PTS	EVENTS
KUNAMNENI, MEGHANA	MA	8693	11
GANGAVARAPU, SREEKAR	IL	8468	10
PHAM, LINDA	IL	8025	14
SHANKAR, PRANAV	NJ	7953	8
BAMMIDI, RAHUL	IL	7640	11

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

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.

State Leaders

NAME	STATE	PTS	EVENTS
STALLWORTH, JACOB	AL	3006	1
BJORK, LUKE D	AR	1997	4
REMPE, JONAS JAKOB RAZA	AZ	5036	7
RAJARAM, ANIKA	CA-N	5198	9
ANDRANIGIAN, RAFI	CA-S	5203	7
BHAVIKATTI, NEIL	CO	2517	4
SU, JASMINE ZHIXIN	СТ	4869	11
STEINER, ADAMSON	DC	6083	12
LUO, TERRY	DE	6173	15
WU, DERRICK K	FL	4442	5
MYDUKAR, AMIT	GA	4811	10
CHEN, MARK YA	HI	3255	2
LODH, ANJALI	IA	4523	8
SHEPARD, RIVER CHARLES	ID	2975	2
CHIFLIKYAN, MICHAEL	ΪL	6772	10
KACZANOWSKI, AIDAN P	IN	4916	6
ZENG, SHEENA	KS	3683	8
SHAWKAT, SAIF	KY	5128	4
MAYEUX, BENJAMIN THOMAS	LA	3736	6
HAN, HENRY YU-FENG	MA	4260	5
GUO, ANDREW	MD	4439	10
KALLOR, DENNIS	ME	3842	1
SONG, JUSTIN	MI	4483	8
KANE STEWART, OSCAR	MN	2754	1
ZHOU, CELINA	MO	6140	8
	MS	4397	
GRIFFIN, GABRIEL WALTHALL, THOMAS KASEY	MT	2100	5 2
•	NC	6592	7
DURBHA, ANTARA			-
KOLLI, SAI	NE	3158	4
TIRUVEEDHULA, SUHAVI	NH LN	2899	4
ZHANG, SAMUEL		5647	11
LUO, DANIEL	NM	2192	1
BAO, CHRIS	NV	2557	4
FAN, JERRY	NY	7552	10
SONI, ARJUN	OH	4612	9
BARNES, MAXWELL	OK	3280	7
SOIFFER, DUNCAN SMITH	OR	4126	2
NARKEERAN, MADHAVAN	PA	6234	13
VAIJAEEPAY, VAISHNAVI	RI	3279	7
HELFERICH, LUCAS TYLER	SC	1832	1
TAO, CHRISTOPHER	SD	431	1
VAZQUEZ MACCARINI, DANI	TERR	972	4
ZHAO, ERIC	TN	4479	10
OBEROI, SHELEV	TX	7151	10
RAY, UJAN	UT	3862	8
TAY, BRIAN	VA	6286	16
COLLINS, ALEXANDER	VT	2941	4
CHANG, EDDIE	WA	4739	3
SHAH, MAISEM	WI	3569	2
ELLIS, ANYA	WV	2180	2
MARES, ISAIAH	WY	501	1

EVENTS

Tournament Life Announcements

OCTOBER 15 THROUGH DECEMBER 14

Scholastic Members:

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

Organizers and Tournament Directors:

If you would like your tournament listed here in Chess Life Kids for December 2018 (events to be held after December 14), the deadline for submitting your announcements is October 10th. The deadline for the February 2019 issue is December 10th. The processing fee is \$1.00 per line for the first eight lines, \$2.00 for every line thereafter. Send your announcements to Joan DuBois, tla@uschess.org. Display advertising is also available. Advertising rates are posted on the US Chess website, www.uschess.org, or you may email: tla@us chess.org for complete details.

ABBREVIATIONS & TERMS

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

Blitz rated. OC: Quick Chess events. Guaranteed prizes. 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 inconven-

ient 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:

+XX:

dx: Time delay, x = number of seconds.

> Time increment, xx = number of seconds added after ecach move.

FF:

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: state affiliate.

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

learning experience. Quad:

4-player round robin sections; similar strength

RRO: Rated Beginner's Open.

Rounds; scheduled game times follow. For example, Rds: 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.

Round robin (preceded by number of rounds).

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

SS: Swiss-System pairings (preceded by number of

rounds)

Unr:

W: Site is accessible to wheelchairs.

WEB: Tournaments that will use a player's online rating.

NATIONALS

US Chess Junior Grand Prix! Oct. 20-21, Pennsylvania 2018 U.S. Blind Chess Championship

US Chess Trust is sponsoring this US Chess National Championship event. 4 SS or 4 RR (depends on # of players), G/135 d0. Holiday Inn Express Hotel, 5311 Campbells Run Road (near airport), Pittsburgh, PA 15277, (412) 788-8400. Free shuttle to/from airport. EF: Free. Reg.: Onsite 527, (12) / 300-0. Fee shade (a) flower (a) flower (b) players must be classified as Legally Blind and bring proof. You must also be a current member of US Chess for \$18 a year. You can join US Chess at the event! **HR:** \$99 night + tax; mention US Blind Chess Championship. **Contact:** Nita Patel, tt@relyeachess.com. Phone: 603-716-3040 or Joan DuBois, tla@uschess.org, (c) 931-200-3412.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix! Nov. 9-11 or 10-11, Minnesota

US Chess Grand Prix Points: 100 2018 U.S. Class Championships

Over \$12,000, b/225, 50% Guaranteed! Site: Crowne Plaza Minneapolis West, 3131 Campus Dr., Plymouth, MN 55441. **Master/Expert (2000/up):** 1st \$1500 + plaque - 2nd \$900 - 3rd \$700 - 4th \$500; U2400 1st \$600 + plaque - 2nd \$300; U2200 1st \$600 + plaque - 2nd \$300. Class A (1800-1999): 1st \$800 + plaque - 2nd \$400 - 3rd \$250 - 4th \$150. Class B 1999): 1st \$800 + plaque - 2nd \$400 - 3rd \$250 - 4th \$150. Class B (1600-1799): 1st \$800 + plaque - 2nd \$400 - 3rd \$250 - 4th \$150. Class C (1400-1599): 1st \$800 + plaque - 2nd \$400 - 3rd \$250 - 4th \$150. Class D (1200-1399): 1st \$300 + plaque - 2nd \$200 - 3rd \$150 - 4th \$100. Class E (Under 1200): 1st \$300 + plaque - 2nd \$200 - 3rd \$150 - 4th \$100; U1000 Trophy; U800 Trophy; U600 Trophy. Unrated Section: 1st \$200 + plaque - 2nd \$125 - 3rd \$75. All Sections: 5SS, FORMATS & ROUND TIMES: 3-Day Schedule: On-site Registration: Friday (Nov. 9th) from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Time Control: G/90 + 30 second increment. Master/ Expert section FIDE-RATED Round Times: Friday, Nov. 9: 8pm. Saturday, Nov. 10: 12pm — 5:00pm. Sunday, Nov. 11: 10am - 3pm. 2-Day Schedule: On-site Registration: Saturday (Nov. 10th) from 8:45 - 9:30 a.m. Time Control: Rounds 1-2 G/60 delay 5 seconds. Master/Expert section Rounds 1-2 NOT FIDE-RATED! Round Times: Saturday, Nov. 10: 10am - 1pm - 5pm. Sunday, Nov. 11: 10am - 3pm. NOTE: Both Schedules merge at Round 3. USCF membership required. **BYES:** Two 1/2-point byes allowed for any Round [except the last round in the Master/Expert section. However, you must advise the tournament director and commit to the bye(s) prior to the start of Round 3. ENTRY FEES: Classes M/EX, A, B, & C: Entry \$95 by 10/20/18, \$105 by 11/8/18, \$120 thereafter and at site. Classes D, E, & Unr: Entry \$65 by 10/20/18, \$75 by 11/8/18, \$90 thereafter and at site. Advanced Reg: Online at www.onlineregistration.cc or mail checks to: MSCA (Minnesota State Chess Association), Suite 134, 1121 Jackson Street NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413. Checks payable: MSCA. TWO SIDE EVENTS: Saturday Night Blitz Tournament (USCF-Rated, 7SS, G/5 d0): Sunday Tornado Tournament (USCF-Rated, 4SS, G/35 d5). **Hotel:** 763-559-6600, chess rate \$95. Questions: Dane Zagar, danezagar@ gmail.com, 218-409-5678.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix! Dec. 14-16. Florida

2018 National K-12 Grade Championships

7SS, G/90 d5. Rosen Shingle Creek, 9939 Universal Dr., Orlando, FL. Guest rooms can be booked, NLT 11/19/2018, by calling (866) 996-6338 or (407) 996-6338, mention "US Chess". HR: \$125 Single/Quad (fees and applicable taxes not included). 13 Sections. Play only in your grade section — No "playing up" allowed. December Rating Supplement will be used. Only one 1/2-point bye available, any round except Round 7, if requested prior to the start of Rd. 1. Team score = total of top three (minimum two) finishers from each school per grade. First place individual and team, including ties, will be the National Champion for their grade. **Schedule:** Opening ceremony Fri. 12:45 PM. Rds.: Fri. 1 PM – 6 PM, Sat. 10 AM – 2 PM – 6 PM, Sun. 9 AM - 1 PM. Awards Ceremony: Sun., approx. 5 PM. Special round times for K-1 sections: Fri. 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM, Sat. 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM, Sun. 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM. K-1 Awards Ceremony: Sun. approx. 4:30 PM. EF: \$60/participant postmarked or online by 11/26, \$80 postmarked or online by 12/3, \$95 by 12/13, \$100 on site; \$10.00 extra for all phone registrations; \$30 fee for roster or section changes after 12/6 or any onsite changes. Onsite registration Thurs. 9 AM to 9 PM & Fri. 8 AM to 11 AM. Players who register or change sections after 11 AM on Friday will receive a 1/2-point bye for Rd. 1. **Awards:** Trophies to top individuals & top teams in each grade. Every player receives a commemorative medal! Full list of trophies on tournament info page. **Side Events: Bughouse:** Thurs. 11 AM, Reg. onsite only Thurs. 9-10 AM, \$25/team. **Blitz:** K-6 and K-12, G/5 d0, Thurs. orisite only riturs, 9-10 Am, \$259 (eal). Bitte: Ar of and A-12, G/3 GU, ritures 5 PM, Reg. onsite until 4 PM. Bitte EF: \$20 by 11/26, \$25 after or at site. Blitz Awards: Trophies in K-6 and K-12 sections. Full list of trophies on tournament info page. Bughouse Awards: Top 5 Teams. Team Rooms are limited. Contact Pete Karagianis af 931-200-9477 or by email: pkaragianis@uschess.org. General Questions: Susan Kantor at 931.787.1224 ext.136. Entries: U.S. Chess Federation, Attn.: 2018 K-12 Championship, PO. Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557 or online at https://secure2.uschess.org/webstore/tournament.php. See website for additional information about the event, advance entries, awards, team rooms, meetings, updates, corrections, and registration forms, www.uschess.org/tournaments/2018/kl2/

US Chess Junior Grand Prix! Feb. 8-10 or 9-10, Florida 2019 U.S. Amateur Team Championship - South

5SS, G/120 d5 (2-day Option Rd. 1 G/60 d5). Ramada Gateway, 7470 W. Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy., Kissimmee, FL 34747. 4-player teams (with one optional alternate). **Minutes away** from Disney, Universal, etc. **February** temperature mid-70's. Two sections (each paired separately & with their own prizes). Team average (4 highest ratings - January Supplement) must be under 2200 for Open section & under 1500 for U1500 section. Winning team in Open section qualifies for National playoff online. **EF**: Per player: \$54 by 2/3, \$64 later. **SPECIAL EF**: Team (one entry must be made for all players) \$190 by 2/3, \$220 later (any team changes \$10). Teams from outside Florida will receive \$25 off team entry fee. Scholastic teams (same school) receive \$10 off team entry fee. **PRIZES:** Top 1st-3rd place teams & Top Boards 1-4 in each section; Top teams: Open section: U2000 & U1800; U1500 section: Top U1300 & U1000. Also in Open section: Top Senior team (all 50 & above as of 2/8), Top College team (same school). Also in U1500 section: Top Female team, Top High School team (same school), Top Middle School team (same school, grades 6-8), Top Elementary School team (same school). **Schedule:** 3-day: 1st Rd. Fri. 7:30, 2-Day 1st Rd. Sat. 10; Rds. 2-5 Sat. 1:30, 6:45, Sun. 9:30, 2:45. HR: Inn rooms: \$57 until cut-off date, Tower rooms: \$72 until cut-off date. Reservations can be made by calling 800-327-9170 (mention "chess tournament" for these special group rates). Free parking, Internet, refrigerator (Tower rooms also include a microwave), and transportation to Disney, Universal and other attractions. Group guests also receive 10% off at Hotel food facilities. **Ent:** Boca Raton Chess Club, 2385 NW Executive Ctr. Dr., Ste. 100, Boca Raton, FL 33431. **Online entry &** addl info: www.bocachess.com, 561-302-4377.

GRAND PRIX

US Chess Junior Grand Prix! Oct. 26-28 or 27-28, California, Northern

Grand Prix Points: 30 (Enhanced) IM Emory Tate Memorial Championship

"New Milpitas" 372 Turquoise St., Milpitas, CA 95035. Park Free. 5SS, G/90 +30 2-day rds. 1-2 G/61 d5. **Prizes:** 5,000 b/90 (60% guar). 3 sects: **2000+** (**FIDE**): \$1,000-500-200, u2300: 250-125-100. **1600-1999 (FIDE):** \$700-300-100, u1800: 200-100, **u1600:** \$700-300-100 u1400: 125-100, u1200: 100. Unr max \$100 exc Open. Oct 18 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 50% prz, after 10/19 +20. Playup +25. GMs/IMs-\$0 by 10/12 (prize - EF). Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/champs.

Nov. 9-11 or 10-11. Minnesota

Grand Prix Points: 100

2018 U.S. Class Championships

A State Championship Event! Nov. 18, Pennsylvania

ness Grand Prix Points: 6

2018 PA State Game/15 Championship (QC)
7SS, G/15 d3. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd.,
Pittsburgh, PA 15213. 2 Sections: Champ: EF: \$25 by 11/10, \$35 later. \$\$ (690G): \$200-100, U2000 \$90, U1800 \$80, U1600 \$70, U1400 \$60, U1200 \$50, U1000 \$40. Trophies: Top 3 U1400, Top 3 U1200, Top 3 U1000. **Scholastic:** Grades K-12 unrated or U900. EF: \$15 by 11/10, \$25 later. Trophies to Top 7, Top 3 U600. **ALL:** Trophies: Top 2 Schools, Top 2 Clubs. PSCF \$5, OSA. **Reg.:** 11-11:30am. **Rds.:** 12-12:45-1:30-2:15-3-3:45-4:30. **Ent/Info:** PSCF, c/oTom

Martinak, 25 Freeport St., Pittsburgh, PA 15223-2245, 412-908-0286. W. An American Classic! A Heritage Event! US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Nov. 22-25 or 23-25, California, Southern

Chess Grand Prix Points: 150 (Enhanced)

US Chess Grand Prix Points: 150 (Enhanced)
54th Annual American Open
Costa Mesa. 8 rounds, 40/120, SD/55 d5. (3-day option, rounds 1-4, G/60
d5). Site: Hilton Hotel, 3050 Bristol St., Costa Mesa, CA 92626. Prizes:
\$25,000 guaranteed. In 6 sections: Open section: \$2500-1250-600-400-300-150, U2450/Unr. \$750-350-250, top U2300/Unr. \$400-200. FIDE Rated. Under 2200 section: \$1500-750-500-250-200-150. FIDE Rated. Under 2000 section: \$1500-750-500-250-200-150. Under 1800 section: \$1500-750-500-250-200-150. Under 1600 section: \$1500-750-350-250-200-150. Under 1400/Unr: \$1000-500-250-150-100-50, U1200 \$500-250-150 (not a separate section; U1200s also eligible for U1400 prizes), Unrated: \$150-100-50 (Unrated players in this section are eligible for these prizes only). **Mixed Doubles:** Top 3 best male and female team \$500-250-125. Plus-score bonus for every player who finishes with 4-1/2 points or better who didn't place in the money prize wins a \$25 gift certificate towards chess store redeemable onsite only. **EF:** \$185 by Nov. 10, \$15 more after. Onsite \$220. Re-entry \$100. Membership required USCF and SCCF. No checks at door cash or credit card only. **Schedule: 4-day schedule** Reg. closes 9:30 am on 11/22, (Rounds 11-6, 10:30-5:30, 10-5, 9:30-4:00). **3-day schedule:** Reg. closes 9:30am on 11/23, Rounds. 11-2:30-5-8pm (G/60 min d5), schedules merge in Rd. 5 and compete for common prizes. **Bye:** Two half-point byes may be requested in advance. Lectures and videos playing throughout the weekend. **HR:** Reduced rate of \$127/day single or double for our group. Group Code "CHESSP". Call Hilton (714) 540-7000. Cutoff is Nov. 1st. Best to reserve through online link in our website. Parking: >\$10 \$5 per day. Ratings: November USCF Rating Supplement used. CCA minimum ratings and TD discretion are used to protect you from improperly rated players. Info:organizing club - Chess Palace 714-899-3421, play@ameri-canopen.org. Mail Entry: American Open, 5246 Lampson Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92845 or Online Entry: www.AmericanOpen.org. W. FIDE.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix! Dec. 7-9 or 8-9, New Jersey

US Chess Grand Prix Points: 50 (Enhanced)

2018 Garden State Open

(Sponsored by ChessRegister.com) **5SS, Premier section (FIDE-rated)** G/90+30 sec incr., **All other sections but U1100** G/120 d5, **U1100** section G/90 d5 (2-day Option all sections Rd. 1 G/60 d5). Hyatt Regency, 3 Speedwell Ave., Morristown, NJ 07960. **\$\$11,100** b/200 paid entries, 60% min. Gtd. **Premier:** \$1200/Trophy-700-600-500, U2300 \$400. **U2100**: \$1000/Trophy-600-500, U1950 \$400. **U1800**: \$1000/Trophy-600-500, U1650 \$400. **U1500**:\$1000/Trophy-600-500, U1950 \$400. **U1500**: \$1000/Trophy-600-500, U1350/Unr. \$400. **U1100**: Trophies for 1st to 5th & 1st U900, 1st U700, Medals to all others. **Top Senior Prize** (among all cash prize sections, must be at least 55 on Dec. 7) \$200. Unr. may enter U1500 or U1100 only. In U1500, Unr. only eligible for Unr. prize. Min. USCF or FIDE rating of 1900 required for premier section. **Er:** \$99 by Dec. 4, \$10 more later, \$15 more on-site, GMs & IMs free (\$99 deducted from prize). **U1100 section**\$44 by Dec. 4, \$10 more later, \$15 more onsite. Re-entry cash prize sections \$49. Reg.: Ends 1/2 hr before 1st rd. Rds.:

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3-Day 1st Rd. Fri. 7:30; 2-Day 1st Rd. Sat 10; 2nd Rd. Sat. 1:15; 3rd Rd. all sections but U1100 6:30, 3rd Rd. U1100 5:45; 4th Rd. Sun. 9:30; 5th Rd. all sections but U1100 2:30, 5th Rd. U1100 1:45. With incr. Premier section start times could be delayed. 2 1/2 pt. byes, if req'd before rd. 2. HR: \$139 includes Internet & refrigerator, free day self-parking, discounted overnight parking, 973-647-1234. Ent: Boca Raton Chess Club, 2385 NW Executive Ctr. Dr., Ste. 100, Boca Raton, FL 33431. \$10 service charge for refunds. **Online entry & addl info:** www.bocachess.com, 561-302-4377.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix! Jan. 4-6, Tennessee

Chess Grand Prix Points: 20 (Enhanced)

4th Annual Smoky Mountain Chess Tournament
Dollywood's DreamMore Resort and Spa, 2525 DreamMore Way, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863. \$\$GTD \$3500. Hotel: Dollywood's DreamMore Resort and Spa, 2525 DreamMore Way, Pigeon Forge, TX 800-365-5996 \$79.00 \pm tax per room. (Use PROMO CODE - SMCT) or book online at dollywoodsdreammoreresort.com (Under Special Codes enter Group Code 190103CHES) Valid Until 12/4/2018. (Room rate good for Thursday - Sunday only). In 3 Sections, Open: 5SS, G/120 d5, \$\$GTD: \$600-200. Expert, A and Below - \$300, \$100. **Amateur:** 5SS, G/90 d5, Open to U1800. **\$\$GTD:** \$300-100. C, D and Below -\$300, \$100. **Novice:** 5SS, G/90 d5, Open to U1200. **\$\$GTD:** \$150-100. F, G and Below - \$150, \$50 Unrated - \$100 \$50 (unrated eligible for unrated prize only). ALL: EF: \$30.00 if mailed by December 24, 2018 \$40.00 later and at site. Memb. Req'd: TCA \$10.00, Tennessee residents only. One 1/2 point bye available for any round if requested before registration ends. **ENT:** Harry Sabine, PO Box 381, Crossville, TN 38557, www. cumberlandcountychess.org/tournament. **INFO:** Harry Sabine (931) 484-9593 or (931) 261-8440, hdsabine@citlink.net. www.tnchess.us. **Other Prizes - over** \$2000 in door prizes furnished by Dollywood's DreamMore Resort and Spa that include Dollywood Tickets, Dixie Stampede Tickets and DreamMore Resort and Spa Gift Certificates! W.

REGIONAL Alabama

Nov. 3, Second Annual Chess in a Cave Tournament! Make History! First rated adult blitz tournament (after scholastic tournament) in a natural cave. All entries include a headlamp. Optional 90 minute cave tour before tournament. Register now as space is limited. **Scholastic:** Dual Rated 4SS, G/20 d5. Primary (K-3), Elementary (4-6), Open (K-12). FF: \$40 hefore 11/01 Trophies: K-3 1st-6th 4-6 1st-10th K-12 1st-6th. Rds.: Tentatively 4:00, 4:50, 6:40, 7:30. **1200 and Above Rated** Blitz: 4SS, G/3 i7. EF: \$20 before 11/01. Trophies: 1st -3rd. Under 1600 1st-3rd. Rds.: TBA starting 9:30 PM. Discount tour passes available on entry website. All check in times announced via email to coordinate tours. Cathedral Caverns State Park, 637 Cave Rd., Woodville, AL 35769. Ent & Info: www.huntsvillecc.com/cavechess2018 Addition Inquiries: huntsvillecavechess@gmail.com / David Hayes: 256.348.0044

California, Northern

Oct. 20, Bay Area Foster City Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5) **New Offering

Foster City Courtyard Marriott, 550 Shell Blvd., 94404. **Trophies:** players + score. Sched: 9-9:15a. Games: 9:30a - 1:30p. EF: 34, 42 after 10/15. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Oct. 20, Bay Area Foster City Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5) **New

Foster City Courtyard Marriott, 550 Shell Blvd., 94404. **Trophies:** Players + score. Sched: Regrd Check-in 1:30-2p. Games: 2:15-5p. EF: 29, 44 after 10/15, Info: http://BavAreaChess.com/signature, W.

Oct. 21, 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:** 9-9:15a. **Games:** 9:30a - 1:30p. EF: 34, 42 after 10/16. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Oct. 21, 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 10/16. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W. Oct. 26-28 or 27-28, IM Emory Tate Memorial Championship

Oct. 28. Bay Area Cupertino Swiss (PK-12: 4SS. G/30 d5) Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** players w + score. **Sched:** 9-9:15a. **Games:** 9:30a - 1:30p. **EF:** 34, 42 after 10/23. Info:

http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Oct. 28, 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 10/23.

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

Nov. 3, Weibel Fall Youth Quads #2

UNDER 900 G/30 d0, OVER 900 G/45 d5. Weibel Elementary School, 45135 S. Grimmer, Fremont, CA 94539. **AWARDS:** Trophy for first place in each Quad including ties, medals to all others. **SCHED:** Check-in by 9:30 AM, Under 900 RDS: 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, Over 900 RDS: 10:15, 12:15, 2:15. INFO/REG: www.calnorthyouthchess.org/Applications/FallQuads18-GP/ CONTACT: Alan Kirshner, WeibelChess@comcast.net (510) 659-0358.

Nov. 3-4, 3rd North American All Girls Championship (PK-12)

Biltmore Hotel Santa Clara, 2151 Laurelwood Rd., Santa Clara, CA 95054. \$99/night. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/allgirls. 5 **Sections** based on Rating: 1400+, 1000-1399, 700-999, 400-699, u400&unr. Nov 18 Supp &TD disc to place players accurately. Prizes: Trophies to Top 10 players in each section, Top 3 unrated in u400 section, and Top 10 Clubs & Top 10 Schools in sections combined. Min 2, Top 4 players count for team score. \$48,000 scholarship to Webster to Top HS student, Free SPF Summer Camp entry to the Winner of 1400+; Free BAC chess camp entry to all section winners. Details at http://BayAreaChess.com/allgirls 1000+ players: 2-day event: 5SS,

G/75 d5. On-site Reg.: Sa 9-9:30am. Rounds: Sa: 10a, 1p, 4p Su: 9a 12:30p. Max two 1/2pt byes, Rds. 5 bye locked bef Rd. 1. **EF**: 2day: \$58, after 10/25 \$73. Play-up +15. **For under 1000 rated players: 1-day event:** 5SSxG/30 d5; **On-site Reg.:** Sun 8-8:30am. **Rounds:** 9a, 10:30a, 12:30p, 2p, 3:30p. **EF**: 1day: \$49, after 10/28 \$64. Play-up +10. Special side events throughout the day. Reg. online: http://BayAreaChess.com/my/allgirls. Organizer: Dr. Judit Sztaray. Email: ask@BayAreaChess.com. T: 408-409-6596. W.

Nov. 4, Palo Alto LuperSwiss90 (3SS, G/90 d5)

Crowne Plaza Palo Alto, 4290 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94306. **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. Aug 18 Supp & TD disc. **Reg.:** 8:30-8:45. Rds. 9-1-4:30. **EF:** 49, Econ 39 w 1/2 prz. after 10/30+20, playup +20, GMs/IMs - \$0 by 10/20. Info: BayAreaChess.com/grandprix. W.

Nov. 10, Foster City Luper\$wiss90 (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. Sept 18 Supp & TD disc. Reg.: 8:30-8:45. Rds.: 9-1-4:30. **EF:** 49, Econ 39 w 1/2 prz. after 11/4 +20, playup +20, GMs/IMs-\$0 by 10/25. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/grandprix. W.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Nov. 10, Sacramento Super\$wiss60 (4SS, G/61 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. **Prizes:** \$600 b/36. 1700+: \$150-100, u1900 50. u1700: \$150-100, u1600 50. Aug 18 Supp &TD disc. Reg.: 8:30-8:45. Rds.: 9-11:30-2-4:30. EF: 49, Econ 39 w 1/2 prz. after 11/4+20, playup +20, GMs/IMs - \$0 by 10/25. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/grandprix. W.

Nov. 10, Sacramento Kids 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: 29, 44 after 11/5. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

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

Fremont Marriott, 46100 Landing Pkwy., Fremont, CA 94538. **Trophies:** players w + score. **Sched: Reg.** 9-9:15a. **Games:** 9:30a - 1:30p. **EF:** 34, 49 after 11/6. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Nov. 11. Bay Area Fremont Quads (PK-12: 3xG/30 d5)

Fremont Marriott, 46100 Landing Pkwy., Fremont, CA 94538. Trophies: Players w + score. **Sched:** Regrd. Check-in 1:30-2p. **Games:** 2:15-5p. EF: 29, 44 after 11/6. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix! Nov. 11, Fremont Super\$wiss (4xG/61 d5)

Fremont Marriott, 46100 Landing Pkwy., 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. Oct 18 Supp & TD disc. **Reg.**: 8:30-8:45. **Rds.**: 9-11:30-2-4:30. **EF:** 49. Econ 39 w 1/2 prz. after 11/5 +20, playup +20, GMs/IMs-\$0 by 10/26. **Info:** http://Bay AreaChess.com/grandprix.

Nov. 17, Bay Area Foster City Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5) **New

Foster City Courtyard Marriott, 550 Shell Blvd., 94404. **Trophies:** players score. **Sched:** 9-9:15a. **Games:** 9:30a - 1:30p. **EF:** 34, 42 after 11/12. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Nov. 17, Bay Area Foster City Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5) **New Foster City Courtyard Marriott, 550 Shell Blvd., 94404. Trophies: Players

w + score. **Sched:** Reqrd Check-in 1:30-2p. Games: 2:15-5p. **EF:** 29, 44 after 11/12. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Nov. 18. San Jose Kids Swiss (PK-12: 4SS, G/30 d5)

2050 Concourse Drive #42, San Jose, CA 95131. **Trophies:** players w + score. **Sched: Reg.** 9-9:30a. **Games:** 9:30a - 1:30p. **EF:** 34, 49 after 11/13. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Nov. 18, San Jose Kids Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)

2050 Concourse Drive #42, San Jose, CA 95131. **Trophies:** players w + score. **Sched:** Required Check-in 1:30-2p. **Games:** 2:15-5p. EF: 29, 44 after 11/13. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Nov. 23. California Kids Class Championship (PK-12)

5SS, G/30 d5. San Jose Convention Center, 150 W. San Carlos St., San Jose, CA 95113. **Prizes:** Top 10 players in each section & Top 5 teams & Top 5 clubs all sections combined. 4 Sections b/rating: 900-1199, 600-899, 300-599, under 300. Sched: Reg. 9-9:30. Games: 10-11:30-1-2:20-3:40. **EF:** 49 by 11/15, Onsite +15, Playup +10. Nov 18 Supp &TD disc to place players. **Ent:** Online or mail. Change/Rfnd fee 15. T:408.409.6596. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/tgs. E: ask@BayArea Chess.com. W.

Dec. 1. Weibel Fall Youth Quads #3

UNDER 900 G/30 d0, OVER 900 G/45 d5. Weibel Elementary School, 45135 S. Grimmer, Fremont, CA 94539. **AWARDS:** Trophy for first place in each Quad including ties, medals to all others. **SCHED:** Check-in by 9:30 AM, Under 900 RDS: 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, Over 900 RDS: 10:15, 12:15, 2:15. INFO/REG: www.calnorthyouthchess.org/Applications/Fal-IQuads18-GP/ CONTACT: Alan Kirshner, WeibelChess@comcast.net (510) 659-0358.

Dec. 1. Sacramento Kids Quads (PK-12: 3xG/30 d5)

Courtvard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670, Trophies: players w + score. Sched: Regrd. Check-in 1:30-2p. Games: 2:30-5p. EF: 29, 44 after 11/25. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Dec. 2, Bay Area Fremont Swiss (PK-12; 4SS, G/30 d5) Fremont Marriott, 46100 Landing Pkwy., Fremont, CA 94538. **Trophies:** players w + score. **Sched: Reg.** 9-9:15a. **Games:** 9:30a - 1:30p. **EF:** 34, 49 after 11/25. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Dec. 2, Bay Area Fremont Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5) Fremont Marriott, 46100 Landing Pkwy., Fremont, CA 94538. **Trophies:** Players w + score. **Sched:** Regrd. Check-in 1:30-2p. **Games:** 2:15-5p. EF: 29, 44 after 11/25. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Dec. 2, San Jose Kids Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)

2050 Concourse Drive #42, San Jose, CA 95131. **Trophies:** players w + score. **Sched:** Required Check-in 1:30-2p. **Games:** 2:15-5p. EF: 29, 44 after 11/25. Info: http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Jan. 18-21, 19-21 or 20-21, 10th annual Golden State Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

California, Southern

The Los Angeles Chess Club

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Oct. 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28, Every Saturday & Sunday Chess 4 .luniors

8 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 EF, siblings 1/2, Free new LACC members). Reg.: 12-1 pm. Rds.: 1pm & asap; done by 4. FREE BUGHOUSE afterwards. Prizes: Trophies & medals; All players receive prizes! **Parking:** Free on streets & BoA. Free healthy refreshments. **Info:** (310) 795-5710 or www.LAChess-Club.com orMick@LAChessClub.com

Nov. 2-4 or 3-4, 13th annual Los Angeles Open

See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Nov. 22-25 or 23-25, 54th Annual American Open See Grand Prix.

Connecticut

Oct. 20. Chess Girls DC 2nd Annual Mid Atlantic All Girls Chess Championships (DC) See District of Columbia

Nov. 2-4 or 3-4, 4th annual Stamford Open

See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Delaware

Oct. 20. Chess Girls DC 2nd Annual Mid Atlantic All Girls Chess Championships (DC) See District of Columbia

District of Columbia

Oct. 20, Chess Girls DC 2nd Annual Mid Atlantic All Girls Chess Championships

Hampton Inn Washington DC NoMa Union Station, 501 New York Ave NE Suite A, Washington, District of Columbia, 20002. 5-Round Swiss, G/45 d5. Four Sections: Under 18, Under 14, Under 10, Under 8. **Trophies/Prizes:** In each section, Trophies for Top 5 Individual Places, Trophies for tied for 5th place, and Medals for 2.5 points or above; Trophy for Top Under 17/Under 16/Under 15 in Under 18 Section; Trophy for Top Under 13/Under 12/Under 11 in Under 14 Section; Trophy for Top Under 9 in Under 10 Section; Trophy for Top Under 7 in Under 8 Section; **Other** Prizes: ONLY Under 18 Section: \$200-\$100-\$50. EF: \$ 35 online by 10/1 \$40 online after 10/1 and by 10/13. \$45 after 10/13 and by 10/19 and \$50 onsite. Checks postmarked by 10/4. Two half point byes allowed if requested before Rd. 2 or during Registration. **Registration**: 8: 30am-9:00am. **Rounds**: 9:30 am and ASAP More info and online registration: https://dcscholasticchess.org. Make checks payable to "Chess Girls DC" and Mail to: 1440 Newton St., Washington, DC 20017. Email Info only: chessgirlsdc@gmail.com. Boards and sets provided: Bring clock if you have one. Special rate for hotel. Mention Girls Chess tournament.

Florida

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Nov. 9-11 or 10-11, 17th Annual Turkey Bowl

See Chess Life or www.bocachess.com

Dec. 14-16, 2018 National K-12 Grade Championships

Jan. 4-6 or 5-6. 5th Annual Gulf Coast New Year's Open See Chess Life or www.bocachess.com.

Feb. 8-10 or 9-10, 2019 U.S. Amateur Team Championship - South

Georgia

Nov. 9-11 or 10-11, 17th Annual Turkey Bowl (FL) See Chess Life or www.bocachess.com

Jan. 4-6 or 5-6, 5th Annual Gulf Coast New Year's Open (FL) See Chess Life or www.bocachess.com

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Nov. 24, 2018 Midwest All-Girls & Women's Championships pre-sented by Renaissance Knights Chess Foundation, All Americas Chess & USCF - Free Pizza Buffet Lunch. Free Raffle Prizes.
Chicago O'Hare Holiday Inn, 5615 N Cumberland Ave., Chicago. WOMEN'S

OPEN: 4-SS. G/80 d5. EF: \$49 by 10/30, \$57 by 11/13, \$65 after 11/13. Onsite Reg: 8:45 - 9:15, Rounds: 9:30, 12:45, 4:00, & 7:30. Prizes: \$450 /20; \$200-125, U1800 \$75, U1500/Unrated \$50. ALL GIRLS TOUR-NAMENT: 4-SS. G/60 d5. 6 Sections: U18, U16, U14, U12, U10, U8. EF: \$32 by 10/30, \$40 by 11/13, \$50 after 11/13. Onsite Reg: 8:45 - 9:15, Rounds: 9:30, 12:30, 2:45, & 5:00, Awards: 7:00. Trophies: top 2 in U18, U16, & U14 sections & top 3 in U12, U10, U8 sections. **Saturday Night** Side Event: DOUBLES BLITZ [Not Bughouse!] 2 player teams [team rating is player rating average] paired against other teams. 5-SS. G/5 d0. EF: \$5 per player. Trophies: 1st, 2nd, Top U1400/Unrated [2 per team] Onsite Reg: until 8pm. [Single players will be given a Doubles partner] Rounds: Round 1 at 8:15pm, rest ASAP. **HR:**\$99/nite til 10/30. Reservations: (773) 693-5500. Entry/More Info: www.rknights.org.

Marvland

Maryland Chess TournamentsMD Chess runs scholastic tournaments 2 Saturdays per month from September through June & open tourna-ments 2 Saturdays or weekends per month throughout the year. Visit www.MDChess.org to find tournament announcements, tutors, coaches, & camps; register online for tournaments; & subscribe to scholastic and/or open e-newsletters. MD scholastic players who compete in the Varsity section (exclusively for players rated 1600+) of a MD-Sweet-16 Qualifier can qualify for the \$45,000 scholarship to UMBC awarded annually. The University of Maryland, Baltimore County's chess team is a perennial top-10 contender for the national championship

Oct. 20. Chess Girls DC 2nd Annual Mid Atlantic All Girls Chess Championships (DC)

See District of Columbia.

Massachusetts

Oct. 28, 85th Greater Boston Open

See Chess Life or www.MassChess.org.

Jan. 4-6 or 5-6, 7th annual Boston Chess Congress See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Minnesota

Nov. 9-11 or 10-11, 2018 U.S. Class Championships See Nationals.

Dec. 26-30, 26-29 or 27-29, 28th annual North American Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

New Jersey

Oct. 20, Chess Girls DC 2nd Annual Mid Atlantic All Girls Chess Championships (DC)

See District of Columbia.

Oct. 20, Princeton Charter School

TOURNAMENT LOCATION: 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; U300/Unrated. (sections will 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 Round: ASAP. Third Round: possible in its found. 12.01 Pilo. Section both. 25.01 Pilo. Section both. 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 are informations presented. noon. Information: email to Miguel Iniguez at: migini@gmail.com Results will be posted online the same day of the event!

Oct. 26-28 or 27-28, 22nd annual Eastern Chess Congress See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Oct. 27, King's Chess Club Quads

Morning quads and afternoon quads, G/30 d5. Kindergarten-undergraduate (scholastic, youth, and young adult memberships). Bethlehem Church, 758 Route 10, Randolph, NJ 07869. **EF:** None. **Reg.:** 9-9:20 am., 1st rd. 9:40. Arr. by 12:30 pm to reg. only for afternoon quads. Medal to each quad winner. Info: Bethlehem Church 973-366-3434 or Bob McAdams 973-694-3988.

Nov. 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. SECTIONS: Open above 1000; U1000; U700; U300/Unrated. (sections will 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 Round: ASAP. Third Round: ASAP Fourth Round: ASAP Award Ceremony: ASAP (4:05 the latest). Schedule will be accelerated if possible. (*) Online Registration \$30 Only if register one week before: www.ChessKidsNY.com/PCSChessProgram.htm. (*) Fee will increase automatically to \$35 if register later. On site registration the date of the event: \$40 from 11:45 am to 12:00 noon. Information: email to Miguel Iniguez at: migini@gmail.com Results will be posted online the same day of the event!

A State Championship Event!

Nov. 18, New Jersey K-12 Grade Championship

5SS, G/30 d5. Brookdale College, 765 Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft, NJ 07738. Student Life Center, use Parking Lot #7 or #6; 4 miles from G State Parkway exit 109. **13 Sections:** Play only in your gradel **Grades K-12**: Trophies to top 10 individuals, top 3 teams - top 3 from each school/grade; 50% of players receive trophy or medall; **Rds.**: 10am and ASAP. **EF**: \$35 by 11/11, \$55 at site. USCF mem req'd. **Reg.**: 89:00am After 9:00am 1/2 pt bye rd. 1. Info: 732 259-3881 Halsprechman@gmail.com Ent: Please make checks payable to NJSCF and send to Hal Sprechman, 66 Cromwell Lane, Jackson, NJ 08527. Entries must include name, grade school, date of birth, USCF ID # & expiration, mailing address, phone number & entry fee, please include email address. Register online at: www.njscf.org until midnight 11/16.

Dec. 7-9 or 8-9, 2018 Garden State Open

New York

Oct. 13-14, 5th annual Central New York Open

See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com Oct. 20, Chess Girls DC 2nd Annual Mid Atlantic All Girls Chess

Championships (DC) See District of Columbia

Nov. 9-11 or 10-11, 17th Annual Turkey Bowl (FL)

See Chess Life or www.bocachess.com

Dec. 27-29 or 28-29, 37th annual Empire City Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Jan. 4-6 or 5-6, 5th Annual Gulf Coast New Year's Open (FL) See Chess Life or www.hocachess.com

Jan. 19-20, Susan Polgar World Open 2019

Susan Polgar World Open Robert Wagner Middle School, 220 E. 76th St., New York, NY 10021. The prestigious annual Susan Polgar World Open Championship for Girls and Boys (SPFWO) was created in 2006 and is sponsored by the Susan Polgar Foundation (SPF) and Chess NYC affording young Chess players in the United States and around the world an outstanding opportunity to compete and develop their game. In 2 Sections, **Kindergarten through Eighth Tournament:** 5SS, G/25 d5, K-8 tournament on Saturday, January 19. **Ninth Through Twelfth Tournament:** 5SS, G/45 d5, 9-12 tournament Saturday, January 19 and Sunday, January 20. **ALL: EF:** \$99 for Main Eyent until 11/1/18: \$118 by 1/7/19; \$154 after 1/7/19. \$100,000+ in Trophies, Prizes, and Scholarships. **ENT:** Register Online: https://www.chessnyc.com/spfwo.com/. **INFO:** info@chessnyc.com.

North Carolina

Oct. 20, Chess Girls DC 2nd Annual Mid Atlantic All Girls Chess Championships (DC) See District of Columbia

Ohio

Oct. 20, Chess Girls DC 2nd Annual Mid Atlantic All Girls Chess Championships (DC)

See District of Columbia.

Nov. 9-11 or 10-11, 27th annual Kings Island Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Pennsylvania

Oct. 20, Chess Girls DC 2nd Annual Mid Atlantic All Girls Chess Championships (DC) See District of Columbia

Oct. 20-21, 2018 U.S. Blind Chess Championship See Nationals

Oct. 21. PCL October Quick Quads (QC)

3RR, G/15 d3. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15213. **EF:** \$10, \$7 Jrs. \$20 to 1st/quad. **Reg.:** 11-11:15am. **Info:** martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com, 412-908-0286. W.

Nov. 9-11 or 10-11, 17th Annual Turkey Bowl (FL) See Chess Life or www.bocachess.co

Nov. 11. PCL November Quick Quads (QC)

SRR, G/15 d3. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15213. EF: \$10, \$7 Jrs. \$20 to 1st/quad. Reg.: 11-11:15am. Info: martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com, 412-908-0286. W.

Nov. 18, 2018 PA State Game/15 Championship (QC) See Grand Prix

Nov. 23-25 or 24-25, 49th annual National Chess Congress See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com

Dec. 2, PCL December Quick Quads (QC)

3RR, G/15 d3. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15213. **EF:** \$10, \$7 Jrs. \$20 to 1st/quad. **Reg.:** 11-11:15am. Info: martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com, 412-908-0286. W.

Jan. 4-6 or 5-6. 5th Annual Gulf Coast New Year's Open (FL) See Chess Life or www.bocachess.com.

Jan. 18-21, 19-21 or 20-21, 51st annual Liberty Bell Open See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Tennessee

Jan. 4-6, 4th Annual Smoky Mountain Chess Tournament See Grand Prix.

Texas

Nov. 2-4, 22nd Annual North/Central Texas Grade Championships Hilton Houston North, 12400 Greenspoint Dr., Houston, TX 77060. HR: \$95/\$95/\$95,281-875-2222 or 866-577-1154. Mention "NTGC" group code to get rate. Room comes with 2 breakfast coupons. Reserve by Oct 12 or rate may not be honored. Each grade is Open to TX residents or players attending Texas schools. Note a recent rule change passed where players cannot play in two separate closed scholastic state championships in different states. Players must play in their own grade. Note that small sections may be merged with another section. Also if sections are small you may have to play a teammate or play someone twice. 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 or forfeit win. Team pairings may be turn off for later rounds. Trophies to top 10 ind. & top 5 teams (top three players added for team scores, no more than 2 teams per school in each grade.) EF: \$35 if postmarked by 10/14/18, \$49 if postmark by 10/27, \$63 thereafter or on site. Do not mail after 10/29 as your entry may not be received on time. Grades 6-12: Name and 10 / 23 system and 10 / 23 pm. A 13 pm. Rd. 1 Fri. 7:45 pm, Sat 10am-1:00pm-4pm, Sun. 10 am and 1:00 pm. Grades K- 5: 6SS, Rds. 1 Fri. 7:45 pm, Sat 15am-1:00pm-4pm, Sun. 10 am and 1:00 pm. Grades K- 5: 6SS, Rds. 1 Fri. 7:45 pm, Sat 10am-1:00pm-4pm, Sun. 10 am and 1:00 pm. All: Entries to: Dallas Chess Club, c/o Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. Entry must include Name, USCF ID (or new/pending), grade & school and school location. Incomplete entries will be charged at site entry fee. No refunds after 11/1. Email: info@dallaschess.com, 214-632-9000. Do not call after 10/31 as we are traveling. Online registration and team room information on website at www.dallaschess.com/2018TexasGrade/index.htm Side events: Unrated Blitz open tournament on Saturday at 7 pm. EF: \$15, Trophy prizes. Bughouse Open Tournament Sat. 8:35 pm. EF: \$20/team. Trophy prizes. Registration for side events onsite only. W.

Virginia

Oct. 20, Chess Girls DC 2nd Annual Mid Atlantic All Girls Chess Championships (DC) See District of Columbia.

West Virginia

Oct. 20, Chess Girls DC 2nd Annual Mid Atlantic All Girls Chess Championships (DC)

Wisconsin

US Chess Junior Grand Prix! A State Championship Event! Nov. 3-4, 2018-2019 Wisconsin Junior Open

Gruenhagen Conference Center, UW-Oshkosh, Corner of High and Osceola St., Oshkosh, WI 54901. HR: \$40 Full Service, \$30 Student Service; (dorm room) 920-424-1106, 2019 Denker/Barber/NGTOC qualifier; Open to youth room) 92.0-424-11.05. 2019 Denker/Barber/Natio-UC qualifier; Open to youth born after 11/3/1997. In 5 Sections, Open: EF: \$17 in advance by 10/30; \$22 at site. **Trophies**: Top 5, Top 2 each 1600, 1500, 1400, 1300, 1200, 1100 and top 3 Under 1100 and Unrated. **Girl's Junior Open: EF**: \$17 in advance by 10/30; \$22 at site. **Trophies**: Top 6. **Reserve** (U1100 or Unrated): **EF**: \$17 in advance by 10/30; \$22 at site. **Trophies**: Top 5, Top 2 each 900, 800, 700, 600, 500 and Under 500 and top 3 Unrated. Non-Rated Beginner's Grade 7-12: Open to Grades 7-12. EF: \$16 in advance by 10/30; \$21 at site. Trophies: Top 5 and top 3 Grade 7-9. Non- Rated Beginner's Grade K-6: Open to Grades K-6. EF: \$16 in advance by 10/30; \$21 at site. Trophies: Top 5 and top 3 Grade K-3. ALL: 5SS, G/120 d5. Reg.: 11/3 8:45-9:30 A.M. Rds.: 10:15-2:30-7:15; 10:00-3:00. ENT: Mike Nietman, 2 Boca Grande Way, Madison, WI 53719. INFO: Mike Nietman, 608-467-8510 (before 11/2) mike.nietman@charter.net. www.wischess.org. W. Online registration at https://onlineregistration.cc/.

Nov. 17, Francis Finnegan Open!

A charitable event! St. James Catholic Church, W220 N6588 Town Line Rd., Menomonee Falls, WI. **\$\$Prizes:** Non-monetary; Books, DVD's. 2 Rated Sections, G/30 and G/24. 2 Unrated Sections, K-12 & Open. **TC:** G/30 d5 for K-12, Open and G/30 section. G/24 d5 for G/24 section **EF:** (All) \$20 by 11/15 (\$25 at site). Reg.: 8:30-9:30; 1/2 point bye if registered after 9:30; Food: Complimentary Breakfast with entry, Lunch available after Rd. 1. Rds.: 10:00; 11:30; 1:00; 2:30. Check payable to Knights of Columbus. 2711 N. University Dr. #64. Waukesha, WI 53188, Q&A's: (262)506-4203 and ask for Ben or benzochess@gmail.com Info: benzochess.com



My First Move

Dr. Alexey Root, Woman International Master and 1989 U.S. Women's Champion

In this column, we feature advice from your chess heroes and explore what shaped their development when they were Chess Life Kids like you!



In the beginning...

I learned to play chess from my dad when I was five years old. He let me win, which I liked. When I was nine years old, I asked him to play "for real." I was able to defeat him as he was not a tournament chess player. Then my dad drove me to the Lincoln (Nebraska) Chess Club, where I learned rules of chess that my dad did not know, such as en passant.

Maintaining interest

It was fun and exciting to try to figure out what move to play next in a game. Also, I was successful in chess tournaments as a child. For example, one other player and I tied for first in the 1976 Nebraska Elementary Chess Championship.

Multiple U.S. Women's Championship competitor

I played in 10 U.S. Women's Chess Championships—in 1981, 1984, 1986, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, and 1995. I was 15 years old for my first one. This served as a great source of



Alexey, age 10, playing against her dad in their Lincoln, Nebraska home.



Left to right: at the Chicago Chess Center in 1982; on the University of Texas at Dallas campus; 1978 Northwest Chess cover.

acknowledgement and motivation to reach the master level and aim for the top.

On becoming the 1989 U.S. Women's Champion

A reporter quoted me on the day I won the tournament as saying, "I've never been in the lead so much. Every game was so tense. Everyone is trying to beat you." I finished with seven out of nine points—five wins and four draws-in the 10-player round robin tournament.

Other notable achievements

I earned my Woman

International Master title by winning the U.S. Women's in 1989 in what was called a "zonal" year. I also earned the US Chess national master title in July 1989. I played for the 1990 U.S. Women's Olympiad team that placed sixth in Novi Sad,

Yugoslavia. I also

played in the 1990 Women's Interzonal tournament in Malaysia.

How chess influenced adult choices

Chess influences me today because I have connected chess to my career as an educator. During the fall and spring semesters, I teach online courses about using the game of chess in education. These courses are mostly taken by students at The University of Texas at Dallas, but some of my students have been from as far away as Qatar. I also teach chess to children at summer camps and give simultaneous exhibitions. In addition to writing books about chess, I also write for chess magazines and websites and sometimes play in a tournament.

Favorite openings

My first chess coach, Loren Schmidt, had me play the Danish Gambit as White and the Center Counter as Black. Now I play 1. d4 as White, and for Black I play the Modern Defense, the French Defense, or the Dutch Defense.

Favorite books

My favorite book was *How to* Win in the Chess Openings by I. A. Horowitz. I loved Horowitz's "chess movie" for each opening. As a chess writer, I review many books. A favorite of the many books that have been mailed to me was Judit Polgar's How I Beat Fischer's Record.

My best chess advice

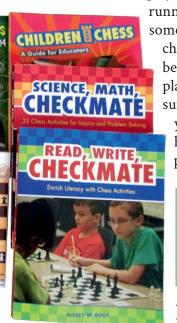
In my 2006 book, Children and Chess: A Guide for Educators, I quoted Edmund Burke, "Our antagonist is our helper." That quote means that your opponent is helping you when he or she plays well against you. It's like running: You will run faster if someone is right on your heels,

chasing you. You will play better chess if your opponent is playing good moves too. To sum up, my advice is that

young chess players should hope that their opponents play the best moves!

Dr. Root has written seven well-received books about chess in education. Shown here are covers from her books.

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